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### What's the score?

Work continues on the 67,000-pound video scoreboard in the north end of Jack Trice Stadium. The project is scheduled for completion prior to the Sept. 3 Cyclone football home opener.

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### Settlement reached in Vet Med dispute

Veterinary Medicine dean Lisa Nolan released a statement about the end of litigation regarding the university's January purchase of a Des Moines specialty veterinary clinic.

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### Campus grants available for interdisciplinary teams

The Plant Sciences Institute is offering three types of competitive research grants for interdisciplinary teams. The aim is to establish self-sustaining centers and institutes that work toward solving challenges in plant sciences.

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### Deadline nears for discount packages on 2011-12 Stephens performances

June 30 is the deadline to purchase ticket subscriptions -- for three or more performances of your choosing -- to the 2011-12 Season at Stephens. In addition to discounts on the tickets, subscribers enjoy priority seating and other benefits. Single-show tickets go on sale to the public July 18.

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### Reminder: Applications for retirement incentive program due June 30

Employees who intend to apply for the Phased Plus Retirement Incentive program must submit applications to their departments by 4 p.m. Thursday, June 30.



Season at Stephens

## Announcements

- Volunteers sought to help at state fair exhibit
- Conference travel funds available to undergrads
- Plant a Row for the Hungry produce collection begins June 27
- Tickets for Sept. 2 dueling piano show go on sale July 1
- Volunteers needed for July 9 College Creek cleanup

## Receptions & open houses

### Reception

- Kelley Miller, July 1

### Retirements

- Steve Jungst, June 24
- Jerry Miller, June 27
- Daniel Betts, June 29

## Arts & events



Emerging artists

### Art fest will have ISU presence

Nine recent ISU graduates are among the 22 Emerging Iowa Artists selected to exhibit their work June 24-26 at the Des Moines Arts Festival.

## Around campus

- ISU lab combines technologies in biorenewables research
- Students reflect on student teaching experience ... in Indonesia
- ISU study: Parents prefer content ratings to age-based rating system

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## What's the score?

Workers have assembled, in three pieces, the structure to support a new 67,000-pound Daktronics video scoreboard and sound system above the Jacobson building at the north end of Jack Trice Stadium. The **project** is on a tight timeline to be completed in time for the 2011 season, which opens in Ames Sept. 3. Members of the football team **served the work crew lunch** one day last week to show their appreciation. The new board and support structure will cost approximately \$5 million. An ISU **webcam** tracks the construction project. *Photo by Bob Elbert.*

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## Settlement reached in veterinary medicine dispute

*Editor's note: Litigation initiated nearly four months ago involving Iowa State University, a veterinary emergency and specialty care clinic and a competing clinic (both in Des Moines) concluded June 22 with the announcement of a settlement.*

*Below is a statement from Lisa Nolan, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, and Dr. Lee Holmes, CEO of ISU-Veterinary Services Corp.:*

Iowa State University and Iowa State University Veterinary Services Corporation (ISU-VSC) are pleased to announce the resolution of litigation involving some former veterinarians and staff of Iowa Veterinary Specialties (IVS).

The suit arose after ISU and ISU-VSC purchased IVS, a specialty veterinary clinic in Des Moines. Some of the staff of IVS left and formed another specialty clinic under the name Iowa Veterinary Referral Center. ISU-VSC filed the suit alleging breach of non-compete agreements signed by the former veterinarians, and improper use of IVS proprietary information.

United States District Court Judge John Jarvey issued a preliminary ruling on April 27, 2011, upholding the validity of the non-compete agreements. Following the court ruling, the parties entered mediation with the assistance of the court. The parties have jointly reached a settlement that resolves all outstanding issues between the parties.

ISU and ISU-VSC regard the settlement to be in the best interests of all involved.

At ISU-VSC and ISU, we continue to focus on our missions of providing outstanding veterinary medical care, education and quality service to our referring veterinarians and other clients, patients and stakeholders.

Lisa K. Nolan, DVM, PhD  
Dr. Stephen G. Juelsgaard Dean of Veterinary Medicine  
Iowa State University

Dr. Lee Holmes  
Chief Executive Officer  
ISU-Veterinary Services Corporation

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## First round of campus grants awarded to interdisciplinary teams

by Erin Rosacker

Three research teams received the Plant Sciences Institute's (PSI) inaugural "team enabling" grants this spring -- one of three competitive grant programs PSI is offering to campus researchers. The grants are designed to bring researchers from interdisciplinary fields together to address grand challenges involving plant sciences.

