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An Invitation...
IT'S COCKTAIL TIME!
RAIN FOREST RESCUE:
TO HELP SAVE HALF
OF THE PLANTS
AND ANIMALS ON EARTH

In the rain forest, the sounds of fires and bulldozers are replacing the sounds of nature. Recent studies show that the destruction of the rain forests wipes out 17,000 plant and animal species each year. That's about 48 extinctions per day, two per hour. These are plants and animals that will simply cease to exist, gone forever from the planet. And the toll mounts every day.

Even though they occupy less than 2% of the earth's surface, rain forests are home to over half the world's plant and animal species. When we destroy the rain forest we are endangering our planet's future. The chain of life depends on a variety of plants and animals that are being destroyed by the day... from the smallest tree frog to the largest tropical tree.

Join The National Arbor Day Foundation and support Rain Forest Rescue to help put a stop to the destruction. When you join, the Foundation will preserve threatened rain forest in your name.

An area of rain forest the size of 10 city blocks is burned every minute. Help stop the destruction. Before the sounds of nature are replaced by the sounds of silence.

To contribute to Rain Forest Rescue, call 1-800-222-5312

The National Arbor Day Foundation

The Margay is one of many species whose habitat is threatened rain forest.
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Iowans are wacky, and now we have televised proof of it. The student-produced TV show, "Ordinary Iowa," takes over ISU airwaves. Also, the 19th annual Iowa College Salon showcases the artwork of many Iowa State students. Oh, and don't forget to check out our always-interesting CD, vinyl and book reviews.

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Diversity advisor Derrick Rollins and ISU President Martin Jischke speak their minds on diversity questions and other issues troubling students and faculty.
SO, WHAT DO DOLPHINS HAVE TO DO WITH COMPUTING?

(The answer is, a lot.)

The dolphin logo is a visual representation of our company name, which you may have also wondered about.

The root word, symbiosis, is defined as a mutually beneficial relationship. It makes a good foundation for our name, because it describes the way we work. Partnership is essential to our business strategy. IT'S WHO WE ARE. IT'S HOW WE THINK.™

WHAT WE DO.

Symbios Logic is in the business of creating solutions for moving and storing data. We manufacture a whole range of related products including integrated circuits, intelligent boards and RAID storage sub-systems. Our customers are OEMs and resellers in the networked computing, peripherals communications and automotive markets.

Our ideas have to work with someone else’s ideas. Our products have to function alongside or as an integral part of another company’s products. At Symbios, we think the people who create the products have to work the same way. Together.

IT TAKES ALL KINDS.

Each Symbios Logic plant has different requirements for technical expertise because the nature of the work varies at our three locations. But system-wide, our company has an ongoing need for qualified:

• CAD/CAE Engineers
• Product Development Engineers (Analog & Digital)
• Product Engineers
• Applications Engineers
• Process Engineers
• Test & Software Development Engineers
• Packaging Assembly Engineers
• Circuit Design Engineers
• Advanced Development Engineers

WORKING TOGETHER.

We can improve the products we make and the communities we live in by freely sharing our expertise and our talent.

If you would like more information about us or if you would like us to have more information about you, contact us at one of the following locations. We would be happy to receive your resume and transcripts.

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“Nature compels us to recognize the fact of mutual dependence, each life necessarily helping the other lives which are linked to it.” - Albert Schweitzer
This summer I was sitting in a park with a group of people when a phone rang. As they all scrambled through their purses for their cell phones, I could only laugh to myself. It always amazes me how we, as students, claim to be poor and destitute, but we always seem to have the “necessary accessories.” However, when our U-bills arrive in the mail, every phone line in Ames is tied up with frantic students calling their homes in desperate need of funds.

In this issue of ethos, we take a look at someone who can’t afford these “necessary accessories;” someone who has literally given up everything in hopes of finding a life half as comfortable as ours. And after all of his sacrifices, he may never get it. After reading “Ningun Ser es Ilegal,” I ask each of you to give thanks for what you do have. You are college students who hope to live the “American Dream,” whatever that may be any more. You have the opportunity to experience life with a cushion to fall on afterward. You live in a safe place where you can walk down the street and only need to worry about getting hit by a crazed biker. You have your computers and email, designer clothes and Non-Stop Fox.

With this story, maybe we can learn some important life lessons from Juan. Always give thanks for what we do have, and when in search of our dreams, it is worth sacrificing all and not letting anything get in our way.

As I strive to reach my goals, I remember someone I admire and respect told me: “The only thing stopping you is fear and common sense.” I should make it far in life because I have neither.

Thanks, Dad.

Heather McClure
ethos wants your story!

That's right! We want you, the reader, to send us a story about an experience—good, bad, funny or just plain gross—that you have had on Cy-Ride (everybody's bus of choice) or the Midnight Express (everybody's drunken choice of bus). The stories should be six paragraphs or less. Be sure to include your name, year and major.

Hey, this is your chance to be in print! Seize it! Send your story to:

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