Iowa Legislature vote ends 2012 budget stalemate

Peterson: Minn. legislators failed

Women’s golfer places 18th in championship

RED MOON rising

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Reports suggest he was

... and head home to Staten Island.

... and had some words with an unnamed cast member on the reality show.

According to the Hollywood Reporter, Vinny recently stated that he’s done with the MTV show. "Jersey Shore" for good.

Attention, "Shore" fans — one of your beloved "T-shirt time"-ers just may have departed the family flick.

"Spy Kids 4" enters the fourth dimension: smell!

When "Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World" hits theaters, moviegoers will experience something else. I want to go 3-D, I was like, ‘We gotta do something different,'" director Robert Rodriguez told E! Online. "Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World," starring Jessica Alba, Jeremy Piven and Joel McHale, hits theaters on August 19.

Is Vinny done with 'Jersey Shore'? Feeling "burnt out" and has no intention of stepping in front of "Shore's" cameras again.

"Bridesmaids" becomes top R-rated female comedy

"Bridesmaids" is climbing the box office charts like a tree.
‘Red Moon’ to explore dark side
Percy’s new novel expected to be published fall 2012

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In an airplane 30,000 feet above the ground, a crazed man bursts out of the lavatory and kills everyone on board. This is the opening scene of Ben Percy’s new novel, “Red Moon.”

Percy, assistant professor of English at Iowa State, said that the novel is a supernatural thriller that tackles two of society’s biggest fears: infectious diseases and terrorism.

“I’ve always felt that the best horror stories somehow tap into cultural unsease,” Percy said. “And, I was sitting down, trying to pick my brain for a horror story of this time, and the idea of an infectious disease wiping us out and the idea of us constantly cringing on a subway or in an airport in fear of terrorists, those are two of the nerves that seem to make us flinch most these days.”

“Red Moon” is about an infectious disease that affects 5 percent of the world’s population, Percy said. He explained that the disease in the novel is transmitted by an infectious agent called a prion. It originates in 17th century Scandinavia, and is first contracted by people who eat the flesh of wolves that are infected with chronic wasting disease, Percy says.

“Part of the winter solstice ceremony is to take in, to consume wolf meat — to take in their power and running for the long, dark, cold winter ahead,” Percy said. “During the ceremony, the disease is taken in by humans. It mutates.”

Percy said the disease causes increased levels of rage and hunger. To protect the rest of the world’s population, the infected people are monitored and given medication.

“All infected persons are registered and have to take a prescription drug called Lupex that emotionally deadens them,” Percy said. “They are marginalized. They are forbidden from holding political office. They are forbidden from being teachers, police officers, etc.”

Within the small group of infected people, there is a faction that revolts, Percy said. He explained that those who are infected with the disease, like the man on the plane in the opening scene, transform, but not necessarily into wolves.

“It’s more like a Jekyll/Hyde transformation,” Percy said. “There is some physical transformation, but it’s not like ‘Team Jacob or anything’.”

Team Jacob is a cultural phenomenon associated with the best-selling “Twilight” book series. In the series, Jacob Black is a werewolf who fights vampire Edward Cullen for the love of human girl Bella Swan.

Percy said the series did not inspire him to write “Red Moon.” In fact, he said that he has never read the series. He explained that he has just always been interested in horror.

“One of my earliest memories is pulling off the library shelf ‘The Universal Book of Monsters’ and seeing Lon Chaney Jr. as the Wolfman staring back at me, and being completely horrified and fascinated by the sight of him,” Percy said. “So, this has been a long time coming.”

Last summer, Percy began writing “Red Moon.” He wrote the first 65 pages, and sent the pages to his agent to get her opinion.

“She wrote back and said, ‘I actually think this is the best thing you’ve ever written and I want to try to see it now as a partial manuscript,’” Percy said.

With the addition of a 26-page pitch describing the character and narrative arcs, Percy’s partial manuscript was sent to publishers.

“Within a few days, we had offers coming in, and it went to auction,” Percy said. “That was a real surreal turn for me.”

Grand Central Publishing, which is part of the Hachette Book Group, won the bidding war. The Hachette Book Group has published works by many bestselling authors, including Nicholas Sparks, James Patterson and David Sedaris.

The film rights to “Red Moon” have also been auctioned off. The Gotham Group, which produced “The Spiderwick Chronicles,” won the bidding war.

