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YEAR ONE

A look at Trump's first year in office



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One down, three (or more) left to go.

Jan. 20 marks one year since President Donald Trump put his hand on a bible and was sworn in as the 45th president of the United States.

The past year has seen executive orders and presidential decisions met with protests and the president's Twitter use turning into news stories.

Trump's presidency has been met with liberal opposition as well as support from conservatives across the country. Trump followed his victory by going on a 'thank you' tour to thank those who voted for him.

His Des Moines visit brought supporters from across the state as well as a small group of protesters.

Iowan Paula Hunter attended the rally and said she was ready for blue collar workers to be heard with the start of Trump's presidency.

"We have a democracy and they've had their way the past eight years," Hunter said at the event. "We didn't riot and have a fit when Obama won for eight years. We didn't do all the crap they're doing. We went to bed at night and we hated it. So we woke up every day and went to work."

The day after his inauguration, women's marches were held around the world, including in Des Moines. A year later, the same marches will be held again.

Another protest was held on Iowa State's campus following the election called the "Not My President" rally.

Other protests have been seen on Iowa State's campus and across the country after some of Trump's decisions including the immigration ban, rescinding DACA protections and overturning protections for transgender people.

After Trump's first year shaping policy and making headlines, these are some noteworthy moments from his inauguration to the start of his second year.

"I was afraid to tell people that my father was Muslim if they didn't already know."

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SUSTAINABILITY

Looking into Ames’ drinking water

BY EMILY BENDA
contributor to the Daily

This series explores how the Iowa State community and its members prioritize sustainability as they interact with resources such as land, water and electricity. ‘Sustainable steps: A look at green efforts in the Iowa State community’ is a collaborative project between the Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication depth reporting class and the Iowa State Daily.

It’s the most common advice for staying healthy. Doctors, coaches and even your parents probably encourage you to drink more water. Yet most people don’t think twice about where their water comes from or what chemicals are added to it. Lyle Hammes, superintendent of the Ames Water Treatment Plant, explained how the city purifies the water that comes out of your kitchen sinks and why each additive is important.

Limewater: 380 mg/liter or .00038 percent

Contrary to its name, this isn’t the same as putting lime juice in water. Hammes says the first step to purifying water after it reaches the treatment plant is aeration to remove toxins, such as carbon dioxide and iron. The next step is to add limewater. “We use lime to soften the water once we remove the calcium-magnesium hardness,” Hammes said. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website reads lime softening is the “best available technology” for removing minerals such as radium, uranium, arsenic, iron and manganese. On average, total water hardness put out by the Ames Water Treatment Plant is 160 mg/liter, which is a 42 percent decrease from raw water hardness at 380 mg/liter. The softer the water, the fewer minerals it contains.

Chlorine: 2.5 mg/liter or .0000025 percent

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), sodium hypochlorite, or chlorine, has been used to purify water in the United States for 100 years. The purification process doesn’t end with the water treatment plants. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires water systems to maintain a balance of 1.5 mg/liter of chlorine throughout the entire distribution system. Becky Schwiete of the Iowa DNR said chlo-

rine is about the only disinfection method that allows the DNR to check and have confidence in its endurance. “Generally, a form of chlorine is the preferred method of disinfection,” Schwiete said. “That is because we require the distribution system test out at homes at different taps to make sure they maintain a chlorine residual and that proves to us that the water is staying disinfected.”

Hammes said to maintain this balance, the Ames Water Treatment Plant releases the water at a higher chlorine level (2.5-2.8 mg/liter). The water eventually loses some of that chlorine as it travels throughout Ames, but enough to stay above the minimum of 1.5mg/liter. “The most critical thing is to make sure people have a safe supply of water,” Hammes said. “People ask us if [the water quality situation in] Flint, Michigan could happen here. The answer is yes, if we don’t do our job correctly. If we have the chemistry correct, we’re good ... we do about 190 tests a day to check.” Daily monitoring of chemicals added to water is required by the state. Schwiete said nitrate levels and bacteria levels are checked less often than added chemicals, but still regularly according to state regulations for water supply permits.

