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Remembering our fallen heroes

Aquatic Center

Farman Aquatic Center to open, residents prepare for summer sun.

Raven Update

Student did not use her phone during the night of her death, according to Ames police.

Weekend Events

Memorial Day parades, speeches, celebrations, visitations and more in Ames.
May 5
Owen Mayer, 19, 2589 Helser Hall, was cited for underage possession of alcohol. (reported at 11:47 p.m.)

May 6
Shawn Quereshi, 20, 3393 Friley Hall, was arrested and charged with public intoxication. (reported at 1:33 a.m.)

Christian Michael Wehr, 20, 407 Welch Ave., was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance – marijuana. (reported at 2:10 a.m.)

Kyle Czarnecki, 20, 407 Welch Ave., was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance – marijuana. (reported at 2:10 a.m.)

May 7
Brittany Ancona, 22, 2007 Greeley St., was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated. (reported at 1:05 a.m.)

Christian Michael Wehr, 20, 407 Welch Ave., was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance – marijuana. (reported at 2:10 a.m.)

Lucas Daniel Wagner, 21, 3732 Tripp St. unit 512, was arrested and charged with intoxication. (reported at 3:17 a.m.)

Connor Crause, 21, of West Des Moines, was arrested and charged with intoxication. (reported at 2:00 a.m.)

May 8
Sara Krantman, 22, of Ankeny, was arrested and charged with intoxication. (12:49 a.m.)

Helen Saldana, 28, 1240 Truman Place, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated. (12:54 a.m.)

Mitchel Aden, 23, of Palmer, was arrested and charged with public intoxication. (reported at 1:08 a.m.)

A student officer on patrol observed two men spray painting in the loading dock area of Friley Hall. They ran inside the building upon being approached. (reported at 1:29 a.m.)

Officers assisted two men who fell into a creek bed. One of the individuals was transported by helicopter to a Des Moines hospital for treatment. (reported at 2:18 a.m.)

Stephen Murray, 21, of Des Moines, was arrested and charged with intoxication. (2:20 a.m.)

Adam Elmquist, 21, 2325 Walnut unit 1, was arrested and charged with intoxication. (2:20 a.m.)
Veteran remembers experiences in Iraq

Addresses his transition from militaristic life toward becoming re-civilianized after time spent in service

By Chelsea Davis
Daily Staff Writer

Steve Hawkins described his arrival in Iraq in one word: overwhelming.

“It's a completely different world over there,” he said.

Hawkins, senior in criminal justice, joined the military at 19 when he was between Hawkeye Community College and Iowa State.

“It was a family thing, I guess. My dad, grandpa and uncles were all in the army,” Hawkins said. “My grandfather and two uncles were Marines.”

Hawkins was stationed in Iraq for the first five months, then he relocated to Habbaniyah for the last few months, Hawkins said.

While there, the soldiers patrolled a lot, both in vehicles and on foot.

Hawkins said they functioned on three cycles that would rotate weekly: patrolling, forward operating base security and quick reaction force security.

FOB security was a six to eight hour shift of operating base security and quick reaction force security.

QRF security was a way for soldiers to be “on call” if anyone in the field needed their help.

“If someone got in trouble or needed help, they would call QRF and we would help them out,” Hawkins said. “You have to have all your equipment and vehicles ready at all times.”

Hawkins faced a few difficulties while overseas.

“We interacted with Iraqis face-to-face every day,” Hawkins said.

“The army tried to teach us some of the language before we went, but mostly, we just knew ‘stop,’ ‘put your hands up,’ ‘turn around’ and things like ‘hello’ and ‘goodbye.’”

Thankfully, Hawkins’ unit had an interpreter riding along when they were on patrol.

But Hawkins said the hardest part was being away from his family.

“It feels like the world stops because you're over there,” he said. “But when you call back, the world just keeps going without you.”

Hawkins wanted to remind everyone that soldiers enjoy receiving a random package every now and then.

“It feels like people forget about you and that sucks,” Hawkins said. “People need to remember there are still soldiers over there and there will be for a long time.”

Once he arrived back in the U.S., Hawkins became frustrated with people.

“It’s irritating to see how people focus on the little mundane things when there are a lot bigger things to worry about,” he said.

While he was happy to see his family again, Hawkins said coming home was really difficult.

“We came back to California for a week or two, then came back to Iowa,” Hawkins said. “It was good to see my family, but it felt so different because I was used to carrying a weapon and doing fives and twenty-fives.”

Fives and twenty-fives are when the unit stops to check IDs.

“We step out five meters from the vehicle and check, then go out 20 more meters and check again,” he said. “It became a natural instinct.”

