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## Information for Parents Of Prospective Students



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## Because You Want A Good Education

Because you're trying to help your student decide what the next step after high school will be, and because you're wondering what the advantages of a state university may be, we want to tell you about The University of Iowa. We know no brochure can answer all of your questions, but we hope this one will help you begin to work together with your student to gather information about The University of Iowa, and we hope you will visit our campus and see for yourselves what the classes and campus life are like. We also hope you will talk with other parents who have daughters and sons at Iowa.

Here's what parents tell us: they want their sons and daughters to receive an education that will offer them the most rewarding future possible. They want their sons and daughters to have an enjoyable college experience that will prepare them for careers and for a lifetime of new opportunities. And they want to entrust the education of their children to a school with a reputation for excellence.

Because The University of Iowa is a major university, it has attracted an excellent faculty. Many of our professors are recognized by their students and peers as leaders in their fields. The University is a center for research and scholarly pursuits, which enables our faculty to be at the forefront of new developments in their areas of instruction.

Today's graduates will face a world that is more complex and changing faster than ever. We believe a diverse and quality education is an excellent way to prepare students to cope with change.



Because young people beginning their careers now are likely to change jobs six times during their working lives, the best education teaches not only specific skills, but also how to acquire information and techniques.

All of the University's majors begin with a broad-based general education. Through the emphasis on basic intellectual skills and the in-depth study of their chosen subjects, students should develop an ability to apply knowledge to the problems that will confront them in their work and personal lives.

To ensure that students develop the foundations of a liberal education they take courses in literature, humanities, social and natural sciences, mathematics, reading, writing, and speaking. Because The University of Iowa has such a diverse faculty, students have a wide range of courses to choose from within each required area. About one-third of their total course work is in general education requirements, one-third in their major, and one-third in electives.

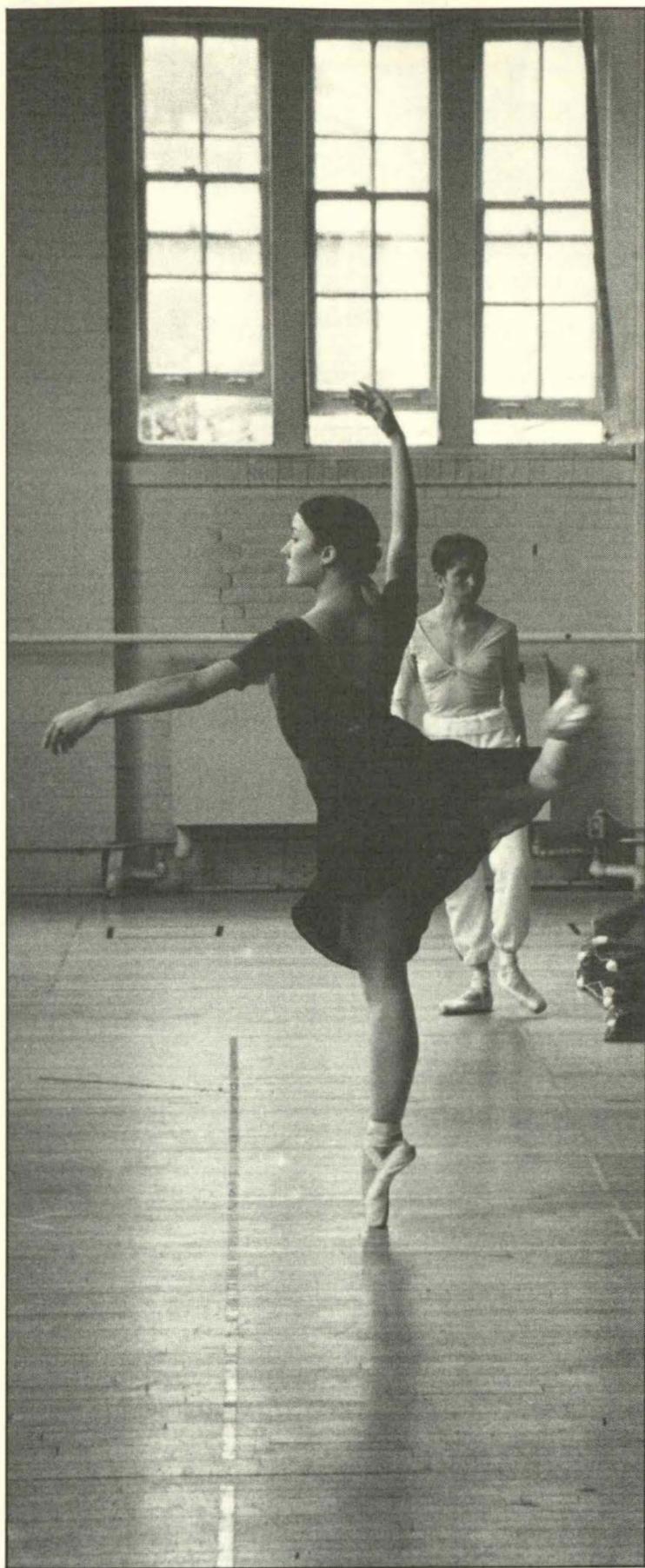
## Because Students Come First

You may be worried that your student will find a large university overwhelming, but thousands of students, many of whom graduated from small high schools, have made the transition to life at Iowa with the help and support of faculty and staff assigned to help the entering student.

