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To the community,

You probably noticed that Iowa State Daily website, iowastatedaily.com, changed a little this week.

We are beginning to a new content management system — our backend is now easier for us to use and creates a much better workflow.

This is something we are really excited about, but it means the site is going to have a few glitches over the next couple days. Commenting has also been disabled for now. It will return soon.

When it does return, anonymous commenting will not be allowed, as has been stated in a past editorial.

Our hope is that Facebook will be a major part in the commenting system.

Thank you for your patience in this transition process. We are working to keep content flowing smoothly in order to keep you informed.

And feel free to contact us at any time — editor@iowastatedaily.com — for any questions or suggestions you might have for us.

Anthony Capps,
Editor in Chief

Debra Zelle, junior in horticulture and member of the ISU Horticulture Club, plants different flower species Wednesday outside Agronomy Hall at the intersection of Osborn Drive and Wallace road. The horticulture club is in charge of maintaining the plot. Photo: Annutee Momantry/Iowa State Daily

June 5:
Jonathan W. Jennings, 22, 4315 Maricopa Drive unit 6, was arrested and charged with WRT manufacturing meth, and delivery of a controlled substance. (reported at 9:15 p.m.)
Ashley Nordmann, 24, of Norfolk, Neb., was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated — second offense. (reported at 2:13 a.m.)

Robert Lee Newton, 33, 420 East 7th St. unit C13, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated. (reported at 2:47 a.m.)
Jason Bunting, 39, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance — marijuana — intent to deliver and drug tax stamp. (reported at 11:56 p.m.)

June 6:
Britany Cunningham, 20, 4912 Mortensen Road unit 834, was cited for underage possession of alcohol. (reported at 12:09 a.m.)
Henry Ferreira, 24, of Ankeny, was arrested and charged with public intoxication. (reported at 1:23 a.m.)
Daniel D. Manning, 21, of Ankeny, was arrested and charged with public intoxication. (reported at 1:31 a.m.)
Ashley Kadlec, 21, 4305 Maricopa Drive unit 10, was arrested and charged with public intoxication. (reported at 1:42 a.m.)
Community Service

Cleanup contributes to leaving green footprint at College Creek

By Ivy Christianson
Daily Correspondent

Slip on your work gloves, it’s time to work. The second annual College Creek Cleanup is from 1 – 4 p.m. Saturday.

“The College Creek Cleanup is an opportunity for students, faculty, staff, as well as any Ames resident to make a difference to the Iowa State and Ames communities through cleaning up trash and improving the water quality of College Creek,” said Merry Rankin, director of sustainability.

Rankin said volunteers can come to the Forker parking lot to pick up gloves, trash bags and trash grabbers — all provided — and help leave their green footprint on College Creek.

This environmental function was the initiative of a student who was a Live Green! Intern in 2009, and wanted to finish her internship by organizing an event that directly impacted the ISU campus.

“This year’s intern decided to end his internship by making the cleanup an annual event, and coordinating the second annual College Creek Cleanup,” Rankin said.

The previous cleanup raked in around 30 volunteers. Rankin and Shawn Wagner, event coordinator for this year, hope to have at least 30 volunteers. They emphasized that they are still accepting volunteers, and students may register on-site the day of the event.

The event is free to all volunteers through sponsorships from Metro Waste Authority, the Main Street Subway and Cookies, etc. Assistance was also provided from Facilities Planning and Management, Keep Iowa State Beautiful and Live Green!

Visit www.livegreen.iastate.edu for more information.

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College Creek Cleanup

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Mary Greeley

Medical center hosts fundraiser

By Katherine Klingseis
Daily Correspondent

Mary Greeley Medical Center is holding its 10th annual Hope Run on Saturday to raise funds for the Israel Family Hospice House. The Hospice House is funded through private support, and the Hope Run raises funds for ongoing care of the House.

Andrea Hammes Dodge is the development coordinator at Mary Greeley Medical Center.

She said, “[The Israel Family Hospice House] has 24-hour really, really good care and great, compassionate staff and volunteers that will help the patients and the family members deal with the loss of their loved-ones.”

The Hope Run has four different events: the 10K, the 5K, the 1-mile — non-competitive — and Hope Run Jr. The 10K, 5K, and 1-mile runs will begin at 8 a.m., and will be followed by an award ceremony. At 9:45 a.m., the Hope Run Jr., which is for children under 10, will begin.

“Basically everybody can be involved in some respect,” Dodge said.

“If they want to walk with somebody, they can do that, or, if they are competitive and want to run a 10K, timed for an award, they have that opportunity as well. It’s just a great community event to remind people what kind of care we can provide.”

