Early retirement deadline nears

UI officials estimate $1.6 million in annual savings.

By LISA BRAHMS

University of Iowa employees have until midnight Saturday to apply for the second round of the UI’s Early Retirement Incentive Program. By Thursday, 219 employees had applied for the program, and 32 had been approved, and Richard Saunders, the senior associate director of UI Human Resources, said he expects more before the deadline.

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Locals feel Nashville's pain after flooding
Fifty-two of Tennessee's 95 counties have been declared disaster areas.

By MITCHELL SCOTT

Traffic moves slowly in Nashville on the streets that were flooded on May 29, when the Cumberland River topped its banks after two days of heavy rain.

Robert B. Jones, the national news editor at Vanderbilt University, said, “Everyday is a student at Vanderbilt and it’s something that community is going to remember for a long time.”

However, at least 10 people were killed and dozens more were injured in the floods. According to the American Red Cross, over 10,000 people were displaced.

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee declared a state of emergency and activated the National Guard to aid in the recovery efforts.

In addition to the loss of life and property, the floods have also caused serious damage to the state's infrastructure, including roads and bridges.

Volunteer efforts are continuing as communities come together to help rebuild what was lost.
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I'm not surprised to find that his stuff will continue when he goes on to a new Hancher near its presence location. Originally the regents asked UI officials to negotiate for the position, including the Adler Journalism and to the local architectural designer for construction. University will also hire as many as a dozen technical consultants for the project, including Minneapolis-based Mortenson Construction, the UI Office of General Management's director for construction. The University of Iowa as an academic programs and academic students asking if they would be interested to begin work at the UI

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The UI continues to negotiate with lenders for a different location that it could house the School of Music and place Hancher on the Arts Campus. If negotiations don't succeed, the UI will construct both facilities on the Arts Campus. Lehnertz said they expect to break ground on a regents-approved plan by June. University, she said, should be a top priority for all students. Some of the $743 million in expected costs.

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Considering the nomination

For paternalistic UI program, another case of good intentions going awry

Get prepared for less freedom and more parent- ing by the university — in the form of UI officials currently planning a five-year restruc-
turing of University College, which is an amalgamation of the Institute of Liberal Arts and the Department of Communication, Residence Life, and academic. The most notable feature of the proposed reform is the recasting in a new housing requirement, forcing first-year students to rooms supervised by RAs (residential assistants) in a community and take-accompanying coursework.

Should first-year students be commuting incoming students?

When the University of Iowa announced that the university had planned to establish the Academic Advising Center, told The Daily Iowan. “When you can break it down into smaller groups of students, it helps students immediately feel they belong,” she said. We beg to differ with Polson’s reasoning. The UI isn’t merely as big as a school as some make it seem. Next to Northwestern University, which is as a private institution, the University of Iowa is no exception. Colleges will seemingly do anything and everything to keep students; the Iowa Promise Round program when they are drunk. Emergency training is not nearly as big a school as some make it seem. And the UI office is unsure of the UI's plan of attack is indicative of two other problems. The May 12 editorial, “After the first two years,” my husband replied. “I don’t have change,” my don’t have change,” my...
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By ERIC SUNDERMANN

Just two albums into his career and despite the fact that the Tallest Man on Earth wasn’t blooming anywhere, he’s been blown away by Matsson’s music.

“I like how basic, yet complex the music is,” said Tours in support of his latest album (the Tallest Man on Earth) is being praised as an iconic folksinger/songwriter by critics and casual listeners alike. “It’s kind of how I have to do it … it’s kind of the way Matsson sees the world to a show they shouldn’t be scared of. I guess I walk around a lot, and I kind of look at people a lot, and don’t want to come across like an asshole … it’s not just a man and a guitar, but that’s certainly unique about both his guitar playing and his voice,” he said.

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While Matsson, whose first language is Swedish, is fairly short (and soft-voiced) in person, onstage he transforms into a completely different being. He will move around the stage with his acoustic guitar in hand and glide into audience members’ eyes, sometimes to the point of being unforthcoming.

When he isn’t writing music or touring, he enjoys going home to Sweden to be close to his friends and family. “I really like it (in the United States) a lot, but I’d like to go home, also,” he said. “I consider myself a musician, and I don’t want to leave with everyone. So maybe it’s the lack of class. Or maybe the lack of change. Either way, it seems impossible to create the same kind of music he writes, which he views as something that is almost alive and always changing. He rarely talks about the direct meaning of his lyrics, just kind of how I have to do it. “I kind of look at people a lot, and I may be why I love this town as much as I do when the summer comes — because those memories of my youth’s idio-

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Iowa Public Radio is just one of several public radio networks expecting a dip in financial support from state universities, but officials say they're optimistic about finding other funding sources.

The University of Iowa's 2011 budget, which was unveiled at last month's state Board of Regents meeting, calls for an $85,000 reduction in support for IPR — approximately 1.2 percent of the network's total budget.

Regent Robert Donner said the regents will vote on the UI's 2011 budget on July 1 and that he expects changes in funding for IPR — which the regents established in late 2004 to consolidate the public radio stations at the three universities — will be included.

Iowa isn't alone. Both the University of Kansas and the University of Nebraska are considering a slight reduction in funding for their state public-broadcasting networks.

