Steven Weinberg, of Luxembourg, locks his 1959 Renault 4CV after parking Monday on Main Street. Weinberg and his former student, Anna Luijten, are retracing the path of The Great Race of 1908, which went around the world from New York to Paris.

Photo: Logan Gaedke/Iowa State Daily

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**June 27**

Mason Harestad, 22, 113 5th St., was arrested and charged with willful failure to appear. (reported at 1:00 a.m.)

Wesley Scott Sefrit, 28, of Granger, Iowa, was arrested and charged with public intoxication. (reported at 1:00 a.m.)

Robert Mauricio, 31, of Boone, Iowa, was arrested and charged with assault and bodily injury. (reported at 2:00 a.m.)

Jason Brown, 24, 220 South Dakota Ave., was arrested and charged with public intoxication — second offense. (reported at 2:15 a.m.)

James Richardson, 35, no address, was arrested and charged with willful failure to appear. (reported at 3:25 a.m.)

**June 28**

Damien Mapp, 24, 4130 Lincoln Swing St., was arrested and charged with driving under revocation. (reported at 6:15 p.m.)

Aaron Wenger, 3410 Emerald Drive, reported the theft of a cell phone. The incident occurred in the weight room on 06/23/10. (reported at 7:49 p.m.)

Achol Akuar, 21, 4112 Woodbrook Terrace unit 37, was arrested and charged with driving while barred. (reported at 11:48 p.m.)

**June 29**

Justin Hanson, 19, of Kamrar, and Kaleb Keicher, 19, of Ozark, Mo., were arrested and charged with third degree criminal mischief. A 17-year-old male was taken into custody and charged with third degree criminal mischief, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. (reported at 1:05 a.m.)

Oscar Saldana, 26, 2340 Aspen Road unit 202, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated. (reported at 12:33 a.m.)

Wayne Tyler Anderson, 22, 2430 Aspen Road unit 37, was arrested and charged with driving while barred. (reported at 3:09 a.m.)

Janika Herron, 18, no address, was arrested and charged on a violation of a Story County warrant. (reported at 3:35 a.m.)

A vehicle driven by Johnny Alday struck a parked car. (reported at 9:58 a.m.)

Officers received a report of a possible fraud. (reported at 10:20 a.m.)

Andy Laughlin reported the theft of a bike. (reported at 2:34 p.m.)

Andrew Walton, 19, 614 South 4th St., was arrested and charged with fifth degree theft. (reported at 3:30 p.m.)

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Man's adventures in little car continue with a journey to recreate Great Race of 1908

Adventure is the only way to describe Steven Weinburg's life, which features his car, a Renault 4CV - dubbed the "little one.

Weinberg, 64, from Luxembourg, is currently traveling across the United States and back to Europe in his little car with his former student, Anna Luijten, to recreate the Great Race of 1908.

"People like me live by this motto: Don't dream your life, live your dream," Weinburg said.

In November of 1907, the French newspaper Le Matin and the New York Times teamed up to create the Great Race. The challenge was to travel by car around the world from New York to Paris. The original goal was to travel across the Bering Strait, but it wasn't frozen enough to travel on, so cars were shipped to Europe to complete the race.

Out of six teams, three managed to get to Paris, six months later.

Originally the cars came through Ames in March 1908, following the race route that went through the intersection of Main Street and Doff Avenue and past the south and west sides of campus.

The German Team had trouble making it up the Hyland Street hill west of campus and ended up staying overnight at the Sigma Nu fraternity.

Weinburg made his way to Ames following the race path Monday.

His journey began in New York City July 15, and he is on day 10 of his 31,000-kilometer trip.

This isn't the first time Weinburg has attempted something like this. He traveled the La Nationale 7, the French version of Route 66, the Alps and Siberia, all in his little car.

His travels began with his little Renault 4CV, a popular post-war car made in 1947, when he bought it seven years ago because it reminded him of the first car he had when he was a teenager. The car then gained its nickname of "the little one."

"People flocked to the car simply out of curiosity," Weinburg said.

On one of his first journeys, he made it to the Chinese border, where the trip ended because the Chinese border was closed at the time.

"I got to there and cried, thinking this is the end of a 1,600-kilometer journey," Weinburg said.

After the trek, the car was badly beat up and facing mechanical problems to the point Weinburg didn't think it would make it to the next town. The car was flown back home where a group of technical students fixed up the car as a learning experience.

Since Weinburg's adventures are about the people he photographs, he has met numerous interesting people.

On a past trip, he met a man who was building an ancient railway station complete with train and shops. After talking with him, Weinburg learned the man also had a love of old cars and had a 1903 Oldsmobile. Weinburg was given a ride in the an-
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A group of 16 high school students spent July 10-24 participating in Design Condensed at Iowa State.

Design Condensed is the first summer high school design camp held by the College of Design.

The students participating in the camp came from Iowa, surrounding states and Puerto Rico. Although they are all from various backgrounds, each student shares a passion for design.

