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Dalai Lama enlightens

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4 Special Olympics
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5 Football
Right tackle Haughton dismissed from team
Goldfield, was arrested and charged with intoxication. (reported at 2:20 a.m.)
Tanner Frangenberg, 19, 3824 Tripp St. unit 212, was arrested and charged with intoxication. (reported at 2:30 a.m.)
Deshawn Green, 32, 4416 Toronto Ave. unit 4, was arrested and charged with intoxication. (reported at 8:17 a.m.)

An individual reported being harassed by an acquaintance. The matter will be referred to Human Resource Services. (reported at 9:36 a.m.)
A vehicle driven by Isaac Birocci collided with a parked car in lot 21. (reported at 12:11 p.m.)
Wei Gu, 3310 Birch Hall, reported the theft of a bike. (reported at 2:59 p.m.)

A resident suffering from an alcohol overdose in Helser Hall was transported to Mary Greeley Medical Center for treatment and observation. (reported at 1:53 a.m.)
Lori Schminke, 47, 5507 Lincoln Way, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated. (reported at 1:06 a.m.)
Mitchell Lee Pomrenke, 21, of Milford, was arrested and charged with intoxication. (reported at 1:10 a.m.)

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Aaron Augustus, 24, of Glidden, was arrested and charged with intoxication – third offense. (reported at 1:30 a.m.)
Nicholas Schulte, 20, of

South Dakota Ave. unit 217, was arrested and charged with driving with barred and harassment. (reported at 6:20 a.m.)
An individual reported almost being struck by a passing vehicle. (reported at 7:18 a.m.)
Moses Nathaniel, 56, 308 East Lincoln Way unit B, was arrested and charged with intoxication. (reported at 10:20 a.m.)
Benjamin Yeager, 7304 Wallace Road, reported an egg was thrown onto his vehicle. (reported at 10:27 a.m.)

Correction

In the May 18 issue of the Iowa State Daily, the columns by Jason Arment and Curtis Powers, “British election makes history” and “Citizens must take initiative for change,” were given the wrong attribution. Arment wrote the “Citizens” column and Powers wrote the “British election” column. The Daily regrets the error.
Faculty members inspired by Dalai Lama's messages

By Abigail Barefoot
Daily Stuff Writer

Members of ISU faculty traveled to the University of Northern Iowa along with more than 10,000 people to hear the Dalai Lama speak on education and peace.

The Dalai Lama is one of the most well known and respected leaders in modern society. His Holiness visited Iowa for the first time May 18 preaching on living a long and happy life through trust and honesty at the McLeod Center in Cedar Falls for two sold out events.

Going into the event, Benjamin Webb, Iowa State alumnus of 1978 and executive director of the Center for Regenerative Society, said the amount of people who came to see the Dalai Lama went beyond him being a spiritual leader.

“The Dalai Lama has done so much, he is a great man because of the trials he faced and in doing so he has stirred a lot of people,” he said.

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The Dalai Lama discussed the different opinions of secularism in that the western world believes secularism to be anti-religion, compared to India where secularism is “showing all religions respect.”

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Special Olympics visits Ames

By James Heggen
Daily Staff Writer

Special Olympics Iowa will be holding its state competition Thursday through Saturday in Ames.

Pam Wagner, vice president of games and competition for Special Olympics Iowa, has been involved with Special Olympics for 26 years.

In her position, Wagner, along with a 25-person committee made up of Ames residents, is in charge of planning every aspect of the games, such as events and housing.

However, the Special Olympics also gets tremendous help from volunteers. There will be 2,800 athletes at this year’s games, according to Special Olympics Iowa. Wagner said there will be about 1,500 volunteers.

As with the Ames and ISU communities, she said the volunteers do everything they can in order to ensure a great experience for the athletes. She said they seek out the best and latest technology for the events and treat it like a Big 12 meet.

The games have been held in Ames for the past 25 years, Wagner said. The Ames and ISU communities “go out of their way” to ensure the event goes well.

“It is so tremendous,” Wagner said of the relationship between the Special Olympics Iowa and the Ames and ISU communities.

She said every collegiate president has been very supportive of the event and that even university employees can take time off to help with the games.

