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Technology



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Song Zhang, assistant professor for mechanical engineering, works with their 3-D structured light scanner Thursday in Howe Hall. Zhang recently made Iowa State’s 4,000th patented invention, a compression software for 3-D conversion.

New dimension in 3-D

ISU professor logs university’s 4,000th patent

By **Tiffany Westrom**
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Iowa State’s Research Foundation, Inc., and the Office of Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer has recently cata-

logged the 4,000th university researcher invention.

The 4,000th invention, based on the current numbering system that was established in 1964, is a 3-D compression software developed by Song Zhang, associate professor of mechanical engineering.

“The idea is to convert 3-D frame data into standard 2-D image format to save data storage space,” said

Zhang, who has been working with 3-D technology for more than a decade. “And to make it easier to transport to other places, such as streaming them through a network.”

Inventions that are turned in to the Research Foundation and the Office of Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer are reviewed for patentability and potential for commercial use. The commercial applications

of 3-D imaging has dramatically increased over the last five years due to the popularity of 3-D movies and television, so Zhang’s technology has the potential to be very useful to companies who want to work with 3-D data.

“I would say that 3-D technology will be as widely used in the future as 2-D technology is nowadays,” Zhang said. “From cell phones to TV and YouTube, monitors will all

have 3-D functionalities and 3-D cameras will be embedded into those devices as well.

While 3-D technology has significant entertainment value, there is also a future for 3-D in medical and scientific outlets. However, the success of 3-D integration hinges on the data’s ability to be saved, stored and transferred like other 2-D elements.

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ADMINISTRATION:

ISU’s search for provost moving fast

By **Katelynn McCollough**
Daily staff writer

The search for the next provost for Iowa State is moving forward quickly; so far, the university has received 130 nominations and 35 applications for the position.

All applications and nominations are currently under review in an effort to narrow the field to a more selective few. These will be invited for on-campus interviews.

The on-campus interviews are expected to be April 17 to 28 for the finalists.

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Ecology

Missing the monarch

Herbicide practices hurt butterfly growth

By **Kelly Madsen**
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A recently published Iowa State study shows an unexpected consequence of genetically engineered corn and soybeans — a decline in monarch butterfly populations.

The unexpected “middleman” in the relationship is milkweed. Milkweed serves as a host plant for the eggs and caterpillars of monarch butterflies.

“Milkweed was once common in Midwestern fields, but now has disappeared due to recent herbicide practices,” said John Pleasants, lead researcher and Iowa State University adjunct assistant professor of ecology, evolution and organismal biology.

Genetically engineered herbicide-resistant crops allow farmers to spray fields with glyphosate, better known as Roundup, to kill weeds, including milkweed, without harming the crops.

The massive loss of the milkweed habitat for monarchs is one of the first clear examples of the unintended result of genetically modified crops, Pleasants said.

“When we use new technology and practices, we don’t know

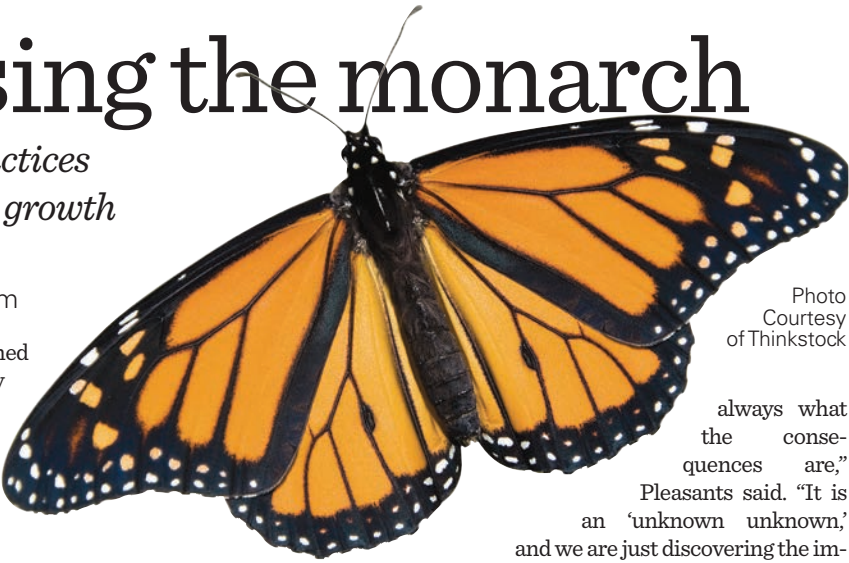


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always what the consequences are,”

Pleasants said. “It is an ‘unknown unknown,’ and we are just discovering the impact on monarch populations.”

Between 1999 and 2010, the number of monarch eggs declined by an estimated 81 percent across the Midwest. This is the same period herbicide-resistant crops were implemented by farmers, the study says.

The study was published in the journal “Insect Conservation and Diversity” in March. It tied the loss of habitat to a continent-wide de-

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Agriculture

Pavilion aids all of Iowa State

Center will teach students, draw visitors

By **Elizabeth Polsdofer**
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Studying in the dorms is difficult for animal science majors when their study partners weigh in at three-quarters of a ton, cannot walk down stairs and respond to questions is a loud, resounding “moo.” The Jeff and Deb Hansen Student Agricultural Learning Center hopes to fill this void and give students a home to study animals hands-on.

