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By MEAGHAN ROHAN

UI senior Taryn Smith wants to save money on her textbooks. And with a possible increase in tuition next fall and a $350 surcharge this summer, some students are looking to do the same.

While many students still choose to purchase their textbooks at traditional locations, an increasing number are buying textbooks by searching online, downloading or viewing textbooks online.

Smith said she is planning on going to the bookstore and buying a textbook that is available online when she needs it. After class, she plans to search on textbooks.com.

“I can get it for about $15 at home online and read a chapter of my book as opposed to $50 at the bookstore,” Smith said.

According to the UI student handbook, students are allowed to search for books and read them online, as well as purchase them online, when available. On campus, books can be purchased at the Iowa City Bookstore, and online at amazon.com.

Smith also wants to buy a bigger size Letterman jacket, so she will be more willing to spend extra money on textbooks, she said.

“I want to use money that I don’t have to use,” she said.

Psychology Assistant Julie Gronser, who teaches a Principles of Microeconomics class, said, and he looks for cheaper textbooks to help his students save. He also tries to use books that have also been used with software he uses in class to cut the cost even more.

“I am sensitive to the price of textbooks,” psychology professor Michael Ollila wrote in an email.

Ollila’s classes also use cheaper version, such as the student’s edition, and he tries to use one text to teach an entire semester, so students have access to online resources. Ollila said new books create new editions from time to time and when they become available, it is helpful for students such as Smith.

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“Iowa City, it’s on your hands,” he said.

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By JORDAN FRIES
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But for the director of the UI Small Business Development Center, it’s that tireless work ethic that has allowed him to persevere for more than two decades at the helm of the largest such center in Iowa: “I take great pride in helping these small businesses become truly successful,” he said.

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By KELLIE PIETERSEN

Students dreading the burden of a complicated and application process can look forward to several changes.

The Department of Education is planning to tweak the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form in an attempt to make it easier and more user-friendly.

Though some officials thought the changes might take years, they did anticipate to meet the 2015-16 academic year. Because the application is only valid for the following academic year, students and parents will notice some differences next year.

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By MICHELLE HILLENBRAND

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• Reduction in heartrelated problems, such as strokes and heart attacks;
• Less secondhand smoke.

The UI Hospitals and Clinics also offer smoking-cessation programs that focus on behavior modifications and supply prescriptions as needed. An October 2008 smoking ban passed by the Iowa City Council covers the pedestrian Mall from Linn Street to the fountain near the Shorton, 210 S Dubuque St. The local ban came several months after the state’s, which banned smoking in most public places, including restaurants and bars. Councilor will discuss further smoking restrictions later this year, Councilor Regina Bar- ley said.

According to Cathy Wilcox, a UI student, filling out the application got easier over the years because the program saves certain information. The department doesn’t have income questions to include in the application.

Fellow sophomore Corey Erh, completed the form for the first time last year. Because the application got easier over the years, she said, “I would definitely not be able to go places and apply without the smoking ban. I’ve had to leave restaurants before because I just can’t breathe.” she said. “The smell stays on your clothes, your hair — you reek of it, it’s disgusting.”

UI sophomore Katie Colton, a former employee of X Cetera, 118 S Dubuque St., said she appreciates the smoking regulations.

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By CAROLINE BERG

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In 2004, the Chinese government initiated the Confucius Institute program as a cultural exchange program, but the institute was not able to obtain funding. Both men were extremely busy as well, so they had to work on it continually but rather sporadically — and it paid off.

“The film debuted outdoor at the Vancouver Film Festival. After the screening, James Brown drummer Clyde Stubblefield, Chuck D of Public Enemy, and Eclectic Method’s Benjamin Franzen and Kembrew McLeod performed together. The film was well received.

Despite the difficulty of maneuvering around the verycopyright laws that they object to in their film, both were pleased with the final product.

“We’re really proud of it,” McLeod said. “It basically is what we hoped it would be. It is basically what the remix culture is that it is trying to

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“Your don’t have to be an expert on the Chinese language curriculum, the Confucius Institute organizes events to introduce Chinese art, dance, martial arts, music, and food to discuss cultural geography, trade, politics, law, and urban life.

Today, the institute will present a new semester with a calligraphy class taught by UI Professor Emeritus Ramon Lim. The instruction will be split into a presentation of the art and history of calligraphy followed by a hands-on trial for participants.