Wagner also talked about the importance of the Special Olympics to its athletes and parents. For example, it gives an opportunity for the athletes and families to travel, which they often don’t have the opportunity to do.

Jay Lettow, executive director of the Arc of Story County, is in charge of sports in Story County.

Arc of Story County is an organization that serves those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Lettow, an ISU alumnus, said he got involved in coaching while still a student at the beginning of the last decade.

He was a part of the fraternity Pi Kappa Phi, whose philanthropy event works with people with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

“ar was immediately I wanted to get more involved,” he said.

He began with coaching softball, basketball and track, which was the first time he had coached anything, he said.

He said he enjoyed working with all the athletes because he found many common interests and developed a number of friendships with them.

“It’s that friendship that brings you back,” he said.

Senate Campaign

Krause opposes US occupation of Afghanistan

By Chelsea Davis
Daily Staff Writer

More jobs. Less war.

Joe Lynch, of Ames, held this sign before Bob Krause, Democratic candidate for Senate, spoke Wednesday afternoon at the War Memorial in downtown Ames.

“There is a lot of international outsourcing,” Krause said. “Nouriel Roubini, who was part of the Clinton administration, predicted a big crash a year before it happened.”

Roubini has predicted over the next 10 years that the U.S. will lose one out of every four jobs that exist today.

“In this latest crash, we lost 17 million jobs,” Krause said. “We will lose two times as many through outsourcing in the long run. That’s 34.5 million jobs.”

Krause spoke of the challenges college graduates are facing.

“College students are graduating with great credentials,” Krause said. “But there’s nothing for them to do.”

He said the U.S. needs to develop a stimulus package to get young kids up front and working again.

Krause’s main focus of the rally, though, was to show his support for protests of the war in Afghanistan.

“We’re in Afghanistan illegally, occupying the country with no legal basis,” said Jerry Lambs, former ISU physics professor. “Drop bread, not bombs. The country is extremely poor. We need to do what we can for their agriculture.”

“We have not only spent blood and money in Afghanistan, but we’re alienating a culture and creating more enemies than we had at the start,” Krause said.

He said in 2009 the estimated cost of war was $172 billion. “This is the equivalent of what we’re trying to find for the second stimulus package,” Krause said. “It’s a huge chunk of the national budget.”

Krause localized his cause by saying more needs to be done in Ames to make a difference for the nation.

He would like to see a wind power research center in Iowa, since Iowa State has leading engineers in the field.

“The largest one is currently in China,” Krause said. “It should be here. If we bring that here we could reduce our footprint in the Middle East dramatically.”

Krause then discussed the dilemma at Guantanamo Bay.

“We made the mistake early on in the war of calling the detainees enemy combatants and not soldiers,” he said. “If we had called them soldiers they would have fallen under the Geneva Conventions and would have been considered prisoners of war.”

Krause said he supports moving them to Thomson, Ill., a site that has been recommended by President Obama.

“Guantanamo has become an international eyesore for us,” Krause said.

Lynch asked Krause to speak on criticisms that this war will be another Vietnam War.

“The longer we’re there, the more our tentacles will spread to other countries,” Krause said. “If Pakistan, a nuclear power, becomes destabilized strange things could happen.”

Krause said he wants to establish an international peace conference where the powers surrounding Afghanistan were regulated to stabilize the country as a neutral nation like Switzerland.

Krause ended the rally when he said he believes “chances are wonderful of getting Sen. Grassley out [of office].”
Runner breaks record, receives Big 12 honors

By Jordan Wickstrom
Daily Staff Writer

Honors and awards have become fairly common for senior distance runner Lisa Koll.

Koll added another achievement to her list Wednesday. For the second consecutive year, Koll was recognized as the Big 12 women's Performer of the Year.

This honor comes after Koll won the 10,000-meter with a time of 33:51.74, and the 5,000-meter with a time of 15:22.42. She beat the previous conference record by 36 seconds, and helped the ISU women's team finish fourth, a team best, at the Big 12 Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Koll, a graduate student in veterinary medicine, is currently the collegiate leader in the 10,000-meter and 5,000-meter competitions. In her final season at Iowa State, Koll has enjoyed a memorable year.

This past season, Koll has broken multiple records in track and field. She has a chance to finish strong, competing May 27–29 at the NCAA regional competition, and June 9–12 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Eugene, Ore.

