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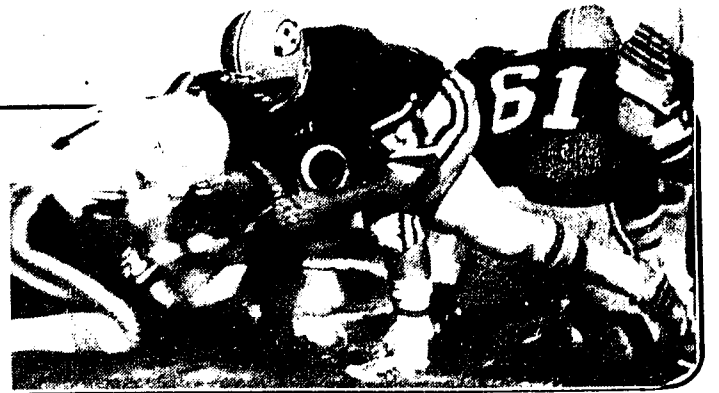
Sen. Rush

Regis triumphs

42-7 win over East Moline

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Keith Schlichte



Weather

Variable cloudiness with scattered showers and thunderstorms indicated tonight and Saturday. Lows tonight in the mid-60s. Highs Saturday in the low- to mid-80s. Southerly winds at 10-15 mph. Weather details on page 2A.

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Missile silo explosion injures 22

DAMASCUS, Ark. (AP) — A fiery explosion that lit the night sky "like daylight" rocked an underground Titan 2 missile silo today, injuring at least 22 maintenance workers, the Air Force said. Pentagon sources said a nuclear warhead was atop the missile, but said there was no evidence the weapon was damaged or that any radiation leaked.

Authorities evacuated the area within a five-mile radius, routing about 1,000 people mostly in the tiny towns of Damascus, Bee Branch and Gravesville. Teams from the Department of Energy and the state Health Department were sent to the scene about 50 miles north of Little Rock to check radiation levels.

Tom Mahr, a public information officer at the headquarters of the Strategic Air Command in Omaha,

Neb., said 22 people were injured, 18 of them seriously enough to be hospitalized, in the accident that began when a 3-pound wrench socket fell 70 feet and punctured the missile's first stage fuel tank.

Gov. Bill Clinton said Air Force officials told him that no nuclear explosion had occurred and that none could have occurred in the silo housing the 103-foot-long intercontinental ballistic missile which is capable of delivering this nation's largest hydrogen bomb to a target 6,300 miles away.

Maj. Lew Lambert at SAC headquarters said the explosion scattered debris around the surrounding area and that Arkansas officials reported some foliage caught fire. By midmorning, he said, the fire had subsided.

It was not immediately known

whether the missile itself or only fuel exploded. The silo, covered by concrete doors, was "just a big rubble inside" after the blast, Clinton said.

The explosion occurred as a maintenance crew tried to neutralize a fuel leak in the first-stage of the missile, said SAC spokesman Col. Richard Kline.

Air Force Secretary Hans Mark in Washington said the missile had been undergoing maintenance Thursday night when a 3-pound wrench socket fell 70 feet, bounced off a thrust mount, and struck the missile, puncturing the first stage fuel tank holding about 10,000 gallons of fuel. About 24 minutes later, the maintenance crew reported indications of a fire, Mark said.

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UPI photo

Light smoke drifts from a Titan 2 missile silo near Damascus, Ark., after an explosion early today. The explosion blew the doors off the silo.

Money motive in C.R. man's murder?

By Kurt Rogahn
and Roland Krekeler
Gazette staff writers

Accused murderer Daniel Morris, 23, 835 Third Ave. SE, may have shot his roommate to death in an argument early Thursday over money, police said today.

Morris, 23, is accused of using a shotgun to kill Don Zuber, 21, near Palo, according to court records.

Morris was arraigned this morning on charges of first-degree murder, possession of an offensive weapon, possession of firearms by a felon and possession of marijuana with intent to deliver.

A source, who requested anonymity, told The Gazette Zuber and Morris had argued over money. Police confirmed that they heard the same, but James Barnes, assistant chief of police, said the motive was not a part of official police reports.

"I can confirm the two were roommates, and that they had an argument over what you or I might

consider a small matter," Barnes said. "We had heard that the victim had owed money to several persons, but how much and to whom, we don't know," Barnes said.

Court records supply the following account:

Daniel Morris was with Don A. Zuber early Thursday near Palo in a car driven by Morris and registered to his brother, Paul Morris. While near Palo, Morris, with premeditation, allegedly shot Zuber twice in the stomach with a sawed-off J.C. Higgins 12-gauge shotgun. Morris then concealed the body in the trunk of the car and drove back to Cedar Rapids.

Police were brought into the case at 11:30 a.m. Thursday when a man living in the 200 block of K Avenue NW reported a suspicious person in his house.

