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Correction
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The Daily regrets the error.

June 1
Andrew McClain, 28, 644 Chasqua Creek unit 28, was arrested and charged with intoxication. (reported at 3:00 p.m.)

Ralph W. Williams Jr., 32, 3009 Woodland Ave., was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance. (reported at 4:30 a.m.)

Officers assisted a man who was experiencing emotional difficulties. He was transported to Mary Greeley Medical Center for treatment. (reported at 3:07 a.m.)

Jason Torres-Bodman, 22, of Overland Park, was arrested and charged with public consumption. (5:10 a.m.)

Two juvenile males were taken into custody and charged with criminal trespass at Beyer Hall. They were referred to Juvenile Court Services and then released to the care of responsible adults. (reported at 5:48 p.m.)

Trevor Davis, 18, 1018 Lincoln Way unit 1, was arrested for fourth degree theft. (reported at 6:55 p.m.)

Christian Peter Jensen, 42, 843 West 190th St. unit 10, was arrested and charged with intoxication. (reported at 11:45 p.m.)

June 2
Ian Taylor Steil, 21, 160 University Village unit B, was arrested and charged with intoxication. (reported at 12:05 a.m.)

Mendora L. Kimbrough, 23, no address, was arrested and charged with failure to appear, contempt of court and possession of a controlled substance. (reported at 2:20 a.m.)

Major L. Robinson II, 28, 2728 Lincoln Way unit A, was arrested and charged with WRT domestic abuse. (reported at 11:44 a.m.)

Justin Peterson, 120 East 7th St., reported the theft of a television from an ROTC lounge. The incident occurred approximately one week ago. (reported at 4:00 p.m.)

Juventino C. Garcia, 26, 1027 Mesa Verde Place, was arrested and charged with harassment of a public official and driving without a license. (reported at 4:44 p.m.)

A motorcyclist lost control of his bike, resulting in minimal damage to the vehicle. (reported at 5:00 p.m.)

Deb Forest, 41, 114 Hickory Drive, was arrested and charged with WRT, driving without a license. (reported at 6:00 p.m.)
University officials share their vision for Campustown

By James Heggen
Daily Staff Writer

University officials involved in the revitalization project for Campustown discussed their goals for the project and want a new look.

The project is still in the planning stages. The master developer, Lane4 Property Group, is currently studying the project.

They will be traveling to Ames next week to hold public meetings to gather input.

The city and university recently entered into a three-party resolution, which spelled out obligations from the three groups — including, on the city side, not to search for another developer and for Lane4 to have a concept ready for it in 180 days.

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Both parties hopeful for November elections

By Paige Godden
Daily Staff Writer

Both the ISU Democrats and Republicans are looking toward November after Tuesday night’s primaries.

Former Governor Terry Branstad beat out Rod Roberts and Bob Vander Plaats with 51 percent of the total vote, according to statistics from the Des Moines Register. Logan Pals, senior in industrial engineering and ISU Republican, said Branstad winning was a good thing for Republicans because you can go back and look at his records instead of having to question his voting record. Pals said that the first time Branstad took office was during a time of an agricultural downturn, so Branstad can use his knowledge to help the economy recover.

Jeremy Freeman, freshman in animal ecology, said Branstad has a good chance of being elected, as long as he chooses a strong conservative to run with as lieutenant governor.

“He’ll drag Culver’s butt to the curb,” Freeman said.

Adam Kenworthy, senior in English and ISU Democrat, said he believes Chet Culver will do better than most people think when it comes time to go to the polls. Kenworthy said Culver has many supporters, and believes that because the Republican primary was so close, the party may be divided enough to help the Democrats out.

Michael Fox, senior in journalism and mass communication and ISU Democrat, said Culver is going to have to run a pretty good campaign to win the election.

“It’s going to be close, but he has a shot,” Fox said. Kenworthy attended Roxanne Conlin’s primary after-party Tuesday, and he said he thinks she has a good chance to beat Charles Grassley.

“The latest KCCI poll has her behind by 8 percent,” Kenworthy said. She also said her ratings keep improving. Fox said Conlin ran against two quality opponents, and she came away with a good portion of votes.

