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One out of every three women will be raped in her lifetime, according to RVAP.

Neighbors try to save house from UI

By BETH BRATOS
neighborhood

CEDAR FALLS — Two houses in Iowa City’s historic Moline neighborhood are set for demolition, but some residents believe the buildings should get more consideration.

The state Board of Regents approved University of Iowa officials’ request to demolish a 100-year-old house at 711 Moline Ave. and another house at 15 Melrose Place during a meeting on Thursday. These houses will be destroyed for the development of a 200-space parking lot for UIHC staff and physicians whose parking will be displaced by the construction of the West Campus Transportation Center and the Children’s Hospital.

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Preliminary walk in front of the Englert Theatre on Thursday during “SlutWalk.” The walk, a loop from College Green Park to downtown and back, protested the notion of using a woman’s dress as a cause for or contributing factor to sexual abuse. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

By ANNA THEODOSIS
interns/summer

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UI to appeal FEMA decisions

UI spokesman Tom Moore said the flood-recovery process will cost between $900 million and $1 billion.

By Beth BROSS

CEDAR FALLS — University of Northern Iowa officials told the State Board of Regents Thursday they decided to appeal three funding decisions of the Federal Emergency Management Agency during a discussion of flood recovery.

Doug True, the UI vice president for Finance and Operations, said officials appealed a MAX’s decision to deny qualification for $800,000 in request funding at the IMU to build in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

“Essentially, our decision is the final is right,” said True. “The Americans with Disabilities Act is a very important part of the university. There’s not a question that the money would not be used for the work gaat done, it’s how it gets paid.”

True said another appeal was made for $16 million and the appeal was made to push the UI on the power plant and a nearby transmission line.

Outside the appeals, officials were confident in the university’s flood-recovery process under FEMA.

UI Facilities Management Director Bob Lashin said the university did not expect any of the projects, including the replacement of Hancher and the Music Building and recovery of the IMU, Mayflower Housing Hall, and the Theater Building, among others that would be on the agenda.

“Any work that would be in accordance with FEMA is that’s would be approved by FEMA,” he said.

Lashin said the recovery process has come with their own set of challenges, including outside disagreements between UI officials and FEMA officials on how best to approach recovery projects. FEMA is a major funding source, and we have to come to an agreement where they view the way we see it,” he said.

“Moreover, the university’s president wrote to FEMA to tell them that UI had been cleared by the university’s chief attorney,” said UI spokesman Tom Moor said.

Flood Recovery

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Pursuing equality

The first official University of Iowa Women's Studies class was taught in the fall of 1972.

By KATHRYN-KELLY OLIN

University of Iowa Pro- fessor Linda Kerber read from her book Women's Americas of the 1970s in class in Schaeffer Hall last one time on Thursday.

"If you were having a generalization, I want you to pick it up and pick it up and shake it," Kerber told her final Human Rights and Women's Studies class.

"Then ask yourself, what does this have to do with me?"

After 41 years of teach- ing history, Kerber of the women's studies, a noted historian will retire from her current teaching posi- tion at the UI at the end of this semester. Kerber has written the university's first book on women's studies, has seen the program grow since its inception.

When the Columbia Uni- versity professor and her husband came to Iowa in 1971, Kerber said she found the university's women's studies program somewhat underdeveloped. Now, she said, the program has official syllabus or official textbook.

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Kerber began working at the UI after husband Richard Kerber was rejected a lawsuit filed by U.S. District Judge John D.oblin.

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Kerber, who was hired, was hired because "I was interested in teaching," she said. "When I first taught this course here, I had maybe four paper- back.

"At the time, the first course of women's studies was taught by a great profi- st, in Action Studies," Kerber said.

"I really liked the teach- ing we did together. It was a special experiment to give to share a class with some- one," Kerber said. "I could go back and forth between historical perspectives and legal perspectives.

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Romney grew up poor and never graduated from college, could have grown rich and powerful if he chose to live the easy life. Instead, he raised a family, became successful, and ran for President. That’s why he’s running for President. He wants to bring American values to our government. He believes in free enterprise, hard work, and a strong military. His father’s “grew up poor,” but that’s not the truth. His father’s success ensured a more privileged path for Romney. Half of the time, Romney and President Obama are jockeying for the concerns of Americans who are struggling.

The upcoming election is about how we grow our economy and provide jobs. Romney believes in limited government and free enterprise, which have been shown to increase economic growth and create jobs.

