

NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Directors of the IAS met recently in Ames to discuss matters relating to the ongoing development of the Society. The main topic discussed was progress toward the attainment of Society goals during the present fiscal year. Members should be encouraged by the following summary of results to date:



Specific Objective

1. Print an updated list of back issues of the Journal.
2. Hold a fall meeting.
3. Arrange for a booth at the State Fair.
4. Conduct at least one state field trip.
5. Send a representative to the Luther Conference.
6. Nominate at least five sites for inclusion on the National Register.
7. Place at least one site in the State Preserve System.
8. Record a minimum of one site in at least three of the following counties: Adair, Adams, Cerro Gordo, Delaware, Fremont, Greene, Grundy, Howard, Kossuth, Madison, Marshall, Poweshiek, Shelby, Taylor, Union, Winnebago, Worth.

Present Status

1. List presently being copied. Directors authorized printing of 500 copies.
2. Fall meeting is scheduled for October 4, 1975 in Iowa City.
3. Don Spears and Richard Slattery appointed co-chairmen of fair committee and directed to make necessary arrangements.
4. Field trip held at Saylorville Reservoir by ISU, July 27, 1975.
5. Gary Valen and Don Spears represented the Society at the conference at Decorah June 21-22, 1975.
6. At least three sites have been nominated by Pat Williams. Richard Slattery is nominating two.
7. No action yet.
8. "Several" sites in; many more needed. We would like to overshoot this goal in particular!

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| 9. Double IAS membership | 9. Help!! Sell your friends a membership. We are ahead of last year at this time but have a long way to go. |
| 10. Publish an updated brochure | 10. Text prepared. George Horton appointed chairman of committee to arrange for art work. |
| 11. Create at least one new chapter | 11. Iowa City chapter formally organized on September 15, 1975. |
| 12. Have IAS covered on ½ hour TV program. | 12. No action yet. |
| 13. Have IAS covered on state newspaper | 13. No action yet. |
| 14. Make on-site visits to at least six county historical societies re: purpose of IAS. | 14. Some visits made; more planned; more needed. |

The summary shows that progress is being made. By the time this Newsletter is circulated, six of our fourteen goals will be achieved. We can project that five or six others will be attained without too much difficulty before the end of the year. The two that concern us most now are those dealing with the State Fair (1976), and our need to increase membership. If the fair booth idea is to be successful, we will need to have volunteers to man the booth for a day at a time for the 17 days of the Bicentennial Fair. Also, we need to work out what kinds of displays or media will be used. It is a big job, but could really pay off in new support for the Society if we can put it across. The business of increasing memberships is something we can all get involved with. We think the answer lies in more personal contacts on one hand and more mass media treatment on the other.

In other news, the Society is working with the staff on the State Archeologist's Office to establish a lay certification program, a correspondence course on Iowa Archaeology and Handbook of Iowa Archaeology. Going is slow, but progress is being made on all three fronts. The possibility of holding an IAS field school in June is also being discussed. Your officers and directors are open for suggestions on these and other matters. If you have any suggestions, we surely would like to hear from you. Good hunting this fall! Tell Gary or Betsy about your finds so they can include them in the Newsletter.

Duane Anderson
President

To the members of the Iowa Archeological Society:

At the annual meeting in Ames when John Tandarich presented me with a beautiful Indian missionary cross, I truly was so overwhelmed and so completely surprised I could not adequately express my real appreciation. I do truly thank all the members for their thoughtfulness and the cross. It is a most cherished part of my collection and a very valuable addition. I have so enjoyed keeping the books, records and memberships and will continue to do so.

Ruth Thornton

(See the information on the cross on page 3)



Mrs. Ruth Thornton, Treasurer of the Iowa Archeological Society, was presented with an Indian Trade Silver Cross at the 1975 Annual Meeting in appreciation of her contribution to the organization. Ruth obtained the following information about the cross from the Minnesota Historical Society with the help of Loren Horton.

