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- Reiman Gardens' annual photo contest opens July 1
- Library's leisure, new books collections suspended for summer
- Save the date: Annual College Creek cleanup is July 9
- Register now for June 17 Lab Safety Summit
- Cash reward offered for information on sculpture vandalism

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Aphid campground

After transplanting week-old soybean plants, seniors Jake Smith (biology) and Megan Krumbholz (math) cover each with an insect tent in a field plot north of the Insectary. Their efforts are part of summer aphid research led by associate professor of entomology Matt Oneal, whose work focuses on developing ecologically and economically sustainable insect management programs for the soybean plant. *Photo by Bob Elbert.*

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Presidential search is on regents' June 8 agenda

by Anne Krapfl

The search for the next Iowa State president will be an item of discussion when the state Board of Regents meets June 8 in Iowa City. A full agenda will be announced June 3.

A live audio stream of the meeting is available from the [board's website](#). Newly appointed and Iowa Senate-approved regents Nicole Carroll, Katie Mulholland and Bruce Rastetter will participate in their first board meeting.

Presidential search

The regents are expected to announce a search process and approve a set of core qualities desired in ISU's next president. At its April 28 meeting, the board heard presentations from four executive search firms: Isaacson Miller, Boston; Greenwood/Asher and Associates, Miramar Beach, Fla.; R. William Funk and Associates, Dallas; and Parker Executive Search, Atlanta. One of the firms could be hired to assist with the search.

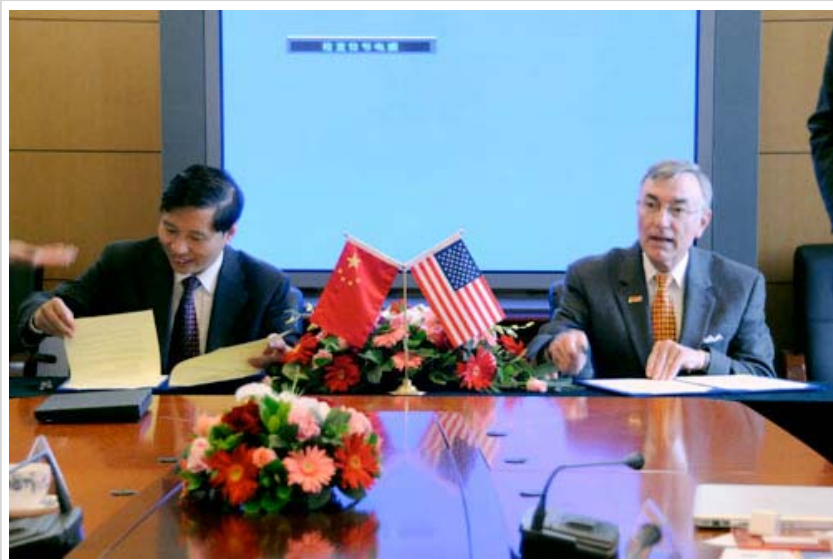
President Gregory Geoffroy announced in March that he will leave his post by July 31, 2012.

Budget discussion delayed

At this point, no discussion is anticipated of the universities' FY12 operating budgets. ISU budget leaders await a final decision in the Iowa Legislature on the state's budget, including appropriations for higher education. Associate vice president for budget and planning Ellen Rasmussen told a campus open forum crowd May 26 that she anticipates the board will discuss and approve university budgets at its next meeting, Aug. 4 in Cedar Falls.

She said she is hopeful that Iowa State's July payroll reflects salary increases awarded for FY12.

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President Guo Guangsheng of Beijing University of Technology and President Gregory Geoffroy sign an agreement enhancing educational programming between Beijing's College of Architecture and Urban Planning and ISU's College of Design. *Submitted photo.*

ISU group explores more activities with Chinese institutions

President Gregory Geoffroy and eight other ISU officials just returned from a week in China, where they visited Chinese universities and the China Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

Geoffroy said the visit was intended to strengthen current relationships and create new ones with Chinese institutions that have agriculture, engineering, design and veterinary medicine programs. Through agreements, the institutions intend to create more opportunities for ISU students to study in China and Chinese students to come to Iowa State, and to foster faculty exchanges and joint research programs between ISU and Chinese professors.