According to the information supplied in a sworn statement used to obtain a search warrant, wit-

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Gazette photo by John McIvor

Daniel L. Morris, 23, Cedar Rapids, accused of murdering his roommate, leaves the Linn County Courthouse after arraignment today. More photos on page 3C and Picture Page.

By Gary Peterson
Gazette staff writer

WILLIAMSBURG — Either someone had it in for Rose Burkert and Roger Atkison, or their luck just ran out.

Iowa County Sheriff William Spurrier told The Gazette Thursday afternoon that when the two came to the Amana Holiday Inn on I-80 a week ago today, "it was booked solid. They got a cancellation room."

That room was Room 260.

Shortly after noon the next day, Saturday, a housekeeper came to Room 260.

"She had been cleaning rooms and knocking on the door. She knocked on the door several times and got no answer. She tried the door, but it was locked," Spurrier said.

The housekeeper got a passkey from the manager and returned to the room.

"She opened the door and first saw feet. Thinking they were asleep, she peered in further," the sheriff said.

What she saw caused her to slam the door shut and run for the manager. He came to the room, saw that a grisly crime had been committed, and immediately called the Iowa County Sheriff's Department, Spurrier said.

Burkert, 22, and Atkison, 32, both of St. Joseph, Mo., were dead, the back of their skulls slashed and caved in by repeated blows, apparently from an ax or hatchet.

Had they not walked in at 7:40 p.m. Friday and had

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Student arguments fail; regents OK tuition boost

By Tom Walsh
Gazette Iowa City Bureau

IOWA CITY — Students and administrators from Iowa's three state-owned universities failed to convince the state Board of Regents Thursday to revise plans to increase tuition, beginning next July 1.

A small parade of student representatives addressed the board prior to tuition deliberations during the first day of a two-day meeting at the Iowa Memorial Union.

Despite pleas from students that the proposed tuition increases be phased in gradually over a two-year period, and requests from administrators to scale down rates to be charged non-resident graduate students, the regents adopted the increases without change.

The rates approved will hike tuition by 14-16 percent for undergraduate students who are Iowa residents and by as much as 83 percent for Iowa residents attending the University of Iowa College of Medicine.

The regents predict the increases will boost revenues by more than \$8 million during each of the two years the new rates remain in effect, funds the eight-member board says it badly needs to help the state's universities survive double-digit inflation.

"It's unfortunate that you haven't received a great deal of opposition to the tuition hike," Tom Jackson, vice president of the Iowa State University student body, told the regents Thursday. "With the inflation rate last month running at 20 percent, I'd have to say that students are somewhat numbed by constant cost increases and have come to expect them."

None of the eight students who addressed the tuition issue accused the regents of hiking tuition unnecessarily, although University of Northern Iowa Student Association President Chris Gammack said the plan to increase revenues through tuition hikes may backfire, at least at UNI.

"A much larger portion of our student body lives within less than 100 miles of UNI, and I fear that a raise in tuition may push more toward attending on a

Current and future tuitions

Category	79-81 Res	79-81 Non	81-83 Res	81-83 Non
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA				
Undergraduate	\$830	\$1,890	\$950	\$2,350
Graduate	\$950	\$2,000	\$1,080	\$2,486
Medical	\$1,460	\$3,284	\$2,670	\$4,800
Dental	\$1,250	\$2,760	\$2,000	\$4,300
Law	\$950	\$2,094	\$1,080	\$2,486
IOWA STATE				
Undergraduate	\$816	\$1,881	\$950	\$2,350
Graduate	\$951	\$2,001	\$1,080	\$2,486
Veterinary	\$1,248	\$2,643	\$2,000	\$4,100
NORTHERN IOWA				
Undergraduate	\$774	\$1,460	\$900	\$1,860
Graduate	\$818	\$1,680	\$950	\$2,086

part-time basis rather than a full-time basis. As a result, the estimated income to be generated (by the tuition hike) may not increase that much more. While the number of students on campus may stay the same, you may come up shorter than anticipated."

Ron Parton, a second-year medical student at the U of I, predicted that the change in College of Medicine tuition from \$1,460 per year to \$2,670 for Iowa residents and from \$3,284 to \$4,800 for non-residents will drive graduates out of state to practice medicine.

"Would you choose to practice in rural Iowa or the East or West Coast to make up deficits resulting from having to borrow to pay the high cost of medical school?" he asked.

"This sudden, dramatic increase is an unfair burden because it was not planned for. Probably enough financial aid will be available for those in school to finish, but this increase creates added pressures on the families of students in middle-income brackets that make them not eligible for aid."

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TODAY

People

The estranged wife of a television heartthrob sues, claiming the actor threatened her, assaulted her and forced her to use dangerous drugs. Page 16A.

