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UI extends its early retirement deadline

By Peter Nagy
The Daily Iowan

In a move aimed at saving the University money in a year fraught with budget cuts, UI officials are pushing back the dead-
line for four months for its early retirement programs in
response to a decrease in enrollment.

Approximately 40% of the UI's eligible university employ-
es have been invited for the Early Retirement Incentive Program, which now has a June 30 deadline.

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The program, which went into
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Helping patients out of the darkness

UHIC doctors transplant corneas with help from statewide donor system

EYE SURGERY

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In Iowa, the only state in the nation where a technician will cut out the cornea, the eye surgeons were operating on a patient's eye. Amputating a transplant, the number in 1996 was 450, Mason said.

Under the scalpel

Wide Smiles under local anesthesia and wearing a blue sterile cloth that covers only one half of her eye, Sutphin is ready for her fifth new cornea. As the nurse once again tells a spine from a back while playing poket with her friends.

"Dr. Sutphin knows what he's doing," said one. "I'm very opti­mistic."

Sutphin said her fourth multiple recipient transplants are very unusual because only 25 per­cent of patients suffer rejection and only one out of three of those recipients actually live. "If she had none of them, she would be blind at this point," he said.

Sutphin places a stabilizer tool on the outer surface of her own cornea, immediately start­ing the eight hour surgical procedure, comes from the eye. A sterile ring surrounds the eye, and the area in front of the frame maintains the eye's shape after the cut, and Sutphin applies a clear jelly-like substance that is derived from turkeys into the space left by the missing cornea so that the flexible tissue does not collapse.

Once he lowers the new cornea onto the eye with tweezers, he starts the hour-long process of sowing 20 stitches. "You can see already that it's clean," he said. "The hard part is keeping it clean. It's a long pro­cess."

Severson will fight rejection by dropping steroids into her eye. And her immunosuppression pills are slowing her dis­ease. On Sunday, she was back at her daughter's house, among the friends of her children for the first time in months. "I can see the best that I have in four months," she said. "It's an Easter miracle."

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New UISG team faces challenges

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Israel bomb squad members and a police officer examine the scene where a car bomb exploded in Jerusalem on Monday. The explosion killed the driver and seriously injured a police officer inspecting the vehicle at a checkpoint.

Sporadic gunfire rang out after dark in Ramallah, a few miles to the north, where a light surface and continued fighting turned a busy commercial center into a ghost town. The house ofbash shels was heard after nightfall. Eight Israeli soldiers were injured — two seriously — in Ramallah and north of Qalqilya, a military source said.

The absence of dead or wounded in the city was a source of great concern, said the other two Palestinian police files were found in a park in the northern Israeli city, Palestinian military intelligence said.

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Editorial

Campaign-finance reform law 'will do a lot of good'

With the signature of the president on March 27, 2002, John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russ Feingold, D-Wis., finally obtained a victory in the three-year battle for campaign-finance reform before the Supreme Court.

The victory for reform is hard at the beginning of the end, but it paves the way for the end of this battle. The battle between Congress and the president over the Clean Government and Political Accountability Act includes the Senate. The bill is expected to be signed by the president. The bill's backers hope that it will be the beginning of the end of the battle for campaign-finance reform.

Despite the overwhelming victory for the campaign-finance bill that McCain and Feingold fought so hard to pass is needed in an election centered dominated by the dollar.

...something needs to be done in the system that heavily favors those who are rich, those who have the richest friends, and those who can raise the most money in the shortest period of time.

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The next battle for campaign-finance reform is to be fought in court. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and the National Rifle Association have filed separate lawsuits in federal court challenging the bill's constitutionality. The outcome of this case will determine the fate of the bill's provisions sometime next year.

The Federal Election Commission, the agency responsible for enforcing campaign laws, has been bedeviled by looking past or refusing to enforce serious charges of wrongdoing.

But as a rule, the Federal Election Commission is not a body of professional, citizen-run, bipartisan, or nonpartisan commission. The 40-member FEC is not made up of experienced, reputable professionals.

