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Free digital storage space for every Iowa Stater

IT Services and campus IT specialists partnered to provide every ISU student, faculty and staff member with 5GB of free digital storage space. The new CyFiles space is intended for all kinds of university-related storage needs -- but don't keep your favorite songs there.

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Regents sign off on FY12 budget

Meeting Aug. 4 in Cedar Falls, the state Board of Regents approved the university budget for the year that began July 1. The board also approved ISU requests to award three honorary degrees this year and to assist with Iowa Public Radio's purchase of two small commercial radio stations in Des Moines to improve its FM service in the metro area.

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Council kicks off new academic year

P&S Council members opened the books on the 2011-12 academic year at their Aug. 9 meeting, choosing a new president-elect and learning about upcoming issues.

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The Gentle Doctor

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Floodwater at its peak the morning of Aug. 11, 2010, topped Lincoln Way, as viewed from the roof of Larch Residence Hall. *Photo by Bob Elbert.*

One year later

The latest estimate on campus damages and mitigation costs from the Aug. 11, 2010, flood is \$41.5 million. Vice president for business and finance Warren Madden told the state Board of Regents last week that, so far, Iowa State has received about \$6.4 million in reimbursements, primarily from insurance providers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Madden said the goal is to get the final cost to Iowa State inside the \$4 million-\$6 million range. He said employee time can be used as part of the university's match in the reimbursement formulas, so not all of the final cost needs to be cash.

Madden said working through the reimbursement process with FEMA will take some more time, but he said officials with the federal agency "generally are supporting our decisions."

"We feel really very good about where we are," Madden told board members. "If you visited our campus, you would not know we had that flood a year ago. It's the result of the work of a lot of good people."

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CyFiles: New storage space for all

by Diana Pounds

Every student, faculty and staff member recently acquired 5GB of free digital storage space.

The new CyFiles space, intended for all kinds of university-related storage needs, has several convenient features:

- The space stays with employees and students throughout their tenure at Iowa State. An employee who changes departments or a student who changes majors will keep the same space.
- CyFiles can be accessed off campus, with the use of free **VPN (virtual private network)** software
- Files are backed up regularly, and those who need to recover files can do it themselves, without need of technical assistance
- Individuals can grant permission to others in the university community to access their CyFiles space

Information Technology Services partnered with campus IT specialists to establish CyFiles in response to employee and student interest in a universal storage system that could be accessed from on and off campus.

"Currently, many employees and students scatter their files around, stashing them in departmental spaces, computer hard drives, thumb drives, CDs and Web-based storage sites," said Mark Bland, technical project lead. "Students may have as many storage spots as they do classes and labs, using various spaces set aside for their work.

"We think CyFiles will appeal to individuals who'd like to combine some of those scattered files into a single spot," he added. "The storage is easily accessed from a variety of computers and should be ample for most individuals."

Anyone with an ISU Net-ID automatically received 5GB of free space on CyFiles. Those who need more space can buy it (at a rate of 10 cents per GB, per month) through **Account Services on the Web (ASW)**.

"CyFiles is a great service that will allow students to easily share files across computers and also provide a safe and secure location for many of their files," said Dakota Hoben, Government of the Student Body president. "This is a fine example of how Iowa State is keeping up with technology.

With online services like Dropbox already being used by many students, CyFiles provides more storage to students at no cost."

What can be stored on CyFiles

CyFiles is intended for university-related activity. Class work, presentations and office files can go there. So can photos, video and music that will be used for university or class work. The space is not appropriate for purely personal use, such as storing one's music collection.

The [Code of Computer Ethics and Acceptable Use](#) is a good reference on appropriate use of CyFiles and other university resources.

How to access CyFiles

For those on PCs that are members of the IASTATE domain*, connecting to CyFiles may be as easy as clicking "My Computer" and finding the "U" drive. Those trying to connect from off campus, personally owned computers, Macs or PCs that are not members of the IASTATE domain will need to set up and connect through a VPN and manually connect to CyFiles.