While Hawkins was not in a serious combat situation, he said post-traumatic stress disorder is a very serious condition most people don’t understand.

“It’s usually a sad story for the people who have it,” Hawkins said. “I can’t speak from personal experience, but as far as how even being over there affects you, it has a major life effect.”

Hawkins left for Iowa State immediately — two days after he returned to Iowa.

“With anything, it sucks,” Hawkins said. “People need to remember that there are still soldiers over there.”

“People need to understand in the end it affects you, it affects your family,” he said. “It’s really a very serious issue.”

“Once you’re over there, it’s like a new life,” Hawkins said. “It becomes a part of you.”

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Hawkins said this is the reason he joined the military.

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Hawkins left for training in California in September 2007 and trained for four months before departing for Iraq. He was there for eight months.

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The Main Street Cultural District (MSCD) and Ames Community Arts Council (ACAC) are pleased to announce the seventh annual season of Tune In to Main Street, located at Tom Evans Plaza, (at the corner of Main & Burnett). This free summer concert series will kick off today, May 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m. with Danny Grause, a Country Americana performer.

Bring the whole family for a night of music, food, and fun! Many shops stay open until 8 p.m. throughout the evening and concert season. Children's activities are planned to keep the entire family entertained. There will be a balloon splash, bounce house, free popcorn, free music and shopping until 8 p.m. There will also be a new inflatable each week for the kids to enjoy. A children's balloon artist, Becca Wemhoff, will be making balloon creations for the little ones on June 3rd and 17th, July 8th and 22nd.

In addition to the music and family entertainment, there will be plenty of local food provided by a local food vendor, however patrons are also welcome to bring their own dinner and have a picnic. Tune In to Main Street is an opportunity to come out with family and friends to live, listen, and love what downtown Ames has to offer.

**Schedule: **

*May 27: Danny Grause (Country Americana)*

*June 3: Green Oaks*  
(Folk, Celtic, Blues, Old Time)

*June 10: Mike Giles & The 3x5*  
(Creative Jazz)

*June 17: Trouble No More*  
(Blues)

*June 24: Blue Moon Players*  
(Folk)

*July 1: Ames Euphonium Choir*  
(Classical Brass)

*July 8: Good Guys*  
(Cowboy Folk)

*July 15: Brewer Project*  
(Pop, Blues Jazz)

*July 22: Scott Davis Band*  
(Jazz)

*July 29: Keith McCauley and Friends*  
(Guitar)
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I really regret doing that because it was hard to deal with people when I was used to such a militaristic lifestyle,” he said. Going to the bars bothered Hawkins as soon as he arrived back.

“Over there you’re expected to know where everyone is and know what everyone is doing around you. So you start second-guessing people and it makes you nervous from the lack of control,” Hawkins said.

Coming back home was a whole new experience, though he was in what should have been familiar territory.

“It’s been quite awhile since I’ve been back, and anymore it doesn’t really bother me. But just the fact that you have to walk around without a weapon and without backup is enough to scare someone who’s used to always being armed and ready.”

Right before Hawkins was deployed, he did what many soldiers do before leaving friends and family behind: he got engaged.

“She was honestly great, like as good as anyone could ask for,” he said. “I came back to the states and I guess I was in a different mindset.”

A mindset his fiance called “marine mode.”

“She’s really been a big shoulder for me to lean on throughout the entire process,” Hawkins said.

“So I came back, and I was so used to only taking care of myself and my guys that I guess I didn’t focus a whole lot on her, and that led to a break up.”

Today though, the two are back together, and Hawkins said “it’s going great.”

“I think it just takes awhile to ‘civilianize’ yourself when you get back in the states,” he said.

“It’s like you get back after this huge life experience and everyone expects you to be the same person, which simply isn’t the case. A lot of military folks have relationship problems during deployment for a number of reasons, and even with a rock like her, it’s a huge challenge.”

For Memorial Day weekend, Hawkins plans on returning home to Brooklyn, Iowa to see family; go to Holiday Lake; and visit graves.

Hawkins said there is one important thing to remember.

“Don’t forget about our soldiers just because they’re gone,” he said. “Focus less on mundane, petty issues and focus more on the real world.”

Swimming

Aquatic Center opens doors to public

Ribbon cutting ceremony kicks off and open swim begins Saturday

By James Heggen
Daily Staff Writer

It’s been a quite a journey.

The Furman Aquatic Center opens Saturday, and for the city, it’s been a long time coming.

