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Do you know where university photographer Bob Elbert found this ladder-like layout?

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**Meet Faculty Senate president Micheal Owen**

Aside from several task force topics, Faculty Senate president Micheal Owen also foresees continued work on budget issues that impact faculty.



Owen

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**Loan fund can help departments achieve green goals**

There are lots of green initiatives happening all across campus. Departments that want to save money and energy may want to consider applying for a Live Green revolving loan.

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**Meet P&S Council president Mark Clarridge**

Increased staff workloads, professional development opportunities and work/life balance are among the issues Professional and Scientific Council president Mark Clarridge expects to address this year.



Clarridge

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Former Cyclone long-distance runner Lisa Koll sets lofty goals for herself. And she's knocking them off, one by one.



Lisa Koll

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University photographer Bob Elbert shot the roof of the skywalk connecting Hoover and Howe (visible) halls.

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**Micheal Owen**  
**Faculty Senate president, 2010-11**

**The basics**

**Position:** Associate chair and professor, agronomy

**Arrived at ISU:** December 1982, assistant professor, agronomy

**Owen's top goals**

- Increase faculty participation in senate business
- Help faculty recognize the senate's opportunity to participate in shared governance with central administration

**Senate priorities**

- Budget
- Filling faculty lines to meet increasing enrollment demands
- Monitoring how budget-related changes at the department and college levels affect faculty
- Continued work on major curriculum changes
- Task force work on several topics (for example, post-tenure review and a five-year review of the student affairs office)

**Senate's biggest challenge**

"Getting through the changes that are almost inevitable in the academy because of the budget. Faculty need to be as nimble and

**Owen's senate service:**

Senator (1998-2004, 2005-09) and president-elect (2009-10); resource policies and allocations council member (1999-2001, 2003-10); Agriculture and Life Sciences caucus chair (2002-04, 2005-09); executive board (2002-04, 2005-10); committee on committees member (2005-09) and chair (2009-10);

flexible as they can be. Change is difficult, but unfortunately with the way the budget has gone, change has to occur. We will have to adjust to that. The academy in the next few years is going to look very different than the academy that was here when I started."

### **Owen's thoughts on the year ahead**

"Faculty Senate will be extremely busy this year, moving forward in addressing those issues that are important and supportive of the faculty, continuing to strive to enhance shared governance, and working closely with central administration."

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appointments for  
research task force  
member (2005-10);  
vet med task force  
member (2005-06);  
business and finance  
committee chair  
(2008-10);  
nontenure-eligible  
teaching task force  
member (2008-10)

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## Loan fund can help departments achieve green goals

by Paula Van Brocklin

With so many environmentally conscious initiatives taking place across campus, don't let the Live Green revolving loan fund opportunity get lost in the shuffle. Can't recall what it's about? Here's a quick refresher. Detailed information about the fund, its requirements and recently completed projects also are [online](#).

**What it is:** The \$1 million fund, established in 2008 by president Gregory Geoffroy, provides interest-free loans for ISU projects that promote energy conservation and sustainability. The projects, initiated by departments/units, must show a return on investment, reduce annual operating expenses, decrease greenhouse gas emissions and lower energy costs.

**Eligible projects:** Any university department may participate in the loan fund. No idea is considered too small ([see project ideas](#)). The maximum loan amount is \$100,000. Projects should be completed in one year. Since the fund was established, 15 projects have been completed.

**Repayment:** Annual loan repayments begin one year following the approved project's completion. Departments must repay the loan with the project's savings, which helps fund future initiatives. The entire loan must be repaid within five years. If the project's savings does not cover the cost of the loan, the department must make up the difference.

**How to apply:** [Applications](#) are available online. The applying department must have approval from its chair before submitting an application. Following approval, the application should be sent to the Live Green loan fund committee, 108 General Services Building. The committee will review the application and respond within 30 days.

**Progress reports:** Once a project is approved and under way, the department must provide semiannual progress reports to the loan fund committee until the loan is repaid.

