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Michael Vander Ploeg, background right, senior in architecture-professional degree, and Drew Isbell, foreground right, play a hand game with some children during bible school. Courtesy photo: Tom Fraser

Benevolent effort

Students craft community from devastation

By Tessa Callender @iowastatedaily.com

It's been a little more than eight months since Haiti was hit by the largest earthquake the country had experienced in 250 years. While reconstruction continues, ISU students are helping make a difference in unique ways.

Design Across Boundaries, a disaffiliated nonprofit group of individuals, is using the skills and talents of its members who are architecture majors, to create a community center in La Croix, Haiti.

To help carry out their project, DAB, which defines itself as "a group of individuals concerned with providing architectural design to people in crisis regions around the world," traveled to Haiti from Aug. 2 to 9. Eight members of DAB went on the trip in addition to one faculty member and interior design professional from New York.

The members teamed up

with Hope On The Horizon youth mission in La Croix, Haiti, to develop a community center.

The center is uniquely intended to be made out of shipping containers, and will include a day care, women's care facility, media room, library and resource center, equipment storage area, office space for the foundation, and educational services to more than 60 children and young adults. The facility will be surrounded by a large playground.

The Salt Company, which sent a group over to the same mission in Haiti during Spring Break, got a chance to start on the soccer field and basketball court that will be available for the children. DAB hopes to complete its project by the spring 2012.

Behind the Scenes

The story of DAB's beginnings can be traced back to Silenter Esthil-Henderson, a recent graduate of Iowa State and Haiti-native.

It all started when DAB member, Kristen O'Brien, met Esthil-Henderson in her listening class this past fall. One day he sat by her and

referred to himself as the "Prince of Haiti" upon first mentioning his work to her.

"My responses consisted of many one-word answers as I was trying to get rid of this guy who just kept talking about himself," O'Brien said. "When I'd run into him outside of class, his friends would be like, 'Did he try to pull the Haiti thing?'"

This made her very unsure if he was lying to her the entire time about being Haitian. He continued to sit by her in class every day. Still skeptical of his stories, O'Brien then saw an article in the Iowa State Daily about him.

Esthil-Henderson was born in Haiti and experienced poverty first-hand. When he was 7 years old, he was unable to walk and given six months to live.

Tommy Henderson, a missionary from Iowa, adopted him from Haiti. After receiving medical care, Esthil-Henderson was able to start going to school in fifth grade. He was rescued out of a life with no resources and entered a new world full of opportunities.

Esthil-Henderson coor-

dinates Hope on the Horizon Youth Services and is always trying to better his fellow Haitians, especially those in the communities he had left behind 13 years ago and has a vision to build the children in his village a place where "learning never stops." He is now currently teaching in Miami in an inter-city Haitian and African-American school, giving his all to not only help abroad, but also in the U.S.

After realizing how profound and inspiring this man was, O'Brien is really glad that he willingly spewed his life story on to her. "It has turned out to be an amazing thing," she said. O'Brien even thinks it "must have been fate."

When the earthquake hit Haiti, DAB's members asked how it could get involved. Their group started fund raising efforts, but O'Brien also immediately remembered her passionate friend that sat by her in class the previous semester.

"It worked out perfect," O'Brien said.

DAB was looking for a way to get involved and it just so

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Election 2010

Parties begin plans for early voting efforts

By Tyler Kingkade @iowastatedaily.com

Election day is still 40 days off, but Iowa's two political parties think they can get the job done before then.

Iowa Democrats have put a lot of energy behind early voting. Secretary of State John Mauro told supporters voting day is not Nov. 2, but rather begins Sept. 23 — the first day in Iowa people are allowed to vote early.

Democrats have a nearly three to one advantage in requests for absentee ballots so far, according to the Secretary of State office. But this year, reported absentee ballots in Polk, Linn, Scott and Johnson counties are down from 2006 levels.

The IDP responded they are focusing on unlikely voters for early voting this year like they did in 2008, whereas in 2006 they focused on likely voters. This is similar to the route they followed in 2002, and saw an Iowa record 242,357 participate in early voting sending Tom Vilsack into a second term as governor.

The IDP also launched a website this week, IowaVotesEarly.com, devoted to helping people find out how to vote early and request absentee ballots. Iowa Democratic Party chairwoman Sue Dvorsky said it's an attempt to capitalize on technology while continuing traditional practices.

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Carver

Testing center tackles long lines, augments schedule

By Abigail Barefoot @iowastatedaily.com

The LAS Online Testing Center in Carver, has been overflowing with students, leading to long lines and new hours.

The LAS testing center extended its hours Friday. The doors are now locked at 5:30 p.m. and exams must be submitted no later than 6 p.m. Prior to Friday, the testing center was open until 4 p.m. on Fridays.

David Bull, manager for the LAS online testing center, said the new hours will be permanent for this fall and will be reevaluated for the spring semester. In fall 2009, 50 courses used the testing center; in fall 2010 there are 57 courses. While it is only an increase of seven courses, some of the classes are large lectures with more than 200 students, Bull said.

In the fall, the center distributed more than 35,000 tests, and this year they are anticipating more than 50,000 tests.

"While this is just the LAS testing center," Bull said. "I think that it is going on campus-wide and we will see more of this continuous growth."

Bull said there are many reasons for the push for professors to do their testing online. One reason is the ability to save paper; another part of ISU live green practices, which is a valuable tool with the growing number of students on campus.

For professors using the online testing center, this allows for automatic grading, giving students faster feedback on how they did on a test. Using the testing services online also allows professors to spend more time teaching and

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Engineering

Program celebrates 50 years

By Ben Theobald @iowastatedaily.com

The 50th anniversary of the construction engineering program at Iowa State continues its celebration Friday, when three individuals will be inaugurated into the Construction Engineering Hall of Fame.

Tom Jellinger, the program's founder, will be one of the three individuals inaugurated at the banquet Friday night.

Jellinger started Iowa State's construction engineering program in the fall of 1960.

At the time, he was an assistant professor of architecture and architectural engineering.

Jellinger was in charge of constructing and developing a curriculum by the Master Builders of Iowa, an industry of building contractors.

MBI played a large part in the conception of the program and provided funding for it as well, said Edward Jaselskis, professor of civil, construction and environmental engineering and head of the 50th anniversary of the construction engineering program.

"This program began because of a need for engineers specialized in the field of construction," Jaselskis said.

Jellinger was the first professor in charge of the construction engineering program at Iowa State.



Thomas Jellinger, of Bella Vista, talks to Doug and Peg Powell, of Ames, during construction engineering's 50th anniversary celebration Thursday at the ISU Alumni Center. Thomas Jellinger started the construction engineering program in 1960. Photo: Karuna Ang/Iowa State Daily

"The university offered me courses so we started an outline of a curriculum, getting students and figuring out what the hell we were doing," Jellinger said. "It started with building construction then went to construction engineering and established a licensing of construction."

Jellinger said that in the beginning there wasn't anybody registered as a construction engineer.

"Iowa State was the first one in the country to have a degree in construction engineering," Jellinger said. "It led the way in a lot of things."

There are approximately 400 construction engineering students in the program, making it the largest in the nation. The construction engineering

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Philanthropy

Greek chapters utilize Facebook for promotions

By Kayla Schantz @iowastatedaily.com

Online social networks, such as Facebook and Twitter, are not only used as a way to stay connected to friends and share pictures, they are being used as advertising tools to promote local events, such as philanthropies in the greek community.

Katie Mott, assistant director of Greek Affairs and a former member of the ISU greek community from 2001 to 2004, said that while she was a student, philanthropies were advertised from members going to other chapter houses informing them of the event, as well as using fliers and word of mouth.

Today, while these dinner announcements are still used, Facebook is now the main source of information, taking the place of other marketing

strategies used in the past.

"I think it's ... more organized," Mott said. "It gives the chapter more of an idea of how many people to expect, and they can reach a lot more people."

Many fraternities and sororities create events on Facebook, with details such as the time, location, cost, description of the activities or food that will be provided, and the cause the proceeds will benefit. Chapters can then open it to the public online and invite their friends to see the page and RSVP to the event.

Acacia Root Beer Floats, which raises money for Pages of Promise to send textbooks to libraries and universities in Africa, had a Facebook event promoting the philanthropy two weeks in advance.

Derek Robison, sophomore in elementary education and

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Weather | Provided by ISU Meteorology Club



Fri
48|66
Wind gusts around 25 from the northwest, dying down late.



Sat
50|65
Decent chance of light showers throughout the day.



Sun
48|68
Sunny day with light winds as moisture clears.

Calendar

FRIDAY

Men's Hockey
When: 7:30 p.m.
What: Iowa State vs. University of Central Oklahoma
Where: Ames/ISU Ice Arena, 1507 Gateway Hills Park Drive

FRIDAY

SUB Live Music:
When: 9:00 p.m.
What: Empires, with Modern Day Satire. A Chicago-based band specializing in mash-ups with hip-hop and indie rock.
Where: Maintenance Shop, Memorial Union

SATURDAY

Volleyball
When: 2 p.m.
What: Iowa State vs. Oklahoma.
Where: Ames High School

SATURDAY

Football
When: 6 p.m.
What: Iowa State University vs. Northern Iowa.
Where: Jack Trice Stadium



SUNDAY

Buck Bowling
When: noon to 10 p.m.
What: \$1 bowling, \$1 shoes and \$1 soda.
Where: Underground, Memorial Union

SUNDAY

ISU's Project Runway with Emilio Sosa
When: 8 p.m.
What: The sixth annual Project Runway at Iowa State. Up to 20 teams will create garments that will be revealed at a runway walk and judging
Where: Great Hall, Memorial Union



Corrections

A photo used with a story in yesterday's Daily, "No. 10 Cyclones defeat Baylor," incorrectly identified ISU volleyball player Victoria Henson as "Hanson." The Daily regrets the error.

