

# Radio Station WGIV Contributing To New Dance Craze

At a point, it may have been called a fever, but now with the rage that breakdancing has been sweeping across the nation, that fever has resulted into an epidemic. Also seeing a rebirth is the art of rapping.

And WGIV is contributing to it all. Six days a week, at different intervals of the day if you tune in to radio station WGIV, there are local youngsters spilling out a rap so rhythmic and flowing that it seems almost effortless.

And that's just the beginning. For the past few weeks, WGIV has been sponsoring a Breakdance contest at the Queen Park Theatre. The first week of the contest reported that 400 people were in attendance and another 400 had to be turned away.

Well, I had the privilege of sitting in on one of WGIV's weekly rapping-breakdance contests and believe me, when I say that what those kids were doing that night is deserving of praise.

I can't honestly say that I'm crazy about rapping, but I can say that I can see some good out of this verbal artform. It takes time to sit down and pen lyrics. It takes time to perfect what you're going to say, ensuring that there are no flaws in your execution. And this is the good that I saw that night. Because dedication and hard work is allowed to develop in one area, surely it will flourish in others.

As for the breakdancers, well, you have all my admiration. I'm still in awe each time I see breakdancers spinning on hands, heads and other parts of the anatomy. It still fascinates me to watch breakdancers move their bodies as if they are void of bones. The particular dance steps I witnessed took imagination, along with hours and hours of endless practices.



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What these kids are learning, in my opinion, is that in order to be the best at whatever you choose, then you must be willing to sacrifice and pay the dues. Although these weekly contests are on a small scale three's no telling where they could lead. Just ask the Junior Pop Takers, they've won the contest two consecutive weeks.

### CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES

Both the Democratic and Republican candidates for U.S. Congress will be featured on a WTVI political special, Friday, May 4, at 10 p.m.

**OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS**  
The message of Jesus' love will be delivered by the Combination Choir, a local and talented gospel group. They will appear on "Opportunity Knocks," Sunday, May 6, at 5:30 p.m. on Channel 44.

**SALVATION ARMY**  
The Melbourne Staff Band of Australia will perform in concert at the First Baptist Church, 301 S. Davidson St., Saturday, May 12. The Melbourne Staff Band is a brass band in the style of the famous British bands. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Contact Major Kenneth Bush at 334-4371 for more information.

**JACKSONS' VICTORY TOUR**  
How bad do some cities want to see the Jacksons' victory tour? After it was

learned that the Jackson will only be playing 12 cities, the city of Beantown, Mass., collected 10,000 coupons from citizens who urged that the Jacksons make a stop in their town. Well, Ames, Iowa, went one step further. Not only did they get 25,000

signatures on a petition for the Jacksons to stop in their city, they also had the

## Pfeiffer To Hold Camp

Pfeiffer College will hold a two-week Music Camp June 24 through July 7 for young men and women ages 14-20, with some prior musical training.

Students may select a concentration in one of the following areas: band, choir, piano, organ or composition. In addition, all students will receive daily musicianship instruction in such areas as music theory, sight singing, and ear training. A varied program of social and recreational activities also is planned.

The camp director is Walter Saul, an award-winning composer and member of Pfeiffer's renowned music faculty. Other Pfeiffer faculty members scheduled to teach at the camp include Mary Anderson, Richard Brewer, Robert Gehner, Jean Raines, and Stanley Scheer.

Separate rates are available for overnight

governor of Iowa, Terry Barnstad to write an invitation.

### BUDWEISER SHOWDOWN

Entertainer Lou Rawls will again host the national finals of the Budweiser Showdown musical talent contest on May 10 at the Palace in Hollywood, Ca. The winner of this contest will receive a recording contract with Polygram

Records, \$10,000 in sound reinforcement equipment from Road by Rickenbacker and an opportunity to do a national Budweiser commercial.

### ART SCHOOL

There's still two weeks remaining at the Reggae

Extravaganza. The weekend of May 4, the Awareness Art Ensemble will be in concert and the following weekend, May 11, Rolly Gray and Sunfire will perform. For ticket information, contact Leah Talley at 929-2896.

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