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United Press International

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Thief bleeds Plasma Center

By Patrick Lenninger

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Student representatives plan attack on tuition increases

By Monica Seigel

Representatives from the three state universities will meet at a legislative assembly in Dolder Falls Saturday to plan the strategy against the issue.

The recent critical report on the state university system has led to a new campaign "Our Legacy" which was presented before an audience of about 300 people.

"We are determined to push for higher education reform," said Du Nord, chair of the "Our Legacy" committee.

The representatives will discuss various issues affecting the state university system, including tuition, research funding, and the roles of the university in the community.

"We want to make sure that the needs of the students are met," said Du Nord. "We will be pushing for a stronger role for the university in the community and in the state."
Problems program

Last month, members of the UI women's field hockey team were stopped for drugs. This month NCAA-bound members of the UI women's cross country team will undergo testing in preparation for upcoming competition. For the athletes, the testing itself is a worry, but the testing of their sports teams serves as a warning to the rest of the nation that American as baseball and apple pie.

On Friday, the Iowa City City Council received an insurance refund check amounting to $20,000. Pensions from known and unknown council members normally agreed the extra money could be put to good use. Already, there are citizens and groups lined up to receive it. An approximate amount for funds requested is $11,500.

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Robertson presidential bid very real, very dangerous

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Walker is scheduled to be sentenced later in the month. He has not yet pleaded guilty to the charges.

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New Life club opens shop

New Life club competes with other facilities

by Jan Cottrell

The recently opened New Life at 801 N. Dubuque St. expects to muscle in on the market of Iowa City's local health clubs, but those clubs have different stories.

Michael O'Keefe, area director of New Life, which opened in September, said the company's goal is to become the best of them all.

"We've got to have a reputation," he said. "We've got to have a name.

It's a new name. We're not on the map yet. We've got to make a name in the community."

O'Keefe said there is no loyalty among health club members. Of the 1,000 members enrolled at New Life so far, two-thirds of them have been transferred from other clubs.

"We need to have a better product or service than what they've got," he said.

New Life is a full-service health club, he said, adding that New Life offers more services than the other clubs, such as physical therapy, cardiovascular testing, and nutrition counseling.

"We're the only one in town that does physical therapy," O'Keefe said.

In addition, O'Keefe said New Life will attract high school athletes.

But Timm also said that because members of other health clubs have one last day in their days are numbered," said O'Keefe.

"We don't make our members sign a contract and there's not a large membership fee," he said. "All they have to do is pay for parking."

"We have a different membership arrangement and arrangement when we talk about those at New Life, the Racquet Club hasn't said it to increase advertising," O'Keefe said.

"We get twice as many new members per day as cancellations," he said.

"New Life has a better product, a better service, a better name," O'Keefe said.

As club owner of Nautilus Health Club, located in downtown Iowa City, O'Keefe said that because New Life hasline, "We don't have the money, we don't have the resources, we don't have the people, we don't have the facilities, we don't have the education, we don't have the experience, we don't have the advertising."
University

Anthropologist speaks at UI on modern man’s ancestors

By Joseph Levy
Feb. 14

Anthropologist Richard Leakey told a standing-room-only crowd at the Union Ballroom Thursday night not to look just one chimpanzee to their next family resemblance. "The chimpanzee is closer to us than to the donkey," Leakey said. "I don't believe that humans and chimps have ever crossed, but I do believe that it is possible genetically." Leakey, noted for his many expeditions to East Africa, was invited to lecture at the University Lecture Committee. Chairwoman Mona Laram said the group booked Leakey last year.

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CAUSA repudiates recruiting charges

By John M. McClintock

A religious organization official denied Thursday that his organization seeks student enrollees through circulating petitions.

"That's just not true," said Kenneth McClintock, president of the Washington chapter of the Central America Solidarity and Unity of the Socialist Americans. "We are talking about different issues.

"We believe that CAUSA group members are trying to register members for the Unification Church by seeking signatures on the CAUSA petition," Cooney said.

