HUNTER RAWLINGS LEAVING U OF I

Loss of Rawlings lamented

U of I chief credited with improving school, state

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IOWA CITY — The departure of University of Iowa President Hunter Rawlings is seen as both a loss to the community and a chance to bring in a successor that can offer a fresh perspective on the needs of the university.

Rawlings, U of I president since 1988, Saturday was named president of Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. He will take over at the Ivy League school July 1, 1995.

State regents who were interviewed said Rawlings will leave the U of I in good stead.

Regents President Marvin Berenstein praised Rawlings for being attuned to the concerns of faculty and students, the result of Rawlings continuing to teach classics while president. Another strength, Berenstein said, was that Rawlings hired solid leaders to be vice presidents and deans.

"Personally, I never thought that this would be his final job," said Berenstein, who counts Rawlings and Rawlings' wife, Elizabeth, as friends.

"He certainly did a yeoman's job. He was at the university at difficult times. He had to deal with a lot of different issues."

Berenstein and Rawlings disagreed over the kind of warning policy the U of I should have for sexually explicit classroom material. Berenstein favored narrowly focusing the policy on the material while Rawlings favored not basing the policy on content.

However, Berenstein said he was certain that the sometimes-heated policy debate was not a factor in Rawlings' decision to leave.

Regent Elizabeth Hendricks of Cedar Rapids said Rawlings bridged communication gaps the U of I had with the rest of Iowa when he became president.

"He's done tremendous things for the university in terms of public relations, in terms of fund raising, in terms of increasing our research grants," Hendricks said.

Regent Tom Collins said that while Rawlings' move is a loss for the university, a new president can offer a chance to take a step forward. "You always have different situations at a university. It's always good to have a fresh viewpoint in addressing those situations."

Rawlings had a significant presence, he said. "It was good for Iowa's system to have somebody with a Greek and history background and viewpoint," Collins said. "It broadened us to have him here, and it broadened him to be here."

U OF I PROVOST Peter Nathan said Rawlings will be remembered for his fund-raising skills and for overseeing construction of facilities for the business administration and pharmacy colleges.

Education and research improvements made during Rawlings' presidency gave faculty, students and Iowans a reason to take pride in the U of I, Nathan said.

Nathan also said Rawlings showed leadership when keeping the U of I operating after the Nov. 1, 1991, shootings in which a disgruntled student fatally shot faculty members and a doctoral graduate before injuring an undergraduate student and then killing himself.

Rawlings put into place a good team of vice presidents and deans and also forged credible relationships with Gov. Terry Branstad, the Iowa Legislature and Iowans in general, Nathan said.

"He's very good with people," Nathan said. "He inspires confidence."

"He made it very clear to all of us that we have a responsibility that extends beyond the walls of the university, to the community," said Ann Rhodes, U of I vice president for university relations.

Rhodes said Rawlings will be remembered most at the U of I for leading the effort to improve undergraduate education, upgrade reform and gender equity in athletics, reorganize university administration and attract high-quality faculty.

Early in his presidency, Rawlings said academic standards for U of I athletes had to be improved. Despite his background as a star college athlete, he had periodic battles with the athletic department over the academics and related competition eligibility of U of I student-athletes.

"The standards here for academic excellence, academic achievement of student athletes are not going to change under a new president," Rhodes said.

Judith Aiken, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said Rawlings contributed to the development of the U of I. "I was on the search committee that helped to identify him and bring him here. One of the hopes that I had when we were recruiting him, which was very much fulfilled, was that he became a voice for the university," she said.

"He changed the way we operate for the better because he got us thinking strategically," she said. "That has had a very positive impact."

While Rawlings has left his mark on the U of I, Phil Jones, dean of students, said there is plenty for Rawlings' successor to do.

"We have not reached Nirvana. It was six years," Jones said of Rawlings' tenure. "Some important changes were made in organizational structure and other areas, but a good deal remains to be done."

Jones said Rawlings should fare well at Cornell.

"He has shown here that he has the ability to achieve excellence at a major university."

Gazette file photo by Lyle Muller

Reporters surround University of Iowa President Hunter Rawlings during his first day in the job Aug. 2, 1988.