Fluoride: 0.67 mg/liter or .00000067 percent

This may remind you of a trip to the dentist and in fact, fluoride is added in drinking water to benefit tooth health by strengthening enamel. Almost all water contains some fluoride, but usually not enough to prevent tooth decay. After positive results in a water fluoride study in the 1930s, Grand Rapids, Michigan, was the first city to add fluoride to the water in 1945. By 2012, 75 percent of U.S. community water systems contained fluoride, according to the CDC. Schwiete said there are many water supply systems in Iowa that add fluoride and in doing so they must do daily monitoring of the fluoride levels onsite to manage healthy chemical levels. “They have to submit [a monthly operational report] to the field office for review so that we are certain they are not over-fluoridating the water,” Schwiete said. According to the CDC Community Water Fluoridation webpage, decisions to add fluoride to drinking water are made at a state or local level.

RESEARCH

ALS research

Student turns tragedy into possibility

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Lauren Laboissonniere was 13 when her grandfather died from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Now that she is a doctoral student, the disease coined Lou Gehrig's disease is the focus of her research.

Laboissonniere is studying cell populations in mouse models of Lou Gehrig's disease. ALS is a neurodegenerative disorder where the motor neurons — the cells that control movement — begin to degenerate.

In the beginning stages, symptoms like muscle stiffness and tingling are present.

As the disease progresses, it can weaken the diaphragm and make things like breathing difficult. ALS is fatal, has no cure and very few treatments.

"It left a really lasting impression on me," Laboissonniere said. "There's no great treatment option for people with the disease. Then I came to Iowa State."

ALS — like many neurodegenerative diseases — is progressive, meaning that when the disease first sets in, there are little to no noticeable symptoms, and over time it becomes more serious, painful and even fatal.

Most neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease have few treatment options, if any. Unfortunately, ALS is no different in this respect.

At 13 years old, Laboissonniere hadn't seen illness that couldn't be fought. Despite her father having varying forms of cancer, he had always been treated, and the cancer would be gone.

"When I was growing up it was like you get sick, you go to the doctor, you get better," Laboissonniere said. "My father has had different types of cancer all my life, but he would go to the doctor and he would get better. So even cancer to me wasn't, like, a big deal."

Laboissonniere said that when her grandfather was diagnosed with ALS, she had never encountered a disease that couldn't be treated.

So when her mother — who was a nurse — told her that her grandfather wasn't going to get better and that he was going to die, it was 'eye opening.'

"She made it clear, 'Grandpa is not gonna live. He is not going to survive this. This is not a disease that you come out the other side of. He will die.' It was baffling to me," Laboissonniere said. "At the time he was diagnosed he might've had tingling in his arms, but to me he seemed fine. But I didn't realize that not everything has a drug. As a 13-year-old that's hard to grapple with. He passed away less than a year later, in April, just after my birthday."

Laboissonniere referred to a quote from the book "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Mitch Albom: "ALS is like a lit candle: it melts your nerves and leaves your body a pile of wax."

"It's a really sad disease. You're being tube fed, you're being washed by someone else, you can't move, and we don't know

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their mental health so we don't know if they are aware of what's going on, or if they have dementia or maybe they're fully capable and completely reactive," Laboissonniere said. "What a worse way to go, trapped inside your own body."

She said she knew right away then that she wanted to study



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Lauren Laboissonniere works in her lab at the Molecular Biology building studying ALS in mouse models. Her goal is to find a biomedical marker to target the disease in cells to develop a treatment.

the disease.

"Lauren [Laboissonniere] performs some state-of-the-art molecular biology techniques to sample what genes are expressed in different populations," said assistant professor Jeff Trimarchi. "This is much more difficult than it might sound and requires both wet lab molecular biology skill and skill in computational analysis of the large data sets."

Laboissonniere studied these techniques at the University of Massachusetts when she was an undergrad in biomedical engineering.

