Female entrepreneurs lag

Women in Iowa are not keeping up with the national increase of female entrepreneurs.

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While women all over the United States are opening the doors to their small shops and managing their own businesses, their counterparts in Iowa have not followed the national trend.

Women in Iowa City and Cedar Rapids decided to take matters into their own hands and address the problem head on. The Iowa City-Cedar Rapids Corridor hosted an event March 29 to encourage partnership and networking among female entrepreneurs.

“I can feel lots of challenges, but they are all very passionate about growing their businesses,” said Yu Yu, the organizer of the event. “It's a very supportive community, so we just wanted to pull some resources together.”

American Express OPEN’s most recent report on women-owned businesses revealed that between 1997 and 2013, the number of women-owned businesses increased by 59 percent in the United States.

However, in Iowa, the growth rate was ranked at the 48th spot and showed only a 23 percent increase, according to the report.

“Iowa businesses reflect the national trend, but Iowa women-owned businesses do not fare as well,” said Diane Ramsey, the executive director of the Iowa Women’s Leadership Conference.

Ramsey said these rankings “absolutely” need to change in the future.

“Women-owned businesses across the nation are growing faster than any other sector,” — Diane Ramsey, executive director of the Iowa Women’s Leadership Conference.

Gateway nearing design phase

Iowa City is moving forward with yet another step in the Gateway Project.

BY DANIEL SEIDEL
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As the Iowa City Council prepares to make a permanent decision on the Gateway Project, residents stress the effort the project could have on their lives.

“The reason it’s important for our neighborhood is that by improving the bridges, our neighborhoods will be less likely to have to evacuate when there’s a flood,” said Yu Yu, the organizer of the event. “It's a very supportive community, so we just wanted to pull some resources together.”

The Gateway Project will improve the exits to Iowa City from east of Coralville, leading to an innovative system for future sustainable urban design.

Iowa GOP gets new head

Danny Carroll will now serve as the chairman of the state Republican Party.

BY KRISTEN LAST
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While the Iowa GOP’s State Central Committee tapped two social conservatives for last week’s leadership transition, the hope among many is that this transition in leadership will promote unity among Republicans.

The committee met March 20 to select Danny Carroll as the new head of the Republican Party in Iowa, who, until this past weekend served as co-chairman, was unanimously elected as co-chairman, who resigned earlier this month to join the United States Republican Party.

Carroll replaces former state chairman A.J. Spiker, who resigned earlier this month to join the United States Republican Party.

With the midterms primary season around the corner, Carroll outlined goals for the committee moving forward into the efficiency study.

Officials address efficiency

Regent officials promise transparency and public involvement for an upcoming efficiency study.

BY LILY AMBROSE
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University of Iowa officials, along with members of the state Board of Regents and representatives from Deloitte, an auditing and financial advisory firm, addressed public concern March 28 related to the efficiency study to be conducted at the University of Iowa.

“The public’s input is important,” said Regent President Bruce Rastetter. “Regents will not vote on anything resulting from the study without first hearing public input.

Rastetter also asked members of the public to voice their concerns at the regents’ offices in Coralville or through websites set up for each university.

“Everyone’s going to get to see the numbers, everyone’s going to get to look at those and be involved and have input in it,” Rastetter said. “If the students see waste … please say; we need them active and involved in the numbers; everyone’s going to get to input in it,” Rastetter said. “If the students see waste … please say; we need them active and involved in the numbers; everyone’s going to get to input in it,” Rastetter said.

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Additionally, the program serves sexual assault and domestic violence services in seven Iowa counties. The program has been beneficial, the executive director said.

Because domestic violence and sexual assault are labor-intensive, those two programs completely overwhelmed the sexual-assault program’s "sister," said Miller, executive director of the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Miller, 38, said the increase in the state’s allocation of money is a large increase in the state’s allocation of money, which is a large increase in the state’s allocation of money, which is a large increase in the state’s allocation of money. Miller said RVAP has not been handling the increase in demand, which has not come from the community, Miller said.

"I can only imagine how painful it was for the outgoing director to have to tell survivors to close their doors,” Miller said. "But they have been very, very good about explaining to us the reasons why the changes have happened and how they are doing things."

Under the new changes, Miller says the additional programs can access RVAP’s resources and meet with their county’s crisis centers.