The CAUSA petition is only a method of gathering information.

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Registration for Promotions: Friday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
**National**

**Police charged in drug scam**

NEW YORK (UPI) - Thirteen police officers, including four New York City detectives, are facing charges in connection with a drug-smuggling ring, it was reported Wednesday. The officers are charged with multiple counts of drug dealing and related violations.

**Discovery may slow AIDS cure**

CHICAGO (UPI) - Government scientists reported Thursday the AIDS virus affects different types of cells in the body to different degrees, a finding that may not only complicate treatment but also slow progress toward a cure.

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**Sports**

**Iowa, Illinois set for pivotal game**

By Bob Ziemacki

This Saturday's Iowa-Illinois game at Champaign, Ill., could be a turning point in the 1986 regular season at the Fighting Illini, just like it was in 1985.

Last year, Iowa was coming off a 49-0 loss to Ohio State after winning seven straight games. The Hawkeyes closed out the season with a 20-10 victory over the Fighting Illini, just like it was in 1985.

This year, Illinois faces a team that just missed out on a bowl berth after winning seven straight games. The Fighting Illini closed out the season with a 20-10 victory over the Hawkeyes, just like it was in 1985.

**Football**

**Iowa vs. Illinois**

The Illini will be without quarterback Scott Appleton, who is suspended for the game for his role in a pregame altercation.

**Turnaround in the Big Ten football picture continues**

[Continue with the article, discussing the football game, Illini's recent good fortune, and other related topics.]

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**Freshman class adds depth to talented Hawkeye squad**

[Start with the article, discussing the freshman class, their contributions, and other related topics.]

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Spy by Scott Garrett

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**By Scott Retterl**

It's going to be an early year. Although Michigan is 1-1-1, its first two losses are to Purdue and Indiana. Minnesota struggled with Ohio State last week, losing 3-0-1. "They really outplayed us for the 60-minute stretch, and we will have to swim better than a year ago to win," said coach George Perles.

**Hawkeyes to get extra test against East Coast powers**

**By Julie Dauplaise**

Michigan State Coach George Perles said his team has the tools to defeat any team in the Big Ten. "They have worked hard, and we've learned from the loss last week to Illinois," said Perles.

**Big Ten Roundup**

Perles said of Indiana: "They're a good team. If we win, we'll have to beat them next year," said Perles.

**Field Hockey**

Iowa will likely face Nebraska in the regionals, although the Wisconsin loss to Purdue has put them in the mix. "We don't want to get beat by a bad team," said coach Judith Davidson. "We need to go at least one and one, and we can advance to the Final Four."
Art display grows around tree theme

By Jeff Lauterkamp
Staff Writer

ESAY COLEMAN, a University of Iowa graduate student in painting, does what artists are often expected to: describe their current works of art. Coleman's
Recent Works consists of intaglio prints. The images are not of major
relevance in an art collection, just standard. Midwestern desert landscapes and the tiniest creatures, all quickly rendered. Branches flounder in and out of a thin leafy atmosphere. On one occasion, a rabbit ear can almost literally be held "chirping, complaining about what it has seen."
The intaglio prints vary greatly in size. An asparagus sluglia shows a shallow cross
section of tree stumps against a dense forest. Another print is more an abstracted image, the tree rings of an anciently laced plate.

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Chad Bowers of Musical Fossils. The group's albums on the album's label. The group's albums were produced by some of the most notable producers in the industry, including John Fogerty, who is known for his work with Creedence Clearwater Revival.

In terms of sound, the group's music is characterized by its blend of rock, blues, and soul influences. The group's albums feature a variety of instruments, including guitar, bass, drums, and vocals, and are known for their strong melodies and harmonies.