When she came to Iowa State, she began to study the retina under Trimarchi. Trimarchi had a connection at Northwestern University, Dr. Hande Ozdinler, who works at the Northwestern School of Medicine and has a number of mouse models of ALS that Laboissonniere and Trimarchi have been able to use for their research.

"We look at the different genes that [the mice models] are expressing and we compare them to healthy mice at the same time points to see if there are genes that are being over-expressed or under-expressed that may be causing those cells to die," Laboissonniere said.

Laboissonniere said the goal of this research is to isolate markers of the disease in cell populations, target them and test drugs that will attack the markers of the disease.

"We are really hoping to identify some sort of biomarker or something that we can target with a drug that can stop or slow down the disease progression, in hopes that it will translate back to humans," Laboissonniere said.

Laboissonniere has examined multiple ALS mouse models and currently is in the process of publishing the results of this research.

Along with her research and the retina research with Trimarchi, she is in charge of a team of undergrad students working on a project studying zebrafish models of ALS.

"In all of these projects, Lauren [Laboissonniere] has done a wonderful job. She functions as a very independent researcher," Trimarchi said. "Teaching herself the computational skills needed to analyze all of the data she has generated is particularly impressive."

Laboissonniere is currently interviewing in labs for her post-doctoral research as she completes her doctorate this spring. She hopes to run an ALS lab of her own one day.

FEATURE PHOTO



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STUDY ABROAD CENTER PROVIDES UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

Study Abroad Center Senior Program Manager Monica Ernberger (right) describes the different types of opportunities available through the university during the Study Abroad Fair in the Memorial Union on Jan. 18. While the university offers many trips independently, students can also be connected through several third party organizations to study worldwide.

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By Robin Stears

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Conversation on consent needs more context

#MeToo ignites discussion



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In recent months the news cycle has been inundated with sexual misconduct allegations against men (and women) in nearly every field of celebrity.

The crimes have ranged from harassment to rape. The details of each case are intimately personal, and therefore deserve personal attention. Yet when a new allegation arises, we're content to treat it as synonymous with the others, ignoring individual nuances in favor of bludgeoning each case with the sledgehammer of public denunciation and career destruction.

In some cases, this reaction is not severe enough. But in others, it's far stronger than what the situation warrants, and the problem with that is it turns a very important and valuable conversation about sexual assault into — yes, I'll say it — a potential witch hunt.

No allegation is complete without context. Publicly accusing someone of any type of sexual misdemeanor means that they will become a part of the larger conversation we are currently having, and therefore it's important we get the details right. A lone incident that took place years ago is different than a repeated pattern of behavior.

In other words, context is important. Ignoring that context and giving all accusations equal treatment discredits the #MeToo movement, the women who have bravely spoken out about their own experiences, and potentially creates more unnecessary victims.

Here's an example. When we look at a person like Harvey Weinstein or USA Gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar, who have been accused of patterns of sexual harassment and abuse spanning decades by over a dozen women, it's evident that they didn't simply make a mistake once or twice. They have demonstrat-

ed repeated predatory behavior and been accused of everything from harassment to rape. They should lose their jobs, they should lose our respect and they should face jail time.

In contrast, the allegations against senator Al Franken, who has been accused by eight women of groping or kissing them inappropriately in instances taking place 10-18 years ago, merits a different reaction. Franken's behavior was abhorrent.

But the nature of the harassment, time frame it took place in and Franken's resignation of his seat in the Senate makes it clear that some growth has occurred.

Our conversation about sexual harassment needs to make room for that growth. How much room, I don't know. But that question is one that needs to be answered if we are to keep the conversation intelligent and fair.

The issue of sexual harassment takes place in shades of gray. As we continue our public discussion, we need to address and define those shades of gray instead of pretending like they don't exist. It's easy to get swept up in the righteous anger of the movement, but the situation of Aziz Ansari is an example of what can happen if we disregard the shades of gray in each situation.