Today, President Obama and first lady Michelle Obama will meet with the leadership of the House of Representatives in Georgia, where the president will campaign in a state where he needs to win to hold the Senate.

The president is not only competing for votes but also for the winning formula that helped him win two terms. Romney is running as an outsider, promising to cut taxes and spending, and bring change to Washington. Obama, on the other hand, is running as the candidate of hope and progress, with a record of accomplishments that have improved the lives of millions of Americans.

But despite their differences in philosophy and messaging, both candidates agree on one thing: America needs a strong leader now more than ever. They believe that only they can deliver the change that is needed to meet the challenges facing our nation.

The choice before us is clear: Will we choose the candidate who understands the needs of our country or will we choose the outsider who promises change without providing a plan to make it happen?

We urge you to vote for President Obama because he understands the needs of our country and has a plan to make it happen. He has the experience, the vision, and the passion to lead us forward. He is the leader we need.

The time has come to make a choice. The future of our country depends on it.
SLUTWALK CONTINUED FROM 1

According to the Rape Advocacy Program in Iowa City, 67 people in Johnson County called the crisis hotline between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31, 2011.

Some participants in the event said they walked to support friends who have been affected by sexual assault.

“I have a personal connection to it,” said UI sophomore Michael Russo. “I just think it’s a really good event that gives sexual assault a voice and an outlet.”

Yet Kathleen Hall Jamieson, professor of political communication at University of Pennsylvania, said taking ownership of a derogatory word like "slut" can be difficult.

"Trying to reclaim long-lived pejoratives is a risky strategy," she writes in an email. "However, it has been done. Ohmara was a recent coinage. We’re here. We’ve won. Get over it — it was one such attempt. The Tina Fey piece on ‘Saturday Night Live’ that proclaimed that she and Amy Poehler were indeed ‘b****es, and ‘b****es get things done’ was another.”

Douglas Cole, a UI Ph.D. candidate in linguistics, and language is used to help people with identity.

"By taking those derogatory comments where they insult the victim, [the participants in the walk] create a community," he said. "I think it’s a way of building solidarity. They’re trying to show group identity. Not only are we women, but we are women who are offended by this thing." But some residents advocating for preserving educational buildings in the neighborhood have spoken out against the regents’ decisions.

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Officials seek bullying hotline

The Johnson County Crisis Center received 409 CrisisChat requests on March 31.

By DONA GROTE

Mental-health advocates support a local legislator’s move to expand crisis services into a statewide bullying-specific hotline.

Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, proposed the hotline last week in the Legislature, partially in response to the suicide of Iowa student Kenneth Waskom Jr., who was allegedly bullied for being gay.

“If you’re a person being bullied to a crisis a hotline, we need to make sure the support network is there,” said Mascher, who sponsored the initiative along with Rep. Beth Wessel-Kroeschell, D-Ames.

“Whatever media they need — texting, online chats — it’s what they need to provide that,” said Mascher, who said the hotline would expand the crisis center’s ability to operate 24 hours a day.

The Crisis Center provided CrisisChat hotline and CrisisChat.org — available noon to midnight — on a non-crisis basis beginning March 1.

The initiative was proposed by Mascher in December with the goal of developing a hotline tailored to young people’s needs.

“I think one of the greatest needs is we don’t have a large enough staff. The demand of that service... exceeds our capacity to do it,” said the center’s supervisor, Ross Wilburn.

“I think young people are more likely to search for help around a specific topic — bullying, an eating disorder, substance abuse, etc. — and might not think to call a crisis hotline,” said Ray Schwab, the center’s development director.

Bullying is not addressed in the proposed hotline’s online components.

“The problem is we don’t have enough staff to thematically answer questions,” said Wilburn.

“It’s a real challenge, and

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Administration changes direction on farm rule

The Obama administration changes direction on farm rule.

By BY LAURA WILLEY

Producers gathered outside the Macaroni Grill in Cedar Falls to ask the state Board of Regent’s recent decisions involving the closure of the trucking arm of the Pork Pro? t. Lab School.

Students, faculty, and staff affected by the closures are particularly critical of the decision that could cost them their academic and economic benefits. The Iowa Pork Pro? t. Lab School was established to serve the pork industry.

The move is sure to dis-

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PEDALING FOR CHILDREN

WASHINGTON — Under heavy pressure from farm groups, the Obama administration said Thurs- day it would drop an unpopular proposal to prevent children from driving farm equipment, including combines, tractors, and grain- bins and stockyards.