“I like design a lot,” said Lanea Ramaeker, junior at Creston High School. “I like that [your design] can be whatever you want it to be and it can’t be wrong because it’s your design.”

Ramaeker and other students from Creston came to the camp to design a park for their school’s library.

“The library needed more space, so we were asked to design a little pocket park,” said Emma Johnson, sophomore at Creston High School. “It’s fun to think about how what you make will be used by others.”

The students decided to make a swirl, with the center being where people sit.

“The library needed more space, so we were asked to design a little pocket park,” said Emma Johnson, sophomore at Creston High School. “It’s fun to think about how what you make will be used by others.”

The students stayed in Eaton Hall and attended classes all day. The classes ranged from Shop design to soundscaping.

“I really liked soundscaping,” said Megan Rupiper, senior from Skutt Catholic High School in Omaha, Neb. “We went into nature and it started raining. We drew what it sounded like, not what it looked like.”

While Rupiper liked soundscaping, Coralis Rodriguez, senior in high school from Puerto Rico, enjoyed Mark Making.

“[The teacher] just gives you random objects and you make a design,” Rodriguez said. “It’s really cool.”

Debra Satterfield, director of art and design, taught Mark Making at the camp.

“[The teacher] just gives you random objects and you make a design,” Rodriguez said. “It’s really cool.”

Satterfield hopes the design camp helped the students learn more about design and their future in design.

“The purpose of this camp, in my opinion, is just to give these students a really terrific experience in design,” Satterfield said. “You want those students to come away knowing more about what design is and really being able to envision themselves in the College of Design and in a design career.”

While learning is an important aspect of the camp, the social part of the camp is also very important to the students. Design Condensed allows students with the same interests to interact and connect.

“At home, I’m kind of an oddball, carrying around a sketchbook wherever I go,” said Drew McGuire, senior from English Valleys Junior/Senior High school. “There are a lot of people like me here, which is pretty neat.”
Researchers delve into reasons for spill

By Katherine Klingseis
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During the past four months, news agencies across the globe have been covering the BP oil spill. The oil leak was finally plugged by a tight-fitted cap July 15. However, the cap is only a temporary fix.

Bob Steffes, PCC research engineer at Iowa State, has followed the spill from the beginning. Steffes graduated from Colorado State University with a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering.

After college, Steffes spent 17 years at Dowell Schlumberger as an “oil patch” engineer. During his stint as an oil patch engineer, Steffes worked on many oil rigs around the world.

When he first began at the company, Steffes worked on tasks such as fixing piping connections and pumping cement into the pipes. As time went by, the company entrusted Steffes with more complicated projects.

“Later in years, I was considered a technical engineer,” Steffes said. “When I got to the Middle East, I was the division technical engineer that would be living in Dubai or Abu Dhabi and covering several countries around them.”

From his experience at Dowell Schlumberger, Steffes knows the workings of an oil rig, and knows how catastrophes like the British Petroleum oil spill can happen.

The Deepwater Horizon, the oil rig where the blowout occurred, had many problems prior to the blowout, Steffes explained.

“I think in [the Deepwater Horizon] case, from what we hear, there were a lot of corners cut short,” Steffes said. “First of all, I understand that the rig was 45 days or so behind schedule. It’s costing [BP] about $500,000 a day, so they were obviously pushing to get off this well.”

The Deepwater Horizon also experienced loss circulation. Loss circulation occurs when mud, which is used to offset the pressure of the oil coming up the well, is lost into the earth instead of coming back up the pipe. Loss circulation has the potential to eventually cause a blowout, which happened on the Deepwater Horizon.

Blowouts occur when pressurized natural gas and oil flow up the drill pipe to the surface and then ignite. Since the Deepwater Horizon was already behind schedule, BP pushed the crew to seal off the well more quickly than usual.

“When [the Deepwater Horizon crew] finished their last casing, they assumed that the cement would be in the right place to isolate the gap between the two casings,” Steffes said. “It’s a calculated volume and, assuming that they don’t have loss circulation, it would fill the volume, but apparently with loss circulation, they didn’t have enough cement, so the joint that should have been cemented shut was not cemented shut.”

The cement that was supposed to plug the well instead flowed into the earth. BP should have used centralizers, which are used to make a strong, 360-degree cement seal to make sure the seal was strong enough to hold.

By doing a cement bond log test, BP could have found out the cement was not where it was supposed to be.

“A bond log is a test that tells them if they have cement behind the pipe, outside of the pipe, if it’s really there or it’s not there, and they did not run the test,” Steffes said.

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Student

Friends of motorcycle accident victim grieve, crowds attend funeral

By Abigail.Barefoot @iowastatedaily.com

“Truly living for his friends,” and “always ready with a smile;” friends relive memories of Daniel Breuer, an ISU student who died in a motorcycle crash.