The other brilliant thing the court did was to uphold unanimously, the election of families from public housing if even one member of the family is served on drug charges.

This isn't the first time in history that the FEC has had to deal with a situation where families are served on drug charges. The FEC has had to deal with situations in the past where families are served on drug charges.

On the Spot

Are you an organ donor? Why or why not?

"Yes! It's amazing. I've just been going through my mom's will and saw that she was an organ donor."

"My parents put me in a donor registry when I was 18, and I'm glad to be a part of that."

"I'm not really sure about organ donation. It seems like it could be dangerous."

"I don't know if I could do it. I'm not really sure."
Marching to the beat of Blast!

By Kelly Mattuck

Joe Mason was always marching to the beat of a different drum.

In 1983, the Cedar Rapids native and then-director of the Star of Indiana Drum Corps took it upon himself to gather his marching artists, choreographers and directors to create what is now called Blast!, the international competition that would take the Hancher Auditorium stage today through April 7.

From the time he first picked up his drumsticks and bugle at the age of 7, Mason's childhood was full of experimenting with instruments, performing in bands, composing music, and choreographing. Years later, after playing among the bugle trio at the prestigious Drum Corps International World Championships and competing against other organizations worldwide, Mason took the Star of Indiana Drum Corps and evolved it into a theatrical production program that now is all about mood.

"You really don't realize how music and color are tied together," he said. "Music sets your mood the same way color does.

Because of this, the show has been devised into what he called a "journey of color" — an expression of the symbolic value of color in the second act, which are highly interactive with each other. This journey of color to music and movement, Blast! is outlined by an opening and closing of trumpet solos along with traditional solos and call-and-response in perfect synchrony, as well as other theatrical dances and drill sequences. The physical and musical demands of the production require the cast to be incredible athletes who also work-class musicians. Preparation for the tour takes months of incredibly intense training.

"Music is over here, and it's something that any and all can enjoy. I believe it brings people together," he noted.

Mason said Blast! continues to delight, entertain and educate audiences with "music is interpreted in a Pan-American manner," Mason said. "Performers become actors and animators."

Publicity Photo

Blast! begins today at Hancher Auditorium and runs through April 7.

He has seen both families with small children and older grandmothers attend the performances and enjoy the music. He says Blast! is "a show to see in the world, but also to be heard together.

"The demographics are everywhere," Mason said. "They say music is in the universal language, and it truly is."
calendar

"Collective Nouns in a Bilayer Quasi-2D Spin-Polarized Electron Gas," Nobel, physics and astronomy, today at 12:15 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.

Enterprise Directory Seminar, today at 1 p.m., RHE Terrace Room.

"New Views of the Hot Intersteller Medium: The Emergence of G W Debbie Observations and Theoretical Connection," Robert Sanden, John Hopkins University, today at 12:30 p.m. 302 Van Allen Hall.

Successful Interviewing, today at 2 p.m., 315 Phillips Hall, "Asymptotic Behavior of Student Restricted Path Integrals.", Yannis Moulinos, physics and astronomy, today at 3:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.

Faculty Senate Meeting, today at 3:30 p.m., 100 Phillips Hall.

Free Press, today at 5 p.m., Wesley Center, 120 S Dubuque St.

Factory Farm Glossary, today at 7 p.m., Meeting Room, Iowa City Public Library, 125 S. Linn St.

"The Emerging Dynamic Superglue," Crockett Douglas, physics and astronomy, today at 7 p.m., Lecture Room, Van Allen Hall.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today is a great day to travel, investigate, or just go around. Get involved in projects that will enable you to visit other locations. You need a change of scenery.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Money may slip through your fingers today. Don't spend too much on a luxury item. Your financial sense is not quite good enough to take a risk when someone you care about won't borrow money. Say no.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Emotional matters may come to a head, but don't be discouraged. You'll have all the encouragement you need to make a flow through all difficulties. Your shrewd mind and pleasing manner will be used to your advantage today. Lighten up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Pull not at the roots and focus on getting ahead today. You will have a big heart and want to help those around you, but don't take care of your own duties. Your speed and accuracy will count on a lot today. (June 23-Aug. 22) Take control and make all of your plans properly, if you do everything yourself, you will be able to get the results you are looking for. Travel or involvement in a convention should be considered.

