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Iowa State cancels class Wednesday for first time in 5 years

BY ISD STAFF

Iowa State has canceled classes beginning 5 p.m. Tuesday through noon Thursday due to a potentially record-setting cold front expected to hit Ames and the greater part of Iowa.

With wind chills expected as low as -40 degrees with the ability to reach -50 degrees, Tuesday and Wednesday could be the coldest days on record in Iowa since February of 1996 when the record for all-time coldest temperature in Iowa history was tied.

“These are once-in-a-decade levels of cold, and in this case it could be one of the coldest — if not the coldest day — since 1996,” said Jim Lee, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Des Moines. “While it won’t be contesting the all-time record low of -47 degrees without a wind chill, the incoming levels of cold will be “dangerously low.”

If students do choose to go outside, they should remember to dress accordingly with layers and to cover all extremities including the hands and face.

“Take shelter in buildings to warm yourself frequently,” according to an email from Pam Cain, interim senior vice president for finance and university services.

“I can’t stress enough the importance of layering clothing, with wind chills between -30 and -40 it would take 15 minutes or less for an uncovered area of your body to develop frostbite,” Lee said.

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CANCELLATION CRITERIA

According to Iowa State policy: “In the case of inclement weather, the president or other designated representatives, in consultation with appropriate university administrators, may declare that classes are canceled or that the university and buildings are closed.”

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Where to escape from the cold on campus

BY MARY VALENTINE
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With temperatures continuing to drop, Iowa State students have come up with some of their favorite spots on campus to hangout and study between classes while avoiding the cold.

“Because I live in the dorms on the east side of campus, it is oftentimes more convenient to study at Hixson-Lied Academic Success Center instead of going all the way to the library, especially now that it is cold,” said Rachael Walcheck, a freshman studying microbiology. “I can always count on it to be calm and quiet.”

Harl Commons in Curtiss Hall, the second

floor of Pearson Hall, and the South Ballroom in the Memorial Union are among Julia Austin’s, a freshman in open option (LAS), favorite places to go between classes.

The South Ballroom has a great view of Lake LaVerne and has plenty of desks and seating suitable for students to utilize throughout the day.

Another noteworthy place, the Memorial Union has to offer is the area surrounding the Multicultural Center, which is secluded and provides a view of central campus.

If you are looking for more of an escape from the hectic school day, the Browsing Library on the first floor is the perfect nook. There is also a non-denominational Chapel within the



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Brave souls walk the path between Curtis and Beardshear.

Browsing Library that can be used for reflection, prayer, or quiet reading.

Students such as Jack Adee, a sophomore studying finance, and Rachel Larkin, a sophomore studying apparel, merchandising and design, enjoy spending time where they have class to avoid time in the cold.

Adee spends most of his days in the Gerdin Business Building because it “provides a professional experience.” Similarly, Larkin spends much time in Sukup Hall for attending classes and downtime.

Iowa State has a plethora of locations that each have their own unique attributes. It is doubtful that a student will have class in every hall on campus, so use the cold as an excuse to explore the different spaces that Iowa State has to offer.



KARAOKE
BINGO
TUESDAY

9PM - 1AM

\$2 Kinky drinks (9p-1a)
\$2 Spiced run (9p-1a)
\$2 Fireball shots (9p-1a)
\$6 for 8 boneless wings
(dine in only)



CALENDAR

1.29.19

Workshop, Where Do I Start? Using social media to support learning in your classroom, 2030 Morrill Hall at 12:10 p.m. Are you interested in how social media may be changing students' concepts of literacy, digital citizenship, identity, relationships and learning? What would it

look like in your classroom? Come to this interactive work group to learn about the latest research on social media in higher education as well as to consider the range of possibilities for using social media for learning in your discipline.

All events courtesy of events.iastate.edu.

POLICE BLOTTER

1.20.19

Rodolfo Angel Herrera, age 18, of 1210 SW 28th Street Unit 102 in Ankeny, Iowa, was arrested and charged with public intoxication at Linden Hall (reported at 1:18 a.m.). .

An individual reported damage to a bulletin board at Friley Hall (reported at 2:50 a.m.).

An individual reported damage to a vehicle in Lot 63 (reported at 1:37 p.m.).

An officer investigated a property damage collision in Lot 7 (reported at 3:59 p.m.).

