

Suffragette now accused of racism

Students oppose Iowa State University's decision to name a building after the crusada

AMES, Iowa (AP) - Carrie Spring, Md. "People treating Chapman Catt, a crusader for women's suffrage and founder of the League of Women Voters, had the right feminist creden tials for Iowa State University to name a building after her.

Her views on race are another matter.

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Now the university is under pressure to reconsider its deci-sion to honor Catt, an Iowa State graduate who died in 1947 at age 88.

The debate focuses on a statement Catt made in a losing effort to win ratification in two Southern states of the amendment giving women the vote: White supremacy will be strengthened, not weakened, by women's suffrage.

Catt's supporters say she was a product of her times who made the statement simply to win Southern support

Students and others say the school cannot shove aside Catt's remark and others like it. Catt also spoke of prohibiting voting by uneducated immigrants and referred to Indians as savages.

'A product of her times? I cringe every time I hear that re-" said Meron Wondwosen, a black sophomore from Silver people with dignity is not some-thing that is bound by time. It's a basic principle.

It was Catt who envisioned the state-by-state strategy to build momentum for the woman's suffrage amendment that was ratified in 1920. She also founded the League of Women Voters.

Neither Iowa nor the university had done much over the years to honor the school's most famous women graduate. Previous efforts to name buildings for her were laughed off by those who didn't want a "Catt house.

Last fall, on the 75th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, the university re-lented. Old Botany was renovated and renamed Carrie Chapman Catt Hall. It houses the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

"The university needs to pub-licly acknowledge that some-times good people can do bad things," said chapter president Catt's controversial remarks George Jackson. were no secret when the univerchange the name so that it can sity renamed the building. In fact, the school held a seminar on Catt's life and views.

Martin Jischke, the university president, said the school has no plans to change the building's name. He noted Catt's support for the League of Nations in the early 1920s, and later, for the United Nations.

"While I don't support every-thing that Carrie Chapman Catt did or said, I believe her contribution to women's suffrage and world peace are worthy of the recognition that the university has given her," Jischke said.

Women in the Iowa Legislature agreed: 26 of 27 signed a letter supporting Catt. But the Ames chapter of the NAACP took the other view.

He said the university must

The debate over Catt's legacy

Jane Cox, a theater professor

say, "I will not tolerate racism in

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in the South until 1964," W wosen said. "So I would s she were still alive, what did do after 1920 to guarantee women of color could vote?

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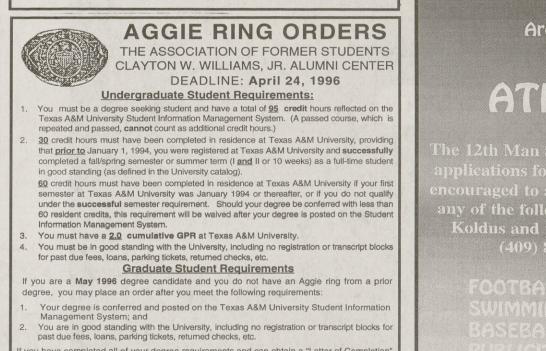
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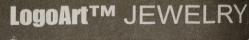
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