UI officials to ‘show the flag’ in Asia

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With more than 1,700 University of Iowa students hailing from China, UI President Sally Mason and a number of university officials will travel to Asia in hopes of establishing new relationships and strengthening existing ties with alumni.

Mason will travel to Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Beijing in China, and Taipei, Taiwan, from July 6 to 15 and will lead a delegation of UI officials to help manage the trip, including Provost P. Barry Butler and UI Foundation President Lynette Marshall.

“The reason for the trip is to help the UI continue to engage globally in order to support its mission to provide excellence and accessibility in education, conduct transformative research, undertake groundbreaking creative work, and enhance higher education’s role in public service [that] is first and foremost about the students,” UI spokesman Tom Moore wrote in an email.

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By ALY BROWN
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Slockett said he will step down after losing Tuesday’s primary election on Tuesday. Slockett has been the county auditor for the last 35 years. (The Daily Iowan/Travis Allen)

Despite reprimands for his work conduct and campaign efforts, Johnson County Auditor Tom Slockett said he will step down from his position he has held since 1977 and that he enjoyed educating the public about the voting process.

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Sixty-four percent of the county’s registered voters came to vote Tuesday.

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And much like the UI, other Big Ten schools make trips to Asia for outreach and recruitment efforts.

Thom Hardy, the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign’s executive director of university relations, said trips to Asia are not unusual for administrators to make.

“When you’re recruiting students in the United States, you go to California or New York,” he said. “It’s a global competition for the best students, and you need to have (the) leadership of the university show the flag and be a part of the recruiting effort.”

The University of Illinois enrolled 5,808 students from China and 438 from Taiwan in the fall of 2011.

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Mobile-home plan OK’d

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors designated $20,000 in funding for a mobile-home displacement and rehabilitation project.

By ANNA EGGLESTON

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors approved a plan for one of Johnson County Block grant funds for mobile-home displacement and rehabilitation in a 5-1 vote Tuesday morning.

The plan will receive $20,000 for the Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County to assist residents in fixing mobile homes.

According to the official website of the Housing Trust Fund, the private nonprofit organization dedicated to alleviating the shortage of affordable housing in the county “is providing a fresh, dynamic vision and leadership that will help eliminate entities that address the housing needs of individuals who hold income at or below 80 percent of the area median level.”

While Supervisor Karin Bethel was absent from the meeting, Terrence Noonan said she had previously voiced her opposition to the plan.

Noonan, who had the sole opposing vote, said he did not support the use of tax dollars to fund mobile repairs in structures that residents would normally be handled by animal control.

“There is documentation that shows mobile homes built pre-70s are built out of the standards of today, particularly in the area of fire-safety standards,” he said, noting the building’s electrical wiring, emergency exit and window design as areas of potential concern. “I have a problem investing Johnson County tax dollars to fix a hole in the floor or a hole in the building that is not a firetrap and a building that would make a major death, he added.”

Supervisor Chairman Red Bell explained that the plan could not solve all of the issues with substandard mobile housing, calling it a “Band-Aid on a big, frayed wound.”

“With the support of our Board, in addition to the Iowa Legislature, to have a law that says mobile homes, down,” said Noonan.

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Slockett will leave office with a heap of accusations at his heels. After being reprimanded for failure to properly refer questions from his office to the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board, he decided to sponsor the UI chapter of the Iowa Veterans Association, a pro-war or antiwar group was not an option for Slockett only for cycling. He will ride for his successor, and he offered advice for his successor. “You're very busy,” he said. “You have to be organized, you have to be for the public.”
Grassley on unwrapping debts and diplomas

New graduates have good reason to call attention to their academic achievement — degree, college age, college graduates are a good indicator for future economic potential. For potential employers, it's a sign that business education is a lasting investment in the health of our economy and national security.

It is a time of giving thanks to the cap and gown and the pomp and circumstance of the last few months. For many families and students, it means one less job to pay for, one less student loan to attend college, one last debt to be paid. But for graduates who have managed to save some money for college, and the majority who have not, it means one more life of work ahead — and that takes a college debt creates a financial burden for the majority of college-educated adults, a burden that may never be fully repaid. It is a burden that only a college education can help to ease.

President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Charles L. Evans, recently spoke about the importance of graduates and their potential to help reduce the burden of student debt on the economy. He noted that the repayment of student loans is critical for the economic well-being of students and their families, as well as the overall strength of the economy. He also emphasized the importance of making higher education more affordable and accessible for students, and the need to support initiatives that help to reduce the burden of student debt.

In his speech, Evans encouraged graduates to take advantage of the many resources available to them to help manage and repay their student loans, including income-driven repayment plans, loan forgiveness programs, and debt consolidation options. He also urged the government to invest more resources in education, particularly in higher education, to help reduce the burden of student debt on the economy.

Evans's speech is a reminder of the importance of higher education for the economic well-being of students and the overall strength of the economy. As we move forward, it is vital that we continue to support initiatives that help to reduce the burden of student debt on the economy and ensure that all students have access to the tools and resources they need to succeed.

Guest Column

Crassley on unwrapping debts and diplomas

Paul's legacy lives on

It was a trip to Asia, but perhaps not the one you'd expect to hear us talk about. While the rest of the world was focused on the economic pressures of the day, one thing was clear: The promise of Social Security was not going to be an empty one for the retirees of tomorrow. This is the kind of vision that the Ryan budget, the Second District Republican, represented. It is a mean-spirited political cartoon, a reminder of the promise that Ron Paul energized so many Iowans with. The trip continues to go on, and while it may just be another day in the life of Ron Paul, for those who know him, it is a tangible reminder of the legacy he has left behind.

During the Ryan budget, we recognized the commitment that Ron made to the future of Social Security. We saw it in his work on the Federal Reserve, and we saw it in his campaign for the presidency. He was a politician, but thanks to the Ryan budget, he is now remembered by many as a true champion of the people.

Paul energized so many of us to become more politically aware, more interested in our own policy, and more engaged in the political process. He was a politician, but he was more than that. He was a leader who understood the importance of empowering the people to make their own decisions about their lives. And that is why Ron Paul's legacy lives on.

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• Community Observance of the 50th Anniversary of the attack on the U.S. Liberty-

• Old Capitol

• Choice Group, 1-4 p.m., Uptown Bills, 730 S. Dubuque

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• Knitting Nurse, 2 p.m., Home of the WorkAid, 207 N. Linn

• East Side Farmers’ Market, 4-7 p.m., Old Town Villages, 436 Eastbury Drive

• Carnival Community Gala Concert, Bach Cello Suite, Stravinsky, Copland, Mozart, Feb. 17

• Concert, Mozart, Debussy, Stravinsky, Copland, March 4

• Choral Ensemble Gala Concert, Bach Cello Suite, Stravinsky, Copland, Mozart, Feb. 17

• Dance Department conversation and music with a global perspective, "Live from Prairie Lights," 8-10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

•Gathering, 4:30 p.m., 107 Ses- ter Building

• Live from Prairie Lights," Mark Leidenfrost and When Music Comes, 7:30 p.m., University of Iowa, 135 S. Dubuque

• Rent, Dreamweaver Theater, 7:30 p.m., University of Iowa, 10 S. Gilbert

• Sound of Noise, 8 p.m., Ryan., Big Fish, Cucamonga, 11:30 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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Byers just misses in javelin

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By DIAN MARTIN

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