Zachariah Alan Dalaba, age 32, of 5312 Mortenson Road Unit 302 in Ames, Iowa, was arrested and charged with public intoxication on Lincoln Way and Morrill Road (reported at 10:25 p.m.).

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An officer assisted an individual who was experiencing medical difficulties at Martin

Hall. The person was transported to a medical facility for treatment (reported at 1:47 a.m.).

An officer assisted an individual who was experiencing medical difficulties at 162 University Village. The person was transported to a medical facility for treatment (reported at 4:45 a.m.).

Kendall Travon Slater, age 21, of 2129 Hawthorn Court Drive Unit 4211 in Ames, Iowa, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia at 42 Frederiksen Court (reported at 4:11 p.m.).

1.25.19

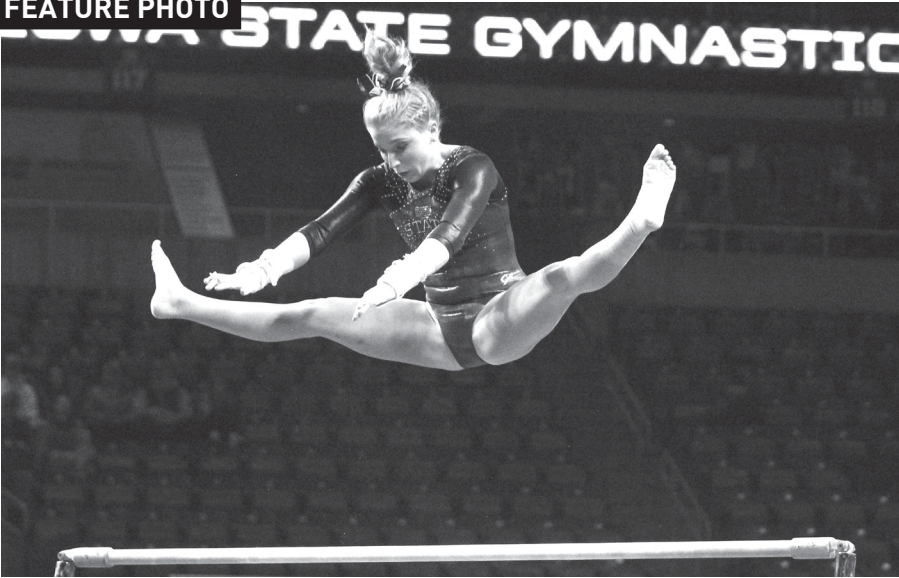
Daniel Aries Pantagua Laurie, age 21, of 1115 7th Street in Nevada, Iowa, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and operation without registration at Hayward Avenue and Chamberlain Street (reported at 1:21 a.m.).

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>> Taking flight

Iowa State Gymnastics junior Laura Burns competes a straddled release move to score a 9.925 and win the uneven bars for the Cyclones at the meet against Lindenwood University at Hilton Coliseum on Sunday.

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Sudoku
by the Mephram Group

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9.
For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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Lecturer speaks on the ‘Power of Knowing your Purpose’

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One of TIME Magazine’s 12 New Faces of Black Leadership, Brittany Packnett rounded out the 2019 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Series Keynote in the Memorial Union Monday night,

Packnett began the lecture by informing the audience that they will

feel unsettled by the end, “Because I am not actually here to give you any answers. I am here to help you ask better questions.”

The lecture titled, “The Power of Knowing Your Purpose,” began like many other lectures, but then took an unexpected turn when Packnett said that she would be challenging the audience throughout the night.

“We’ve gotten one fundamental

thing about purpose wrong, purpose is not about you. Purpose is hard, it is gritty. It will drag you kicking and screaming into a life you feel fully unprepared for,” Packnett said.

“Imagine yourself far into your future, waking up with a smile on your face,” Packnett said. “Imagine you heard the news that your wildest dreams came true. Imagine your mission was complete and work was

accomplished. If you wake up on that day and the only thing different is you, then your dreams were too small and your purpose was energy wasted.”

The night consisted of everyone sharing their purpose with a partner, and redefining it step-by-step. Packnett said, “This is not a safe space, this is a brave space.”

“In 2019 it is not merely enough to be well-intentioned,” Packnett said.

Packnett encouraged the audience to ignore their own rankings, “It will let you believe that you’re doing the work. If you are doing the real work, then there will not be enough people that will like you enough to put you on those committees or lists.”

“None of us are free until we are all free,” Packnett said. “Your purpose

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Robots without Borders expands

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Iowa State sophomore Hans Mueller founded a program that aims to spread the knowledge of robotics programs around the world.