Rachel Larkin, senior in kinesiology and health, met Breuer, senior in mechanical engineering, through St. Thomas Aquinas Service and Justice Team her freshman year. Two years later, she lived across the street from him, in what Rachel described as a “coed dorm floor;” because Breuer and their friends were constantly at each other’s houses.

Both Larkin and high school friends describe Breuer as being a friendly and kindhearted person. “He was the type of person who would give at a drop of a hat,” Rachel said.

One instance of his giving nature occurred during winter break, when Larkin’s roommate heard noises coming from the kitchen. When she investigated the noise, she found Breuer washing the dishes.

She asked what he was doing, to which he replied he was grateful to the girls for allowing him to store his motorcycle in their garage because he didn’t have one. He’d sneak into Larkin’s house and wash the dishes to show his appreciation.

“He would do the most discrete things to show he cared for his friends and family,” Larkin said.

Josh Peterson, a high school friend of Breuer, said he was the type of guy who was nice to everyone and always had a smile on his face. “He never said anything negative about anyone.”

Breuer was involved in everything during high school, from playing the trumpet to working on sets for the school play. In college he continued this attitude by working in his church’s service and Justice Team, which does community service. He also participated in band and helped throw barbecues at his house.

Breuer was described as a quirky guy who did random things for fun. He loved shooting off fireworks at his house, and his computer features a photo album with a photo of every T-shirt he wore.

The girls once found a dead squirrel in the tree outside their apartment, and they called Breuer and his friends to get rid of it. Only after his death did the girls find out that Breuer put the dead squirrel in the tree so the girls would come to them to get it out, simply because they hadn’t hung out in awhile.

“He truly lived for his friends,” Larkin said.

Breuer’s favorite thing was his motorcycle and giving people rides on his bike, and he was always surrounded by 10 to 15 people. Larkin said.

“He said he wanted to die young, doing what he loved; and he did,” Larkin said.

Breuer was killed in a motorcycle accident July 8. The accident occurred shortly after 5 p.m. on Interstate 35, near exit 97 in Ankeny.

Another accident in the area had slowed traffic, and Breuer’s motorcycle collided with the back of a car. A Life Flight helicopter transported Breuer to Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Breuer had been wearing a helmet at the time of the accident, but he had severe brain swelling and didn’t survive.

Larkin found out about Breuer’s accident when Breuer’s roommate called her. Breuer died before Larkin and friends could visit him.

“I was in disbelief; I had ridden on that bike before,” Larkin said. Safety was always a concern for Breuer, both for himself and others when they rode with him.

For Larkin, it was a hard thing to comprehend that her friend was gone.

“It was just a shocker,” she said. “I mean, we just saw this guy yesterday. It shows how quickly things changed.”

That day Larkin and friends went to St. Thomas Aquinas to grieve together.

“Breuer wasn’t much for prayer, so we sat around to bullshit and have as much laughter as possible,” Rachel said.

Friends gathered Friday at Breuer’s church to have a prayer service and relive their favorite memories. Later they went to Breuer’s house to have their traditional barbecue while sharing more memories of their friend.

“You know he wouldn’t want to see us cry. So we tried to laugh as much as possible, doing what he wanted while still grieving,” Larkin said.

Later more than 30 ISU students traveled to Western Union to attend Breuer’s visitation.

At his funeral, a 55-motorcycle procession was held in his honor as friends and family made the drive from Holy Name Catholic Church in West Union to St. Joseph Cemetery in Raymond.

More than 400 people packed into the church to say their final farewells to Daniel Breuer.
Danny Johnson has been named interim associate dean for undergraduate programs in the College of Business. He has a two-year appointment that began in July.

Johnson, associate professor of supply chain management, replaces Kay Palan, who accepted a position as dean of the Haworth College of Business at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Johnson earned his Ph.D. and MBA degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and his bachelor’s degree in business administration from Minnesota State University Moorhead. He has been a member of the College of Business faculty since 1998.

Johnson’s research focuses on the design, implementation, operation and management of quick response and lean manufacturing systems, and the problems faced by firms as they develop.
Anonymity in a free society

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There are questions being put forward after Shirley Sherrod was fired.

She was wrongfully let go from her job in the Department of Agriculture after an edited version of a speech she gave to the NAACP was posted on the Internet. The edited version twisted the message she was putting forward, and it resulted in her termination.

I was recently watching a clip of CNN Live discussing how Sherrod had been misrepresented on the Internet. The discussion was extremely negative towards the notion that anyone on the Internet can post whatever they want, and can even do so anonymously.

Two CNN anchors took turns bashing anonymity on the Internet, even having someone who wrote a book with a title proclaiming the Internet is killing American cultural talk about the Internet as if it were a sentient being.

“It’s not to say that anonymous blogging doesn’t have its place. If you’re in a place like Iran or North Korea or something like that, anonymous blogging is the only way you could ever get your point of view out... but when it comes to a society like ours, an open society, do there have to be some checks and balances?” said John Roberts, CNN anchor.