Daily Snapshots



EXPERIMENT: Unusual sight on campus

Emily Royer and Nick Royer, of Ames High School, both inside a refrigerator box, conduct an experiment Thursday on Central Campus for Nick's AP Psychology class. They were testing people's reactions toward the out-of-the-ordinary. Photo: Karuna Ang/Iowa State Daily



COLOR GUARD: Practicing flags indoors

Katherine Chen, junior in animal science, practices with the rest of the ISU Cyclone Football "Varsity" Marching Band Color Guard on Thursday inside Forker. The rehearsal was moved inside due to rain. The marching band has had to spend multiple days inside this week because of the rain. Photo: Kelsey Kremer/Iowa State Daily

Entertainment news

Ellen, Tyra top list

Forbes lists top-earning women in prime-time TV

By Mark Marino
CNN Wire Service

Her job as a judge on "American Idol" may not have worked out, but it's unlikely that Ellen DeGeneres is singing the blues. That gig helped the comedian land the top spot on Forbes's list of Prime-Time TV's 10 Top-Earning Women. According to Forbes, DeGeneres raked in an estimated \$55 million between June 1, 2009, and June 1, 2010, thanks to her stint on "Idol," ads for American Express, CoverGirl and Vitamin Water, and daytime talk show. Coming in at No. 2 is Tyra Banks, who banked \$25 million within the same time

frame. Besides producing and appearing on "The Tyra Banks Show" and "America's Next Top Model," Banks also produced ABC's reality show "True Beauty" and recently signed a deal to release a teen book series called "Modelland." Former "Grey's Anatomy" star Katherine Heigl comes in third with a cool \$15.5 million, owing much to her movies. Because of hits like "Knocked Up" and "27 Dresses," Heigl, who co-stars with Josh Duhamel in the upcoming dramedy "Life As We Know It," now commands \$12 million per picture. Rounding out the rest of the list: Eva Longoria Parker, \$12 million; Marg Helgenberger, \$10 million; Mariska Hargitay, \$9.5 million; Tina Fey, \$7.5 million; Ellen Pompeo and Marcia Cross, tie at \$7 million; and Jennifer Love Hewitt and Calista Flockhart, \$6.5 million.

Too sexy for kids' show?

By Breeanna Hare
CNN Wire Service

"Sesame Street" has said "yes" and then "no" to Katy Perry's appearance on the iconic children's TV show after parents reportedly complained the star's outfit revealed a bit too much of her cleavage. The 25-year-old singer stopped by "Sesame Street" to make a kid-friendly music video of "Hot N Cold" with

Elmo, which made rounds on the Web earlier this week. The song itself was cleaned up for kids, but it seems that to some parents, her clothing wasn't. According to TMZ, parents had complaints like, "You can practically see her [expletive]," and "they're gonna have to rename it cleavage avenue." In a statement, a rep for Sesame Workshop said that the show "has a long history of working with celebrities across all genres, including

athletes, actors, musicians and artists. Sesame Street has always been written on two levels, for the child and adult." The show uses celebrities and parody segments to grab the interest of adults "because we know that a child learns best when co-viewing with a parent or care-giver. We also value our viewer's opinions and particularly those of parents," the statement went on.

"In light of the feedback we've received on the Katy Perry music video which was released on YouTube only, we have decided we will not air the segment on the television broadcast of Sesame Street, which is aimed at preschoolers," the statement concluded. In response, Perry's rep has also released a statement: "Katy enjoyed working with Sesame Street, Kevin Clash and playing dress up with Elmo. You can view all the fun at www.katyperry.com."

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Notes and events.

MADRID:

Spain's Culture ministry said experts at the Prado art museum have positively identified a previously unknown masterpiece by 16th-century Flemish painter Pieter Bruegel the Elder. Culture Minister Angeles Gonzalez Sinde says the government is negotiating to buy "The Wine of St. Martin's Day" from a private Spanish collection so it can be put on display at the Prado. Gonzalez Sinde declined Thursday to say how much has been offered. But Spain's El Pais newspaper reported the painting could fetch as much as euro 25 million if sold to the private sector. She said the owners of the collection did not know it was a Bruegel when it was sent to the Prado for restoration and examination by experts.

GEORGIA:

Singer-songwriter Chester "Lyfe" Jennings was sentenced to three years in prison after pleading guilty to charges stemming from a high-speed police chase that ended in a crash. The 37-year-old Jennings pleaded guilty Wednesday to driving under the influence, fleeing and attempting to elude police, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and discharging a weapon near a street. Jennings was arrested in Smyrna on Oct. 19, 2008. Police said Jennings had a dispute with the mother of his children, Joy Bounds, and fired shots into the house where he thought she was staying before fleeing from police. The R&B singer's most recent album, "I Still Believe," was released this year. Jennings served 10 years in prison after being convicted of arson in Ohio in 1992.

BRAZIL:

A movie about the life of Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has been picked as the country's candidate in the best foreign film at the Oscars. "Lula, the Son of Brazil," shows the trajectory of Brazil's first working class president, from his poor childhood to his days as a union leader, just before he became one of the most important figures in Brazil's political history. The movie is directed by Fabio Barreto. The final nominees for best foreign film at the Academy Awards will be announced in January. A commission which includes members of Brazil's Ministry of Culture and independent filmmakers announced the selection on Thursday.

NEW YORK:

First lady Michelle Obama will symbolically pull the switch turning Nickelodeon and its sister networks off for three hours Saturday, part of its annual effort to encourage children to go out and play. In a taped message, the first lady tells Nick viewers to "get ready to shut down your computers, put down your cell phones and turn off your TVs." The tape will air at noon (Eastern time) Saturday. Nickelodeon, Nicktoons, Nick Jr. and TeenNick will then go off the air for the Worldwide Day of Play. Fans can't simply switch to their computers; each network's corresponding website will go dark, too. Nick has contributed time for public service announcements for Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" campaign to combat childhood obesity, and is donating \$50,000 to schools and community groups.

SARAJEVO, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA:

Angelina Jolie has chosen young Bosnian actress Zana Marjanovic for the lead role in her directorial debut — a wartime love story between a Bosnian woman and a Serbian man. Marjanovic told the Associated Press on Thursday that the screenplay was "fabulous" and she could not wait to start shooting with such a "great actress and humanist" like Jolie. The 27-year-old actress said she was on her way to Hungary to prepare for the film shoot beginning later this year and take place both in Hungary and Bosnia. Jolie has visited Bosnia twice this year — as UNHCR good will ambassador and to scout for her movie — and had promised she would cast only actors from the region. Marjanovic became known after her prominent role in award winning "Snow" by Bosnian director Aida Begic.

UNITED NATIONS:

Delegates from the United States and other nations walked out of the U.N. General Assembly on Thursday as Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad delivered a fiery speech. Tension in the hall grew as the Iranian leader recounted various conspiracy theories about the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York and Washington. "Some segments within the U.S. government orchestrated the attack," Ahmadinejad told the General Assembly. "The majority of the American people, as well as most nations and politicians around the world, agree with this view."

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PERIODICALS POSTAGE

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happened Esthil-Henderson's non-profit group, HOTH Youth Services, had it in its plans to build a youth community center in La Croix in the near future — right up their alley, especially major-wise.

After getting in contact with Esthil-Henderson's story, their goal became to help him fulfill his vision.

"My vision for the children in Haiti is for them to realize that they are part of a world and to not be ignorant of it. Helping them realize they are as important as anyone else by giving them the tools to strive for a life-long life. This will only happen if we can educate their finite mind. I want them to believe they too can overcome the dearth they are fighting today," Esthil-Henderson said. "I want them to live and let live."

"I believe Kristen already had a heart for helping others," he said. "I was just lucky to have had a listening class with her and she ended up listening with her heart."

Esthil-Henderson said he did not make it alone and cannot help Haiti alone, but with groups such as DAB and anyone else that "wants to take up this challenge" with him, he will be able to.

Though Esthil-Henderson sees DAB helping him to fulfill his own vision, DAB members see this blessing he has given them to be fulfilling theirs.

"We never dreamed we would be given the opportunity that we have now," said Michael Vander Ploeg, DAB member. "It is a dream come true for many of us."

Setting the Stage

DAB started meeting right away in February, and met several times to understand more of what Esthil-

Henderson's vision was and discussed the culture and life in Haiti, which it allowed to have an impact on their design.

For the remainder of the spring semester, DAB continued design work on the community center.

"After several weekly meetings conducted over the spring semester, we developed a design and almost overnight, produced additional project models and renderings," said Jasmine Singh, member of DAB. "The most difficult times often yield to the most fulfilling moments."

By the time Esthil-Henderson was getting ready to graduate in May, the group's ideas had evolved progressively and he suggested to meet with his father and mission leader, Pastor Pierre — who runs the mission in La Croix and owns the land they were planning on building on — to see if they thought it was a project to move forward with.

Esthil-Henderson's father and Pastor Pierre loved the design idea and suggested DAB come to Haiti to make it happen.

"We had no idea the design would be so successful," O'Brien said. "We were sold, to say the least."

