Walkway project nearly ends

Iowa State University officials backed out of the AgriSol Tanzania project in February.

By KRISTEN EAST

AgriSol moving on, Rastetter says

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors discussed the contract for the 1105 Gilbert Court project Thursday.

By ANNA EGELAND

Crisis Center project moves ahead

The Johnson County Crisis Center might have room for expansion soon.

By ANNA EGELAND

Mural highlights Iowa City history

The new Wells Fargo mural depicts various scenes of Iowa City throughout its history.

By ERIC LIGHTNER

The T. Anne Cleary Walkway is undergoing major renovations to address ongoing maintenance concerns and improve accessibility.

By ALY BROWN

Walkway project nears end

The T. Anne Cleary Walkway is undergoing renovation this summer after 15 years to address facility issues, and officials say the project is on schedule to complete by Aug. 10.

Jennifer Hoffman, a University of Iowa Facilities Management project manager, said the main force of the construction is to fix ongoing maintenance issues such as deteriorating brick lining the walkway and removing short posts that have made snow removal difficult. The project also includes building a handicap accessible ramp into the Chemistry Building and an outdoor patio at the Blank Honors Center.

“We are making the brick area on the walkway smaller so there is not as much brick to maintain, and we need to reuse the brick that is there,” she said. “We are dealing with concrete that needs to be repaired and replacing where we need to.”

John Adam, Calacci Construction project manager, said the total estimated construction cost is $524,000, with $100,000 in concrete repairs and replacement and $55,000 for ongoing maintenance.
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**CRISIS CENTER**

**NEW BUILDING READY IN THE SPRING**

The Crisis Center was awarded a community development block grant for fiscal 2013 from Iowa City to cover $260,000 of renovation. The award was finalized at a City Council meeting on May 1. According to the Crisis Center’s proposal, released in April, this block grant represents a 20 percent investment in the project. The Crisis Center submitted a $400,000 budget to the supervisors, according to Hoffman.

Reseda said the approximate construction costs are estimated to be $800,000 and the four organizations are running a capital campaign to help raise enough money to cover the remaining costs. All four agencies will be hoping to save money... there is no downside to the project,” Reseda said.

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Independent films good for IC

This summer, Backstage Studios, an independent film company founded by University of Iowa alumnus Karl Patel, Tim Nash, and Joe Clarke, is making a movie that will likely do more than make Iowa laugh—it could even put Iowa back on the filmmaking map.

Since former Gov. Chet Culver shut down the Iowa Film Office in 2009 after a brisk start, the film industry in Iowa has been lacking, to say the least, but efforts to produce more films are likely to help turn around things.

For Patel, this film is shut down for supposedly misusing tax breaks and the program is suspended until at least July 1, 2013, according to Senate Bill 2381 of the Iowa Legislature.

Despite the fraudulent behavior in 2009, the Iowa Film Office had promoted the Iowa film business through tax incentives for big-time movie productions.

The Daily Iowan has reported that when Iowa Film Office founder Wondal Jarvis managed the office between 1994 and 2012, it generated approximately $120 million in tax incentives.

The film industry undeniably benefits licensees—producers have lived off tax breaks in the production and casts and crews stay in Iowa hotels and eat Iowa food. They might even decide they can make more films here long-term.

The movie being shot this summer is likely to be a fairly good one, and it should generate more attention. It is the third more Backstage Studios will release; its previous film, The Wedge, received three awards from the Cedar Rapids Independent Film Festival including “Best Feature.” The company plans to top that hit with this movie.

Joe Clarke, the producer and director, and a colleague a film critic from Iowa City have already vetted the film’s script. The Iowa Film Office’s director and other film industry experts have also vetted the script, producers have other options, and the current film is just too small to even benefit from the tax credits anymore.

“The three of us pretty much control everything, and we don’t have a ton of money,” Patel said.

He also said that although he team couldn’t benefit from the tax breaks, he still wants to promote a film industry in Iowa and agrees that the state should continue providing tax breaks for more producers.

“There’s a lot of cast and crew in this state who are super talented, as I would love if everyone could work in movie throughout the year,” he said.

It has been recognized for promoting Iowa in The Wedge, through the Iowa Connection Award, awarded at the Cedar Rapids Independent Film Festival last year. The award “is given each year to the film that best portrays the state’s physical beauty and the strong spirit of its people,” says the Cedar Rapids Independent Filmmakers’ website.

Although independent films such as The Wedge and The Formulas are not ultra-large Hollywood productions, they still allow talented licensees to act, film, and participate in the process of making movies, and they bring something to the community.

“I’ve been seriously into independent projects,” Clarke said. “We’ve been filming all over Iowa City and its center, business owners have been really receptive, and the film is going well. I always enjoyed working with people who see the movie and say, ‘I’ve been there. It was a little eccentric.’”

The movie industry is difficult to get into, but it’s profitable and usually promotes the community: There is plenty of talent and opportunities for growth in Iowa, and we should look for ways to attract more producers so that the talent can shine.

