Officials warn of ATV dangers

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Higher tops speeds — up to 85 mph in some cases — also increase danger.

BY ZACHARY POUND

Officials at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics are taking measures to promote safety standards for operating all-terrain vehicles as accident rates continue to climb for increasingly popular machine.

“ATVs are becoming heavier and faster,” Charles Jennissen, the director of pediatric emergency medicine at the UI Hospital and Clinics. “And riders are putting themselves into situations on these machines that they are not able to handle.”

The UIH&C has seen more than 20 ATV-related deaths since 2002, said Kristel Wetjen, a pediatric trauma-nurse coordinator at UIHC.

Each year, she said, officials estimate that 300,000 ATV-related incidents occur nationwide because of these accidents.

And accidents in Iowa continue.

On Tuesday, 10-year-old Royal Bluegrass, Iowa, was killed in an accident when his ATV flipped over on him. And a 16-year-old from Brooklyn, Iowa, died on June 25 in a similar incident.

“One out of every three ATV accidents involves a child under 16 who was operating, it,” Wetjen said. “We hold assemblies at middle schools to teach the kids there about the safety issues of riding ATVs.”

The school visits are made possible by a $147,000 grant from Kids as part of its Keeping Kids Safe program. The physician at the UI Children’s Hospital said they hope education on proper safety guidelines and awareness of ATV dangers will cause a decrease in the number of accidents and deaths.

Wetjen said the most common injuries are orthopedic and abdominal injuries from the machine rolling onto the driver. There are three main causes of accidents, she said: riders

The maximum cost for a new facility is $39 million including renovation of the current Courthouse.

By ASHMA ALKBEIRI

The long-awaited plans to build a new justice center for Johnson County are finally underway.

And Courthouse officials said the plans for the center are a necessary solution for overcrowding and safety problems in the 108-year-old structure.

“There’s no way of making this present Courthouse secure,” said Pat Harney, the present member of the Criminal Justice Coordination Committee.

“The space is just inadequate for all those mingling purposes and other individuals who need to be kept separate. There are no real quarters for judges, either.”

The Criminal Justice Coordination Committee set a maximum request of $39 million for the new structure.

Harney said officials have been discussing an expansion for around 10 to 12 years. In April, the supervisors unanimously approved a $6 million grant for the new center.

The new structure, which would probably be located on the block south of the Courthouse, would allow installation of a better security system and safer transfer of the inmates, said Johnson County prosecutor Janet Lyness.

“We’re out of room in the building,” Lyness said.

Workers replace the front steps of the Johnson County Courthouse on Thursday. The combined out of the Johnson County justice-center construction and Courthouse renovation is estimated to be $39 million.

UI OKs more clusters

UI colleges began the cluster-hiring application process in January.

BY LUKE VOELZ

University of Iowa officials announced approval Thursday for additional research positions in Obesity and in Genetics Initiative, part of the University’s cluster-hiring initiative.

Each program will acquire 10 faculty members, a total of 20, at estimated $600,000 to $1 million per year. These positions will spread throughout various UI colleges to contribute to broader areas of research in their respective programs, UI leaders said.

The new programs mark the fourth round of cluster-hiring grant approvals since the fall of 2010, adding this month’s initiative to water sustainabil-
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BY SEYMOUR ROBERTS
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Business school aims at a-Twitter

Some UI officials said they do not see Twitter relevant to their application process.
The Johnson County Courthouse cuts a majestic figure over the Iowa River. In the past year, though, the large steps and central tower have been covered by a network of scaffolding. The Courthouse is undergoing a time-consuming and expensive renovation, even while the Johnson County Board of Supervisors pushes to partially replace it.

This may seem like an old use of taxpayer money, but the current renovation is the right decision to preserve its function and historical value. Fiscal crises can cause local governments to neglect spending on infrastructure and public buildings, and the Johnson County Board of Supervisors is wise to avoid this problem.

The supervisors hope to construct a new Criminal Justice Center. The new larger building would sit on the block south of the Courthouse. The supervisors have been working on this for much of the past decade, and the new building may be approved in the next few years.

Although the Romanesque structure will no longer be the principal building for criminal justice in Johnson County, the Courthouse is important because of its historical value. American counties have traditionally been built to instill a sense of majesty in their visitors, reinforcing the respect that the justice system deserves. The Johnson County Courthouse is an excellent historical example of this type of architecture, and it should be preserved — even if that takes place on the taxpayers’ dime.

During recessions, the state and federal governments often accelerate construction projects to stimulate growth, funding large projects such as the Hoover Dam or newly paved highways. Cities and municipalities have neither the amount of funds nor the borrowing power enjoyed by their larger counterparts, and so local governments may wish to hold off on construction projects to balance the books.

The renovation of the Courthouse is not directly tied to fiscal crises. The repairs underway at the Courthouse include tuck-pointing, a process that involves removing the old mortar from a structure and replacing it with new mortar to maintain stability. Tuck-pointing is necessary in any buildings using mortar that develops cracks and holes between the bricks, usually because of moisture or insect activity. The Johnson County Courthouse is 158 years old, and the process is severely overdue.