On Jan. 13, Babe.net published one woman's account of a date she had with Ansari. The woman, who spoke under the pseudonym Grace, graphically described her uncomfortable sexual encounter with the comedian. It's easy to read the account and relate with Grace. Many, many women understand the feeling of confusion, disappointment and helplessness that she experienced.

But at the end of the day, we have to see the encounter for what it is: another example of a guy who didn't get consent, but who also probably didn't have

malicious intentions. Like many cases, Grace's account falls in the gray area.

We cannot act like what Ansari did is comparable to what Weinstein did, or even like what Franken did. Should he have recognized the signs that Grace was uncomfortable? Yes. Do we need to do a better job of teaching boys (and men) what consent means? Definitely. But does Ansari deserve the public humiliation and professional backlash he's received? Does he deserve to lose his career? Absolutely not.

The topic of sexual abuse and assault is complex. The way I see it, there are two issues being addressed right now: The pattern of sexual abuse by men in power, which is the issue dominating the news, and the far less malicious yet more commonplace issue of consent. I believe that the story of Grace and Ansari falls in the second category. Consent and what constitutes it is a very important conversation to have, but conflating it as the same issue taking place in the Weinstein or Franken scandals is dangerous and just plain wrong.

The culture of victim-blaming and slut-shaming needs to end, but we also can't address sexual misdemeanor and misconduct situations with the same reaction we have for sexual abuse. Few situations are black and white, and to ignore the nuances of each allegation is to discredit the women speaking out.

The past matters. Holding people accountable matters. Speaking truth to power matters. But the fact that this conversation is so important, that it matters so much, is exactly why we have to get it right. #MeToo is not a witch hunt. But if we allow ourselves to get so swept up in rage that we can ignore the shades of gray in the issue, we will end up burning at the stake not just predators, but innocent people.

EDITORIAL

Iowa needs to fund clean water

Eight years ago, forward thinking Iowans voted overwhelmingly to amend the state constitution. Today, however, the citizens of Iowa are still waiting on lawmakers to fulfill their end of the deal.

With its passage, Amendment 1 established the Iowa Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. The amendment dictates that three-eighths of a cent from the next sales tax increase will be set aside for state and local projects that help protect or improve Iowa's natural resources and outdoor recreational programs.

Furthermore, the language of the constitution makes it impossible for the money in the fund to be reallocated or used for any other purpose.

In 2010 the amendment garnered bipartisan support from hunters, landowners, farmers, environmentalists and nature enthusiasts alike. These groups saw the need for this specific funding model and acted to establish the mechanism that would bring about positive change.

Today, public support for the now-law is still high. A Des Moines Register/Mediacom Iowa Poll last February found that 56 percent of Iowans support "increasing the state sales

tax three-eighths of 1 cent to pay for water quality projects and outdoor recreation." A more recent poll that asked a similar question found support for the tax increase at 69 percent. And, what could be a better gift for lawmakers who are facing large budgetary shortfalls for the second year in a row than a poll showing public support for a tax increase?

But this is not new information for lawmakers. This is now the eighth legislative session since the passage of the amendment. The fund still sits void of any tangible progress and instead is filled with the unmet expectations of the Iowa voters.

Legislative officials and the governor have about three months to pass a bill increasing the state sales tax. Lawmakers have the opportunity to address water quality issues while investing in our state's natural resources and communities — all in one bill. Gov. Kim Reynolds has even stated that she hopes the first bill she signs deals with the concerns over water quality in the state.

Let's make the governor's wish (and the collective wish of nearly 69 percent of Iowans) a reality and provide the appropriate funds to the Iowa Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund.

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Senior Haylee Young sticks her dismount during the beam rotation of the first home meet of the season against Arizona Jan. 12 in Hilton Coliseum. Young scored a 9.925.

GYMNASTICS

Iowa State prepares for daunting task

Cyclones face national champions

BY AUSTIN.ANDERSON
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Iowa State gymnastics coach Jay Ronayne sent a text Wednesday to Oklahoma coach K.J. Kindler, four days before their teams were set to square off in a tri-meet.