We may not have a state office attracting the attention of Hollywood producers and Hollywood representatives; however, several Iowa filmmakers are seeking to make it to the next level, and several independent films support us.

I would not count on this new Iowa-based independent film producer to be the savior of the Iowa film industry, but it could be a great start.

In his most recent film, Clarke has said that he has not yet had the chance to work with a large-scale Hollywood actor, but this is likely to happen in the future, when the film is ready for distribution.

For Patel, the new film could be the beginning of a new era for Iowa filmmaking, and with the proper support, it could lead to many more films being produced in Iowa in the future.

“The Wedge” is expected to be released this summer or fall, and a new film is expected to be released in the fall of 2014. The company plans to release at least one more film per year.

Letters

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor (‘Democrat’s health care reform bill is a fiasco’): Iowa, Republican candidate for Iowa’s 2nd Congressional District John D. Rutherford, says that the health care bill is a fiasco because “it does nothing to improve prevention or increase access to high-quality health care.”

Rutherford is a right-wing extremist who knows nothing about the health care problems in Iowa. In fact, he is not even a车子e of what the bill is supposed to do. He has not read the bill, and he does not know if it will help the people in Iowa.

The bill is designed to provide health care to all Americans and to improve access to the best, most cost-effective health care providers in the United States. The bill also proposes to increase funding for medical research and to provide incentives for employers to offer health insurance to their employees.

If John Rutherford, he did not propose to make any changes to the health care system, he would not be able to do so because he is not a part of the health care debate. He only has enough time to criticize the system and not help improve the current situation.

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Rastetter unsure on complaint

The Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement are calling for state Board of Regents President Pro Tem Bruce Rastetter to resign from his position on the board.

By JORDYN REILAND

State Board of Regents President Pro Tem Bruce Rastetter said he unsure whether the ethics complaint filed against him would be discussed when he resigns from the board. The Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement are calling for state Board of Regents President Pro Tem Bruce Rastetter to resign from his position on the board.

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Rastetter is the cofounder and managing director of AgriSol.

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"We analyze it afterwards by reliving each ride on the computer," Kearney said. "We’ll also create computer programs to identify where you were in the simulation and extract information out of it."

Ed Bryant, a civil engineer for the Florida Department of Transportation who was in Iowa to participate in RAGBRAI, said though he’s had a lot of experience working with bicycle safety as well as studying various topics on the issue, he’s never seen something such as this.

"I’ve never been to Iowa before, and I’ve always wondered if there was any emphasis that cycling is more than a recreational activity, especially with having such a nationally known event like RAGBRAI," he said. "But I’ve never seen anything quite like this."

The department is in the process of putting the finishing touches on a second bike simulator, due to be ready for operation next month. The second bicycle will allow riders to ride with one another, giving the department another variable for the study. Each participant will witness an avatar of their counterpart on the screen riding next to them during the experience.

"It’s going to be a real giant step forward for us," Kearney said. "It will have bigger screens and projectors, and overall, the technology with it is much more advanced."

UI Professor of computer science Jim Cremer said that once the dual riding experience becomes possible, more aspects of rider safety will be available to dissect.

"Like in an online multiplayer game, you’re controlling some version of yourself with team members. But instead using a joystick, you’re using the bike," Cremer said. "We could see if people will turn their head to talk to someone they’re riding with and how it affects their behavior."

The original simulator is in its 10th year of operation, but Kearney feels that it works just as if it was brand-new. He said that, even with its age, it continues to serve its purpose of teaching people about riding safely.

"We’ve changed a lot since it began because technology has obviously advanced over the past decade," Kearney said. "We just hope that what we learn will eventually reduce injuries among children."

OLYMPICS CONTINUED FROM 10

Olympics was my first that I can remember, and that was such a big thing to see all the countries come together and participate in sport. These kids are at the prime age to get excited about the Olympics."

The action continued with races. There was a three-legged race and the screaming race, in which the kids ran as far as they could in one scream, and the suitcase race, in which the kids dressed up in the provided outfits, ran to the other side, and undressed and gave the clothes to the next in line. If anything, these races were much more difficult than those in the Olympics.

"This is the only chance we get to bring all three neighborhoods together. Sometimes they will run into each other in the community, but the neighborhoods are far from each other," said Shanyla Shreck, the head of Breckenridge. "I believe that kids always should be exposed to opportunities to build good self-confidence, group interactions, and social dynamics. This is a natural way of doing it."
middle-school age even though the camp is open to third-grade players.

The RASH Alexander basketball clinic was originally planned to take place in June. July. She decided to have it today to allow more girls to attend.

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Alexander was a key player for the Hawkeyes. She started all 31 games her senior year, and she was nominated for the prestigious Wooden Award. She scored more than 1,000 points for her mother, but it will be fun

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Simulator aids bike research

The University of Iowa Department of Computer Science and Psychology have created a pair of bicycle simulators for studying child safety.

By TOM CLOS

The subjects of computer science and psychology can be tricky. They feature codes, formulas, and large words that can confuse even the smartest of people.