“They have attached the screenwriter Barry Levy to [Red Moon],” Percy said. “Barry and I have been in touch for the past few months, just trying to distill the plot of this big book into a screenplay.”

Although the publishing and film rights have already been sold, Percy has yet to finish writing “Red Moon.” He said that he is close to finishing the second part of the three-part book.

“I have written 440 polished pages,” he said. “I expect it to be about 600 to 650.”

Percy said he plans to finish “Red Moon” in the fall or winter of this year. He expects the book to be published in the fall of 2012.

“The target audience is everyone — everyone who can stomach a little bit of terror,” he said.
Legislature

Stalemate draws to close as budget passes

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After months of deadlock, the Iowa Legislature passed a $5.99 billion budget June 30. When votes were cast, the totals came out to 27 ayes and 18 nays. The 84th General Assembly of Iowa adjourned at 3:43 p.m. that afternoon, ending what had become the third-longest session in Iowa legislative history. The day marked a breakthrough after months of budget negotiations, but one that came at the expense of commercial property tax reform.

Commercial property tax reform was marked by the Gov. Terry Branstad, Democrats and Republicans as a key issue that needed to be addressed in the 2011 session. “It is a big disappointment for a lot of people across the state,” said Sen. Bill Dix, R-Shell Rock. “My hope is that when legislators return to their constituencies, they realize the impact of large tax increases.”

Gov. Terry Branstad has sought to reduce commercial property taxes to 60 percent of the assessed value of any property. House Republicans have sought to reduce commercial property taxes to 75 percent of the assessed value of the property.

Another approach, passed by Senate Democrats would provide $200 million in aid for owners of commercial property. However, an agreement could not be reached.

“Another plan is fully paid for. The state reimburses local government 100 percent which in turn means there is no shift of property tax to residential property tax,” said Sen. Herman Quirmbach, D-Ames. “The Governor’s plan is not fully paid for, and local government would lose revenue. And in all likelihood, [following it] would result in higher property taxes for homeowners and farmers.”

Property taxes provide local governments with the means to pay for schools, police and fire departments, and infrastructure. Branstad believes his plan to reduce commercial property taxes would encourage job creation.

“Our proposed legislation would have significantly reduced commercial and industrial property taxes to encourage job creation and would have protected homeowners from huge tax increases,” Branstad said in a statement on the close of the 2011 session. “The lack of action by Senate Democrats on property taxes will mean residential taxpayers in this state will see historic increases.”

Commercial property tax reform is an issue that Branstad, Democrats and Republicans plan to continue working on. The bills passed by the Senate Democrats and the House Republicans do not die with end of the 2011 session. Because the bills were passed by one chamber of the Legislature, they are not off the table for the next session.

Education was a major issue during the 2011 session. Branstad has stated education is one of the major goals of his administration. He had originally proposed a 6 percent cut in funding for education from pre-K to universities.

“One of my top priorities going into next year will be to restore funding. The budget proposed by the governor and House Republicans was a full-fledged assault on public education from pre-K to universities,” Quirmbach said. “We had a clear victory in saving universal preschool. We’ve got to get more aggressive.”

The Iowa Legislature passed a $5.99 billion budget June 30. File photo: Iowa State Daily
ISU experts respond to ruling on video games

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The Supreme Court failed to uphold a California law banning the sale of violent video games to children on June 27, citing the First Amendment right to free speech.

Professor Craig Anderson, distinguished professor of psychology and director of ISU’s Center for the Study of Violence, has contributed extensively to a large body of research showing a definitive link between exposure to violent media and aggressive behavior. Though he has served as an expert witness in similar cases, he did not take part in this one.

“What we did do was put together a summary statement of what the research shows,” Anderson said. “And we allowed that to appear in the appendix of one of the amicus briefs that was filed by the California state senator who originally proposed the law.”

Anderson expressed his frustration with the judges’ dismissal of the statement.

“I’m disappointed by the fact that several of the judges chose to attack the research evidence and chose to make statements that are clearly factually incorrect,” Anderson said. “Here’s what the science says. Here’s what the science doesn’t say. Use this as you’re supposed to use it, but I can’t make them use it. They can misuse it and they will. It’s very frustrating.”

Anderson said he was neither for nor against the ban.