The entry fee is $25 for adults who register prior to the event, $30 for adults who register at the event and $10 for children under 12. The proceeds will be put into an endowment for the Hospice House.

“Ten years ago, when [the endowment] was set up, all the money that was fundraised was put into an endowment, which means that the Hospice House operates off of the interest from that money,” Dodge said. “The more money we raise, the more interest is available for the operating of the House.”

Dodge, the event coordinator for the Hope Run, is joined by a group of volunteers in planning and setting up the event. Diane Flummerfelt and Beth Henriksen are the event’s volunteer co-chairwomen.

The Hope Run is held in conjunction with the Mary Greeley Festival. The festival will include entertainment, food and games for all ages.

Medical professionals from Mary Greeley Medical Center, MCFarland Clinic PC, and the Blood Center of Iowa will be offering healthy living information and health screens.

“There are all sorts of wellness and healthy activities,” Henriksen said. “There are usually an ambulance, a fire truck, blood pressure checks, people from the Cancer Center, a lot of little freebies and different vendors.”

The Hope Run and the Mary Greeley Festival will be held at Bandshell Park. All runners will receive a free breakfast provided by Sapore Pizza and a T-shirt.

Early applications can be handed in at Mary Greeley Medical Center. Packets can be picked up from 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Friday at First National Bank, or Saturday at Bandshell Park prior to the race.

Utilities

City Council begins process to evaluate electric fee studies

By James Heggen
Daily Staff Writer

The Ames City Council is beginning the process to evaluate electric fees for the city of Ames.

Tuesday night, Mark Beauchamp, president of Utility Financial Solutions, gave a presentation to the City Council and members of the Electric Utility Operations Review and Advisory Board, giving some information about the process. He also talked about why such a study is necessary and what information it will provide.

A cost of service and a rate study for the Electric Utility Board of the city of Ames will be conducted.

Beauchamp talked about the need for periodically doing these studies, which is to avoid things like “inter-class and intra-class subsidies” as well as “generational subsidies.” Interclass and intra-class subsidies means that through the electric rates, one class is subsidizing the other, and generational subsidies refer to when one generation’s rates do not cover costs for future maintenance or repairs and a later generation ends up paying the bill.

These studies can also maintain stability in the long term, he said.

Another topic of discussion was rate structures. Currently, Ames has a declining rate structure for its electric utilities, which charges customers less the more electricity they use.

Beauchamp talked about three different types of rate structures: declining block rates, inclining block rates and flat rates. Inclining block rates encourage energy conservation, but also come with challenges, he said.

No action was taken, as this meeting was just for information.

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Interview with Poet Laureate of Iowa

By Ivy Christianson
Daily Correspondent

Distinguished professor of English offers her thoughts about the work she has done thanks to 2009 appointment

Iowa State Daily [ISD]: Where did you grow up? Are you originally from Iowa?

Mary Swander [MS]: I was born in Iowa. I grew up in Manning, which is a small town in western Iowa, and I also lived in Davenport, which is in eastern Iowa.

ISD: So, what was your childhood like?

MS: I lived in town with my grandmother who owned two farms. She owned the original homesteading farms of her family who came from Iowa and did homesteading in Iowa. [It was] through a lot of sweat and toil that she was able to hold onto them through the Depression.

I had the best of both worlds because we went out to the farm all the time. I didn't have to do the heavy, hard labor of the farm, just get to enjoy it. [The farm] instilled in me a love of the natural world and appreciation for agriculture.

ISD: Very cool. Did you attend school in Manning, then?

MS: Yes, I attended school in Manning and then in Davenport. I then went to an all-girl school in Rock Island, Ill., which had a big influence on me. However, I graduated from Davenport Central High School and went to Georgetown University in Washington D.C. and I attended the Iowa Writers Workshop. I majored in English and got my Master of Fine Arts from the workshop. When you go to the workshop, you get a M.F.A., a terminal degree, the last degree a writer gets.

ISD: Did you have time to get involved in any extracurriculars?

MS: At Georgetown we had a poetry group. It was really fun. It was a Friday afternoon gathering where we'd sit around and read poetry to one another. There was probably about 20 students and faculty that did that every Friday afternoon.

ISD: How did you start liking poetry?

MS: I had a great teacher at Georgetown, Roland Flint. He ended up being the Poet Laureate of Maryland later in his life. I had a poetry reading course with him first, he had a love of poetry [and] was a wonderful reader of poetry. He could recite hundreds of poems by heart. He was inspirational.

ISD: What types of things do you like to write about?