Nancy Carroll, director of parks and recreation, said talks for a new aquatic center began when numbers for the only outdoor pool in Ames, Carr Pool, began to drop. Carroll said in its prime, Carr Pool was having about 50,000 to 55,000 visits a summer.

However, Carr Pool, which was built in the 1920s, saw its numbers start to drop off with the construction of aquatic centers in surrounding areas such as Nevada, Boone, West Des Moines and Clive, Carroll said.

“People, I think, wanted a different experience,” she said.

These different centers started appearing in these communities in the past 10 or 15 years, she said. Carr Pool saw its numbers drop to about 23,000 visits.

In Nebraska, which had a smaller pool comparable to Carr Pool before it built its aquatic center, had about 15,000 visits a summer, she said. When the new aquatic center opened, that number jumped to about 60,000.

“People’s desires have changed over the decades,” she said. “They’re looking for the fun factor.”

Carroll said the city expects to see about 80,000 visits with the Furman Aquatic Center.

But the issue for Ames is nothing new. Carroll said a bond failed, as far back as 1991, that would have included an aquatic center adjacent to some youth soccer fields. In 2005, there was a proposal for a “Rec Plex,” which had been proposed to be built with the new Ames Middle School on Mortensen Road. This complex would have included an outdoor aquatic center and an indoor facility, along with gym space and a fitness center.

Carroll said the mindset then was that the need for the facilities was still there, but people didn’t want to pay for everything all at once. So instead, they decided to separate the proposals, and the bond for the Furman Aquatic Center passed with 76 percent voting in favor.

Some of the features of the new center include a zero depth entry pool, a lazy river and a 50-meter pool. It also has two tube slides, a drop slide and a family slide.

Carroll said they came up with what to feature after touring newer facilities in Iowa and in the greater St. Louis area, as well as hiring a consultant with experience with these types of aquatic centers.

“I would suggest we got fabulous input,” she said.

Carroll also said they tried to please all ages when designing it.

“The fun factor was a driver for us from day one,” she said. “We tried to carve out a fun factor for each age demographic.”

The Furman Aquatic Center’s ribbon cutting ceremony begins at 11 a.m. and open swim begins at 1 p.m. Saturday.
Agreement

Campustown project takes step toward redevelopment

By James Heggen

The Ames City Council voted to approve a three party resolution between the city, university and Lane 4 Property Group, Inc. to move forward with the next step of the Campustown redevelopment project. The resolution spells out obligations that all three parties agree to do in the next 180 days while Lane 4 studies the project.

City Manager Steve Schainker said no money is being exchanged at this point of the project, but because Lane 4 will be investing time and money in studying the project, it wanted to make sure the city would not search for other developers. “In essence, it’s an exclusivity contract,” he said.

Some of the agreement’s terms include not negotiating with other companies for the project, not to transfer any city land in the “focus area” and to consider the project once a plan is made. Lane 4 will conduct public input sessions and share a development concept, among other things, at the halfway point of the 180 days with the council.

On the university’s end, it also agrees, among other things, not to negotiate with other companies for “real estate development.”

The 180 days begins when all three parties have signed the agreement. Lane 4 has already done so, and the university is expected to sign soon.

The city council also approved the $75,428 contract to develop a new website. The Santa Monica, Calif. based company, Vision Internet Providers, Inc., will be developing a website for the city, as well as a website for CyRide. Susan Gwiasda, public relations officer for the city of Ames, said the process of getting a new website has been long and extensive and that they were excited to move forward. Gwiasda also spoke about the process of choosing Vision Internet Providers, Inc. “Our project is fairly complex,” she said.

Matthew Goodman, city council member, addressed concerns about having a non-local vendor, as he had received an e-mail about this issue. He said it seems like what the city has done is look for the best product for the best money, which doesn’t always mean using companies from Ames. “I wish we could always find an Ames company to do what the city needs to do,” he said.

Now that the contract has been approved, Gwiasda said the website should be ready in four to six months. During this time, the city will work with the company for what to include on the site, including getting public input. “It’s our intent to involve people as much as they want to be involved.” However, she said CyRide wants to have its site ready close to the start of the fall semester.

Case details

Gileau did not use her phone

Reports by bar of drinking are contradictory to friends

By Rashah McChesney

Raven Gileau did not send or receive phone calls or text messages between the time she and her companions left for Campustown and when she disappeared, according to Ames Police.

Gileau, sophomore in accounting, was found early April 25 alongside the Union Pacific Railroad tracks near 13th Street and Ontario Avenue, after her roommate reported her missing.

“There are indications that people tried to call her after she was missing,” Ames Police Cmdr. Mike Brennan said. “But there were no conversations.”

