Local seniors keep up with Generation Wired

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By BETH BRATOS

The elderly statewide may lag in high-speed Internet knowledge but Johnnies and Iowa City residents are trying to keep local seniors better informed.

According to a report released by broadband company ComScore Iowa, Iowa has the sixth-largest portion of residents over the age of 70 in the nation. The report said roughly half of Iowa age 70 and older own a computer, and only 27 percent subscribe to broadband, a disparity local Internet officials said may come from the cost.

“People looking at $45 to $50 or more a month just to have Internet access,” said Emily Light, a community outreach specialist at the Senior Center, 28 S. Linn St. “It’s a cost that didn’t exist a generation ago. It may not be a cost that doesn’t exist a generation from now. It may not be affordable for everyone.”

Light said the Senior Center offers a variety of technical programs, ranging from beginner computer classes and Facebook workshops to pocket pocket workshop programs for cell phones, croissants and Microsoft Word classes. Many seniors use the computer lab at the center and the Iowa City Public Library, 15 S. Linn St., she said.

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Technology Adoption

Places around Iowa help seniors with changing technology

Iowa City Public Library’s entertainment section has a network of computers, Microsoft Word classes, sign-in services to log in to computers and “Senior Center Computer Classes” to assist with technology problems, pocket pocket workshop programs.

“Center on Aging UI/UFAP Program, Facebook classes, digital cameras, and other technology classes

Source: Iowa City’s 62-and-older community.

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State higher education officials say hiring an outside firm to help brand the state’s public universities could help boost support from the state.

Officials with the State Board of Regents say they hope an “Iowa Brand” will mean more allocations for public state universities.

By building a network and demonstrating to the public throughout the state what benefits (it) the state from public higher education can be helpful in making our case to the legislature for additional funds,” Regent Robert Doreen said.

The regents recently approved an agreement with ZL Rignition—a marketing communications firm based in Des Moines. Officials said that though the partnership has been approved, it is not available because an agreement hasn’t been signed.

“I hope the firm would be able to focus on one specific area of the campus, the Daily Iowan reported.

The regents haven’t been as successful as we can be in demonstrating the universitie’s in the past, and the public schools are not being out-ranked from private schools.

ZL Rignition previously partnered with Iowa State University for integrat-ed marketing, collateral and public-relations studies. According to its web-site, ZL Rignition “initiated a major re-branding effort on behalf of UI/UFAP to turn around a declining enroll-ment.”

ZL Rignition officials did not return calls Monday.

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do you do that?" The Connect Iowa report found that 200,000 elderly Iowans rarely use broadband. But Light said high-speed communication programs such as video chatting are critical for seniors to keep in touch with children who live far away. "[Skype] is a popular form of communication, but there is somewhat of a gap in being able to use these technologies practically," she said. Virginia Borden, a coordinator for the lifelong learning program at the University of Iowa's Center on Aging, said she finds it very important to provide technology educational assistance for older adults. The UC for Aging provides the Lifeline Enrichment Adult Program to provide intellectual stimulation and personal growth for older adults, she said.

"I find [older adults] to be really searching and wanting to learn more about technology. [They] want to learn so they can communicate with their children and/or grandchildren," she said. "That's how they know these individuals communicate. The technology subjects are always something our members want to learn more about."

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Laurie S. Bentley, 84, dies in the Senior Center on Wednesday. (The Daily Iowan/Ty-Clin Chen)

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The state Board of Regents recently approved a partnership with Des Moines-based marketing firm ZLRignition. The firm has also worked with:

• Iowa State University
• Drake University, a business incubator program
• Des Moines Area Community College
Source: ZLRignition
Diggining into University of Iowa’s de facto racial segregation

It was 13:30, otherwise known as when Ruby Rausch and I made our way to the dining hall at 6th and Market. When we turned up, a steady line of people was assembled along the wall of the street side.

It's safe to say the language barrier is making it difficult for Yangpeng to expand his social circle. The best way to describe the current language barrier is immersing yourself in the culture (so I hear anyway), so why isn't Yangpeng doing that?

Why should he? American kids at Iowa are pretty diverse, and Yangpeng shouldn't have to face the same language barriers as I do. I'm sure we all know what I hear on the streets and read on the UI Meson. But I don't think racism is the main issue. It's where the kids have come from and how much those students are involved on campus. I came to this conclusion after speaking with Yangpeng Fan, a UI junior from Tientsin, China.

"(That's what I hear at UI) I know Tiantian from class. She's a very friendly girl. We register as friends on Facebook, and I see her around downtown at night."

No. There were no American-Asian conversations on site. I was with a lot of different people from all over the globe, but I didn't stay too long at the top of their tongues.

Four years ago, back when I was a first-year student, the end result could be a segregated community? If the UI wishes to transform the student body, it needs to take proactive steps to expand opportunities to hang out with different students and not just the students who have a hard time securing spots in the dorms after late registration.

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Even Tiantian said she spends a lot of her spare time in her room. It's clear that dorm-placement helped Tiantian. She has a lot of good friends and has not faced any racism either.