When he accepted a position as pro-



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fessor and chairman of the department of animal science, Maynard Hogberg said he knew immediately that a pavilion was just the thing Iowa State needed. Hogberg witnessed the success of the Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education at his former appointment at Michigan State University, also as chairman and professor of their animal science department, and wanted to emulate that success at Iowa State.

“We had built a similar type of facility at Michigan State to help the program there, and it was amazing how much traffic and how much use the building got, and it [was] so ad-



Photo: Maynard Hogberg/Department of animal science

The Jeff and Deb Hansen Student Agricultural Learning Center will provide animal science students a hands-on learning experience all year long.

vantageous to the whole university,” Hogberg said. “When I came here, I said one of the things we’re really

missing is this type of structure that can do this indoor classroom work in the winter without having to be out in

the elements.” Daniel Morrical is a professor of animal science who specializes in sheep production and management. He sees the pavilion as a great way to recruit more students to Iowa State. “It’s been one of the resources we’ve been missing. I see it as a great recruitment tool for not only students in Iowa but for students across the country,” Morrical said. “Hopefully it’ll provide a better educational experience for students and improve recruitment. I think it will help faculty be more efficient in terms of teaching, because it’s just a better resource to teach in.” The new pavilion will increase traffic to Iowa State and the Ames

area as it will serve as a location for agricultural shows, a meeting spot with leaders in the agricultural industry and as a place for higher education. “We have a lot of alumni, and so a lot of events that we host will serve as mini-reunions, so not just an event but also social function,” Morrical said. He explained he wanted animal science alumni to return to Iowa State, and the new pavilion would attract this important audience. “Our goal on this is to make this the most used building on campus. I think that will probably come about because there will be so many activities that people will want to do in this unique facility,” Hogberg said.

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Zhang’s invention was a result of his own struggles to store 3-D data while he worked to develop a high-speed 3-D imaging system for the diagnosis of lung cancer. Now that he has come up with software and code that can save data storage space, Zhang is looking forward to continuing his work with the

3-D technology. “My future research will focus on three major issues,” Zhang said. “Keep making breakthroughs in 3-D imaging technology itself, apply the 3-D imaging technology to facilitate the research of other scientific areas, and develop low-cost inexpensive 3-D cameras and video cameras for our daily use.” Iowa State learned a lesson 70 years ago

about protecting inventors and their innovations when John Mauchly and John Eckert Jr. patented the first general-purpose electronic digital computer that contained several aspects that had been invented by Iowa State’s own Dr. John Atanasoff. Atanasoff’s computer was not patent protected, and he did not receive recognition for his work until a legal battle won him acknowledgment in 1973.

“This shows the long history we have of faculty and other inventors working to find solutions that will bring benefit to society,” said Lisa Lorenzen, executive director of the Research Foundation. “Inventions are important because they represent one mechanism for the translation of the ideas and research carried out at Iowa State into products and processes that benefit others.”

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cline in monarch numbers. A critical portion of the study monitored both milkweed and monarch

populations. Robert Hartzler, professor of agronomy, supplied much of the data on milkweed population density in Iowa over the past decade.

Pleasants was then able to extrapolate those numbers to landscape use data across the Midwest, which showed an estimated 58 percent decline in milkweed plants throughout

the Corn Belt. Karen Oberhauser, lead researcher in wildlife and conservation biology at University of Minnesota, provided much of the data on monarch popu-

lation decline for the study. Since 1997, Oberhauser has collected monarch population data through the Monarch Larva Monitoring Project. This project allows volunteers

across the continent to collect data by counting monarch larva on milkweed during the breeding season. “Volunteers enjoy participating in the research, because they want to know more about conservation — especially when it comes to the iconic monarch butterfly,” Oberhauser said.

