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Searching for the best things in life? Or at least in Ames? A questionnaire answered by more than 100 Ames' residents and Iowa State students tells all, from the best restaurants to the best bars.

-by Jen Schroeder
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Ever wonder if there is more to Ames than just a city with a University? There are more than a few options for entertainment with more than 30 restaurants and more than 15 bars.

So your interests lie somewhere else than quenching your hunger and getting obliviated at the local pub? After all, those are only centers for growing and learning that provide the extra education you can't get out of a University alone. Say you have those bases safely covered, but want to know where to go for the best studying or the best place to work out?

"If only the Magic Genie would point me in the right direction," you say?

Wish no longer: ethos will provide you with the information you've been waiting for. The Best of Ames and Iowa State will reveal those campus favorites by sharing the results of a campus-wide survey conducted during the Spring of '95.

With more than 20,000 people all residing in one place for the same purpose, it is no surprise that some places to go are hot and others are well less existant. More than 100 surveys were turned in and tallied. Although this feature does not reveal the opinions of the entire student body of Iowa State, it is a good representation of who and what is most liked around Iowa State and Ames.

It is now time to announce the winners of ethos' first annual Best of Ames and Iowa State survey. The envelope please...
Best Class: **Theatre 106**
Sleeper Class: **Psychology 101**
Best Place to Study: **Parks Library**
Best Professor: **Barbara Mack**
Best Major: **JIMC**
Best Minor: **Math**
Best Administrator: **Reid Crawford**

**Best Excuses for Missing Class:**
- Sick
- Road Trip
- Too busy reading ethos
- Daylight Savings Time
- Trapped under something heavy
- I forgot
- Drunk
- A tomato hit my house
- VEISHEA
- Hangover
- Too well to attend

**Fun and Games**

Best Bike Trail: **Brookside**
Best Park: **Brookside**
Best Tennis Court: **Beyer Hall**
Best Place to Skateboard: **Parks Library**
Best Place to Ice Skate: **ISU Ice Arena**
Best Place to Rollerblade: **Parks Library**
Best Place to Play Hacky Sack: **Parks Library**
Best Place to throw a Frisbee: **Central Campus**
Best Place to Play Football: **Maple-Willow-Larch**
Best Place to Play Baseball: **Intramural Fields**
Best Place to go Sledding: **Arboretum**
Best Place to Work Out: **Rec Center**
Best Place to Make Out: **Campanile**

From Top to Bottom: Durham Classroom, Photo by Michael Faas; students playing football, Photo by Michael Faas; Tattooed Guru, Photo by Michael Faas; students playing football, Photo by Shannon Kressin; Matt Seifert and Scott Christy at the Union,Photo by Shannon Kressin; Fred Holberg, Photo by Michael Faas; Tattooed Guru, Photo by Michael Faas; Scott Wallerich, Courtesy Photo; Libby Bell, Photo by Michael Faas
Best Male Athlete: Fred Hoiberg
Best Female Athlete: Libby Bell
Best Symphonic Musician: John Mullen
Best ISU Singer: Elaina Lewis
Best JSU Daily Columnist: the Tattooed Guru
Best Channel 9 Personality: Firetruck
Best Resident Assistant: Tie with Devonah Fraley and Jen Johnson
Best Residence Hall Cook: Lois Johnson, Linden
Best ISU Janitor: Scott Wallerich, Hamilton Hall
Best DPS Officer: John Tinker
Best Local Politician: Bill Bernau
Best GSB Senator: Veronique Cantrell
Best Bar Owner: Tom Zmolek, People's

The Guru's Top 10 list of the nothing in particular in Ames:
10. Beer, beer and more beer than you can shake a stick at.
9. Stoplights every ten feet.
8. Railroad tracks.
7. Expensive gas on Fridays before holidays.
6. Pedestrians walking out in traffic.
5. Bikers that don't know how to ride.
4. Rollerbladers who act cool and don't fall.
3. Crotch Rockets - need I explain this one?
2. Melrose Place people
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By Scott Andresen

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He cleaned up the competition on the dusty racetracks of Boone County Racetracks where he was a stock car racer for five years.
"More or less, it was just going out and having some fun," Wallerich said. Wallerich drove a '77 Buick Regal. "I built it (the stock car) myself."
Wallerich said that his favorite aspect of working at Iowa State is the people. "I like their friendliness," he said.

