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Ames water shutdown closes campus Thursday

Iowa State University will be closed Thursday, Aug. 12, due to a city of Ames water system shutdown that affects campus. Until further notice, campus water needs to be boiled before humans drink it. Employees whose functions are considered essential to campus operations should report to work; all other employees are encouraged to not report.

Floodwaters overtake parts of campus

Floodwaters from Squaw Creek overtook some east and north parts of campus Wednesday. Most of campus was not directly affected by floodwater, which began to recede before noon.

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Renovated dining center reopens Aug. 17

ISU Dining will reopen the Oak-Elm residential dining center Aug. 17. The renovated facility will feature cafC) service in the morning, and all-you-care-to-eat service for lunch and dinner.



Conversations at Oak-Elm

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When's your convocation?

Fall classes begin in about 10 days, and colleges have planned opening events for faculty and staff to kick off the new academic year. Find your event on our list.

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Paint ... by the numbers

Apparently, there was a substantial amount of unused paint sitting around campus prior to the "Green Your Scene" paint collection campaign, June 14-July 30. The numbers are in, and they're impressive.

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Where's Bob?

Do you know where university photographer Bob Elbert spotted this respite from the sun?



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Regents meeting roundup

A new bachelor's degree for the College of Design, a new

Announcements

- Student move-in is Aug. 17-20; traffic congestion likely in residence hall areas
- Next STEM education coffee gathering is Aug. 17
- A heartfelt thanks for Fourth of July cleanup help
- Residence department recycles 900 mattresses
- Seats available in Aug. 17 lab safety orientation for incoming grad students
- Cyclone fan fest, equipment sale is Aug. 22
- Alumni association's 2010-11 ISU calendar is available for purchase
- Iowa Energy Center has funds for conferences, events related to energy efficiency, renewable energy

Arts & events

Garden Quilt Show

Quilts in the garden

A juried show of quilts with a garden or nature theme, demonstrations, speakers and a quilting supplies store are part of Reiman Gardens' quilt show Aug. 13-15.

Around campus

- Tips for saving money at the grocery store
- The benefits of planting switchgrass

Inside tools

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classroom auditorium for east campus, additional greenhouse space for the horticulture department, a new deferred compensation package for president Geoffroy and another customized computer system for the C6 virtual reality facility highlight Iowa State-related decisions by the state Board of Regents Aug. 5 in Ames.

Where's Bob?

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Ames water shutdown closes campus Thursday

by Diana Pounds

Iowa State University will be closed Thursday, Aug. 12, due to limited Ames city water service and the boil-water order on campus and in the city of Ames.

Employees whose functions are considered essential to campus operations should report to work. Supervisors determine whose functions are essential and should contact essential personnel as soon as possible. All other employees are encouraged not to report for work Thursday. Any employees with questions are urged to call their supervisors.

Detailed information on employee policies during campus closings are in the [policy library](#) and an [FAQ](#).

Watch the [university homepage](#) and your e-mail for updates.

A large water main break Wednesday morning under Squaw Creek dropped water pressure in Ames to a dangerous level. Due to the possibility of contamination, the Ames water plant shut down water supply to its distribution community, including Iowa State University, at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Until further notice, campus and city water should be considered potentially contaminated. Any water used for consumption must be brought to a full rolling boil for at least three to five minutes. Members of the university community are reminded to not use drinking fountains in any building.

Story: Parts of campus wake up to water

Images of east campus flooding

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A southerly view of the flooded Iowa State Center parking lots. *Photo by Bob Elbert.*

East, north parts of campus wake up to water

by Anne Krapfl

Hilton Coliseum and the Scheman Building had about eight feet of creek water standing in them Wednesday morning following a third night of torrential rain in the Ames area and rapid flooding of Squaw Creek overnight. The far east part of campus -- including the soccer complex, the Lied center, Iowa State Center parking lots, southeast intramural fields and land north and east of Jack Trice Stadium -- were flooded, as was Veenker golf course. Five apartments and the childcare center on the south end of University Village also took on about a foot of water. The basement of Stephens fell victim to a sewer backup.

Floodgate holds

The rest of campus largely escaped flood damage, except for a few moist basements around central campus. A ring floodgate constructed east of the Willow residence hall following floods in 1993 succeeded at keeping that residential complex dry. Its parking lots, however, were under water Wednesday.

According to the city of Ames, Squaw Creek at Lincoln Way crested at 18.1 feet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, just shy of the 18.5-foot mark set in 1993. By late morning, the water had begun to recede.