Football

Violation of rules results in dismissal of right tackle

By Jordan Wickstrom
Daily Staff Writer

A year ago, expectations for the ISU football team were obviously low, as it seemed the Cyclones were starting a rebuilding phase.

Entering the 2010 season, expectations are considerably higher than they were last season.

However, it is only May and the team is already facing its first hardship.

Junior right tackle, Scott Haughton, was dismissed Wednesday, for violating team rules.

Neither the football team nor the ISU Athletic Department commented any further on Haughton's dismissal.

Haughton started 17 straight games for the Cyclones, and it was part of an offensive line, which helped the Cyclones finish third in the Big 12 in rushing and win the team's first bowl game since 2004.

The team's offensive line was also instrumental in the success of senior running back Alexander Robinson, who finished second in the conference in rushing with 1,195 yards.

With Haughton's dismissal, the Cyclones need to fill a gap on their offensive line before next season.

That task may prove difficult as next season's offensive line will be made up of an inexperienced group of players.

Iowa State will return only four players with major playing experience, while a handful of players have seen limited action in their careers.
Texas rewrites its history for the books

You have to love Texas. If any group of people could care less about how unpopular their decisions are, it's Texans. It's especially fun to read the backlash that is just now coming from Europe regarding Texas' decision to rewrite their history. Yes, between talking about ash shutting down plane flights and how poorly the euro is doing — because it turns out global economics is complicated, who would have thought — people across the pond seem more than a little startled at how one of the states in our union is doing whatever it pleases.

The particular article I'm talking about is from guardian.co.uk, and is entitled "Texas school board rewrites U.S. history with lessons promoting God and guns." I'm not about to summarize it, but it does a very apt job of making it seem like Texas is being willfully ignorant. I would beg to differ.

I think that Texas is just doing what everybody else in our country is doing. Many politicians in this country tread on the Constitution every day. Admittedly, sometimes it's hard not to. There are many tough real world decisions that put good men in positions where they have to follow their gut, and it leads them to infringe on something just enough to get the results they want.

But it's important to keep in mind that the old, archaic piece of parchment they infringe on is the only thing that gives them any kind of real power. What a paradox; how can politicians disregard some parts of the Constitution while keeping a finger firmly fixed on the parts that outline how they have authority?

We as a nation are made of paradoxes. We talk about life and liberty, and then wage war in other countries for reasons the average person can't even articulate.

Obama ran on the peace platform. Did he say there would be further operations in Afghanistan? Yes, he did. I don't recall him outlining in his speeches what is going on now.

Jason Arment
is a senior in English from Grimes.

Marine Corps General Cartwright has said that we can expect to keep fighting the good fight in Afghanistan for the next 5 to 10 years, according to John Bennett at Marine Corps Times. Only in America does the peace platform include a decade of war.

So if Texas wants to rewrite history, that's pretty much par for the course at this point in the game. I'm not sure where people in this country get off screaming, "But what about the integrity of the teachers?" Integrity is a sharp sword to be sure, but one that you have to be strong enough to lift before you can swing it.

I'm not saying what Texas is doing isn't completely ignorant, I'm just saying I understand it. Shortly after The Honorable Mr. Obama's election to the presidency, it is rumored that Lil Wayne said, "We President now." What Texas is doing right now is their way of saying, "We history now."

Orwell wrote it long ago, "He who controls the past controls the future, and he who controls the present controls the past." Texas is trying to promote what it believes, to pass on a heritage to its children. Writing its willful ignorance into the curriculum is the smartest thing it could do.

Editorial:

Daily changes online comment system

The way the Iowa State Daily manages content will change next week. It comes with both good news and bad news.

Bad news: With the new content management system, all previous comments will be deleted.

It's not something we want to do, but the new CMS makes our workflow much smoother, with reporters getting more ownership of their content.

Good news: The new commenting system will be similar to the current one with a personal login and commenting on each story.

And there will be no anonymous commenting. Every person will be asked to verify their identity and, therefore, use real names.

The Daily wants to create a more engaged community online where people know who they are talking to, hopefully, more people will join in the conversations. Staff members will also be joining the conversation.