"The most enjoyable part was presenting the project to the people of La Croix and seeing their faces light up as they imagined the possibility of what their town could become by incorporation this program," Vander Ploeg said.

DAB bought the plane tickets and then met weekly during the summer to continue designing and planning for the trip. It realized initially there was lot in the design left unplanned, so it collaboratively decided the trip in August would be mainly to fill the blanks it had about the culture and life in Haiti as well as to get a better feel for Esthil-Henderson's vision.

"A major part of the trip was to test the feasibility of our design against what materials and resources were actually available down there to make the building happen, but most importantly we wanted to spend the time getting to know the community, and the culture," O'Brien said.

Finishing Touches

"The most difficult task was of course designing for a place we had never been, never experienced, knew only through brief discussions with Silentor and Google Earth images," O'Brien said. "We could do all of the research we wanted on the climate of Haiti, it's history, traditional building practices, and so forth, but to really understand the drive behind the design, and the purpose of Silentor's vision which was specific to his village, Haiti had to become real to us."

After the earthquake had hit Haiti, many homes and buildings had been destroyed. With that being said, one of DAB's goals was to develop a building that would be structurally sound, while still being sustainable and economically feasible.

The problem with the buildings when the earthquake hit was the fact that they were all mostly made out of concrete blocks. DAB brought back a sample of concrete that went down in the earthquake to test its strength. They found out that the sample's strength was five-times less than what you need to have. It only held 500 pounds-per-square-inch, while concrete blocks used for buildings should be around 3,000 pounds-per-square-inch.

The club has to find sand in Haiti and do not measure the ingredients they put into their concrete — they virtually just "eye-ball" it and then use what they have.

In that respect DAB came up with

a very unique proposal to use shipping containers as their main building module.

After the group did some research, it found out that currently there are more than 7,000 surplus shipping containers throughout the ports in Haiti, and more are coming in each day. They are already structurally sound, cheaper, more sustainable and more convenient for building purposes due to the fact they are easier to cut into, you can stack them and they are practically already built.

"There has been a lot of recent exploration with 'container architecture,' but not many concrete ideas, so we had to design every component from the inside out," said Jason Kruse, member of DAB.

By applying a new design strategy with using shipping containers it allows for their group to have the opportunity to teach responsible building practices and opens up the community to more sustainable re-use ideas as well as a new line of construction methodology. However, one of their goals was that it "wanted to teach the culture, but not change the culture," said Scott Meade, DAB member.

"Designing for a place that is vastly different than where we live or anywhere we have designed for was an incredible challenge," said Tom Fraser, DAB member. "You have to put aside all preconceptions about building methods, materials, systems, available tradesmen-everything. It's a completely different ball game."

DAB plans to purchase seven shipping containers. Each ISO container is approximately 40-by-300 square feet and is already resistant to insects, fires, earthquakes and hurricanes.

Though DAB plans to put in bleachers around the soccer field so spectators can watch and hold tour-

naments with other near-by teams, it is going to make it so there is good patio space so people can watch from on the building as well.

At times it can reach a 115-degree heat index, therefore in their design they are also planning for shading devices that look like bed sheets. These will not only protect people from the heat, but will collect water for the community.

By the end of the semester the group hopes to have a complete set of construction documents for the building and hopefully begin construction during winter break. DAB would like to complete the first level by next summer.

"As far as design goes, each person brought something unique to the table," Meade said. "It was really a collaborative effort and that's what makes this project so unique and hopefully so successful."

DAB also hopes to bring a wide range of other disciplines into the project besides architecture, including engineering, landscape design, agriculture, agronomy and horticulture.

"It's very rare that designers get a chance to create and take part in tangible projects at the ages we are at," Fraser said. "To do this under mostly our own organization makes the nectar that much sweeter."

"Not only is this a design-build project, which, by the sheer nature of it is very exciting-to see a project manifest itself into reality, is quite an accomplishment for individuals still engaged in academia," Singh said, "but also by the circumstance and the site location in which we plan to build this community center is bound to reinforce this community by empowering the youth."

"And that is exactly what Haiti needs: education and discipline at the grassroots."

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program has been declared the top program in the nation by the Gourman Report.

Iowa State construction engineering graduates are estimated to make up more than half of the total graduates in programs across the country, Jahren said.

"More than 2,000 graduates for our program are in construction engineering," said Charles Jahren, associate professor of construction engineering.

Assignments are very realistic, it ties back to Tom Jellinger who was a realistic architect,

which is a continuing tradition at Iowa State, Jahren said. Students in the program have utilized their trade recently to aid in Iowa flood relief.

"Construction students did service projects rebuilding homes in Cedar Rapids after the floods," Jahren said. "We have great faculty and students."

Jaselskis is proud of the accomplishments the program has achieved, and is excited for its future.

"It is the best program hands down," Jaselskis said. "It will go on to succeed over the next 50 years because it's built on a

strong, tested foundation."

Jaselskis said another reason it will succeed relates to the steadfast support by its industry and alumni as well as the department, college and university.

"Tom Jellinger is the main reason we are here," Jaselskis said. "The many traditions we have today are because of him."

The celebration will continue through Friday and Saturday, with a golf tournament, engineering campus tours, dedication of the Thomas and Ro Jellinger Laboratory and tailgating for the UNI football game beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday.

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helping students during class time rather than administrating tests. The testing center also installed a webcam outside the doors of the center last year to allow for students to check the line outside of the center, before taking their test. With the increase of students, the webcam will be a valuable resource.

While Bull said he hasn't heard much response from students using the webcam, he believes it will become popular with the growth of the center. "It makes it easier for students to pick a time to take a test," Bull said. To check out the webcam go to: http://cdolops.las.iastate.edu:88/for_students_testing_facility_info.htm

Hours for LAS testing center:

- Monday to Thursday: 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Last submissions of exams 8 p.m. Computer shut down 8:01 p.m.
- Friday: 8 to 5:30 p.m. Last submissions of exams 6 p.m. Computer shut down at 6:01 p.m.
- After the doors are locked for the evening students will not be permitted to enter to take exams.
- Closed weekends, University holidays and breaks.

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Editorial

Father's actions lamentable, yet still justifiable

James Jones is a father of a middle-school girl with cerebral palsy. Other than this, he's a pretty average guy. He works for a living and loves his family, and until recently had no police record.

Jones has been charged with public disorderly conduct and interrupting a school function, causing a national debate.

Last week, Jones was caught on a school bus security tape boarding the bus, screaming obscenities and threatening the children. The question is: Why?

Jones was protecting his daughter. His special needs daughter, 11 years old and starting middle school, was the victim of bullying — and not just bullying of the “Four-eyes! Four-eyes! You need glasses to see!” chanting, sticks and stones variety. This was severe bullying. Jones' daughter had been coming to him crying and traumatized.

Her fellow classmates, the children who she had hoped would be her friends, had been taunting her, hitting her and, allegedly, even throwing condoms at her. A girl with cerebral palsy.

So James boarded the bus. He scared the kids. He told his daughter to point out which ones had hurt her, and he screamed his justifiably enraged head off. He told them, albeit less tactfully, to stay the hell away from his daughter or there would be consequences.

During the past few days, he has been the object of national spectacle, with just about every news organization after him. There have been child psychologists out the wazoo analyzing his actions, picking the situation apart and expounding their wisdom on why we should follow the by-the-book methods of dealing with bullying.

The expert opinion is that this was not handled correctly. He probably should have talked to the school and seen if it could be cleared up on their end. The school should have had some sort of assembly and put the children through another formulaic lecture on why bullying is not OK and why you should never just stand by and watch. He shouldn't have boarded the bus.

So it's clear he went overboard. Maybe he shouldn't have been swearing at a bus-load of 11-year-olds and threatening their lives, but as reasons for something like that go, his was pretty good. The experts have their theories about what to do when confronted with a schoolyard bully, what schools should do to prevent it and how bullies should be dealt with.

But put yourself in his shoes. You have just been told that your special needs daughter is having condoms thrown at her head simply because she's an easy target. Clearly the standardized, expert-approved methods aren't working. We'd be pretty pissed too.

While his theatrics may have been just a bit over the top, Jones did the right thing. You can psychoanalyze all you want about the child's needing to feel “in control,” as child psychologist Michael Bradley put it.

But the special-needs middle schooler is the butt of every joke. As he saw it, his daughter was suffering and he wasn't going to stand by. Sitting her down with a “now sweetie” talk about not being a bystander or “just ignoring them” was no longer a viable option.

Parents today are afraid of their kids. They don't want an awkward conversation, so they push sex education in elementary schools. They blame bad grades on teachers and their methods.

They simply don't care enough to get involved. In an age of parental apathy, should we really be punishing someone who actually gets involved in the life of his child?

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Column battle: Comic books

Edward Leonard: Marvel's heroes retain a raw humanity

What's the meaning of life? Did some superior being create us? Or are we just a product of chance? These are some of the great questions, but beyond a doubt, the greatest question of our day is, “Marvel, or DC?”

It's no easy question. While DC was around a few years earlier, they have both been supplying entertaining and intellectually stimulating stories to generations of Americans.

There's something romantic about a superhero — a man, to all appearances ordinary, who leads a secret life fighting crime with supernatural powers bestowed upon him and him alone. It's alluring. It's mysterious. It's awesome.

But who is better? While it's true DC has given us some of the most iconic superheroes of all time, such as Superman and Batman, Marvel is clearly the superior force shaping the comic book world.