MS: I've written about a range of things. I've written about folklore, landscape and natural history.

I have a book about living with the Amish, I have a book about working with Hispanic healers in New Mexico, I'm working on a book about a family farm in Ireland right now.

ISD: How does it feel to be a published author? How old were you when you were first published?

MS: I was about 21 when I got my first poem published. The first publication is the big thrill, the first poem you get published, you have a huge rush. It's always neat after that, I've published lots of books. But the first publication are really, really fun.

ISD: You were named the Poet Laureate of Iowa, what all does that entail?

MS: When you're appointed in Iowa, you're appointed by the governor for a two-year term, there's absolutely no money with it, but it's an honorary thing.

Technically you're supposed to write a poem for the governor if he or she wants one. So, what it really is, you do a million readings, talks, workshops [and] events all over the state. Last year I did, on average, three events in different parts of the state, a week. That's on top of a regular teaching load. It's really intense.

In most states they give you some kind of stipend to do a project, and Iowa doesn't. So I did my own project, I developed my own website if anyone wants to post a poem or other piece of writing and get good feed back from their peers, it's iowalit.com.

ISD: So what do you like to do in your free time when not teaching or working on books or poetry things?

MS: I work in the garden, play music, play the banjo, read, watch movies, get together with friends [and] exercise.

ISD: What has been the most rewarding thing in your life thus far?

MS: I've had a lot of rewarding things in my life. Teaching is very, very rewarding for me. I've taught thousands of students to appreciate poetry, non-fiction and play-writing.

ISD: What do you plan to do after you finish teaching?

MS: Then I get to really write and really get to do my writing. I put in about 60 hours a week doing my teaching job. When I retire down the line, I won't have to (put in those hours) anymore.
ISU formula car team competes in California for Formula SAE

Innovations in this year’s car may provide an edge

By Paige Godden
Daily Staff Writer

The ISU formula car team is competing in Formula SAE California until Saturday.

The team designed, built and tested the mini open-wheel race car. The goal is a fast and reliable car for the Formula SAE Series competition May 13-16 at Michigan International Speedway.

The team spent the last year building a $30,000 formula car in order to compete.

Nick Krauel, junior in meteorology and the team’s project director,

He said in a news release, “I’m confident we can get a top 20 finish.

I’d love to finish better than that. I do think we have a good shot at getting in the top 10 again.”

This year the team is trying new tactics to try and get in the top 10.

The first new feature is the team’s engine. The car runs on a ethanol-powered Yamaha YZF 450 engine. This type of engine usually runs in an all-terrain vehicle. The change in engine will give the car more horsepower.

Also, they have made improvements to the design of the car.

The team developed a way to incorporate buttons on the steering wheel to electronically shift gears.

In addition, the car is lighter than those in years past. The suspension was made softer and more responsive.

The biggest improvement this year was that the team finished the car three weeks before the competition.

This allowed for more time for testing the car before the actual competition.

This is a step up from last year’s car, which wasn’t finished before the team left for the race track, and the team never managed to get it running.

The event has more than 50 schools registered from countries around the world.

In order to be eligible for the race, team members must be enrolled as undergraduates or graduates, be a member of SAE and have a driver’s license and insurance.

The team must make it through a schedule of events including technical inspectors and a presentation of design cost before the autocross even takes place.

The cars aren’t racing each other but competing one at a time in five racing events.

The events include acceleration; cornering; autocross.

It also includes a quick and curvy half-mile course that can be raced at average speeds of 25-30 mph.

Endurance is a big part of the race, at 13.7 miles.

The race also features top speeds of 65 mph; and fuel economy.

Iowa State’s team has competed in the past. The team finished with its highest score of seventh place in 2006 and 18th in 2007 and 2005.

There will be more coverage once the competition is complete Saturday.

Web Links:
check out the SAE team’s website at sae.stuorg.iastate.edu/ or their Facebook group at facebook.com/group.php?gid=2201198913
Team PrISUm gets solar car ready for big competition

Team hopes to qualify for American Solar Challenge while in Texas

By Paige Godden
Daily Staff Writer

Team PrISUm is competing at the Formula Sun Grand Prix in Cresson, Texas.

The team arrived Saturday with its solar car ready to race.

They hope to qualify for the American Solar Challenge, a race from Tulsa, Okla., to Chicago, Ill., but first they have to pass a series of tests.

The four drivers, Wade Johanns, Erin Kelly, Trevor Dobbs and Evan Stumpges, had to pass the egress test, according to the team’s blog.

During the test the drivers have to evacuate the car in less than 10 seconds.

Each driver was able to pass the test Monday, according to the blog.