In total, the group's career has included several hit albums and singles, as well as their influence on the musical landscape. The group's legacy continues to be celebrated through their music, which is considered a significant contribution to the world of rock and roll.
Harpsichord presents exceptional concert

By Kate Kramer

I N CELEBRATION of its 50th season, the Plano-based-Anne Leonard presents (Anne Leonard). This year's program, "Harpsichord in the 21st Century," is part of a three-year celebration of the harpsichord's 300th anniversary, and features the harpsichord in a variety of contexts.

The program opens with a performance of "The Organist," a piece by J.S. Bach, played by harpsichordist William Porter. The piece is a virtuosic display of the harpsichord's capabilities, with its rich, complex harmonies and intricate counterpoint.

The second half of the program features a performance of "The Harpsichord in the Baroque Era," by harpsichordist Alexander Zemtsov. The piece is a delicate and elegant display of the harpsichord's expressive potential, with its use of ornamentation and portamento.

The concert concludes with a performance of "The Harpsichord in the Classical Period," by harpsichordist Jennifer Higdon. The piece is a sophisticated and refined display of the harpsichord's virtuosity, with its use of complex rhythmic patterns and dynamic contrasts.

The performance was well received by the audience, with many praising the musicians' technical mastery and expressive playing. The concert was a fitting celebration of the harpsichord's enduring appeal and continued relevance in the musical landscape.

The concert was held at the Plano Arts Center, and tickets are available online. For more information, visit the website of Anne Leonard presents (Anne Leonard).
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From the Editor's Desk

UI journalism students take a journey into the heart of Iowa's small towns

Iowa is not all cows and corn — admittedly, it is a bit heavy on the corn at times — but there are advantages to living in this heartland of America. The people make this state great. In the streets of rural Iowa, there is no fear of people. Eyes meet eyes, smiles find smiles and hands shake hands.

Nowhere is this image of rural Americana more prevalent than in the small towns surrounding Iowa City. Rural Iowa is not dead, and it is not drowning in its sorrows. Rural Iowa is still out there, still thriving and still inviting.

A UI journalism class visited these outlying areas and came back with a lot of amazing history about interesting places and the colorful people living there. Nine of those stories are published in this week's Distractions to remind Iowa City residents that an escape to small-town Iowa is right in our own backyard.

These towns range in size from the tiny burg of Morse, Iowa, population about 72, to Mount Vernon, Iowa, with a populace closer to 3,125, and all are within a half hour drive from campus.

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Burg rallies 'round the town square

By Kevin Lapham
Special to The Daily Iowan

WILLIAMSBURG, Iowa — Anyone happen to know where the "Pheasant Capital of the World" is? How about the location of the biggest collection of antique medicine bottles? What about the birthplace of the first civilian pilot to take off and land on a ship? Don't bother rushing to your encyclopedia and for Pete's sake don't start sorting through those pesky Trivial Pursuit cards. The answer is as close as a pleasant drive west to the small Iowa community of Williamsburg.

Okay, so maybe Williamsburg's pleasant population is the biggest in the area and that civilian pilot was only born near Williamsburg. Okay, maybe that antique medicine bottle collection isn't quite the biggest in the whole world. But one observation you may make if you ever go to Williamsburg is that it is a beautiful little town with some wonderful people.

"IT'S ABOUT THE CLEANEST little town around," Lesta Lortz, a lifelong resident of Williamsburg, said.

Lortz is a receptionist at the Weekly Journal-Tribune in Williamsburg, and just by looking around one gets the impression that she's right.

Built around a square, Williamsburg was incorporated in 1885 as a small Welsh community, and founded in 1834 by Richard Williams, an area steam sawmill operator. It now boasts a population of a little more than 2,000, according to the Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce.

Williamsburg is like a page out of the past, complete with brick streets, wrought-iron park benches and an old-time gazebo. If that's not enough to make you feel at home in rural America, there are the people.

Winnie Newcomb runs the Burg Bowl, which she started back in 1940 with her husband Bill, who passed away a year ago July.