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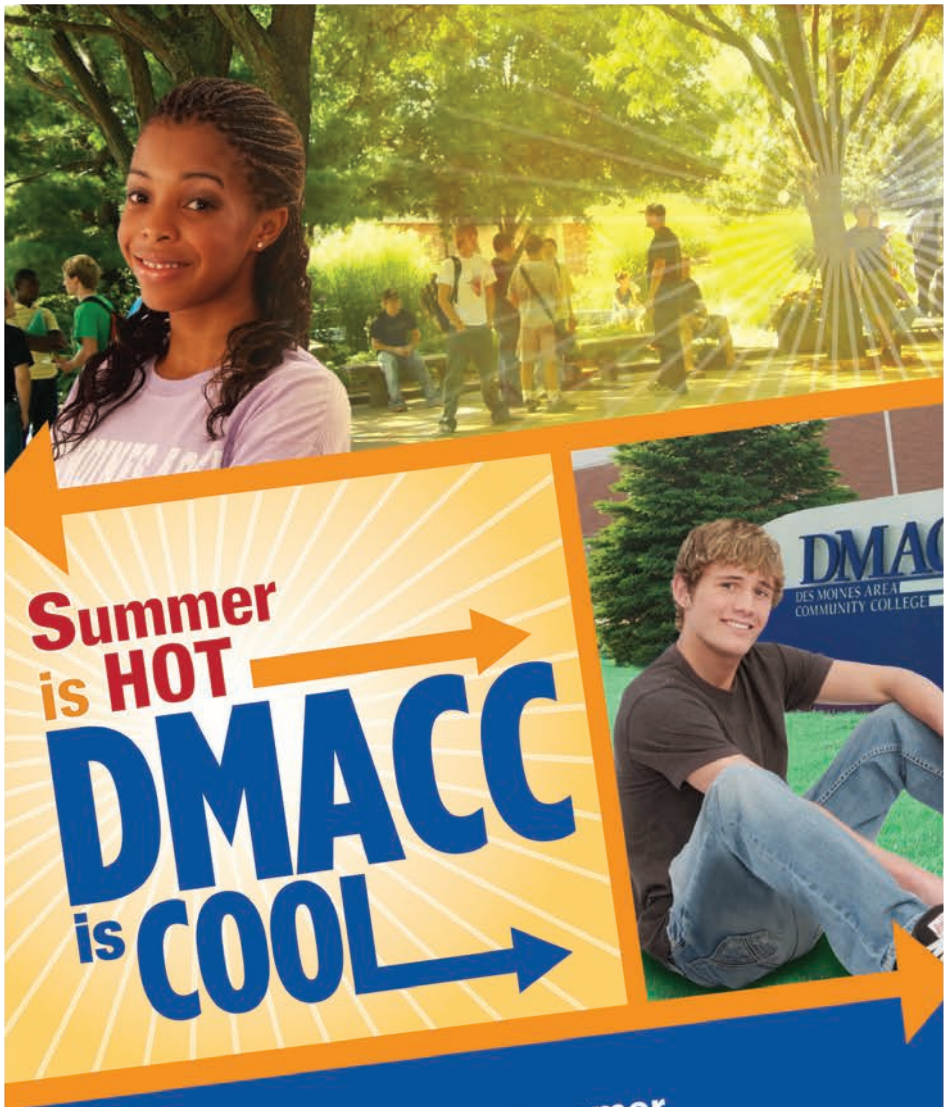
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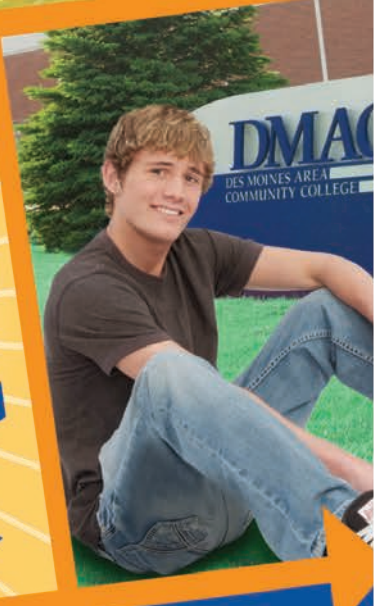
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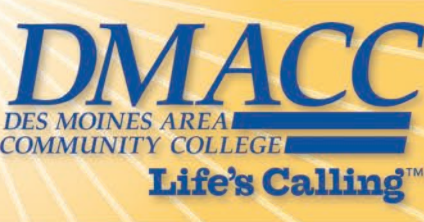
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Custodians utilize Green Cleaning Program

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Iowa State's students and faculty are not the only people pushing sustainable actions. The school's custodians have also been pursuing the green initiative

"When you are looking at an impact on the environment, we have a lot of control over that," said Jonathan Haggard, manager of ISU Custodial Services. Haggard has always been interested in trying to provide effective yet environmentally safe cleaning methods through his work.

Custodians are taking steps toward making a difference through the Green Cleaning Program, which is composed of sustainable products, procedures and goals.

One example is the use of Echo Mops in buildings around campus, which are made solely from recycled pop bottles.

Rolland Reckseen, a part of the ISU custodial staff since 1982, has been a part of Green Cleaning Program since 2000.

He explains that it takes eleven 16 ounce bottles to make a single 24 inch dust mop, and eight 16 ounce pop bottles for one wet mop. The staff use about 622 mop heads a year, which keeps up to 4,976 pop bottles from going to the landfill per year. In addition to keeping waste out of the landfill, the Echo Mops can also be sent back to the company to be melted down and remade into new mops.

Another example of how the Green Cleaning Program keeps Iowa State green is by requiring that only cleaning equipment certified by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, products such as recycled paper towels, toilet paper and chlorine free solutions are used when cleaning LEED efficient buildings such as Hach Hall and King Pavilion.

Merry Rankin, director of sustainability at Iowa State, said, "We have a very proactive custodial staff, and they are such an important facet of leading the way through their motivated and engaged commitment."

Activism

Eco Elvis sings sustainability

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If there is any one person who can be recognized by just about any individual it would be the King of Rock — Elvis Presley. Today he is one of the most popular celebrities to impersonate, but it would be false to assume that all Elvis impersonators are the same. In fact, a very different kind of Elvis impersonator recently paid a visit to Iowa State.

Abby Dubisar, assistant professor of English, is the instructor for the graduate level class English 611, "Seminar in Rhetorical Theory," which is "focused on rhetorics of activism, justice and social change." In order to show her students a unique form of activism, she invited Matt Riggs — or Eco Elvis, an Elvis impersonator who writes lyrics about environmental issues to the tune of popular Elvis Presley songs — to perform for her class and talk about his rhetorical strategies.