The team also passed the mechanical inspection.

Trying to pass the battery protection inspection caused the team some delays though, according to the blog.

With the help of the team from the University of Minnesota, the team was able to get clearance of the car’s battery by Tuesday morning.

“If everything goes well tomorrow, we intend to complete the American Solar Challenge qualifying tomorrow during the first day of the Formula Sun Grand Prix.

To meet this goal, each of our four drivers must complete 25 laps for a total of 100 laps around the 1.7 mile track,” according to a blog posted Tuesday.

The team wasn’t available for comment Wednesday to say whether or not they had qualified for the American Solar Challenge.

The Challenge goes from June 19-26, and the team’s progress can be watched at their blog.

Web Links:
to follow the PrISUm team check out their website solarcar.stuorg.iastate.edu or their race blog at solarcar.stuorg.iastate.edu/2010_asc.php
Iowa Rose Society

Reiman Gardens hosts rose show

Reiman Gardens will be hosting the Iowa Rose Society's Annual Rose Show on Sunday.

There will be a rose sale in the morning, featuring Easy Elegance and Buck Roses — developed for their hardiness by the late Griffith Buck, ISU professor. Proceeds from the sale go to support the Gardens.

The society's judged show, featuring the best roses in Iowa, will take place in the afternoon.

Throughout the day, there will be live music playing in the Gardens by Anne Regnier, keyboardist, and Stephanie Harper, flautist.

There will also be watercolor painting classes offered, but preregistration was required.

Admissions to the events, and all of the Gardens, is free.

— Daily Staff

Gardens Sale

- **What:** Rose sale
- **When:** 9 a.m., until supplies run out.

- **What:** Rose show
- **When:** 1 – 4 p.m.

- **What:** Live music in the gardens
- **When:** 9 – 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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Big 12 disaster pulls U-turn

The Big 12 appeared to be crumbling to pieces after Nebraska bolted. That all changed with Texas’ recent decision to stay.

The Big 12 is saved! Wow! I, for one, thought it was dead after Nebraska bolted. Sure Texas could have saved the whole thing, but various reports were saying that if Nebraska left, Texas would too. Apparently, they were bluffing. Maybe that’s why they call it Texas Hold ’em.

I’m still in shock. After all, the sharks were circling. Blood was in the water. Nebraska and Colorado were gone. PAC-10 commissioner Larry Scott was on the verge of landing five more Big 12 schools. Our own commissioner, Dan Beebe, looked like the captain of the Titanic going down with the ship. But then, in the 11th hour, Beebe put forth a plan. Orangebloods.com’s Chip Brown, the man who broke the story of the original PAC-16 plan, reported that Texas, Oklahoma and Texas A&M will make $20 million per year with the new TV deal in Beebe’s plan.

The Big 12 schools will make $14 to $17 million per year, which doubles their current revenues. That’s fantastic news for Iowa State. Not only does the Big 12 continue on, but Iowa State is going to take it to the bank.

The Big 12’s next TV negotiations are in 2011 for the start of 2012. Chris Level, talk show host, reported Fox Sports as the major TV player in Beebe’s plan. The rest of the Big 12 schools will make $14 to $17 million per year, which doubles their current revenues. That’s fantastic news for Iowa State. Not only does the Big 12 continue on, but Iowa State is going to take it to the bank.

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Curtis Powers is a graduate student in political science from Dunlap, Ill.
Oil Spill

BP too secretive about cleanup efforts

The plot thickens on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico. After oil washed up and contaminated shores, a cleanup operation was prompted by BP. Who could have foreseen that the same giant corporation that just caused one of the greatest disasters since Katrina would look out for its best interests during said cleanup? BP’s reaction to the press is thrashing the freedom of the press as much as the oil washing in from the ocean is thrashing the shores. It would seem in an effort to save face, BP is cracking down on media presence using not only private security companies but the National Guard as well.

One of the security companies, hired by BP, is protecting the cleanup workers on the shores from the media.

In a video posted on youtube.com by ThinkProgress, BP’s security is shown trying to bully a local news crew in New Orleans. The news crew from WDSU is told that they could not interview any workers. The most glaring part of the exchange was the security personnel telling media they could not be on the public beach around the workers.

“Every single security guard here has given the instructions to every single news crew that you can be outside of 100 yards of the workers or along the boom,” security said to the WDSU news crew.

The news team challenged the ability of BP’s security to tell people what to do, since they had no actual legal authority.

BP’s security retorted with, “I can tell you where to go because I’m employed to keep this beach safe. And right now, those are my instructions. I’d like to keep the workers safe as well.”