The program, titled Robots without Borders, is a robotics team that goes by the name of 2220 Blue Twilight. The team consists of a community of students, mentors, volunteers and sponsors with a mission to create a world where science and technology are celebrated and the knowledge of robotics is available to anyone.

Mueller, a sophomore and the founder of Robots Without Borders, has spent the last four years on a mission to look for a different way to reach out to not only the local region about robotics, but nationally and internationally as well.



COURTESY OF HANSROBOTICS

“Our team really has a fundamental belief that we believe in giving back, and so we were thinking of a new way to reach out to beyond our local community but also our global community,” Mueller said.

Throughout the program, different teams “have the chance to grow their outreach, learn from other teams, become educated in different cultures, travel nationally and or internationally,” according to the Robots without Borders.

Mueller said one of the biggest obstacles faced with the projects development was how it was rejected by 10 different countries when he asked them to be involved with the program.

Mueller said the primary problems other countries had was the travel aspect, and not physically working together.

Mueller also said there is the issue of

finding countries that are willing to invest the required amount of resources and money for such a program.

“If we could have every country on earth have the amount of density in terms of robotics teams, not only robotics teams but also to STEM education, would be absolutely huge if that was available,” Mueller said.

Mueller did not help start the program by himself, Mueller said he had a variety of mentors from Thomson Reuters and 3M help him throughout the process.

Hans and his team hope to continue gaining recognition around the world, and that Robots Without Borders is a success to building a better tomorrow, one robot at a time.

State of the Union address rescheduled for Feb. 5

BY ELI.HARRIS
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Every year, the president is required by the Constitution to inform Congress of the State of the Union. President Trump was scheduled to give the State of the Union address Tuesday, but Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi announced Wednesday she would not be inviting him to speak before Congress until the shutdown ended.

Now that a temporary agreement has been reached, the speech is scheduled for Feb. 5.

David Andersen, an assistant professor of political science at Iowa State, said the speech is uniquely important for presidents.

“The State of the Union is one of the few opportunities where the president has to formally address everyone in Congress, and he gets a huge viewership from the American people,” Andersen said.

A major issue of the shutdown was the disagreement between Republicans and Democrats about funding for a barrier on the southern border of the country. Trump has expressed concerns about illegal immigration and campaigned on securing the border.

Pelosi and her Democratic colleagues have stated they will not approve funding for a wall, even going as far to reject a deal from Trump which included protections for DACA recipients, a longtime Democratic goal.

During the 35 day partial shutdown, Trump faced off with Pelosi over their political activity as well as policy issues.

On Jan. 16, Pelosi sent the president a letter suggesting he reschedule his address. She cited security and planning concerns for federal employees who were not being paid at the time.

The next day, Trump postponed the speaker’s trip to Afghanistan in a letter of his own, saying, “In light of the 800,000 great American workers not receiving pay, I am sure you would agree that postponing this public relations event is totally appropriate.”

On Wednesday, Pelosi sent Trump another letter saying she would “not consider a concurrent resolution authorizing the President’s State of the Union address in the House Chamber until government has opened.”

Later that day, Trump responded by emphasizing the importance of the address being delivered “on time, on schedule and very importantly, on location!”

Although the president briefly considered alternative venues for the speech, he announced in a tweet Wednesday he would not issue the State of the Union address until the shutdown ended.

An agreement to end the shutdown was reached Friday.

Although the government will be reopened until Feb. 15, no agreement has been reached to prevent another shutdown.



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President Donald Trump and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi have both rescheduled speaking engagements due to the government shutdown.

In a Rose Garden announcement Friday, Trump said there will be two options if a deal can’t be reached by the end of the three-week period.

“If we don’t get a fair deal from Congress, the government will either shut down on Feb. 15, again, or I will use the powers afforded to

me under the laws and Constitution of the United States to address this emergency,” Trump said.

President Trump said he could declare a national emergency in order to build a wall.

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The Iowa State Daily has been serving the Iowa State community since 1890. An independent student newspaper, the Daily has won multiple journalism awards in the previous years and is just one of 16 daily print student newspapers in the nation.