In the near future, Facebook will be one of the options available to users to verify one's identity. We want to cultivate an online community of trust. Be aware of what you comment, we want to ensure that you are you. The system isn't perfect, but it's a step forward.
Dance class opportunities open for all Ames’ summer residents

By Kaleb Warnock
Daily Correspondent

Although a large portion of the student body has gone home for the summer, the numerous dance organizations on campus are offering a multitude of things to do for those remaining in Ames.

Whether or not you have any dance experience, there are opportunities through the various styles taught by the groups like the ISU Ballroom Dance Club and through the Memorial Union Workspace. The ISU Ballroom Dance Club hosts weekly dance socials Friday nights throughout the fall and spring semesters, as well as into the summer sessions. Although the evening sessions are intended as practice sessions for those taking lessons through the club, ballroom dance instructor Mark Mehl invites people of all skill levels to come and enjoy the free dance. The social itself is free, but the club offers instruction for all skill levels and the summer dance lessons will begin mid-June. The dance lessons cover styles such as swing, waltz and foxtrot with an emphasis on Latin style, too.

The music of the socials varies depending on the audience, and the live DJ is always open to requests.

The Workspace is also active during the summer. Valerie Williams teaches an Argentine Tango class from 4 – 5 p.m. Sunday, and an offers an open dance from 5 – 7 p.m. The class is open to ISU students as well as anyone else in the community from any skill level of dancing.

Young Midwestern classical musicians featured in show

By Sarah Binder
Daily Staff Writer

The weekly show, hosted by acclaimed pianist Christopher O’Riley, features young classical musicians, between the ages of 8 and 18, from across the nation.

Caroline Weeks, an 18-year-old violinist and self-proclaimed “good old Midwestern girl” from Des Moines was also featured. However, “From the Top” co-founder Gary Slavet believes the “big city snobs” could stand to learn something about music education from their Midwestern counterparts.

“There are such wonderful music education programs here in Iowa,” Slavet said.

“I love experiencing the audience reaction to hometown kids.”

Slavet said one of the goals of “From the Top” is to break down the cultural barriers that keep people from enjoying classical music.

“For the Top” performer Keitaro Harada, a saxophonist and former “From the Top” performer who has gone on to a career in conducting; and the Octet Abbraccio, a group of high school string players from Ohio.

The show at Fisher Theater was part of a three-year partnership between “From the Top” and Orchestra Iowa called “Iowa Makes Music,” that also includes outreach programs in local schools. Previously, the program brought concerts to Des Moines, Cedar Rapids and Iowa City.

The ultimate goal of “From the Top” over its 10-year existence has been to showcase these young artists.

Slavet said it began while he was touring the Northeast Conservatory Philharmonic Orchestra, and he realized some of the students didn’t feel pride in their classical music accomplishments.

He discussed the matter with Jennifer Hurley-Wales, who would later become his “From the Top” co-founder. The show is now broadcast on nearly 250 stations each week, including Iowa Public Radio, for a listenership of more than 700,000.

“I’m so happy I could’ve been a part of this experience,” said Weeks, adding that she’s made friends in the music world between rehearsals and sound checks.

On the radio: Tuesday’s performance of “From the Top,” will air at 4 p.m. June 19 on Iowa Public Radio.

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Daily Sudoku

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Solution:

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every number 1 to 9. For strategies on solving Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

what? just sayin’

to the drunk guy trying to climb into his friends apartment window that is on the second floor….ur first attempt was a fail but ur second attempt was so graceful

To the guy who rides a unicycle to class: you are awesome!

Bad spellers of the world unite.

I have yet to see the singing man. Just sayin...

... To the girl doing a handstand on the bench outside Beardshear-awesome.

... Speshly is not a word. But especially is try spell check. Just sayin....

... To the kids in my calc class who don’t ever show up... Keep it up! Your bad grades are helping the curve!

... The phrase, “I know right?” does not make you cool. 

... Just sayin...

... To the kid who said iguanas change colors: you are an idiot.

Chameleons change color.

... To the person complaining about getting 4 hours of sleep: that’s 4 hours more than I got last night, jerk...

... To the person that call for computer help at 7am, please be patient we are trying to wake up too. ...