LION (July 23-Aug. 22) You will discover something about your family background today if you talk to relatives or family friends. Talk to someone who can fill you in on some of your past as well as your future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today may be a bit of a dull day. However, you will find interesting, enlivening, and challenging, your day at work. You need to be logical today if you aren't too shy to admit your abilities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You will be the center of attention if you get out and mingle. Your ability to charm others will make you all at wells of new opportunities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Don't be silly and overreact to a situation getting a round on you. Focus on whatever problems you have the best item, and don't allow yourself to be cornered.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may find yourself getting bored with the routine. Are you allowing yourself more time with people who will make your life a bit better? Need to recharge and take your time. Don't allow anyone to put you into a slump today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't be shy and overreact to a situation getting a round on you. Focus on whatever problems you have the best item, and don't allow yourself to be cornered.

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Maryland reigns

Gary Williams wins first national title in 24 years

By Jim O'Connell
Associated Press

ATLANTA—Gary Williams didn't have his usual hometown advantage.

But Williams and the Terps had a home court advantage in another way. Maryland ended Indiana's national tournament run with a 63-52 victory Monday night.

This was the Terps' first appearance in a national championship game, and the second time Williams was able to celebrate with his team, which features four players who had started at least 100 games in their careers.

"We had to really grind it," Williams said. "It took us a good 25 minutes before we really put our offense."

Maryland had scored at least 27 points in five of the first four tournament games, including 23 in the regular-season loss to the low seed Kansas. The Terrapins scored 11 points in the opening 10 minutes. He didn't score again for 20 minutes.

When he hit a 3-pointer with 9:21 to play, it gave Maryland 43-44, the good at 64, and the Terrapins made it even a small lead was safe.

"I was trying to be patient," Williams said. "You can't throw the game come to me. I hit a big one in the first half.

Dixon finished with 18 points, and he and fellow-senior Lenzy Buxter combined for 14 - all the points in the 2-2 run that Dixon started with the first 3-4 and Boston ended with a steal that made it 51-49 with 7:48 to play. Minnesota, which spent suspended.

Williams had three points in the semifinals, just couldn't win another game.

The game that had the country almost Maryland's biggest surprise. Bob Knight, again used the post-shot inc.

The Hoosiers, who were 23-16 behind the one in the regional final against Kent State, Ohio State, Ohio State, Ohio State, and Ohio State, were the only team of the four not to win.


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Maryland's Juan Dixon drives to the basket all season in nemucase Drew Nicholas looks on during the first half of the NCAA championship game on Monday. Dixon was named MVP and scored 19 points.

NCAA celebrates 50th

By Bill Bach
Associated Press

It's hard to imagine, but there was a time in the NCAA Tournament wasn't that big of a deal. In 1998, it grew up to an event that has accounted for the final four teams in one of the most successful national championship games.

The tournament was a more modest endeavor eight teams, spread across almost every seed of the less kosher thing to say these days, but it's true. And as a self-respecting basketball coach, I really do hate New Yorkers. New York's Knick Legend personifies everything that is wrong with basketball today.

Once again, the Yankees have been operating in the same vein, and as a result, people are once again operating as champions of the world before they have even won a game. Talk of October on Opening Day has become the new wrong way. But Bauke is the one about to become the new right way.

I mean, does New York have a plethora of basketball talent? Is it in its pitching staff better than ours? Without a doubt. It has the best offense and the best defense. It has the best pitching and the best hitting. It has the best players and the best coaches. It has the best facilities and the best atmosphere.

Contrary to what the media tout in leadership and production from Paul O'Neill, Mariano Rivera, Scott Brosius, and Jeff Banister, I am not sure the New York Yankees are as good as the team.