ALUMNI

What the Daily means to alumni

EXPERIENCE I was at the Daily from 2002-2004 and I would not be the journalist I am today without that experience. I was set to go into science or magazine writing, but once I stepped foot into the office (then at Hamilton Hall) and did my first story, I feel like I never left. It was there I learned to edit, lead and report on breaking news. I learned how to craft narratives and manage projects and professors like Spoon and Emerson showed me to coach people. I also met some of the best friends of my life there. My career has spanned all sorts of places, from newspaper to digital, from startups to national and international coverage. Today I'm a director for audience innovation at the Arizona Republic and I've covered riots, human rights, shootings, terrorism and immigration. I've been on camera. I've coded. I've written (a lot) and spoken to audiences of various sizes. I never would have done any of this, ever, without the Daily.

— P. Kim Bui

TRUSTWORTHINESS A free press starts with a student press free from administration oversight. As my journalism career developed, two things became obvious: People in authority often worry about public relations more than their public, and student journalists required to submit stories to administrators for approval before publication are unprepared for professional journalism. Because The Daily publishes independently of Iowa State's administration, student journalists learn how to find the truth. The Daily produces journalists able to question authority, bring healthy skepticism to the answers, and educate the public. Trustworthy professional news organizations need these skills. Our democracy needs these skills.

— Brien Murphy

DESIGN It's not a cliché if it's true... the Iowa State Daily made me the designer and journalist I am today. Over my four years working at the Daily, I learned valuable technical skills that I continue to use as a professional designer. More importantly, I learned what it means to be accountable to your peers, your mentors, the audience you serve and the work you're doing. Because at the end of a deadline, if you're not proud of the product going out, what's the point? Within the walls of the Iowa State Daily, I learned to trust my crazy ideas, ask for help when I need it and always expect the unexpected. Three lessons that I still rely on more than 10 years later.

— Megan Steenson

CURIOSITY The Daily was a critical part of my education that prepared me for my career in remarkable ways. I was able to take on a range of roles in the newsroom, including editor in chief, and owe a great deal to the Daily. From a healthy curiosity and skepticism and attention to detail to business and team management, I can tie all elements of my professional success back to the skills I learned at the Daily. I also formed lifelong friendships and continue to work closely with two other Daily graduates and close friends all these years later.

— Cavan Reagan Reichmann

Support student journalism

#StudentPressFreedom

The Iowa State Daily will join student newspapers across the nation Wednesday in advocating for the right to a free press and the ability to continue servicing the public with information vital to a successful democracy.

The Student Press Law Center, a strong advocate for the First Amendment that specializes in protecting the rights of student journalists, is calling for grassroots support Wednesday — Student Press Freedom Day.

The goal is to recognize the tireless and important work of student journalists in their communities and to highlight the necessity of a free and independent press.

Here's why this day is critical.

Today, there are just 16 daily student newspapers in the United States. While many newsrooms are switching from a print-based to digital-only medium to better match the wants and needs of consumers, revenues cannot keep up.

This mirrors a loss in professional newsrooms, too. From 2008 to 2017, newsroom employment in the U.S. dropped by 23 percent, according to the Pew Research Center.

What this translates to is not just a loss in staffing and equipment, but the sheer inability to do anymore than match the 24/7 news cycle. Student journalists are capable of writing in-depth, long-form investigations. Student journalists are capable of creating documentaries. Student journalists are capable, as long as they are invested in.

Last week, the media industry lost 1,000 journalists to layoffs specifically in digital-based publications such as the Huffington Post and BuzzFeed news. Journalism students today, no matter their experience, will have to fight for jobs in a shrinking market and the classroom is not enough to prepare them.

What the Iowa State Daily does is help fill this gap and connect student journalists to an experiential learning environment. The Iowa State Daily not only provides the basis for how to report and write a story but exist in a professional workspace.

Last semester, the Iowa State Daily reported stories specific to our community that would have otherwise gone unnoticed if left to the city or regional media outlets.

Take for example the recently implemented

trademark policy that has riled many student organizations for what they felt was a lack of communication and thought into the impact it would have.

Over the course of the fall semester, the Iowa State Daily published 22 articles related to the issue. Other news organizations published only one.

The students at the Iowa State Daily serve as watchdogs of the community. Just as it benefits our staff to gain the experience, it benefits Iowa State to see an issue from all sides and have an unbiased, objective news source to get information from.

On Student Press Freedom Day, the Iowa State Daily asks that you take the time to get to know your student newspaper. Visit our website, like us on Twitter and Facebook and subscribe to the Daily Dose, our email newsletter.

We also hope that you enjoy testimonials from our staff — both current and past — about what this organization means to them.