Detailed information on how to connect from a variety of computers is available on the [CyFiles](#) website. Applications to connect automatically to CyFiles from off-campus and personally owned computers currently are in development.

*Only university-owned computers can be joined to the IASTATE domain, and most university computers are members of IASTATE. There are a few exceptions in some departments, where computers are joined to other domains. Personally owned computers are not eligible to be joined to the IASTATE domain.

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Regents approve FY12 budget, honorary degrees, president's salary increase

by Anne Krapfl

Iowa State's land-grant responsibilities drive decisions made here every day -- including decisions about how and where to assign dollars -- president Gregory Geoffroy told the state Board of Regents Aug. 4 in Cedar Falls. The board unanimously approved the university's budget for the fiscal year (FY12) that began July 1, a budget that reflects a 5 percent reduction in state support and nearly an 8 percent projected growth in tuition revenue over last year. Additional tuition income is due both to a tuition increase approved in March and a projected enrollment that surpasses last fall. Geoffroy told the board fall enrollment could reach 29,200.

The university's general fund operating budget this year is \$535.6 million, about \$8 million more than the final (revised) FY11 budget. (The board requests net changes from the revised FY11 budget, not budgeted FY11 figures). The university's total budget, which includes sponsored research and auxiliary units such as athletics, printing, residence and dining, is just under \$1.13 billion. This figure does not include private fund raising done by the ISU Foundation.

Geoffroy told the board that new revenues and reallocations will be used to pay for these priorities at Iowa State in FY12:

Amount	Use
\$5.1 million	Additional student financial aid
\$6 million	Compensation increases for faculty, P&S staff
\$2.4 million	Compensation increases for merit staff
\$2.6 million	Strategic faculty hires*
\$2 million	Building repair, property insurance premiums, campus safety, city services
\$0.5 million	Library acquisitions and inflationary costs

**Includes areas with high student demand and biosciences with high National Institutes of Health funding potential: civil and construction engineering, curriculum and instruction, educational leadership and policy studies, electrical and computer engineering, human development and family studies, industrial product design (new program in College of Design), kinesiology, materials science and engineering, mechanical engineering*

Additionally, about \$2.5 million will support these university-wide initiatives:

- University marketing, \$630,000
- Higher education IT collaboration, \$630,000
- Institutional Excellence Fund, \$1.2 million

Geoffroy used two examples to demonstrate why it's important for Iowa State -- and the other regent universities -- to have strong research programs in addition to strong undergraduate teaching records: DuPont Danisco, a cellulosic ethanol production facility to be built near Nevada, and the Spain-based animal health company Laboratoria Hipra, which will build its North American production and research facility in ISU's research park. Both chose to locate where they did, he said, in part for proximity to Iowa State's research strength.

Presidential search

Regent Bruce Rastetter, who with regent Katie Mulholland is serving on the ISU presidential search committee, reported that, as of Aug. 3, the search firm had received 72 applications or nominations for the position. Rastetter complimented Geoffroy for his leadership, vision and hard work over the last 10 years.

"One reason there's so much interest in this position is that Iowa State is working, it's not broken," he said.

He also cited the state's strong economy, relative to what's going on in other states. Rastetter said the committee next meets Aug. 16, via telephone. The goal is to bring three to five finalists to campus for public interviews early in the fall.