Fall move-in on schedule

See it to believe it

- [Photo gallery](#)
- [Video coverage](#)
(courtesy of the College of Engineering)
- [Video coverage](#)
(courtesy of ISU athletics department)

Vice president for business and finance Warren Madden said the university remains ready for student move-in next week and the start of fall classes Aug. 23 as scheduled.

Let's go to Plan B

The Cyclone volleyball, soccer and football teams were arranging for alternative practice sites, and Destination Iowa State events for incoming freshmen scheduled for the Iowa State Center next week may be moved. Cyclone football players, already at the Jacobson Building for an early morning weight lifting session, helped athletics department staff move as much football equipment as possible to the building's second floor and sandbag at the Jacobson and Olsen buildings. The sandbagging proved successful in preventing floodwater from seeping in.

Getting to campus proved difficult

Iowa State remained open on Wednesday, and employees were advised to use their own judgment about traveling safely to campus and to communicate with their supervisors. Key Ames and Story County roads providing access to campus were closed due to flooding for at least part of the day. The university's **severe weather policy** is in place, in which employees who aren't able to make it to work may use vacation time, request comp time or take unpaid leave.

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Campus flooding

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Conversations is the place to go for hand-dipped ice cream. *Photos by Bob Elbert.*

East side renovated dining center offers morning cafe option

by Anne Krapfl

The familiar meets trendy at Conversations, ISU Dining's latest residential dining center renovation, this time at Oak-Elm hall. Closed for construction since last August, the dining center opens Aug. 17 when the residence halls open for student move-in.

What's familiar?

The renovation was done within the existing footprint, so the size hasn't changed. At \$5.2 million, this renovation is a



The "Creations" station will feature different made-to-order entries each meal.



A new south foyer to Oak-Elm Hall includes an elevator that services just the dining level.

little more than half the cost of ISU Dining's Seasons dining center at Maple-Willow-Larch just across Beach Road. The same chairs and tables in the dining room are back (350 of 375 chairs), nearly in the same configuration as before -- as requested by the residents of Richardson Court. ISU Dining director Nancy Levandowski said that if a group of students from a certain floor wants to gather for dinner at the same time every evening at the same table -- they shall.



Back by popular demand: the same dining tables and chairs, in the same large configurations.

Much of the food preparation equipment was in good shape prior to the renovation and is being used with the addition of new fronts and sneeze guards. A wall of windows overlooking College Creek was replaced with an energy-efficient version.

What's new?

An elevator at a new south entrance to Oak-Elm provides access to the dining room on the ground level. Continuous service runs from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. (more about that later). Four display food stations include a grill, deli sandwiches served New York-style and with a grilled option, a display cooking station with daily selections -- omelets, carved meats or crepes, for example -- and a bakery and coffee station where the dessert options include Blue Bunny brand hand-dipped ice cream. LCD screens above the stations tell guests what their choices are that day.

Conversations manager Mary Ellen Metzger noted that there's more food "serving" in this dining center than in Seasons (Maple-Willow-Larch) or the Marketplace (Union Drive), where diners help themselves to food at most stations. Trayless dining and a dish room that includes a food pulper are part of ISU Dining's commitment to compost food waste from all three dining centers. Restrooms were added off the dining room for the convenience of guests. Conversations also has new plumbing and electrical systems.

14.5 hours of options

Levandowski said ISU Dining is trying a new schedule at Conversations, in response to student demand: continuous service from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. From 7:30 to 10 a.m., the site will function as a cafe, with all items priced for individual purchase. The bakery/coffee station will be open and the dining area available for use, though items may be carried out as well. Faculty and staff may pay with cash or the employee charge option on ISU cards. Students with a meal plan who eat breakfast at Conversations will select a breakfast bundle -- a meal in which he or she chooses an entree, two side items and a beverage from a short list of options.

From 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Conversations switches to a one-price, all-you-care-to-eat format. The bakery/coffee, grill and deli stations will be open continuously. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again from 5 to 8 p.m. the selection-of-the-day station also will be serving. The price is \$9 for either lunch or dinner; employees using the charge plan receive a 10 percent discount.