It’s a good thing the University of Iowa Computer Science and Psychology Departments developed some fun toys that can help translate it.

The two collaborated to create a pair of bicycle simulators that are used to study various aspects of child safety behavior in MacLean Hall.

“In order to understand what risks are involved with children and how to protect them, we need to know how little children differ from adults,” UI Professor of computer science and psychology Joe Kearney said. “The immediate focus of the study is to note in on these differences.”

The simulator starts with the child riding the bike “down a street” for several blocks before coming to a stop in front of ongoing traffic. When the subject restarts the bike on an attempt to cross the street, their timing is measured in comparison with adult subjects.

Kearney said that this contribution is one of only a handful in the country and that it differs from other simulators in terms of operation.

Unlike most virtual experiences, this one runs on self-initiated motion, he said. “It’s your physical experience that makes you travel in the virtual environment.”

The information from the ride is gathered without the child having to be hooked up to a piece of equipment.

The video is transmitted directly from the bike to a computer where the study is conducted.

Local centers hold ‘Olympics’

Iowa City neighborhood center day campers experience their own version of the Olympic Games for the first time.

By TAYLOR AXELSON

The Games in London are not the only Olympics this year. Competition has also taken place in Iowa City.

The athletes are just smaller.

Wetherby Park was the home of the junior women’s track, scoring most, and shot put, along with the many other activities that the Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County put together: Broadway, Pheasant Ridge, and Brokenridge neighborhood camps all met in one place for a force competition.

“Ours are always separated, and the themes of the Olympics is unity, and we wanted to do something similar for our campers. The kids have been asking every day ‘Is it the Olympics day?’” said Heidi DeBoer, the head of the Pheasant Ridge.

“We’ve been talking camp counselors about nutrition, things like that. They were able to pick up colors and the name of the countries. It’s really exciting.”

The kids have been preparing all week. They made T-shirts and replace of national flags from around the world. Hunt said.

A march of the “countries” was a long stream of little tie-dyed shirts all yelling the name of your country. After a competition of who could be the loudest team, all the campers sang the national anthem, reading the lyrics off note cards while a counselor held a small American flag above her head.

The campers have to bike the Olympic Oath, the same oath that every Olympic athlete makes at the beginning of the actual Games. The children put their hands over their hearts, as they said the words in unison. “I promise that we shall take part in these Olympic Games, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them...”

“What are you going to do with this?” said Coach Ray Fisher.

“I’m feeling pretty good,” [Tuesday] I got some playing time where I could do a little defense, and I

FORMER HAWKEYES IN ACTION

Former Hawkeye Kachine Alexander returns from playing overseas to host her own camp, the KASH Basketball Clinic, for young girls today in Iowa City.

By TAYLOR AXELSON

Kachine Alexander was known for her skills and passion as a former Hawkeye guard. She recently returned from playing overseas to host her own camp, the KASH Basketball Clinic, for young girls today in Iowa City.

With the help of her mom, Jennifer Davis, Alexander has made an idea that popped into her head recently into a reality.

“Before I even from the Iowa women’s basketball team, I was on Facebook asking if I would be at the University of Iowa. Kachine said. “When I walked the camp, the girls were helping keep us on the line. In the room, they actually gave me the idea. I wasn’t too sure about it, and they said that I should do it. I just went from there.”

Davis went about planning the basics for the camp while Alexander published it on Facebook. They needed to find a facility and the decision was already made on holding it in the Field House.

“All Kachine wants to do is give back to the community in a formal fashion. Davis said. “That’s the outcome. She wants to be able to help young ladies who want to be like her. She’s going back.”

Alexander took advantage of the digital age and media. There has been a lot of interest shown by girls of all ages.

“Kash” returns to teach

Then-Hawkeye guard Kachine Alexander laughs as she talks about her experience with Iowa women’s basketball after the Hawks defeated Illinois, 83-64, in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011. Alexander will lead a day camp for young basketball players, the KASH Basketball Clinic, in Iowa City today. (The Daily Iowan/Photo)

Former Hawkeye basketball guard Matt Gatens spoke with The Daily Iowan about his first few days in the Phoenix Suns NBA summer league.

By TOM CLOS

Matt Gatens will always hold a special place in the hearts of Iowa basketball fans for leading the team through a tough four-year transitional period. He also provided a lot of excitement in the伸展 of his career— trying to make an NBA roster.

The former Hawkeyes guard was not selected in last month’s NBA draft, but he signed with the Phoenix Suns for their NBA summer league camp. Gatens is now in Phoenix as a member of that team’s first two contests.

Daily Iowan: When did first practice go when you were on the court with professional athletes and not with students anymore?

Matt Gatens: It hit me pretty quick. At the camp and the first couple or three games, we had been getting a lot of good feedback. And then we got a lot of great experiences from playing with professional players and learning from all three coaches.

DI: How do you feel about your progress after the first two games of the summer?

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Gatens learns on the fly

Former Hawkeye basketball guard Matt Gatens

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