Checks and balances to your freedom of speech? The knee-jerk reaction of “regulate it” is still around and waiting for a new topic to apply itself to. The idea, “if people hide behind anonymity to slander people or be deliberately misleading then their anonymity should be somehow infringed upon,” has some serious implications.

It puts forward that people in America do not have use for anonymity; that in our country you do not have to fear for your safety, job or public disapproval.

It ignores that people blow whistles on their employers and need to be able to have their identity kept secret. It also ignores that you do not have the right to walk up to someone and demand they tell you who they are.

Those that wanted or needed to be anonymous would be stopped and, in effect, censored.

If someone thinks they have something that needs to be said, and doesn’t want to feel backlash from what they are saying, then they have the right to withhold their identity.

The regulation side of the argument is fun to think about. Since you can post whatever you want on the Internet, places where things could be uploaded to the Web would have to be under surveillance, including your home computer.

With so much of what we do computer-based and on the Internet, regulation would have to be intrusive. Big Brother would be established.

It worries me to hear widespread censorship being tossed about so flippantly on popular media; especially considering expanding the powers of government censorship would surely affect the media at some point.

If the option of anonymity is ever taken away, letters like these will cease to exist.

Dear Opinion Editor,

Although the autopsy is still out on the death of Lucas Farlinger, when I heard the first report that tied Farlinger to child porn, a suicide came to mind.

This event is tragic for the campus but also provides an opportunity for us to step back and examine the culture and potential stigma that led up to this death.

I will be the first one to speak out against child pornography because it is an unspeakable act of violence against a child, but I can’t help but feel the punishment for this and almost all sex crimes pales in comparison to the punishment for other crimes.

For most crimes the timeline of events goes something like this: crime is committed, perpetrator is captured, a jury decides the case, the perpetrator serves his/her sentence and is released back into life among the non-incarcerated because s/he has served his debt to society.

While this is the case for most crimes, the timeline for sex crimes is a little different. When a perpetrator is released s/he is marked for life. In our current system, s/he will never have “fully paid” the debt to society.

Most states maintain a sex offenders registry where the crime is put on display for the rest of the offender’s life for all to see. Depending on the state, sex offenders must also tell neighbors they are moving in and cannot live near schools, and in some extreme cases, sex offenders cannot even own toys, as they might be appealing to children.

While I am not calling for these laws to be rescinded, we must look at our society and ask the question, “Is this the most heinous crime a person can commit?”

If a murderer is released after serving a sentence, s/he has no obligation to tell you anything before moving next door. If a burglar is looking for a place to live, there is no registry to make sure you lock up your valuables.

It comes down to this: Should Lucas Farlinger have had to answer for his alleged crimes? Yes, but to what extent and to what end? When the cultural stigma surrounding the accusation of a sex crime is enough to warrant a death sentence carried by one’s own hand, you have to wonder, does the punishment fit the crime?

Regards,
Anonymous

Anonymity has caused quite a stir in both the real world and the Internet. Should people be allowed to maintain anonymous response options? Courtesy photo: Vincent Diamante/Flickr

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Venues

Ames Progressive provides home for local music

Local act, the Mumford’s, celebrated their CD release show Saturday night at the Ames Progressive, nearly causing the tightly packed venue to explode.

Preceded by three bands — Talking Mountain, Lady Soul and Utopia Park — and followed by Bootytronic, the DJs responsible for the bootytronic dance parties at Project 20/20, 2424 Lincoln Way, the show Saturday night defined what the Ames Progressive has been about since its creation nearly three years ago.

Mumford’s band member Nate Logsdon is the director and booking agent, also working with a board to run the Ames Progressive’s venue. Logsdon wants the music space to “feel like a home,” and with the communal space, welcoming atmosphere and the down and dirty, up close and personal style, it does in fact feel that way.

The space may be no bigger than the average apartment, but the goal is for it to be about the music. It provides an intimate and community-driven environment that puts the fans face to face with the performer, which builds a contagious energy that pulls everyone in the room into the show.

The venue is set up much like a gallery. The walls are lined with couches and chairs showcasing the work of local artist Deb Anders-Bond. It does in fact feel like a very generous person has opened up their home to a huge number of people to come and listen.

Saturday’s performance featured promising talent. Opening act Talking Mountain stormed the venue with their fast-paced techno-meets-punk, putting on a visually enticing show that felt like a mind trip — the good kind.

Next up was Lady Soul, an inspired, humorous and entertaining band that had nearly every person standing and dancing.

The addicting riffs, reminiscent of Janis Joplin meshed with a beautiful mix of other styles from punk to funk, was clearly a favorite of quite a few fans in the venue.

Utopia Park, I must say, took me by surprise. The venue, as mentioned, is rather small, with a ceiling so low I’ve seen a taller man hit his head jumping up and down.

During Utopia Park, not one person was left untouched by the engrossing music, which ended in crowd surfing, a hole in the ceiling and the singer without a shirt and pants.