“In Story County, she came away with about 80 percent of the votes. It gave her good momentum going into November,” Fox said.

Fox said if a Democrat were to replace Grassley, right now is the time for that to happen. Kenworthy said he believes the incumbent Secretary of State Michael Mauro and Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald are safe in their positions. However, both Republicans were hopeful that this November will bring about change.

Freeman said he thinks Matt Schultz is a good candidate for secretary of state, with goals such as having to show IDs before voting.

Pals said he has met Dave Jamison who will be running for treasurer, and thinks Jamison has put together a strong campaign.

“I think it’s a great year to be a republican, and it’s time for new officials to be elected,” Pals said.

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CydeWinder competes in tractor-pull competition

By Katherine Klingseis
Daily Correspondent

Amid the fury of competition, Travis Koster looked on as the tractor he and his team took a year to build slowly fell to pieces.

“Two of the computers completely burned out,” Koster said. “It was pretty much over after that.”

Koster and his team, the Cyclone Power Pullers, traveled Saturday to Peoria, Ill., to compete in a quarter-scale tractor competition.

The team has been in the competition since 1998 and has fared well through the years.

“This year, instead of improving on an old design, the team built something completely new: the CydeWinder.

“We used 5 ECUs, or computers, to control the tractor,” Koster said. “We were the only team at the competition to use a CAN-bus system.”

A controller-area network system, like the one used on the CydeWinder, is designed to enable different devices in a vehicle to communicate with each other without the presence of a host computer. The CAN-bus system connects electronic control units together. These ECUs then send messages back and forth between one another.

“(A CAN-bus system) is what most tractors out in the industry have already been using,” senior Travis Ohms said. “It’s highly advanced and gives you more options to what features you can add to the tractor.”

The Cyclone Power Pullers also decided to use a cast aluminum modular frame instead of a typical steel frame. A modular frame for a tractor, like a modular frame for a house, is built in sections. Unlike the steel frame, which requires welding, a modular frame can be easily bolted together.

“With the modular frame, we were trying to increase our manufacturability at the component,” Ohms said. “A modular frame is just simpler and easier to put together.”

Manufacturability is only one of the many areas judges critique at the competition. When the tractor is first brought to the competition, the judges inspect the safety of the machine. The tractor is carefully scrutinized to make sure that it is safe to operate.

“They check the tractor’s motors to make sure that they recover at the right speed, and they do a brake test to make sure that the brakes work,” Ohms said. “It’s basically just a lot of safety tests put together because they need to insure that, when you pull onto the track, the tractor is not going to get anyone hurt.”

The CydeWinder was also tested on its pulling ability and design. The team must use a 16-horsepower Briggs and Stratton motor, according to the rules of the competition. However, the team is not limited on how many motors they can use. The Cyclone Power Pullers, for instance, used four motors.

At the competition, the judges test how well the tractor is built and how well the tractor pulls. The team is also required to do an oral presentation and write a report about its tractor.

“We did really well with the oral presentation and the written report,” Koster said. “It was just that our tractor didn’t work well.

The competition is divided into stages, and at each stage, the tractors are assessed by the judges.

When the CydeWinder completed a stage, the Cyclone Power Pullers checked to see if the tractor had any problems. The tractor had many.

“We had a great tractor, but a lot of little things went wrong. It seemed like we would get our hopes up, and they would always get brought back down,” Ohms said.

The CydeWinder finished 21st in the competition. Although the tractor did not do as well as originally hoped, the Cyclone Power Pullers have revolutionized the competition with their use of a CAN-bus system and a modular frame.

“The CAN-bus system should definitely be used in the future,” Koster said. “I think the only thing that should be changed for next year is the design.”

Ohms agreed with Koster, and believes next year the team should finish building the tractor earlier and run tests to make sure everything runs properly.

“We have a test pulling unit, which is really nice, but we didn’t have time to use it,” Ohms said. “If we can get the tractor done a month early and do a bunch of test pulls, we can find all the components that are going to break down.”
Monetary factors may decide Big 12

Curtis Powers
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It seems the Big 12 is about blow up any day now. Well, that is, if the rumors and speculation are true.