"I think the visit was a dynamic opportunity for my students to see creative activism in action," Dubisar says. "Eco Elvis not only wowed the class with his musical stylings, his talent as a vocalist and guitar-player and his incredible ability to rewrite Elvis songs to offer environmental messages, but he also articulated how he crafts his message to appeal to particular audiences, attracts attention and holds the attention of audiences of all ages, balances addressing controversial topics like food politics and population control with a humorous/parody-heavy style, and more."

Matt Riggs, from Kansas City, Mo., was inspired to create the persona of Eco Elvis by his "love of the environment, Elvis music, Weird Al Yankovic, Dread Zeppelin" and the desire for a career away from an office cubicle.



Photo courtesy of Abby Dubisar

Matt Riggs performs as Eco Elvis, an Presley impersonator who writes lyrics about environmental issues to the tune of well-known Elvis Presley songs, for students in the graduate level English 611.

He has been donning a green jumpsuit, embellished with pop tabs, and performing his sustainability themed songs, such as "I reduce, I reuse, I recycle" and "Burnin' Globe," for 15 years.

"I look for songs that have refrains that match the subject I'm interested in writing about, either through rhyme, phrasing or both," Riggs said. "I then thoroughly research the subject, outline all the topics I want to cover in the song, and convert the outline structure to the verse and bridge structure of song. From that point on, it is

writing the lyrics, setting them to music and refining the lyrics."

He hopes the lyrics of his songs will encourage people to start working actively to improve the conditions of the planet in order to preserve the health of humans, animal welfare and Earth's resources.

"Everything that's important to us as human beings — our health, our children, our economy, our national security, our survival as a species — depends on a healthy environment," he says.

He also uses lyrics to raise awareness for what he describes

as "the most important issue we all have to deal with to save our species-population stabilization." He wrote the song "Population Bomb" to address this issue.

In his performance for Dubisar's class, Riggs demonstrated that no activism looks that same by adding a unique twist to the five canons of rhetoric. Dubisar says "inventive individuals like Eco Elvis utilize their creative talents and ingenious approaches to make sustainability sustainable because they invite us to listen, participate and carry their message into new contexts."



The Iowa State Chapter of the Honor Society of PHI KAPPA PHI Extends Congratulations to the Spring 2012 Initiates to the Honor Society

At the Phi Kappa Phi Initiation on Sunday, April 1, 2012, undergraduate students were accepted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

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Editorial

Consistent arguments bolster both parties' ideas, stances

Last week, the Republican-controlled House of Representatives approved a \$3.5 trillion federal budget proposal for fiscal year 2013. The proposal was further backed by Republican front-runner for the presidential nomination Mitt Romney. The budget now awaits its fate at the hands of the Senate.

President Barack Obama launched an assault on the plan proposed by House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis. He deemed the plan a “Trojan Horse that is disguised as a deficit reduction plan but actually imposes a ‘radical vision.’” He even went to the extent of regressing the plan to “thinly-veiled Social Darwinism.”

Obama even referenced the Republicans’ champion: Ronald Reagan. Obama argues Reagan would not have lasted in the Republican primaries of 2012, due to the “radical nature of the party.” It is actually quite amusing to see a Democrat, not a Republican, referring to the god-figure that Reagan has become.

Many of the Republican leaders fired back, criticizing Obama for utilizing populism and political attacks to gain the upper hand. The Right argues that Obama hasn’t proposed a reasonable plan that would promote responsible economic growth while dealing with the debt crisis problems in a feasible manner.

It is ironic that there has been a shift in argument along political lines. Just last year Democrats claimed Republicans were not proposing reasonable plans to hedge the deficit, while Republicans claimed Democrats’ plans were “radical” and “socialist” in nature. This recent political mudslinging has certainly displayed a complete polarization of dialogue.

Regardless of what will occur in the coming weeks, it is clear political dialogue is shifting into an inconsistent amorphous blob. However, this is



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relatively predictable given the crucial nature of the upcoming presidential election.

Nevertheless, this political muscling does teach us a powerful lesson — avoiding hypocrisy. Though it is

difficult to completely erase hypocrisy from our own dialogue, we can still make an attempt to realize our flaws. When individuals catch themselves being hypocritical, or at least polarizing, they truly learn.

This may just be one of the many wrinkles in society that can easily be fixed, yet is still difficult to discover. Though political mudslinging will inevitably occur, especially in cases concerning the national deficit, at the very least, by catching themselves, the politicians’ mudslinging will be consistent.

By catching ourselves in polarizing and hypocritical actions, we can generate a better understanding of what we stand for. We may even find arguments, through being consistent, that will bolster our stances. Through consistency, both in the Republican and Democratic parties, we will begin to strengthen our visions of the future.

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Politics

Obama does not ‘Hunger’ for control

Mass hysteria has led to ideas of totalitarianism

A column published last Friday, written by Emma Rinehart, staked claim to the movie “The Hunger Games” as a champion advocate of the conservative ideals. She emphasizes what would seem to be a rather perturbing circumstance where President Barack Obama would steal the liberty and capitalist maneuvering right from under our feet.