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While labor officials said the proposal would reduce the fatality rate for child farm workers, the move also would become a political target for farm groups. It was called an impractical, heavy-handed regulation that ignored the reality of small family-owned farms.

“The Obama admin- istration is committed to promoting family farmers and preserving the unique way of life, especially the role that parents and other family members play in passing those traditions on to the next genera- tion,” the agency said in a statement.

Instead, the agency said it would work with rural dwellers on including the American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Farmers Union, and 4-H to de- sign regulations to help farm families reduce accidents to young workers.

Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., a former farmer turned to politics, introduced S.412, a bill designed to replace child safety groups who came to Washington to urge their members to protect young workers.

The bill, called the “Safe Young Workers Act,” would provide an even larger set of regulations than the proposed rule.

“I think that is a very strong move,” said Tester.

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Ethics board receives complaint against Slocott

The Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board received a formal complaint against John Slocott on Thursday.

The complaint alleges that Slocott used his county email address to contact fellow employees regarding political matters while conducting official business and reporting public records.

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SPORTS

Women's relay wins at Drake

Iowa's female tracksters kicked off the weekend at the Drake Relays with a strong showing at the women's 4x400 relay team on Friday night.

The team of Betty Floyd, Jackie Lewis, Malika Moore, and Melanie Melander won the event in 3:50.73 minutes, edging conference rival Wisconsin by 5.26 sec-

onds. Floyd and Gyamfi both tied the field in 10.7 seconds. What made this victory sweeter for the Hawkeyes was that Melander was especially happy because she had a promising start as the team of a Drake Relays victory.

The race was held on the Jim Duncan Track than any other track in Iowa for Flood, who graduated from West Des Moines Dowling. This is her senior year.

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Iowa senior Liz Watkins (16) catches a pitch against Nebraska at Pearl Field on April 15. Watkins and Keim — the team's other softball seniors — were named to play their final conference series at Pearl Field this weekend. (The Daily Iowan/Elizabeth Ciura)

Iowa center Liz Watkins (33) bats against Nebraska at Pearl Field on April 15. Watkins and teammate Katie Keim — the team's two softball seniors — were named to play their final series at Pearl Field this weekend. (The Daily Iowan/Elizabeth Ciura)

**Baseball faces tough pitching**

Iowa's struggling offense will face one of the best pitching staffs in the Big Ten this weekend.

By BEN SCHUFF

A few Iowa baseball players take swings in front of a fan who walked outside the Hawkeye clubhouse before every game at the Big Ten Tournament — it's done to help the hitters’ technique. The act is slightly symbolic, though, as some of Iowa’s more experienced players acknowledged they need to have a mental edge in the mirror to play their best.

**McKean’s bat lights up in Big Ten**

Iowa’s 16-20, 5-7 Big Ten record is in stark contrast to the team’s 21-2 season against Western Illinois on April 19.

**Wise虑’s career stats**

Iowa’s 24 Big Ten Series remaining could be a challenge for the Hawkeyes with a .352 batting average.

**Watkins and Keim — the team’s two softball seniors — were named to play their final series at Pearl Field this weekend.**
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Lions snatch Reiff at No. 23

The Detroit Lions selected Riley Reiff with the 23rd pick in the NFL draft and Reiff will have the opportunity to earn early playing time in Motown.

The NFL DRAFT

Lions selected Reiff at No. 23

The South Dakota native was considered the No. 2 offensive-tackle in the draft and had at one time been slated as a top-10 selection, but his stock dropped over the past several weeks. Some draft experts have pointed to the 6-6, 313-pounder's relatively short wingspan — ESPN measured his arms at just 33 inches long — as a possible reason.

“He doesn’t have the tremendously long arms that you would prefer in a left tackle, but he’s well-coached,” ESPN draft analyst Mel Kiper said following Reiff’s selection. “Rick Forrester is an offensive-line guru; he does a great job technically, getting these kids ready for the NFL. You think about Bulaga a few years ago, Marshall Yanda with the Baltimore Ravens.”

Detroit’s coaching staff appears to have similar sentiments. Head coach Jim Schwartz said in a press conference streamed on the Lions’ website that Reiff’s versatility — he played some tight end, was recruited by Iowa as a defensive end, and played on both sides of the offensive line when he made the switch — and knowledge of the game makes him a player who could start sooner than later.

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