Maybe they are, maybe they aren’t. It doesn’t matter much anyway; if you’re at Iowa State, you’re not in control of your fate.

President Geoffroy and Jamie Pollard admitted as much in their letter, which they sent out to Cyclone alumni, fans and friends of the university on Friday.

“We also recognize that the long-term viability of the Big 12 Conference is not in our control, it is in the hands of just a few of our fellow member institutions.”

That means you, Texas and Nebraska. If Colorado or even Missouri leave, they can be replaced — though an absence of Mizzou would hurt negotiations over a new TV contract next year without the St. Louis and Kansas City markets, to some extent.

However, if the Big 12 lost Nebraska as well, things might be different.

It might provide incentive to the southern teams to leave to the Pac-10 conference, or elsewhere, if the opportunity should arise.

Still, it really comes down to Texas — doesn’t it always in the Big 12?

They are king. After all, they are being courted by three different conferences: Big 10, Pac-10 and the Big 12.

They also pulled in a little more than $1.38 million in revenue this past year, according to the Department of Education.

That’s almost $20 million more than the next school — Ohio State at almost $19.2 million — and almost twice as much as the next two schools in the Big 12 combined — Oklahoma at $10 million and Nebraska at almost $7.5 million.

Furthermore, they are near some major TV markets — Dallas-Fort Worth is No. 5, Houston is No. 10, San Antonio is No. 37 and Austin is No. 49, according to Station Index.

And the cherry on top is that they, like Iowa State, are an Association of America University member.

That means they are a leading research institution.

And being a member is a pretty big deal. That’s where the rub in this whole deal is, too. Universities and colleges are supposed to be primarily concerned about teaching and research, not sports and huge amounts of money.

The whole concept of the “student-athlete” in some sports in Division I, namely football and men’s basketball, is practically absurd as it is.

If Texas did decide to join the Pac-10 conference, you might as well throw it out the window.

Case in point: the amount of traveling involved.

In the Big 12, the farthest Texas ever had to travel in conference was to Iowa State. If you walked it, it would be 945 miles.

In the Pac-10 conference, there is only one school located closer than Iowa State: Arizona State at 804 miles. In fact, there are four schools that clock in at around 2,000 miles — the Oregon and Washington schools.

Plus, all the Pac-10 schools are two time zones behind Texas right now — Arizona changes time zones depending on the time of year.

That is definitely not good for one’s internal clock or doing well in one’s classes.

If they joined the Big 10 conference, travel would only be slightly better, as well as changing time zones, zero or one.

So it seems to me that it wouldn’t be worth it for Texas to bolt.

Yes, they could make more money, but at what cost?

Is it worth it to stretch your student-athletes like that? Is it worth it to set the example for your university’s students to think the world only revolves around money, to hell with everything else? Besides, the Longhorns are already the richest in athletic department revenues in the nation. Do they really need more money?

So, I hope they decide to stay. The same goes for Nebraska, Mizzou and Colorado.

I will understand if they leave. I just hope they don’t.

It is definitely in Iowa State’s best interest that the Big 12 stays intact. I think it is also probably in the best interest of the student-athletes.
Sudden gun control approval may backfire

Recent opinion shift may be too much, too soon for long-term public support of pro-gun control movement

The recent change in thinking in the hive mind that is public opinion concerning gun control is being welcomed with open arms by Republicans.

Some are hailing it as the tide returning from the high water mark that gun control hit during the Clinton era with the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act — most commonly referred to as “The Assault Weapons Ban.”

As a Libertarian, I’m not too enthusiastic with the sudden change. Instead, I’m wary that it is something fleeting.

The writing on the wall pointing to the definite rise of guns, ironically enough, is coming from the Brady Campaign, an organization notorious as being a juggernaut of the pro-gun control movement. The organization has been raising hairs on the back of gun owners’ necks since President Clinton passed the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act in 1993.

The Brady Campaign is literally withering on the vine.