According to Newcomb, the Burg Bowl was a movie house until the advent of television in Cedar Rapids forced the Newcombs to switch to a bowling establishment in 1957. The "Stack and Yak" soda fountain, added the same year, is testimony to that fact.

Newcomb said that it still contains all of the original equipment, including a 15-year-old juke box.

THE NEWCOMBS, who graduated from high school together in Cedar Rapids, looked at a lot of other small towns before settling in Williamsburg in 1935. Newcomb said.

"I got my first driver's license in the basement of Security Bank. Didn't have to take a test or anything. Just had to pay a dollar," she said.

Just down the square from the Burg Bowl, in Peterson's Drugstore, sits a 110-year-old collection of medicine bottles, which John Engel, owner and pharmacist, said has been in the family since 1920.

Engel and his wife inherited the collection upon graduation from the UI in 1949.

Across from Peterson's and to the far corner of the square, a small stone monument with a single bronze plaque stands to commemorate Eugene B. By, the first civilian pilot to take off and land a plane on a ship.

The plaque states that 1906 is the centennial of Ely's birth though he was only born near, not in, Williamsburg.

Just because the town doesn't seem to acknowledge Ely doesn't mean that Williamsburg is without a genuine claim to fame.

One of the major forms of entertainment in town is the Williamsburg Red Sox, a semi-professional baseball team in the Iowa Valley League. The team is comprised of former college and professional baseball players who continue to play their trade within the confines of Williamsburg professional-sized field.

Okay, so Williamsburg is a good place to live, it's got its own baseball team and it's full of nostalgic history and interesting people.

But baseball isn't played this time of year, and spending every night at the Burg Bowl or biding your time at Peterson's Drugstore watching the medicine bottle get older might wreak havoc on a person's sanity.

So, what's there to do in Williamsburg? Well, according to Gina Maas, employee of the Pizza Haus on the square, kids play "bridge."

No, these small-town American teenagers don't rush to a stack of cards every weekend and begin an marathon bridge tournament until school starts again on Monday.

"Playing bridge" is a much more typical, red-blooded teenage activity.

"You just sit on a bridge and drink," Maas said.

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The plaque states that 1986 is the centennial of Elly's birth, though she was only born near, not in, Williamsburg. Just because the town doesn't seem to acknowledge Elly doesn't mean that Williamsburg is without a genuine claim to fame.

One of the major forms of entertainment in town is the Williamsburg Red Sox, a semi-professional baseball team in the Iowa Valley League. The team is comprised of former college and professional baseball players who continue to play their trade within the confines of Williamsburg professional-sized field.

Okay, so Williamsburg is a good place to live, it's got its own baseball team and it's full of nostalgic history and interesting people.

But baseball isn't played this time of year, and spending every night at the Burg Bowl or bidding your time at Peterson's Drugstore watching the medicine bottles get older might wreak havoc on one's sanity.

So, what's there to do in Williamsburg? Well, according to Gina Maas, employee of the Pizza Haus on the square, kids play "bridge."

No, these small-town American teenagers don't rush to a stack of cards every weekend and begin a marathon bridge tournament until school starts again on Monday.

"Playing bridge" is a much more typical, red-blooded teenage activity.

"You just sit on a bridge and drink," Maas said.

By Mary Ann May
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY IOWAN

HOMESTEAD, IOWA — "It's very peaceful. It's nice clean and a wonderful place to live," Marie Hagen said. It sounds like heaven on earth — and to the people of Homestead, Iowa, it is.

Hagen, a lifelong resident of the little Iowan town, works in the same house in which she was born more than 50 years ago.

"I suppose it's any other way of situation isn't uncommon. Most of Homestead's 210 residents have been here all their lives.

The town has a playground, a post office, no grocery store, no drug store, no restaurant, no library, no basketball court, no drunks, no movies, no parties with outside involvement.

"That's the way they want it," Spencer said.

The children are an interesting and vital part of Downey. Many of the men are truck drivers or employed in Iowa City. Leaving the town full of women and children — just as it was early in the century.