Ames Police searched near the 13th and Ontario train bridge because a companion Gileau left with, from Project 20/20, 2424 Lincoln Way, the night she died had left her there to take shelter from the storm, Brennan said.

Around the time that they began searching, Union Pacific employees reported seeing something lying nearby the tracks.

Police found Gileau’s body soon after. When she was found, she had her cell phone in her purse and also the IDs of people she had gone out with that evening.

“She carried the others’ IDs and keys that night, debit cards and the like,” Brennan said.

In a previous interview, one of the club owners at Project 20/20 and the student whose birthday party Gileau attended at the club that night said she did not drink while she was at the club.

However, Brennan said Gileau’s companions that evening said they and Gileau had been drinking both before they went to the club and while they were at the club.

Brennan said it was still unclear why Gileau ended up on the tracks that night, and while her injuries were consistent with being hit by a train, the tapes Ames police retrieved from Union Pacific do not show a collision.

Police are still waiting for the results of the autopsy and toxicology reports to help determine the specific cause of her death, as well as the possibility that tapes from the trains could be enhanced to give more details.

Memorial Day

Ames Patriotic Council sponsors parade, events

By Chelsea Davis

The Ames Patriotic council is sponsoring the Memorial Day parade and events following on Monday. This year’s theme is “Lest we forget.”

Schedule:

The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall, go north on Clark Avenue, east on 9th Street and will end at the Ames Municipal Cemetery, where the program will begin at 11 a.m.

The master of ceremonies is Charlie Clatt, president of the Ames Patriotic Council.

Marine first Sergeant Brandon Eckardt will give a tribute to today’s veterans.

There will be a reading of the names of veterans interred from May 15, 2009 to May 15, 2010.

A fly-over by the Iowa Air National Guard is scheduled for 11:21 a.m.

The program will conclude with a free lunch provided by the American Legion Post 37, 225 Main St.

In case of inclement weather, the program will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Municipal Auditorium, 515 Clark Ave.

The American Legion Firing Squad will render salutes at 1:15 p.m. at the Ontario Cemetery and at 1:45 p.m. at the Story Memorial Cemetery, 3215 South Duff Ave.

Information courtesy of Charlie Clatt, president of the Ames Patriotic Council.

ISU:

The ISU Memorial Day ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. Monday in the Reiman Ballroom at the Alumni Center, 420 Beach Ave.

The ceremony will honor all ISU employees, retirees and spouses who have died since Memorial Day 2009.

Reiman Gardens, 1407 University Blvd., will admit all active duty personnel and veterans free in honor of their service from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Saturday through Monday.

Information courtesy of the ISU Alumni Association and Reiman Gardens.

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Editorial:

Extend Memorial Day gratitude through year

With holidays, the Iowa State Daily staff is never really sure how to write a proper editorial. We’ve almost certainly heard everything before, right? After all, it happens every year.

That’s why this editorial is going to be completely upfront and honest: There’s nothing here you haven’t heard here before.

But here’s the thing: There doesn’t need to be anything new.

This editorial is in honor of Memorial Day, a holiday that isn’t so much time off, as time set aside.

Every year, we go to the cemeteries across the nation. Every year, we hear the speeches, sing the songs and recite the pledge — but it’s never enough.

We could mark every day of the calendar from now until the end of time as Memorial Day 1 through Memorial Day 365, and it still wouldn’t be enough. We can never properly give thanks that would equal the sacrifices made on behalf of our armed forces. But still, year after year, we try.

So this Memorial Day, don’t try to make your experience new or refreshing. This holiday is one that should stay as it is, with solemn reflection, remembrance and gratitude. See the day for what it is, and see the people around you for who they are. But most of all, thank the ones you cannot see, those who came before you. And remember to do so every year, if not every day.

Letter:

Medal proposed for not firing back

I think everyone can agree that not every idea the military has is a good one. Recently, it has been put into public light that the military wants to create a medal that would be given to soldiers who don’t shoot back. The thought process behind this idea is passed down to us through the rather confusing military bureaucracy that seems to have become more prominent in recent years.

Lt. Col. Tadd Sholtis is the spokesman for General Stanley McChrystal, according to CNN’s Barbara Starr. Sholtis elaborated about the medal, “Our young men and women display remarkable courage every day, including situations where they refrain from using lethal force, even at risk to themselves, in order to prevent possible harm to civilians. In some situations our forces face in Afghanistan, that restraint is an act of discipline and courage not much different than those combat actions that merit awards for valor,” according to a CNN report.