Rob Reed at examiner.com said, “So far, for the 2010 election cycle, only one donor has made a single contribution of $2,500,” compared to “an all-time high of more than $1.7 million in the 2000 election cycle.”

The $2,500 shows a stark contrast in the political landscape then and now.

I’m not that thrilled about the recent mood swing that puts public opinion in gun owners’ favor. I’d rather see a more gradual acceptance of firearms, something smaller that could be sustained long-term. The pendulum has come back in our favor too quickly, and far too suddenly, and it is bound to come back to bite us very shortly.

Some hear victory in the dying gasps of the Brady Campaign and rejoice the fall of a once powerful opponent of the Second Amendment. I can’t help but think of what might rise in its place when the pendulum swings back toward gun control.

The public’s opinion didn’t change because people started understanding the politically-charged debate that goes on between those that own firearms and those that call for their strict regulation. I figure they simply don’t care as much anymore.

But just because the public has lost interest, doesn’t mean that all of that negative thinking that was leveled at firearms won’t come rushing right back tenfold. In fact, I expect it to. All it will take is another Columbine, another beloved figure being felled by a bullet or any kind of event where someone flies off the handle and uses a firearm to do something crazy for public opinion to go right back to “guns are bad.”

To think that the recent swing in opinion is a good thing is shortsighted, it reflects knee-jerk politics.

What gun owners needed, and libertarians wanted, was a slow and gradual shift in opinion that was sustainable over a very long period of time. I would be happy if it was 2050 and the change in public opinion was causing the Brady Campaign to die off, but 2010 is just too soon.

Our arrival here so quickly forebodes of battles to come; when the public will, no doubt, quickly change its mind again.

I’ll enjoy the return of firearms to the fringe of things that are thought to be acceptable while it lasts.

But it’s important to realize it won’t last forever.

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Cyclones remain in suspense

By Jordan Wickstrom
Daily Staff Writer

News of a possible resolution coming as soon as Friday has no doubt caused schools such as Baylor, Iowa State, Kansas and Kansas State to hold their collective breath since none of the four schools really know what would happen if the Big 12 splits up.

The popular consensus is if Nebraska and Missouri go to the Big Ten, then the six Big 12 South teams will move to the Pac-10.

So the real question is where does that leave Iowa State?

Iowa State may need to start thinking about the Missouri Valley, Conference USA, MAC or another smaller conferences. Missouri Valley has remained quiet on any plans for expansion, so it is difficult to tell what Iowa States best options are.

Some have called for Iowa State to make the move to the Big Ten. But so far, that does not look like a real possibility.

Gov. Chet Culver has been working on getting Iowa State into the discussion of being moved to the Big Ten if realignment happens.

The possible effects of Iowa State no longer being a Big 12 school could be disastrous for enrollment as well as revenue for the athletic department.

Until a decision is made, which could be as soon as Friday, all the Big 12 schools can do is wait and see.

Track and Field

Next stop NCAA Championships

Eight Cyclone athletes will compete for the gold in Oregon after long, arduous season

By Jordan Wickstrom
Daily Staff Writer

It has been a long season, but somehow six months, 23 meets and a couple hundred-thousand meters later, the ISU track and field team has finally reached the NCAA Championships.

For four of the eight Cyclones headed to the NCAA Championships, there is nothing to hold back.

Senior runners Kiel Uhl, Brandon Rooney, Lashawn Wright and Lisa Koll will all be competing in what will be their last events in an ISU uniform.

“At conference, things go slower, so it’s a lot easier to double up,” Koll said. “It’s going to be quite the test this weekend to try and double, and try to win [both the 5,000- and 10,000-meter].

But I figure it’s my last NCAA meet, so you have to take a shot.”

While Koll has competed in both events in the past, she has never competed in both events at the national meet.

But after breaking the record for fastest time in the 10,000-meter race earlier this season, Koll does not believe she has anything more to prove, and would not force herself to break a record if she was in position to do so.