Financial

Three large New York banks hike their prime lending rate. Page 2C.

Western Union, whose fortunes have declined with the telegram, is rising like a phoenix out of the ashes. Page 2C.

State news

The error rate in Iowa's Medicaid program has been reduced, but the state still may be penalized. Page 9A.

A drawing has been released of the young woman found murdered near Clarence. Page 3C.

The people of Shellsburg will be cheering Saturday for a 15-year-old Warrior. Page 1C.

Marion

A raised median may soon make the trek across a busy intersection safer. Page 5A.

Hiawatha

Linn County employees are looking for furniture for a home for retarded youngsters. Page 5A.

Linn County

A court victory by seven protesters could result in beefed up security measures at Palo. Page 7A.

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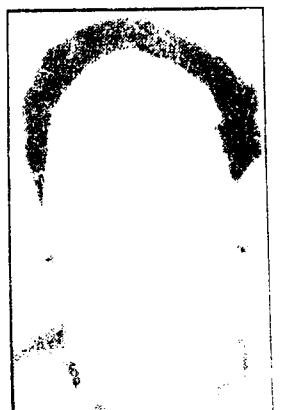
Today's Chuckle

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Senate hopeful wants suit against IPBN

HULL (AP) — Gary DeYoung, independent candidate for U.S. senator, said today he wants to file a \$10 million lawsuit against the Iowa Public Broadcasting Network and Attorney General Tom Miller.

DeYoung accused IPBN of "manipulating" the Senate race through advertising and broadcasting of debates between Democratic Sen. John Culver and Republican Rep. Charles Grassley without providing equal time for other candidates in the race.

He said he is looking for an attorney to file the suit on a contingent fee basis.

DeYoung said since IPBN uses

state funds and state airplanes as part of its operating resources, it should provide equal access to the public for all candidates.

He said Attorney General Miller has taken no action on behalf of the other candidates in the race and Iowa citizens to protest the "manipulation" by IPBN.

"This constitutes dereliction of duty and partisan politics on Miller's part," DeYoung said.

Candidates for the U.S. Senate in Iowa besides Culver, Grassley and DeYoung are Libertarian Robert Hengeler of Eldridge and independent John Ingram Henderson of Muscatine.

From page 1A:

Slayings called 'most perplexing'

a vacancy not occurred, perhaps it would have been someone else, was the gist of what the sheriff was saying.

The shroud of secrecy and silence thrown over the murder by law enforcement officers wasn't lifted Thursday, but Spurrier's comments in a Gazette interview did clear up some areas of confusion.

There had been speculation, for instance, that the motel room door had been broken open, but although investigators refuse to say whether or not it was, the manner in which the bodies were discovered indicates the door had not been forced.

Spurrier also confirmed the bodies were on the bed, and that at least one of the victims — Atkinson — was on his stomach. Another source close to the investigation said both were struck in identical places on the back of the head.

"Put your hand on the back of your head, right between your ears, that's where they were hit . . . at least four or five times each," the source said.

The source said the fingers on the man's left hand were badly cut, at least two of them nearly severed at the first joint above the knuckles, as if he had put his hand behind his head to protect himself.

The source likened it to an execution-style killing.

"It was as if they had been ordered to lay down on their stomachs and then struck. They were crushing, sharp wounds."

Because of this, some have even speculated that perhaps more than one person was involved in the crime.

During the interview, Sheriff Spurrier described the case as the most perplexing in his 32 years of law enforcement.

"It is weird," he said. "In this case we had to start at square one. We have no motive. All their belongings were in the room . . . there were a lot of traveler's checks."

"You just don't know what you have going by on this Interstate. You don't know where they are going and where they are coming from," Spurrier said.

All guests and employees at the

hotels in the complex, well over 400, have been interviewed. That was no small task, Spurrier noted, saying some were contacted in California, Wisconsin, Virginia, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, Wyoming, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas.

He said state Division of Criminal Investigation agents are in St. Joseph putting together background on the two victims.

Gerald Shanahan, DCI director, summed up the frustrations of the case to The Gazette Thursday afternoon saying, "We need a break."

He said the DCI had been attempting to determine if there was a link between the Amana murders and a similar murder June 25 in Galesburg, Ill., in which a 25-year-old Peoria man was killed at the Sheraton Inn along Interstate 74.

Detective Bob Horton of the Galesburg Police Department told The Gazette his office had agreed not to release any information about a possible connection. But he did say the man died from severe skull wounds inflicted by a "heavy instrument."

Horton wanted to know particulars of another murder, one which was discovered near Clarence Wednesday morning. There the body of a young woman was found along a roadside park west of town.

Cedar County Sheriff Keith Whitlatch said the death wounds in that case came from a "heavy blunt object that could be similar" to a claw hammer or crowbar.

Shanahan said lawmen do not believe there is a link between that murder and the two deaths in Amana, although the possibility hasn't been discounted.