Joke of the Day

It had been snowing for hours when an announcement came over the intercom: “Will the students who are parked on University Drive please move their cars so that we may begin plowing.”

Twenty minutes later there was another announcement: “Will the twelve hundred students who went to move 20 cars return to class.”

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Transportation

Hub redesign receives OK despite debate

By Abigail Barefoot
Daily Staff Writer

Despite protest, the Federal Transit Administration has approved the transportation hub redesign.

The hub will be located at Hayward and Chamberlain Avenues. The hub will include two bays for intercity bus carriers, two bays for regional bus carriers and space for two taxis. Five of the six components of the original design were selected for the new design.

The original design for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant asked for $42 million — out of that, the city of Ames received an $8.4 stimulus grant from the Federal Transit Agency.

The redesign is a scaled-back version of the original proposal. The location of the hub has been meet with opposition. Jonathan Sturm created a petition with 141 signatures from residents.

“We have no problem with an intermodal transportation facility, but put it somewhere else. That kind of facility does not belong on the fringe of a residential neighborhood,” Sturm said in an Ames Tribune article.

Sturm sent letters to the TIGER grant team, U.S. Congressman Tom Latham and the Ames City Council to deny funding when the plan was sent in.

The FTA approved the re-designed plan Monday.

Environment

Beetles infest Iowa wood

By Paige Godden
Daily Staff Writer

After demolishing several surrounding states’ Ash trees, the culprit has landed in Iowa.

The Emerald Ash Borer, a metallic-green beetle, kills Ash trees by burrowing under the bark and eating away at the growing layers, according to a news release from the Iowa Emerald Ash Borer Team.

The infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer has so far been confirmed in Allamakee County.

Laura Jesse, of ISU Plant Pathology, said that if the infestation spreads in Iowa, it would have more impact on urban landscaping than the wildlife.

“It would change what cities would look like; you’d see streets that were once tree-lined that are now not,” Jesse said.

The Emerald Ash Borer is native to eastern Asia, and was discovered in Michigan in 2002, according to the news release.

The infestation of the Borer has since spread to southeast Minnesota, and into nearby Victory, Wisconsin, according to the news release.

After the discovery of the beetle, the states set up quarantines, but the bug snuck its way over the Mississippi River.

“My more than likely it flew in. It can fly two to five miles,” said Mark Shour.

Shour, extension program specialist for ISU Department of Entomology, has been publishing articles about the Emerald Ash Borer since 2009.

Shour said the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship will quarantine wood and nursery stock from Allamakee County first.

He said if the whole state were to be quarantined, then Ash wood could move anywhere inside the state borders and make the situation worse.

A quarantine of wood can affect the economy of a county quite distinctly, especially in heavily wooded counties such as Allamakee and Clayton, Shour said.

He said a saw mill and a wood processing plant in Allamakee and Clayton, heavily wooded counties such as Allamakee and Clayton, are working with the United States Department of Agriculture and the Iowa Department of Agriculture to remove the bark of Ash wood and heat treat it.

There are some preventative measures that Iowa can still take to prevent the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer.

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, State Entomologist, Department of Natural Resources, Forestry Bureau, ISU Extension and the United States Department of Agriculture have prepared for the infestation by creating a plan known as the Iowa Emerald Ash Borer Readiness Plan.

The plan takes steps in order to reduce the risk of infestation and creates an ongoing monitoring program to manage the Emerald Ash Borer population.

The Emerald Ash Borer Team members are planting 1,800 purple traps in high-risk areas including a 1.5 mile trail along the Mississippi River, according to the news release.

The best thing the public can do is buy their firewood when they get to the campsite,” Shour said.

If you go camping out of state, be sure to leave your firewood in that state.

You also don’t take any firewood to an out-of-state location.

Shour said the fine for going against the quarantine can range from $100 – $1,000, and that “buying a $5 bundle of firewood is much cheaper.”

There are some precautions that can be taken if you happen to have an Ash tree at home.

There isn’t a need to treat Ash trees right now, Jesse said.

If you suspect a tree is infested, call ISU Extension and someone will evaluate the tree.

Signs that a tree has been infected include woodpecker holes and characteristically shaped larva exit holes.

The only way to tell if a tree has been infected is to wait until a branch falls down and peel back the bark.