“Congratulations on a good start to the season,” Ronayne wrote. “It would be OK with me if you took the weekend off.”

Oklahoma taking the weekend off might be the Cyclones best chance to beat the Sooners. Oklahoma is the two-time defending national champion and has the highest score of any team so far this season, a 197.550 in a victory over Georgia on Monday.

If the Cyclones are able to make noise Sunday in Norman, Oklahoma, it would be a first for Ronayne. In his 12 years as head coach, he has never beaten Oklahoma.

It started in 2007 when Kindler, then the Iowa State gymnastics coach, left the Cyclones after leading them to a third place finish at the national championships to take the head coaching position at Oklahoma.

Ronayne stepped in after being an assistant at Auburn and had his best shot to take down the Sooners at the 2007 regionals.

With a trip to the 2007 national championships on the line, Iowa State and Oklahoma finished with the exact same score of 195.975. The tiebreaker extended the score to include the sixth gymnast in each event whose score is normally not counted. The Cyclones lost by tenths of a point.

“I don’t think I’ll ever forget the feelings [after that],” Ronayne said, not laughing. “I was angry. We didn’t perform as well as we could have that day.

“For it to be a tie with Oklahoma, that was the irony of the century. I remember saying at the time if I had written a script of a movie that ended this way, nobody would’ve believed it.”

In Ronayne’s early years as coach, he struggled following in his predecessor’s footsteps. He had to prove himself as a coach to a team that just had one of the most successful coaches in school history. It was no fault of his own, he just wasn’t Kindler.

“The team didn’t want her to leave,” Ronayne said. “So when she left, they didn’t want anybody else. It was a huge struggle.”

It took time and cycles of recruiting classes, but Ronayne undoubtedly is the man in charge of leading this team back to the top of college gymnastics. After upsets of three top-20 teams in just two meets this season, the Cyclones are back in the top 15.

This meet is against Oklahoma, but gymnastics

is different than any other sport. Wins and losses matter to a certain extent, but not nearly as much as the team score. The average team score at the end of the season is what qualifies teams for the postseason.

“In our sport, it’s not like you have to win a certain amount of games to get into a bowl game,” said senior captain Kelsey Paz. “It’s about getting a certain score. For us, it’s actually really refreshing to go to the national championships because it pushes us a little bit more and our scores usually show that.”

Some teams might ignore the fact that they’re competing against the best team in the country.

The Cyclones might have ignored it last year. This year, while Ronayne said they haven’t really spoken out loud about it, the team seems to be embracing the challenge.

“I think when you go against Oklahoma, it’s almost less stressful, which is weird because they’re one of the best teams in the country,” said senior captain Briana Ledesma. “To us, it’s not that we can’t beat them. It’s just that we know, in our sport, that’s just not the outcome that’s going to happen, unless there is an odd miracle and they fall 47 times.”

With the slim chance of the Cyclones pulling the upset, they said they feel like they’re going down to Norman, Oklahoma, with nothing to lose.

“We don’t have to go in the mindset that we have to beat them,” Ledesma said. “We just go in there like ‘let’s rock a solid meet.’ When we have that mindset, we usually shake people up a bit. That’s what happened [last season] with Alabama.”




Last season, Iowa State went on the road to finish the season at No. 6 Alabama. The Cyclones held the lead over one of the best teams in the country through three events but weren’t ultimately able to hang on.

In front of a crowd of over 10,000 people, the Cyclones finished the regular season with a season high score of 196.600.

If the Cyclones want to have a chance, they’ll need a repeat performance of their meet in Alabama.

“If we do what we’ve been training to do and really just let go of the stress of everything, I think we can give them a run for their money definitely,” Ledesma said. “We have some really good talent on this team and we’re not a new team.

“We’re still that team that shook up Alabama so I think we can shake [Oklahoma] up a little.”



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Ryan Stier, member of both bands Annalibera and Extravision, performs solo at Inkblot Studio for Maximum Ames Music Festival.