“I firmly come down right in the middle,” Anderson said. “It wasn’t a well-written law, and I’ve always been a free speech proponent, but on the other hand, I don’t think free speech should apply the same way to children as it applies to adults, because we hold that they are vulnerable. As a society we’ve made that decision.”

Anderson said violent video games “model and reinforce” physical aggression and teach children that violence is an acceptable way to solve problems. With Professor Doug Gentile, Anderson works with researchers in Germany, Japan and Singapore.

“Our studies all show essentially the same effects,” Anderson said. “Across time, kids who play a lot of violent video games become relatively more aggressive, even after you control for how aggressive they were at the beginning of the study.”

Their research as well as their personal motives are often unfairly attacked by the video game industry, Anderson said. “They really do like to call us biased. They spend a lot of money making sure that we’re perceived as this biased, one-sided group that simply doesn’t understand games,” Anderson said. “There’s one guy who keeps trying to accuse us of creating a ‘moral panic.’”

Some of Anderson’s research has shown that certain video games can increase positive behavior.

“The video game industry doesn’t like to acknowledge this, but we’re the first group to have published a major paper showing the positive effects of pro-social games,” Anderson said. “They don’t want to acknowledge this, because if they give us credit for showing how wonderful games can be, it makes them look foolish to turn around and trash us.”

Just as movies are rated by the Motion Picture Association of America, video games are rated by the Entertainment Software Ratings Board. The board determines age-based ratings based on game content.

Anderson said the current ratings system makes it difficult for parents to screen violent games.

“It’s not really very parent-friendly in the sense of being accurate and useful in helping parents determine what’s good for a kid versus what’s bad for a kid,” Anderson said. “Clearer descriptions of what the actual content is might lead to better choices — certainly by parents.”

Citing free speech rights and consumer protection, the U. S. Supreme Court struck down on June 27 a California law that would have banned the selling of violent video games. Photo illustration: Victoria Harjadi/Iowa State Daily

Kids’ games may actually contain the same amount of violence as games intended for older children, with the only difference being the explicitness of the violence, Anderson said.

“We know that even cartoonish violence leads to increases in aggressive behavior in children and even in college students,” Anderson said. “The bottom line is that the ratings system is inaccurate, it’s unreliable and it doesn’t really match the science.”

Anderson said it might be wise to let the government control the ratings, as is the case in certain countries.

“They’re supposed to be independent of the video game industry but they’re not. They’re controlled and funded by the industry.” Anderson said of the present ratings board.

Anderson said the government needs to make a greater effort to inform the public of the effects of violent media.

“The government, in my view, has a responsibility to provide parents with the tools they need to provide good parenting. One of those tools is educating parents what is and isn’t harmful. We’ve failed at that miserably,” Anderson said. “We don’t do very well as a society with psychological health.”

Anderson said it is also highly important for parents to become actively involved in their children’s media diet.

“You need to know what it is your kids are playing. You don’t buy them games without knowing what the content is,” Anderson said. “It’s helpful for parents to talk to their kids about why certain kinds of games are not allowed, and in that context, provide some values training.”

Parents should also limit the amount of time children spend playing video games and watching TV, Anderson said.
End of shuttle program a loss for dreamers

NASA’s space shuttle program is set to end this Friday. The shuttle Atlantis will make its final flight into space. When it returns, human flight through space will come to an end.

The space shuttle had its problems. Mired in bureaucratic and political squabbling from the beginning, it was a craft that was supposed to justify itself. So when payloads from the Air Force and other agencies were not forthcoming, NASA was forced to invent payloads of its own to justify the project. The expectations of flight frequency were not met, and instead of continuing our voyage into the far reaches of our solar system, we confined ourselves to orbiting Earth. We are cutting the program largely for budgetary reasons.

But the shuttle program still had this going for it: because of it, men were able to boldly go where no man had gone before.

What could be more inspiring than lifting out of Earth’s gravity into weightlessness or thrusting toward the moon, or Mars, or the great beyond?

The current generation of undergraduates has its own problems to face. Space exploration may not be among them. And that is fine. What is really disturbing is the complacency with which we have treated a national project that, back in the day, everyone participated in.

We seem to just somehow expect that other people will take care of our problems.

The point is this: we should look for challenges, and conquer them, wherever they be and however dangerous they be.