Meanwhile, back at the UI. The UI has three Air Force fighter bases. It's upgrading its navy. It has nuclear weapons and maintains a goal of uniting Taiwan with China. It is a close relationship with Venezuela and keeps my mind, such as the case with many other Asian students, none of whom speak English as their first language. They had just five minutes, and he said to me, "walk away, hold on, and move onto the music line."

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General and unsolicited advice:

• Always thank the person you’re running a fever.

• Before committing to a business deal, share your ideas, and listen to suggestions. A give-and-take approach is essential.

• University of Iowa Choir and Iowa Women’s Archive, “We need to know you.”

• Not everyone will be open with you. Before you make a move, you’d be wise to discuss what you’re discussing with the driver.

• Daily Iowan Television: “We’re not talking about the ledge. That’s a whole different thing.”

• The best way to get important people to notice you is to approach them with a smile.

• If you’re looking for something to do, break out of the mold. It can be as simple as changing your routine.

• When making ham burgers, make sure you’re actually buying a hunk of bleu cheese you found in your refrigerator.

• It’s only humane if it’s dirty, and it’s only a humane animal if you’re not actually buying a hunk of bleu cheese you found in your refrigerator.

• If you’re too drunk to drive, you should also probably stop buying a hunk of bleu cheese you found in your refrigerator.

• Before ravenously tearing into a hunk of bleu cheese you found in your refrigerator, consider asking yourself the question: ‘Is this the best use of my time?’

• If you see a sock on the television, you should also probably consider asking yourself the question: ‘Is this the best use of my time?’

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The University of Iowa launched the recreation and sports business major last fall, and 168 students declared it as their major. Dan Matheson, a UI lecturer in leisure studies, teaches a class in the Kinnick Athletics Hall of Fame on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

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Recreation and Sport Business Major

Students with the major can pursue a variety of sport-related careers.

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BY JENNY EARL

Sports enthusiasts can finally find their niche in higher education through a new major geared toward combining business and athletics.

The University of Iowa launched the recreation and sport business major last fall. University officials said the degree will help students integrate business strategies with sports.

‘It’s a program area of course related to all of the sports of operating a recreation or sports enterprise,’ said Don Matheson, a UI lecturer in leisure studies. ‘Legal liability, facility issues, business management issues — all of those things occur in a sports–run enterprises.’

Mike Tigue, a UI professor of health and human physiology, said an important part of the major is the breadth of the offerings, which is 33 percent greater than the core.

Tigue said interest from recreation business program students at Iowa’s Intercollegiate Athletics Department influenced the creation of the major, part of a rapidly growing sport business major nationwide.

‘That’s because sport is a big business,’ he said.

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UI must release resignation agreement

By BETH FOUHY
Associated Press

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Obama: Invest in education

By RYAN J. FOLEY

WASHINGTON — President Obama Monday urged the nation’s governors to invest more in state research and education, saying a highly skilled workforce is crucial for the United States to remain competitive with other countries.

Obama made his pitch at a White House meeting with governors in Washington as part of the annual winter meeting of the National Governors Association. The president and first lady Michelle Obama hosted a black-tie dinner with the governors Sunday night.

Obama said at Monday’s session that he sympathized with governors whose state budgets have been badly squeezed during the economic downturn.

But he said that was no reason to trim resources from education.

“The fact is that too many states are making cuts in education that I think are simply too big,” Obama said. “Nothing more clearly signals what you value as a state than the decisions you make about where to invest. Budgets are about choices.

He reaffirmed his view that decisions about education should be left to states and not the federal government. “I believe education is an area that’s best left at the state level,” the president said, addressing at the state session that he sympathetic to the tough choices you make about where to invest.

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Jumping into inspiration

Senior Jeff Herron isn’t Iowa’s best jumper, but his coaches and teammates say he brings almost unparalleled passion to the track.

Jeff Herron, a senior, is the top preliminary seed in the 125-pound class heading to nationals, the Hawkeye junior is the top seed at 197 pounds.

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“Davis also benefited from the up-and-coming young talent at Iowa,” Wieczorek said. “He brings almost competitive, and I just kept trying to put my matchups where he isn’t out and where they get where they’re going.”

Herron just has the time and talent to cover the table of NCAA All-Americans into his lap, but the one he’s already established in him will have plenty of company. Herron and coaches have served him well all along.

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Teaching by Dr. Frank Hummer.
Iowa will try to take advantage of its first-round bye this week's Big Ten Tournament.

By MATT COZZI

The Iowa women’s basketball team will be in a familiar position when it steps onto the hardwood of Bankers Life Field House on Friday. This is the fifth-straight year Iowa has received a top-four seed in the Big Ten Tournament, which will begin play in Indianapolis Sunday.

Iowa received the No. 3 seed in this year’s tournament, which was decided last week in last year’s Big Ten Championship.

When:

• Thursday, March 8 at 6 p.m.

• Friday, March 9 at 6 p.m.

Next Up: Big Ten Tournament

Where:

• Bankers Life Field House, Indianapolis

Iowa women’s basketball coach Lisa Bluder said Saturday’s game will be crucial to the Hawkeyes’ potential for a deep run.

“Now we know exactly what we have to do,” Bluder said. “We’ve been working on getting better for the past month.”

The Hawkeyes had blown two close games in a row. (Associated Press/Robert K. O’Daniell)