Evidently, BP hired security personnel to keep their cleanup crews safe from the insidious media presence that would surely swarm and coerce them to say all kinds of unflattering things about BP and how the cleanup effort is going.

BP not wanting press to talk to the workers makes me wonder what kind of conditions the workers are living in. It also makes me wonder if the cleanup efforts on the shores are nothing more than a token gesture by BP in an effort to boost its badly damaged public image.

What makes the whole situation more like a bad “Twilight Zone” episode is that the National Guard is denying media the ability to take pictures of rescued wildlife.

In a video uploaded to youtube.com by CNN, a sergeant in the National Guard aggressively tells the CNN camera woman that she is going to have to turn her camera off.

The animals the media are trying to photograph are in bad shape, covered in oil and make for some pretty impressive photographs. They really drive home what’s happening in the Gulf, and drive a feeling to the pit of your stomach that BP isn’t likely ready to have run with its brand name.

This reminds me so much of when the Bush administration wouldn’t allow photos of soldiers’ caskets to be photographed. It was as if Bush thought that if the American public didn’t have the hard reality of what the cost of war was — cargo holds stuffed with young Americans in boxes — then the cost would never become apparent.

I think it’s time to take a hard look at where we stand as a nation in times of crisis. Will we let our civil rights fall by the way side, or will we be better than that? I’d like to think we’re better.

And if you like to think like I do, why not drop BP a line to let them know your thoughts on their handling of the colossal mess they made. The BP office phone number is 1-985-902-5231.
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Athletic directors answer lingering Big 12 questions

By Doug Tucker
AP Sports Writer

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Kansas athletic director Lew Perkins said Wednesday the five Big 12 schools in danger of being left without a conference came up with a plan that includes offering money to keep Texas, Texas A&M and Oklahoma in the league.

Kansas, Kansas State, Iowa State, Baylor and Missouri drafted a “business plan” to persuade the bigger schools to reject any interest from the Pac-12 or Southeastern Conference, Perkins said. The idea was to make sure the three Big 12 South schools would not lose any money by sticking with the Big 12.

“Five schools got together and we tried to develop a business plan like everything else,” said Perkins, who did not disclose financial details of the offer. He said paying to remain aligned with Texas, Oklahoma and Texas A&M is no different from a school giving a pay raise to a coach who wins a national championship and gets other job offers.

Perkins and Kansas State athletics director John Currie both said they don’t expect the three big schools to need the money because league revenues are expected to grow in coming years.

Big 12 commissioner Dan Beebe indicated on Tuesday that league revenues are expected to grow in coming years.

The Big 12 in 2008-2009 distributed $10.1 million to Colorado and $11.5 million to Nebraska, according to IRS tax records examined by the Associated Press. Those figures, the overall penalty for Colorado over two years would be $10.1 million and $8.05 million for Nebraska over the next two years. Divided up among the remaining 10 members, each would get about $1.8 million.

Under Big 12 bylaws, schools must give up 50 percent of their share of conference revenues if they give two years’ notice, as Colorado has done, or 70 percent of the revenue if the notice is less than 18 months before departure, which apparently would apply to Nebraska.

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Once Colorado and Nebraska decided to leave, there was a possibility that the Big 12 might dissolve because the Pac-10 was courting Oklahoma, Texas and Texas A&M. Oklahoma State and Texas Tech would probably also have come along. Had they gone, it would have created a crisis for the other five and left them scrambling to find a major conference. But the league held together at 10 members when Texas turned down the Pac-10 and everyone else fell into line, lured with the promise of much richer football television contracts and the promise that Texas and Oklahoma, at least, can start their own TV networks without sharing with other members.

Conference stays alive

Geoffroy, Pollard discuss future Big 12 details

By Jordan Wickstrom
Daily Staff Writer

Multiple media outlets, coaches and university personnel were all in attendance Tuesday to hear Jamie Pollard, athletic director, and President Gregory Geoffroy make the official announcement that the Big 12 was going to stay.

From the opening, Pollard made it clear the Big 12 wasn’t looking for more teams. So it may not expand, despite the possibility of losing the conference championship football game.

“Part of this scenario is that we clearly won’t have a championship game, and the coaches voted 12 to 0 not to have a championship game several years ago, and the coaches have every year talked about playing nine conference games,” Pollard said. “I know [football coach Paul Rhoads] understands it, and he wasn’t here for those votes, but he’ll echo those same sentiments that not playing the championship game is beneficial.”

Now that the conference has 10 teams, the belief is that football schedules will expand to nine conference games and three non-conference games.