Minn. legislators failed state

This weekend we celebrated the birth of something never seen before we created it. We celebrated a republic and we named it the United States of America. It was born of the principles of a public, and operated under the assumption that each individual could, through debate and democratic participation, help solve the true problems of the state. Politics had been reinvented.

What we’ve come to do, however, has been far removed from our country’s founding principles. In fact, our political system resembles the 1642 British Parliament (with its irreconcilable differences, divisions and feuds) more than it does the United States.

An ongoing case of governmental gridlock could recently be observed at the Minnesota State Capitol. There, legislators couldn’t agree on a way to fill a $5 million gap in the budget, and the entire state government was forced to shut down. The political parties had segregated themselves so completely that cooperation on any agenda item was nearly impossible.

Minnesota’s governor, Mark Dayton, is the only state official who can call a special session of the legislature to resolve the budget crisis. But he refused to do so until he could be assured of a complete and full budget for the fiscal year. Like President Obama, he wished to raise the taxes affecting those who make more than a $1 million a year. And like Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives John Boehner, Minnesota’s Speaker of the House Kurt Zellers would not accept any tax increases to solve the problem. As a result, there was no session and no discussion of it.

It isn’t surprising that the divide fell along party lines and between factions that refused to budge on the issue. Historically, in extreme cases, when two sides adamantly opposed each other and could not come to an agreement, the impasse degenerated into war.

And that is what we now have: rhetoric, slander and finger-pointing all barrel out of the political propaganda machines. Gov. Mark Dayton fired a round into the Democratic ranks, blaming them for the shutdown and refusal to compromise on social issues. He accused them of wanting the shutdown. The Republicans fired a few as well, blaming the Democrats for irresponsible spending, and saying they only wanted more tax revenue to pay for state handouts. Their tight protective formation organized around the idea of the “state living within its means,” but no one really knew what either party was arguing for. The truly sad issue is that instead of coming together to solve the problem, the two sides fought a war of words. This weekend was a time to celebrate American ingenuity. The founders of this nation had deeper issues with the Federalist and anti-Federalist debates.

We had Tories and Patriots in the Revolutionary War; we had Federalists and anti-Federalists in 1800; we had hawks and doves in Vietnam. We’ve always gotten through the debate using politics and intelligent discussion of the issue followed by compromise, but this weekend the two parties refused to convene to solve the problem.

Members of each party in Minnesota claimed to have compromised more than their fair share, though neither had actually made a move. All the while, the real problems persisted. The matters at hand aren’t social or class related — they include the layoff of 23,000 state workers, the closing of Fort Snelling and other historical sites, the closing of state parks, the moratorium on all non-critical construction, desertion of those who need the state’s aid in turbulent times and, most importantly, a degradation of America’s political way of life.

While we celebrated our country’s birth and the creation of political order without rule, we failed to practice the lessons of our past. Tim Pawlenty, former Minnesota governor and now a candidate for president, has claimed that the shutdown may be a good thing, and sadly he is not alone.

These statements of support are far from reassuring. Minnesota has shut down because its government is factionalized. Its state parties act according to inflexible ideologies. While they continue to declare war against one another they continue to harm the people. This is not an isolated incident, nor should it be treated as such. It’s best to see it as a cautionary tale.

We need politics and compromise. We need to unite and work together to solve the issues that affect our interactions. Simply disbanding and refusing to negotiate does not solve any problem. Rather, it only increases the distrust between parties.
2012 Election

Civil Huntsman taking the high road to total defeat

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There is one Republican presidential hopeful who sought to win the GOP nomination for 2012. He is very well mannered and experienced, has promised not to do negative campaigning or attack ads, and therefore has absolutely no chance of winning the Party’s nomination. I am writing, of course, of Jon Huntsman, the former Utah governor who recently resigned as the U.S. ambassador to China.

Huntsman is unelectable as a Republican for several reasons. First, he knowingly accepts climate change as a problem that we face and joined his state in the Western Climate Initiative, a program to curb greenhouse gas emissions. Because of the Republican Party’s denialist stance on climate change, he may have to defend himself against attacks on this reasonable decision he made as governor.

Huntsman also defends civil unions and supported legislation in Utah to grant same-sex couples civil unions, but not marriage. As the Republican hard-line stance against same-sex civil unions and marriages continues, this is liable to be another area of vulnerability for him.