“I think if I’m way ahead of the field, I’ll relax,” Koll said. “I ran it really fast earlier this year, and I don’t think I have anything to prove, as far as time is concerned. I think it would mean a lot more for me to pull off a double win in the [5,000 and 10,000] than to reach a personal record in the 10,000.”

Joining Koll in the 10,000-meter are distance runners Semehar Tesfaye, junior in chemical engineering and Betsy Saina, sophomore in child, adult and family services.

After a strong showing at the Big 12 and NCAA Regional competition, Coach Corey Ihmels is expecting yet another strong performance from his athletes.

He especially hopes to see the success of some of the Cyclones’ most successful and experienced athletes motivate the rest of the team to find another level of performance during the competition.

“I think the athletes we have going to nationals this weekend will show up and understand that [distance runner Hillary Bor and Koll] are going to come in and try to win a couple titles,” Ihmels said. “I think if [the other athletes] see they’re going to do that, then the rest will try to do the same.”

Bor will get another shot at the steeplechase after an unfortunate incident that included losing his shoe in the NCAA Regional competition.

Despite Koll and Bor being two of the most prominent athletes to compete in the upcoming championships, the Cyclones are sending six other athletes to compete in their own respective events.

Along with Koll, Uhl will be competing in the men’s 10,000-meter race, while Wright and Rooney will be competing in their last races, as well. Rooney will go for the win in the 1,500-meter, while Wright will try to leave Eugene a winner in the 200-meter dash.

Ihmels could not hide his happiness for Uhl and his accomplishment of making it to the championships.

“He’s one of the first guys I recruited out of the state of Iowa that was one of the top kids in the state, who said he was going to come in and help turn things around,” Ihmels said. “I think he’s just missed being an All-American two or three times, he’s been real consistent for us.”

Rounding out the rest of the Cyclones competing at the championships is hurdler Kianna Elahi, junior in chemical engineering, who will be competing in the 400-meter hurdles.

All the events begin Wednesday and continue through Sunday.
Soccer

World Cup unites people from across globe

By Jordan Wickstrom
Daily Staff Writer

To some, it’s just a silly little game where 22 players run around trying to kick a black and white ball into a net.

But for a faithful group of fans, the FIFA World Cup is the juggernaut of all sporting events.

"[The World Cup] is like the Super Bowl every day for a month," said Todd Claiborne, senior in hotel, restaurant and institution management.

"That’s the kind of build-up. It’s just constant craziness."

Every four years, millions of loyal fans around the world gather together in a cramped stadium, sports bar or living room to enjoy what most believe is some of the most hard-fought 90 minutes in all of sports.

All of this happens in what most sports fans consider the most intense 30 days of the summer.

"Soccer is easily one of the most intense sports out there," said Dave Godfrey, senior in computer science. "It’s not slow, it’s fast-paced with a lot of energy and a lot of emotion."

But for all the fans that gather to watch this event together, it’s about more than just 32 countries playing soccer against one another.

It’s about unity. It’s about expressing a mutual love for the game that brings people together for 30 days every four years.

"It’s great to see how much support it’s getting in America," Godfrey said. "It is one of those spectacular events that take place and it should get as much coverage as the Olympics or the Super Bowl."

Simply put, it does what all the politicians, royalty and ambassadors cannot.

Sure, there can be fights, arguments and shouting over the result of certain matches — fans will be fans.

But when you sit down and you watch a match with such a diverse group of people, you will see a mutual respect that you probably would not find between New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox fans, Los Angeles Lakers and Boston Celtics fans or even Iowa and ISU fans.

It could be because the fans realize the World Cup is more than just a series of games.

Even a group of fans at a bar agree it is not about the drinking, it’s all about the soccer.

"[When you’re at the bar] it’s not so much about the drinking, but more about the group celebration," Claiborne said. "Now, it’s starting to get bigger in the U.S., and people who don’t know much about soccer will watch this year."

So who will win it all this year? Experts and fans agree Spain is the clear favorite to win the tournament.

"Spain is usually good, but the Netherlands is sort of the long shot this year," Claiborne said. "A lot of people don’t have the Netherlands as the pick, that’s just one of the clubs I’ve been following. But Spain is more of the big-marquee international star — sort of like the Yankees of soccer."