Side note: I’m not sure when military personal became so important that they need spokesmen. Did Patton, MacArthur, Sherman or Churchill need a spokesper-son? I guess today’s generals — such as time set aside.

In any event, the military thinks this is a good idea: If a soldier restrains himself in such a way that civilian lives are saved, he should get a medal. My question is, what kind of situations are our soldiers being made to face? In what war would medals be given for lack of action?

Yes, I understand that a war in a highly urbanized area involves a great level of contact with civilians. But I also believe...
HBO program offers facts, reminds us all
“*The Pacific*” prompts gratitude for the sacrifices of soldiers who fought before and fight still for our freedom

The HBO series “*The Pacific*” aired recently, and I sat down to watch with interest all 10 episodes that told the story of the U.S. Marines fighting the Japanese in the Pacific arena in World War II. Watching the series was difficult because of the atrocities our marines had to bear, and the thousands who were lost in battle.

The series gave me a greater appreciation for my freedom as a citizen of the United States and caused me to wonder what direction our country would have taken if we had not fought against Japan to defend our country. What would our nation be like if we had not sought independence from Britain or fought the Civil War?

War is not a desirable means to an end but it is sometimes necessary to preserve the freedoms we enjoy as a democratic republic. Freedom always comes with a price; the ultimate being the lives of men and women who honorably serve in our armed forces.

Throughout our nation’s history, men and women have been willing to die to preserve the freedom we enjoy today. Their courageous and heroic acts are noted in history books, documentary films, autobiographies and movies. May we never forget that freedom cost the lives of our own and will continue to be costly because freedom is a coveted asset.

“*The Pacific*” featured war heroes such as Marine Gunnery Sgt. John Basilone, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery on Guadalcanal when he commanded two sections of machine guns against 3,000 Japanese soldiers for more than 48 hours before reinforcements arrived. He was also awarded the Navy Cross posthumously for heroic actions on Iwo Jima, where he died.

The Medal of Honor has been awarded to 3,448 brave military personnel who have died in the line of duty. This number represents less than 1 percent of the soldiers, marines, airmen and sailors who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom. According to Wikipedia, 1,315,351 fatalities have been recorded for all the wars and conflicts in which the United States has fought.

Over our 234-year history as a nation, this represents an elite group of honorable citizens to whom I owe my appreciation. Most recently, the United States has sacrificed 1,062 soldiers and marines in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan [May 24, 2010 according to icasualties.org]. Every life given in the pursuit of defending our liberties deserves tribute from those who live to enjoy it.

Speaking to graduates of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point on Saturday, President Obama said, “Time and again, Americans have risen to meet and to shape moments of change. This is one of those moments, an era of economic transformation and individual empowerment; of ancient hatreds and new dangers; of emerging powers and new global challenges. And we’re going to need all of you to help meet these challenges.

You’ve answered the call. You, and all who wear America’s uniform, remain the cornerstone of our national defense, the anchor of global security. And through a period when too many of our institutions have acted irresponsibly, the American military has set a standard of service and sacrifice that is as great as any in this nation’s history.”

Americans should never forget the sacrifices made by brave men and women who served honorably and died while serving in war. This Memorial Day, take time to thank those who have served, current military personnel and military family members. Honor the American flag and pray for our nation’s political leaders and troops serving to defend our freedom. Pledge to uphold the freedoms granted in our Constitution. May the sacrifice of our military always be remembered with honor and appreciation from a grateful nation.

Susan McConnell
**Basketball**

**Dendy, Oliver decide not to return in fall, team further dwindles**

*By Jordan Wickstrom  
Daily Staff Writer*

Just four days after the Cyclones landed transfer guard Darion Anderson from Northern Illinois, two ISU players declared their intentions to leave the team.

Senior power forward LaRon Dendy announced his intentions Tuesday to transfer for his senior year.

“LaRon and I met yesterday, and he informed me of his intentions to transfer to another school,” said coach Fred Hoiberg in a news release. “He explained to me this was something he has been considering for quite some time. We will do everything we can to help LaRon in his future goals.”

Dendy was not the only player that decided to not return for Hoiberg’s inaugural season. Redshirt freshman Antwon Oliver will not return either.

Dendy and Oliver are just two more players in what seems like an ongoing list of players and personnel leaving Iowa State. This season alone, the Cyclones have lost 10 players. These reasons include, but are not limited to, graduation, transferring and injuries.

New assistant director creates high hopes for upcoming season

*By Jordan Wickstrom  
Daily Staff Writer*

ISU basketball coach Fred Hoiberg announced the hiring of Matt Abdelmassih as the assistant director of basketball operations.

Abdelmassih worked with Hoiberg for the past two seasons with the Minnesota Timberwolves.

