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Labs may be hurt
By Alyssa Cashman

The UI could see millions of dollars in damaged research in one building alone, the Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories, officials said on Tuesday.

“We have said that most labs are under $10 million, but we’re not sure which labs are going to be harmed,” said Jon Kusak, an associate dean for research in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Nearly 500 million dollars in equipment housed in the first floor of the building could not be damaged and moved to safety. Those machines could take up to a year to put back together, said Joe Kearney, an associate dean of research in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

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National flood impact
Mississippi flooding eyed

By Anna Lothson

Iowa may not be out of harm’s way yet.

The federal government has predicted that 27 levees could overflow along the Mississippi.

However, an enormous effort to sandbag across Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri has been made to prevent what could flood more towns.

Justine Barati, spokesperson for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said it is doing all it can to do so.

“We have deployed 8.5 million sandbags, 65 pumps, and 972 feet of plastic sheeting,” she said.

Along with the numerous supplies, she said, the Corps has sent 310 employees to assist the volunteers.

No new damage, UI says

Another university building took on water recently, but officials said no harm was done.

By Olivia Moran

Officials will relook at 250,000 dry sandbags, which were used recently, but were not damaged.

University sandbagging efforts come as a close to on June 14, and city volunteeers was finished on Sunday Mason said the remaining 650 sandbags will be used to help those in other parts of the state, which is worst affected.

City officials said in a news release Thursday that outflow at the Coralville Reservoir was 35,000 cubic feet per second. It was 34,500 cubic feet per second on Monday. Authorities wrote that the lowering of the water level is a slow process but "both the Reservoir pool and the Iowa River are moving in the right direction.

Army Corps of Engineers staff expect outflow at the Coralville Reservoir to be at 30,000 cubic feet per second by Thursday and at 25,000 by June 25.

According to the release, the Iowa River was at 30.7 feet on Tuesday, compared with the peak stage of 31.5 feet early Sunday.

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Out of danger

UI buildings no longer considered at risk of flooding:

Bettendorf Communications Building

Engineering Research Facility

Scarnati Center

Chemistry Building

Linblad Building

Harrles Hall

Source: UI officials

Weather

Mostly sunny, light breezes. NO RAIN.

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Debris piles up at the Park Road bridge on Monday. Tuesday night, city councilors reviewed local disaster response to the flood.

By Christopher Patton
10:00 AM

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Kristie Blackburn struggles to get up the stairs after arriving at her car at the Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center, now located at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. Blackburn and her children are temporary foster parents in a Reeves Shelter at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

**BLACKBURN**

*The Reeves Family, 3200 Second St., in Coralville*

They’ve been uprooted again. The floodwaters have swallowed their home, and their insurance didn’t cover the damage.

“I’ve made some friends here,” she said. “We’re all going through the same thing.”

During the day, the building is anything but peaceful. Children run around yelling and playing with all these new friends.

“Movies, clothes, sleeping bags, everything a child would need to be comfortable,” she said.

Barati said she had heard about the shelter from a friend and decided to come.

Barati said she heard water had overflowed one levee near Burlington, but the damage was not that bad.

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Volunteer efforts have begun to look southward as officials report that the worst flooding is over for Iowa City. On Tuesday, officials called for help to moving sandbags to towns south on the river; those efforts will continue this morning.
Guest Opinion

Candy bombing for hope and influence

In 1948, a first lieutenant in the Air Force named Gail Halvorsen began dropping candy bars attached to tiny handkerchief parachutes to the hungry children of Berlin. Many had never tasted chocolate before. The kindness of the “Candy Bomber” came to symbolize the spirit of American humanitarianism. Now the United States gives billions of dollars in humanitarian aid each year, yet the country is widely disliked by the publics of the largest beneficiaries.

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It’s what’s cooking in ‘Idol’ land

While the DI was on hiatus, a little show called ‘American Idol’ came to its seventh season’s conclusion almost exactly a month ago. After taking some time for personal reflection, DI reporter Jake Jensen checked in with his thoughts on why some ‘Idol’ winners don’t seem so successful, after all.

**DIESTO**

**with the Envy Corp, Javanians, Pomegranates**

When: 9 p.m. today
Where: Picador, 330 E. Washington
Admission: Free

**Portland, Ore. fans have waited the Picador, 330 E. Washington St.**

Diesto plays a slow, churning blend of heavy metal and punk rock tonight, complete with its “slow, churning blend of heavy metal and punk.”

*By Brian Dau*

It’s no surprise that the cover of David Wroblewski’s latest album, *Ladies One and Four,* is curiously less emotive in its painting than previous efforts on the group’s songwriting process.

“Ladies One and Four,” which is currently in production for the film adaptation of Wroblewski’s novel, has only been finished for about 20 minutes. Though the cover shows a lot of that attention could be because of its unique drum kit. Purchased when he was just 17 years old, the drums are covered on a previous owners.

“‘At the time, it was more about the irony,’ he said. ‘It was like “why can’t it be like this?”, but they’re super loud, too.’

While it’s certainly important for a metal band to be ‘super loud,’ equally important for Diesto is its dedication to touring and releasing new material. Through Diesto’s latest album, the band’s third production process rarely produces

*From the BLOG*

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Hawkeye Justin Toole chats with the Northern Iowa infielders during a break in the action on April 30 in Cedar Rapids. Iowa won the fifth-annual Corridor Classic at Veterans Memorial Stadium, 10-6.

Iowa senior-to-be Justin Toole is keeping his nose to the baseball grindstone as a member of the La Crosse Loggers. Like other leagues of its kind, the Northwoods League seeks to create an environment that helps young players experience the wear and tear of competition every day for three months, and at the same time, help them to take care of themselves and make spending money. It’s a little bit more difficult to hit with wooden bats, Toole said. “It’s a little bit more difficult to hit with wooden bats, so when you do that and come back with aluminum, things tend to get easier.”

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One of four returning members of the 2007 Loggers team, Toole’s reign as silver-slugger winner for the season. But he only batted .242 with one home run, 15 RBIs, and 10 steals in 59 games for La Crosse last summer.

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Like other leagues of its kind across the United States, the Northwoods League seeks to create the minor league experience for amateur college athletes. Wooden bats are used instead of the aluminum sticks used in college. Games are played nearly every day for three months, and players experience the wear and exhaustion of daily road trips on a charter bus and living out of suitcases.

All of this and not a dime of pay — so the players can retain their amateur status and college eligibility.

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“Something you don’t want to do is send a guy out in the summer-season in order to be a backup infielder, and he doesn’t get as many at-bats as he needs,” Toole said. “So it’s very important to place your guys in areas where you know they’re going to get an opportunity to play — otherwise, it can be a negative experience for them.”

One of four returning members of the 2007 Loggers team, Toole’s reign as silver-slugger winner for the season. But he only batted .242 with one home run, 15 RBIs, and 10 steals in 59 games for La Crosse last summer.

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Like other leagues of its kind across the United States, the Northwoods League seeks to create the minor league experience for amateur college athletes. Wooden bats are used instead of the aluminum sticks used in college. Games are played nearly every day for three months, and players experience the wear and exhaustion of daily road trips on a charter bus and living out of suitcases.

All of this and not a dime of pay — so the players can retain their amateur status and college eligibility.

“Up here, it’s a grind because you pretty much play every day,” Toole said. “So you definitely have to take care of yourself and make sure you’re eating right, doing all of that stuff. It’s a lot of fun.”

Without a paycheck for rent, Toole stays with a host family in La Crosse, Wis., for the summer. Finishing up spending money, he washes his own car.
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