"This is the best place to raise your kids," Sexton said. The appeal for parents seems to be the tight rein they can hold on the children. "There are no drugs, no crime," she said. "When your kids leave, you know who they're with and what they're doing."

"TODAY'S KIDS IN DOWNEY, like Andy Berkenpas, '13, seem to be very content. I'd never move to Iowa City," Berkenpas said. Even though he rides a bus to school for 45 minutes every morning and needs rides to basketball games or school events, Berkenpas still contends "everything I need is here."

The surrounding fields are used for flying kites and ice skating, but Berkenpas's first love is fishing. "I started my own business selling night crawlers for bait," he boasted.

This small community of individuals watching out for each other does come together for necessary occasions. The one social gathering place in Downey, the Baptist Church on the east edge of town, is a leading concern for the townspeople, Vincent said.

"TWICE A YEAR WE HAVE A TEA to raise money for the church," she said. The women of the town organize a gathering in the spring and fall of every year. They have speakers, sell handmade items and baked goods, and the children put on a musical program. "People come from West Liberty and Iowa City," Vincent explained. "It's a real good time."

Although Baptist, the church is attended by all denominations and offers Sunday school for all the children. "It's all we've got to see we work together to take care of it," she said.
Family-centered outlook, businesses make Frytown a thriving community

By Cheryl Garman
Special to The Daily Iowan

FRY TOWN, Iowa — The name may be Frytown but Hayden had nothing to do with the growth and progress of the small community located there.

Situated 14 miles south of Iowa City and 7 miles north of Kalona, Iowa, on Highway 1, this quaint town with 49 houses and buildings was settled in 1846. It has since become a very family-oriented community.

Shirley Yoder, who was born and raised in Frytown, manages The Old Store Antiques there. She said she could never live in the countryside because it would be too lonely.

“That’s why I like it here,” Yoder said. “It’s very quiet but yet people are around. It’s just a really nice place to live.”

Yoder is the daughter of Lester Yoder and granddaughter of Jonas Yoder, who founded Yoder Feeds, a feed company in Frytown.

Yoder said most of the 118 people who live in Frytown have always lived there or have grown up there and returned to start a family of their own.

“It’s a pretty quiet life. Everybody does what they want to do,” Raymond “Hosty” Hochstedler said. He runs and owns Hochstedler Service Station with his sons Gary and Randy Hochstedler.

Hochstedler said when he came to Frytown in 1939 and began running the town’s only gas station, there were 11 buildings and about 40 people.

Now Hochstedler, who is in partnership with his oldest son Gary, operates one of the six businesses in Frytown.

Hochstedler said he does a lot of business in Iowa City ordering parts and buys his gasoline in Kalona. His customers are primarily Frytown residents and employees of Yoder Feeds.

“The feed mill is the big business in Frytown,” Hochstedler said.

Mark Swartzendruber, public relations representative for Yoder Feeds, said business in Frytown is great.

“Frytown is in the midst of an agricultural community and we (Yoder Feeds Inc.) are agriculturally oriented. People are going to eat, so they are going to grow animals who graze grass. So, it’s an area where we’re needed,” Swartzendruber said.

“The community has benefited from Yoder Feeds being here ... Yoder has brought a lot of people in the surrounding areas to work,” Swartzendruber said.

Swartzendruber said when he started working at Yoder Feeds 39 years ago, there were 10 employees. Now Yoder Feeds has 232 employees at its eight distribution points located at Frytown, Wayland, Strawberry Point, Dewitt, Parkersburg and Olds, Iowa, Geneseo, Ill., and Laneboro, Minn.

Distribution is not the only area where Lester Yoder has expanded his business. The Yoder Research Center is located on the east side of Frytown.

Here there is a 16,000-chicken test station and several swine stations where feeds are tested before they are marketed.