The Iowa State Daily has served the Iowa State community for 128 years and we hope to serve you for 128 more.

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STUDENTS

What the Iowa State Daily means to students

INCLUSIVE Iowa State Daily has impacted our community in more ways than one. Some of these ways include being inclusive to those with different backgrounds, as well as trying their best to make sure they are able to represent everyone. When I first started off as a columnist for the opinion section, I was able to freely express myself covering the topic I enjoyed the most: Literature. There wasn't a single moment during my time at the daily that I didn't feel excited for my next column.

Furthermore, as my time progressed at the daily I was given the opportunity to become the opinion editor where I was able to have a say on how I feel about certain issues that involve not only our community, but our country as well. Being involved with opinion has proven to me and hopefully to others as well that everyone's opinion matters and deserves to be heard. Iowa State Daily has taught me skills that I will carry with me for the rest of my career no matter which path I end up taking.

— *Melanie De Anda, opinion editor*

INFORMATIVE When I think about the Iowa State Daily and student-press in general, many thoughts begin to circulate throughout my head.

With this being my first-year as a student at Iowa State and a first-year reporter at the Daily, some people might think that I am incapable of truly knowing at this point in time my love for student journalism and especially the Daily, considering how young I am.

Those people would be wrong.

I can say without a doubt that working for the Iowa State Daily has been and will continue to be the best part of my time here at Iowa State University.

To me, journalism is about giving your audience the information they deserve to know about any given topic. That could be student government, new university policies, or even analysis from the biggest football game of the year.

Journalism is the greatest service that any student can provide for his or her university in my opinion. As a reporter at the Daily, I have seen and felt how important I am to my school. I feel so proud of the work I do for the Iowa State Daily because I know that each story I write and every event I cover will lead to one of my peers becoming informed, which is something this world needs now more than ever before.

The fact that I can inform and bring-to-life new stories to my friends and classmates here at ISU is addicting.

Crazy how quick addiction can set in when it comes to being a reporter at the Daily. You become a junkie for news and wanting to be the first to give that information to your other classmates. If I didn't care about my job and getting relevant and valuable information out to the school, then my university would be a lesser version of itself.

This first working for the Daily has been the best experience of my life. I get to become the trusted voice people can turn to when news breaks or when further analysis is needed. That's how I know that what I do for the Iowa State Daily is important.

Journalism is vital on a campus environment and I am so lucky that the Iowa State Daily is right where I am.

Without the Daily, we would all be less informed and would have very little individuals to trust on such a big campus like this.

I hope to write for the Daily until the day I graduate and I know that every second I spend working for them and for this university's students, that will lead to me become the successful journalist I strive to be someday.

And you can thank the Iowa State Daily for that possibility.

— *Matt Belinson, sports reporter*

We're not always perfect, but the students who work at the Daily all genuinely care about informing its readers.

PROUD I've gotten to cover two bowl games, two Big 12 basketball tournaments, countless games, practices and more. The Iowa State Daily is about 99 percent responsible for the internship I got last summer — the last three interns they've had are all from the Daily, so clearly this newsroom and the people in it are doing something right.

We're not always perfect, but the students who work at the Daily all genuinely care about informing its readers. Whether it means sitting through three hours of meetings on a Sunday, doing nine-hour training days before each semester or working in the newsroom until 2 a.m. with class the next morning, everyone at the Daily goes above and beyond every day.

I'm really proud of the work I've been fortunate enough to do at the Daily, and hopefully generations of students to come can have a similar experience to mine.

— *Aaron Marnier, sports editor*

COMMUNITY Since joining the Daily in the fall of 2018, I have transitioned from being an academics reporter, specifically for the College of Human Sciences to the new student life editor as of this spring semester 2019.

Through reporting I have opened myself up to people, organizations and ideas that I otherwise wouldn't have had the opportunity to experience. One of my favorite aspects of working at the Daily has been performing interviews with students, faculty and Iowa residents. Interviewing has improved my ability to communicate with others and made me more confident in group settings. It has also introduced me to some very kind people doing amazing things.

One story that really stuck with me was a visit to One Heart Equestrian Therapy where I had the opportunity to interview the owner and tour the amazing new property just outside of Ames. While on the tour I saw beautiful horses and a breath-taking landscape very different from the campus buildings I'm used to seeing. Most of all I got to experience the level of dedication and love that goes into One Heart, and I left feeling that same aura of love and inclusion the whole drive home.