Unfortunately, this movie does not, in any way, establish a sort of modern-day “Atlas Shrugged.” I find Ms. Rinehart’s analysis of the movie and the books to be disappointing, and it serves as a snub to both the writer and the director. It, and many other interpretations, exists as a mere stab at the Obama administration — a stab with a flimsy plastic knife.

Certainly, the obvious parallels to the Romanesque coliseum were ever prevalent throughout the movie, displaying the wealthiest few as the modern sadists. If anything, one could contend that this movie was rather opportunistic, and lucratively serendipitous, in its relevance to the Occupy Wall Street movement. However, I will not claim the movie to be of ideological substance, because I didn’t write the book.

However, the connections to totalitarianism, quite the opposite of Socialism (a conservative claim), would have absolutely no relevance to a president who is quite moderate and encourages compromise when it is necessary. The claim that regulations are totalitarian in nature is exceedingly quixotic. For isn’t it true that regulations are an attempt to prevent the impinging of rights, rather than taking them away?

First, let me provide a picture of what a true totalitarian state would look like. There exists the obvious prevalence of intolerance and repression. A prime example would no doubt be Nazi Germany, where one political party governs every aspect of society.

As George Orwell details, media is morphed into a propaganda machine, there is widespread surveillance and citizens conform into



Photo: Carolyn Kaster/The Associated Press

President Barack Obama pauses during his joint news conference with Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Mexican President Felipe Calderon April 2 in the Rose Garden of the White House. Despite comparisons to “The Hunger Games,” the Obama administration upholds 80 years of economic policy



By Michael Glawe
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myopic fiends — much like the pampered sociopaths of the oligarchy in “The Hunger Games.”

Yes, Obama has established a plethora of regulations, a delineation of power given to Congress under the Commerce Clause in the Constitution. This does not imply a move toward totalitarianism.

Interpreting the reasons behind a regulatory system requires diligence. The regulations the Obama administration has integrated are arguably necessary to economic growth, a product due in part to macroeconomic theory and government involvement.

For instance, regulations applied to derivatives markets and the mitigation of collateralized debt obligations is just one necessary step toward

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healing the economy. I find it quite ironic that the 2008 collapse was caused, in part, by the conspicuously risky decision-making of investors and banks, and yet we turn against the administration that is attempting to reduce these adverse effects.

As I’ve explained in other columns, the under-regulation of the derivatives market under the Bush administration led to the 2008 market collapse. The Wall Street Reform bill, passed by Congress, was no doubt a product of the 2008 debacle and an attempt to reduce the negative impacts of

credit default swaps.

To claim Obama’s regulations as totalitarian in nature would be to usurp 80 years of economic policy. Such a claim would insult beneficial regulatory mandates such as the Securities Act of 1933, the Glass-Steagall Act and the Investment Company Act of 1940, all of which helped to prevent another Great Depression.

This brings us to our dependence on government to solve problems. “The Hunger Games” no doubt emulates a dystopia where the government seems to be the friend.

The conveyance of trust is exemplified toward the beginning of the movie, where Effie Trinket displays an almost ingratiating pseudo-friendliness to the newly chosen combatants.

Our trust in the government is oftentimes betrayed and our representatives do not act in our favor. Instead, they oftentimes seem to work for themselves, and when confronted, they curtsy respond with an attempt to instill compunction in the questioner. The dystopian government of “The Hunger Games” also seems to have perfected this art.

NPR recently interviewed politicians, asking them about the financing of campaigns and the lobbying of interest groups. They found that, instead of lobbyists “stalking the halls of Congress,” it is actually the other way around. The congressmen stalk the interest groups. As Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., pointed out, “Most Americans would be shocked — not surprised, shocked — if they knew how much time a U.S. senator

spends raising money.”

I find this to be rather humorous when referencing the sponsorship process of “The Hunger Games.” The combatants, prior to the games, must impress the sponsors in order to gain the supplies they need to survive. Sadly, our politicians seem to think they will not survive without the enormous campaign funds. If they represent their constituency well (or in terms of “The Hunger Games,” their district), then they shouldn’t have to worry, right?

The idea of totalitarianism in our government, I believe, is the epitome of mass hysteria. In addition, it reflects a paranoid voting audience who would believe in anything, giving trust to pseudo-friendliness. Obama has performed nothing even comparable to the extent of “The Hunger Games.” If anything, he has taken us far away from the thought it.

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White named National Newcomer of the Year

By Jeremiah Davis
Daily staff writer

Former ISU forward Royce White added yet another award to his resume on Thursday.

The soon-to-be professional was named the Basketball Times' National Newcomer of the Year.

The award comes on the heels of an Honorable Mention All-American honor received last month by the Associated Press. While White led the Cyclones in points, rebounds, assists, steals and blocks on the season, he also ranked No. 34 in the nation in rebounding, pulling in 9.3 rebounds per game.

White is just the second Cyclone to win the Newcomer of the Year award, following Jamaal Tinsely's honor in 2000.

The Minneapolis native declared for the NBA Draft on March 21 after one season at Iowa State, in which the Cyclones reached the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2005. White had 38 points and 22 rebounds in his two tournament games.

