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Spring cleaning

Campus services crews are working to clear winter debris and spruce up campus, just in time for Veishea.

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ISU banners resurface as tote bags

The colorful vinyl Iowa State tote bags that arrived this week in the University Book Store are made from retired banners that once flew along University Boulevard. How'd that happen?

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Regents request input on presidential search

What qualities should the state Board of Regents look for in its search for a new ISU president? Individuals who want to share their thoughts on this question can post comments on a public website. The board also will hold a public forum on campus April 27.

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Post-tenure review changes clear the senate docket

With just two meetings left in the academic year, the Faculty Senate is working to clear its docket. Changes to the post-tenure review policy were among the items approved at the April 5 meeting.

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This prom's the bomb

ISU Dining hosted "Prom Night" at two of its dining centers March 31, going all out with an ice sculpture, disc jockey, decorations and more.

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Veishea gears up next week

Central campus BBQs, tournaments of all



Banner tote bags

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- Campus memorial service for Jim Hopson is April 30
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The Stars Over Veishea production of *Kiss Me, Kate* begins its two-weekend run April 8 at Fisher Theater.


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- ISU friends, alumni to be honored

kinds and lots of free entertainment. Yes, it's Veishea time, and the festivities are gearing up next week. Find out what's taking place April 7-14, before the main event next weekend.



ISU Dining's prom night

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Nice to be outdoors

Campus services teams are busy these days, helping the ISU landscape transition from winter to spring. (Pictured) a team mulches tree branches along the Veishea parade route in the northeast corner of campus. *Photo by Bob Elbert.*

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Street banners get a second life as tote bags

by Anne Krapfl

They're new -- well, sort of -- but vaguely familiar.

To save you some brain racking, we'll tell you up front: The colorful vinyl Iowa State tote bags that arrived this week in the University Book Store are made from retired banners that once adorned the median on University Boulevard.

It's one way the office of University Marketing office can participate in Live Green efforts, said Marcia Anderson, project coordinator. Wind, sun, moisture and repeated use take a toll on the vinyl banners and eventually they wear out, she said.

This winter, Iowa State sent 91 old banners from University Boulevard, plus the two oversize Live Green banners that hung in 2008 on the east side of Beardshear, to Traverse City, Mich.

That's where **priorLIFE**, a subsidiary of banner giant Britten Inc., created the bags. You may recognize Iowa State's multi-language welcome banners, blue/red welcome banners or Live Green banners in any of the bags.

priorLIFE says each of its products is unique, created randomly from a banner or banners. At last count, the company estimated it would create about 330 totes from Iowa State's 93 banners.

The tote's dimensions are 17 by 14.5 by 4.5 inches. It'll retail for \$29.99 and the net profit from each bag will be returned to the university's banner program.

"We expect them to be popular. Each one is a unique piece of university history," Anderson said.

Bookstore marketing manager Amy DeLashmutt said the bookstore expects to sell the totes into student orientation in June, as long as there are bags remaining.



Photo by Bob Elbert.

This label is sewn into each tote bag:

In my prior life, you may have seen me as a banner on a building or on a light pole on University Boulevard at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. When I retired, the Office of University Marketing recycled me into this

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tote bag, a one-of-a-kind piece of university history.

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Your turn: What qualities should ISU's next president have?

by John McCarroll, University Relations

What qualities should the Iowa Board of Regents look for in its search for a new Iowa State University president?

The regents are seeking feedback, beginning today. Those interested in sharing their thoughts on this question can [post comments online](#). All comments will be public. Both the Iowa State and board of regents homepages have direct links to this site.

In addition, the board will host an open forum from 5 to 6:30 p.m. April 27 in 275 Scheman Building. Anyone who wants to discuss the leadership priorities and desired qualities of ISU's next president is invited.

"Although we're in the early stages of organizing the search process, we think it's important to hear from students, faculty, staff and other individuals who have an interest in Iowa State and the selection of the new president," said board president David Miles.

"Our objective is to launch a successful presidency, not merely to hire a new president. Identifying the desired qualities for the next president of Iowa State is a key first step, and we want to make sure we provide convenient ways for people to share their opinions," Miles said.

President Gregory Geoffroy announced on March 25 his plans to step down no later than July 31, 2012. He will continue as president until a successor is named.