The question, “Who makes a better superhero?” comes down to a simple factor: humanity.

Marvel's superheroes are simply more relatable. Wolverine is constantly struggling both with his lack of memory and his latent bestial nature — bringing to mind Freud's “id.” Iron Man's human pilot, modeled after Howard Hughes, has a well-publicized trainwreck of a personal life to rival Britney Spears.

And let's not forget about Spider-Man. Here is the ultimately human superhero. Every day Peter Parker struggles with his desire to lead a normal life and the responsibility, as Spider-Man, to the world. The Spider-Man saga has put Parker through everything from fathering a stillborn child to a deal with the devil to save his aunt's life.

In the DC universe, the most human character is the multi-billionaire, super-genius, strongly driven Batman. Other than him we have Superman, the ultimate boy scout, goody two-shoes, incorruptible model for everyone else, whose secret identity can be hidden with

no more than a pair of glasses. Hardly a guy you'd meet on the street.

And that's to say nothing of the powers given to these respective superheroes.

While Superman may be the most overpowered superhero in history — with the exceptions of Dr. Manhattan and Martian Manhunter, both DC — we also are graced with the amazing Wonder Woman, with her super strength — how original — and an invisible jet.

Then there's Green Lantern, whose power is the shininess of his ring, and Flash, who can, wait for it, run really really fast. Holy lack of excitement, Batman!

Let's compare two equivalent characters: Batman and Iron Man. They're both billionaire playboys with a knack for engineering.

Batman is “the world's greatest detective,” and is incredibly resourceful and clever, while Tony Stark pretty much just shoots things and makes jokes. Granted, Batman takes

the first-glance judgment, but let's look closer.

Both have ultra-advanced, top-of-the-line equipment for just about everything. Batman's Batwing and Batmobile are really cool, if unoriginally named, but Tony Stark's suit pretty much takes the cake. It's an engineer's wet dream. Batarangs have nothing on the repulsor rays.

OK, so Iron Man's suit is better — but what about the Batcave? That was pretty cool. But so is Stark Tower. Real estate is about location, location, location, and as billion-dollar bachelor pad/secret hideouts go, a wonder of a skyscraper next to Columbus circle in Manhattan is a pretty good spot — I'd wager probably better than a cave, the always uplifting Gotham City.

So there you have it — Iron Man pretty much has this one, and so does Marvel, so next time you've got a hankering for some comics, stop by the Marvel section, and let's face it, you've hit the jackpot, tiger.

Gabriel Stoffa: DC delivers heroes who transcend reality

The evaluation of superheroes can cover many considerations: Physical prowess. Keen deductive skills. The ability to banter well with super villains.

Those are points of contention among the comic-loving crowd; from their inception to their demise, fan-boys will verbally bash each other about which is better.

One of the biggest questions has long been: Which is better, Marvel or DC?

To judge, I've gone over the stories of the heroes. What makes them interesting and what drives fans to collect for reasons beyond the art?

Without wasting your time with in-depth analysis, I'm just going to come out and say that DC has better superheroes.

I'll be the first to admit, Marvel's heroes have super-cool powers, and their stories are pretty easy to relate to as they tend to deal with difficulties real people share.

But then, when I read a comic, I want drama. I want a Shakespearean episode. What I don't want is “Jersey Shore” but with the X-Men cast.

Superheroes are cut from a stock greater than normal men. The powers are cool and all, but the stories around them are the real draw.

Both companies have their share of lame filler and villain of the week crap, but that's how comic book medium has developed. The problem is, Marvel's superheroes evolved into real-people problems and desires. Their superheroes are sleeping with

each other, getting drunk, going to parties, dealing with adolescence, all of this, while trying to save the public from random peril.

I want my superheroes to lead lives more interesting than mine; not just the same with power to fly.

Now, DC superheroes do deal with some of the same stuff, but it resonates; you can be moved by the stories in DC more than by Marvel.

The characters in DC are lonely, alcoholic, sexual beings, but when you get down to the best stories, the ones that really grab you, there is little contest.

Marvel's best and most popular — try “Civil War” — offer super-powered stories that confront the world we know in a way that super-intense action movies rock your senses — kinda like the film “Avatar” for the most part, but a lot less lame.

DC gives you superheroes whose powers are secondary as they become lost to the lives they are forced to lead as heroes — try “Identity Crisis.” “Godfather” comes to mind also.

Do you see where I'm going with this?

Marvel superheroes are mostly flash-bang, crowd-pleasers that let people step into their shoes, but lack deeper meaning; a couple do delve deep, but they are few and far between.

DC has the same sort of big-boom confrontations, but tempers them with the larger than life feel of superherodom. Thoughts of putting yourself in the hero's shoes are more thoughts of how difficult

these situations are.

So, what it all boils down to, for me, is how the superheroes make me feel.

If I want to fantasize about being a bad-boy drunk with a penchant for redheads and cigars, or a guy trying to do the right thing and swinging from building to building — also with a thing for a redhead — I'll try Marvel.

But for something with substance, I'll look to the lives of a group of super-powered folk, folk who have to deal with their loved ones being murdered, and the betrayal of finding out that the burden of superhero is more than the adventure. When I want to see the desire to do right pushed so far the characters are just duking it out — characters who are forced to face themselves in the mirror and just keep doing what they know, even when it is wrong — I'll choose DC.

Marvel's superheroes are flashy, cool and suitable for youth and youthful escape — occasionally with some real story — but DC can do the same with adult themes that are above normal life.

That's the whole of it. DC is more than the superheroes; it is superior heroes with cosmic adventures and nitty-gritty psychology and bittersweet results. Marvel superheroes, great as they are, rarely get further than the battle — hanging out at the entertaining level and relying on a cameo, as opposed to a true dilemma.

Well, that, and Batman is just plain cooler than everyone Marvel has.

Currency

A penny earned is a penny you'll never get rid of

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Search through your things for a moment; look around your apartment, rummage in your purse a bit, dig deep to the bottom of your pockets, maybe between a couple sofa cushions. What do you find? Odds are you came across one or more pennies during that little adventure, so what do you do with them now?

You could put them in a jar and when it gets full enough take them to be redeemed at a Coinstar, but those machines charge 8.9 percent of your total in service fees, which means if you have \$100 worth of coins, you will only be able to receive \$91.00 of that when you're finished.

You could lug them around in your pockets and purses all day long hoping you can use maybe one or two while checking out of a grocery store or fast food restaurant, but that gets heavy and the constant clanging of change is annoying. And it's not like you can use them in vending machines.

You could always leave some in your car with all your other change and use them while paying for parking meters — oh wait, no, you can't do that either. So what is the great purpose of the penny?

In the United States we have money, which is used to facilitate the exchange of goods and services. The smallest unit of money we have in America is the penny, worth a whopping 1/100 of \$1.

A penny in 1972 was worth what a nickel is worth to-

day, but because of inflation our values in American money have plummeted. I'd like to point out that it costs the U.S. Mint 17 cents to make a penny; which means that every year \$70 million of federal tax money goes to subsidizing the continuation of the penny.

Have you ever heard the term opportunity cost? It's an economic term that basically means any time you are doing something, you could be doing something else. Very important. Several studies have proven that the time Americans spend fiddling with pennies actually costs us money, as much as \$1 billion a year. So every year, American taxpayers pay \$70 million for the prospect of losing \$1 billion in productivity costs.

That isn't even the ultimate reason to get rid of the penny. The ultimate reason is that, as I said, money exists to facilitate the exchange of goods and services, and pennies don't do that effectively. Once again the only places we use change, like parking meters and vending machines, don't even accept pennies.

So should we get rid of the penny? What would happen to taxes, the already existing pennies and all other change circulating in the world today?

Supporters of the penny argue that as long as sales taxes and retail prices continue to be rendered in cents, consumers should not stop using pennies during transactions.

Some challengers of the penny propose that retail prices and taxes should be rounded up or down to the nearest nickel, thus eradicating the call for pennies as currency.

As for the already existing 300 billion pennies of the world, it is difficult to say what would happen with them. And the other forms of small change, would those, too, lose all value in the near future?

"A penny saved is a penny earned."

If Benjamin Franklin were alive today, he might almost be embarrassed to have once been quoted saying that.

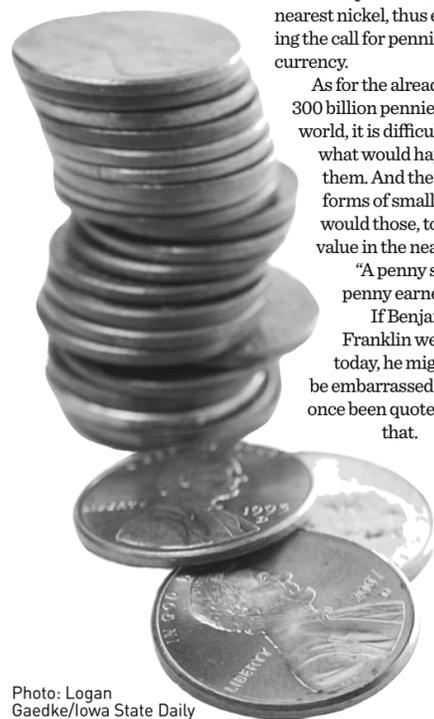


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Letters

Industry self-regulation adequate

If ReAnn Jackson knows hardly a lick about video games outside of her brief experience with a companion who played video games, then why is she publicly promoting a law that would punish the free and nonviolent association of customers and businesses?