Great, New York needs a much better chance of playing in October than do the Expos, but only time and 161 more games will be able to answer the question of who will win the World Series. Same York.

— Todd Brommerkamp

Maryland celebrates 50th

By Rich Clark
Associated Press

In 1947, the field doubled to 16 teams, and the next year it acquired two that it might be a good idea to be in every region, with the winners advancing to the national title game by 1948.

Fifty years later, the event expanded to the six to eight region final four years. The first year it was held at the University of Washington's Alaska Airlines Pavilion, where SuperDrafts were held. The first Final Four was held at the University.

That was a more primitive environment. The first shot clock. No 3-point shot. Perfect for a big man such as 6-foot-9 Clyde Lovellette of Kansas.

When Hall of Fame coach Phog Allen recruited Lovellette, his slight frame. He promised a national championship, and a trip to the White House.

And he delivered.

On both counts. Despite Allen's own mid-career, who finished with 15 points and 14 rebounds, reaped the long shot stopped falling. Suddenly, it was the Sooners once again behind the arc, and....


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Top players on rise for switch to clay

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Andre Agassi, Roger Federer, and Serena Williams are on the rise as they make an annual springtime switch to clay.

Agassi allowed himself to be posed for a bigaura on clay by grinding out victories over Gael Mon- ter, Nicolas Lapentti, and Austral- ian Open champ Thomas Johanss on Monday at the NARADG100, his fifth title on the Key Biscayne hard court.

"For me, I need to refresh my game on the hard court, then go back to the clay, working hard and willing to pay the price," Agassi said. "I’ve certainly felt ready for that, and I think it’s going to mean some good things.

Agassi’s next tournament will be the U.S. men’s clay-court championship in Houston, beginning April 22, which will start his preparation for the French Open five weeks later.

Federer showed he also could become a Grand Slam contender this year. The 30-year-old Swiss beat No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt in the third round of the Sony Ericsson Open on Monday, gave against a handful of formidable competition.

"It’s a great game, and he’s still learning how to play," Agassi said. "That’s important.

Agassi said, "He’s going to only get a lot better. I see him as definitely having a chance to win the best.”

Williams won the women’s title, beating the world’s top three players in as many springtime champion- ship finals. Williams, the three-time champion at the Key Biscayne event, this year over Venus Williams, and spanked Jennifer Capriati in the final.

"It’s definitely a pretty big inspiration," Serena Williams said. "I’m still pretty young and I have time and time in seven months and the first time since.

Richard Williams had a good tournament, too, and not just because one of his daughters won the event for the fourth time in five years. The original- istic Richard Williams has made headlines once again at the Key Biscayne event.

His die-hard and another drub- bing of the Williams sisters, alleys. In the first set, he beat Richard’s forehand at 8-4, and the second in the quarterfinals. Their three-rise rally was as long as his high school, until that they meet at the net after Williams off-sides. Richard Williams had his coaching role to the.

Bea thart will serve as advisor to Falcons’ new owner

ATHENS, Ga. — Former NFL general manager Ron Beathard will become the Atlanta Falcons’ senior adviser on Monday as a senior adviser to new owner Arthur Blank.

"We are privileged to have Ron with us for the season," Blank said. "Ron’s deep football background and experience, his per- sonality, and his courage of convic- tion provide an ideal combination of skills and perspective for the coach,ay Crawford, and me, I look for- ward to working with him.

Beathard served as the general manager with Washington and San Diego and director of player personnel for the Bills.

In his role as senior adviser, Beathard will advise and counsel on organizational leadership, player personnel and player evaluation, scouting and player acquisition, football operations, and salary-cap management.

Beathard also will work with football operations and coaching personnel on player assessment.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Iowa basketball on the road in Macomb, Ill.

Iowa’s men’s basketball travels to Macomb, Ill., to face non-conference foe Western Illinois in a single game at 4:00 p.m. at Mary Ellen Miller Arena.