HUNTER RAWLINGS' PRESIDENCY

- **May 13, 1988:** Appointed 17th University of Iowa president at age 43.
- **Aug. 1, 1988:** Although he informally had been meeting Iowans in July, Rawlings assumes presidency.
- **Aug. 24, 1988:** At first Faculty Council meeting, Rawlings proposes university-owned research park. Park eventually becomes reality at Oakdale campus with four buildings to date.
- **Sept. 14, 1989:** Rawlings charges faculty with coming up with a five-year strategic plan for the U of I. Plan eventually identifies academic areas in which the university must continue to excel: the arts; basic sciences and technological innovation; human and environmental health; literature, discourse and critical analysis; and social change.
- **Feb. 5, 1989:** Rawlings fields controversy by defending the use of U of I funds to pay for three intercollegiate athletes' drug treatment.
- **March 1989:** Athletics again take center stage when, during the federal trial of sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, former U of I athletes Ronnie Harmon and Devon Mitchell admit to taking easy courses in order to remain eligible for football.
- **April 1989:** Reacting to the Walters-Bloom trial, Rawlings angers Hawkeye football fans by saying freshmen may unilaterally be prohibited from participating in U of I intercollegiate athletics. Football coach Hayden Fry threatens to quit, then relaxes his stance. Rawlings, too, pulls back and says the U of I will continue to push for freshman ineligibility but not alone.
- **May 1989:** Rawlings uses experience dealing with Howard Hughes Medical Institute to help U of I biochemist John Donelson earn an appointment as an investigator with the prestigious institute. Physiologist Kevin Campbell and internist Dr. Michael Welsh receive Hughes appointments later in 1989.
- **March 23, 1990:** Meeting demands for better relations with the public, the U of I elevates the job of university relations director to vice president for university relations. Ann Rhodes eventually named to position.
- **Nov. 13, 1990:** Sex discrimination case against the U of I by anatomy Professor Jean Jew settled. Rawlings inherited the case from late 1970s and early 1980s.
- **Sept. 19, 1991:** In an effort to refocus resources, steering group headed by Rawlings proposes major cuts in academic programs. Many eventually dropped after regents approval.
- **Nov. 1, 1991:** In one of the U of I's darkest days, gunman Gang Lu fatally shoots three physics professors, a fellow physics doctoral student and an associate vice president for academic affairs. He shoots a student, who survives but is paralyzed, before fatally shooting himself.
- **Nov. 12, 1991:** Rawlings announces reorganization of central administration, effective July 1, 1993. It includes appointing vice president to oversee health sciences and University Hospitals, shifting longtime hospital director John Colloton to a vice presidential position for statewide health services and designating then-Vice President for Academic Affairs Peter Nathan as provost.
- **Feb. 20, 1992:** Controversial laser research building, proposed before Rawlings was president, is given new name to reflect new focus: Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories. Laser emphasis scaled down and computer-aided design and environment studies given space in the building.
- **October 1992:** U of I named one of nine national centers to map the human genome. Center carries with it a $15 million grant, the university's largest ever.
- **Jan. 16, 1993:** U.S. government announces plans to build a $32 million National Advanced Driving Simulator at the Oakdale Research Park. Plans call for the facility to be built in the late 1990s.
- **Oct. 20, 1993:** State Board of Regents, responding to student complaints about videos shown in separate classes during an 18-month span, adopt policy for warning students about visual depictions of sex acts in classes. Rawlings opposes regents' action, but faculty is unwilling to adopt replacement policy.
- **Jan. 19, 1994:** Rawlings writes new policy that calls for warnings when material may be unusual or unexpected. Regents adopt policy, but faculty decides in December to review whether the policy's wording is flawed.
- **June 11, 1994:** U of I announces landmark cooperative effort to provide health care insurance package with private hospitals and Blue Cross and Blue Shield.
- **July 1, 1994:** Research for fiscal 1994, which ends on this day, brings $188 million to the U of I, continuing an upward trend during Rawlings' presidency.
- **July 3, 1994:** Rawlings elected chairman of the Council of Presidents/Chancellors of the Big Ten Conference.
- **Dec. 10, 1994:** Rawlings appointed president of Cornell University.

