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We've compiled a list of some (mostly free) campus resources that can help you catch up on professional development, required training and personal enrichment activities.

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Do you know where university photographer Bob Elbert captured this angle of a campus building?



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Announcements

- Summer Iowa Games continue in Ames, on campus this weekend
- New name for former LOMIS department in Business college
- Newest Simon Estes CD features World Cup-premiered song
- Submit library course reserves for fall semester now
- Summer undergraduate research poster session is Aug. 6

Receptions & open houses

Reception

- PWISE summer research interns, July 23

Retirements

- Doug Clabaugh, July 22
- Linda Schultz, July 23
- Sherrie Nystrom, July 28
- Kathy Svec, July 28
- Mary Ann Black, July 28
- Kathy Emmel, July 29
- Lana Hood, July 29
- Rich Jones, July 30 (no event)
- Sheryl Soden, July 30 (office event planned)
- Jim Black, July 30 (recognition held previously)
- Linda Jordening, July 30

Arts & events

Prep all-stars showcased in July 24 football game


Ninety-two Iowa high school football players will compete in the 38th annual Iowa Shrine Bowl at Jack Trice Stadium July 24.

Around campus

- First camp experience in design for high schoolers
- ISU Extension is a partner in financial literacy teaching workshop
- The ultimate (literally) world title

Inside tools

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This tree northeast of the Insectary was blown over in high winds early Sunday morning. *Photo by Bob Elbert.* [More storm damage images.](#)

Tree losses from storm are adding up

by Anne Krapfl

Campus crews -- aided by a few good Samaritans -- are tackling the behemoth task of removing debris and entire trees from campus following Sunday's early morning storm.

Around campus, 35 to 40 trees were either uprooted or so severely damaged by winds in the vicinity of 70 mph that they will be removed, said Bob Currie, director of facilities services in facilities planning and management. Another 100 trees sustained damage and need to be trimmed, but can be saved, he said.

"Central campus fared pretty well, compared to damage elsewhere in the city," he noted. He said it may take grounds crews until September to get lower-priority trimming completed.

Veenker Memorial Golf Course on the north side of campus also was hit hard by the storm, especially holes along Squaw Creek, said clubhouse manager Tess Balsley. About 100 trees were damaged, 50 of which are a total loss, she said. The course was closed Sunday and Monday due to blocked fairways, but reopened Tuesday morning. The Summer Iowa Games golf competition scheduled for July 18 was rescheduled for Aug. 1.

A closer look

See more of university photographer Bob Elbert's [images of storm damage.](#)

Lot of mulch

Currie said much of the debris is being converted to wood chips or mulch for use on campus. Limbs

and trunks too large to be chipped will be moved to the university's free wood area east of Haber Road and south of the large coal pile for free pickup by the public.

Balsley said they're still investigating options for disposing of the huge piles of debris at the golf course. The first priority was cleaning up fairways and greens and getting the course in playable shape. For now, the debris is being piled in an overflow parking area, she said.

Other damage

Currie said FPM hasn't heard any reports of damaged vehicles due to the storm. Four buildings -- Stephens Auditorium, Forker and General Services buildings and the plant pathology greenhouses north of General Services -- sustained broken windows, he said. The corrugated metal roof of a storage building north of the Genetics Laboratory was peeled back several inches. University marketing director Carole Custer reported that 13 banners on University Boulevard light poles were missing or destroyed.

Two ISU horses had to be euthanized due to injuries received when a three-sided steel shelter in the Haber Road horse pasture was blown over, intact. Several other foals and a mare are receiving care for lacerations.

Generous volunteers

Balsley said she appealed to Veenker members for help Sunday morning, and over two days about 40 volunteers -- including nongolfing Ames residents awed by the damage they saw -- helped clear fairways. A group of eight teenagers from Story City showed up Monday and cleared one hole by themselves, she said.

Balsley said the heavy rain and concern about damaging the turf initially prevented golf course staff from driving maintenance vehicles onto fairways. Volunteers carried or dragged sticks and tree limbs to the fairway edges, where staff could load the debris onto trucks.

"The damage out here is pretty overwhelming, but it was heartwarming to see people, especially those with no connection to Veenker, show up to help us," Balsley said.

The cost of cleanup

Damage to trees or the cost of debris removal is not included in the university's catastrophic property insurance coverage, said interim director of risk management Deb Sunstrom. Any building damage, including replacement expenses, should be reported to her office to help determine if losses exceed the university's deductible.

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Images of storm damage on campus

Photos by Bob Elbert



Northeast corner of Industrial Education, along Stange Road.



Adding to a debris pile at Veenker golf course.



Pasture east of Stange Road and north of 13th Street.



Along Morrill Road construction zone, near Carver Hall.



Sidewalk between Carver and Music halls.