Then the headliners, Mumford’s, came on, and they were perfect, as expected.

Ames Progressive is clearly growing, with the 118 people in attendance that night. It has the incredible capacity to create some perfectly orchestrated performances from such a small performance space.

In addition, every Sunday the Ames Progressive hosts an open mic night featuring a variety of musicians.

Paul Hertz performs anything and everything from classical jazz to contemporary sounds on the spot without preparation. His spontaneous performances take the night into a communal jam session involving any musician that happens to be there.

Bob Anders, who is highly involved in planning for the venue, said Hertz “really rocks it; he starts the jam.”

Anders agrees the venue should feel like a home and should be about the music, not the booze; a frequent occurrence at shows held in bars.

Ames Progressive has a very communal feel; the venue gives out so much and doesn’t ask much in return. It exists for the music and the music’s progression in Ames.

Go to this venue and you will find yourself in a rare space that feels enclosed yet welcoming, and find that there are people who make it about the community’s music; not the money and not the party, but the music.

To view the podcast, see the schedule of shows and events and stay up-to-date with the magazine visit www.amesprogressive.org.

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Ames welcomes new clothing store

Trendy store offers convenient hours for customers

By Ivy Christianson
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Ames has welcomed a new trendy clothing store.

Ayden Lee, 1620 South Kellogg Ave., opened its doors in early June. Owners and ISU graduates Tia Ricklefs and Brett Folkerts saw a need for a trendy yet inexpensive clothing store in the Ames area.

“Every time we wanted to get any kind of nice clothes, we’d have to drive down to Des Moines, so we saw an opportunity [to open a store],” Folkerts said.

Ayden Lee specializes in selling trendy clothes that are popular now, but also incorporate classic pieces.

They market to both men and women — having suits and jeans for men and tops, bottoms and dresses for women.

The store has even made their own name brand, which so far includes jeans, tops and dresses. For the winter months, they are planning on having winter coats available.

Ricklefs said the items in their store are comparable to items sold at Express, but on a much more affordable scale. Both owners are convinced that Ames is a successful market for a clothing store.

Not only are there many college students in this area looking for inexpensive, nice clothes, but there are also high school students looking for the same thing.

“There’s a lot of surrounding high schools, and Ames has a very large high school,” said Ricklefs. “There’s tons of small towns surrounding Ames [where the students] can’t go to Des Moines.”

Ricklefs and Folkerts hope that by owning this store, they are able to give back to the community, and specifically to Iowa State.

“We have a lot of fashion and business students that come in and come shopping,” Ricklefs said. “They have projects that we’re more than willing to help them out with.”

Being huge Iowa State fans themselves, Folkerts said they really want to see CLOTHES on PAGE 11.

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Volunteers recognized by award

By Micaela Cashman
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Two Mary Greeley Medical Center volunteers received a Governor's Volunteer Award in June.

Gov. Chet Culver recognized Clete Mercier and Bert Schroeder, both Ames residents, in a ceremony held July 16 in Ankeny.

The Governor's Volunteer Awards program has been active since 1982. The program serves to honor volunteers from all Iowa nonprofit, charitable and government organizations.

Volunteers are nominated for awards in different categories: individual, group, length of service or disaster.

Mercier and Schroeder both earned the individual length of service volunteer award. Mercier and Schroeder were honored by the Senior Health Insurance Information Program for five years as counselors.

SHIIP is a free service provided by the state of Iowa that helps Iowans learn about Medicare and other health coverage.

SHIIP counselors offer one-on-one training and help people make the right decisions regarding health care.

This year 800 volunteers were honored with awards.

Iowa volunteers contribute so many hours they save the economy more than $1 billion, according to the "Volunteering in America" study by the Corporation for National and Community Service released June 15.

"The devotion of these volunteers has helped Iowa achieve the second highest state volunteer rate in the country," Culver said in a news release.

"Lt. Gov. [Patty] Judge, the first lady and I personally thank this year's award recipients for their time, dedication and talent for making a tremendous difference in our state."

To learn more about volunteering in Iowa, visit www.volunteeriowa.org or call 515-725-3094.

SMS Mobile includes customer options for PCs

By Ivy Christianson
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Ag Leader Technology Inc. has recently announced its fall release of the SMS Mobile PC software.

SMS Mobile software was originally designed to function on a PDA device, integrating the software with precision farming hardware. It allows farmers to collect information from their fields to crop scout, analyze soil samples, record field operations and create field boundaries.

Now SMS Mobile Software works not only on a PDA device, but also on netbooks, PCs and tablets.

"SMS Mobile PC puts SMS Mobile on a larger screen so you can adjust the size of windows and their location on the screen to match the way you want to work," said Corey Weddle, director of Software Solutions. "The new portable PC device support allows for higher screen resolution, larger buttons, faster processing and more memory than the traditional SMS Mobile PDA version."