President Lang's priorities

Board president Craig Lang, who led his first meeting this month after being elected president on July 12, said he refrained from announcing plans for his leadership of the board until he had visited with lots of Iowans about their "top of mind" issues. He identified these three items as top priorities (but not the only priorities) of the board:

- Recruit and select the next Iowa State president
- Develop a stronger working relationship with the Iowa Legislature to stop the loss of state appropriations so that student tuition is more closely aligned to annual inflation
- Create awareness among Iowans about the value of the regent institutions

Honorary degrees

The board approved an Iowa State request to award three honorary degrees at future commencement ceremonies. In December, former ISU Business dean (1994-2001) and provost (2001-06) Ben Allen will receive a Doctor of Humane Letters for excellence in educational leadership and for scholarly contributions to the field of transportation and logistics. Since 2006, Allen has served as president of the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

In May 2012, Daniel Gianola will receive a Doctor of Science degree for his contributions to animal genetics and statistics, and George Belitsos will receive a Doctor of Humane Letters for his advocacy for, and service to, Iowa teens and families. Gianola currently is a professor in three departments at the University of Wisconsin, Madison: animal science, dairy science and biostatistics and medical informatics. His work in genetics and statistics builds on the foundation established at ISU by Jay Lush from 1930 to 1966.

Belitsos is the founder (1976) and chief executive officer of Ames-based Youth and Shelter Services. Today, it's funded by more than \$14 million in grants and contracts and serves more than 7,000 young people -- the homeless, youth with drug abuse problems, youth aging out of foster care, youth with chronic mental illness or severe behavior problems -- at 20 service centers in central Iowa.

In other Iowa State business, the regents:

- Approved a 4 percent salary increase for Geoffroy for the year that began July 1. Geoffroy's new salary is \$440,249. His salary had remained at \$423,316 since July 1, 2008.
- Approved Iowa Public Radio's proposal to purchase two small Des Moines commercial FM stations, KZHZ and KZHC, for \$1.75 million to improve IPR's classical music service to the metropolitan area. Because the three regent universities hold the federal operating licenses for the IPR stations, Iowa State (due to geographic proximity) technically will make the purchase with IPR funds -- about \$1.2 million in cash reserves and capital funds, and \$577,000 financed through Iowa State over 10 years.
- Approved higher project budgets for two Iowa State renovation projects because construction bids exceeded previously approved budgets. The budget for HVAC improvements to the Laboratory Animal Resources central facility in the College of Veterinary Medicine was increased \$395,000, to \$4.8 million. University funds will cover the difference. The budget for renovations to 20 Sweeney Hall research labs for the BioMaP (biological materials and processes) program in the College of Engineering was increased \$246,226, to \$2.2 million. University funds (\$161,226) and additional private gifts (\$85,000) will cover the difference.

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by Erin Rosacker

Members of the Professional and Scientific Council opened the books on the 2011-12 academic year with an Aug. 9 meeting. David Orman, the network administrator in the Center for Nondestructive Evaluation, was voted this year's president-elect, running unopposed. The position was left vacant in June when Ken Kerns resigned as president and then president-elect Dan Burden accepted the offer to step in.

HRS leadership search

Brenda Behling, assistant to the executive vice president and provost, said the initial steps have been taken to find a successor for associate vice president for human resource services Carla Espinoza, who will begin phased retirement by Jan. 1, 2012. A search firm is assisting the search committee, which plans to have the position filled by Jan. 1.

Espinoza said the human resources and equal opportunity and compliance offices will be reorganized into separate units. She said ISU's next president will select the director of equal opportunity and compliance. Jessica Stolee, a human resource specialist, will take over as interim EOC director in January.

Academic restructuring

Faculty Senate president Steve Freeman said his group likely will be asked to consider several academic reorganizations this year. He said a proposed School of Education has earned approval from executive vice president and provost Elizabeth Hoffman. Other proposed changes include:

- An anthropology/political science merger
- An ag education studies/horticulture merger
- A shared business unit for NREM (natural resource ecology and management) and entomology

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Coming home

After a 35-year absence from the college, Christian Petersen's original (1938) terra cotta sculpture of *The Gentle Doctor* was reinstalled Monday morning inside the entrance of Veterinary Medicine's new small animal hospital. A team of Central Stores and other facilities management employees assisted with the historic task (left). Without a pedestal, the statue stands 6 feet, 9 inches tall. It is beloved for capturing the bond between humans and animals. *Photo by Bob Elbert.*

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