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**Mark Clarridge**  
**Professional and Scientific Council president, 2010-11**

**The basics**

**Position:** Systems support specialist, U.S. Department of Energy's Ames Laboratory

**Arrived at ISU:** 1993, systems support specialist, Ames Lab

**Clarridge's top goal**

- Work with administration, faculty and merit staff to meet the demands of record student enrollment in a very tight budget year

**Council priorities**

- Addressing increased workloads for P&S staff, a byproduct of budget cuts
- Improving learning and professional development opportunities
- Advancing work/life balance accommodations
- Monitoring the resource management model

**Council's biggest challenge**

"Addressing the compensation and benefits needs of our constituency in a tight budget year."

**Clarridge's thoughts on the year ahead**

"Despite the budget cuts and increased workloads, P&S Council needs to continue to be an active participant in the decision-making process. P&S staff play a key role in the process of ensuring

**Clarridge's council service:**

Council member (2006-10) and president-elect (2009-10); awards committee member (2006-07) and co-chair (2007-09)

continued growth of the institution. I encourage our constituency to be involved in the P&S Council. The university administration has given P&S staff a platform to voice its thoughts and concerns through council representation. Take the opportunity to be involved with council for the greater good."

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Fans are encouraged to carpool and use smaller vehicles, rather than bring buses and RVs. Early arrival to the game also is advised.

Paved parking lots at the College of Veterinary Medicine and all donor lots are expected to remain accessible. Public parking options include the use of central campus parking lots after 5 p.m. The free CyRide orange route (No. 4) will operate from the Kmart parking lot (1405 Buckeye Ave., off South 16th Street), beginning at 5 p.m. and run until after the conclusion of the game. Riders are cautioned that wait times between shuttles, especially after the game, could be long.

All available stadium-area lots open at 1 p.m. Thursday. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. Public parking costs \$20 per car (\$40 for RVs and buses, which are discouraged for this week's game).

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Among her many victories as a Cyclone, Lisa Koll captured both the 5,000- and 10,000-meter runs at the 2010 NCAA outdoor track and field championships in June in Eugene, Ore. *Photo by Geoff Thurner.*

## Koll-powered achievement

by Mike Ferlazzo, News Service

Like most new students, Lisa Koll had goals when she arrived at Iowa State as a freshman. She wanted to get her degree in biology. And after being a track and cross-country state qualifier at Fort Dodge High, she hoped to become a college All-American someday, too.

Koll earned her degree in three years -- summa cum laude no less -- and was accepted into Iowa State's veterinary medicine program.

She became an All-American even faster, earning honors in cross country as a sophomore. Koll eventually would be an 11-time All-American who won four NCAA and nine Big 12 track championships while setting the all-time collegiate record in the 10,000-meter run (31:18.07). And she topped it off by earning the 2010 Honda Sports Award in track and field as the nation's top collegiate female athlete in the sport.

## The possibilities

Talk about your overachiever. As someone who never won a high school state championship, Koll became a poster child for women's distance running.

"Being an All-American was my goal for my whole collegiate career when I was a freshman," said Koll, who also is an academic All-American. "I just wanted one All-American, and so to do that my sophomore year kind of opened up a whole new realm of possibilities for the future."

Her possibilities now include running in the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London. Koll finished second in the 10,000 meters at the USA Outdoor Championships at Drake Stadium on June 24, then signed to run professionally for Nike.

### **Veterinary training interrupted**

She'd still like to be a veterinarian someday. But her decision to downgrade that priority last summer may have allowed her to bounce back from an injury-filled junior season, when she admits that she wasn't getting enough sleep while juggling too much.

"I spent the summer kind of re-evaluating things and asking, 'How important to me is running?' And I realized that I wasn't ready to give it up," she said. "I wasn't ready to hang up the spikes and just be happy with whatever happened in my last year.

"But I worked really hard to get into vet school and it's something I was really passionate about. I just had to decide which one is going to be more important to me at the moment," Koll continued.

"Running has a timeline and I'm not always going to be able to go back to running, but I can always go back to school. So I talked to the dean, and everyone at vet school was really accommodating."

### **Embracing the lifestyle**

Koll said all ISU faculty were willing to work with her throughout her busy Iowa State schedule. But she also made a commitment to a lifestyle for success, too.

"Distance running takes a sort of commitment and drive and dedication that doing well in the classroom does too, so the two really go hand-in-hand," Koll said. "It's a lifestyle -- get up, run, study, eat, sleep. That's really all you have time for.