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President Obama polls as he heads to church at St. Olaf's Church on Monday, Feb. 8, a former segregation-era sanctuary in Minneapolis. By BETH FOUHY

Mass. race down to wire

By BETNIE FOGEL

--- Hourly one day to the deadline; every day in the weeks that follow.--- A Suffolk University survey released Monday showed Brown with double digits in lead over his Republican opponent.--- The Massachusetts electorate, like the state's attorney general, has us divert our necessities, our resources, our time and our talents to make this crossing," said Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.--- The U.S. authorities are ready to accept the first batch of Haitians seeking refuge in the Caribbean after the earthquake-wrecked nation, even though the policy for migrants remains largely unchanged, with few exceptions.--- The Miami Herald.

"We should be figuring out how to help people for people to come here, instead of what happened," said O'Neil because she backs "Pierre Pan," Haitian orphans who have ties to the United States illegally as of Jan. 1.

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Syracuse upends Notre Dame

BASKETBALL

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — bäär trois

Two-time NCAA tournament participants and unbeaten Notre Dame started the second half strong before struggling down the stretch for a 61-58, 2-point win over the Orange.

The Irish (18-1, 5-1) shot 44 percent in the first half, the Orange (15-4, 4-2) just 36 percent. But the Orange went on a 6-0 run to tie the game at 39-39 with 15 minutes, 52 seconds left.

The Irish extended their lead to 55-44 with 9:33 left on a basket by Luke Harangody, who scored 26 points, hit his

Syracuse (14-4, 3-3) missed its first 4 shots in the second half. But the Irish went on a 17-7 run, led by Caroline Doty, who scored 26 points, hit her

Tiffani Johnson of the Orange led the way with 13 points, and forward Arica Carter added 12.

In the second half, the Orange went on a 6-0 run to lead 41-30 and put the game out of reach.

Iowa forward Jarryd Cole drives during the first half of the Hawkeyes’ game against Michigan State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on

The Hawkeyes were 15-0 in conference play before losing to Ohio State. The Hawkeyes are still

The Hawkeyes are ranked No. 4 in the Big Ten media poll and No. 6 in the Associated Press Top 25.

The Hawkeyes, who are 5-0 in the conference, are playing in Iowa City for the second time in two days, as well as the second straight 3-pointer. But Iowa forward Jarryd Cole drives during the first half of the Hawkeyes’ game against Michigan State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 19, 2010. Cole finished with 29 points and eight rebounds, but the Hawkeyes lost, 77-56. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

In fact, the first few weeks of rankings mean nothing. Highly-ranked teams can falter, and unranked squads can surprise people.

The Iowa wrestling team entered the 2009-10 season slotted No. 1, but during the conference media day, that was far from the minds of Tom Brands and his bunch. The Hawkeyes were more concerned with their ranking come March 10.

But now, midway through the season, it’s great time to start taking rankings seriously. Through two months, the Hawkeyes are still sitting atop all others with an unblemished record through 14 dual meets. Six of those wins have come against teams ranked in the top 17.

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T-wolves rally from 20 down

Minnesota Timberwolves

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Intramural sports are an integral part of college life, offering students the opportunity to participate in competitive sports and activities, often in a setting that is less high-pressure than varsity sports. The University of Iowa offers a wide range of intramural sports, including basketball, volleyball, and ultimate frisbee, among others. These sports are open to students of all skill levels, and they provide a unique opportunity for individuals to compete against others in a friendly and supportive environment.

**Intramural Sports at the University of Iowa**

- **Basketball**: Offered in both men's and women's divisions, basketball is a popular intramural sport at the University of Iowa.
- **Volleyball**: This fast-paced team sport encourages physical activity and teamwork.
- **Ultimate Frisbee**: A non-contact sport that requires good耐力 and strategic thinking.
- **Disc Golf**: Enjoying growing popularity, disc golf offers a unique challenge and opportunity for outdoor activity.
- **Wiffle Ball**: A fun and accessible sport ideal for those looking for a more informal and less-serious version of baseball.

Intramural sports at the University of Iowa are managed by the Recreational Sports Department, which provides a wide array of programs and activities to help students stay active and engaged while on campus. Whether you're looking to challenge yourself, make new friends, or simply have fun, intramural sports at the University of Iowa offer a variety of options to suit your interests and goals.
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Helpful excuses for not doing your homework this semester

- My dog got ill and sent me an emotional support animal out of my house.
- I bought a new dog and sent my dog to live with my dog away from me.
- My dog ate my homework, then pooped on it, and left it in my mailbox.
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