CONSTRUCTION:



The Associated Press

New arena could create problems with traffic

By MANUEL VALDES
Associated Press

SEATTLE — A venture capitalist who wants to build a sports arena to bring professional basketball back to Seattle will pay for a study to determine the impacts on traffic and parking following objections by his potential neighbor — the Seattle Mariners.

Without disclosing its price, Chris Hansen pledged Thursday to pay for the study, which he hopes will be concluded in between six to eight weeks by a private consultant.

"At the end of the day I am also a Seahawks, Sounders and Mariners fan. I think we all want a good solution for having games down in this area," Hansen said, who was flanked by King County Executive Dow Constantine and Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn.

Hansen has proposed a new arena that would cost between \$450 and \$500 million.

SPORTS JARGON:

Ground-rule double

SPORT:

Softball

DEFINITION:

A ball that initially hits fair territory but bounces out in foul territory. The batter is awarded second base.

USE:

Tori Torrescano notched two runs with a ground-rule double after what looked like a sure home run.

Softball



Illustration: Ryan Francois/Iowa State Daily

Facing shorter seasons

Editor's note:

This is the second part of an eight-part series about how Big 12 realignment affects non-revenue sports at Iowa State. Part 2 focuses on the softball team. Part 3, on wrestling, will publish Monday.

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The Big 12 is changing.

For most, this is not new information. Most people know who is leaving (Missouri and Texas A&M), who is arriving (TCU and West Virginia) and how those arrivals and departures are going to affect the larger sports at Iowa State, such as football and basketball.

But what most people do not know is how these changes are going to affect the smaller sports. The sports that are often hidden from the spotlight are going to be changed drastically, but in very different ways.

Take softball, for example.

Last season, there were 10 teams in the Big 12 since Colorado and Kansas State do not have softball programs. This year, following the departure of Colorado and Nebraska, the conference is down to nine teams.

After this season, Missouri and Texas A&M — both of which are considered softball powerhouses — will be leaving to reduce the Big 12 to only seven teams.

"They are two really good schools," said ISU junior Tori Torrescano. "The Big 12 is so competitive in softball that I don't think [lack of competition] will be an issue. Our Big 12 schedule's hard every year. So many good teams, so many good schools."

Coming into the Big 12 are Texas Christian University and West Virginia, neither of which have softball programs.

ISU win records

Iowa State's all-time record vs. Big 12 opponents
Baylor — 11-20
Kansas — 33-45
Oklahoma — 28-59
Oklahoma State — 16-53
Texas — 1-36
Texas Tech — 14-20

Leaving after 2012:
Missouri — 31-51
Texas A&M — 6-35

Neither West Virginia or TCU have softball programs at this time

It is rumored that TCU may be adding a softball program starting next season, but as of right now it's just that: a rumor.

"TCU is looking at maybe adding some additional sports down the road," said TCU Media Relations Director Mark Cohen. "Several sports are possibilities as to which ones would be added, but nothing is etched in stone right now."

In just two years, Big 12 softball has gone from 10 teams down to seven and has lost three perennial powers in the process.

How do these changes affect Iowa State?

The Cyclones are not known for having a winning tradition when it comes to softball. Since the 1994-95 season, they have not finished above .500 and can consistently be found near the bottom of the conference in offense, defense and pitching.

The Cyclones are currently 10-22, 0-6 in the Big 12 this season, which is last in the conference.

The departure of traditionally

Coaches' salaries

Big 12 coaches salaries
Texas A&M: Jo Evans \$170,000 (Texas Tribune)
Texas: Connie Clark \$128,143 (Texas Tribune)
Oklahoma: Patty Gassol \$124,440 to \$133,000 (tulsaworld.com)
Oklahoma State: Rich Wieligman \$124,764 (collegiatetimes.com)
Missouri: Ehren Earleywine \$100,000 (collegiatetimes.com)
Kansas: Megan Smith \$90,000 (collegiatetimes.com)
Iowa State: Stacy Gemeinhardt-Cesler \$66,200 (collegiatetimes.com)
Texas Tech: Shanon Hays (Could not be found)
*Baylor's financial information was not available since it is a private institution

winning programs Missouri (28-5, 7-2 Big 12) and Texas A&M (25-10, 5-2 Big 12) will certainly reduce the difficulty of the Big 12 schedule for Iowa State. That is six less games the Cyclones will have to play against a regularly dominant opponent.

"It's good and bad," Torrescano said of the conference changes. "It's always nice, really good competition. It's part of the reason why I came here, was to play the best."

The departures will also open the door for Texas (31-2, 5-0 Big 12) and Oklahoma (30-4, 6-1 Big 12) to exercise their dominance of the conference even further since their toughest competition is no longer an issue.

Scheduling as a whole is sure to change next year, as well. The fact that neither TCU nor West Virginia have softball programs is likely to shorten the conference schedule for Big 12 teams.

Championships

Conference championships
Baylor — 0
Iowa State — 0
Kansas — 1
Oklahoma — 4
Oklahoma State — 0
Texas — 4
Texas Tech — 0

Missouri — 2
Texas A&M — 1

"Since we're not adding other teams, it's just less games for us," said ISU sophomore Sara Davison. "It'll just give us more time to focus on other teams."

