Easing ethnic gaps

Iowa City high schools have a smaller disparity between Latino and white graduation rates when compared with the entire state.

By MARISKA MILECK

Iowa City School District officials are hoping a series of after-school programs will combat local high-school graduation rates.

Pam Ebly, Iowa City School District director of instruction, said district officials have been concerned about the ethnic disparity among achievement rates in local schools.

"Though the gender graduation rates between Iowa City high schools are even, the ethnic achievement gap is large," she said.

An Iowa School Profiles study supports Ebly’s concerns. Graduation rates for local African-American high school students in 2009 were around 77 percent, or 15 percentage points lower than white high school students.

The study pointed to a similar disparity nationwide, with African American high schools trailing white peers by almost 20 percentage points.

Although local Latino, high school students were only 5 points less compared with white students, the same groups saw a 15 percentage point disparity statewide.

The district’s Diversity Focus group developed the LENS Student Leadership Series that academic year to combat graduation disparities by educating students.

A panel discussion on state of women in the Iowa Legislature and judiciary was held on Thursday. The panel, made up of four women judges in Iowa, was part of the Women in Iowa Law & Politics event hosted at the Boyd Law Building.

According to the Center for American Women and Politics, as of 2012, women hold 90 of the 535 seats in the 112th U.S. Congress. Having more women in Congress would add a much-needed diversity of voices and opinions, several attendees said at Thursday’s event.

“We are good at politics — they know how to organize and bring people together,” said former Sen. Maggie Tinsman, D-Rotterdam, who now runs a consulting firm. “We need women who would lead our country.”

Confab: Politics needs women
Dorm bug uses some
The photo didn’t receive much attention until someone shared it on Facebook, Carr said.

**By Joanne Reardon**

Residence-hall food is eating beet after a photo of what was described as a bug in a Burger MarketKlein bag gained attention on Facebook this week.

Dorm officials said they responded to the issue and removed the item from the menu when they heard about the incident in November 2011. But someone said they are still concerned about the quality and safety of the residence-hall food.

U of I freshman Lauren Cross, a resident of Bartlett Hall in November and found something that resembled a maggot in a her Korean pork Carr said and also went to the bug office to report it.

Carr posted the picture on Facebook. It didn’t get much attention until this week, when it was reported on the UI Peace Page. 

Some residence-hall residents said the photo has turned them off to dining hall food.

"After that maggote picture went around, I feel less comfort at my 850 every time I go there to eat," Csorba said. "I definitely don’t eat that mundane food anymore," she said. "I think I have been three times."
A new window separates visitors and workers at the County Attorney’s Office of the Johnson County Courthouse on Tuesday. The $13,000 glass was installed for security reasons, environmental factors, and to minimize noise. (The Daily Iowan/Becky Mead)

By BETH BRATSOS

Johnson County officials have added approximately $13,000 in new security glass at the Courthouse, but many Courthouse workers want additional security measures.

County Attorney Janet Lyness said the glass, installed around two weeks ago, was built to help with noise distractions on the first floor, create a barrier between employees and patrons, and make the physical environment more comfortable. The increasing number of Courthouse cases alongside a new number of Courthouse patrons, and make the first floor lobby, Neuzil said it does not alleviate the need for increased security through the existing Courthouse Office doors, which are made of frosted glass, first floor doors are behind the glass, but other office doors are still unprotected.

“We’ve had very big concerns of who’s coming in here,” she said. "Having security also involves having physical space where you can separate people."

Superior Court Judge James Neuss said the supervisors are still in the process of figuring out how much to bond for the Justice Center, which would be built near to the Courthouse.

"We have a situation where a Courthouse is out of space," he said. "We continue to try to parcell out what we have to do until we ultimately build a new Justice Center.

Neuss said he hopes to have the referendum issue will make it to November’s ballot, and if approved by voters, to begin the process and have the center up and running thereafter. The estimated cost of the center is currently in the $44 million range, he said.

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GUN DOWN THE NEW BILL

WILL HATTEN

The new gun bill at the University of Iowa House has little potential to do good and great might be detrimental. It’s that bill that is unnecessarily being used by the state legislature. It will lead to lower liability-costs for gun insurance companies because of the lossened chance for litigation and actions relating to use of deadly force. That’s why these corporations participated in writing the bill with the other members of the House.

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of a Facebook-like platform and online auctioning sites such as eBay. The goal, they said, is giving students and other schools eventually.

Harper said program directors are trying to take a more holistic approach to getting students involved on the community.

“This program brings more attention to students’ goals of becoming more involved in the community and the community’s goals of changing the perception of others,” he said. “The struggle has been difficult for them, because some people refuse to change from dictating things instead of listening to them.”

Tutor Universe, which began in Iowa City in 2007, offers academic support for local high-school students and education on civil-rights issues.

Education officials agreed students at risk of achievement disparities often need such guidance and assistance.

“This is an important issue because it does not just target one specific group,” said Chad Simon, the executive director of Tutor Universe. “Some students do not have the resources at home, and these programs help execute success for the future through early intervention.”