Pollard said he would like to keep the Iowa vs. Iowa State game on the schedule, but that decision will be strictly based on what the Big Ten decides to do with its scheduling.

“At this juncture, it’s premature to speculate on which games we wouldn’t play,” Pollard said. “Our belief is that the Iowa vs. Iowa State game means a lot to this state, and we would like to see that continue. However, I can’t speak for what the Big Ten is going to do. I haven’t followed on if they’re going to go to nine games.”

Pollard said that if Iowa State is playing nine games, he and Rhoads will have to decide if it is wise to place Iowa on the schedule.

Football was not the only sport to be affected by the change to the Big 12. Both men’s and women’s basketball are going to be forced to make drastic changes to their scheduling.

For starters, there will now be a round robin scheduling change. All schools will have to play each other twice during the regular season.

Men’s basketball coach Fred Hoiberg and women’s basketball coach Bill Fennelly were both in attendance during Tuesday’s news conference, and shared equal enthusiasm.

“I think, in a small way, we were penalized because we live in a small town,” Fennelly said. “We all understand the magnitude that TV and football have on our sport. But when you look at what the student athletes have done, day in and day out, someone obviously took a step back and said we can keep this going.”

The addition of a round robin scheduling change could be difficult for both programs. The two coaches did not seem too enthused by the change, but were willing to accept the change if it meant the Big 12 stayed together.

“The best thing for us was to stay in the Big 12, and that’s exactly what happened,” Hoiberg said. “A round robin is going to be tough from the basketball side. It’s going to be a tougher road for us but we’re excited for that.”

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Koll named as finalist for woman’s sports award

Senior distance runner Lisa Koll has been named as one of the Collegiate Women Sports Awards’ top three finalists for the Honda-Broderick Cup.

The Honda-Broderick Cup is the Awards’ top honor given to the Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year.

Koll, a Fort Dodge native, recently capped her ISU track career with a double-gold performance at the NCAA Outdoor Championships, bringing first place finishes back to Ames in both the 5,000- and 10,000-meter runs.

The wins were her third and fourth NCAA championships, and she is an 11-time All-American. Koll is also the collegiate record holder in the 10,000-meter.

The other two finalists are Maya Moore of the University of Connecticut’s national champion basketball team, and Megan Hodge of Penn State University’s champion volleyball team.

The winner will be announced in a ceremony to be held Monday in Los Angeles, Calif.

— Daily Staff

World Cup Schedule

THURSDAY
- Argentina vs. South Korea.............. 6:30 a.m.
- Greece vs. Nigeria........................ 9:00 a.m.
- France vs. Mexico.......................... 1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY
- Germany vs. Serbia..................... 6:30 a.m.
- Slovenia vs. United States............ 9:00 a.m.
- England vs. Algeria..................... 1:30 a.m.

SATURDAY
- Netherlands vs. Japan.................. 6:30 a.m.
- Cameroon vs. Denmark.................. 1:30 p.m.
- Ghana vs. Australia.................... 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY
- Slovakia vs. Paraguay.................. 6:30 p.m.
- Italy vs. New Zealand.................... 9:00 a.m.
- Brazil vs. Ivory Coast................... 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY
- Portugal vs. North Korea.............. 6:30 a.m.
- Chile vs. Switzerland................... 9:00 a.m.
- Spain vs. Honduras...................... 1:30 p.m.

World Cup: For more information and the complete schedule, visit fifa.com.
Theatrical family values live on

By Julia Ferrell
Daily Staff Writer

Their shelves are lined with copies of musicals ranging from "The Phantom of the Opera" to "Reefer Madness." A poster for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is stuck to the front of a cabinet door, and a playbook from "Les Miserables" is framed on the living room wall, along with an autograph and photo from Broadway actor Chip Zien.

Lars Skaar, 29, said a collective interest in theater has, and always will be, a main outlet for his close-knit family.

Raised in Story City, Lars and sisters Jena, 33, and Katie, 31, grew up around the arts. Their father, Ole, was well-known in the community for his tenor voice.

When Lars reached seventh grade, he chose to sing in the middle school choir, where he sang soprano for two years. Lars began performing in plays and musicals when he entered high school.

Fourteen years later, Lars has now participated in more than 30 shows and has no plans to stop.

"In school, theater is something everyone does," he said. "I just never stopped."

While his sister Katie now lives in Arizona, Lars and Jena are still prominent performers in the Judge Story Theatrical Troupe in Story City, and occasionally perform in shows for StageWest in Des Moines.

Later this year, Lars will be returning to StageWest as Mitch Mahoney in their production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."