Consultant will assist board

On Tuesday, the board of regents issued a request for proposals for consulting services to assist the board in the presidential search. Miles said a limited number of firms will be invited to make presentations to the board at its April 28 meeting at Iowa State. Presenting firms will be asked to recommend best practices for a successful presidential search process. Miles said the regents expect to approve the formal search process at their June 8 meeting in Iowa City.

Share your ideas at public forum

- April 27, 5-6:30 p.m.
- Room 275 Scheman
- Hosted by the Iowa Board of Regents

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Post-tenure review revisions clear the senate

by Erin Rosacker

The Faculty Senate was able to clear a long-standing item from its docket, finishing work on proposed revisions to the post-tenure review policy at its April 5 meeting.

Introduced in January, the policy changes (Faculty Handbook [section 5.3.5](#)) clarify the steps for post-tenure review. Guidelines were established for peer review timelines, outcomes (superior, meeting expectations or below expectations) and administrative roles in the process. Senators worked through another batch of proposed amendments Tuesday -- accepting four -- before giving the policy final approval.

Two items of old business were postponed until the April 19 senate meeting, including proposed changes to the faculty conduct policy ([section 7.2](#)). The revisions, which have been extensively debated since December, add procedures for handling cases in which faculty are not fulfilling their responsibilities (unacceptable performance of duty). Changes to the academic program approval process ([section 10.8.1](#)) also will be called up for a vote.

Other business

Three other docket items earned senate approval at the meeting, including:

- A request to change the name of the women's studies program (to women's and gender studies)
- A proposal to create a university outcomes assessment committee charged with reviewing undergraduate education
- A draft of the new [conflicts of interest and commitment policy](#) available in the policy library

Senators will vote on three motions introduced by the academic affairs committee at the April 19 meeting, including:

- A sustainability minor, administered by a cross-disciplinary committee with members from the colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Design, Engineering, and Liberal Arts and Sciences
- A bachelor of design in the College of Design
- A name change for kinesiology's sport and culture minor, to sport and recreation

On the ballot

Elections were held to fill some open council positions. The winners were:

- Veronica Dark (psychology), athletics council representative
- Dan Robinson (educational and leadership policy studies), athletics council representative
- John Jackman (industrial and manufacturing systems engineering), resource policies and

allocations council chair

- Michael Martin (landscape architecture), judiciary and appeals council chair

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This prom's the bomb

It had a little bit of everything: a dance floor and disc jockey playing the hits, official prom photographer, a bubbly beverage served in stemware, "Unicorns in Love" ice sculpture, a self-appointed prom king and queen and lots of laughs. Even Waldo made an appearance. ISU Dining hosted "Prom Night" over the dinner hour at the Union Drive and Maple-Willow-Larch dining centers March 31, and dozens of students played along. *Photo by Bob Elbert.*

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Veishea BBQ buttons are available for \$5 at the University Book Store and through AccessPlus. Photo by Bob Elbert.

Veishea gears up next week

by Paula Van Brocklin

Most faculty and staff probably won't be in Veishea mode for about another week, but there are several events leading up to this year's Veishea weekend (April 15-16) that may pique your interest.

Everyone has to eat

Tired of your normal lunch routine? Purchase a Veishea BBQ Button for \$5 and enjoy lunch on central campus Tuesday, April 12, through Friday, April 14 (11 a.m.-2 p.m.). Buttons are available at the University Book Store in the Memorial Union, and -- new this year -- through AccessPlus.

To order your button online, log in to [AccessPlus](#), click on the "Employee" tab and then "Campus Org Events." Select "Browse Open Events" in the left column and click "Veishea buttons for faculty and staff." You have the option of paying electronically through your bank account or through U-Bill.

Not sure you want a button? A look at this year's [menu](#) may entice you. And if you still need a nudge, buttonholders can receive discounts during Veishea week at the University Book Store and at numerous other [Ames businesses](#). You must have your button with you to receive the discounts.

Tournaments, anyone?

There's no shortage of tournaments during this year's Veishea celebration. Co-ed slowpitch; punt,

pass and 40-yard run; Minute to Win It; Texas Hold'em -- the variety is vast. Most tournaments take place next week, though some begin as soon as today and this weekend. All tournaments are open to faculty, staff, community members, alumni and students. If you'd rather just watch, that's OK, too. More information, including [dates, times, registration forms and fees](#), is online.