Jessica Reis, marketing communications specialist for Ag Leader, said in developing the SMS Mobile PC software, Ag Leader wanted to give customers more device options for software operations.

"SMS Mobile PC is part of a whole line of software products from Ag Leader focusing on collecting, organizing and managing precision farming data," Reis said. SMS Mobile software was first launched in 2006 with basic and advanced versions, the Mobile PC software will be released in fall 2010.


Audubon's closes for renovations then replacement

By Micaela Cashman
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Audubon’s Restaurant, located in Gateway Hotel and Conference Center, closes Sunday to undergo a complete renovation, which will change everything from the space, to the decor, to the menu. At the end of August, a new restaurant will open in its place. More details about the new restaurant will be available as the renovations go on. The soft opening and grand opening have not yet been scheduled.

Audubon’s menu items will be available in the lobby bar on the first floor of Gateway Hotel and Conference Center. Breakfast will be from 7-10 a.m., dinner from 6-8 p.m., and room service will still be available. Audubon’s opened in 2000 and has since become well-known for its products, such as Maple Leaf Farms duck and fresh Atlantic salmon. The restaurant was named for its 300-piece John James Audubon art collection featured throughout the restaurant and hotel. For details, visit www.gatewayames.com or call 1-800-FOR-AMES.
shrine bowl worth risks

by jordan wickstrom @iowastatedaily.com

he knew it was just an exhibition game, he knew there were risks involved by participating, but after quarterback randy wooster, of eagle grove, saw the kind of impact he and his fellow shrine bowl members had, he knew it was all worth it.

after throwing for 141 yards, including a 72-yard touchdown pass to max martin, of cedar rapids, and a 43-yard pass to jared wauters, of la porte, then leading north team to a 24-0 win over south team, wooster stood on the field with his teammates knowing this would be his last game.

"i just about teared up at the end of this game," wooster said. "i knew it was going to be the last time i played football so i'm glad i left it all out on that football field. it hurts though because my injuries kept me from moving on to college to play football."

for wooster, it was a risk to be participating in the game. though he never said it directly, his body language when he brought up the word concussion said it all:

he was nervous. and after five concussions, why wouldn't he be?

one bad hit during this game and he could suffer a serious injury that could change his life. but because wooster built his reputation as a scrambling quarterback, it can only be expected he was going to take bad hits.

that is why it was so important for wooster to be able to stay in the pocket and ultimately open the game with two quick strikes for touchdowns.

"[throwing those two touchdowns] was unbelievable," wooster said. "i never expected to just come out and throw two touchdown passes right away in the first three minutes of the game. i'm normally a running quarterback and [south team] was coming up for the run and i threw a [touchdown pass]. unbelievable."

after posting numbers like those, it was no surprise wooster was a unanimous selection for north team's offensive mvp. but for him, the title and commemorative plaque he held was nothing: it was a true honor for him and his teammates to be participating in this game.

"i'll never forget this," wooster said. "this is the most unbelievable experience i've ever had. i couldn't believe how much the kids loved to hang out with us. it was a big-time honor. i didn't know what to expect when i was coming here, but now i know what this game is really about: it's not even about the football game."

after spending time with the children from the shriner's hospitals for children and seeing the joy the players brought to them, both teams understood the gravity of this single week in july.

"it actually brought tears to my eyes [friday] at the shrine bowl banquet," said jacob gannon, who will play for iowa state in the fall. "the shrine king was there and to see his reaction and what this meant to him; it was special. i think everyone who was there felt the emotion."

"this feeling was not missed north team's assistant coach mark ehlers. despite being asked to elaborate on his feelings after winning the shrine bowl, ehlers could not help but continue to talk about the players, the kids he met and how they touched their lives and the memories."

"if i were asked, i would come back and do this every year," ehlers said. "this experience was almost spiritual. i was so proud to see our players work with those kids who were less fortunate. our players worked so well with those kids; it was kind of surreal."

once the game was over, interviews finished, pictures taken and conversations had, all the players walked back to the locker room.

wooster was heading toward the jacobsen building when one of his teammates asked if he was going to do now. wooster said, "i'm going to dance! i want to dance!" and started to do a short dance.

it may have been his last football game, there have been risks involved, but for one last time wooster played the game he enjoyed so much and had so much fun doing it, he decided to do a little jig.

big 12 gathered, discussed future for conference

by jordan wickstrom @iowastatedaily.com

all 12 schools from the big 12 came together monday in dallas for the last time for this year's big 12 football media day. the event began monday with schools such as baylor, nebraska, iowa state and texas a&m hosting news conferences.

as expected, the topic of interest will be nebraska and colorado's future with the big 12. this upcoming season will be the last in the big 12 for the cornhuskers, while colorado will switch conferences the following year. however, nebraska's coach bo pelini opened the news conference, announcing he would not be taking any questions about the big ten switch.

pelini did field a couple of questions about how it feels going into his last year as part of the big 12 but did not elaborate on the switch.