I love working at the Daily and being a part of the community that is the newsroom, even on those very late nights, and I can't wait to see what new experiences this job will lead me to next.

— *Alexis Myszka, lifestyle editor*

FAMILY The Iowa State Daily is a student-run newspaper but also a family. We work as a family, each photographer, reporter, and editor flowing together to serve the community of Ames and Iowa State. We don't just focus on what is happening, we look at who the "what" is affecting and how we can tell that story.

Being the LGBTQIA+ reporter I have the honor of telling the story of an amazing and truly

diverse community. One of the most important stories I have written was about pronouns and how Iowa State lacked space on business cards for them. I talked with members of LGBTQIA+ leadership at Iowa State as well as researched into what it takes to create a business card through Iowa State. I found that there was no spot in the template for pronouns and the only way to add pronouns to a business card involves spending extra money to put them on the back of the card. After I put all of this information in my story and it was published, the campus office in charge of business cards has promised to look into a way of changing their template.

This kind of change is why small newspapers like the Iowa State Daily are important. The family it creates can look into the deep stories that can affect a community for the better. A change for the better I am happy and proud to help with.

— *Logan Metzger, LGBTQIA+ editor*

DEFINING The Iowa State Daily has taught me more about writing and journalism than any class or homework assignment ever has. I don't see myself writing for a news publication later in life, but my time as a reporter and editor has absolutely prepared me for success after graduation.

It's kind of difficult to point out the defining moments in my life, but I think signing up for the Daily was one of them. I've given up almost all of my free time and spent hundreds of long hours in our newsroom, but I wouldn't trade this experience for anything. I've yet to find the "job of my dreams," or the perfect fit for me after graduation. That said, I know having "Editor at the Iowa State Daily" on my résumé is what's going to help me get it.

— *Alexander Gray, limelight editor*

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LEADERSHIP Walking into the newsroom for the first time was a whirlwind of adventure. People were running around trying to put a paper together and in the corner were the design peeps. This team was built of students with an interest in design. Learning about how to design a paper for consumers to read stories easily and prevent walls of text is a difficult process. Once I figured out how to design for readers and use a grid layout I was the star of the newsroom. These skills helped me to understand the concept of other forms of design I specialize in such as; animation, website design, photography, illustration, poster design, etc. Working for the Daily has given me many opportunities to learn to become a leader that can work proficiently with a team to create the best outcome for a situation.

— *Sarah Estes, layout manager*

STORYTELLING My journey throughout my collegiate days has left me in tears, sweat and joy and the Iowa State Daily has some part in it.

The Daily has served as a place as an escape

from things and once there was a time it was a place I avoided.

I did not ignore it for long, little did I know it had all the things I was looking for.

I've been writing since I could remember and I wanted to incorporate my love for it somehow in my professional career.

The Daily has showed me how I can and what it truly means within communities.

The Daily has shown me the importance of newspapers serving their communities.

Within the community that the Daily serves, myself and our readers have been introduced to each of the different backgrounds, creeds, religions, race, gender and sexual orientations.

Not only has my opportunity at the Daily opened my eyes to the world around, it has opened my eyes to the differences

and the beauties that are tagged along with the differences.

No two persons are the same and that's what makes everyone different.

I think my proudest moment at the Daily was when I realized my true passion.

I am a self-made storyteller and there are more stories to tell and now everyday I wake up looking forward to the next one.

— *Whitney Mason, Voices editor*

EDUCATION Working at the Iowa State Daily allows me to be involved with my university in a way that few have the opportunity to do. I get to interact with administration, students, faculty and organizations on a personal level every week. These connections I make let me learn a tremendous amount about Iowa State and it's community, and in turn I get to help educate the public. There is so much that goes on in the day-to-day workings of Iowa State that the general community does not get to hear about. But by being a college newspaper we get to report on everything from breaking news to graduate research, we get to recognize what is going on at every level at Iowa State.

The best thing about student media is in the name, we get to tell stories about students. That's why what we do at the Iowa State Daily is so important. We get to focus on all parts of the colleges and the Iowa State community, not just the seemingly "most important" events, we get to cover all of it. I spend a far majority of the hours of my week in a student newsroom, and I would not want it any other way. I get to work in an environment that challenges the way I think and helps me grow not only as as journalist, but as a person.

