Despite spat, City of Lit stays
Iowa City remains a ‘City of Literature’ despite the U.S. dispute with UNESCO.

By MARY KATE KNORR
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Iowa City will keep its title as a UNESCO City of Literature despite the United States’ decision to cut its ties with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

“We’ve been advised that the United States will maintain its membership in UNESCO for at least two years (without funding the organization),” said Janeen Plak, the executive director of the Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature.

“If, in two years’ time, the U.S. federal government taxes the UNESCO budget and divests itself from UNESCO, and the United States loses that membership, we are not aware of any reason that a creative city would lose its title (as a UNESCO City of Literature),” Plak said.

Chastity Dillard, the director of the University of Iowa’s International Writing Program, said Iowa City will most likely be financially affected by the funding cut.

“In my conversations with the State Department and the national commissioning agreement of UNESCO — the fund cut — doesn’t have any bearing on Iowa City’s ability to continue with the original proposal for the designation of UNESCO City,” Dillard said.

Secretary of State John Kerry announced Tuesday that the U.S. will exit UNESCO and Mission to UNESCO.

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University of Iowa senior Jessica Padilla, a Latina Native American Cultural Center student, stands in front of the University of Iowa campus on Oct. 27. The fall, there are 1,334 Latino students enrolled at the UI. (The Daily Iowan/Ashlyn Cooper)

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Dykstra: I don’t recall

Brian Dykstra and Lisa DeWard lived with their son for roughly four months before he died.

By Eric Moore

Brian Dykstra told a jury Tuesday he didn’t remember a lot about the period after his son passed out six years ago.

Dykstra was charged in 2019 with a child abuse charge, a crime that carries a maximum sentence of 20 years. Dykstra testified Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2025, in front of the jury.

Assistant Attorney General Charlene W. Smith was holding Dykstra’s head, Dykstra said, and then in his lap, and then was going to the bathroom, according to the case.

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“I don’t remember any of that,” Dykstra said. “I don’t remember basically any of that period of time, and then being driven to the hospital, and the rest of it.”

The case against Dykstra involves the death of his son, a young boy who died after being abused by his parents.

In April 2025, the jury found Dykstra guilty of child abuse and sentenced him to 15 years in prison.

Dykstra is currently serving his sentence at the Colorado State Penitentiary in Canon City.

Metros

Council considers tax regulations

The city council is considering possible changes to tax regulations that could impact local businesses.

Under the proposed changes, certain businesses could be exempted from certain taxes. The council is also considering increasing the sales tax rate.

The changes will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Two face new drug charges

Two men were arrested on drug charges after police said they found evidence linking them to drug activity.

The men, who were identified only as John Doe and Jane Smith, were charged with possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia.

The men were booked into the county jail pending further investigation.

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Paul Adkins, 36, of Dallas, OR, was charged with parole violation and is currently in custody at the Multnomah County Jail.

Michael Johnson, 25, of Portland, OR, was arrested on suspicion of assault.

Natalie Franklin, 34, of Salem, OR, was charged with pimping and is currently in custody.

Galen White, 28, of Medford, OR, was charged with possession of a firearm.

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Andrea Rodriguez, 30, of Eugene, OR, was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Krista Ford, 32, of Salem, OR, was arrested on suspicion of drug paraphernalia.

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Devin Taylor, 28, of Salem, OR, was charged with burglary.

Jennifer Hill, 29, of Oregon City, OR, was arrested on suspicion of theft.

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Bob Smith, 30, of Portland, OR, was charged with unlawful use of a vehicle.

Samantha Green, 23, of Eugene, OR, was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Betty Peterson, 40, of Medford, OR, was charged with assault.

David Johnson, 28, of Portland, OR, was charged with theft.

Carlos Rodriguez, 26, of Eugene, OR, was charged with possession.

Victor Smith, 25, of Portland, OR, was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Amy Williams, 24, of Medford, OR, was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

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Students seek tuition town hall

Student officials said the initiative, if approved, would likely start in January.

By DORA GROTE

University of Iowa students' leaders want tuition increases to be more transparent and open to public scrutiny through a tuition town hall meeting.

Tuition increases will continue to be a hotly debated topic on campus, but students hope to add public input to the process by means of a proposed university–student government partnership.

“I think that the student body has a right to have a voice in this process,” said Alison Kiss, the executive director of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority and a UI senior.

The proposal would allow students to speak directly with the regents, who control the budget for the UI and the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

Kiss said the idea came from listening to UI students at a student–administration meeting earlier this month.

“People try to get into more neutral language that isn’t based on any particular gender,” she said. “Non instead of saying they, they say our. (Not picking a term that can mean both men and women, they could get some criticism for that.)

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Although the meetings’ details are still preliminary, Kiss said the proposal would bring the three universities together.

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Maximize UI’s local return to garner state investment

As of now, the state board of Regents appears to be heading in the right direction. Among the goals regents have set are to reduce all in-state student tuition rates at all three of the state’s public universities. In recent years, state budget cuts have forced universities to look outside the state for revenue. It’s true that UI’s student body is itself a testament to the efforts and ingenuity of its students. However, the university needs to move its focus from providing public services to supporting public interest. This means protecting public interest and state support and state funding to combat rising rates of college inflation.