With the Big 12 having to allocate money to less teams next year, it is likely that Iowa State's softball budgeting situation will improve, just as it did this season after Nebraska's departure from the conference.

"I know that this year we seem to have more money than what we had," said ISU coach Gemeinhardt-Cesler in comparison to last season's budget.

Travel should not change too much for the Cyclones, at least in terms of conference play. Missouri and Texas A&M are gone, but travel to Texas and the rest of the Midwest will obviously continue.

Given that West Virginia does not have a softball program, the Cyclones will not have to make any trips into the mountains out east in the foreseeable future.

The Big 12 realignment is across all sports and will affect all athletes. On Monday, its effects on wrestling get broken down. Stay tuned.

Cyclones resume Big 12 play against A&M

By Dan.Cole
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The ISU softball team resumes Big 12 play against Texas A&M this weekend in Ames.

The Cyclones (11-22, 0-6 Big 12) are coming off a 6-3 victory against Creighton on Wednesday but are still searching for their first conference win of the season.

This weekend will mark the final Big 12 series between the Cyclones and Aggies (25-10, 5-2) since the Aggies are moving to the Southeastern Conference next season. A&M has dominated Iowa State in the past, leading the all-time series between the two teams 35-6.

"They've always been a good team, a good school," said ISU junior Tori Torrescano.

A&M junior pitcher Melissa Dumezich is one of the top pitchers in the Big 12. Last season, she pitched a five-inning, one-hit shut-out against the Cyclones in College Station, Texas.

"I've seen her two years in a year now," Torrescano said. "We know her really well,

so that's an advantage."

In 22 starts this season, Dumezich boasts a 17-7 record to go along with her 1.99 ERA. She embodies what it means to be a 'workhorse,' ranking first in the conference in complete games with 18, wins with 17, innings pitched with 162.0 and second in strikeouts with 192.

Opponents are batting just .196 against the A&M pitching staff this season.

"Dumezich is a great pitcher," said ISU coach Stacy Gemeinhardt-Cesler. "I think that they are very sound offensively, just like all the teams in the Big 12. We just need to come out and attack and give it the best shot."

In the batter's box, Dumezich also leads the Aggies in home runs with nine and RBIs with 31.

In the Cyclones' victory against Creighton on Wednesday, Torrescano and sophomore Taylor Smith showed up in big ways.



Torrescano



File photo: Jake Lovett/Iowa State Daily

ISU shortstop Sara Davison swings at a pitch in the fifth inning against Baylor on May 11, 2011. Davison hopes the games this Friday and Saturday will show the team's individuality at bat by keeping a "business as usual" mentality.

Torrescano went 2-for-3, drove in five runs and belted her ninth and 10th home runs of the season. In the pitcher's circle, Smith went 5.2 innings and allowed only two runs.

Torrescano ranks in the top 10 in the conference in home runs, RBIs, total bases and slugging percentage.

The Cyclones want to

keep a "business as usual" mindset alive going into this weekend.

"Same thing as every week," said ISU sophomore Sara Davison. "We don't really approach any game differently. It's all about individual at bats and individual plays."

Despite Texas A&M's high RPI ranking, they rank

in the bottom half of the Big 12 in both team batting and team pitching. As a team, they are batting .277 at the plate and own a 2.49 ERA in the circle.

This weekend's games are slated for 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday at the Southwest Athletic Complex in Ames.



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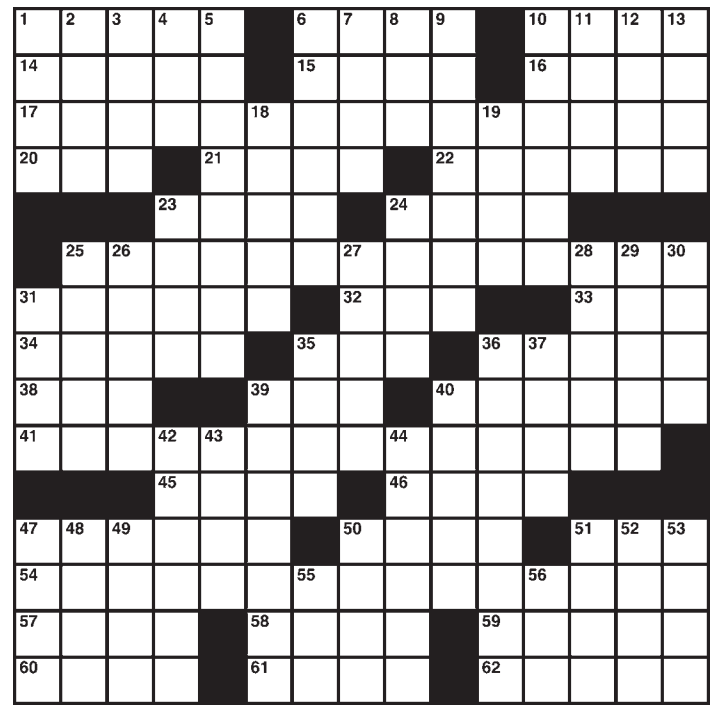
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20 Fitting