Accompanying Geoffroy on the visit were:

- Sharron Quisenberry, vice president for research and economic development
- Lisa Nolan, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine
- Luis Rico-Gutierrez, dean of the College of Design
- Hongwei Xin, professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering and director of the Egg Industry Center
- Patrick Schnable, professor of agronomy and director of the Center for Plant Genomics
- Ann Marie Fiore, professor of apparel merchandizing and design
- Chiu-Shui Chan, professor of architecture
- Difei Shen, program coordinator of Global Agriculture Programs, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

The ISU delegation also met with several Iowa State alumni who live in China.

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Student tech survey results now available by college

by Diana Pounds

Students in the Colleges of Business and Human Sciences are more likely to have smart phones than those in other colleges. And while a big percentage of students in all colleges like to have technology integrated in their classes, those in Veterinary Medicine and Engineering seem most enthused, registering 97 percent and 95 percent approval rates, respectively, of technology-enhanced classes.

These are some of the results of a 2010 fall survey of student technology use. The survey, developed by ComETS, a group of faculty and staff interested in educational technology, and the Research Institute for Studies in Education, was recently stratified by colleges.

Survey reports

- [Original Student Survey Report \(PDF\)](#)
- [Student Survey Results by College \(PDF\)](#)

Nearly 1,300 students responded to the survey, which was intended to identify how students use technology in and out of class and how satisfied they are with educational technology at Iowa State. (See [April 14 Inside article](#).)

Selected survey results by college

Tech gear ownership							
	CALS	BUS	DES	ENG	HS	LAS	VET
Cell phone	98.5	98.4	100	99.4	98.7	97.5	100
Laptop	92.8	87.3	89.6	91.4	90.4	91.2	100
Desktop computer	22.6	29.6	18.4	29.9	31.8	32.4	28.1
Smart phone	56.1	87.8	52.3	70.3	82.7	68	55.7
iPhone/touch	34.9	47.6	34.7	44.1	44.2	44.9	15.6
Droid	3.7	12	1.4	10.6	12.6	7.5	18.2
Blackberry	12.7	16.9	10.8	9.7	15.2	8.7	18.8
Windows Mobile Device	4.8	11.3	5.4	5.9	10.7	6.9	3.1
Netbook	5.4	12.2	6.8	10.9		11.3	3.1

Technology in class							
	CALS	BUS	DES	ENG	HS	LAS	VET

	(Percentage agreeing with statements below)							
Learning is enhanced	88.2	92	86.8	93.6	88.2	87.7	93.8	
Interaction with classmates is enhanced	52.9	75	59.8	58.7	63	52.6	59.4	
Interaction with instructors is enhanced	58.9	76	65	69.4	69.4	62.8	75	
Class time is used more effectively	76.4	78.3	72.7	82.5	77.3	71.9	84.4	
Instructors seem comfortable using WebCT	68.8	72.8	63.6	71.9	72.4	74.7	71.9	
It is easy to access WebCT	88.2	92.8	89.5	88.9	94.1	88.6	87.6	
I like to have technology integrated into my classes	87.2	92.8	84.4	95.4	88.9	87.3	96.9	
I can get adequate technical assistance when I need it	75.7	79.2	79.2	88.9	86.2	81.1	84.4	
Overall, I'm satisfied with WebCT	86.1	90.4	85.5	81.4	89.5	83	87.6	

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Sixth Street to close at University Boulevard for four weeks

The stretch of Sixth Street between University Boulevard and the entrance to Brookside Park will close for four weeks, beginning June 3. The road's accompanying bike path also will be closed.

That portion of the road is part of ISU's institutional roads system. Mike Parsons, construction manager in facilities planning and management, said last year's flood waters further damaged the already deteriorating road surface. Both lanes will be replaced as part of the project.

Access to Brookside Park and the Ames High School baseball field is available only from the east. However, a city road project also has closed Sixth Street between Northwestern and Grand Avenue. Visitors can access Sixth Street from the south via Hazel Avenue, or from the north via Brookridge, Ridgewood or Northwestern avenues.

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