INDIAN TRADE SILVER

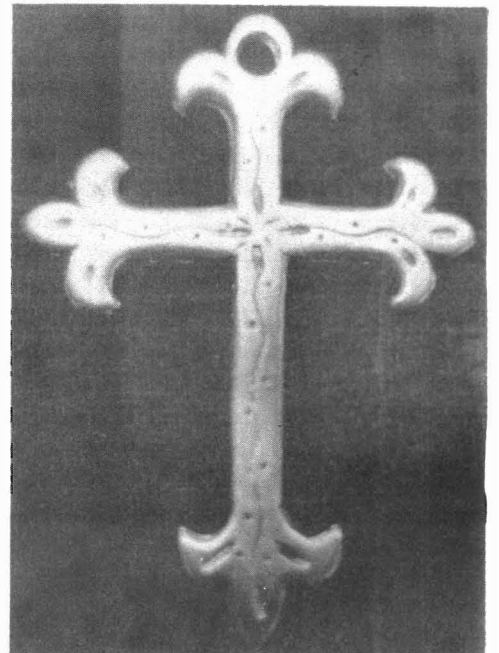
During the 1600's, the French and the English were penetrating the North American continent in search of trade routes to the West. It quickly became apparent that this wilderness land was richly endowed with the fur-bearing animals, the furs of which were in great demand in European countries. We, therefore, see the beginnings of the great fur trading era carried on throughout the 1700's in this country.

As trade progressed, the white man began to see that the Indians had an eye for bright objects that could be used as ornaments on their clothing and hair. They began producing what became known as "Trade Silver." Jewelers were engaged in several European countries and many here in America. Over the years untold thousands of trade silver pieces were fashioned and traded to the Indians during the booming years of the American and Canadian fur industry.

When the Indian came in to trade his furs, he would first deal for the necessities of life; salt, blankets, tools and gun powder. Then, with any remaining furs, add a few choice pieces of silver to his collection. It has been said that many Indians and their entire families would completely cover ceremonial costumes with trade silver.

Each silver craftsman would mark his work with his own hallmark or "touchmark", as it is called, and sometimes the city's name where it was made. These touchmarks offer a fascinating method of identifying the various pieces found today as to their origin and maker. The new pieces offered here were carefully patterned to capture the flavor and authenticity of the original.

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RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

IOWA ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

To the Secretary of State
of the State of Iowa

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 39 of the Iowa Nonprofit Corporation Act, the undersigned corporation adopts the following Restated Articles of Incorporation:

- I. The name of the corporation is IOWA ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
- II. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:
 1. To create and promulgate a greater public interest in the prehistoric and early historic cultures of Iowa.
 2. To encourage the development of programs to discover, record, preserve and interpret archeological remains in Iowa.
- III. There are two classes of membership: voting and non-voting as specified in the Bylaws.
- IV. The corporation does not condone traffic in artifacts or the willful destruction of archeological remains for personal gain or curiosity.
- V. These restated articles of incorporation: (1) correctly set forth the provisions of the articles of incorporation of the corporation as heretofore and hereby amended; (2) have been duly adopted as required by law; and (3) supersede the original articles of incorporation of the corporation and all amendments thereto.

BYLAWS

IOWA ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

1. OFFICERS. A President and Vice-President shall be elected at the regular annual spring meeting of the corporation by a majority of the members present and voting. A Secretary, Treasurer, Journal Editor and Newsletter Editor shall be elected for a term of three years at every third annual spring meeting of the members present and voting.

The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, or in the absence of both, a chairman pro-tempore elected by a plurality of the members present, shall preside at all meetings of the customary authority of his office. The President shall appoint committees as needed and may call special meetings according to the provisions of the Bylaws. He shall have one vote on all matters.

The Vice-President shall have duties as described above and shall have one vote on all matters.

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, and of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall take charge of all papers, documents, etc. belonging to the Society and shall bring before the Directors matters requiring its attention and shall present to the Society any business which the Officers or Directors deem important.