Comfort, controversy await at Cornell

By Shayla Thiel
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Hunter Rawlings might be moving 900 miles east to the Ivy League, but it seems the atmosphere won't be much different from that of his Big Ten home.

Paul Johnson, editor-in-chief of the Cornell Daily Sun, described Cornell University as politically moderate to liberal. He described the president's position as a "fund-raiser" and worker for the board of trustees. He said the president deals with academic issues, while the university provost handles budget concerns.

Johnson also noted the good relationship students have with retiring president H.T. Rhodes, who held weekly breakfasts with students to stay in touch with their concerns.

And much like at the U of I, Rawlings — known for enforcing high academic standards for athletes and drafting a policy on sexually explicit classroom materials — will get his share of controversy, Johnson said.

One of these is a Cornell feature called "program houses" — dormitories separated by different areas of interest, such as music and arts and African-American issues.

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Though deemed "segregation" by some, Johnson said the houses provide a haven for students with special interests. In 1993, a proposal for a gay and lesbian program house was derailed by Rhodes. A Latino issues house was approved soon after, stirring controversy with Cornell's Student Assembly and dividing the campus.

Rhodes praised the choice of Rawlings as his successor. In a prepared statement, Rhodes said Rawlings "has been a splendid president at Iowa, making his mark in every aspect of the university's life and taking a principled position on issues ranging from intercollegiate athletics to academic freedom."

EDWARD LAWLER, professor in the Cornell School of Labor and Industrial Relations, said Rawlings and Cornell will be a good match. Lawler was a professor of sociology at the U of I and a past president of the U of I Faculty Senate before joining the Cornell faculty one year ago.

"He guided the university through some different financial times," Lawler said about Rawlings' U of I tenure. "And there will be some financial challenges here as well."

One thing that will change for Rawlings will be public interest in what he does and says, Lawler said. "The president of this university is less visible in this state than in Iowa," he said.

Julie Crotty, a Cornell graduate student and the lone student representative on the search committee that picked Rawlings, said his dedication and commitment to quality teaching helped sway the committee.

"He has all the basic qualities that a search committee would look for, like experience running a large educational institution and working with governmental bodies," Crotty said. "But he also demonstrated a very good ability to relate to all the (Cornell) constituents' needs."

CORNELL'S student population of about 19,000 is nearly 8,000 fewer than that of the U of I, but it has more colleges — seven undergraduate colleges and six graduate.

Founded in 1865, Cornell University is a land grant school and is considered the largest and youngest in the Ivy League.

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DAILY NOTEBOOK

TEL • US

To answer today's question call CITYLINE, 363-7000 or 337-7000 and enter category 1111 between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m.

YESTERDAY'S QUESTION: Do you think the federal government has an obligation to try and eliminate poverty? (157 responses)

YES: 24% **NO: 76%**

TODAY'S QUESTION: Please assess the timeliness of C.R. snow removal last week? Great job? So-so? Not good?

WHAT'S YOUR OPINION ON TODAY'S TOPIC? If you have a computer and modem, call FYIowa, (319) 368-8800, and share your views in the daily "Tel•Us" forum.

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TODAY/Dec. 11, 1994

CHRISTMAS

An Old-Fashioned Christmas, 1 to 5 p.m., Heritage House Museum, New Vienna. Adults $2; children ages 6-12, $1.

Christmas Tree Walk and Craft Show, Lawrence Community Center, Anamosa.

Christmas at the Mill, Independence, noon to 5 p.m.

Eighth Annual Christmas Exhibit, Granger House, Marion, 1 to 5 p.m. Adults $2, school-age children 50 cents, free to members of Marion Historical Museum Inc.

Victorian Holiday Tours, Brucemore. Tours given on the hour from noon to 4 p.m. Adults $5; students age 6-18, $2; free for members of Brucemore and the National Trust.

Festival of Trees, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Osborne Center, Elkader.

21st Annual Christmas Celebration, 1 to 5 p.m., Conger House Museum, Washington. Adults $1.50; children younger than 12, 50 cents.

Christmas at Ushers Ferry, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Ushers Ferry, Seminole Valley Park. Adults $2; children ages 6-12, $1; younger than 6, free.

Candlelight Tour of Homes, Washington.

Christmas, Waucoma.

Christmas Tour of Homes, Vinton.