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2010-11 academic year: opening events for faculty and staff

In conjunction with the opening of fall semester on Aug. 23, academic units are launching the school year with their own events. Here's a list compiled by the *Inside* staff:

- **University convocation** and reception, Sept. 20 (3:15 p.m., MU Sun Room)

Colleges

- **Agriculture and Life Sciences**, convocation, Sept. 7 (4 p.m., MU Sun Room)
- **Business**, family picnic, Aug. 20 (6 p.m., Moore Memorial Park, 3050 Northridge Parkway), RSVP requested
- **Design**, celebration, Aug. 23 (6-8 p.m. reception, King Pavilion, 6:45 p.m. presentation of the 2010 Christian Petersen Design Award and recognition of LEED platinum building award)
- **Engineering**, convocation and reception, Aug. 25 (3:10-5 p.m., Howe auditorium)
- **Human Sciences**, convocation Aug. 19 (7:30-11 a.m., Gateway Hotel and Conference Center)
- **Liberal Arts and Sciences**, convocation and reception, Sept. 1 (4 p.m., MU Sun Room)
- **Veterinary Medicine**, convocation, Sept. 1 (7:45 a.m., 1226 Vet Med)

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Paint ... by the numbers

by Paula Van Brocklin

The "[Green Your Scene](#)" paint collection wrapped up July 30, and the numbers are in.

Environmental health and safety employees collected approximately 165 gallons of paint and 43 aerosol spray cans from 16 campus locations, June 14 through July 30. The unused paint filled four 55-gallon drums.

The paint was sent to a disposal company, where it will be turned into alternative fuel. The Ames Resource Recovery Plant received the empty paint cans, which will be shredded and recycled.

The aerosol paint cans also will be shredded off-site. The propellant from the cans will be recovered for energy use, and the steel will be recycled.

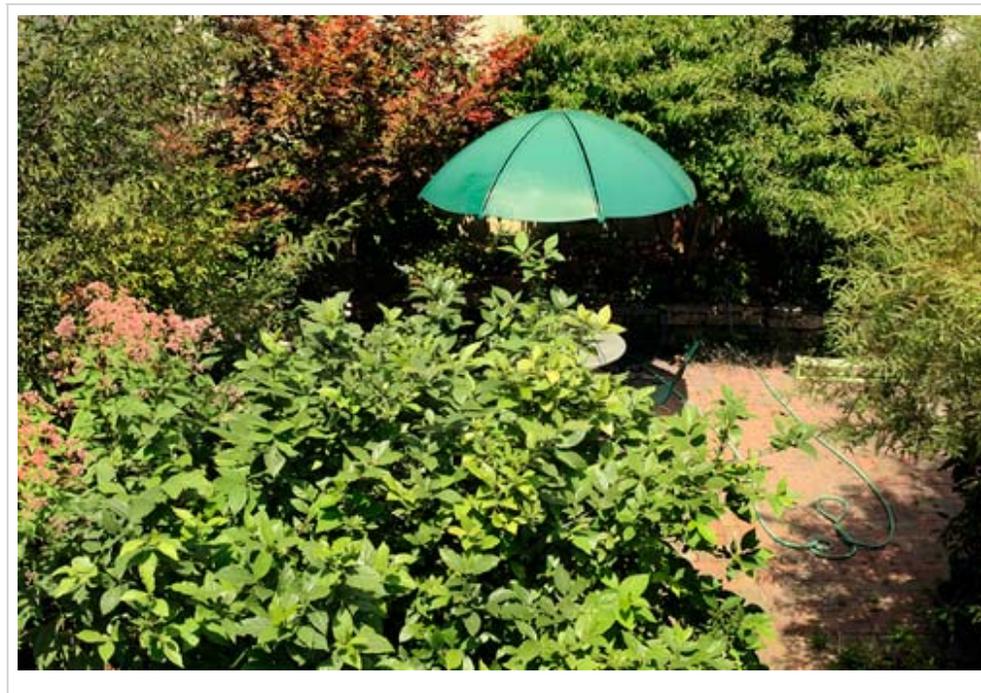
Contact Sean Whalen, EHS, 4-2009, if you missed the university's paint collection campaign and still have paint to dispose of.

Reminder: If you wish to get rid of unused paint from home, contact one of the area's regional collection facilities for household hazardous waste:

- [Ames Resource Recovery Plant](#) (Story County)
- [Boone County Landfill](#) (Boone County)
- [Metro Waste Authority](#) (Polk County)

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Where's Bob?

University photographer Bob Elbert found this small courtyard on the south side of Horticulture Hall.

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Artist's rendering of Troxel Hall, as viewed from the southeast. Bessey and Horticulture halls are visible behind it. *Submitted image.*

Troxel Hall proposal gets green light from regents

by Anne Krapfl

Fall semester 2012 will be the anticipated first use of a state-of-the-art teaching auditorium on the east side of campus. The state Board of Regents on Aug. 5 approved the name and gave Iowa State leaders permission to proceed with planning for Troxel Hall, a \$10 million building that will contain a 400-seat classroom auditorium.