21 Hops heater

22 Tweaks, say

23 Aqua Velva alternative

24 German GM subsidiary

25 Original Roanoke settlement?

31 Football Hall of Fame locale

32 Title acquired at church, perhaps

33 Losing line
- 34 Reacted to a dealer's request

35 Used to be

36 "It Wasn't All Velvet" autobiographer

38 Caustic stuff

39 Goal

40 Blew up

41 Actress failing to live up to expectations?

45 Gives support to

46 Toon wisecracker

47 __ center

50 Get useful material from

51 Lyric poem

54 Bit of style in one's blood?

57 Venetian arch shape

58 City SSW of Moscow

59 Toss out

60 Goes after
- 61 Unlikely track winners

62 Hamburger helper's reward?
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2 Lingerie size

3 Robin's digs

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5 Graham, for one

6 __ II: 1961-'99 Moroccan king

7 Almost all

8 Mich. neighbor

9 Celestial creatures

10 Incendiary gel

11 "I Spy" co-star

12 "Joy is __ of love by which you can catch souls": Mother Teresa

- 13 Many "Suits" characters: Abbr.
- 18 Avoid restaurant crowds, perhaps
- 19 It may be half-baked
- 23 Prado pictures
- 24 Lock inserts
- 25 Sonya's uncle, in an 1899 Moscow premiere
- 26 Maker of some drivers
- 27 Muslim leaders
- 28 "Casablanca" actor
- 29 Strawberry, e.g.
- 30 Pigeon tail?
- 31 Range rover
- 35 English court attire
- 36 Singled out
- 37 Big-eyed birds
- 39 Words that replace details
- 40 Place to relax
- 42 Coquette's asset
- 43 Rare clock number
- 44 Govt. notes
- 47 Fiscal execs
- 48 Milan meat sauce
- 49 "So that's how it is"
- 50 Video CD file format
- 51 Big name in chemicals
- 52 House addition
- 53 Room addition
- 55 Gp. with many arms
- 56 "On the Waterfront" Oscar winner __
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Word of the Day:

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1. A large number or quantity; mass.
2. The great mass of undistinguished or inferior persons or things.
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- A jumbo jet uses 4,000 gallons of fuel to take off.
- A lump of pure gold the size of a matchbox can be flattened into a sheet the size of a tennis court.
- A kangaroo can't jump unless it's tail is touching the ground.
- A man and woman in Mexico city were engaged for 67 yrs and finally married at the age of 82 yrs.
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- A lions roar can be heard from five miles away.

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04/06

Gemini: Schedule for success.

Today's Birthday (04/06/12). This year is about connection and authenticity. It doesn't matter where they are ... people and places have their unique draws, and you're the moving piece. Career, income and spending hustle along until June, and community involvement builds after that. Unexpected outbursts for freedom erupt. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- It's not a good time to gamble today. Leave

your money buried. You won't need it anyway. Consider your upcoming projects: the next month holds passionate study.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Stay and finish up. Consider the long-term impacts of your actions. There could be a conflict between home and career. Do the homework.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Guard against jealousies. Avoid an argument to keep the peace. Steer clear of travel for a while. Practice leads to perfection.

Schedule for success.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Take on more work, even if it complicates things. Make sure you're clear on what's required before doing the job. Get expenses approved. Take a bubble bath later.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- There's no need to take risks with money. Love is another matter ... patience and persistence win out. Defer gratification. Rumors may not match facts. Double-check instructions.

Daily Horoscope: by Nancy Black

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Don't go against your core values no matter what. Watch your step. There could be a big change at home. Sometimes you need to tear down and rebuild. Stay objective.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Let hope replace an old fear. Advise a loved one to do the same. Keep costs low, and go for it. Some ideas won't work. Test them to find out which ones will.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Money isn't

everything. Neither a borrower nor a lender be, and you won't have to deal with the interest. Keep your word, as a basic rule. You're coming into your own.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Patience is key now. Don't be harsh on yourself ... you're really doing the best you can with what you have. Enjoy the Full Moon with a friend. Plant seeds.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 6 -- It's not a good day to travel, yet you could learn a lot



from the possible breakdowns. Expect different opinions. Completion leads to satisfaction.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- The roller-coaster ride continues; you might as well have fun. Being harsh on yourself is not attractive. Keep the money in a safe place. Stay adaptable.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Get through the day as best you can. Don't hit your head against the wall if something you're doing doesn't work. Try it differently. Your patience gets rewarded.

FAST FACT: POPULATION

Iowa State University's students, faculty and staff total over 63% of the population of Ames truly making it a college town.



DAILY NIGHTLIFE



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Allie Ford, Brandy Moe, Joanne Tran, and Samantha Hametz....HBD to Brandy at **Sips**!



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Traci Newman and Natalie Froistad have had more than a few sips, proclaiming, "We'll miss Royce whenever we come to **SIPS**."



Caitlyn Van Hemert and Heather Rennerfeldt get photo bombed by random stranger, Aaron Skalla, at **Sips**. Awkwaaaard! ...Okay now leave.



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We don't think Wesley Christensen will need either, but Andrew Lauver might have a shot with a hat *that* size at **Cy's Roost**.



Alex Weeks proves that "all the cool girls are doing it" while Nikki Kemp and Amy Hall pose alongside at **Cy's Roost**.



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