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Summer offers chance for professional, personal development

The dog days of summer are the perfect time for many ISU employees to catch up on professional development activities, required training and other housekeeping tasks. *Inside* compiled a list of (mostly free) options available on campus.

Catch up, or get ahead

- Brush up on Excel, Office, Outlook, Drupal -- you name it. More than **800 online tutorials** on digital tools and techniques are available at no cost to ISU employees and students. For free access to these Lynda.com lessons, enter the site through www.iastate.edu/lynda.
- Did you miss out on a library seminar or workshop during the school year? Many are **archived online**, including instructional videos about WorldCat, social networks and copyright/fair use issues.

It's all about you

- Brad and Angelina have personal trainers to shape them up and keep them healthy, and you can too, at much more reasonable prices. Recreation services offers a variety of **training packages**.
- Stop smoking, with the help of several **smoking cessation resources (PDF)**, including options covered by ISU medical plans (**faculty, P&S and supervisory merit**; and **nonsupervisory merit**).

Cross these off the to-do list

- All ISU employees are required to complete Environmental Health and Safety's "Fire Safety and Extinguisher Training" course. Cross this off your to-do list by completing the 20-minute online course. Start at **EHS's Learning Center**. If you work in a lab or around hazardous materials, you can tick off a number of other required courses through the center's online offerings. More safety and research info is on the **EHS homepage**.
- Get **training sessions** out of the way, such as the how-to for ISU Purchasing's procurement process or P&S performance management training for supervisors and managers.

Learn something new

- Get to know today's students with a book recommended by admissions staff. In *Millennials Go to College: Strategies for a New Generation on Campus*, generational experts Neil Howe and William Strauss take an in-depth look at the latest group of collegians.
- Let your creativity flow by taking an art class at the Workspace in the Memorial Union. Although summer events are winding down, there still are **July and August classes** for basketweaving, tango dancing and sewing. Already have a craft, but need the equipment or space to create something? **Studio time** is available by the day (\$4) or the semester (\$30).

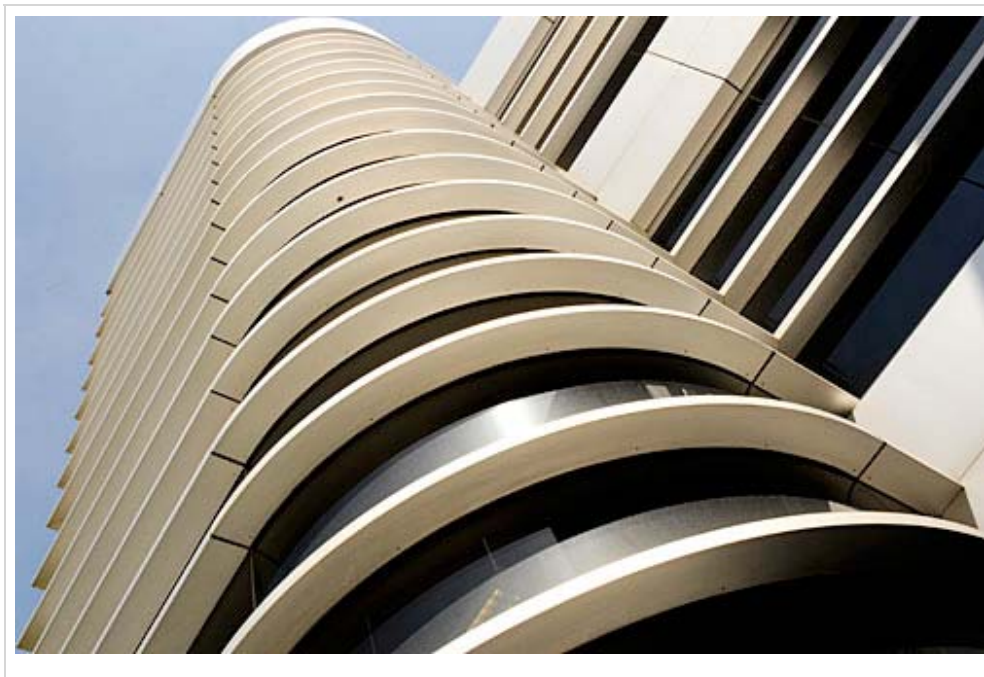
Plan for the future

- Start or update your estate planning with free (up to 30 minutes) and reduced-rate **legal counsel**, or **free will preparation services (PDF)**.
- Re-evaluate your retirement portfolio. Make an appointment with HRS retirement specialist Ann

Doty (4-4800, pdoty@iastate.edu), or a consultant from the TIAA-CREF office (515-268-8600 or 866-904-7803). HRS also offers **financial seminars** for employees in every stage of their careers.