Despite Spain being favored to win the 2010 World Cup, fans will no doubt be cheering for good games from all teams around the globe.

But after the tournament begins this weekend, fans of soccer will once again take notice of the tournament that is not only about the games but the countries as well.

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Worth a thousand words

The Octagon Center for the Arts recently opened their latest exhibit, “Snapshots of Ames,” a photography contest for local artists. The exhibit focuses on unique and interesting parts of Ames.

The exhibit opened Friday, and a panel of judges were selected to choose the winning photographs. Greg Bal won best in show for his black and white photograph, “Alley Cat.”

First place was awarded to Lee Anne Willson for her piece, “Street Lamp.”

Second place was given to Mary Richards for her photo, “Silhouettes,” and Dan McClanahan received third place for his piece, “Brack Attack.”

Honorable mentions were given to Chris Nelson, Mary Richards — for her second piece — and Susan Norris.

The exhibit will be open through July 25 and will feature all the contest entries.

Schedule:
- Where: The Octagon Center for the Arts, 427 Douglas Ave.
- When: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 1 – 5 p.m. Saturday through Sunday
- Cost: Free

“Alley Cat,” a photo by Greg Bal, won best in show in the “Snapshots of Ames” competition held by the Octagon Center for the Arts. The gallery hosted photographs taken in out-of-the-way or striking places around Ames in order to capture the city’s spirit in new and interesting ways. Courtesy Photo: Ruth Wiedemeier/Octagon Gallery Shop

Music teachers highlighted at conference

By Kaleb Warnock
Daily Staff Writer

The ISU Department of Music hosted the Iowa Music Teacher’s Association State Conference last weekend.

The conference is a three-day symposium that offers Iowa music teachers the opportunity to attend master classes, seminars and performances.

The Iowa Music Teacher’s Association is an affiliate of the National Music Teacher’s Association made up of more than 400 Iowa music educators. Nearly 100 Iowa music teachers were in attendance. The IMTA State Conference has been active for more than 120 years and has grown since its conception. Different music schools across the state host the conference each year, and the last time Iowa State hosted was 1999.

The conference brought in both local and national educators and performers that included ISU faculty and the featured artist, Brian Ganz, who appeared as the guest artist the last time Iowa State was host.

Ganz has performed with such notable symphony orchestras as the St. Louis Symphony and the St. Petersburg Philharmonic. He has also established himself as an international champion in many prestigious piano competitions.

Ganz is also a teacher, a member of the piano faculty and Peabody Conservatory and also the artist in residence at St. Mary’s College in Maryland. Ganz taught a seminar on performing Chopin’s “Preludes” and a master class for advanced students.

ISU faculty members Michael Giles and Mason Conklin led presentations that included new technology innovations and jazz piano techniques that can be incorporated into the classroom.

Conklin utilizes advanced, innovative classroom technology in his piano classes at Iowa State. Ganz is an active clinician, educator and performer in central Iowa and is often featured at the Maintenance Shop with his combo, the 3x5.

The conference featured a performance of the IMTA state contest winners Deborah Austin, and ISU graduate Rachel McCoy. These performers were the winners of the annual IMTA state auditions.

There was also an evening recital featuring pianists William David and Conklin, as well as percussionists Matthew Coley and Corey Hills, which featured a performance of a newly commissioned piece by Erin Gee and Bela Bartok’s famous “Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion.”

This conference followed the National Music Teacher’s Association Conference in March. The next one will be March 2011 in Milwaukee, Wisc.
New mural breathes life into Lloyd building

By Kaleb Warnock
Daily Staff Writer

Iowa State’s largest mural, “The Healing Tree” by Minnesota artist Michaela Mahady, was recently completed at the new Lloyd Veterinary Medical Center. The largest image is in the front window of the animal hospital and takes up more than two stories of glass, continuing down the front of the building.

The artwork is based on what Mahady calls the “web of life,” and the circular motif that dominates the form stems from the idea that the sun is the giver of all life through photosynthesis and the transfer of its energy. The circle is completed by the consumption of the plant life by the animals, and their eventual return to the soil from which they came.