“I have gotten to know Matt very well in the past two years, and witnessed first hand what a great worker he is,” Hoiberg said in a news release. “He is a very organized person and will make immediate contributions to our program. I am really happy he decided to join us.”

Abdelmassih’s basketball experience includes a two year stint with the Timberwolves as well as student manager at St. John’s during his time in college.

Despite Iowa State’s recent string of losing seasons, the Brooklyn native said he was still happy for the opportunity.

“I am thrilled and excited to join Fred here at Iowa State,” Abdelmassih said in a news release. “I am honored to be a small piece of the puzzle to bring back Iowa State to national prominence.”

**Basketball suffers**

**Team member losses present uncertain future**

*By Jordan Wickstrom  
Daily Staff Writer*

Within the past five months, it would seem the news of a player leaving the ISU men’s basketball team has become more common than the team would prefer.

The list of players deciding to part ways with the Cyclones expanded to 11 on Tuesday when senior forward LaRon Dendy and freshman guard Antwon Oliver announced their intentions to leave the team.

In his only season at Iowa State, Dendy saw action in 24 games last season. He averaged 7.3 points per game and was expected to be an important part of the Cyclones’ front court next season.

Oliver was redshirted his freshman year and did not play. The duo will be joining such high profile players as senior forward Marquis Gilstrap, junior forward Craig Brackins and sophomore forward Justin Hamilton on the long list of players that have left the team.

With 11 players departing, first-year coach Fred Hoiberg will have only four players who were on the 2009-2010 roster for the upcoming season.

Senior guard Diante Garrett will enter the season as the team’s leader in three-point percentage with .429, will be the only other returning guard.

In addition to Oliver, the Cyclones have also lost guards Marquis Gilstrap, Charles Boozer and Lucca Staiger, all pictured above — has been splintered by a series of losses, culminating now with LaRon Dendy and Antwon Oliver.

*Photos: Logan Gasdek/Iowa State Daily*
Hopefuls race toward regionals in Austin

By Dan Tracy
Daily Staff Writer

Two weeks removed from the ISU women’s best Big 12 Outdoor Conference finish in program history, Iowa State will send 28 competitors to Austin, Texas this weekend for the NCAAWest Regional meet.

In Austin, the only top 12 finishers in each event will qualify for the NCAA Outdoor Championships, which will be held June 10-13 in Eugene, Ore.

The only two Cyclone athletes currently in the top 12 of their respective events are Hillary Bor, senior, in the 5,000- and 10,000-meter runs.

Bor, a runner-up at last year’s NCAA Outdoor Championships, and Kiel Uhl, a nine-time All-American, both have the nation’s leading times heading into the Regional meet.

Although both are favorites to win NCAA titles in June, they both will still need a top 12 finish against the west region’s best competitors in order to qualify for the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

“Both of them just have to go out and run their race,” said coach Travis Hartke. “If they go out and just run their race, they just have to be in the top 12, but it’s going to be the top 48 going down to 12, so it’s going to be really competitive.”

A trio of Cyclone female athletes near to the top 12 in the country are hurdler Kianna Elahi, junior; Semehar Tesfaye, junior; and Betsy Saina, sophomore, a 2009 NCAA Outdoor Qualifier in the 5,000-meter who currently stands in the 21st position in the same event.

On the men’s side, Kiel Uhl, senior, will be looking to qualify for his second consecutive NCAA Outdoor Championships in the 10,000-meter run.

A foot injury sidelined him for much of the indoor season, but Uhl is back in shape now.

“Last year at this time he was kind of on a downward spiral and now he’s getting into really good shape,” Hartke said.

“It’s his senior year and he knows how to race so he’ll put himself in a position to [qualify].”

Also looking for qualifying marks on the men’s side will be sophomore Zack Richards and Josh Koglin, senior, in the hammer throw.

Richards and Koglin have shown improvement throughout the season and have rewritten the ISU record books with two of the farthest throws in school history.

“I think our best shot in the hammer throws is with Zack and Josh,” said coach Grant Wall.

“They have had a tremendous training regimen and have had a pretty great year so far.”

Competition will begin at noon Thursday in Austin with the preliminaries of the men’s javelin throw.

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forced to fill most of their vacancies in the back court with mostly recruits and transfer players. A dire situation that will likely lead to a definite uncertainty in the upcoming season.

However, with senior guard Jake Anderson transferring to Iowa State, the Cyclones may have added a much needed scoring threat to the team.

The team has lost 86 percent of their scoring from last year.

Vanderbeken will return from an injury-plagued season as the team’s most experienced post player.