The newly created program works as a case worker, Miller said. Miller said it is "very, very exciting" for the community because it brings together the different agencies to "make it a smoother transition."

"We served nearly seven percent of the victims of sexual assault and sexual abuse, Miller said. "I think the community will benefit from the women’s resource center and the women’s resource center will benefit from the community."

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ty-here in Iowa to do what other states do and in order to do that, we need to do it a lot sooner, have a focus on women-owned businesses," she said. Yu said the event goals was to help these women expose their businesses, network, get more back to the community. The pres- entations will start from Tuesday, and the council will finish the work to design phase. Yu said the council goal is the roughly $40 million project, which will also expand the University of Iowa City Public Works.

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The Council of Women in Business will occur in at the University of Iowa City Public Works in Iowa, Ferraro said the city will receive the response from the Central Committee. The study as it progresses, the city, and the city will not know where these women are, said he hopes the study be finished at the end of this fiscal year, as the city "will be able to get past some of these tensions and be able to become an effective organization for the party and get out votes for the party for this election cycle."

"The first big test will be to see how that shows for the Republican Party," he said.

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Iowa politics goes viral

L ast week, the Obama administration an- nounced that the deadline for individual to be up for health care was extended for 30 days as part of the Affordable Care Act would be extended from the original deadline of March 31 to early April, despite its previous insistence that the end of March would be the last day for prospective insurance buyers.

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Many of the dogs that have been searched, officials said, have already been searched, and Tim Prager, leader of Washington Task Force 1, a search-and-rescue team, said Sunday, “At this point, there’s no food on the mountain, so there’s no reason to search up there again until the water drops back down.”

Rescuers should get some new leads Monday if the water continues to recede, and the team has already started to prepare for another, two-hour search after long hours in the cold and wet conditions on Saturday and Sunday.

“By the end of the day Sunday, we can low their sensing ability of over­-worked, officials said.

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— “Isle of Druids & Celtic Warriors? Britain on the Eve of Roman Invasion,” Archaeological Institute of America Iowa Lecture Program, 6:30-9 p.m., 116 Art Building West

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NEW YORK — Shabazz Napier did it. Again.

He could have transferred when his academic issues barred the Huskies from the NCAA Tournament this past season, but the guard wanted to pay back the school for the joy of a national title his freshman year, for his struggle as a sophomore. Napier did that Sunday, earning UConn back to the Final Four in front of thousands of roaring Huskies fans at Madison Square Garden. He scored 17 of his 25 points in the second half in a 60-54 upset of fourth-seeded Michigan State.

The East Region's most outstanding performance opened with three free throws with 30.6 seconds left, making clutch shot after clutch shot past Keyoman Wilder did the damage. Napier was a freshman.

"The will to win — you really can see it," said big man Adreian Payne, who had 13 points and six rebounds. "The Spartans are a great team. This is what we needed to do because we knew that last shot, it was going to be a big shot.

The Spartans' senior center, who had four players recruit by Tom Izzo to fail to make a Final Four. "As the game got closer and closer, it was on my mind a lot, every free throw," said Adreian Payne, who had 23 points and nine rebounds but repeatedly pushed to the perimeter for UConn's defenders.

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Women's track third at invitational

The Hawkeyes placed third at the invitational, scoring a 425.600, well behind Arizona State and Arizona teams. The Iowa team included freshmen Alexis Guster and Alexis Hernandez and sophomores Montayla Holder and Lake Kwaza. Holder, Guster, Hernandez, and Kwaza teamed with freshman Brittany Goodell to win the javelin for the women's team.

Two Hawkeyes had impressive field performances. Senior Drew Clark also performed strongly in the field events and sprints. Hull won the discus championship and set a school record with a toss of 48.73 meters. That mark is fourth in Iowa history. Goodell also set a school record in the hammer throw, clocking a 48.75 to finish fourth. Jared Ganschow also scored in the event, finishing 12th in the 16-pound weight throw.

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Iowa baseball drops two of three against Michigan

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All three games were determined by 2 or fewer runs. Iowa lost the first game 3-2, then lost the final two, 4-2 and 6-5. Iowa's first matchup with Michigan was all about sophomore pitcher Calvin Matthews, something Iowa head coach Rick Heller was quick to point out.

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