The mural is an intricate piece of art that draws in passers-by and poses questions about the nature of the images. As the mural continues down the front corridor to the animal hospital, it progresses backward in the history of the school, concluding with an old horse and buggy veterinary ambulance. Along the bottom of the corridor is a series of detailed etchings that depict photographs of medical instruments, x-rays and views through a microscope that not only draw in viewers for a closer look, but also lay the foundation for the artwork to reaffirm the responsibilities of the profession. The larger images above the small etchings depict the different aspects of veterinary medicine.

Although Mahady was the primary designer of the work, she also collaborated with faculty at the College of Veterinary Medicine and the student body. Actual photos from the school, and some suggestions from the faculty, inspired many of the images in the mural.

Mahady said that the artist because of her previous artwork at Iowa State, and her sensitivity as an architect, Mahady has also done the etching at LeBaron Hall and the dairy barn.

The windows at Lloyd, LeBaron and the dairy barn were all accomplished through sandblasting.

The process was done using a series of overlayering stencils that were then sandblasted layer by layer to create the different textures and designs.

Mahady has an appreciation for the work of Christian Petersen, the sculptor of the Fountain of the Four Seasons and The Marriage Ring in front of Mackay Hall, along with many other human sculptures on campus.

He is known for his lifelike sculptures and emotional depth within his works, which inspired the characters and detail in Mahady’s artwork.

“Petersen sculptures are people, the figures speak to people because they are so emotionally reverent,” Mahady said.

Her admiration for the work of Petersen is apparent in her works on campus and helps to contribute to the emotional depth and personality that maintains the strong public art tradition on campus.

Band director’s departure greeted with mixed feelings

By Sarah Binder
Daily Staff Writer

The show must go on.

Members of ISU Cyclone Football “Varsity” Marching Band (ISUCF^V^MB) were notified over the weekend that Matthew Smith, associate director of bands, had decided to leave Iowa State for another position.

Smith’s decision was swift. He said it was only just last week that he received an offer from the University of Indiana to be assistant director of bands.

“It was a shocker to me. I was not expecting that at all, especially at this point in the summer,” said Cathy Cooney, senior in history and member of ISUCF^V^MB.

However, Michael Golemo, chairman of the music department, said that in the music world, being conductor of a marching band is usually a stepping stone position. Because of this, he wasn’t surprised by the switch.

“We know he’s destined for bigger and better things, and we wish him luck,” Golemo said.

Smith said his position at the University of Indiana will include similar responsibilities, but that he would do more conducting and working with the concert band. He said he was attracted by the high quality and size of the program.

However, Smith said he had “no idea” whether he would stay there long-term or whether another switch was in his future.

Smith will continue to work at Iowa State through June, working with recruiting and auditioning new students.

It was announced Monday that Natalie Steele, currently assistant director of bands, will be responsible for taking over Smith’s position for the coming year.

In addition to her continuing work with ISUCF^V^MB, Steele has had six years of experience leading a marching band at Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas.

“I’m confident she will do an outstanding job in this temporary capacity,” Golemo said.

Steele said she didn’t have any major changes planned for the band, adding that it was “in great shape,” and that she would maintain a lot of the traditions associated with ISUCF^V^MB.

In the meantime, the department will conduct a search for a permanent replacement.

Steele said she was uncertain about whether she would apply for the permanent position or resume her assistant position.

Golemo said that Smith has acted as “a real advocate for the students” during his time at Iowa State.

“He lets us know he’s proud of the band and what we’ve done, which really makes us want to work hard for him,” Cooney said.

That hard work paid off in what Golemo called “a high level of musicianship and polish.”

“I’m proud of the hard work of our students and the great shows we’ve put on,” Smith said.

His other accomplishments included increasing the size of the band and creating a strong relationship between the band and athletic department.

Smith said the thing he will remember most about Iowa State is the people.

“I’d like to thank all of the students, faculty and staff for a tremendous experience at Iowa State, it is a very special place.”
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