Only four other forwards are currently on the roster, all of which are freshmen.

This leaves the Cyclones with a major size disadvantage.

Their tallest player is Vanderbeken, who is 6’11, but known more for his outside shooting than inside presence.

It remains to be seen how all of these losses will affect the team.

However, the future may bear unexpected fruit; with a new coach and a new era in the making for the men’s basketball team, the current youth movement may prove to be just a stepping stone for something greater.
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Blues contest tints air with jazz, soul

By Kaleb Warnock
Daily Correspondent

The concertgoer does not need to venture out of central Iowa to hear great blues music.

Anyone from the experienced blues connoisseur to the casual listener would be floored by what the music at the Iowa Blues Championship hosted by the Central Iowa Blues Society. The contest featured artists from across the state that competed for a spot in the state championship this summer. Each of the bands was judged based on several criteria that included originality, blues content, instrumental and vocal talent, interpretation of cover songs and overall presence.

The bands were competing for a cash prize and the opportunity to compete at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tenn.

The bands chosen for the championship were Trouble No More, the Bob Pace Band featuring Steve E. George, Bella Soul Blues Revolution featuring Tina Haase Findlay, Stoney Ground and the Steady Rollin’ Blues Band.

Each of the five performing bands showcased its versatility by playing a variety of repertoire that included both blues standards and original tunes. Although the bands were all playing within the same genre, each band brought a distinct and unique sound to the competition.

They artfully incorporated styles that ranged from soul and spiritual music to funk and hard rock. Of course, the idiomatic boogie woogie and Delta blues influences were heard as well. Such subtle references to diverse styles are unique to contemporary blues and suggests an interesting antithesis because, after all, the blues influenced American popular musical styles greatly.

The championship opened with the band Trouble No More, a Delta Blues band from Ames. Trouble No More allied itself with the Delta tradition more closely than the other bands because of its predominant use of the slide guitar and harmonica as lead instruments.

“It’s really cool to be a part of Central Iowa Blues Society. They do a lot about preserving the blues, and its just great to be a part of it,” said Greg Bruna, bass guitarist of Trouble No More.

Bands like these are essential to the survival of local and regional exposure to the music that exists below the radar of mainstream listeners.

Not all of the groups present played Texas blues with organ and over-driven guitars, or the Delta style with the harmonicas and slide guitar. However, they did embrace the subtle nuances of the blues.

Bella Soul Blues Revolution featuring Tina Haase Findlay took the stage and introduced an artistry that incorporated rarely seen dramatic vocal and instrumental interaction into its original compositions.

The Blues Challenge provided an atmosphere of kinship among the performers.

“Just seeing everyone is great,” said Findlay, lead vocalist of Bella Soul Blues Revolution. “To be in a room with everyone is like a big family reunion.”

The Steady Rollin’ Blues Band was ultimately chosen as the winner of the contest. It will receive $500, eight hours of studio time and a chance to compete at the International Blues Challenge.

The band will also be presented with numerous performing opportunities that include the Mississippi Valley Blues Festival in Davenport and BBQ’Loo and Blues Too in Waterloo in 2011.

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Summer concert series soon to begin

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Reasoning

Reason for the season

By Sarah Bougie
Daily Staff Writer

The months from May to September are known as high season for people who work in the wedding industry. The answer to why these months are the busiest seems like a no-brainer: The weather is beautiful, people have a more relaxed attitude, and more people are willing to travel to attend festivities.

However, Janey Kirschbaum, wedding planner in Minneapolis, Minn., said the reasons for these popular months go deeper than that.

“This is not a new trend,” Kirschbaum said. “June was also the busiest month for marriages in ancient Roman times.” She said the month of June was named after the goddess of marriage, Juno. Getting married in June was sure to please the goddess and bring love and prosperity to couples.

“This trend continued into the 1500s when people would take their annual baths in May, and would be relatively clean and fresh for a June wedding,” Kirschbaum said.

June weddings became a steadfast tradition.

“As populations grew, more and more people were getting married and June couldn’t fit them all in,” Kirschbaum said.

She said couples began planning for the months surrounding June as well, hoping to soak in the same benefits the original month offered.

“Summer is slowly starting to lose its reign,” Kirschbaum said. “Today it’s more common for people to fight the standard than to just go with it. Fall and early spring weddings are becoming more popular. Even winter weddings are on the rise, both outside and indoors.”

“People are much more willing to experiment and try something different today,” Kirschbaum said.

She has helped couples plan a wedding for every time of the year. She said summers are nice because they allow you to use bright colors, great choices in flowers, nice locations and have great weather, but other seasons can offer that too.