Ames Winter Classic’s seventh installment

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The Ames Winter Classic will hit the Maintenance Shop for the seventh time on Friday.

The small indoor music festival will feature headliner Extravision as well as AIBU and Kelli Rae Powell.

Extravision is a blend of sounds, genres and concepts from Ryan Stier. The ensemble’s performances sometimes show slight variation and growth on songs they have already written, giving the audience the chance to experience the group’s music in new ways.

Extravision will be replacing Mumford’s, an Ames Winter Classic regular, as the headlining act.

Nate Logsdon, the frontman of Mumford’s and the mastermind behind the Ames Winter Classic, had to step away due to family circumstances.

Logsdon originally envisioned the event as a smaller version of the Maximum Ames Music Festival. The most important part of the concept was the venue.

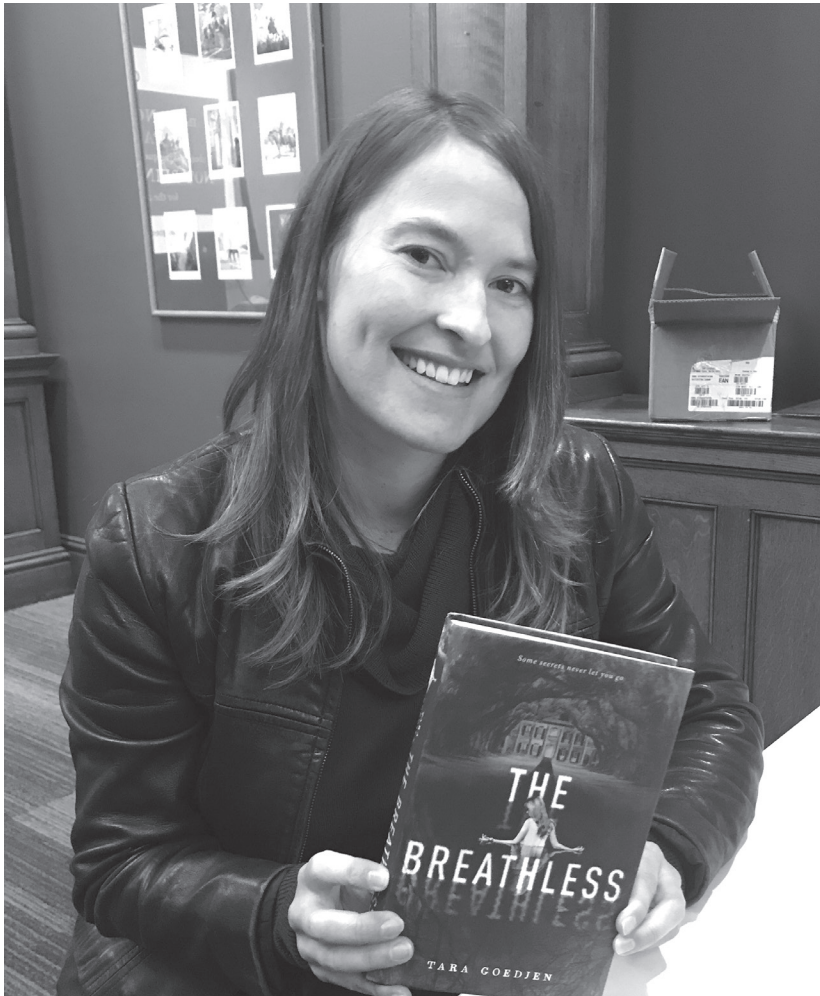
Logsdon wanted to hold the winter festival in the Maintenance Shop because it is such a revered venue. Its history gives it a type of star status within the community.

The winter season isn’t often home to big music events, but Logsdon managed to accomplish just that. Every year, for six years, the Ames Winter Classic has brought color to the local music scene and showcased a diverse roster of artists for students and Ames community members to discover and enjoy.

Past artists have included Mumford’s, Gloom Balloon, EBONY TUSKS and Kickstart the Sun.