Troxel Hall will be constructed on the site east of Horticulture Hall and north of the Farm House Museum. It will be named for ISU alumnus Douglas Troxel ('67) of Redwood City, Calif., who founded SERENA Software in 1980 and currently serves as its chairman emeritus. Troxel also serves as president and chief executive officer of a family, non-profit corporation, the Change Happens Foundation. The foundation is making a \$5 million gift to the auditorium project. The other \$5 million will be covered by income from university treasurer's temporary investments.

Classroom technologies planned for the auditorium include data projectors and monitors, video playback, document cameras, access to both the campus network and the Internet, and other emerging technologies.

In response to an inquiry from regent Robert Downer about infrequent use of large auditoriums, vice president for business and finance Warren Madden said he estimates Troxel Hall might see eight to 10 hours of use per school day. The need is great, he said, for classrooms large enough to

accommodate introductory courses, particularly in chemistry, physics and psychology. With enrollments remaining high during a time of reduced state funding for higher education, he said the number of large classes is rising.

More space in the greenhouse

The regents also approved a revised budget and plan for the horticulture department's new greenhouses, which are under construction. An additional \$590,000 in private gifts will allow the department to add 2,100 assignable square feet of research space -- roughly a 20 percent increase -- to the greenhouse facility.

Compensation for the president

The board completed FY10 reviews of the three regent university presidents during an Aug. 4 closed session. On Thursday, board members approved compensation changes for the fiscal year that began July 1. At his request, the board approved no change to president Gregory Geoffroy's base salary for FY11 (\$423,316, Geoffroy's salary since August 2008). Because Geoffroy took furlough days in both FY09 and FY10, his actual salary has been less than the base figure.

The board also approved a new three-year agreement with Geoffroy that will pay him an additional \$125,000 per year in deferred compensation. Since FY06, Geoffroy had an incentive package that pays him an additional \$75,000 a year through FY11. The new agreement replaces the last year of this earlier agreement.

In other business, the regents approved Iowa State requests to:

- Establish a new bachelor's degree program in industrial design in the College of Design, the first of its kind in the state. Student studio space is proposed to be in the Armory. Other start-up needs include hiring a tenured faculty member to direct the program, a staff member and about \$500,000 worth of prototyping and computer equipment (over three years).
- Award nearly \$1.46 million in state FY11 Grow Iowa Value Funds to ISU units for projects that strengthen economic development in the state. This includes \$959,200 for 11 selected projects, and \$500,000 shared among the ISU Research Park, Pappajohn Center for Entrepreneurship and Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development for infrastructure, coordination and staff support. GIVF funds require a 1:1 match. FY11 is the sixth of 10 years of GIVF approved by Iowa's 2005 Legislature. ISU industry relations director Lisa Lorenzen said Iowa State has funded 65 projects in those six years.
- Sell \$28.2 million in academic building revenue bonds. Seven bids were received; the winning low bid had an interest rate of 3.966 percent. Proceeds will cover the final financing piece of Hach Hall (\$8.7 million) and a portion of the small animal hospital renovation and addition at Veterinary Medicine (\$15 million).
- Purchase a \$3.2 million computer system (customized large-scale virtual reality display and tracking system) for the C6 facility needed to complete projects awarded to ISU by the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force. The purchase price will be covered by grants from the two agencies.
- Sell a 38-acre farm a mile west of Kelley to the **Committee for Agricultural Development**, a non-profit affiliate of the university, for \$280,000. The farm had been used for the student farm management program (Ag450) in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, but that program has been moved to land closer to campus.
- Proceed to the design phase of a project that will replace university steam lines to the Veterinary Medicine campus and the Jacobson and Olsen athletic buildings with high-efficiency boilers at each location. The project is on a tight timeline because about 30 percent of the \$7.6 million cost

will be covered with deadline-sensitive ARRA funds received from the Iowa Office of Energy Independence. The remainder will come from ISU utility system repair and improvement funds.

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Garden quilts

"Reiman's Angel Trumpets," created by Linda Andeberg of Ankeny, is one of the quilts you can see during Reiman Gardens' Garden Quilt Show, Aug. 13-15. The event will include a juried show of quilts featuring a floral or nature theme, a marketplace offering quilt fabrics and merchandise, speakers and demonstrations for both novice and experienced quilters.

The intent is to encourage the art of quilting and display garden-themed quilts created by Midwesterners. The show runs 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Quilt show and general garden admission are the same this weekend: free for members, ISU students and children 3 years and younger; daily garden admission for the public (\$8 for adults, \$4 ages 4-17, \$7 ages 65 and above).

A [full schedule of events](#) is online. *Contributed photo.*