IOWA'S RAVE UNDERGROUND
Sowing the Seeds of a Subculture
Scholars have been debating the true meaning of Christmas for hundreds of years. Is it the birth of Christ and the salvation of mankind? The presents around the tree? Getting drunk with family and friends? No one can ever really know for sure.

What we do know the true meaning of is the second issue of Ethos — arts and entertainment. We know that the trip home can get boring after about two weeks. Sure, we'd much rather be home eating leftovers than still studying for finals, but as much as we love them, we can only take so much of our families.

So we've provided you with a portable version of some good times. Past cover story author Conor Bezane spent a few months canvassing the ever-growing Iowa rave scene to bring you a piece of the revolution. Hard assignment, huh?

Here's another fun one. We had writer Amie VanOvermeer explore the world of Ecstasy, the raver drug of choice. This one started out as a sidebar, but it just took on a life of its own so we gave it three pages.

We sent brand spankin' new writer Bethany Kohoutek to the M-Shop for a day to hang with the one and only Boonie. His real name, you ask? We'll never tell. You'll just have to settle for hearing the ins and outs of the day-to-day life of a real music connoisseur.

But just in case you're one of those "I wish Christmas would go on forever" people, we included some holiday cheer for you, too. Check out "Shortcuts" this issue. It's the perfect gift guide for those close money-watchers in the crowd. You know who you are.

We wish you all the best wishes for this lovely holiday season...yada...yada...yada... May your presents be plentiful, your egg nog spunky, and your vacation long.

We'll be here when you get back. Look for our next issue — due to hit campus right before Valentine's Day. What is it with us and holidays, anyway?

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