— *Annie Wells, academics editor*

EDUCATION I don't want to be a journalist, but the Daily has been here for me nonetheless. Through my three, going on four, semesters at the Daily I have found an organization and a group of people that have helped me grow, develop and become who I am now.

For me, this development came through the processes of journalism. Whether it was gathering information, finding sources, creating relationships or writing stories, every step in the process has given me a deeper connection to Ames.

As someone who doesn't want to enter a journalistic career, I feel like I have the basis to say I work at the Daily for more than the skills I develop: I work here for the people I see every day in the newsroom, the late nights creating a paper, the endless discussions and the community we have developed within the larger Ames community. I want to serve them both.

— *Devyn Leeson, managing editor*

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Freshman guard Talen Horton-Tucker looks for an open pass during the Iowa State vs. Kansas basketball game in Allen Fieldhouse on Jan. 21. The Jayhawks defeated the Cyclones 80-76.

MAKE OR BREAK

Crucial week for Iowa State's Big 12 success

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All things considered, Iowa State enters this week with two likely wins staring back at it.

The Cyclones (15-5, 4-3 Big 12) play both Wednesday's game against West Virginia and Saturday's game against Texas at home. Those two teams are a combined 4-10 in Big 12 games, including 1-6 on the road.

That makes this week the most important of the Big 12 season for Iowa State, which could take a commanding position in the league standings with two wins.

"It's big for us," said freshman guard Tyrese Haliburton. "You've gotta take care of home court in conference play."

Iowa State is currently one game back of leaders Kansas and Kansas State (5-2). The good news for the Cyclones, of course, is that they've already played both games with Kansas, winning one and losing one. Iowa State also has its road game with Texas Tech — the nation's 16th-ranked team — out of the way.

With two wins this week, the Cyclones would move to 6-3 in league play at the halfway point.

That's a 12-6 pace, which would have been good for second place last season. Coach Steve Prohm talks about going 1-0 each day — focusing on the next game rather than getting lost in the big picture — but it's easy to look ahead, given the Cyclones' schedule after this week.

There's no doubt a loss would derail Iowa State's hopes. You can't drop a home game to a below .500 team in the Big 12 and still have a realistic shot to knock off Kansas.

The Big 12 isn't won by beating Kansas straight-up. It's won by winning the games you should win and defending home court.

"It's big," said freshman guard Talen Horton-Tucker about winning at home. "We lost against Kansas State [at home]. We always wanna protect our home court so it's gonna be an important one for us."

Here's how I see it: Iowa State and Kansas are the two teams who can reasonably win the Big 12.

Kansas State has been operating with a razor-thin margin, owning the nation's 204th-rated offense per KenPom, and a ranking of No. 42 by KenPom.

The Wildcats are 5-2 in league play, but they haven't played Kansas yet and two of their wins are by a combined three points (over West Virginia and Iowa

State). There's a reason KenPom has Kansas State finishing 10-8 in the Big 12 with three teams ahead.

Now, onto Kansas.

The Jayhawks have won at least a share of the Big 12 every season since 2004-05. Their coaches and players know nothing but dominance within the conference.

Iowa State's advantage? The Cyclones have played three of their hardest games this season — both games with Kansas and the road game against Texas Tech.

Five of Iowa State's remaining 11 games are against teams with .500 records or better in Big 12 play. Kansas and Kansas State both play six, including each other twice. There's going to be blood at the top of the league, but Iowa State can avoid that by winning at home.

KenPom, for example, gives Iowa State a 47 percent chance or better in every remaining game, and a 50 percent chance or better in nine of the remaining 11. There's no reason Iowa State shouldn't finish with eight or nine wins in its final 11, but that starts with this week.

If Iowa State takes care of business against West Virginia and Texas, the Big 12 title dream stays alive another week.

Iowa State tackles Texas Tech at halfway point of Big 12 play

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Nearly halfway through Big 12 Conference play, the Iowa State women's basketball team is in a good spot compared to last season.

The team currently sits with a 15-5 record overall and a 5-3 record against the Big 12, enough to earn them a spot at No. 23 in this week's Associated Press Top 25. It's a far cry from last year at this time, when the Cyclones were 9-11 through 20 games, with only a 2-6 record in conference play.

There are multiple reasons why the Cyclones have had such a drastic

turnaround, but the biggest one might be the emergence of key players not named Bridget Carleton. As opposed to last season, Iowa State now has five starters capable of scoring in double figures on any given night, which allows the team to go to other options when Carleton is having an off night.