In 1971 Lester Yoder established the Country Lane Division of Yoder Feeds. Farmers and contract flocks can sell their eggs to the plant and Country Lane will prepare, grade and distribute them. A new egg-processing plant, equipped with laying houses, was built in 1974.

According to Swartzendruber, Yoder Feeds is still growing. Frytown is another story.

“Frytown has grown some but it hasn’t exploded into a large town. We’re too close to Iowa City,” Swartzendruber said.

But people go to Iowa City and Kalona to shop. There are also more activities taking place in larger cities.

“It is nowhere dying for a town because the population is going up,” Shirley Yoder said.

She said there are enough houses already but no one is buying right now because it is just too expensive.

Swartzendruber said since Frytown doesn’t have a post office, most of the mail comes from Kalona.

Until 1903 the Frytown area was known as Frank Pierce.

Established in 1853, the post office was named the Frank Pierce Post Office after the 14th president of the United States, Franklin Pierce.

The real name of the town is and always was legally documented as Williamstown, according to the town history book.


William Fry purchased the land on which Frytown is located from the federal government on April 21, 1851. Fry sold and deeded the land to Cyrus and Sarah Williams three years later, who went to the Johnson County Recorder on August 19, 1854 and requested the land be named Williamstown, according to the history book.

THOUGH THE VILLAGE’S legal name is Williamstown, the area is usually referred to as Frytown, Shirley Yoder said.

“Everyone calls it Frytown. They never did call it Williamstown,” Yoder said.

About half of Frytown’s residents are Mennonite, according to Yoder.

“That is why there are so many Yoders. It’s a very common Mennonite name and so are Miller, Hochstedler and Swartzendruber,” she said.

Yoder said all of the residents of Frytown are special people who work together and desire a common lifestyle.

“All of us here in Frytown lead very independent lives, yet if we need something the neighbor is going to be there,” Yoder said. “We all go our own way but it’s very nice to have someone there if you need them.”
Residents of Lone Tree enjoy hometown pride

By Laura Heller
Special to The Daily Iowan

LONE TREE, Ia. -- A traveler passing through this small town won't find a booming business district or a row of quaint shops — only a town full of happy, contented and hard-working people.

There is an enormous sense of pride in this small community, located in the southeast corner of Johnson County.

"I couldn't have lived anywhere else better than Lone Tree," lifelong resident Celine Herrn said.

Herrn moved to Lone Tree when she was 7 years old. She now lives in the house her father built in 1910.

At one time the house was the only one in the area. But the town has grown and now it sits at the end of a street lined with homes.

Herrn gets along well with all her neighbors. "They don't camp on your doorstep but they're there when you need them," she said.

BILL CRAWFORD, editor of the Lone Tree Reporter and a lifelong resident, remembers a time when a neighbor's tree was hit by lightning.

Within minutes, people were there with saws, cutting down the tree and moving it before any more damage was done, Crawford said. He called Lone Tree "a town full of a lot of hospitable and caring people."

"If you have any sadness, you have friends. People are very thoughtful of you," Herrn said.

The community has grown from 639 in 1950 to 2,512 in 1986. Yet residents say they know most everyone and tell with pride the story of how Lone Tree got its name:

ORIGINALLY, most of Johnson County was a vast prairie, offering little shelter except for one elm tree that stood alone.

Over the years the tree was revered to provide shelter and shade for animals, Indians and prairie settlers.

According to the book The Lone Tree Centennial, the grass around the tree was beaten down and killed by the many that rested under its branches. When prairie fires swept the area the tree survived, ultimately to become the site of the town.

A landmark of the prairie it stood for many years.

"Lone Tree" is a name adopted in 1872 by John W. Jayne. While plotting the town, he made a stipulation that prohibited liquor from being sold on the property. After his death in 1908, the rule was disregarded.

Descendants of Jayne and other early settlers still live in Lone Tree. Some of these descendents are members of the local American Legion post which plays a key role in community affairs.