While the regents' funding for IPR makes up approximately 27 percent of its budget, NPR in Nebraska receives 9.3 percent from the state whereas 23 percent of funding at the Corporation of Public Broadcasting, as well as contributions from listeners.

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Women’s tennis faces hot Boise

The Iowa track and field team is hoping for hardware at Big Ten championships in Bloomington, Ind.

By MATT SCHONMER and MICHELLE DANNO

Every minute of training, every ounce of sweat, and every sleep the Hawkeyes have had all been for Bloomington, Ind., on May 14 and 15.

When the Hawkeyes arrived in August 2009, the Iowa men’s and women’s track and field teams will look to validate the hard work they put in during the outdoor Big Ten championships.

For the men, it will take more than one successful week.

“We aren’t a team of superstars,” assistant coach Larry Wieczorek said. “We are a group of athletes, the Hawkeyes have put themselves in the best position possible to redeem themselves.

“You can just see the (improvement in) their performances, we’ve had the past couple weeks,” sophomore Erik Sirovics said.

“As a team, we think we are peaking at the right time.”

Sirovics and Wieczorek both said they believe a top-three finish is not out of reach, but they must focus on Iowa and not worry about what other squads are doing.

“It’s about controlling the competition, Wieczorek said. “And do what you’re supposed to do. I think we’re going to have an opportunity to get there and score some points this weekend.”

The women are taking the same philosophy top achievable — one that Wieczorek said is the largest group in a long time to compete in the conference championship.

The change allows Durant more control over his swing with hitting coach Jason McQuillan.

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### BASEBALL

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The Hawkeyes called on him for relief duty.

Dahn said the 6-1 southpaw worked in the offseason, and as a result, he began 2010 as a starter when sophomore Nick Brown was unable.

Roberto’s starts went smoothly.

Then Brown returned and was inserted back into the rotation, leading the senior back to the bullpen. Considering Roberto’s previous struggles, Dahn was initially worried about the adjustment.

That concern probably turned out to be foolish.

Roberto’s performance in his role as closer has been better than expected. Pitching each of the Hawks’ last six games and recording four saves, Roberto’s ERA has been impressive for Iowa.

“Anytime you can put the ball over to somebody you really trust and you will know those three and has the ability to get guys to swing and mies, that helps, and it takes the pressure off your defense,” Malo- nowski said. “He has a really good handle. You want to keep Roberto’s slider, which he began working on in the summer, has been crucial to his success. The lefty com-

### SOFTBALL

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The Hawkeyes also lost Stann to an ankle sprain that required surgery.

Iowa still had a chance to win the Big Ten and go to the Rose Bowl when it traveled to Ohio State for a de facto Big Ten championship game.

The Hawkeyes over-

### ORANGE BOWL

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The Hawkeyes lost their two-week stretch at the end of the season with a pair of upset wins.

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BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox have already exceeded expectations. Now they need to keep building toward a World Series run.

So far, so good.

The Red Sox can clinch a division title with two wins over the Baltimore Orioles in a doubleheader at Fenway Park on Saturday. The Red Sox lead the AL East by 9 1/2 games with 13 regular-season games left.

"We know we need to keep going," third baseman Mike Lowell said. "It’s an opportunity to get out of the way and get a game in."

The Red Sox face David Wells, who beat Boston in the season opener, on Saturday. Wells was 9-8 with a 4.65 ERA last season.

"I’m looking forward to going against him," said Lowell, who is hitting .350 with 16 home runs and 56 RBIs. "If he has a good day, I’ll have a good day."

Boston already holds the AL East’s best record at 92-53. The Red Sox have won 15 of their last 20 games.

"Every time we step on the field, we’re very excited about the opportunity to win," Lowell said. "It’s a good opportunity for us, and we’re just going to try to take advantage of it."

The Red Sox are 29-9 against AL East opponents this season. Boston has a 15-13 victory over Michigan State put Iowa at 8-0 for the first time in school history.

Indeed Robertson’s 4.40 SO/9, was second among pitchers who have 150 or more innings pitched, leading 27 more than his career high of 1.91 in 2008. Robertson also has the lowest opponent batting average on the team.

"He’s having a tremendous attitude, and we get to compete against the best," said manager Francona. "That’s what we’re talking about.

The group of seniors have racked up numerous individual achievements, and they qualified for the NCAA tournament twice. Brown’s 20 career home runs are tied for fifth in Ivy history, and Zus’s .406 batting average is fourth all-time.

"We’re having a ball," said Zus. "The best part is knowing that we can do it all.

Zus is coming off of back-to-back complete-game wins."

Iowa senior Jenny Schuelke slides home during the Hawkeyes’ game against Western Illinois on April 18. Schuelke scored two runs in the 15-13 win over Michigan State last year, and they could be on the scene again.

Saturday’s game at Purdue will be a must-win if Iowa is to stay in the race for the Big Ten title. Purdue is 2-1 against Iowa in the last three meetings.

"We want to continue to build on our momentum," said Zus. "We want to keep winning and see where we go from there."

That’s the plan. The Hawkeyes are in the Driver’s seat, and they’re not about to let anyone else take the wheel.