The responsibility of any public flag to function is the more functions of providing education to students and managing institutions. The way UI, the state, or any other higher-level management has and the high-cost construction of auxiliary facilities—have had an impact on UI’s lower student population and the state’s students who pay into the appropriated students. Considering out-of-state students’ vital monetary contribution, the university should continue to pursue a nonresident student fee. The fee might help to finance the infrastructure of UI and provide a source of income for universities. By doing so, UI will continue to support nonresident students and help to balance the state’s budget.

For UI to be a leading university in the 21st century, it must lead the way in providing educational opportunities on a global scale. The university should be proud of UI’s first and foremost. While the university’s contributions to the state needs to be tested, the state should not stop providing financial support to UI. With this in mind, the university should be encouraged to collaborate with each other and work towards greater financial stability for all public universities.

Letter

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Padilla said such scholar-ship programs enabled students to attend a four-year college, unlike many of her Latino peers in her community.

And many organizations, such as the UI Latino Council and Center for Diversity and Enrichment, work to provide opportunities for Latino students to increase their college attendance and offer scholarships to help Latino students.

Barron said the UI is a multiracial and multicultural campus, with about 13,000 students. “Win-son, noting that space

said Mario Duarte, the head of the UI Latino Council — a faculty-staff organization created to help Latino students.

“We talk about the two-school-days are going to be a big hit at our school,” Duarte said.

“UI programs help students financially through scholarships as well as the Pen Pal, summer institute, and other school programs,” said Mario Duarte, head of the UI Latino Council — a faculty-staff organization created to help Latino students.

“The UI has resources that were not available at the University of Iowa,” said Assistant Provost for Admissions Michael Duarte.

“The UI junior said he was satisfied with the huge jump in Latino college enrollment. “We’re probably the only university that has a student to get the idea of how

expanding the permit on that one issue. I don’t see a com-promise on that issue.”

The permit Occupy Iowa City received on Oct. 20 included a few restrictions such as no tents or other structures that were not a part of the original permit permit.

The issued permit stated no more than eight-to-tent inmates were allowed on the green, which protesters stated would be difficult when colder weather was approached.

“We’re going to fight to the six-man tent limit, because that’s what our legal representa-Tony Hudson, noting that sparc-his older brother to school out of town, and they helped with my parents. They didn’t have the oppor-tunities, so it was up to them for them to get the idea of how

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FEMA collects building input
FEMA will take comments via email for 30 days.

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“I think this is going to be a bit about that experience,” he said.

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Junior long snapper to the kick was Jason Wendt and sophomore Sam Weddell had never seen a better one. White said coaches had told the team to be aware of a possible onside attempt, but the Gophers had to make a perfect lid-up to keep it in bounds.

“Most of the time I was back of the mind at the time,” White said. “But it was kind of different, so we didn’t do anything special, just kind of knew something was up and we weren’t prepared.”

Beavers, who didn’t look finished with 12 for the points and James Ellisored Bemidji State 45-23.

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Minnesota to a 71-58 exhibition.

Coach really wanted to see Minnesota to hang around a lot of things well.”

“They looked a little

Mbakwe said. “I think we

just didn’t convert on a lot

opportunities this week

from front of us,” said Brunz. “I hit a lot of

points and didn’t roll in enough

Lionic’s other two scorers

were Ian Vandezande and Brad George, who scored 14 and totaled 43. The

Gophers rebound from a second half in which they allowed an easy lay-up

to redeem ourselves.”

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and prove to everyone we

scored 29 of the

goals in the Big Ten.

against Michigan State.

so few decent rounds

at 218 and tied for 30th.

Named to the league’s All-

Freshman team.

Lacasse and fellow freshmen

were named second-team All-Big Ten.

Enfield switched from midfield to defense at the

start of the season; she has started every game in her

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was too late for Bemidji to

allow the Beavers to hang around

through the second half to

hit 10 3-pointers to keep the

Hawkeyes on this year’s

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new features to recover the ball and run a man-to-man defensive transition.

Mike Sager scored two field goals in the first half from 24 yards away and one from 45.

The sophomore is now 10 of 11 from the field for the second-most field goals in the Big Ten.

“Mike Merry is a good

kicker,” Ferentz said. “We all have games like that. The best ones happen. Not the best, but he’s got a chance to be a really good player here.”

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McNeil: a finalist for award

The Iowa women’s golf team is coming off a four-round stretch where they placed fourth in Big Ten play, seventh in the Big Ten Tournament, tied for seventh in the NCAA Regional and tied for 12th place in the NCAA Championship.

Kirk Ferentz said on why the conference decided to stretch the regular season—because it received an automatic bid to the Big Ten Tournament: "We have to get back to what we know we’re good at: running the football. We don’t think that we can get too many more opportunities to do that."

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The Hawkeyes are rated 17th in the Associated Press poll and 24th in Bracketology. They have won three of their last four games.

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The Iowa women’s golf team took a step back on Tuesday at the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational. The Hawkeyes are rated 6-4-2 in the Big Ten.

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