And why does she want to punish small businesses, those least capable of handling a required \$1,000 fine, more than large businesses, those more capable of brushing off such a fine? After all, she seems to have it out for big

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business.

Alas, her complaints are merely sensationalism, claiming video games are rampant with violence and sex, or at least those she focuses on — zomg, zombie Nazis!

Through the past decade, more than half of the top-selling video games were nonviolent. That means fewer were violent and far fewer involved sex, which

is rarely a main component of any video game.

Video games sell well without sex, violence or a mandated sticker. The current stickers by the Entertainment Software Rating Board are fine, and they are a wonderful example of voluntary regulation.

We should celebrate and improve, not work against, such peaceful regulation, especially when so many are clamoring in more troublesome industries for forced regulation.

Speak out about flood plain regulations

Action need be taken for future

Development in the 500 year flood plain costs the city of Ames more money than it receives in revenue.

In the article, "Iowa Cities State Legislators Opposed Flood Plain Management Steps" by the Iowa Environmental Council on March 11, there is evidence that a new plan may have been available to at least investigate before the flooding season of 2010.

The plan included two simple steps:

First, there would be a development of a model ordinance for the regulation of the 500-year flood plain to assist the city. It would lay out

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language requirements for the purchase of flood insurance, place limits on new development to minimize future flood damage and categorize development that should be prohibited.

It appears that every trailer park in Ames is located in the flood plain, so thousands of low-income families are now battling flood expenses as well.

Before the floods, these families were struggling to get food on the table.

However, now they are struggling to get food on the table and make sure their food does not get ruined by bacteria brought on by flood water.

Even small businesses such as Happy Joe's Pizza are forced to shut down because of flood damage. A family-owned franchise was taken away after predicted devastating floods filled Duff Avenue.

Large businesses such as Target and Walmart also witnessed devastating damage. Iowa State alone has more than \$40 million in flood damage so far in 2010, according to the Des Moines Register.

With the proposed plan in March, these damages probably could not have been avoided, but for it to be opposed to even consider a new plan is astonishing after witnessing what happened in 2008 and now this year.

Current development

may also be taken out of these flood areas if the city of Ames could establish a flood wall system near heavily developed low lying areas.

While it is uncertain how much such plans would cost to implement, it would most definitely save the city of Ames millions of dollars and aid many families within the next few years.

Stating that there is a possible plan and seeking ways to fulfill that plan are two separate things. Someone needs to step up and make larger considerations for such distraught measures.

Ames citizens need to voice their opinions and be heard. That is exactly what I am trying to accomplish, and I hope it is the start of a new trend.

Courts

Vander Plaats' judicial reform is thinly-disguised pandering



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Bob Vander Plaats is a sore loser. Granted, of course, he only lost to Terry Branstad in the Republican primaries by a margin of, well, Rod Roberts, but it's hardly surprising that basing an entire campaign on false pretenses doesn't translate into electoral success.

What sorts of false pretenses, you ask? How about his pledge to "sign an executive order banning same-sex marriages" once elected?

I'll get around to his judge-huntin' via Iowa for Freedom, but let's back up a few steps:

Does an executive order trump a Supreme Court ruling? No.

Somebody must have forgotten to mention that to ol' Bobby.

Maybe that slip of the mind is the kind of convenience you're afforded when your target demographic isn't big on fact-checking?

See, Torquemada Vander Plaats wants to spin the Iowa Supreme Court's decision regarding gay marriage as an attack on the freedoms of Iowans, hence the name.

Apparently, if you're not free to discriminate against minorities over the legality of marriage, next thing you know, that darn court's gonna be taking your guns and your property.

That's not copping "South Park,"

either — that's actually on his website. Yee-haw.

So, this special-interest crusade wasn't formed in a last-ditch attempt to retain some semblance of political relevancy.

No, all he wants is your "no" votes against those judicial activists.

Upholding the notion that refusing to grant certain citizens marriage licenses based on sexual orientation is of no important governmental interest? How dare they.

Surprise! Notorious B.V.P. also forgot the retention vote is a mechanism designed to safeguard against corruption and incompetence on the bench, not unpopular rulings.

So what do the folks who aren't pandering to conservative interests have to say about this idea? Let's ask Sandra Day O'Connor:

"The health of the nation is affected by the system we use to pick judges... as Iowa goes, so goes the nation. I wish the nation would hurry up and go your direction."

Fancy that. She said there's nothing wrong with the system. So why bother changing it?

Simple: Bob Vander Plaats is among the minority of Iowans who believe they have a divine prerogative to legislate their moral values.

I guess the definition of freedom for these people includes the freedom to legally discriminate against a specific minority.

So, their response to this judicial tyranny — their term for politicizing the legal system — is to form a special-interest group to further politicize the legal system.

I guess if you pontificate loudly enough, people won't notice how hypocritical you're being.

Iowa for Freedom is nothing more than an anti-gay crusade masquerading as judicial reform in an attempt to deny the LGBT community the rights bestowed upon the straight, white, conservative Christian majority.

Since it's politically incorrect to just come out and say that, the Vander Plaats solution is to engineer a coup against the Iowa Supreme Court.

Not only is its name completely antithetical to its purpose, it's also doing exactly what it claims it's trying to stop.

It's like Ghandi starting a war over pacifism.

Personally, I've always treated the polls as the place where I decide who gets to waste my tax dollars, not the place to thump my Bible and tell people how I think they should live.

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Football

Cyclones prepare for in-state rival

Northern Iowa enters Saturday's game as underdog with advantage of relaxed play, lower expectations

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From 2003 to 2005, Northern Iowa was 0-3 against Iowa's "big two," Iowa and Iowa State, and was outscored 85-31 in the three games.

Five years later, though, the Panthers can't be overlooked. In its last three games against the two Bowl Subdivision schools in the state, Northern Iowa — a member of NCAA Division I's Championship Subdivision — has gone 1-2, losing by one point each time.

"They've got nothing to lose," said ISU coach Paul Rhoads on Monday. "They're not expected to win, so they come in playing loose and relaxed, giving it all they've got."

Rhoads said with in-state matchups like this one, players on the side of the underdog may have a "chip on their shoulder," feeling slighted by the bigger school that passed on recruiting them.

However, even in games played by out-of-state opponents, the gap between the top two tiers of Division I football has seemingly shrunk.

This season, though, six FBS teams have already lost to FCS foes. Eight cross-divisional games during the first three weeks of the season were decided by seven points or less.

"I think it's increasingly narrowing as football moves forward," Rhoads said.

Rhoads pointed to early scholarship offers to high school players that can leave late-developing talents without an FBS team to call their own. FCS schools then can come in and pick up the leftovers that weren't available in the past. The Championship Subdivision gives out 22 fewer scholarships than their Bowl counterparts.

ISU quarterback Austen Arnaud, an Ames native, said the high number of UNI players from the state of Iowa makes the game more interesting because of existing relationships with opposing players.

Northern Iowa's success during the past decade that has included five appearances in the FCS playoffs: 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2008. In 2005, the Panthers finished second with a loss in the FCS championship game.

"They've earned enough in the last 10 years to be thrown in the hat with us and Iowa," Arnaud said. "To us and to them, they know they can compete."

Arnaud's last performance against Northern Iowa is one to forget.

In 2007 — the Cyclones' first year under then-head coach Gene Chizik — the Panthers came to Ames and left a 24-13 winner.



ISU quarterback Austen Arnaud attempts to avoid Kansas State linebacker Alex Hrebec on Sept. 18 at Arrowhead Stadium. Photo: Manfred Brugger/Iowa State Daily

Arnaud, a freshman playing behind quarterback Bret Meyer, completed two of his four pass attempts for 15 yards in his first action at Jack Trice Stadium.

"Last time they came here, they beat us. That speaks for itself," Arnaud said. "They're a good team and they've been good for a long time, so we're expecting a dog fight when they come in on Saturday."

The UNI defense will be in the spotlight against an ISU offense — led by Arnaud — that has been criticized for its pro-

Northern Iowa vs. Iowa's FBS schools

2003	17-10 loss to Iowa State
2004	23-0 loss to Iowa State
2005	45-21 loss to Iowa State
2006	28-27 loss to Iowa State
2007	24-13 win over Iowa State
2009	17-16 loss to Iowa State

duction. The unit features six juniors and two seniors.

"They run around really, really good," Herman said. "They fly around and make a bunch of plays. They're very quick and fast, and they're good tacklers,

too."

The Panthers will start the game in a base 3-4 set, but will switch to different formations and looks throughout the game to create what Herman called "confusion by disruption."

Herman said the offense will need to quickly identify the formation and understand what the defense intends to do in order to be successful.

"Their technique is good and they're well coached. Their current defensive coordinator has been there awhile, so the players know what to do and what to expect," Arnaud said.

Northern Iowa started a freshman and sophomore at cornerback in its last game,

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Volleyball

Team improves defense, prepares to host Sooners

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Wednesday night, for the third consecutive match, the Cyclones needed to dig themselves out of a hole following a loss in the first set. What better way to dig your way back into a match than, well, dig?

Getting out-dug by 12 to Baylor after the second set, coach Christy Johnson-Lynch challenged her team at the intermission to even up the dig total. The Cyclones exceeded Johnson-Lynch's expectations, rallying back to defeat the Bears 3-1 (21-25, 25-20, 25-22, 25-19) and edging out the third-best digging team in the country 86-84. The win improved the No. 10 Cyclones to 9-2 overall and 2-1 in the Big 12.