Though Lars takes pride in many of his theatrical roles, including Horton the Elephant in "Seussical" and Lumiere in "Beauty and the Beast," his crowning achievement was in "Farmer Song: The Musical."

"Farmer," an original musical written by former ISU student Joe Hynek, was first brought to Lars' attention when he received a call from Hynek, asking him to replace a performer.

"I remember I was actually playing disc golf at the time, and I was a bit hesitant about the show at first. But they asked me to come in and watch it, I ended up loving it and I immediately signed on," Lars said.

Twelve days later, after memorizing the entire musical and more than 40 lines, the cast performed "Farmer" at the Iowa State Fair.

After finishing at the fair, the cast received another call from Hynek, who told them the show had been accepted to be performed at the prestigious New York International Fringe Festival.

Lars remembers the 26-hour drive to New York City, when the entire cast was crowded into one RV.

Though he recalls being exhausted, Lars still managed to see five Broadway shows within his first few days in the city.

Since his time in New York City, Lars is still an avid fan of Broadway, along with his wife, Veronica.

Veronica, 28, has designed numerous costumes for ISU theater, as well as StageWest in Des Moines. During her years at Waldorf College in Forest City, she was also a prominent lead in many shows.

When Lars was a sophomore at Waldorf, Veronica became pregnant with their first child, Kaia. But the pregnancy never stopped Veronica from performing.

She continued to hold leading roles in many shows, including William Shakespeare’s "Love’s Labour’s Lost."

During a performance, Veronica fell on stage but decided to follow through with the show. Both Veronica and the baby were fine, but the memory continues to stay with Lars.

Along with Kaia, 8, Lars and Veronica had a second child, Leif, last July.

While currently juggling two jobs at NuCara Pharmacy and Alley’s Pizza in Story City, Lars still enjoys spending time with the family, and is proud to see Kaia expressing his same interest in theater.

"She listens to ‘Shrek the Musical’ constantly, and we even took her to the show’s second performance ever in Seattle," Lars said. "I hope she loves theater as much as I do, but if she pursues something else, that’s okay too."

As for Leif, Lars and Veronica are not too worried about raising him around theater at the moment.

"I just want him to sleep through the night right now," Lars said.

Although the Skaar family’s love for theater may be one common factor that keeps them close, Lars feels that more importantly, it is something that keeps them strong through difficult times.

In March, Lars’ mother, Jackie, 55, was diagnosed with esophageal cancer.

Last week, she successfully completed her final chemotherapy.

Lars Skaar started acting when he was 15 and has been in 35 plays since then. He and his wife Veronica are introducing the rich theatrical tradition they have come to love to their children. Photo: Logan Gascoke/Iowa State Daily.

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- "Toy Story 3" (G, 109 min.)
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Memorial Union showcases
‘My Favorite Artwork’ pieces
holding significance to staff

A new exhibit in the Memorial Union features artwork meaningful to the MU staff.

The exhibit, “My Favorite Artwork,” does not include pieces from the MU collection, but rather works of art that belong to the MU staff.

These pieces could be anything from inanimate objects that they made themselves to souvenirs from traveling or simply favorite pieces of “refrigerator art.”

Each piece is accompanied by a statement explaining why the work is special to its owner. For example, a pen and ink work loaned by Monica Emberger, clerk in the Study Abroad Center, was her favorite because it was made for her by her husband.

— Daily Staff

“Parker’s Burly Blonde,” a three dimensional piece of furniture created in a woodworking class at Iowa State is on display at the “MU Staff: My Favorite Artwork” exhibit in the Pioneer Room of the Memorial Union. Courtesy photo: Letitia Kenemer

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apy in Ames, and if her cancer has been sterilized, she will soon undergo a surgery in Iowa City.

Currently, Lars is preparing for two shows, a Judge Story Children’s Theater production of “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory” and StageWest’s “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.”

His latest production of “Kiss Me, Kate” closed last week, and Lars has decided to take the summer off to spend time with his family. “They’re both things that I love and enjoy very much, and I’m trying to balance them out as much as possible,” Lars said about family and theater.

Along with an illness in the family, Lars is also currently focusing on two other health issues of his own.

Earlier this year, Lars was diagnosed with an acid reflux disorder that could cause permanent damage to his vocal chords. To ensure his singing voice is in top condition, Lars has sworn to never drink soda or alcohol, and he refuses to go near any type of tobacco.

But when his acid reflux issue was discovered, Lars decided to give up eating numerous types of foods, including one of his favorites: chocolate.

“I have to give up numerous things I love for one thing I love even more,” he said.