"So, when some people say 'How did you do it?' it was really just a choice," she said. "I don't think it was really that difficult. It was more of just being committed to [the lifestyle] and finding joy in being successful in those things."

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## Employee resiliency workshops available

by Paula Van Brocklin

Feeling a bit stressed and overwhelmed? You're not alone. Stress is part of our daily lives.

Employee and Family Resources (EFR), Iowa State's employee assistance program provider, is offering a seminar on how employees can better recognize and manage their stress at work.

"Resiliency in the Workplace" will be offered three times:

- Sept. 8 (noon-1 p.m., 3512 Memorial Union). This class is full; a waiting list is available.
- Sept. 21 (4-5 p.m., Cardinal Room, MU)
- Oct. 5 (noon-1 p.m., Pioneer Room, MU)

The workshop's objectives are to help employees:

- Identify personal stressors
- Develop a resilient attitude when dealing with stress
- Implement resilience qualities and behaviors to overcome the negative impact of stress
- Learn and apply new skills to deal with stress

After reviewing EFR's course offerings, human resource services staff determined this workshop would benefit employees.

"We felt that this session would be of the greatest benefit to the greatest number of employees," said Mike Otis, associate director of HRS.

To register for one of the three workshops, log on to [AccessPlus](#), click on the "Employee" tab, select "HRS Training," then "Courses." Scroll to find "Resiliency in the Workplace."

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## Moving water

by Diana Pounds

The man who stopped on campus Aug. 12 with a pickup load of bottled water didn't identify himself other than to say he was an Iowa State alumnus from Cedar Falls who wanted to do what he could to help. He dropped off 66 cases (nearly 1,600 bottles).

The generous stranger was one of many who stepped up when the university and city needed drinking water in the aftermath of recent floods that compromised the city's water system. Here's quick look at the movement of water (bottled, that is) around campus.

## Unlucky breaks

On Wednesday, Aug. 11, water main breaks under floodwaters drained city water towers and also may have contaminated Ames water, which supplies Iowa State. City officials subsequently alerted the community not to consume any Ames water unless it had been boiled.

Fearing that drinking water would not be restored for a number of days, city and university officials scrambled to collect water for free distribution around campus and the community.

## Bringing in the bottles

Norm Hill, director of central stores, managed the comings and goings of much of the water on campus. He applauds vice president for business and finance Warren Madden and ISU's critical incident response team for making a quick decision to buy water.

Two truckloads of water (some 3,000 cases) ordered Wednesday were on campus at 8 a.m. Thursday. The water soon was being passed out to employees who needed to work at the otherwise-closed campus and to students who were already in town.

"Buying water early also ensured that we'd be in a position to be open Friday," Hill said.

Soon thereafter, more water came pouring into the city of Ames and university from various businesses. Iowa State received another 3,000 cases, either directly or through donations funneled through the city.

### Businesses providing water to Ames, ISU

- Anheuser-Busch\*
- Hy-Vee
- Miller Brewing
- Nash Finch\*
- Pepsi
- Sam's Club

\*Direct donation to ISU

The city of Ames also received water from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), but Iowa State didn't need any of that water, Hill said.

## Still cooking

The university was closed Thursday, Aug. 12, but people needed to eat. Dining director Nancy

Levandowski purchased approximately 2,400 cases of water so that employees could keep cooking through the water emergency. They used bottled water for food preparation and handwashing.

Levandowski opted not to use boiled water in any of the cooking operations.

"I felt it was too high a risk to take when cooking for so many people," she said.

During the water emergency, dining services fed ISU's athletics teams, community assistants in the residence halls and students participating in the Greek system's fall rush.

"I was very proud of my team," Levandowski said. "We were still feeding people. We made box lunches for them, so they could be out and about doing what they needed to do."

### **Water, in reserve**

The campus and Ames community got the good news that tap water was safe to drink late Sunday afternoon, Aug. 15. Hill said 240 cases of bottled water went to Destination Iowa State (Aug. 16-18), an introductory program for new students. Some water was offered to the Story County Emergency Management Office.

Hill said ISU is hanging onto approximately 1,000 cases for future emergencies or other uses.

"They have a couple of years before expiration," he said.