PSI interim director Bill Beavis said the goal of the **team enabling grants** is to strengthen research teams that can go on to secure external grants, such as Science and Technology Center grants offered by the National Science Foundation. He said the teams will strive to become self-sufficient, much like PSI's Center for Crops Utilization Research and Seed Science Center, which acquire \$5 to \$10 million in extramural funding each year.

Based on reviews from external scientists, the winning proposals were awarded grants of about \$250,000 each, with possible renewals for up to four years. The areas of research (and team leaders) include:

- Chemical diversity in the plant biosphere (Basil Nikolau, biochemistry, biophysics and molecular biology)
- Healthy carbohydrates (Diane Birt, food science and human nutrition)
- Virus-insect interactions (Bryony Bonning, entomology)

### Other PSI grants

In addition to the team enabling grants, Beavis said PSI also funds innovative grants and team building grants. **Innovative grants** are for small interdisciplinary teams -- two or three researchers. Grant awards range from \$50,000 to \$60,000 and are renewable for one additional year.

The team building grants provide incentive funds to help launch new working relationships.

"These programs encourage our collaborative culture on campus to produce scientific discoveries and technological innovations needed for solutions to grand challenges in human and animal health and production of food and fuel," Beavis said.

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## Purchase ticket packages for 2011-12 Stephens season by June 30

Eliza Doolittle. Ms. Frizzle. Sleeping Beauty. King Arthur and his knights (Monty Python-style). Beatles impersonators The Fab Four. They're all coming to Stephens Auditorium during the **2011-12 season**, and the window for purchasing advance, discounted tickets is about to close.

Packages of three or more shows are available through June 30 to Performing Arts Fund donors and renewing and new "subscribers." In addition to ticket discounts of up to 15 percent, subscribers enjoy priority seating over single-event ticket holders, free replacement if tickets are lost or stolen, a free ticket exchange and the *Front and Center* newsletter.

Tickets to single shows go on sale to the public July 18.

To order tickets to multiple shows, go to the Iowa State Center ticket office in Stephens (open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday), or download the order form on the center's [website](#). It can be faxed in (515-294-6995) or mailed to: Suite 102, Scheman Building, Ames 50011-1113.



*My Fair Lady* will be on the Stephens stage Feb. 23, 2012. Submitted photo.

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**Reminder: June 30 is application deadline for Phased Plus retirement option**

Employees who intend to apply for the Phased Plus Retirement Incentive program must submit their applications to their departments by 4 p.m. Thursday, June 30.

Phased Plus is a five-year program that provides qualified employees with a maximum two-year reduced appointment. At the end of that appointment, employees receive either medical coverage or retirement contributions for the balance of the five years. The program might interest you if you:

- Are 55 years or older by Jan. 1, 2012
- Will have completed 10 or more years of employment at Iowa State by that date
- Are interested in reduced employment for up to two years, with full retirement starting by Dec. 31, 2013

**Detailed information (PDF)** about the Phased Plus retirement program is online. If you have questions, contact the Human Resource Services Center, 4-4800, to schedule an appointment with Ann Doty, ISU retirement information specialist.

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May graduate Jenna Weir is one of nine College of Design alumni participating in this weekend's Des Moines Arts Festival in the "Emerging Iowa Artists" division. *Photo by Alison Weidemann.*

## Nine emerging artists will represent ISU at Des Moines festival

by Heather Sauer, College of Design Communications

Nine recent ISU integrated studio arts graduates are among 22 Emerging Iowa Artists selected to exhibit their work this weekend (June 24-26) at the 14th annual Des Moines Arts Festival [downtown \(PDF\)](#) in Western Gateway Park.

Emerging artists from Iowa State this year include:

- 2011 graduate Jenna Weir, Sioux Falls, S.D.
- 2010 graduates Jessica Dean, Newton; Patrick Doubet, Mt. Vernon; Sarah Hutchison, Urbandale; Elizabeth Mason, Ames; and Sarah Pargulski, Des Moines
- 2009 graduates Maureen Burke, Ames; Julie Solberg, Eagan, Minn.; and Christian Vandelaar, Altoona

All nine received Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in integrated studio arts. Weir, who graduated in May, will exhibit functional pottery, including large platters, teapots and cups. She said she is looking forward to presenting her work to a new and more diverse group of people at the Des Moines festival, which annually attracts more than 200,000 visitors.

"Everyone always loves teapots," she said. "And while a lot of people don't have platters at home, they could use them for many different things, both functional and decorative."

The Des Moines Arts Festival awards jury will present one \$1,000 Best of Show Award for the best student artist.

Painter Chris Vance, Bondurant, who received a BFA (visual studies) from Iowa State in 2000, is among the 180 professional artists selected from nearly 1,100 applications for this year's festival.

Festival hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. [More information](#) about the festival is online.

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