"It was kind of weird because when we play other teams they usually aren't as good as us defensively, so it was kind of a shock for us," said junior defensive specialist Caitlin Mahoney. "We were playing a lot of long rallies so it was just about winning those rallies."

Through three matches in Big 12 conference play the Cyclones are averaging 18.7 digs per set up which is up from 14.7 in the non-conference season.

"It wasn't our best match and it wasn't pretty, but even though we didn't play our best, we can still be proud of coming out with a win against a great team on the road," Johnson-Lynch said.

With the digging numbers up, the Cyclones have been able to get more opportunities for outside hitters Victoria Henson and Carly Jensen to get swings this season. The Henson-Jensen duo led the Cyclones on Wednesday with 18 and 15 kills respectively.

"We got a lot of attacks that way when we get a lot of balls up so it makes it a lot easier for [setter Alison Landwehr], she gets a lot more opportunities to set the ball so then every set we get better," Henson said.

The recent improvements on defense have transitioned



Iowa State's Caitlin Mahoney defends during the Cyclones' game against Iowa on Sept. 10. File photo: Manfred Brugger/Iowa State Daily

nically for the Cyclones offensively as they continue to lead the Big 12 in hitting percentage at .283.

Next up for Johnson-Lynch's squad are the Oklahoma Sooners. The Sooners (10-3, 2-0 in Big 12) came into this season ranked right behind the Cyclones at fourth in the pre-season Big 12 poll.

The Sooners finished fourth in the Big 12 last season and were bounced out of the first round of the NCAA Tournament by No. 15 USC. The Cyclones swept the Sooners last season, with a 3-1 victory on the road and a 3-0 sweep at Hilton Coliseum.

"They have a couple of lefties on their team, which is always difficult to prepare for and they've always been a great defensive team," Johnson-Lynch said. "We have to make sure not to get frustrated by them keeping the ball in the air for some long rallies."

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Soccer



Iowa State's Jordan Bishop takes the ball and maneuvers around an Iowa player Sept. 17 at the ISU Soccer Complex. Photo: Samantha Butler/Iowa State Daily

Iowa State rallies over recent performance

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Iowa State plans for a better result this weekend when it finishes its non-conference play Friday at South Dakota State and starts the Big 12 season against Kansas at home Sunday.

Last Friday's loss to Iowa was not a game to remember by any means, but the Cyclones took away a few things from it they hope will help them come away with a couple wins.

"We got outworked in that game from the first goal on, and we didn't win physical battles," said coach Wendy Dillinger. "I think with a young team, to give up a goal like we did and to respond a little bit tougher and stronger, those are the things we got out of that night."

Junior defender and co-captain Emily Hejlik said the Cyclone defense has improved since Friday's loss, and have worked to fix their visible weaknesses.

"We went over film as three different groups; defense, offense, and another group, and we really got to breakdown the breakdowns and the goals and what led up to them and it was good to actually see and know what we have to fix."

Prior to the Iowa game, the Cyclones had only allowed four goals all season, something the team had really taken pride in.

The offense wasn't able to get going Friday either, but senior midfielder and co-captain Jordan Bishop has an answer.

"We have been doing a lot of combination play in practices and we've watched a lot of film and we've seen where the same mistakes have been made over and over again," Bishop said.

Iowa State's attacking offense has proved

	VS.	
Iowa State (5-2-2)		South Dakota State (4-1-3)

Where: University of Sioux Falls Soccer Complex

When: 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24

Notes: Game was supposed to be played in Brookings, S.D., site of the SDSU campus, but heavy rainfall has forced the game 60 miles to the south, and near the Iowa border.

The Jackrabbits haven't lost since Aug. 29, and are 1-1-1 in their last three meetings against the Cyclones.

In 2009, SDSU visited the ISU Soccer Park and fought to a 1-1 double overtime draw.

to leave them vulnerable to good counter-attacking teams like Iowa, and Bishop said some things are still being tweaked.

"We're trying to see the most effective players are playing in different positions and how they can make a difference," Bishop said. "We're going to try some things and hopefully have a more set formation by Sunday for Kansas for sure."

Iowa State's first game will come against South Dakota State at 7:10 p.m. Friday in Sioux Falls, S.D. The game was originally supposed to be on the Jackrabbits' campus in Brookings, but heavy rainfall has moved the game to the

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Hockey

ISU needs aggression to win weekend series

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The Cyclone hockey team will be facing the University of Central Oklahoma for a weekend series at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena starting at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Last weekend, the Cyclones split their season opening fixtures, with a win Friday and loss Saturday to St. Cloud State.

Central Oklahoma is ranked in the top 10 in the nation. Division I of the American Collegiate Hockey Association contains 56 schools.

"We will need to step it up a notch from last weekend," coach Al Murdoch said.

Iowa State has seen more ice time, and gotten more practices in than it did before its first games last weekend against St. Cloud State.

"Before the first game, they only had one practice. This upcoming game they have gotten more practice time in," Murdoch said.

Murdoch said that to hang close with UCO, the Cyclones will need to be more aggressive than what they were.

"We will have to be more physical, quicker, more clever, and faster at passing the puck around," Murdoch said. "We need to win the race to the puck."

STATE vs. UCO
Iowa State (1-1) vs. Central Oklahoma (0-2)

Where: Ames/ISU Ice Arena

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25

Notes: Central Oklahoma was swept by Oklahoma last weekend, losing by scores of 5-1 and 5-2.

Iowa State split its opening-weekend series with St. Cloud State, winning on Sept. 17 before falling on the next night.

Iowa State outscored St. Cloud State 9-5.



Forward Brian Spring fights to keep the puck from his opponent during the game against St. Cloud State on Sept. 17 at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena. The Cyclones defeated the Huskies 7-1. File photo: Rebekka Brown/Iowa State Daily

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a 22-20 loss to Stephen F. Austin, but Herman doesn't expect the inexperience in the secondary to change the game plan at all.

The Panthers also start a sophomore and a junior at safety.

"We certainly need more production out of our passing game, that's for sure," Herman said, "but we're going to do what we do best."

Herman said the ISU offense would challenge Northern Iowa in the running game despite the fact the UNI defense is second in the FCS against the run, allowing only 19.5 yards per game.

However, the Panthers are 109th against the pass, giving up 301.5 yards per game.

"We run the football pretty good and we'll continue to do that, but we definitely need some production down the field in the throwing game," Herman said.

Earlier in the week, coaches discussed creating more explosive plays on offense.

While Herman said there may be opportunities to stretch the field through the air against Northern Iowa, the ISU offense will have to choose its spots to take risks.

"You've got to be able to predict what the defense is dictating to you and be able to stretch the field based on that," he said. "Hopefully through being able to formation them into a certain front or a certain coverage that is favorable for that, we'll certainly try to do that."

The UNI offense is also different schematically than the last time Iowa State saw it.

Defensive coordinator Wally Burnham said the ISU defense has had a good week of preparation for the UNI offense, a unit that runs a triple-option system.

At the helm of the multi-threat offense is quarterback Tirrell Rennie. The 6-foot-2-inch senior has racked up 228 yards and a touchdown on the ground along with 334 yards and a touchdown passing the ball this season.

Burnham said that stopping the UNI offense centers around stopping

the run. With the triple-option attack, most of Northern Iowa's passing opportunities come from the shotgun formation, making it easier for the ISU defense to focus in on the pass.

"We can't let them run the ball and play actions," Burnham said. "We've got to get them in the shotgun and make them throw the football."

To stop the run, the ISU defense will have to improve from its performance during the first three weeks.

The Cyclones' rush defense is ranked No. 112 in FBS, allowing 231 yards per game. The UNI offense, though, has accounted for 238 yards per game on the ground, 11th in FCS.

"They run it really well," said ISU linebacker A.J. Klein. "They've got two really explosive players at quarterback and running back, and we have to be able to stop them to get a victory."

In the backfield with Rennie on most plays will be senior running back Carlos Anderson. Anderson, a Blue Springs, Mo., native, has 239 yards and a touchdown in the Panthers' first two games this season.

Despite their success with the run game, the UNI offense is not one dimensional.

The Panthers have four receivers with 80 yards or more in their first two games, including junior Jerred Haring who has four catches for 130 yards and a touchdown.

"Speed, speed, speed," Burnham said about the UNI receivers. "They can run, they can catch, they can do all of those things that good receivers do. The fastest receivers we've seen."

The speed of the UNI receivers presents another challenge for the ISU defense, forcing them to focus on the deep threats on nearly every down.

"It's going to be tough to shut them down, but we have to do it," Klein said.

Iowa State will be playing near full strength Saturday night, as well. Arnaud's bruised shoulder shouldn't limit his play at all against the Panthers, but Rhoads said defensive lineman Bailey Johnson is doubtful to play.

The game kicks off at 6 p.m. and will be broadcast on Mediacom in central Iowa.

STATE vs. UNI
Iowa State (1-2) vs. Northern Iowa (1-1)

Where: Jack Trice Stadium

When: 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25

Media coverage: Mediacom channel 22, Big 12 Radio Network.

For live in-game analysis from Iowa State Daily writers Jeremiah Davis and David Merrill, check out iowastatedaily.com.

Notes: Iowa State's last meeting with Northern Iowa was a 24-13 loss in 2007.

Iowa State leads the all-time series between the teams 18-4-3.

Northern Iowa lost to Stephen F. Austin last week, 22-20.

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home field of the University of Sioux Falls.