### **Who was that man?**

Officials may never know the name of the Cedar Falls alum who dropped off all those bottles. But Hill said he told the donor, in a phone conversation, that his water had been sent to the power plant to help workers dealing with floods.

"He was a happy camper," Hill said.

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## Search begins for next vice president for extension and outreach

The search is under way for the next vice president for Extension and Outreach. Executive vice president and provost Elizabeth Hoffman recently identified a 22-member search committee.

The committee will seek a successor to Jack Payne who left the position to join the University of Florida, Gainesville, where he is senior vice president for agriculture and natural resources and directs the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences dean Wendy Wintersteen and associate provost David Holger will co-chair the search committee.

Final candidates likely will visit campus in late 2010 or early in 2011, and the position is expected to be filled by June 30, 2011. Nominations for the post may be submitted to [vpeo2010@iastate.edu](mailto:vpeo2010@iastate.edu).

Members of the committee are:

- Wendy Wintersteen, dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- David Holger, associate provost for academic programs and dean, Graduate College
- Jane Borst, bureau chief, Iowa Department of Public Health
- Nancy Franz, associate dean, Extension
- Patrick Halbur, professor and chair, vet diagnostic and production animal medicine
- Jane Haliburton, Story County supervisor
- Susan Henderson, regional director, Extension
- Himar Hernandez, field specialist, Extension
- Steven Jacobs, Iowa Farm Bureau Insurance; member, Citizens Advisory Committee
- Brian Kemp, board of directors, Iowa Soybean Association
- Craig Hill, vice president, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation
- Terry Maloy, president, Iowa Association of County Extension Councils
- Micheal Owen, professor and associate chair, agronomy; president, Faculty Senate
- Mike Ralston, president, Iowa Association of Business and Industry
- Mark Reisinger, CEO, Agribusiness Association of Iowa; member, Citizens Advisory Committee
- Luis Rico-Gutierrez, dean, College of Design
- Caroll Schreiber, council member, Iowa Association of County Extension Councils
- Mark Settle, director of communications and external relations, Extension
- Jon Sukup, junior, agricultural and biosystems engineering major
- Bill Tomlinson, board president, Iowa 4-H Foundation; production director, Pioneer Hi-Bred
- Ruth Wilcox, account manager, Center for Industrial Research and Service
- Penni Bryant, executive vice president and provost office (staff support to the committee)

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The Iowa Stater restaurant at the Gateway Hotel opened Aug. 31. *Photo by Bob Elbert.*

### **Familiar name for a new restaurant**

During 27 days in August, the former Audubon's restaurant in the Gateway Hotel was converted to a new 105-seat restaurant, The Iowa Stater. Named after the former alumni newspaper (published 1974-2002), the restaurant has a casual atmosphere and features "comfort food with flair," according to executive chef Joe Weisz. Entrees range from \$7 to \$22.

The Iowa Stater is open during the week for breakfast (6:30-11 a.m.), lunch (11 a.m.-2 p.m.) and dinner (5-9 p.m.). Weekend hours are slightly modified. A full-service bar is open 4-11 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Two private dining rooms may be reserved in 3-hour blocks for a small fee.

The Iowa Stater offers several daily discounts, including ISU Day on Mondays (faculty, staff and students who show their ISUCard and alumni association members receive 20 percent off of food) and the popular "10 on Tuesday" -- a holdover from Audubon's in which any item on the dinner menu costs \$10 or less on Tuesdays.

The Gateway Hotel and Conference Center is owned by the ISU Foundation.



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## Fall lectures lineup runs from hilarious to sobering

by Anne Krapfl

Environmentalists, journalists and funny people are among those who will visit campus this fall as part of the university lectures lineup. Lectures program events typically are held in one of the Memorial Union's main floor ballrooms, and are open to the public at no charge. The lectures program works with a wide range of university offices, departments and organizations to fund and host these events.

The entire [lectures schedule](#) is online and receives frequent updates. Here are a few highlights from this fall:

### A funny September

The Sklar Brothers (11 p.m. Sept. 10, Great Hall, MU) and Reggie Watts (8 p.m., Sept. 18, Stephens) bring their comedy shows to Iowa State this month. Twins Jason and Randy Sklar are veterans of cable networks (ESPN's *SportsCenter*, *Comedy Central Presents*, HBO's *Curb Your Enthusiasm*), network programs (*Grey's Anatomy*, *Becker*, and Conan O'Brien and Craig Kilborn's shows), radio (guest hosting on Jim Rome's sports talk show) and stand-up comedy.