Another position of Huntsman’s that makes him unelectable is his stance against attack ads. This is a very refreshing stance for a Republican to take, especially in the age of “shoot first and ask questions later” political tactics. Whether or not the GOP can even run a candidate who has spurned such tactics is an open question; attack ads from both sides of the political spectrum have become the norm for each campaign season.

In the contemporary Republican Party, perhaps even being associated with President Obama is enough to make one unelectable. If this is so, Huntsman’s in trouble: he was appointed by Obama’s administration as ambassador to China. Huntsman surely gained an intricate understanding of how the current administration really works, which will help in the campaign.

Mere days after he announced his candidacy, videos have surfaced from conservative groups claiming that Huntsman is a RINO, or Republican In Name Only — not exactly a term of endearment on his side. However, the Republican Party needs politicians like him in order to claim that it is a party of diversity. When everyone in the party marches in lockstep with one another, it damages the party. If the GOP is to survive in America’s constantly changing political climate, it needs people with a variety of different ideas.
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Men’s Golf

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Cyclone golfer takes tourney

McCoy wins Dogwood Invitational

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ISU men’s golfer Nate McCoy shot a final round 7 under par to earn a Dogwood Invitational title last weekend in Atlanta.

The West Des Moines native shot rounds of 66, 68, 67 and 65 at Druid Hills Golf Club for a total score of 266, finishing the tournament at 22 under par.

McCoy, who will begin his senior campaign at Iowa State in the fall, birdied four holes in a row just before the turn to take the lead from the All-American and Big Ten champion Guthrie. Wyatt responded nicely, coming up with an eagle and four birdies on the back nine, but it would not be enough to finish third overall with a score of 272.

McCoy, who also shot a 7-under final round, finished second with a total score of 268. Illinois senior Luke Guthrie entered the final round with a one-shot lead but only managed to shoot an even 72 in the final round, to finish third overall with a score of 272.

McCoy, who is the son of Mike McCoy, one of top amateur golfers in Iowa history. The elder McCoy has six Iowa Amateur Player of the Year awards to his name and was ranked as high as No. 5 on Golf Week’s amateur player rankings.

Women’s Golf

ISU golfer gets 18th place

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Prima Thammaraks, ISU women’s golfer, competed in the U.S. Women’s Amateur Public Links Championship in Dandon, Ore. Photo courtesy of ISU Athletic Department

It may be the offseason, but many ISU athletes are still working to maintain their competitive edge.

Prima Thammaraks is one of these such athletes making the most of her summer opportunities.

The Cyclone golfer made her way to the windy coast of Dandon, Ore. to battle in the U.S. Women’s Amateur Public Links Championship.

“In the beginning I wasn’t going to go because I didn’t want to miss my summer school. I talked to my sister and she helped me figure everything out,” said Thammaraks.

“She said, ‘How do you know you are going to qualify next year?’ and asked me why I wasn’t going when I had the opportunity. She told me to just go and have fun, and I’m glad I went because I learned a lot from this tournament.”

Despite her early reservations about competing, Thammaraks competed stroke for stroke with some of the premier amateur players in the nation.

With two rounds of stroke play completed, Thammaraks stood alone in 18th place, ten strokes behind then-leader Cheyenne Wood.

The unique layout of the tournament posed an additional challenge. After two rounds of stroke play, the top 64 players advanced to the match play tournament. Following the stroke play level, Thammaraks led eventual champion Brianna Do of UCLA by four strokes.

“I have been working on my swing for a while, and I feel like I got everything put back together by the tournament. My swing worked really well. It’s really bumpy and windy so you have to hit a lot of knockdown shots and hope it rolls down the green,” Thammaraks said.

In the opening round of match play, the Cyclone faced off against Vaishavi Sinha of Purdue. Thammaraks pulled away with a 5-and-4 victory, before toppling 15th seeded Joanne Lee, 1 up.

Thammaraks’s hot streak came to an end later that same afternoon in the round of 16. Marissa Dodd, the 31st seed, rolled to her second straight upset, with a 2-up win over Thammaraks.

Dodd would go on to be tournament runner-up.

The rugged, windswept terrain of the Old MacDonald course added another mental challenge. Old MacDonald is a young course that is already infamous for its forbidding hole layouts. To help her deal with these obstacles, Thammaraks brought along her secret weapon: her caddy Punpaka Phuntumabamrung.

