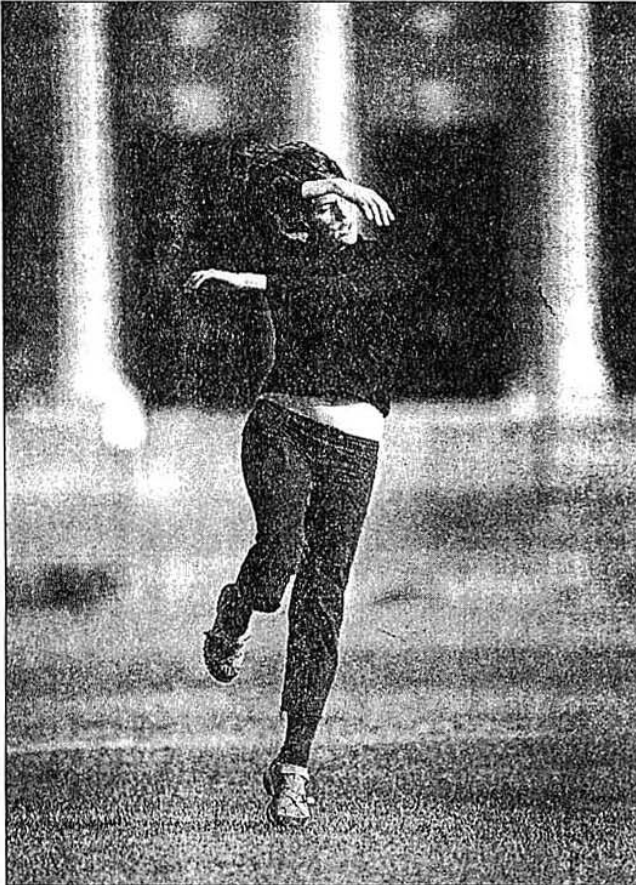


The Gazette

The Gazette, Sat., April 17, 2004 5B

Dancing for the birds



David Wallace/The Gazette

Juliette Mapp, a dancer with the Bird Brain Navigational Dance Project of New York City, performs an improvised dance Friday afternoon on May's Island in Cedar Rapids. Mapp and the two other dancers of the project began the tour in Corpus Christi, Texas, in March, about when the red-headed ducks began migrating north. Bird Brain will perform at 2 p.m. today at the Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center near Toddville and at 2 p.m. Sunday at Indian Creek Nature Center in Cedar Rapids. Students from Metro High School and Johnson School for the Arts will be joining Bird Brain for part of the performance at the nature center.

Dance, games celebrate Migration Earth Day

CEDAR RAPIDS — A dance and Migration Earth Day celebration, "Bird Brain: Ducks and Geese," will be held Sunday at Indian Creek Nature Center, 6665 Otis Rd. SE.

Nature center naturalist Jan Aiels will lead family-oriented bird and migration activities and games at 1 p.m.

At 2 p.m., dance professional Jennifer Monson, who is based in New York City, and Johnson Elementary students will hold a Bird Brain Dance performance. Afterward, Aiels, Monson and Rich Patterson will lead a discussion on migration, bird habitats and how people can enjoy and help migrating birds.

Admission is \$2.50 for adults or \$5 for families. For details, call (319) 362-0664.