"i don't anticipate any problems," pelini said. "number one, the leadership of the big 12 from dan beebe and his staff has been exceptional. so, i don't anticipate any ramifications as far as that's concerned. all we're concerned about is playing good football and competing in a great conference."

coach paul rhoads, senior quarterback austin arnaud, senior running back alexander robinson and senior defensive end rashawn parker were all in attendance to represent iowa state.

during the news conference most of the questions were in regard to moving forward from the success of last season.

"our expectations are continuous improvement," rhoads said. "i know that sounds simple. a year ago, our objective was to improve. this program has a long way to go."

"[the schedule], as i've stated, is very challenging," he said. "does that mean we can win more or less? i don't know. but i've got a roster that's going to prepare to win every game and play to win every game. that i can promise you."

heading into his second year as coach, rhoads also said he anticipates improved play from arnaud, calling him the team's "most improved player."

"[the most improved player title] usually goes to a freshman coming off a redshirt, or somebody of that nature," rhoads said. "he's been somewhat handicapped because he's been through three coaches, three position coaches and so forth, and he's just now getting a chance to settle in to an offense that he could call his own." rhoads is also confident the team will continue to build off the success from last season. with a 14-13 victory over minnesota in the insight bowl, the cyclones won their first bowl game since 2004's independence bowl.

"winning the bowl game, capping the season, i think we launched ourselves into january," rhoads said. "i think that was evident in how the kids worked the entire off-season. i think that's evident in how they approached it in a team-like manner all summer long. i think the bowl win was very much a large part of where we've gone in the last seven months."

for more updates on the big 12 football media day as the week progresses, continue to check back to the iowa state daily website.
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Football

ISU player under theft investigation

By James Heggen
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ISU senior defensive back David Sims is under investigation for the unlawful use of a credit card.

A search warrant was executed Tuesday for Sims’ apartment, said Ames Police Cmdr. Mike Brennan.

Veronica Gonzalez, of Des Moines, reported her credit card stolen.

She reported that it had been used at several Ames businesses. Gonzalez said her credit card had been used at several Ames businesses, Brennan said.

Gonzalez declined to comment when contacted by the Iowa State Daily.

According to police records, she lent the card to her son, who took it to Ames. At some point during the night, the card was stolen and used at several Ames businesses. Gonzalez reported the credit card stolen Saturday.

The case has been turned over to the Story County Attorney’s Office.

As of Thursday, no charges have been filed, said Story County Attorney Stephen Holmes.

Tom Kroeschell, associate athletics director, declined to comment Wednesday. A voicemail left for Sims was not immediately returned. Sims, a junior college transfer in 2009, was last season’s Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year.

RAGBRAI

Accomplishment achieved

Riders take part for more reasons than just riding

By Jordan Wickstrom
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Imagine yourself riding a bicycle from one area of Iowa to another, every day for one week, while enduring the grueling July heat.

Tough for anyone who is only a casual cyclist to fathom, but reality for those 10,000 riders participating in next week’s RAGBRAI, a highlight of the summer for most riders.

“[RAGBRAI] is like Mardi Gras on two wheels,” said Wade Franck, manager of Skunk River Cycles.

“There’s beads involved, there’s costumes involved, for certain people there’s also a lot of drinking, but if you want it to be a bike ride, it can be a bike ride.

If you want it to be a family event, it can be a family event.”

Understandably, some may not know what RAGBRAI is. Indeed it does sound like a very long, very silly word from a Sesame Street episode, but it actually stands for the Register’s Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa.

This “ride not race” as Franck said, is a more personal challenge for him. Not everyone can say they have completed a 472-mile bike ride, so when Franck finished for the first time, he said it was a great feeling of self achievement.

“There’s definitely an aspect of personal challenge that comes with this event,” Franck said.

“Could I ride my bike across the state of Iowa the last full week of July? When you finish, though, the sense of accomplishment is just overwhelming. You feel like you survived; you made it.”

For Franck, this year marks his 16th RAGBRAI.

And while he may be considered a tenured veteran of the ride, there are people like ISU student Ross Hackerson, junior in history, who could still be seen as a younger rider.

Hackerson will ride in his sixth RAGBRAI, and looks forward to some of the many festivities the host towns will hold.

“I’m a big fan of the food,” Hackerson said.

“Getting to the next town is always nice because they have food all the riders can have.

Sometimes there’s nice scenery too, but other times it’s just corn and it’s flat everywhere.”

Hackerson’s favorite culinary experience was in Iowa City. Pizza on Dubuque was one of his favorites. Unfortunately for him, the route will not going through Iowa City, so Hackerson will have to wait for another RAGBRAI.

The reason he began racing was because his dad asked him to come along when he was in high school.

Now an upperclassman at Iowa State, RAGBRAI has become an annual family event, as Hackerson will participate in the bike ride once again with his dad joining in for a few days during the route.

“I’ve done the ride mostly just to spend time with my family,” Hackerson said.