The Jackrabbits are 4-1-3 on the season, and have faced many of the same teams Iowa State has, including Drake, Northern Iowa, Montana, Nevada and Creighton. South Dakota State was 2-1-2 against these teams compared to the Cyclone's 4-0-1, but like all other games, the Cyclones said they will treat it with the same intensity as any other.

"South Dakota State has a number of speedy weapons," Dillinger said.

SDSU junior forward Kayla Braffet gave Iowa State some troubles last year as well, scoring the late equalizer goal to end the game in a 1-1 tie.

Arguably, the more important game of the weekend will be at home Sunday, when the Cyclones take on Kansas to begin their conference season.

Kansas has let in 13 goals this season, a number the Cyclones plan to increase as they hope to capitalize off the Jayhawk defense.

"We need a link throughout the defense, midfield, and forwards and stay connected more and not have so many gaps all over the field. Make sure we're high-pressuring and take risks, especially around the 18 [yard mark]," Bishop said.

The Jayhawks' 4-5 record in the non-conference doesn't appear threatening, but just like South Dakota State, there will be challenging players to mark on the field.

"Kansas has a couple of

STATE vs. KU
Iowa State (5-2-2) vs. Kansas (4-4-0)

Where: ISU Soccer Complex, Ames

When: 1 p.m. Sunday

Notes: The Cyclones will have their first away-then-home stretch of the season, and Kansas heads to Ames after a Friday night road fixture against Missouri.

The Jayhawks have been outscored 9-1 in their four losses.

Kansas leads the all-time series with Iowa State 10-4, including a 1-0 win in Lawrence, Kan., last year, and a 3-2 win in their last visit to Ames.

KU and Iowa State are last and next to last in the Big 12 in goals per game.

very dynamic attackers that are dangerous," Dillinger said. "Whitney Berry is a player we have to keep an eye on. She's very creative, crafty, and she can create goals individually so we have to keep a good eye on her."

The Cyclones will get a change of pace with an away game and a home game in the same weekend, but the youth and traveling hasn't proved to be a problem so far this year.

"It's going to be really difficult, but it's going to be like that the whole year so we're going to have to get used to it. I know the first weekend's probably going to be the toughest and it will prove a lot if we can get a



Dillinger Hejlik

W out of it," Bishop said.

The Jayhawks are in a similar situation, having to travel to Missouri on Friday to play the Tigers before they head to Ames to take on the Cyclones.

"It'll be a tough weekend with the travel, but hopefully we can pull through and get two wins this weekend," said freshman forward Jennifer Dominguez.

The importance of winning the first conference game is always there in college sports, and as much as the team and Dillinger want to get that elusive W, Dillinger said something else is more important.

"I think the bigger omen is that we compete for 90 minutes. I think if we compete for 90 minutes regardless of the score, we're going to have confidence and momentum going in."

"The team that plays the best doesn't always win but in order to have a chance to win you have to play your best," Dillinger said.

Senior goalkeeper Ashley Costanzo made a brief appearance against Iowa last Friday but Dillinger said she still isn't 100 percent healthy.

The coach said she would monitor how practice goes and make a decision once Friday's 6 p.m. game gets closer, as to picking which goalie will play Friday and Sunday.

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The Sooners two victories in Big 12 play came with a 3-0 win over Colorado and a 3-1 victory against Texas Tech on Wednesday. Oklahoma will face their third top 25 team of the season in the Cyclones, following non-conference losses to No. 13 Florida State and No. 20 Tennessee.

Junior right side hitter Suzy Boulavsky leads the Sooners offensively averaging 3.5 kills per set, and sophomore libero Maria Fernanda averages 4.4 digs per set for the Sooner defense. Junior Brienne Barker, a pre-season All-Big 12 honoree, is third in the con-

ference averaging just over 10 assists per set.

Johnson-Lynch has noticed the slow starts to her team's matches and is hoping to change that in practice so that they can be prepared to start quickly against the Sooners on Saturday.

"It really took until the fourth set for us to get going [against Baylor] so as coaches we need to start practice in a quicker and more competitive fashion, making sure that [setter Alison Landwehr] can get in a rhythm and put up good hittable balls," Johnson-Lynch said.

The first serve in the Ames High gymnasium is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday.

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Facebook founder utilizes vast fortune to assist school system

By Geoff Mulvihill and Samantha Henry
Associated Press Writer

NEWARK, N.J. — Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg is about to make a lot of new friends: The 26-year-old tycoon is pouring \$100 million of his staggering fortune into Newark's blighted school system after hitting it off with the mayor of the poverty-stricken city.

The donation — which is being announced today on Oprah Winfrey's show — instantly establishes Zuckerberg as one of high-tech's biggest philanthropists and comes just ahead of the release of "The Social Network," a movie that paints an unflattering portrait of the boy wonder of the Internet.

The arrangement brings together the young entrepreneur, Newark's celebrated Democratic mayor and a governor who has become a star of the Republican Party. And it underscores how the re-making of the nation's urban schools has become a popular cause among young philanthropists.

"What you're seeing is for the under-40 set, education reform is what feeding kids in Africa was in 1980," said Derrell Bradford, executive director of the Newark-based education reform group Excellent Education for Everyone. "Newark public schools are like the new Live Aid."

Last year, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced \$290 million in education grants, including \$100 million for the school system in Tampa, Fla., and \$90 million for the Memphis, Tenn., district.

The Gates Foundation also has given more than \$150 million to New York City schools over the past eight years.

Exactly how Zuckerberg's donation



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg talks about the social network site's new privacy settings May 26 in Palo Alto, Calif. Schools in New Jersey are poised to receive \$100 million from the CEO. File photo: Marcio Jose Sanchez/The Associated Press

will be used in Newark — a school system with about 40,000 students and a budget this year of \$940 million — has not been disclosed.

The district has been plagued for years by low test scores, poor graduation rates and crumbling buildings, and was taken over by the state in 1995 after instances of waste and mismanagement, including the spending of taxpayer money by school board members on cars and restaurant meals.

Zuckerberg grew up in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire in 2002 and attended Harvard before dropping out to work full time on Facebook.

He has no connection to Newark other than knowing Mayor Cory Booker, a charismatic 41-year-old politician who has the ear of President Barack Obama and has helped the city get major donations from Winfrey and New Jersey's Jon Bon Jovi.

The donation was first reported Wednesday night by The Star-Ledger of Newark. An official familiar with the plan confirmed it to The Associated Press on Thursday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because those involved were told not to steal the thunder from Winfrey's show.

Zuckerberg is ranked by Forbes magazine as the 35th wealthiest American, with a net worth of \$6.9 billion. That makes him richer than Apple's Steve Jobs and News Corp.'s Rupert Murdoch.

Facebook has 500 million users and is valued by Forbes at \$23 billion.

Some suggested that altruism was not the only thing behind the gift.

The announcement comes a week before "The Social Network" opens widely. The movie, whose tagline is "You don't get to 500 million friends without making a few enemies," portrays Zuckerberg as taking the idea for Facebook from other Harvard students.

Investigation

Diplomat found with throat slashed

By Colleen Long
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — A Nicaraguan diplomat whose throat had been slashed was found dead Thursday by his driver, who was picking him up for the United Nations General Assembly's annual meeting.

Cesar Mercado, 34, was found at 10:35 a.m. in his apartment in the Bronx. The driver found the door ajar and Mercado's body lying just inside the blood-spattered apartment, police said. "The knife was found on the floor next to him," said Paul Browne, the NYPD's deputy commissioner for public information. Police were investigating a possible motive, and no suspects were immediately identified.

Mercado came to the U.S. in 2001 to work as an assistant in the office of Nicaragua's ambassador to the United Nations, a friend said. He was single and his family was in Nicaragua.

He eventually became consul general, working with passports and immigration visas. The assistant to the ambassador said the mission couldn't immediately release any information. Nicaraguan Vice President Jaime Morales said U.S. Ambassador Robert Callahan assured him that the FBI would do everything possible to investigate.

Murders

Family slaughter shakes investigators

By Lucas L. Johnson
Associated Press Writer

MANCHESTER, Tenn. — A U.S. soldier is accused of killing his girlfriend and her two young children, stuffing their corpses into garbage bags and hiding them in a closet for days. A neighbor says he noticed an unusual stillness at the house normally busy with the toddlers and their mother. When police in this small

town investigated a missing person's report Wednesday night, they said they found a "very gruesome" crime scene that rattled even veteran investigators.

Manchester Police Chief Ross Simmons identified the victims as 26-year-old Stephanie Hershman and her sons, 3-year-old Jathan and 1-year-old Jaylon. Police said 30-year-old Matthew Perkins, of Tullahoma, told someone Wednesday night that he had killed the family, and the person went to police.

The Army recruiter, who served overseas, is charged with three counts of first-degree murder and is being held in the Franklin County jail on a \$6 million bond.