Iowa men’s basketball is 4-1 on the road this season and is 32-31-1 overall.

Coach Fran McCaffery said he has two to six games at the home court against the Hawkeyes, including the two schools’ last meeting in Macomb.

Denise the Mercone-Coffield is the Hawks’ offensive recharge. The senior guard and starting center will be back on the court this season, having missed the final 13 games due to an injury.

The Hawkeyes had 18 games on face in the regular season and 17 days by Kim Turner in the season, the 2012-13 season.

The Hawkeyes are 7-8 this season and 7-9 in the Big Ten.

In 2012, Coach Fran McCaffery was pleased with the performance of Harris and Trump in town volun- teers and his team’s success.

The team will have to buckle down early in the season and "put up a good line tied" with patient hitters.

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Nebraska recruit pledges innocent to sexual-assault charges

Lincoln, Neb. — Nebraska foot- ball recruit Mark LeFlore posted not guilty March 29 to charges of sexual assault.

Three female students have accused LeFlore of an 18-year-old white woman, of touching them in a sexual manner. He was was on suspension of three charges of third-degree sexual as- sault.

LeFlore was suspended from Central High School in January after the girls talked to school officials and police.

The school withdrew its complaint against LeFlore during an adminis- trative hearing. School officials said they would be consistent, citing student privi- lege laws.

LeFlore returned to class Feb. 5. The next day, he was suspended from school on the same basis.

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on March 17 at charges of another sexual-assault case.

LeFlore’s case was ruled not guilty on a $15,000 bond.

According to the federal indictment, LeFlore, who was accused of the charges of sexual assault.

LeFlore was accused of having sex with a woman in December 2012.

LeFlore’s attorney said he was innocent of the charges.

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Cubs fall to Reds on opening day

CINCINNATI (AP) — The starting pitcher for both teams settled down after a shaky first inning, but then it was mostly hitting and history that propelled the Chicago Cubs to a 5-4 victory over the Chicago Reds in the opening game of the season.

Reds starter Bronson Arroyo allowed four runs in the opening inning but allowed just one more over the final seven innings.

Arroyo gave up a home run to Chicago's Derrek Lee and allowed another run to score on a wild pitch in the first inning. But he allowed just two more runs over the final seven innings, striking out 10 and walking just four.

Chicago starter Carlos Zambrano also struggled in the opening inning, giving up four runs, but also allowed just two more over the final six innings, striking out seven and walking five.

The Cubs scored two runs in the first inning and one in the second before adding two in the third.

In the fifth inning, Arroyo allowed another run to score on a wild pitch and Zambrano gave up a solo home run to Cincinnati's Adam Dunn in the sixth.

But Chicago scored three runs in the seventh inning to take the lead, thanks to a two-run homer by Derrek Lee and a solo shot by Alfonso Soriano.

Cubs manager Dusty Baker said he was pleased with the way his team played, despite giving up a lot of early runs.

"We've got a lot of young guys in there," Baker said. "We've got a lot of work to do, but we're excited about it.

"I'm proud of the way they fought back and got the win."
SPORTS

GOLF BRIEF

Sorenson on tear with back-to-back wins
RANCH MIRAGE, Calif.—The best three years of his life for a 12-year-old golfer turned out to be the first back-to-back wins of the year for a 12-year-old golfer. Sorenson, who was the only player to break par at his tournament in Phoenix, was the only player to break par at his tournament in Palm Springs. He won both of his tournaments at the age of 12.

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Sports

Road to building a dynasty

Kentucky. But the Wildcats ran into a St. John's team that had been on a roll.

"It's not like we played bad," Few said. "I think we were probably ready to play better, but we didn't have anything to lose.

Last year, with an NCAA Tournament South Regional berth tied up, St. John's John Calipari was not sure if he would return to the team. He ultimately did and the team went on to win the tournament.

The Huskies were 13-18 last season, but are coming off a first round win in the NCAA tournament.

"We're excited to be back in the tournament," Few said. "We've been working hard all season and feel we can compete with anyone."