After learning about his acid reflux problem, Lars was confronted with yet another roadblock. While at a rehearsal for “Kiss Me, Kate” in April, Lars and some fellow cast mates were playing basketball when Lars landed badly on his foot and broke one of his right toes.

A few days later, he was placed in a boot and was told it would be off in three weeks. But when he was scheduled to have the boot removed, his foot had barely started to heal. The injury had potential to cause permanent damage. He was told to stay completely off the foot and use crutches.

With his show approaching only a few weeks later, however, Lars refused to let his injury get in the way, and he continued to perform in the boot.

“It’s like when football players get injured and are told they can’t play anymore,” Lars said. “They usually keep playing anyway. That’s how I see my situation.”

Lars proudly said that his foot, his voice and his mother are all doing well, and he gives partial credit to his love of theater, which he believes helped him persevere.

“I don’t take crap,” Lars said. “Theater’s like my drug; I’m addicted.”

The Skaar family does not own season tickets to any large sporting events. Their strong passion for theater and Broadway may go unnoticed by the mainstream society, but their love for the arts has created a strong family that nothing can overcome.

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**Joke of the Day**

Hours after the end of the world, a border dispute emerges between heaven and hell. The devil proposes to God a soccer game between heaven and earth. God says, “The game would be so one-sided. Don’t you know all the good players go to heaven?”

The devil, smiling, responds, “Yeah, but we’ve got all the refs.”

Q: What do you call a Canadian in a World Cup match?

A: A referee.

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[712] Man I woke up in the bathtub naked

[515] that’s nothing I woke up in a 2 piece swimsuit

[712] dude that does blow

[319] who put the jar of throw up in the fridge

[720] sure it’s not salsa

[319] no pretty sure its puke

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**what?**

**just sayin’**

The chase is better than the catch. Which is why I keep chasing you...

everybody wants to love; everybody wants to be loved...

Hey, want to come over and watch a movie in my bed? I have alcohol...

does anyone know how to teach a cat to bark?

I want to cook some eggs, but my roommate used the pans and hasn’t washed them yet...

I wish my boyfriend was gay so he could go shopping with me...

I think “that’s what she said” would be an awesome name for a soccer team...

Bah Bye Nebraska...

I’m developing webbed feet..enuf of the rain already...

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2 Hall & Oates hit "__ Smile"
3 Beast of burden
4 Higher than
5 GM subsidiary since 1929
6 Lady who reportedly exchanged barbs with Marla Maples
7 Alan Alda feature with a Will Smith short
8 Like some condors
9 Net worth factor
10 Leaf
11 Part of a process
12 They take vows
13 William Hurt feature with a Warren Beatty short
14 Prefix with sac
15 Familiar saying
16 Fires, as ore
17 Prepare to fire on
18 Terhune colle:
19 Hot fragment
20 Sets aside for later consideration
21 "Excellent!"
22 Montana motto word
23 Barbara Stanwyck feature with a Dustin Hoffman short
24 Frantically
25 Management ally of a sort
26 Former fier
27 Dick of adventure fiction
28 WWI encryption machine
29 Michael Redgrave feature with a Helen Gahagan short
30 Lipo
31 Grand Marquis, briefly
32 Depressing situation, with "the"
33 "Gymnopedies" composer
34 Spot
35 Kilt for drying hops
36 "I find that acceptable"
37 Indian royal
38 Rice, to Montana
39 Some code signals
40 Message often sent using thumbs
41 First name in fashion
42 Agreed-on guidelines: Abbr.
43 Hair net
44 Montana
45 Propriety
46 Montana short
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**Down**

1 Craz, in a Ricky Martin song
2 Russian John
3 Blend
4 Christian guide
5 Norman athletes
6 Boston Marathon mo.
7 Split apart
8 Klingons, e.g.
9 Job application line
10 Fighting Tigers sch.
11 Wishing
12 Small particle
13 Region
14 Inevitable outcome
15 Borders
16 Big ring
17 Down opposite
18 Bird-related
19 Dance at a bar
20 Doc, for one
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**Daily Horoscope**

**Virgo:** Romance surrounds you today.

**Taurus** (April 20–May 20) -- Today is a 6 -- The boss is on a power trip. If you care, hold your ground. If not, just go along with it. You come out smelling like a rose, and the problem’s solved.

**Gemini** (May 21–June 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Today you’re drawn out of your comfort zone. Associates tease you into changing your mind about a central idea. Act like this is all part of the plan.

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**Virgo** (Aug. 23–Sept. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Romance surrounds you today. There’s no need to convince anyone to participate and enjoy the process. Challenge assumptions about acceptable behavior.

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