We encourage students to take their time choosing majors and exploring many interests. The broad foundation they receive in the first two years here allows them to wait to declare a major or change plans after two years and still graduate in four. Because there are so many programs at Iowa, students are likely to find what suits them best. About 26 percent of the University's entering freshmen come to the University without having decided on a major, and as many or more will change majors at least once before they graduate.

Many freshman discussion classes are small, as are the residence hall floors. Students who join clubs and committees quickly find a circle of colleagues with common interests.

Undergraduate students at The University of Iowa come from all 50 states in the nation and many foreign countries. Iowa residents who rank in the upper half of their high school graduating class or who present an ACT composite score of 24 or above are admitted. Non-residents are admitted providing they rank in the upper 30 percent of their high school class or present an ACT composite score of 25 or above. Students who do not meet these criteria can be considered for admission based on special characteristics that indicate definite promise of success.



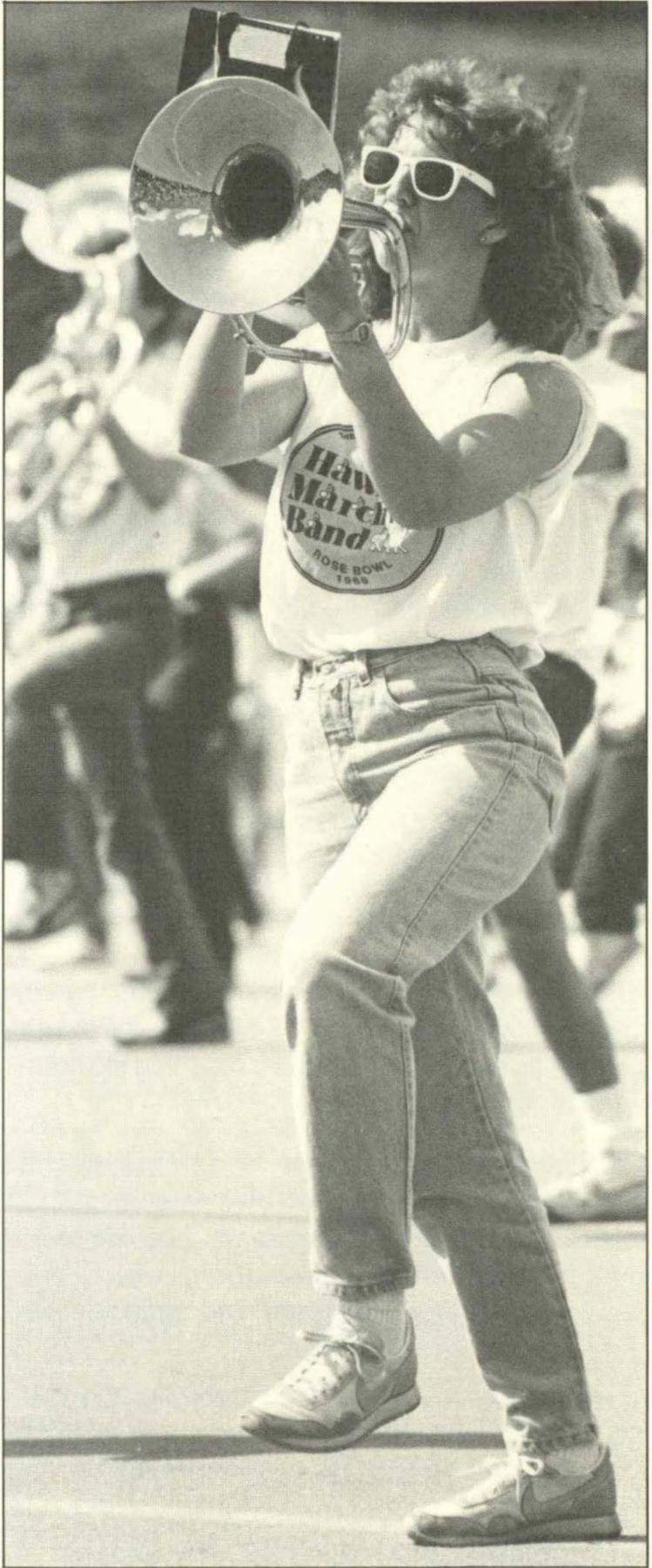
## For More Information

The best introduction to The University of Iowa is a visit to our campus. We invite prospective students and their parents to spend some time here, preferably during weekdays when classes are in session. The campus visit can include a conference with an admissions counselor about academic opportunities and programs, financial aid, and housing; an appointment with a faculty member or an academic adviser in an area of interest; a campus walking tour; or a tour of the residence halls. In addition, while on campus, you may want to explore the museums, libraries, and of course, downtown Iowa City.

The Admissions Visitors Center is located at 230 North Clinton Street, across from Daum Residence Hall. Our office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during the week and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We're closed for most holidays. Student-guided tours of the campus leave from the Visitors Center each weekday at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and on Saturday mornings at 11:00 a.m.

To make arrangements for a campus visit, to request information, or to ask questions about the University, call us toll-free. In Iowa the number is 1-800-272-6412. You can call toll-free from Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, or Wisconsin by dialing 1-800-553-6380.





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