Students, lawmaker spar on House Omnibus Bill

The House Omnibus Bill proposes $776.3 million in education spending for fiscal 2012.

By LUKE VOELZ

A Republican lawmaker told University of Iowa students they were part of a “political circus” while the students lobbied for more education funding at the Statehouse on Monday.

“You just put forth the effort to be part of political propaganda in a political circus,” Sen. Shawn Hamerlinck, R-Keokuk, said during a hearing at the Statehouse. “I don’t do it like when students actually come here and lobby for funds. That’s just my opinion. I wish you guys the best… but this political theater — leave the circus to us.”

These comments came as students from the three state Board of Regents’ universities fought for increased regent spending at a legislative hearing on a Republican-sponsored budget bill Monday.

UI law student Michael Appel said at the hearing that diminished funding would drive up tuition, forcing him and other high-debt students to reduce funding would allow them to reduce the fine for violating the 21-only ordinance.

City councilors will decide whether to reduce the fine for the 21-ordinance.

By Ian Schmit

Violations of Iowa City’s 21-ordinance may see considerably smaller fines next month after a vote by the Iowa City City Council tonight.

Councilors are slated to vote on whether to lower the fines for first-time underage patrons found in bars after 10 p.m. and create a tiered fine system.

“This is for the students, this will take away the terrorizing fine that keeps some students from coming downtown,” said Ray Patela, the University of Iowa Student Government City Council liaison. “It’s nice to see it come to light.”

The proposed tiered fine system under consideration would lower the fine for a first offense from $300 to $25 (plus an additional $25 in fees). A second offense would raise the fine to $250 and a third offense would raise the fine to $500.

The Daily Iowan
Saddling up for Alzheimer's

By JONATHAN BERNDES

His story may not have tremendous staying power in the way of an old veteran with a war wound scar on his face. But it does have one thing he wants to share.

Bill Taylor, 68, began his research at the University of Iowa Monday to raise money for Alzheimer's research at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics.

"I've had a lot of friends who've left this world," Taylor said. "I have at least three friends with it. Hopefully, we can help find a cure to this disease." He said that when he lost his wife, he realized that she was taking a turn. Of course, he was afraid of it. "It's terrifying."

He said the 25-year-old daughter believes that with today's technology we are finding a cure.

He believes that Alzheimer's is a disease of the 21st century. It's contagious, he said. "I believe it is a contagious disease, but it's not the same as the kind of disease we are thinking about now."

Taylor is not a doctor, but he has a passion for the disease. He's been involved in the research since 2003 and he has a passion for it.

"I believe this disease is spreading. I think there are a lot of people who have it, but we don't know the cause," he said. "I think it's contagious because we don't know the cause."

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EDITORIAL

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It is a false and reprehensible claim to say that the Constitution or the Iowa state Constitution guarantees the right of a provider to offer abortion services. The Constitution does not guarantee such a right.

The bill seeks to give the state broad powers to decide which doctors and hospitals will serve the public. It would allow the state to determine which providers will offer abortion services, even if those providers are located outside of the state.

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Ticket packages
Tickets can be purchased in four packages, ranging in price from $40 for children under 18 to $75 for VIPs. The latter package includes "preferred seating," a parking space, and a special program, all limited edition items.

"I was able to see this auction," said Caprice. "I remember slum- ming down a grill and drinking a little in between, and then it was like, 'Here we go again.'"  

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Point/countertop: In which event will the Hawkeye track team perform best at the NCAA championships?

HOLMES CONTINUED FROM 8

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The four men who will bring the gold to Iowa City, but the venue in Des Moines since 1967.  

The 2011 NCAA outdoor track and field championships will begin on Wednesday in Des Moines, and everyone who can make the trip should go — not just to experience all that the State Capital had to offer for the cam- paign, but also to watch the top distance runners in the land.