“I’ve been doing it since high school, but it was my dad who did it for quite some time and wanted to take me with him so I went with.”

Ever since the first ride when two Des Moines Register columnists decided to take a bike ride across Iowa for a week and see what kind of experiences they had, the event has gained notoriety across not only Iowa, but the world.

Throughout Franck’s 16 years of participating in the ride, he has seen people come from Italy, Japan and Spain just to take part.

And while after a certain number of rides the event may get old, the experience of meeting new people from across the globe and finishing the route never will.

Both Franck and Hackerson admitted to thinking about not doing the RAGBRAI at some point, so they could do a different event.

“Iowa’s nice and everything, but I spend all my time here,” Hackerson said.

“So if I were to take a week off from work, I’d like to go somewhere in Colorado where there’s mountains. RAGBRAI is more about the environment, and it’s not as challenging as other rides, so if I wanted more of a challenge, I’d go do the Triple Bypass or ride my bike in the Rockies or something.”

And even if both men decide to try a different ride sometime in the future, the love of cycling will never decline for either of them.

“There was one year I skipped RAGBRAI because I had done it for 10 or 12 years straight and I was feeling a little burnt out on it and skipped it,” Franck said.

“That whole year I felt there was a big chunk missing. Even though it’s August and you probably don’t want to look at another bike again for awhile, by the end of August you’re thinking about RAGBRAI.”

“So if I were to not do it again, I’d have to replace it with another event,” he said. “But it’s been an important event in my life for a while and it always will be.”

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Daily Horoscope: by Nancy Black & Stephanie Clements

Aries: Diligent work brings unexpected opportunities.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
-- Today is a 5 -- You could spend time instigating confusion among associates. Or you could take difficult concepts and show how they apply in the immediate situation.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
-- Today is a 5 -- If you're not careful, you get carried away with imaginative ideas. Bring them down to earth using logic and practical skills.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
-- Today is a 6 -- You begin the day questioning your own motives. Talk with a teacher to clarify. Then apply yourself to the problem with a fresh outlook.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
-- Today is a 6 -- Your aim is a bit off, but your concept is right on the money. Never give up on the idea. Adjust the focus about five degrees and try again.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
-- Today is an 8 -- You need to start speaking to understand your own thoughts today. Sometimes you have to hear the words to be sure what you mean.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
-- Today is a 7 -- Public exposure causes embarrassment. Use unique tactics to repair the situation. Laughter could be included to great effect.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
-- Today is a 5 -- You can't quite get an idea across to your public. Step back and imagine what might convince you. Then polish the presentation.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
-- Today is a 5 -- You need to start speaking to understand your own thoughts today. Sometimes you have to hear the words to be sure what you mean.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
-- Today is an 8 -- A friend points a finger at you based on misinformation. Go back to the source, to discover what went wrong. Take the high road.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
-- Today is an 8 -- A question that's been bothering you gets answered today in a video clip. There you find both logic and practical factors previously missing.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
-- Today is an 8 -- Nurture the growth of children or your pet project. Imagine what they want, and how they see it. Then frame your ideas accordingly.

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OIL SPILL from PAGE 5

The company then decided to try a "top hat." Before putting on a top hat, BP had to remove the damage riser pipe, which was still connected but laying on the sea floor.

"Imagine you're 5,000 feet deep in the water with robots, trying to cut off a pipe," Steffes said. "It was a huge operation."

The pipe was partially cut, but the saw blade snapped before the cut was finished. A set of sheers had to be used to cut off the pipe.

However, the cut made by the saw and the sheers was very uneven, and the top hat was unable to sit snugly on the well. The seal between the well and the top hat was too large, so some of the oil escaped into the ocean instead of going up to a ship.

"[The top hat] had been running for quite awhile, but they were getting only about one-third of the oil coming out of the well," Steffes said.

BP then decided to build two pipes that are currently pumping oil to ships. Robots removed the nonfunctional cap July 11, and replaced it with a more tightly-fitted cap July 15.

As of today, the cap is stopping the oil from escaping, but it is only a temporary solution.

Two relief wells are currently being drilled near the leaking well. The two will be connected to the bottom. BP hopes the two relief wells will permanently stop the leak.

Tips from our Dietitian: Amy Clark RD, LD

If fast food is one of your time-saving solutions for a quick meal, try one of these time-saving, well-balanced meal solutions at your Hy-Vee grocery store.

ADVENTURE from PAGE 3

The car out. Eventually Weinburg's travel partner found help.

"There is always that question of will this be the end of it," Weinburg said.

While his family and friends are supportive of Weinburg and his travels, and are constantly checking his blog, they have their worries.

"They think I am completely nuts, and they are probably right," Weinburg said.

When asked what was next on his life's adventure, he laughed and said, "One thing at a time ... I mean, what more can you prove than traveling around the world?"

Follow along: Keep up-to-date with the adventure at www.weinberg.lu/blog.php?langue=en