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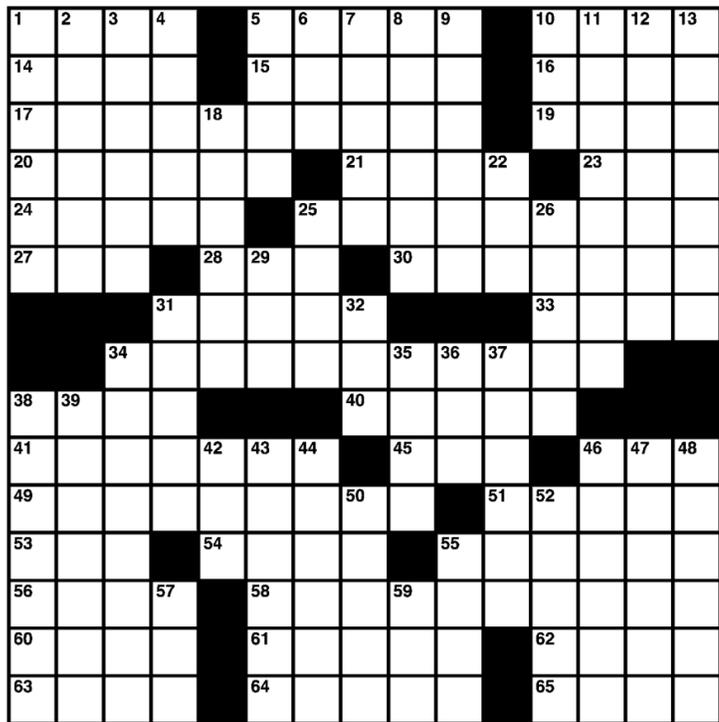
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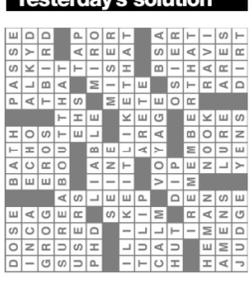
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Daily Horoscope : by Nancy Black and Stephanie Clements

Virgo: Reconsider Your Intentions.

Today's birthday (9/24/10). This year you dig deeper into your heart to discover or rediscover beliefs of family and culture. Your public persona may be based on logic and cooperative effort. Inside you shelter profound spiritual values that deserve your attention and nurturance.

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 a 5 -- Today you manage best by following your outline. Don't deviate. Willpower is the single most valuable quality in your toolkit.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 5 -- Other people's comments are not as straightforward as they first appeared. Utilize research tools to clarify questionable points.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is a 5 -- Take your happiness out and show it off at a social event. Reveal an engagement or other steps towards personal commitment.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is a 6 -- To make this the best day so far this week, spend time in an exotic location, even if it's just around the corner. Your partner helps you discover balance.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Today's luck comes in the form of awareness. Balanced between magic and logic, you choose whichever satisfies your heartsong. Then do the practical work.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Your personal sense of responsibility seems to interfere with the desires of others. Reconsider your intentions before drawing a line in the sand.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Use all your intellectual talents and skills to manage a power struggle at work. Avoid getting in the middle between two emotional volcanos.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- As you learn secrets, bring them into the open and request others to explain. That way each person presents their side and gets heard. Listen.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 5 -- To finish work on time, follow your intuition. A shortcut saves everyone a lot of energy. Spend a little extra to save days of work.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 6 -- Today you arrive at a point where your responsibilities overtake your optimism. Don't lose faith. You'll get through this just fine.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 6 -- Take time to contemplate your next action, even if it means closing the door to prevent interruption. This way you meet your own needs.

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philanthropy chairman for Acacia fraternity, created the page and invited all of his ISU contacts to it, telling the other chapter members to invite their friends as well.

Robison also uploaded a picture advertising the event and set it as his profile picture. Many of the members of the fraternity wrote statuses on their Facebook profiles informing people of the time and location and encouraging everyone to attend. Robison said 800 people had responded "yes" or "maybe" to the RSVP in less than four days.

"It really got the word out," Robison said. "Facebook raised awareness of what we were doing."

Delta Delta Delta sorority's annual philanthropy, Delta Wild Wings, has invited more than 2,600 students to their event on Facebook. The philanthropy raises money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and will take place Friday.

Alex Bowles, junior in communication studies and the philanthropy chairwoman for Delta Delta Delta sorority, said that Facebook events were not as popular in the past because it was not as easy to create them.

"We want as many people as possible," Bowles said. She added that the Facebook page is also a way to inform people of the cause for the proceeds, not just the event. Delta Delta Delta sends out inbox messages to the people invited reminding them of the details as well.



Michael Felderman, senior in physics, and Sam Behrens, sophomore in history, make root beer floats Sept. 16 on Central Campus as a part of their fraternity's annual philanthropy. File photo: Kelsey Kremer/Iowa State Daily

Using Facebook is also a way to reach students who are not part of the greek community and invite them to be a part of the events. Mott said social networks are helping the chapters become more interactive and incorporating non-greek students.

Jill Kassel, senior in English and vice president of special events for the Collegiate Panhellenic Council, oversees the sororities' philanthropies and community service on campus. She said Facebook is their biggest marketing tool.

"I know I haven't dealt with a sorority who didn't use Facebook," Kassel said. "It definitely helps with the amount of money raised."

Mott said with Facebook being an easier and more effective communication method, fraternities and sororities are becoming more innovative and creative. "The biggest thing is that chapters think outside the box," Mott said.

In the past, the fraternities and sororities did the same philanthropy every year. Mott said that now, people are coming up with great ideas and making changes, such as holding philanthropies on campus rather than in the chapter homes, or having the events at different times or on different days than they have been in the past. Kassel said that she can see the chapters using online social networks more and more in the future.

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Not to be outdone, the Iowa Republican Party released IowaGOP.org/voteearly.

Former four-term Governor and current Republican nominee, Terry Branstad, even launched a "Branstad-Reynolds" Android app to go along with their newest ad, "An App for That."

Branstad's campaign manager, Tim Albrecht, said a BlackBerry app is on its way next week.

Albrecht promised they would dominate the "get out the vote" effort on election day and in early voting.

"In the primary we launched an aggressive early vote campaign that yielded tens of thousands of votes for Governor Branstad," Albrecht said.

Republicans like Branstad and Senator Charles Grassley,

R-Iowa, are leading their opponents in statewide polling, but Governor Chet Culver dismissed the notion there might be an anti-incumbent or anti-democrat mood.

"If Republicans want to start popping champagne corks, that's great because it'll take them away from the real tough work of turning out the vote," Culver said. "They've been overconfident before and they're overconfident this year."

Dvorsky pointed out Thursday is not only the first day of voting in Iowa, but also marks the first wave of implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

"We have no doubt we're going to be able to move [voters], it won't hurt at all the president will be here next week," Culver said.

Democrats held an advantage in recent elections over Republicans in terms of early voting, while Republicans put

more emphasis on turning out the vote on election day.

"We're targeting not only Republicans who vote early but disinfecting independents who don't like the direction Iowa is headed under Chet Culver and want Terry Branstad's proven, effective leadership back in the governor's office," Albrecht said.

Iowa GOP chairman Matt Strawn noted this is the first time Iowa Republicans have worked with all 99 counties to develop early voting locations all across Iowa.

"While we are confident this will yield tremendous dividends for our candidates, it is ultimately the Republican message of bringing competent, principled leadership to Iowa that will drive more Iowans to vote Republican than Democrat this Fall," Strawn said.

A new study released Thursday from the Pew Research Center found

Republicans to be more energized and more likely to vote.

Dvorsky remains optimistic though, and said their get out the vote program has been in the works for a year and a half.

"You can't come in late on a program like this and do it in 40 days," Dvorsky said.

Absentee ballot requests were up 9 percent in Black Hawk County, containing Waterloo and Cedar Falls, and up 30 percent in Woodbury County, where Sioux City is. IDP executive director Norm Sterzenbach said in an e-mail Wednesday this was evidence of support for Democrats in traditionally Republican areas like Sioux City.

In Iowa, Democrats still hold an advantage in registered voters although Republicans made a dent to that lead during the primaries. Independent voters still outnumber both parties in the state.

Art museum

Brunnier closed for reconstruction

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Due to flood damage the Brunner Art Museum will be closed until restoration is complete. The first floor and basement of the Scheman Building, which houses the Brunner Art Museum, was inundated with flood waters in August. Allison Juull, communication coordinator for the museum, said no artifacts or works of art were damaged. However, many of the floor coverings and mechanical systems require repair.

There is currently no estimate regarding the reopening of the building to the public. Exhibitions and events have been postponed until the spring semester. Patrons can contribute to the reconstruction efforts by contacting Sue Olson at 515-294-9500 or through the e-mail address, sdolson@iastate.edu.

Architecture

Exhibit showcases students' designs

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"Beyond the Walls" 2010 Rome Exhibition displays ISU architecture students' work from this past semester in Rome, Italy through their art work and sketch books.

Every spring semester the ISU architecture seniors have the option of taking classes at Iowa State or doing their studio class in Rome. This is considered part of the architecture program curriculum and is an extension of Iowa State in another country. The 56 students who chose to take this option of going abroad through the architecture program came back with drawings, skills and memories to last a life time.

The students were required to take a studio class, a history class and a drawing class while in Rome. The pieces from the drawing class are what are displayed as the main pieces in the Rome Exhibit. The students were also required to have sketchbooks on them during their semester abroad and travel times to represent the structures and sites they saw around Europe.

Andrea Baker, senior in architecture, said she kept a sticker collection as well as her traveling sketch book with her when traveling to different destinations in Europe to have something to look back on and remember. The students were taken to different structures or buildings in Rome during their drawing class and were asked to draw different aspects of art such as people in movement, full perspective or in detail, Baker said. When asking Baker how she described her semester in Rome she said it was hectic; managing school work and design work with traveling was overwhelming, but awesome at the same time.

The students were required to set up the design of the exhibit when returning from Rome and were given a specific budget to do so.

"I was proud of my work when seeing it in the exhibit," she said. The 2010 Rome Exhibition will be on display in Gallery 181 in the Design Building until 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24.

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