ISU Lectures program

Free-form comedian/musician Reggie Watts, who recently toured with O'Brien, is Iowa State's annual fall comedy opener and the closing event of Engineers' Week on campus. His material ranges from the history of Google and the Internet to absurd monologues performed in various accents and voices. He creates music on the spot using only his voice and a looping machine.

### Journalists speak up

CNN TV correspondent and business roundtable host and Iowa State alumna Christine Romans (1993, journalism) returns to campus for the second time in two years, this time to deliver a seminar in the "Technology, Globalization and Culture" series in the College of Engineering (6 p.m., Oct. 6, Howe auditorium). Romans has a new book this fall, *Smart is the New Rich: If You Can't Afford It, Put It Down*. Her talk will focus on the "new normal" in consumer values.

*Wall Street Journal* editorial page editor Paul Gigot, who received the 2000 Pulitzer Prize for commentary for his column "Potomac Watch," will talk about the future of opinion journalism Sept. 21 (8 p.m., Stephens). Gigot is a frequent guest on television programs such as *Meet the Press*, and for eight years was Mark Shields' weekly partner on PBS's *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*.

An opinion journalist of another kind, cartoon strip creator Nicole Hollander will recall 30 years of what she calls "graphic misbehavior" during her Sept. 9 talk (8 p.m., Sun Room, MU). Hollander's syndicated cartoon strip, *Sylvia*, appears in more than 80 newspapers. She also has published two books (*Female Problems* and *My Cat's Not Fat, He's Just Big Boned*), and a collection of essays, *Tales of Graceful Aging from the Planet Denial*.

## Sustainability series

The lectures program and the university's Live Green initiative will co-sponsor four lectures this fall. *Biofuels Digest* editor and publisher Jim Lane will give an update on biofuels Sept. 23 (7 p.m., Benton Auditorium, Scheman). Lane also is chairman of the American Biofuels Council.

Michael Nelson and Kathleen Dean Moore, editors of a new book, *Moral Ground: Ethical Action for a Planet in Peril*, will lead a town meeting on the same topic Sept. 29 (7 p.m., Sun Room, MU). Moore is on the philosophy faculty at Oregon State University and has written or edited nine other books. Nelson has coauthored or edited three other books in the area of environmental philosophy and is a faculty member at Michigan State University.

Author, former *New Yorker* magazine staff writer and environmentalist Bill McKibben will talk about sustaining life on a "tough new planet," the topic of his latest book, published in April. His talk is Oct. 14 (8 p.m., Great Hall, MU). McKibben's 350.org campaign is organizing an international day of climate action for Oct. 24.

And Bette Otto-Bliesner of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, uses computer-based models to investigate and report on climate variability over the last million years. She will talk about what could happen with climate change during her Oct. 21 lecture (8 p.m., Sun Room, MU). Otto-Bliesner was a lead author for the intergovernmental report on climate change that shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with Al Gore.

Here are a few others you might enter in your personal calendar:

- Literary journalist and travel writer Pico Iyer will give a Sept. 16 (8 p.m., Great Hall, MU) talk titled "Global Souls: Citizens in the Future Tense." Iyer's most recent book (2008) is the bestseller, *The Open Road: The Global Journey of the Fourteenth Dalai Lama*, based in part on conversations with the Buddhist monk spanning 33 years.
- Jeff Ma, a member of the mid-1990s MIT blackjack team expertly trained in card counting, was the basis for the main character in the 2002 book, *Bringing Down the House*, and the 2008 film, *21*. His sports media company, Citizen Sports, uses numbers and metrics to help businesses build their brand and retain customers. Ma's talk, "Playing the Odds to Win Big in Business," is Nov. 3 (8 p.m., Great Hall, MU).
- Anne Mulcahy, former CEO (2001-09) of the Xerox Corp., is board chair of Save the Children, a humanitarian organization working to improve children's lives around the world. Mulcahy's Nov. 17 (7:30 p.m., Sun Room, MU) leadership talk will focus on how leaders develop followers and her belief that successful leaders are authentic.

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