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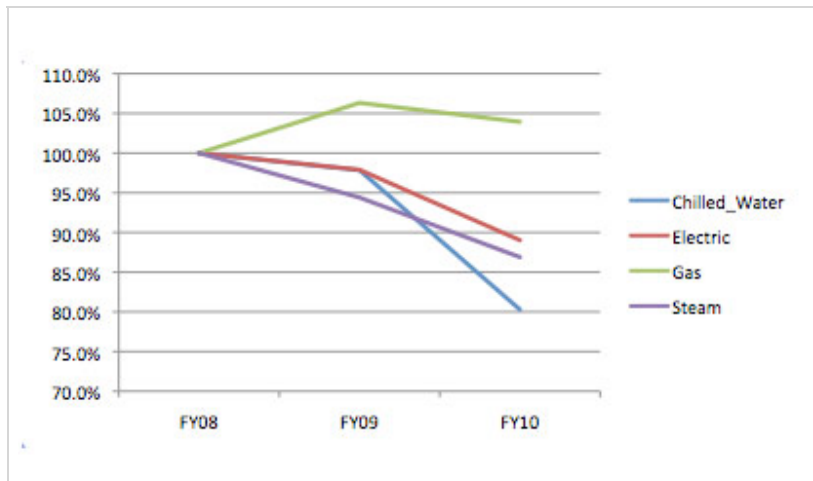


Where's Bob?

University photographer Bob Elbert is at the south entrance to the National Swine Research and Information Center in the northeast part of campus, shooting up at a July blue sky.

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Grass-roots energy savers realize big time savings

by Diana Pounds

Grass-roots efforts to cut energy use at Iowa State last year succeeded to the tune of \$3 million in savings.

Green teams and individuals across the university deserve the credit for a nearly 8 percent drop in electricity use during fiscal year 2010, said Dave Miller, director of facilities planning and management operations. University use of gas, chilled water and steam also dropped from FY09 to FY10.

Miller noted that reduced energy usage occurred despite the addition of two new facilities to campus in FY10.

"We added the Biorenewables Research Laboratory and College of Design's King Pavilion and still reduced our energy consumption and lowered our utility bill," he said.

"This trend of reduced energy use is not isolated," Miller said. "It's all across the university and it's very encouraging."

Green teams make a difference

One reflection of interest in conservation is the emergence of green teams on campus, Miller said. Some 30 green teams have emerged at Iowa State to work on sustainable issues in various pockets of the campus.

A student team encourages recycling in campus housing. A dining team works to eliminate food waste and promote composting. And many teams are putting their energies into reducing energy use in their units, departments and buildings.

Such groups often work closely with FPM staff to find ways to cut kilowatts.

- FPM's simple, effective energy-saving ideas
- Energy use, by unit (Excel)

"They ask 'what can we do?' and we can usually provide them with simple things that are very effective," Miller said.

"These grass-roots teams, as well as other individuals on campus, have decided that they can make a difference," he said. "They're choosing to do this voluntarily and I love that."

Miller believes ISU's new budget model encourages and supports green behavior. Under the new model, individual units -- rather than central administration -- pay the energy bills.

Savings = 4,000 tons of coal

"They see the bills now, so they know when they are making a difference," Miller said. "And last year, they collectively saved more than \$3 million that they could put back into programs."

To the energy savings, Miller added another environmental highlight: "That's 4,000 tons of coal we didn't have to burn."

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High school all-stars to face off in Saturday's Shrine Bowl

by Anne Krapfl

Jack Trice Stadium is the site July 24 of the 38th annual Iowa Shrine Bowl, an all-star football game featuring just-graduated high school football athletes on either side of a north-south line in Iowa. This year's game will feature 92 football players and 60 cheer squad members from across the state. The game begins at 7 p.m.; gates open at 5 p.m.

The players are nominated by high school football coaches, selected through a balloting of Iowa sports media professionals and invited by Shrine Bowl officials. Local athletes participating in this year's game include Cole Jackson of Gilbert (north team); and Taylor Godwin of Ballard, James Kohler of Ames and Louie Wickett of Madrid (south team). The south squad is the home team and will be on the west side of the stadium. The north squad will be on the east sideline.

To date, the Iowa Shrine Bowl has raised more than \$2 million for the 23 Shriners medical facilities for children in this country. Funds come from ticket sales, advertising in the game program, merchandise sales, contributions and sponsorships.

Downtown parade

At 9:30 a.m. Saturday, the annual Shrine Bowl parade will be held in the Main Street cultural district. At the conclusion of the parade, the athletes will attend an autograph session in Tom Evans Plaza, adjacent to Main Street at Burnett Avenue.

Tickets

Tickets are \$15 at the gate. Children under 6 years are free. To prepurchase tickets (\$10 each), contact the Iowa Shrine Bowl office in Urbandale, (515) 276-3319, or e-mail xautoman@mchsi.com.