"Village of Lights" Tour, featuring decorated Christmas trees and collection of Dept. 56 Christmas villages owned by Brenda Happel of Vinton, 1 to 5 p.m., Ray House, Vinton. Admission: $2 for ages 5 and up; preschoolers free.

The Old Creamery Theatre Company: "A Christmas Carol," at the Amana Colonies Visitors Center, 3 and 8 p.m. Tickets $14 for adults; $7.50 for 15 and younger.

"A Christmas Carol," presented by the Washington Choral Society, 2:30 p.m., Washington Community Center, Washington. Adults $7, students $5.

"A Child's Christmas in Wales," 2 and 4:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, Iowa City. Adults $11, children and teens $7.

"Carols by Candlelight," 7 p.m., First Assembly of God. Offering.

Sing Christmas! Ring Christmas! by St. Paul's choral and hand bell choirs, 4 p.m., St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Service of Carols and Candlelight, 10 p.m., Center for Faith and Life, Luther College, Decorah.

Eastern Iowa Brass Band Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m., Mount Vernon High School auditorium.

"Les Enfants a Bethleem (The Children of Bethlehem)," presented by the Willowwind Children's Choir, soloist and orchestra, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Iowa City.

FUND-RAISERS

Ninth Annual Candlelight Housewalk Tour, featuring four homes on Linden Drive SE, 5 to 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Tickets: $12.50 in advance, $15 at the door; available at American Cancer Society office, Discovery Shop in Town & Country Shopping Center, Holley's Lindale/Westdale, Applause Hair Designers/downtown, Mercy Medical Center Flowers & Gifts Shop and St. Luke's Flower Hall. Shuttle van service available from Washington High School parking lot. Patron party, 8:30 to 10:30 p.m., home of Joanie and Bob Hilton, 317 Forest Dr. SE. Cost: $35.

A Tour of Homes, 2 to 6 p.m. in Anamosa. Features homes of Varlyn and Jane Fink, 303 E. Fifth St.; Alfred and Rita Kaiser, 111 Wilson Ct.; Michael and Karen Meyer, 114 S. Booth; Ray and Judy Oepping, 111 S. Booth; and Randy and Leanne Burrack, 24696 NW Court (Stone City). Sponsored by Anamosa Music Boosters. Tickets $5, available at any home.

Northside Neighborhood Association Annual Winter House Tour, 1 to 5 p.m., in Iowa City. Includes 423 E. Church St., 715 E. Ronalds St., 430 Brown St. and 314 Brown St. Tickets $5; available at each house. Part of proceeds goes toward Happy Hollow Park. Refreshments served at The Brown Street Inn; 430 Brown St.

FOOD

16th Annual Elizabethan Madrigal Dinners, 1 and 6:30 p.m., Main Lounge, Iowa Memorial Union, University of Iowa campus. Tickets $26; available at University Box Office.

OPEN HOUSE

Holiday Open House at Cedar Valley Humane Society, noon to 4 p.m. Craft items, baked goods. Santa and Mrs. Claus present noon to 4 p.m.

"Holiday in the Hills" Open House, Jackson County Welcome Center, west of Sabula, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Stained Glass and Wooden Quilt Open House, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., home of Jeannie and Tom Eichler, Prairie View Estates, off Prairie du Chien Road, north of Interstate 80, Iowa City.

Open House at Barb's Fine Art, Marion, 1 to 6 p.m.

ART

Holiday Art Market, CSPS, 1 to 5 p.m.

THEATER

Liars Theatre: "Liars Holiday," presentations of music, poetry and dramatic skits, 3 and 7 p.m., Campbell-Steele Gallery, Marion. Evening show sold out. Tickets: $12. Reservations required.

"Jesus Christ Superstar," 2 and 8 p.m., Hancher Auditorium. Audio description service available at 2 p.m. performance. Tickets: $37.50, $35.50, $32.50, senior citizens $30, $28.40, $26; youth $18.75, $17.75, $16.25.

Starlighters II: "Nunsense," musical comedy, 2 p.m., Starlighters Theatre, Anamosa. Adults $6; students/senior citizens $5.

MUSIC

Coe College Junior and Senior High Honor Band Concert, 4 p.m., Sinclair Auditorium, Coe campus. Tickets: adults $4; children younger than 12, $3.