“She’s on the team and she caddied for me at the tournament and she helped a lot. She and I have different styles of play, and sometimes she sees something I don’t see, and I see things she doesn’t see. So having her on the bag really helped fulfill my game, especially in the match play,” Thammaraks said.

Though her performance cannot be considered a failure, Thammaraks knows she’ll be capable of better once she finds her groove.

“I don’t think I was really prepared. I had a hard time getting myself out to the golf course this summer. I don’t feel like I was prepared. I feel like I need to work out more to play better,” Thammaraks said.
Soccer

Players set for nationals

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Hope of winning a national championship remains for six ISU women’s soccer players this summer.

These athletes are playing on regional soccer clubs across the country in the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championships. They will now advance to the national level for their respective teams.

There are four different regions in U.S. Youth Soccer, depending on which area of the country players hail from. The regions are East, Midwest, South and Far West.

“Each region has about 10 or more states,” Woodbury Inferno player Maddie Jobe said. “Teams in a certain state play each other to win their state title, or they can receive a wild card and play in the regional tournament.”

Jobe, along with Bridget Grandas, Caitlin Graboski and Erin Green, play for the Woodbury Inferno team that won the Region II tournament. Brittany Morgan plays for the Dallas Texans, who won Region III, and Jessica Stewart plays for the Real Colorado National team, which won Region IV. All these women are sophomores and will be playing in the Under-19 tournament.

The Region I championship is still underway.

Stewart’s team faced a lot of adversity, as it initially lacked enough players to form their own team.

“We ended up merging with one of our longtime rival teams from Denver, called Real Colorado National,” Stewart said. “It was neat to watch a group of complete strangers bond together, forming a team of close-knit friends that ended up winning a regional title.”

Even though these athletes are split up on different clubs, they still represent Iowa State and have taken what they’ve learned from both their teams.

“I believe that the level of competition, both in games and practice in the Big 12, has thoroughly equipped me to play at this next level,” Stewart said.

“I have learned so many things in the past year with [ISU assistant soccer coach] Ben Madsen that I carried on in my training over the summer,” Jobe said.

Now that they are at the big stage, these players expect to take full advantage of it.

“Not many people can say that their team is the No. 1 team in the nation,” Jobe said. “It’s pretty cool to see all of the hard work paying off in the end of my club career.”

The U.S. Youth Soccer National Championships will be held from July 26 to July 31 in Phoenix, Ariz.
Biotechnology

Ethanol plant to be constructed in Central Iowa

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Representatives of DuPont Co., a multinational chemical company, have announced plans to build a next-generation ethanol plant in Central Iowa in Nevada.

It’s estimated that the ethanol plant will take anywhere from a year to a year and a half to build.

It is expected to start producing ethanol by 2013, and will be situated next to Lincolnway Ethanol Energy Plant.

The next-generation plant will use corn cobs and corn stover (the leaves and stalks that are left behind after the harvesting of the grain) to make ethanol. The plant may need 300,000 dry tons of corn stover annually.

“Biofuels produced from cellulose represents the next generation of biofuels with several advantages to corn ethanol,” said Robert C. Brown, distinguished professor of mechanical engineering and director of Iowa State’s Bioeconomy Institute. “However, for the present, corn ethanol can be produced more cheaply than cellulosic ethanol.”

The Bioeconomy Institute is trying to work with farmers to collect corn stover, but Brown says they may be reluctant to cooperate.

“It is not clear whether farmers will be paid enough for corn stover to encourage their collecting it,” Brown said. “The work we’re doing at Iowa State is studying how to make this cost effective for both farmers and manufacturers.”

Though drawbacks like those Brown mentions give some farmers pause, ethanol has some clear advantages.

“Ethanol from cellulose is expected to require less fossil fuel for its production. That is the case for grain ethanol,” Brown said.

The ISU BioCentury Research Farm is currently working with DuPont under the direction of Matt Darr, professor of agriculture and biosystems engineering.

“The research will support biomass logistics for DuPont,” Brown said.

Matt Darr could not be reached for comment.

The new DuPont ethanol plant will be located west of Lincolnway Energy LLC’s plant in Nevada. Photo courtesy of Thinkstock
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