It sponsors a drug prevention program for athletes in southeastern Iowa, a cancer drive, works with the local Boy Scout organization and annually awards two scholarships to outstanding graduates, Legion member Jim Stock said.

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By Mae Musser, in honor of Lone Tree's Centennial Celebration.

The tree die of Dutch Elm disease in the late 1960s, but Herrn fondly remembers when she could look out her back door and see the famed tree.

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Railroads, business abandon Morse, but its families stay

By Craig Cole
Special to The Daily Iowan

MORSE, IOWA — "You know how to spell it, don't ya," Morse, Iowa farmer asked, referring to the name of the small town in which he had spent his whole life. "That's right. It ain't Morris the cat, you know," he said, laughing.

The farmer, John Kasper, was afraid Morse, situated 2 miles off U.S. Highway 1 between Iowas City and Solon, Iowa, would be a victim of mistaken identity.

Morse became a reality when E.K. and Mary Morse donated part of their land to the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern Railroad in 1871. In the days when commerce depended on railroads, Morse was a thriving community.

"There used to be a large stockyard which shipped cattle by train to Chicago," Kasper said. Morse also had other industries that depended on trains, including a lumberyard, brickyard and a grain elevator, he said.

EMMA BARNES, who was born in Morse on Thanksgiving Day in 1910 — about the time of the town's heyday — said the town died when the railroad was taken away.

"Trains meant an awful lot here, especially with that big elevator and all the cattle," she said. "That was the lifeline of the town, that train. When they took that out it was bad business."

The depot was taken out 25 years ago and the tracks were removed this past year, Kasper said. Barnes' grandfather, Frank Berenek St., was the first and last mayor of Morse. In 1911, the town decided to incorporate to avoid the high costs involved in being a municipality.

Morse's taverns, two churches, post office and most of its industry has come and gone. Today, the residents have West Branch phone service and are dependent on Solon and Iowas City as a primary source of shopping areas, worship and education.

"Only a few buildings still stand as a living reminder of what Morse could have been," Morse General Store — standing about 100 yards from the paved-over railroad tracks — was a victim of the improved roads to Iowa City, as were other failed businesses, he said.

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The General Store closed after improvements in roads to larger neighboring towns led residents' business away from Morse.

Cornell, town both offer lessons in history

By John Barentsen
Special to The Daily Iowan

MOUNT VERNON, IOWA — Think of a favorite scenic fall spot, rich in historical significance and less than a tank of gas from Iowa City.

For those who know, Mount Vernon — just 20 minutes north of the UI campus on U.S. Highway 1 — comes easily to mind.

The town, population 3,200 including about 1,200 students at Cornell College, has a history that traces back to Iowa's origin as a state in 1846.

According to Mount Vernon Centennial Committee documents, the town was originally called Pinhook Town after the pins used by merchants to hang up their goods.

The name was changed to Mount Vernon in 1847 in reference to George Washington's Virginia residence. Later that year, Mount Vernon became an officially registered township.

Cornell College, founded in 1853 by the Rev. George B. Bowman and Allison Willis, is the only Iowa college in the National Historical Register.

In ITS EARLY years, the school was known as the Iowa Conference Seminary, because its curriculum focused solely on ministerial training. In the fall of 1853, 161 students, including 57 women, began classes before construction of the school's lone building was completed.

Thanks in great part to the tireless efforts of Bowman in raising most of the initial funding, the college grew, and in 1857, the Board of Trustees decided to expand the curriculum beyond religious training. The college was renamed after W.W. Cornell with hopes that he would provide an endowment fund. Instead, the millionaire philanthropist began his own college in Ithaca, N.Y., making Cornell University the younger sister of the Mount Vernon school.

As enrollment increased to 400 students by 1860, the campus expanded. Bowman's continuing efforts added the growth, but it was the illness of the college's president that led to the construction of the community's most famous building.

In 1873 William Fletcher King, whose tenure of 43 years is still the longest of any U.S. college president, was forced to take a leave of absence because of a life-threatening illness. Hugh Boyd, the acting president, initiated the construction of a memorial building, now King Chapel.