For as quick as Iowa State's turnaround has been, however, their opponent Tuesday hasn't had quite the same success coming off a lackluster season. While Texas Tech does already have more wins than last season, the Lady Raiders come into Tuesday's game — the midway point of the Big 12 season — with

only a 1-7 record.

With bigger challenges ahead, it'd be easy to think the Cyclones may be looking past their upcoming opponent. However, players say to look past Texas Tech's record because the Raiders are closer than one might think.

"We've talked about that. Their conference record is 1-7 but all the games they've played in they've been close in the third or fourth quarter," said redshirt senior guard Alexa Middleton. "They're a team that is going to keep fighting. They play hard, they've got some people that can score the ball and they rebound the ball really well."

Texas Tech rebounds the ball so well, in fact, that they're first in the conference in offensive rebounding. The bulk of their work on the glass comes from two players in particular, Brittany Brewer and Zuri Sanders. Just from those two, the Raiders get a combined average of 21 rebounds per game.

While Sanders isn't much of a scorer, Brewer is near the top in the conference with an average of 17.6 points per game. That average is good for fifth in the Big 12, and she's doing it with a nearly 54 percent shooting percentage.

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Arkansas' Malica Monk takes a shot while being blocked by Cyclones' Kristin Scott during a game on Dec. 2, 2018.



COURTESY OF MINA WALTERS

The Ski and Snowboard Club catches a quick selfie while on the slopes. The Ski and Snowboard Club offers a place for students to bond over a winter activity.

Soakin' up the snow slopes

Ski and Snowboard Club embraces the winter weather

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During the winter in Ames, students may find themselves looking out their window watching the campus they call home blanketed in snow. They question whether they should embrace the snowfall or begin hibernation mode.

If you are one to enjoy the outdoors and adore the sight of snow, bundle up and grab some friends from down the hall to experience Iowa's lovely weather.

There are numerous outdoor activities to do during the winter season from sledding to making snow angels or building a snowman.

To avoid pure laziness and the other side effects winter comes with, the Ski and Snowboard Club on campus might make for a good fit.

The Ski and Snowboard Club is a recreational and competitive team offering an environment where students can make new friends with a common interest.

"There are lifetime, die hard skiers and snowboarders then there are skiers and snowboarders who pick it up for the first time," said Taylor Goodness, a senior in mechanical engineering and president of the club. "It is a variety of skill so no worries of being the only one going through difficulties."

The club has about 75 members from amateurs to advanced skiers and snowboarders.

"I highly encourage students to try skiing or snowboarding at least one time," said Ryan Fransen, a senior in mechanical engineering and treasurer of the club. "My pointer is to come in with an open-mind. This is not something that comes natural to everyone but with motivation and positivity you will pick it up pretty quickly."

To join the club there is a \$40 due with the access of social events and discounted passes, gear and trips. On Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays members get discounts for riding. The club takes two trips to Colorado and other areas over winter and spring break.

"The club is aware it is an expensive sport ... that is why the club provides discounts with supplementing the cost of passes and equipment to help students get on the hill who have wanted to but never had the opportunity to," Fransen said.

There is niche for each student whether it is freestyle races or leisure activities. The club offers an opportunity for students to be a part of the race team.

"There is no skill requirement for the race team, it is based off of interest," Fransen said. "The race team is a way to get out every weekend and get around the Midwest while riding on different resorts."

The team competes all around the Midwest on the weekends. It is the club's goal to compete at regionals and nationals every year.

"If you are interested in freestyle or racing competitively we would never turn you down," Goodness said.

Wherever there is snow the team will go. They travel to places such as Seven Oaks Recreation in Boone, Iowa, and Chestnut Mountain Resort in Galena, Illinois.

"This is my favorite thing about Iowa State," Fransen said. "Snowboarding is my passion, which is why I am passionate for this club."

When there is no longer any more snow on the ground, the club will have get-togethers at Jeff's Pizza, Sky Zone as well as cookouts.

"It is nice having another friend group outside of my other friend groups," Goodness said. "These friends in this club share the same interest I have for this sport."



COURTESY OF RYAN FRANSEN

Ski and Snowboard Club members Emily White, Arianna Nasserjah, Bella Gyll, Cleary Elder and Mina Walters celebrate after competitively skiing and snowboarding against other universities.

"Are you the kind that we can model ourselves after because you created justice in the world?" Packnett said.