At a press conference earlier in the afternoon, Spurrier released the accompanying photographs of the victims in an attempt to learn more about their movement before they were killed. The photo of Burkert was described as recent, and the photo of Atkinson was taken from his driver's license.

Spurrier said lawmen have traced the two to Kahoka, Mo., and it is believed they were en route to the Little Amana area between 5 and 7:30 p.m. last Friday on Highway

218 and Interstate 80.

They were driving Burkert's car, a blue, four-door 1977 Chevrolet Malibu. The car bore Missouri license plate No. PJJ101. He described Burkert as being 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighing 130 pounds. She had long, dark brown hair and was wearing blue jeans and a pink blouse.

Atkinson was described as being 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighing about 175. He had brown hair and was wearing blue jeans, work shoes and a work shirt.

Spurrier wants to hear from anyone who believes they may have seen the pair along that route Friday.

Sheriff defends secrecy on case

MARENGO — Iowa County Sheriff Bill Spurrier, who will be 58 Saturday, has been tight-lipped on the double murder at the Amana Holiday Inn, much as he was in another perplexing and yet unsolved murder case in 1971.

In that case, a young Cedar Rapids housewife was sexually molested, shot five times, and her body was dumped in the Amana mill race, where it was discovered six days after she was reported missing.

He has been so secretive that several of his deputies complained that the only way they get news on

the case is from The Gazette.

Spurrier defended that silence, saying in this case he did not want to alarm the public. He admitted coming under attack by some police chiefs in towns in his county for not sharing information.

"The murder happened Friday night or early Saturday, and the bodies were not discovered until 1 p.m. It is unlikely the killers would be hanging around behind some tree," he said. "And I didn't have time to inform everyone."

"We didn't let news out for that reason. I don't have anything against the news media,

but we needed time. Newsmen with cameras tend to get in the way. We got a lot accomplished in a short amount of time."

Iowa News Roundup

Heads campaign

DES MOINES (UPI) — A former state legislator and unsuccessful gubernatorial candidate today was tapped to head the Carter-Mondale campaign effort in Iowa.

The appointment of Jerome Fitzgerald, the 1978 Democratic gubernatorial nominee and a veteran political organizer, was announced by Carter campaign Chairman Robert Strauss.

Mary Kennedy of Mitchellville, a longtime Carter supporter and campaign worker, will serve as deputy coordinator of the state campaign.

Fitzgerald, now working for a Fort Dodge engineering firm, said the campaign will attempt to "reach out to the entire coalition of the Iowa Democratic Party and other voters in the state for a unified effort to defeat Ronald Reagan."

No more locks

DES MOINES (AP) — Inmates at the Iowa State Penitentiary in Fort Madison will have to take their personal locks off their cell doors. And the prisoners aren't happy about it.

Hal Farrier, director of adult corrections, says he is aware of inmates' threats to hold a cell strike if the locks are not permitted on the cell doors.

The prison has a central control center in each cell house. Guards can lock and open all the cells with one switch in the control centers, and cells are left open for meals, yard time and other occasions.

Prisoners have been permitted to use their own combination locks on their cell doors when they are gone to secure their personal property in the cells.

A court-ordered report on the conditions at the prison this week sharply criticized the double-locking practice, saying the use of padlocks is "dangerous and barbaric." The report said the locks could be a serious hindrance to escape in a fire emergency.

Mum on trackage

ST. PAUL, Minn. (UPI) — Burlington Northern officials have released few details about a meeting with Iowa officials about buying track in Iowa but said they expect discussions will continue.

The BN is interested in acquiring 500 miles of track in Iowa. The routes include the Rock Island's "spine line," a mainline from Minneapolis to Kansas City, Mo., and the "Iowa Falls gateway" to grain-rich northern Iowa.

Raymond Kassel, director of the Iowa Department of Transportation, discussed rail service in Iowa with top BN officials during a meeting Thursday.

The BN is among several railroads vying to take over track from the bankrupt Rock Island. The Chicago & North Western now operates half of the Rock Island trackage in Iowa under an agreement with the Rock Island.

Limit punishment

WAVERLY (UPI) — The Iowa Professional Teaching Practices Commission has given final approval to state guidelines on physical punishment of schoolchildren.

Adopted unanimously Thursday, the rules will take effect unless Gov. Robert D. Ray vetoes them. The Legislature's Administrative Rules Review Committee also could require further scrutiny.

Under the rules, teachers or administrators are allowed to spank students but prohibited from using other forms of physical punishment. But corporal punishment must be administered for a specific purpose and physical force cannot be used out of anger.

Prohibited acts include kicking, face-slapping, the use of fists, pushing a student against a wall or other solid object, grabbing hair, banging a pupil's head against another object and contact with a pupil's genitalia.

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