The Treasurer shall maintain an up-to-date file of members of the Society and shall maintain current lists with addresses of all Officers, Directors and Presidents of Chapters. The Treasurer shall have charge of all monies of the Society from whatever source. He shall deposit or handle monies only in the manner prescribed by the Directors. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Society in books and records, which shall be at all times open to the inspection of the Officers and Directors and shall provide information on the Society's finances to the Internal Revenue Service and to the State of Iowa as required by law. The Treasurer shall pay all bills against the Society in a manner approved by the Directors and shall report on the finances at the annual meeting or report in whole or in part at other meetings of the Society as requested.

2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The business of the corporation shall be in charge of nine Directors elected by a majority of the members present and voting at each regular annual spring meeting. The term of a Director shall be for a period of three years. The terms of the nine Directors shall be staggered so that three shall be elected at each regular annual spring meeting. There shall also be elected however many others are necessary to fill any vacancies which might occur in the interim. A majority of Directors shall constitute a quorum.
3. MEETINGS. The regular annual spring meeting of the corporation shall be held in April or May of each year at a place decided upon by the Directors. Special meetings may be held at the call of the Directors and the exact time and place of such meeting shall be set by them. Written notice shall be mailed not less than 10 days before said meeting to each member in good standing, at his or her last known address.
4. MEMBERSHIP. Any person or institution in sympathy with the objectives of the Society, on payment of the fee prescribed in the Bylaws for the type of membership desired, is eligible for membership.

Dues shall be apyable upon the date of the Annual meeting. The year shall be from July 1 to June 30 of the next year. Dues paid on or before the last day of December shall be applied as dues for the current year and shall entitle the new member to previous copies of Society publications for the current year, without extra charge, if still in print. Unless specifically designated, dues paid after the last day of December shall be applied as dues for the following year and he shall begin to receive regular publications after the next annual meeting.



The following letter was read at the Iowa Archeological Society's Annual Meeting by member, Dick Slattery. It comes from an article in Plain Truth, April 5, 1975, Ambassador College Pasadena, California. The letter was written in 1855 by Chief Sealath of Washington State's Duwamish Indians and was sent to the President of the United States, Franklin Pierce. The timeliness of the letter continues today.

"We know that the white man does not understand our ways. One portion of the land is the same to him as the next, for he is a stranger who comes in the night and takes from the land whatever he needs. The earth is not his brother, but his enemy, and when he has conquered it, he moves on. He leaves his father's graves, and his children's birthright is forgotten. The sight of your cities pains the eyes of the red man. But perhaps it is because the red man is a savage and does not understand.

"There is no quiet place in the white man's cities. No place to hear the leaves of spring or the rustle of insect's wings. But perhaps, because I am a savage and do not understand, the clatter only seems to insult the ears. The Indian prefers the soft sound of the wind darting over the face of the pond, and the smell of the wind itself cleansed by a mid-day rain or scented with a pinon pine. The air is precious to the red man. For all things share the same breath - the beasts, the trees, the man. The white man does not seem to notice the air he breathes. Like a man dying for many days, he is numb to the stench.

"What is man without the beasts? If all the beasts were gone, men would die from great loneliness of spirit, for whatever happens to the beasts also happens to man. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons of the earth.

"It matters little where we pass the rest of our days; they are not many. A few more hours, a few more winters, and none of the children of the great tribes that once lived on this earth, or that roamed in small bands in the woods, will be left to mourn the graves of a people once as powerful and hopeful as yours.

"The whites, too, shall pass - perhaps sooner than other tribes. Continue to contaminate your bed, and you will one night suffocate in your own waste. When the buffalo are all slaughtered, the wild horses all tamed, the secret corners of the forest heavy with the scent of many men, and the view of the ripe hills blotted by talking wires, where is the thicket? Gone. Where is the eagle? Gone. And what is it to say goodbye to the swift and the hunt, the end of living and beginning of survival? We might understand if we knew what it was that the white man dreams, what hopes he describes to his children on the long winter nights, what visions he burns into their minds, so they will wish for tomorrow. But we are savages. The white man's dreams are hidden from us."

And so we are here, one hundred and twenty years later, to continue to ponder Chief Sealath's question, "What are the white man's dreams?"

Any member more than three months behind in payment of dues shall receive notification thereof from the Treasurer, and shall be automatically dropped from membership at the end of an additional month. Dropped members shall not be entitled to vote or hold office in the Society nor will they receive Society publications until reinstated.

5. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP AND DUES. The IAS shall offer the following categories of membership:

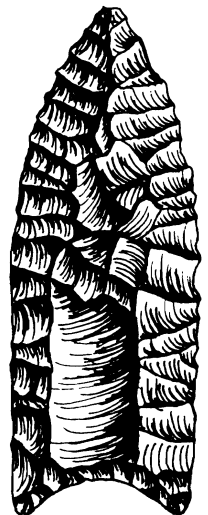
<u>*Voting members</u> (individual or couple)	<u>Non-voting members</u>
Active \$5.00	Junior (under 18) \$4.00
Sustaining \$15.00	Institutional \$5.00
Benefactor \$1000.00	

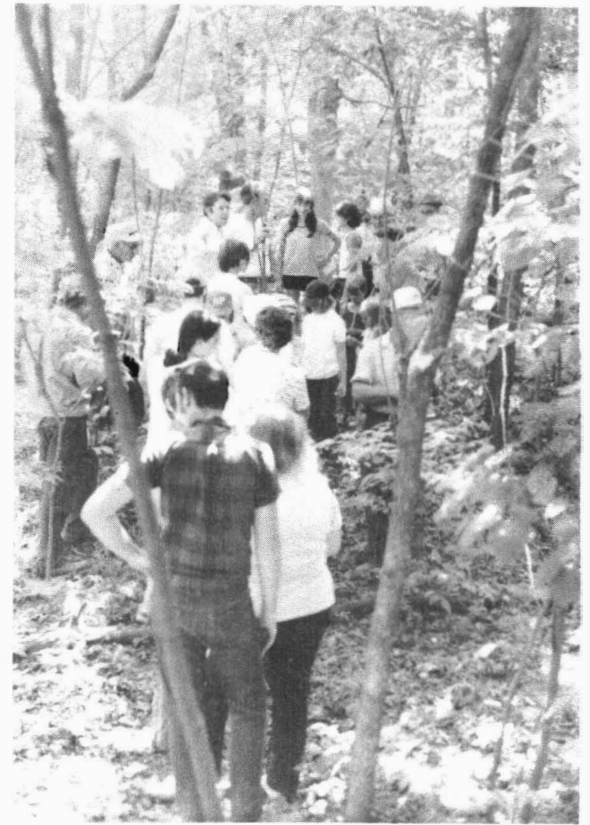
In the case of married couples, both husband and wife shall have the privilege of voting and holding office regardless of the category of membership.

6. PUBLICATIONS. The Society shall have two official publications, a quarterly Newsletter and a minimum of one Journal annually.
7. LOCAL CHAPTERS. Five or more members of the Iowa Archeological Society living near each other, may organize a chapter for the purpose of furthering the interests and objectives of the State Society. Other organizations having kindred interests, but whose members are not all affiliated with the State Society may become a Chapter upon authorization by the Directors. Whenever possible, the State Society will cooperate with the Chapters in organizing and programming.
8. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS. Any Bylaw can be amended by two-thirds favorable vote of the members present and voting at any annual or special membership meeting, providing a copy of the proposed amendment is placed in the hands of the president 30 days prior to said meeting and that a copy of said proposed amendment be included in notice of said meeting.

HAVE YOU SEEN ONE OF THESE?

Mammoth hunters used Clovis spear points like the one shown at right about 12,000 years ago. The chip or "flute" found on the base is distinctive. To date all Iowa finds have been made on or near the surface of the ground. Archeologists hope some day to find them buried in a context that can be studied in detail through excavation. Please send any information you might have on Clovis finds to: Editors, Iowa Archeological Society Newsletter, R. #3, Indianola, Iowa 50125.