Some University of Iowa officials agreed. “Not every student has the role model at home,” UI Admissions Office Director Emil Rinderbush said. “Early intervention through these programs help execute those students’ success for the future.”

The lack of Iowa women in politics boils down to inequality, Tinsman said. “Women are leaders already in their communities, we need them in the Iowa Legislature, and in Congress, and in the Governor’s Office as well.”

Tutors at Tutor Universe offer a variety of tutoring services covering most academic programs:

• Haley Writing Center
  Engineering Writing Service
• The SMN Team
• Advisers and Assistants

Tutor Universe continually updates volunteer mentors — ranging from writing mentors to more academic-tutorial labs. Overall, the UI offers 10 different services covering different areas.

Tutor Universe is not affiliated with the UI. But Penny Kauler, the coordinator for the UI’s Campus Information Center and Tutor Reference Service, said Tutor Universe’s lack of referral requirements may impede students who use it for university classes.

“One of the priorities we have with this (off-campus UI tutor) service is making absolutely sure that all of the tutors that are here with us are 8 or 10 or all in the classes they want to tutor in,” she said. UI student tutors must also have at least 50 hours of college credit, she said.

Michelle Nakaue, assistant director for the UI’s Writing Fellows Program, said she’s fine with students looking for tutoring from non-university sources.

“I think there is a lot of demand and the demand is so much greater than what any service on campus can provide,” she said, noting the center must occasionally turn students away. “I think that anyone who is writing or studying should be able to get it if there is a service that is offering it.”

The Rhetoric Writing Center assisted more than 2,000 students last semester with programs including face-to-face tutoring, online tutoring, and the Writing Fellows Program — a curriculum-based peer tutoring program.

But Tran and Hornbeck said they don’t envision their plans taking away from any of the UI’s or local area’s tutoring businesses.

(But) we are trying to do a real thing,” Tran said. “It’s quite small, but it’s three villages. We are Ph.D. students and we want to start a business. We are working hard to help a lot of people, not just in the U.S. but people around the world.”

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**There are no horoscopes in today's issue.**

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**Instructions... Bah, Say, Bah**

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-- John Adam
Meanwhile, Northwestern's Stuff McGhee will be a key in helping the Big Ten erosion team. The Luann Liggitt-led Wildcats finished last in the field of 68. They're the only Big Ten school that has made it to the Sweet 16 three times in the last five seasons.

GATENS CONTINUED FROM 10

Meanwhile, Northeastern's Brooke McWilliam is going to help ensure an invitation to the Big Ten. ESPN.com basketball analyst Erin Lentini listed the Huskies among her three schools that she believes could make the Big Ten tournament field in 2013. Lentini also has the Huskies penciled-in as one of the three teams that will win the conference title, along with Maryland and Duke. The Huskies are the last team in the conference tournament field in four of the last five seasons.

Soccer hires new aide

The Iowa soccer team announced the hiring of Heather Hoerr as its new assistant coach Tuesday. Hoerr will replace Stephanie Benbow, who left the program in January.

Hoerr replaces Benbow as the university's third head coach in the past five years. She replaces Benbow, who was one of the most successful coaches in women's soccer history and had been with the program since 2005.

"Getting another head coach is never easy, but we are thrilled to welcome Heather to our program," women's soccer head coach Bobcat said. "Heather has been a part of the program for the last five years in various capacities and is one of the most qualified people in the country to assume this role. She has a wealth of experience in coaching and player development and I believe she will be a tremendous addition to our program."
By CORY GOODWIN
city-quietsports

The Iowa Hawkeye softball team will compete in the Big Ten Tournament this weekend. The tournament begins Friday at 10 a.m. and will continue through Sunday.

"We're not the same team we were in the fall. We're not the same team we were in the fall," said the team's head coach, Lisa Haas. "We've been injured. We've been ill. We've been healthy. We've been ill and healthy. We've been healthy and injured. We've been healthy and healthy.

The Hawkeyes are 8-6 after two or three combinations of doubleheaders. The team finished 1-2 against Oklahoma State, 2-0 against Notre Dame, and 2-0 against Iowa State.

"The last chance meets are also prime opportunities for athletes who have been injured," Haas said. "The 40-40 400 relay team of Erin Steffen, Laura Cross, Sarah Johnson, and Mary Washoin will feature one Iowa recruit in the race.

Despite the team's struggles, Haas is confident in her team's potential. "The pressure is on us to perform our best," Haas said.

"The final opportunity to make the NCAA meet is on April 13th in Missouri," Haas said. "We've worked hard this season. The women's squad has been injured. The 4x400 relay will be the first step toward fulfilling that potential."
The Hawkeye wrestlers are seeded low, but they're ready to redeem themselves at the Big Ten championships.

**BIG TEN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

One more shot at Huskers

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BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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The Iowa wrestling team is the No. 1 seed in its conference tournament. The Hawkeyes fell, 77-72, on Feb. 19. "The Nebraska game is the matchup we want, " head coach Brands said. "It's going to be our best test of the season, and we're going to have to win to advance to the next round."

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