Bill Bernau shows concern for ISU students
Having finished his fifth General Assembly this year in the House of Representatives, local politician Bill Bernau has served as a strong voice for the interests of college students. With lobbying for student fees legislation and protesting the sale of WOI, it comes as no surprise that Bernau is a student favorite.
"I have always campaigned relatively hard in...the residence halls," Bernau said. I try to do as many dorm meetings as I can. I've tried to work with several Government of Student Body officers in changing the Board of Regents structure by adding two students.
Bernau has also worked on student fees legislation and helped to stop the sale of WOI, the former University-owned television station. In the spring of '91, the allocation for United Students of Iowa was zero-funded. USI is a group that lobbies for many of the same causes Bernau does.
"I think frankly it (the zero-funding) is a mistake. If you come down to the capital on any legislative day, you will see hundreds of organized groups represented," Bernau said.
He said that USI has been a voice for the three institutions. "I have not lobbied anyone on that decision but I will say that I think it is a mistake."

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Best Restaurant: Hickory Park
Best Pizza: Great Plains Sauce and Dough Company
Best Coffeehouse: Cafe Beaudelaire
Best Deli: Subway
Best Mexican: Pancho's
Best Chinese: Mandarin
Best Ice Cream: Dairy Queen

Best Book Store: Big Table Books
Best Music Store: People's
Best Grocery Store: Cub Foods
Best Sporting Goods Store: Sports Page
Best Bike Store: Michael's Cyclery
Best Department Store: Younkers
Best Thrift Store: Goodwill
Best Liquor Store: Cyclone Liquor
Best Toy Store: Pleasure Palace
Best Clothing Store: Eddie Bauer

Perfect Outfit from Goodwill for Under $10
$1.50 Plaid Peasant Skirt
$1.00 Arnold Schwarzenegger Sleeveless T-shirt
$.25 Woolen Beret (A la Rusty Griswold-style)
$.50 Tacky Tourist Shades
$1.00 Pink Iridescent Pearl Necklace
$1.50 Silver Flats
$3.00 Randy the stuffed Horse
$1.00 Cyclone Pom Pom

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$9.75 (What a steal)
Best Overall Local Band: Two-way tie with The Bone People and The Nada's
Best Acoustic Band: The Bone People
Best Hard Rock Band: The Village Idiot
Best Punk Band: CRANKHEAD
Best Rhythm and Blues Band: Nightcrawlers
Best Vocalist: Deb Marquart of the Bone People
Best Bassist: Matt Seifert of the Village Idiot
Best Percussionist: Stefan Nadelman of Toxis O'Grady
Best Guitarist: Peter Manesis of the Bone People
Best Radio Station: KCCQ
Best DJ: Ken McCloud of KCCQ
Best Movie Theatre: Century
Best Bar: People's
Best Dance Floor: Tazzles

Etc.

Best Place to buy Road Trip Supplies: Quik Trip
Best Shazam Location: Welch Ave.
Best Building on Campus: Memorial Union
Best Floor in Parks Library: 4th Floor
Best Elevator on Campus: Design Building
Best Piece of Campus Art: Molecular Biology "Gene Pool"

Top Ten Excuses to Avoid Getting a Parking Ticket
10. Your machine won't take my quarters.  
9. It's not my fault- my dog bit me!  
8. I'm a resident assistant  
7. My mother parked it here.  
6. Sorry, I'm also a policeman.  
5. I was only here for a second!  
4. I have a gun. Back off!  
3. Do you really have to give me that?  
2. My mother is visiting.  
1. Deny having a car.