“It’s all about your personal preference,” Kirschbaum said. “For all, who wants to do the same thing people have been doing for the past 5,000 years?”

Decisions

Which month chosen makes a difference

By Wendy Sloan
Daily Staff Writer

Selecting the perfect month for a wedding can be a challenging decision for couples. A lot of different factors can influence this choice.

However, certain months of the year are more popular for weddings than others.

Lisa Carpenter-Bunkers has been in the wedding business for more than 16 years. Through the years, she has had a role in decorations and flowers for more than 450 weddings. Bunkers and her partner, Michelle Nelson, own the Perfect Wedding, a company that designs and plans weddings and events.

Bunkers said the company’s busiest months in 2011 are May and August, where they have multiple weddings planned for most weekends.

“May through October is what we call our wedding ‘season,’ and we are typically busy throughout,” Bunkers said.

This “wedding season” was exactly when Samantha Johnson, of Waukee, planned to have her wedding. Johnson became engaged to her fiancé Adam at the end of February. Johnson said she plans on having her wedding in June.

For Johnson, the decision depended on two factors: timing and schedule. She said she liked June because there is less scheduling conflicts with the people she wants to attend her wedding.

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The Iowa weather was the second factor for Johnson.

“It’s warm, so an outdoor wedding is possible without it being too humid,” she said.

Bunkers said another reason people might choose May and August more often for their wedding is because a majority of couples get engaged over the holidays. The time seems right for a summer wedding. January through April seems to come to quickly, while November and December seem too far away.

Bunkers said weather could influence couples’ decisions.

“In Iowa, weather is your biggest risk, and while Iowa’s weather is not always predictable, you have a much bigger chance of having decent weather May through October,” she said.

For Samantha Carlson, ISU alumnus, weather played a role in how she and her fiancé chose the month of their wedding. Carlson is getting married in October. She said she chose October because she wanted to avoid May or June. To her, it seemed a lot of people get married in those months.

“I’ve always loved fall, so it seemed to make sense” she said. “Plus, since I graduated in May, that gives me a little time to sort out my life.”

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Amanda Dowell and Michael Brown

Amanda Dowell, daughter of Reed and Merna Dowell, and Michael Brown, son of Robert and Debra Brown, are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Amanda, of Wapello, is a senior in agricultural and life science education. Michael, of Winfield, is a senior in agricultural studies.

The couple will marry at 3 p.m. June 12 at Wapello United Methodist Church.

Jessica Gibbons and Ryan Haugo

Jessica Gibbons, daughter of Bill and Pam Gibbons, and Ryan Haugo, son of Tom and Jan Haugo, are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Jessica, of Johnston, graduated in fall 2008 with a degree in elementary education. Ryan, of Eden Prairie, Minn., graduated in fall 2009 with a degree in accounting and is employed by Wells Fargo Financial.

The couple will marry June 26.

Kyrstin Delagardelle and Will Shelley

Kyrstin Delagardelle, daughter of Michael and Tine Delagardelle, and Will Shelley, son of Mack and Kathy Shelley, are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Kyrstin, of Maquoketa, is senior in English education at Ashford University and is employed by Barnes in DeWitt. Will, of Ames, is a graduate student in history and is employed by the Center for Survey Statistics and Methodology at Iowa State.

The couple will marry June 12.

Kristin Shipley and Eduardo Ruiz

Kristin Shipley, daughter of Michael and Linda Shipley, and Eduardo Ruiz, son of Pedro Ruiz and Madeline Rivera Ruiz, are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Kristin, of Rockford, Ill., is a senior in aerospace engineering. Eduardo, of Las Piedras, Puerto Rico, is an ISU alumna, and is currently a graduate student at the University of Michigan.

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Bridal party plans aren’t simple

By Danielle Gibbons
Daily Staff Writer

Planning a bachelorette party and bridal shower can be tougher and more stressful than graduating college.

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First I started off with the bachelorette party. I knew I wanted to do a bar crawl and get a party bus. The cheapest bus I found was from PR Party Lines, PO BOX 266 Norwalk.

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After that is all done, come the invitations and receiving RSVP’s. I called everyone to ask if they wanted a T-shirt. We ordered our T-shirts online from bridalpartytees.com. This website is awesome. You can pick the type of shirt you want, and then design it however you like. I was very happy with how they turned out, and I received them within four days.

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Lastly, plan everything out ahead of time, so you know exactly what you’re doing and what you’ll need.

This is my advice after going through all of this. I hope this helps when you get ready to plan your first bachelorette party and/or bridal shower in the future.

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