Music is important to Ames and to Iowa State University. Many people care deeply about it. The Ames Winter Classic is an honest representation of the diversity and dedication that can be found in local artists and local music lovers.

The event is free and open to the public. It will start at 8 p.m. and the Maintenance Shop will open its doors at 7:30.



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Author and Iowa State alumna Tara Goedjen released her debut novel “The Breathless” last October. The novel is a young adult mystery-thriller.

BOOKS

Alumna releases debut novel

Review of “The Breathless”

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“The Breathless” is a young adult gothic-thriller novel from Iowa State alumna Tara Goedjen and is sure to capture your attention.

Goedjen’s debut novel follows Cage Shaw, Mae and Grady Cole through a journey of dark secrets, twisted family trees and magic. Set mostly around the Cole’s manor, Blue Gate, “The Breathless” gives off a gothic, eerie, magical vibe that will make you continue to flip the pages deep into the night.

The jumping back-and-forth between the three lead characters could be seen as hard to follow, but is very well written and adds to the overall feeling and thrill of the book.

I personally loved getting to read from three completely different perspectives and adding that bit of history into the novel via Grady Cole was one of my favorite aspects.

Mae’s older sister Roxanne “Ro” Cole’s body was mysteriously found on the beach by their property a year earlier, leaving the Cole family in shambles. How could witty, full-of-life Ro be dead?

And the only person who knows what might have

happened to Ro is her then-boyfriend Cage who hasn’t been seen since the night it all happened, making him a clear suspect in the Cole’s and townspeople’s minds.

Until Cage suddenly turns up at the front door of Blue Gate, exactly one year after Ro was found dead.

“The Breathless” isn’t like any other mystery/thriller I’ve read, and that’s because the storyline takes the most unusual twists. What’s better than a book that leaves you surprised and even shocked in a way? Nothing. It was very refreshing reading a book that, piece-by-piece, you put together, and then at the very end the puzzle was completed and everything made sense.

As well as having a suspenseful plotline, the story moved at just the right pace. Not going too fast to leave you in the dark or moving to slow so that you’d lose interest, “The Breathless” followed a steady pace, with action-packed scenes at just the right moments.

Follow Mae, Cage and Grady into a world full of magic, history and dark secrets that you are sure not to forget anytime soon.

FEATURE PHOTO



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>> CAMPUS CONVERSATION FOCUSES ON DIVERSITY

Vice President of Diversity Reginald Stewart announces the Martin Luther King, Jr. Advancing One Community Awards prior to the campus conversation of Balancing Freedom of Expression and Diversity at the Sun Room of the Memorial Union on Jan. 18, 2018.

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International decisions

After Trump’s initial immigration ban and attempts to block the ban, his third revision could not be legally challenged.

Trump signed an executive order in January that bans seven countries with a Muslim majority—Iraq, Syria, Iran, Sudan, Libya, Somalia and Yemen—from entering the United States.

This order was criticized for being discriminatory against Muslims and was successfully blocked for the same reason.

A later executive order that removed Iraq from the list was also blocked.

The most recent version of the travel ban includes eight countries—North Korea, Yemen, Syria, Libya, Sudan, Somalia, Venezuela and Chad.

This ban was met with protests in airports as visitors with visas were being turned away.

Iowa State international students feared that they wouldn’t be able to go home without risking losing their education.

“We’re now on a list because of things we didn’t choose. I didn’t choose my nationality, I was born there. It’s not my fault,” Sinan Al-Rubaye, a senior in management from Iraq, said in February.

Trump and supporters argue that this move will keep the country safe from terrorism.

Iowa State students responded to the original ban with a protest titled, “Hoodies and Hijabs” against the discriminatory nature of the executive order and the position the ban was putting international students in.

“I was afraid to tell people that my father was Muslim if they didn’t already know,” Wesley Harris, the organizer of the event, said at the time. “I heard classmates, I heard teachers, I heard members of the community where I grew up spout fallacies as if they were fact.”