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today's events

• Story Time, 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
• Story Time, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry

• Bicycle of Iowa City Tuesday Morning Ride, 9 a.m., Wobser Elementary, 3850 Robert Road
• Tech Help Tuesday, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 E. Linn

• Toddler Story Time, 10:10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
• Gourmet Garden Cooking with Fresh Herbs, 11 a.m., Hy Vee, 1720 Waterfront
• Farmers’ Market, 5 p.m., SunnyCrest Mall
• Little Library-Community Writing Center, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
• June Party, 5 p.m., Model, 322 E. Market

• Summer Reading Recommendations, 6 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
• Latin Dancing, 7 p.m., Field House
• Dance Party, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 135 E. Linn

horoscopes Tuesday, June 7, 2011, by Karla Zdanowicz

AQUARIUS

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CAPRICORN

If you think something is good, you’ll run it and not the other way around. Keep company with people who motivate you and improve your life. Keep company with people who motivate and inspire you. Don’t take love granted now.

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Taurus

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**Hawk runs rare twofer**

Ethan Holmes, a sophomore hurdler, sets up for a practice lap at the Cintas Center Track on Monday. Holmes is the only hurdler in the country who will compete in both the 110- and 400-meter hurdles in Des Moines later this week.

**By Ben Schupp**

Of the 47 athletes competing in the 110- and 400-meter hurdles at the U.S. Olympic Wrestling Trials in Des Moines, only one qualified to run in both events -- Iowa's Ethan Holmes.

"I would say he has gone beyond our expectations," Iowa men's track and field coach Larry Wieczorek said.

Qualifying for both hurdles is quite the accomplishment for arguably the team's most improved runner from a year ago.

The Hawkeyes eked out the No. 12 spot at the 2011 NCAA Indoor Championships within minutes of when they became available. Iowa assistant coach Joey Woody said it is "very rare" to have an athlete run at Holmes' level in the two events, which are quite different races.

"There are so much longer in the 400 hurdles -- hurdles take anywhere from 15 to 16 steps between jumps, compared with those steps in the 110 hurdles. That event is more about speed than sustainability; because runner's strides are cut down.

"Ethan's had to learn how to flip the switch between the speed and power in the high [110] hurdles, and the 400 [hurdles] that is more of a rhythm and endurance race." Woody said.

What makes Holmes' qualifying more impressive is that he is the first Hawkeye ever to reach the NCAA finals in both events in the same year.

Put McGee was a successful hurdler in the late-80s for the Black and Gold. At the school record holder in both events, McGee was a three-time All-American -- in the 400 hurdles and once in the 110 hurdles.

That event McGee McGee won the the finals of both events in the same season.

"The sport hasn't seen a steady," Wieczorek said. "He appears to me to be a guy just doing the same thing every day and living the right lifestyle, living the life of an athlete."

"It's taking things like the little things, the nutrition, the rest. To me, he seems like a guy for whom this is really important to him. That is his focus."

Holmes credits his practice schedule for some of his success. During the week, workouts for each event are separated so he is never practicing for both events on the same day.

**Thrilling week ahead**

Tickets for the U.S. Olympic Wrestling team trials went on sale on Monday, ranging in price from $40 to $175.

**By Seth Roberts**

The U.S. Olympic Wrestling trials are still about a year away, but it's never too early for fans of the sport to start planning.

Tickets for the event, which will take place in Iowa City on April 21-22, 2012, went on sale at 9:59 a.m. Monday.

While The Daily Iowan wasn't able to obtain the exact number of tickets sold, numerous people announced via the trials Facebook page that they had reserved their seats within minutes of when they became available.

Reynolds, a clinical technician at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics, was one of those people. The North Liberty resident said she ordered her tickets in mid-April through the reserving process instituted because of Carrier-Hawks Eye Arena's ongoing $47 million renovation.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," she wrote in an e-mail. "As a part of something that is (something) you could never replace. [Curtain] will be rolled down."

Reynolds and the rest of the wrestling patrons will be greeted by a bronze statue of legendary Iowa wrestling coach Dan Gable, which will be unveiled in the plaza outside the arena's main entrance next spring. The statue is meant to be a reminder of Iowa's long history of excellence on the mat, a factor that U.S. Wrestling Executive Director Rich Bender said played a large role in Iowa City landing the trials.

"It's a wrestling state, it's a wrestling city, it's a wrestling school, and a wrestling facility -- the expectations experience will be second to none," he said in a video posted to the trials' official website. "The athlete experience will be one of the best, maybe, in our history."