That's entertainment

If tournaments aren't your thing, there are several noncompetitive Veishea activities. ISU Theatre will perform *Kiss Me, Kate* for this year's [Stars Over Veishea](#) production. The show runs in Fisher Theater April 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m., and April 10 and 17 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$21 (students, \$16) and available at the Iowa State Center ticket office or at the door.

Actress and comedian [Amy Sedaris](#) makes a return trip to campus Monday, April 11, for a free 8 p.m. performance (MU Great Hall). She will share insights into her latest book, *Simple Times: Crafts for Poor People*.

The laughs continue on Tuesday, April 12, with Veishea Says I'm Funny, an annual student comedy competition. The free show begins at 8 p.m. in the MU's Maintenance Shop. Live video of the performances will be streamed to the MU Great Hall.

The Leadership and Faculty Recognition Ceremony also is slated for Tuesday evening, April 12, beginning at 7 p.m. in the MU Sun Room. Veishea will recognize outstanding student leaders and faculty and staff who exemplify a commitment to Iowa State.

Cyclone Idol, Battle of Bands

ISU's top vocalists will compete in the Cyclone Idol final round, hosted by rapper Coolio, on Wednesday, April 13 (7 p.m., MU Great Hall). The event is free and open to the public.

The musical talents of ISU students also will be showcased Thursday, April 14, during Battle of the Bands (7 p.m., M-Shop). There is no cost to attend the concert.

Funny hypnotist

If you'd rather not rock out, Thursday evening features two free comedy performances by hypnotist Brian Imbus (8 p.m. and 10 p.m., MU Great Hall), and an outdoor showing of the film *The Green Hornet*, (9 p.m., central campus; rain location is MU Sun Room).

Look for more details about Veishea weekend 2011 in next week's *Inside Iowa State*. A complete [Veishea schedule](#) is online.

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Check now to prevent website problems later

by Diana Pounds

When the switch to a redesigned university homepage occurs early this summer, it's possible that problems like broken images and messy layouts will appear on some units' web pages.

The problems will show up on sites that link to images (like the ISU nameplate) and layout instructions (stylesheets) that are located on www.iastate.edu. Those images and stylesheets should have been moved to the units' own web space when their sites were built, but that step may have been overlooked.

Fortunately, web developers have a couple of months to check their sites and fix problems. The switch to a new homepage will occur in early June.

Here are [detailed instructions](#) on checking your site for potential problems and correcting them.

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Senior Jacquie Evans and junior Scott Hurst portray the bickering lead characters in the Stars Over Veishea production of *Kiss Me, Kate*. Photo by Nancy Thompson.

Classic musical comedy takes Veishea stage

by Erin Rosacker

Kiss Me Kate, this year's Stars Over Veishea production, begins its two-weekend run April 8 at Fisher Theater. Featuring songs and lyrics by Cole Porter, the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical comedy follows a story within a story.

Set in 1948 Baltimore, a theater company is staging a musical adaptation of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*. Unfortunately, the production's stars also are former husband and wife. Movie star Lilli Vanessi is cast as Kate, opposite ex-husband Fred Graham as the male lead Petruchio. To make matters worse, Fred also is directing and producing the show.

While battling publicly with insults and jealousy, Lilli (senior Jacqueline Evans) and Fred (junior Scott Hurst) revisit their feelings for each other. Ill-timed obstacles, such as gambling, gangsters and lovers, stand in the way of reconciliation. All of it plays out on stage, as the relationship between Lilli and Fred mirrors that of their characters.

"The audience will just love it," said Brad Dell, assistant professor of theater and the show's director. "The music will leave you humming, the words will have you rolling in the aisles, and the characters will warm the cockles of your heart. What more can you ask from a classic musical comedy?"

The Stars Over Veishea production is a cooperative effort with the department of music and theatre.

Donald Simonson, professor of music, is conductor and music director; and Valerie Williams, director of Co'Motion Dance Theater, Ames, is the choreographer.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. (April 8-9, 15-16) and 2 p.m. on Sundays (April 10 and 17). Tickets, available through [Ticketmaster](#) and the [Stephens ticket office](#), are \$21 (\$16 for students).

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