Harpsichordist Julane Rodgers, 2 p.m., Senate Chamber of Old Capitol, U of I campus.

Recital by organist Delbert Disselhorst, 2, 4 and 8 p.m., Gerhard Krapf Organ Studio, U of I Music Building.

Handel's Messiah, 4 p.m., West Delaware Middle School gymnasium, Manchester. Presented by the Manchester Community Choral Society, presentation accompanied by U of I Chamber Orchestra.

U of I Percussion Ensemble, "Last Chance" concert, 6:30 p.m., Voxman Hall, U of I Music Building.

Benefit concert, for undergraduate music scholarships, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall, U of I campus. Features City High School Madrigal Singers and City High Brass Ensemble. Tickets: $5 for adults, $3 for students; available at the door.

Concert, 2 p.m. at the Jesup School.

OUTDOORS

Program: Exploring how animals get ready for winter, for first through third graders accompanied by adult, 2 to 4 p.m., Youth Group Lodge, F.W. Kent Park, Highway 6, between Oxford and Tiffin. Free, but registration required.

Snowmobile Drag Races, 11:30 a.m., at Oelwein Airport, two miles west of Oelwein on County Road C-50. Registration, 9 to 11 a.m. Radar runs 9 to 11:30 a.m., $1 per run. Adults $3, ages 12 and younger free.

CANCELLATIONS

For updates on weather-related cancellations, phone CITYLINE, 363-7000 or 337-7000, category 2105.

CITYLINE CALENDAR

More on CITYLINE'S Calendar of Events (Category 8000): Cedar Rapids, 363-7000; Iowa City, 337-7000.

LOTTERIES

POWERBALL

3-14-22-30-38 **Powerball:** 40 **Jackpot:** $9.5 million

IOWA LOTTERY

SUPER CASH LOTTO: 11-13-22-26-35-36
$100,000 CASH GAME: 4-10-11-16-20
One ticket-holder won the $1,825,000 "Super Cash Lotto" jackpot last night. Wednesday's jackpot: $250,000.

ILLINOIS LOTTERY

PICK 3 MIDDAY: 8-7-8 **PICK 3 EVENING:** 1-9-9
PICK 4 MIDDAY: 0-1-9-9 **PICK 4 EVENING:** 7-0-3-2
LOTTO: 14-19-21-25-36-41 **6-of-54 JACKPOT:** $6 million

Lottery numbers available on CITYLINE, 363-7000 or 337-7000, category 2900.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

MERCY

Dec. 9 — Teresa and Dennis Williams, Atkins, a son; **Patti and Jeff Schaeffer,** Anamosa, a son; **Shelly and Gary Erger,** 7501 Princeton Dr. NE, a daughter.

Dec. 10 — Pamela and Jeffrey Westrom, 1225 Staub Ct. NE, a son; **Danielle and Chris Frese,** Watkins, a son.

ST. LUKE'S

Dec. 9 — Dawn and Craig McCune, 1028 Third Ave. SW, a daughter.

Dec. 10 — Jill and James Struve, Vinton, a daughter.

THE LOG

Information for The Log is collected by The Gazette from public safety agencies. Charges are subject to review by the county attorneys' offices.

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DRUNKEN DRIVING

The following people charged with drunken driving are listed with time and place of arrest.

Randolph Allen Schlote, 37, 1402 Plum St., at 8:23 p.m. Friday near Kirkwood Avenue and Gilbert Street.

Nile Shane Fay, 31, 906 Webster St., at 12:25 a.m. Saturday near Boyrum Street and Highway 6.

Jason E. Vanderweele, 20, 220 River St., at 1:42 a.m. Saturday near Gilbert and Jefferson streets.

Thomas E. Coburn, 26, Riverside, at 1:47 a.m. Saturday, on Gilbert Street near Napolean Park (second offense).

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BURGLARIES

From a garage in the 2200 block of Lauren Drive SW, between Nov. 1 and Dec. 9; taken were a snow blower and leaf blower valued at $700.

From a garage in the 1300 block of 18th Avenue SW, between 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8 and 8 a.m. Dec. 9; taken was a snow blower valued at $900.