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Pence's Syrian refugee ban goes to court

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The United States Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit in Chicago heard Indiana's appeal last Wednesday to the ruling that blocked Gov. Mike Pence's directive to stop Syrian refugees from settling in the state.

Pence announced in December he was halting Indiana's Syrian refugee program, which suspended refugees from settling in the state and no longer provided funding to private groups that help resettle Syrian refugees.

"So long as the Obama administration continues to refuse to address gaps in the screening of Syrian refugees acknowledged by the FBI and a bipartisan majority in Congress, Hoosiers can be assured that my administration will continue to use every legal means available to suspend this program in Indiana unless and until federal officials take steps to ensure the safety and security of our citizens," Pence said in the announcement.

Pence said he did not think the federal government was adequately screening Syrian immigrants after the Paris terrorist attacks in November.

However, Syrian refugees go through additional screening on top of typical refugee screenings, which include biometrics, the analysis of physical and behavioral characteristics, and a lengthy overseas in-person interview, according to the U.S. Department of State.

In March, the Bloomington Common Council unanimously passed a resolution to welcome Syrian refugees into the community and oppose Pence's statements.

Exodus Refugee Immigration, a local nonprofit that aids refugees, filed a lawsuit to prevent the state from denying funds and claims Indiana discriminates against Syrians.

U.S. District Judge for Southern District of Indiana Tanya Walton Pratt overruled Pence's order to halt Syrian refugees from settling in Indiana.

"The withholding of funds from Exodus that are meant to provide social services to Syrian refugees in no way directly, or even indirectly, promotes the safety of Indiana citizens," Pratt wrote in the injunction.

Because Pence is targeting only Syrians and no refugees from other countries, "the State's conduct clearly constitutes national origin discrimination," Pratt wrote.

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The world at home

Lotus Fest returned last weekend with 35 musical acts from around the globe

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This weekend's annual Lotus World Music and Arts Festival drew in crowds from much farther than Bloomington with its 35 musical acts from all over the world.

"I just love Lotus Fest," volunteer Cynthia Port said. "It's awesome to be involved and feel like you're part of making it happen. I love the music, but I love the community aspect too."

On Friday night, festival-goers gathered under the flashing lights of the Old National Bank Tent to hear the sounds of Israeli band A-Wa.

Lotus Director Sunni Fass said she was excited to see the band, which is composed of three sisters - Tair, Liron and Tagel Haim. Their

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Top Grammy nominee Rocky Dawuni and his Afro roots and reggae sound were the main attraction at this year's Lotus World Music and Arts Festival, which took place this weekend. The festival had more than 30 international artists.

Above Bloomington residents Ashley Mohler and Felicity Young hang out with their dog Lily and chalk the streets of Bloomington during this year's Lotus Festival.

MEN'S SOCCER

IU can't break defense in scoreless draw



IU's Richard Ballard fights for the ball in Sunday afternoon's scoreless Big Ten match up against Northwestern.

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The Hoosier offense had eight premium scoring opportunities within the first 20 minutes against Northwestern on Sunday afternoon.

Freshman Wildcat goalkeeper Robbie White turned away three shots in that time span while facing nine total shots in the first half of his first career start.

Determined to get on the scoreboard, IU fired 17 shots in the second half against the Wildcats, but not one of them found the back of the net.

The Hoosiers were being wrapped up down low and weren't able to get quality chances inside the box.

Even though IU outshot Northwestern 28-3 in the game, at the end of regulation and two overtime periods, the Hoosiers stayed tied with the Wildcats, 0-0.

"Difficult to not have a win after as much as we had the ball today," IU Coach Todd Yeagley said. "I didn't think our finishing was very sharp, and we can do much better."

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Shots	28		3
Saves	1		6
Corners	12		4
Offsides	1		2
Fouls	9		10

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Out of 28 shots, only 6 were on goal and none resulted with IU scoring.

The 28 shots by IU was tied for the second most against a Big Ten team in school history.

But not one of those shots proved to be the difference after 110 minutes of play.

Prior to the match IU knew how Northwestern was going to play: sit in on defense and challenge the Hoosier offense to create its own shots. That's exactly what the Wildcats did.

With the Hoosier offense gunning from the start, an early goal would have been crucial in the game. Instead, IU couldn't break

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Wall of Prejudice torn down Friday

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Students lined up Friday to knock bigoted words off the Wall of Prejudice, a wall sponsored by Pi Lambda Phi on which the student body had been invited to write offensive things they had heard directed at them or others.

The second annual Elimination of Prejudice Week, a week dedicated to educating students about how to embrace differences and increase tolerance, came to an end with the tearing down of the wall.

"We want to be more inclusive and accepting of people of different backgrounds going forward," said Thomas Mandel, the organizer of IU's Elimination of Prejudice Week.

The wall was set up in Dunn

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