IOWA ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

FIELD TRIP TO THE SAYLORVILLE DAM AND RESERVOIR

July 27, 1975

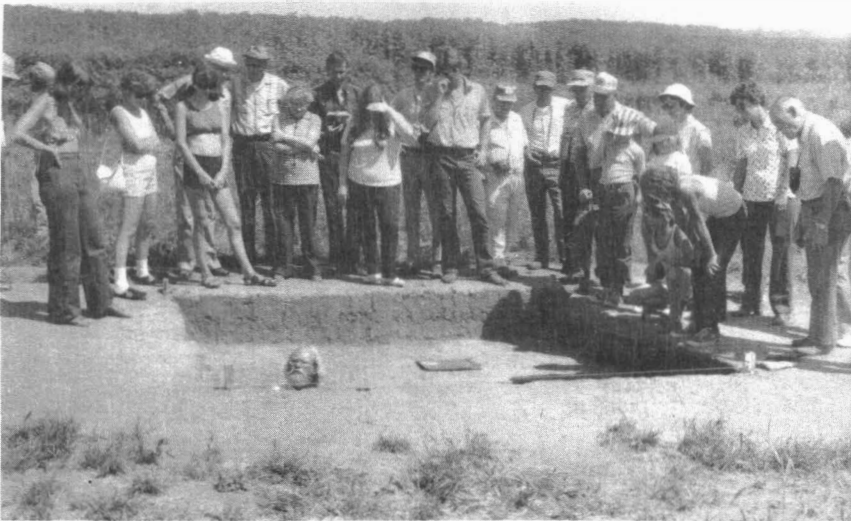
The scenes shown on this page represent some of the activities at the field trip to Saylorville last July. The group of society members and interested guests visited four sites in the reservoir. The tour was conducted by the Archeological Laboratory of Iowa State University. Members of the staff were: David Gradwohl, John Bower, Nancy Osborn, Stephen Lensink, Robert Timberlake, Richard Watson, John Broihahn, Bill Femrite, Marc Mills, Mike Portwood.

Our thanks go to these people and the field crew members for their excellent presentations on a hot July Sunday.

Photos:

Upper left: Field crew members demonstrate archeological techniques at 13PK165.

Upper right: State Archeologist Duane Anderson points out a mound at 13PK144 the "Saylorville Five" mound site near the main dam.



Above: Field school participants view the head of an excavated Viking warrior at 13PK149 (Darr es Shalom site). The head turned out to be attached to a body that was standing in a test trench.



Above: Field school members demonstrate the water-screening method used to sift the fill.

BOOK REVIEW

Duane Anderson, Western Iowa Prehistory (Ames, Iowa: Iowa State University Press, 1975), p. 83.

How many people are totally unaware of the Iowa land before white contact? As children, we encounter a "history of our state." Didn't Iowa become significant with white man's discovery of it? There were "Indians" here when the first white man stepped upon western shores of the Mississippi, but they were put aside much as were the trees, the boulders and all else that stood in the way of the plow. What was before white man?

This is where Duane Anderson begins his story. These people, known as "Big Game Hunters" were present in Iowa some ten thousand years before Christ. They roamed the land, following vast bison herds. But, what of these people? Where did they go? What was their appearance? What evidence do we have that they did indeed exist and inhabit the land called Iowa?

Dr. Anderson outlines each step in the advancement and development of the native Western Iowans. He presents a complete sketch of each cultural tradition of the various prehistoric Iowans. In his presentation, he appeals to the layman, attempts to spark an interest in the public for a feeling of the real and ancient past. He describes each group, through the Big Game Hunters, the Archaic Hunters, the Woodland peoples and their pottery inventions, on to the specific Western Iowa cultures, both separately and tied to the development of surrounding Iowa areas. Diagnostic features are presented and their works as influenced by those other peoples with which they came into contact. So one now has a picture of the whole of prehistoric Iowa as well as each advancing culture and age. This, Dr. Anderson carries throughout the book with the Glenwood people of Southwestern Iowa, their effigies and their farming culture. Mill Creek people, influenced by things happening in Eastern United States and the Mississippian cultural tradition, are presented as probably the most elaborate of prehistoric Western Iowans. Each period is covered through the Oneota ancestors of present day Ioway and Oto.

