

### Maggie Sears Has Returned: No Arrests, No Tattoos, No Problems



The castle on Walton Pond Circle is now flying the Hawkeye flag to tell Bloomington commoners that **Princess Margaret** has returned home after completing a "successful freshman year." The press release further reads that Margaret has "finished her first year of study at the University of Iowa 'with a virtually spotless' criminal record and no known or visible tattoos."

"We are very proud of our daughter," said the teary-eyed mother **Patti**. "Many of our friends are telling stories about their child doing weekends in the county

lock-up or local jailhouses but not our lovely daughter. She was not convicted of any felony or gross misdemeanor for the entire academic year."

"I learned many things at the University of Iowa," reiterated the (now) sophomore beauty. "I learned that naps are critical to improving one's study habits, that many bars don't 'insist' on proper identification and the importance of not making friends with amateur drinkers." I look forward to return to the University of Iowa next fall, under the guidance of my spiritual and legal advisors and mentors, **Liz (née Sears) McGrory and Joanie (née Miller) Boysen**. Their advice has been shown to be not only appropriate but inadmissible in many courts of law. Go Hawkeyes."

### Hell Freezes Over ("In One Era, Out The Other") Jim & Joe's Closes; Teske, Batchelder and Gilbertson Mourn

The center of snappy dressing and high-end social graces has been scheduled to close next month due to the decision of the height-challenged but still volatile **Gary Lazarz**.

Jim & Joe's became a home for a group of witty but wayward youth since its inception but was also known as a center of advice for the socially dim and awkward. "If it wasn't for Jim & Joe's," said **Tom Teske**, "I would have had a senior prom like...oh, like **Mike Dapper**."



Faribault insiders have mixed feelings about the closure; whether the blame falls on online shopping, close proximity to the Mall of America or the general demise of the small, independent retailer, the shock still remains. "What I am sorry about," said rapidly aging accountant **Gary Gilbertson**, "Is where are the socially retarded going to get dating advice? Before I went into Jim & Joe's, I was a pimple-faced high school sophomore fantasizing about **Cheryl Anderson and Sandy Sunde**. Thanks to the store crew, I learned that looks were not important. There were other priority qualities including how big was their heart if they had a car, if they knew someone who could buy beer and if they could consistently spot an unmarked police car." Gary's workout partner, **Jim Batchelder**, agreed and said, "Before the men of Jim & Joe's took me under their wing, I was totally unaware of the necessary traits to make a mature relationship work. If it wasn't for Jim & Joe's, I would have had a senior prom like...oh, like **Mike Dapper**."

### News You Can Use:

▪ **John McGrory, Alec Noll and Trevor Goodwin** have teamed up and opened a Catholic High School Prom Dating Service, specifically marketing to senior gals looking at their last chance to go to Prom. As star students in the three largest and most powerful Catholic high schools in Minnesota, the trio have identified this market niche and currently applying to trademark the slogan, "We're Ready At Five: If You Can Drive."™ When asked why the group has put together a strategy focusing on Catholic high schools, they collectively responded, "Hey, this isn't our first rodeo."

▪ **Don Smith** has recently come to the conclusion that he has turned into an old man. "I am driving around Faribault and can't find the old A&W and then I realize that it was torn down thirty years ago." When asked what his next move was, the (still) well-coiffed middle aged man said, "I don't know, I think I will stop off at The Curve for a beer and a ham sandwich and think about the whole thing."

In a related incident, (**Little**) **Billy Miller** channeled the voice of his grandfather when he told some skateboarding punks "to get off my lawn."

▪ **Mike Lohrmann** has been sending letter after letter to the Mom's Newsletter staff (still) complaining about the lack of duck cartoons. "Maybe you can do some Avian bird flu spoof."