THE SPIRES of the chapel, which serves as the college's main building, are visible for many miles, making it Mount Vernon's most distinctive landmark.

Carolyn Wellso, a distant relative of Boyd, has found that his contributions to the community extend beyond the erection of King Chapel.

"Boyd House (Boyd's former residence) was built on the same design as the chapel. He built it because he believed that he would eventually become president of the college," Wellso, a local antique dealer, said.

Boyd's aspirations were thwarted, however, when Fletcher recovered, continuing as president until 1908.

ConNIE KAHN, owner of The Scarab antique shop, said most of her business comes from visitors to Mount Vernon.

"People have discovered this little town," she said. "I think that everybody that's here in business now feels fortunate because most small towns in Iowa are so badly depressed because of the agricultural economy."

Kahl, who grew up in Mount Vernon but now lives in Cedar Rapids, is a member of the Mount Vernon Historical Preservation Committee, which is attempting to get the business district placed on the National Historical Register.

"People are interested in the idea that we have a very old town that has unique, interesting buildings," she said.

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"The population would triple on nights when there were shows," said Shelton.

The population increased 18 percent, but Anderson cemetery can't be over-

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Czech heritage still strong in Swisher

Chicago Tribune, Nov. 11, 1984

BY JIM HUGHES

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At the Bijou — A Place in the Sun (1940). Montgomery Clift
as a golfing tycoon, playing his golf against garish Beverly Hills
backdrop. Director: Frank Capra. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Desert Hearts (1993). Lesbian love story set in the desert. Time:
6:30 p.m.

At the Bijou — The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (1979). An
elaborate musical based on the Bible. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Theater — The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (1979). A
musical adaptation of the Bible. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Nightfall — The Strangers and the Sinners. Time: 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 11/8

At the Bijou — Desert Hearts (1993). Based on the novel by
Sarah Ferrar. Time: 8:00 p.m.

At the Bijou — The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (1979). Based
on the novel by Sarah Ferrar. Time: 8:00 p.m.

Theater — The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (1979). A
musical adaptation of the Bible. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Nightfall — Stomping the Beat. Time: 8:00 p.m.

Sunday 11/9

At the Bijou — A Tale of Two Cities (1935). C. Aubrey Smith
as the enlightened lawyer. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Theater — A Tale of Two Cities (1935). A drama about two
cities divided by a river. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Music — The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (1979). A
musical based on the Bible. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Nightfall — Stomping the Beat. Time: 8:00 p.m.

Monday 11/10

At the Bijou — The Golden Calf (1952). A film about a
Golden Calf statue. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Theater — The Golden Calf (1952). A play about a Golden
Calf statue. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Music — The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (1979). A
musical based on the Bible. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Nightfall — Stomping the Beat. Time: 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday 11/11

At the Bijou — The Body Snatcher (1945). A film about a
body snatcher. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Theater — The Body Snatcher (1945). A play about a body
snatcher. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Music — The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (1979). A
musical based on the Bible. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Nightfall — The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (1979). A
musical based on the Bible. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 11/12

At the Bijou — From Here to Eternity (1953). A story about a
man from here to eternity. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Theater — From Here to Eternity (1953). A play about a
man from here to eternity. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Music — The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (1979). A
musical based on the Bible. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Nightfall — The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (1979). A
musical based on the Bible. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Thursday 11/13

At the Bijou — Dodo da-bom (1970). A comedy about a
dodo da-bom bird. Time: 7:30 p.m.

bird. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Music — The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (1979). A
musical based on the Bible. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Nightfall — The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (1979). A
musical based on the Bible. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Movies in town:

The Color of Money: Tom Cruise takes to the pool halls of
Las Vegas. Time: 7:30 p.m.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show: The time is 1975, and
the movie is being shown at the Bijou Theater from
Friday to Saturday. Time: 8:00 p.m.