Each chapter of Western Iowa Prehistory, presents a challenge to the interested layman, the amateur archeologist and even more importantly, to the as yet uninterested public. These are the people to whom the book is speaking. It asks them to take old shoe boxes of childhood memories from the closets and fish out the "arrowhead" from that box. To once view it not as a momentary curiosity, but to look at it in a new light, with a feeling of the very rich and vast knowledge, the labor and precision that went into the creation of that tool. For a moment, step behind the thoughts of the man of prehistoric Iowa into an enchanted unknown. In a very real and desperate sense he pleads with the public to bring forth old memories and share them with others. He appeals to the reader to make known any discoveries he or friends might make, and even more, to treat each artifact or burial with the respect due them. Through ignorance ten thousand years of heritage are all too easily destroyed or left undiscovered. Western Iowa Prehistory is Dr. Anderson's attempt to combat this ignorance.

To accomplish his goal, he has beautifully presented his case for prehistory's survival. The remainder is up to the layperson, the individual reader of the book. Hopefully, each will take the book's plea seriously and will in

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turn pass the story on to a friend. With public interest and support, archeologists will fit each part into a whole and enable us to know more about our beginnings.

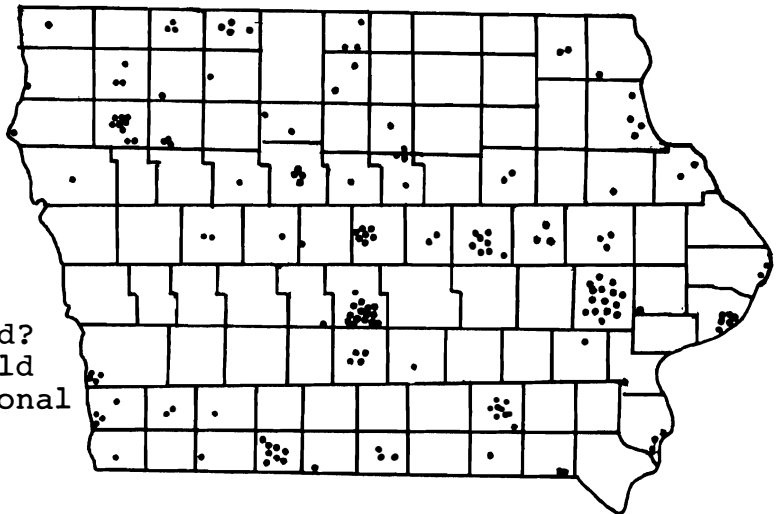
Submitted by Sharon Rockwell
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Note: Western Iowa Prehistory is available from the Iowa State University Press, Ames, Iowa 50010 for \$3.95.

The full page ink drawing on page 6 of this issue was created by Mr. Charles Push-e-to-ne-qua of the Mesquakie Settlement, Tama, Iowa. He has done many beautiful paintings and sketches depicting his people and their heritage. This drawing illustrates Mr. Push-e-to-ne-qua's interest in the preservation of burial mounds. We would like to thank him for the privilege of allowing us to print one of his works in the Newsletter.

EVER WONDER WHERE OUR IAS MEMBERS LIVE?

This map, prepared by Pat Williams, will give you some idea. Each dot represents one IAS membership. Although the distribution is fairly even, there are lots of counties without a single member. Why not try to sell a membership to a friend? If everyone did, our membership would double in a short time! (Institutional memberships not included on map.)



The Iowa Archeological Society is a non-profit, scientific society legally organized under the corporate laws of Iowa. Members of the Society are amateurs and professionals with a serious interest in the archeology of Iowa and the Midwest. The Newsletter is published four times a year. A Journal is issued once a year. The reprinting or use of any material in the Newsletter is forbidden without the consent of the Society.

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MEMBERS!!!!!! HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1975 - 76 DUES???? IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT CHRISTMAS. AN IAS MEMBERSHIP AS A GIFT WOULD HELP US DOUBLE OUR MEMBERSHIP.

ACTIVE. \$5.00

SUSTAINING. \$15.00

JUNIOR. \$4.00

BENEFACTOR. \$1,000

NOTE: THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD APRIL 3 & 4, 1976 AT SIMPSON COLLEGE IN INDIANOLA, IOWA. PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!!!!

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