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Maison Bleam sits at a desk in 2008. Sarah, who uses the USSG proposal from States to 2009, recently announced she will seek a seat in the Iowa House of Representatives (The Daily Iowan/FILE Photo)

In a budget proposal released Monday, former Iowa Coach after stroke: ‘Nothing wrong with me that a little grey goose won’t cure.’ PAGE 10

BY ANNA THEODOSIO
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University of Iowa technology officials say the university has secured $25 million in federal funds to develop wireless technology that can be used campus wireless services from a tablet or smartphone lost somewhere — an increase of almost $10,000 over the fall of 2011.

UI officials are taking notice.

"This is a major step forward for Iowa," said Iowa Student Government Student-aid Director James Beattie. "We’re very pleased with the increased funding, and we look forward to seeing how this will impact our students."
Iowa Senate passes workers’ tax cut

BY MIKE GLOVER

Iowa Senate lawmakers approved a $450 million tax cut in a Tuesday night vote and sent it to the House, where approval is expected. The Senate passed the measure 35-10, giving the state’s working poor a tax break that would not only help the working poor but spark the economy as well.

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Energy firms look to natural gas

By BAJ VISSER

A greener future — thanks to natural gas?

Justin Foss of Alliant Energy said that's exactly what's happening.

“According to the U.S. Department of Energy, Iowa produces approximately 5 percent of the energy via natural gas. That ranks it as the third-largest source of energy after coal and nuclear, and just ahead of wind,” Foss said. “Coal, historically was the cheapest fuel source here in Iowa and across America,” he said. “But thanks to these changes, pass them on to the consumer, and it’s an attractive fuel source.

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Foss noted Alliant Energy, which provides electricity to much of northern Iowa along with Minnesota and Wisconsin, has converted two of its coal-fired power plants to natural gas, and it has plans for more in the future.

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Many graduating college students are thinking of going for some postgraduation volunteer work. For the first time, the Peace Corps is recalling the inevitability of war we see in the news. Many students will turn toward AmeriCorps or the Peace Corps, or perhaps both. Here is my advice.

AmeriCorps is more beneficial than the Peace Corps both to the student and the participant. Financially, AmeriCorps is more sensible for the average recent college graduate. AmeriCorps volunteers receive an education voucher after 1,700 hours of service; this voucher can be used for future education or to pay off student loans. AmeriCorps volunteers are only eligible for loan deferment. AmeriCorps can be done full time or part time, as the time commitment is up to the program. AmeriCorps (AmeriCorps or other programs) require a 27-month period and even offers part-time positions, while the Peace Corps requires its volunteers commit for two years. That is the two years in the Peace Corps and an additional commitment for a year to make. I believe honestly that the lack of participation in AmeriCorps is due to two barriers that keep students from joining. The first is that AmeriCorps is stigmatized among college students and the second is its limited helping options in over 700 countries.

People who identify themselves as liberal are typically against patriotism because they feel it is synonomous with reactionary, extreme patriotism. The perception is that a conservative is not a patriot. A 2010 Gallup respondents stated that 26 percent of Americans identify themselves as “extremely patriotic.” The groups of people who identify themselves as patriotic are mostly Republicans, and not your typical AmeriCorps volunteer.

The glamour and prestige of helping developing countries also pulls students toward the Peace Corps. There is a fascination that Americans have with helping impoverished countries. This attraction may come from colonial issues such as colonialism, where they show their do-good attitude by traveling to and helping those in need. I have personally lived in the world: images of gorgeous, white American women “helping the son’s of African mothers” by raising illiteracy, means it strives to improve the state of Africa. My personal experience while the Peace Corps requires its volunteers commit for 97 percent of the average recent college graduate.

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Rising Chinese star to return to Iowa

By DAVID PITT

DESI MOORE — The last time China’s soon-to-be leader visited Iowa, he slept in a bedroom with green shag carpeting and Star Trek character cutouts on the walls. He ate eggs with a spoon because his host wouldn’t let him use a fork.

But apparently Xi Jinping remembered the 1985 visit fondly because he insisted on returning this week to Muscatine, a small community he toured to learn about crop and livestock practices.

Back then, he was a young Communist Party leader seeking ideas to help his agriculture-rich region with its abundant corn and soybean exports.

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Maison Blem

Blem has served in numerous governing bodies:
• 2009-2010 UI Student Government President
• 2009-2010 Student Senate President
• 2009-2010 ASUI President
• 2009-2010 National Honor Society President

During her term as student government president, Blem said she always room for improvement in communication. “One of the problems that you have new people coming into the Legislature every few years,” she said. “It’s something that we constantly have to work on and be aware of.”

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funding for the 2010-11 academic year. “I think Obama’s dedication to higher education ‘is a very positive thing for us,”’ Steigleder said. “It’s extremely pleasing to see in the budget that there is a strong support for Pell Grant funding.”

Steigleder said UI students earned roughly $2 million in work-study funds during the 2010-2011 academic year. Steigleder said work-study programs are extremely beneficial for students and the president’s acknowledgment of the programs is a good sign. “It provides valuable resources for the student,” he said. “For every dollar the student can use by work-study theoretically means that one fewer dollar that the student has to bear.”

The president’s proposal also seeks to cap federal Stafford Loan interest rates. “I don’t think that there are current special assistant to the president. “There’s a big disconnect between the (Board of Regents) and (the legislature)… if you have a close, relationship, I don’t see any reason why that and I think we need to have a lot more of that in Des Moines,” he said.

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Earlier this year, Apple announced a series of developments centered on electronic textbooks. “Education is deep in Apple’s DNA, and iPad may be our most educating product yet,” said Tim Cook, CEO of Apple. “It’s a distraction. Even though the technology can enhance learning, in the classroom, it allowed it also be a distraction.”

There are times that I sit there, and it takes a force of will not to check the Facebook account or the Twitter account,” he said. “So if you’re teaching to the classroom, it can be troubling when a student is not paying attention. But on the other hand, students are a choice, they’re choosing to have the laptop, to have the iPad.”

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Vasos' influence on the Hawkeyes' tennis legacy cannot be overstated. His legacy will continue to thrive for many years to come.

Throughout his career, Vasos has been a leader on and off the court. He has been a consistent performer, exhibiting a high level of tennis ability and a strong work ethic. His achievements have earned him recognition and attention from both his coaches and fellow teammates.

While Vasos may be leaving the university, his legacy will live on through the impact he has had on the team and the university. His dedication to the sport and his commitment to excellence will serve as an inspiration to future generations of tennis players at Iowa.

In conclusion, Will Vasos' legacy at Iowa will be remembered as a testament to his hard work, dedication, and love for the sport of tennis. His impact on the team and the university cannot be overstated. As he moves on to the next stage of his life, his legacy will continue to inspire and motivate others to reach for greatness in their own pursuits. The University of Iowa is proud to have had Will Vasos as a part of its community, and he will always be remembered as a true Hawkeye Legend.
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Hawkeyes seniors Daniela Cubelic and Danielle Carty watch the action during the dual meet against Western Illinois on Feb. 3 in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center. Carty and Cubelic are two of the three seniors (other than Verona Rydze) who will depart the 2011-12 Daily Iowan/Times-Union.