The consequences of forgodging the renovation would be more than superficial. The deteriorating mortar could cause irreparable damage to the structure, rendering it unusable. Brick usually lasts much longer than mortar, and once the tuck-pointing is complete, the building’s health will be guaranteed for many years to come.

Because the mortar surrounding each individual brick needs to be laboriously removed, supported, and replaced, the process is costly. Renovations on the Courthouse cost the county $489,800 in the last fiscal year alone, on a project that began in the sum- mer of 2010. Still, the cost of waiting for the mortar to deteriorate further would be even higher.

The date for the construction of the new building, or even the likelihood, is still uncertain; waiting for the troubles to crumble during a worker would be the wrong choice. Counties and municipalities do not always have the luxury of an ideal economic climate when appropriating necessary funds, but the supervisors are doing the best with what they have — in this instance, at least. Even if the Courthouse no longer serves its original purpose, the historical value is enough to justify maintaining it. Post-Soviet decay left blighted landmarks across Eastern Europe, visible signs of a country’s collapse, maintain- ing the Courthouse is important for morale, as well as preservation of history.

The place the criminal-justice system holds in our culture merits the protection of the iconic Iowa City build- ing’s steps and spires.

Letters

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR may be sent via e-mail to daily.johnniletter@jmu.edu, by fax at 540-746-4227, or by mail to the Daily Eastern News, Box 13, 6000 Main St., Charleston, WV 25301.

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Prohibition is still ineffective

The rise in synthetic cannabis products on the market is direct in response to marijuana prohibition. These synthetic alternatives can be produced at a rate faster than the legal system can ban them. There have been attempts at an entire and group drug suppression, which have failed. Key chemicals from over- seaen and create our own synthetic pot analogs.

Criminalizing synthetic cannabis products is not the answer to solving this problem. A state- regulated market that would ser- vices marijuana would indirectly fund a market for more dangerous syn- thetic alternatives. It’s time to bring the ex- cessful, unregulated mari- juana market into the light of day and usher in the age of one size fits all.

Jeffrey Bolte
University of Iowa

Editorial Commentary

With new center, Courthouse preservation still important

The question of the day: Is it worth the cost? The answer to solving the problem. What is known- you? I know what you’re thinking. “I’m just a dumb kid, I don’t know what I’m doing. I just got into a fight because of peer pressure.”

I used to think that as well. But then I read...
The camp was held at the hotel and convention building, and although 210 women were turnover at a time, once the campers were down for the wrestling matches and the trend for the week, apparently of the wrestling shoes.

There was a fear of them being a bit too tight, and they quickly changed them for the coaches for instruction. The circle broke with a welcome clapping, a testament to the camp's success.

Earle insisted on an attentive eye on the matches and what the coaches teach extends beyond the mat or the wrestling room.

As far as personal problems, the amount of work it takes to be a bystander and high school player, said she felt “detached” from the group once the season was over.

Bettina Hass, a native of Miles, Iowa, who performed with the group once upon a time, shared her thoughts about the co-eds she encountered over the years as a Highlander.

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How to approach your MOVE:

• Plan: make a list of friends throughout the entire city to see who might want to be involved.
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The pipes are calling

The Iowa Scottish Highlanders was a fixture at Hawkeye football games for almost 75 years.

By ERICK PAPE

Close your eyes and imagine the University of Iowa.

What image comes to mind?

Some might see the wrestling team hoisting another national championship trophy. Others might think about the band playing at halftime of football games. Or maybe the Scottish Highlanders, the all-female bagpipe band.

For me, Hawkeye football and the Highlanders are synonymous. For almost eight decades, the Highlanders provided a unique, authentic Scottish experience at University of Iowa football games.

Iowa Scottish Highlanders Druana Cradevair (left) and Christine Fisher work on their drumming in 1968. The pair are among the Highlanders' more than 260 alumni who have continued to perform at the annual University of Iowa Day event. The 2010 Highlanders were called up to raise money for Operation Iraqi Children. The band opened membership to women in 1969 and has continued to grow ever since.

The Highlanders' rich past began as an idea from Col. George McNeill, a 1933 University of Iowa alumnus. He brought the idea to change the University of Iowa Marching Band to chess and tennis.

The Highlanders were the first all-female bagpipe band in the world, and the idea of having a band open to women was revolutionary. The band was formed in 1936, and it's continued to thrive ever since.

The Highlanders are more than just a band. They're a community, a family, and a tradition. They've played at every University of Iowa football game since 1937, and they've raised money for various causes.

The Highlanders' impact on the University of Iowa and the Iowa City community cannot be overstated. They've brought joy to fans and players alike, and they've helped raise money for important causes.

The Highlanders' legacy will live on for many years to come. The band's spirit and tradition will continue to inspire new generations of Iowa Hawkeye fans.