Trump also selected a new ambassador to China which happened to be now former- Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad.

Gov. Kim Reynolds, lieutenant governor at the time, stepped into his place, serving as the first female governor of the State of Iowa.

Branstad, who was the longest serving

governor in the U.S., serving 22 years, was officially appointed to the position in May.

“Having worked alongside the governor for many years, I know he will exemplify the same leadership, thoughtfulness and dedication in his role as Ambassador to China on behalf of the United States as he did for the people of Iowa,” Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, said to the U.S. Senate in support of Branstad’s nomination.

Trump rescinds Obama-era decisions

President Trump has touted the many Obama-era laws and executive orders which he has overturned, even joking on Thanksgiving that he would overturn Obama’s turkey pardons.

In February, Trump reversed an interpretation of Title IX which included protections for transgender students. Less than a year prior, the U.S. Justice Department and Education Department issued a joint letter under the direction of Obama to provide guidance which allowed transgender students to use restrooms that correspond with their identity.

In Iowa, transgender is recognized as a protected class, meaning they can use the restroom that corresponds with their identity and are protected if any discrimination occurs. This policy is followed by Iowa State.

“When federal policy or statute or guidance or interpretation, in this case, is changed so that states and localities can come up with how they’re going to interpret it can be difficult depending on the state you’re in,” Nicci Port, project director for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion in LGBTQA+ Affairs, told the Daily in February. “For us, we’re set up in a way that still protects gender identity according to state law. From there, Iowa State follows.”

People in support of Trump’s decision express fear that allowing transgender women into female bathrooms opens the door for predators.

An article by Time Magazine that looked into the debate on bathrooms stated there is no evidence that warrants this fear.

Trump spent much of his first year in office attempting to rescind the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood

Arrivals (DACA), which protects undocumented minors and gives them work permits and access to U.S. education.

More recently, U.S. District Judge William Alsup blocked Trump from overturning these protections earlier this month.

Trump’s attempts to rescind DACA protections follow his campaign promises to build a wall along the U.S./Mexico border as well as other attempts to restrict immigration to the U.S. as a whole.

Relations with the media

President Trump has formed a poor view of the media, regularly tweeting about what he deems the ‘fake media’ and ‘fake news.’

More recently, Trump announced that he would be holding fake news awards.

The blog posted linked in his bio opened with the following statement:

“2017 was a year of unrelenting bias, unfair news coverage, and even down-right fake news. Studies have shown that over 90% of the media’s coverage of President Trump is negative.”

On the top of the list sat the New York Times’ Paul Krugman who said the economy would never recover on the day of Trump’s election in an opinion piece.

CNN, ABC News and Newsweek were among other news sources to make the list.

Many of the news sources listed responded with more op-eds. The Washington Post questioned whether a news organization should be deemed fake news if they admit error.

Trump’s ‘fake news awards’ signal the relations between the White House and the media will maintain a rocky relationship during his second year in office.

TWEET COMPILATIONS

Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump

It all begins today! I will see you at 11:00 A.M. for the swearing-in. THE MOVEMENT CONTINUES - THE WORK BEGINS!

6:31 AM - Jan 20, 2017

Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump

“Now that the three basketball players are out of China and saved from years in jail, LaVar Ball, the father of LiAngelo, is unaccepting of what I did for his son and that shoplifting is no big deal. I should have left them in jail!”

12:42 PM - Nov 19, 2017

Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump

“We must stop being politically correct and get down to the business of security for our people. If we don’t get smart it will only get worse”

5:19 AM - Jun 4, 2017

Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump

“We need the Wall for the safety and security of our country. We need the Wall to help stop the massive inflow of drugs from Mexico, now rated the number one most dangerous country in the world. If there is no Wall, there is no Deal!”

5:16 AM - 18 Jan 2018

Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump

“Why would Kim Jong-un insult me by calling me “old,” when I would NEVER call him “short and fat?” Oh well, I try so hard to be his friend - and maybe someday that will happen!”

4:48 PM - 11 Nov 2017