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VICE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

The Student Government Vice Presidential Debate featured candidates Vishesh Bhatia, Analese Hauber and Annaliessa Michelotti (left to right). The debate was held in the Gallery Room of the Memorial Union Tuesday.

Candidates discuss inclusion, wellness

BY EMILY.BERCH
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A spring festival, increased parking and an emergency rent assistance fund were all topics at the first debate of the Student Government election season.

The three candidates for vice president of Student Government debated about the community, campus inclusivity, student wellness and Student Government issues Tuesday at the Memorial Union.

Annaliessa Michelotti emphasized her lack of Student Government experience as an asset throughout the debate, saying being an outsider would allow her to “relate to Cyclones a lot more.”

Conversely, Analese Hauber touted her campaign with Cody Woodruff as the slate with the most experience in Student Government, with Woodruff having three years of experience and Hauber having one. Hauber said the

connections they have made through Student Government will allow them to get more students involved, which she said is the real goal of their campaign.

Vishesh Bhatia spoke to his campus involvement outside of Student Government as a highlight of his campaign. Bhatia and his running mate Austin Graber are both community advisers and Cyclone Aides.

COMMUNITY ISSUES

Michelotti’s campaign advocates for increasing parking availability on campus, which she said can be done through finding “eco-friendly options” through discussions with Iowa State’s Parking Division — something she said her campaign has already begun working with.

The Michelotti campaign is also proposing bringing a spring festival back to Iowa State, and moderators asked how their festival would be different from the VEISHEA festival, which was banned from Iowa State after it

ended with riots in 2014.

Michelotti said she and Whittington do not want to bring VEISHEA back to Iowa State but would like to “revise a spring festival” by creating a safe and fun environment to celebrate Cyclone pride.

“When talking to alumni of Iowa State University, they have told us that they don’t donate to Iowa State because we don’t hold the same values that we once held when they went to school here,” Michelotti said.

Hauber said private donations, including those from alumni, would fund her campaign’s emergency rent assistance program, which would help students being threatened with eviction.

“[Alumni] provide us so many great opportunities through their donations, and we want to look at how we continue supporting each other in the Cyclone community, not just

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KENNEDY DERAEDT/ISD

Kim Reynolds celebrates being the first elected female governor Nov. 6.

Hearbeat bill to not see appeal process

BY EMILY.BERCH
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Gov. Kim Reynolds announced Tuesday she will not appeal a District Court’s decision that ruled her fetal heartbeat law unconstitutional.

According to the press release, Reynolds’ decision not to appeal was based on the Iowa Supreme Court’s decision in June to strike down a law mandating a 72-hour waiting period for people seeking abortions, which served as precedent in the case against the fetal heartbeat law.

“I think the Iowa Supreme Court got it wrong,” Reynolds said in the release. “But after this decision and because of Planned Parenthood’s legal maneuverings, I see no path to successfully appeal the district court’s decision or to get this lawsuit before the U.S. Supreme Court.”

College Republicans President Jacob Minock said the appeal would be a long and lengthy process.

Minock said he respects Reynolds’ decision.

Reynolds said moving forward, her administration would continue focusing “on changing hearts and minds and to seek other ways to advance the cause of protecting the unborn in Iowa and around the nation,” according to the press release.

Erin Davison-Rippee, Iowa’s Planned Parenthood state executive director, released a statement in response to Reynolds’ decision, saying the organization will continue to defend the right to an abortion in the Iowa Constitution.

ACLU of Iowa Executive Director Mark Stringer released a statement in response lauding the Iowa Constitution for guaranteeing “women’s fundamental right, in consultation with her doctor and loved ones, to make one of the most difficult, personal decisions she’ll ever make.”

Free speech focus of upcoming Senate meeting

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Student Government will debate three acts regarding the funding of political organizations, freedom of speech as well as the use of renewable energy on campus Wednesday.

Sen. Jacob Schrader will be introducing an act titled “Allowing the Funding of Political Organizations.”

According to the act, which references the court case *Rosenberger v. University of Virginia*, “the exclusion of several views is as offensive to free

speech as the exclusion of only one.”

The act states the Student Government 2020 Priorities and Criteria were in violation of this ruling because of their restriction of funding political activities and asks for a change in the 2020 Priorities and Criteria.

A resolution will be introduced, titled “Endorsing Iowa Senate Study Bill 1099 and House File 316.”

The resolution states that regardless of the outcome of the vote on Senate Bill 1099 and House File 316—identical bills related to free

speech, expression and the declaration of outdoor areas of campuses public forum — Student Government asks that Iowa State clarify their policy on students’ freedom of speech and expression on campus.

Sen. Courtney Beringer will introduce a resolution titled “Climate Commitment Plan.” The resolution recommends Iowa State switch their electrical power from entities that burn fossil fuels to renewable energy companies and urges the administration to make a Renewable Energy

Transition Plan.

Along with these acts, Student Government will discuss funding requests.

The Cultural Ambassador’s Program, a semester-long peer mentoring program open to all international and U.S. students and scholars, is requesting \$3,725 to offset costs of materials, advertising and employing a student worker in an effort to raise membership and advertise their program.

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CALENDAR

2.20.19

Open house: Center for Communication Excellence, 1137 Pearson Hall 12 p.m. Meet the CCE staff and learn more about what they offer and how they can help you improve your communication skills. Snacks, demos, activities and information tables will be available.

Research workshop: National Science Foundation Proposal Development (Session 1), Memorial Union, Gold Room at 1:30 p.m. In this session you will learn about the recent changes to NSF Policies and Procedures along with NSF-specific requirements, tips, and tricks for proposal development.

Faculty workshop: Documenting Your Research Impact and Increasing Visibility, Cardinal Room, Memorial Union at

3 p.m. This session will cover introductory impact metrics and sources (including journal impact factors and altmetrics); identifying who is citing your work and creating reports in Web of Science and Scopus; and methods for increasing scholarly visibility such as Google Scholar and ORCID profiles.

Lecture: Beyond the Building, Kocimski Auditorium, 101 Design at 5:30 p.m. Amie Shao, principal with MASS Design Group in Boston, will present a series of the firm’s projects that expand the architectural practice model by focusing on what architecture does to identify local needs and opportunities, advance the well-being of individuals and communities, amplify regional investment and capture the value of design and its effect on people’s lives.

All events courtesy of event.iastate.edu.

POLICE BLOTTER

2.17.19

Noah Price, age 20, of 2160 Lincoln Way Unit 3026 in Ames, Iowa, was cited for possession of alcohol under the legal age at Buchanan Hall (reported at 9:06 p.m.).

possession of drug paraphernalia at Buchanan Hall (reported at 12:11 a.m.).

An officer assisted an individual who was experiencing medical difficulties at 215-2157 Beach Road (reported at 7:50 a.m.).

An individual reported being harassed at Sukup Hall (reported at 3:15 p.m.).

An individual reported being harassed. Report initiated at Wilson Hall (reported at 11:42 p.m.).

2.18.19

Madison Binkley, age 18, of 2160 Lincoln Way Unit 6102 in Ames, Iowa, was cited for

CORRECTIONS

In the Monday, Feb. 19 edition of the Iowa State Daily the article titled “StuGov vice presidential candidates to debate issues” had a

name error. Vice presidential candidate An-naliessa Michelotti had her name misspelled. The Daily regrets this error.

FEATURE PHOTO



KATLYN CAMPBELL/ IOWA STATE DAILY

>> Campanile and chill

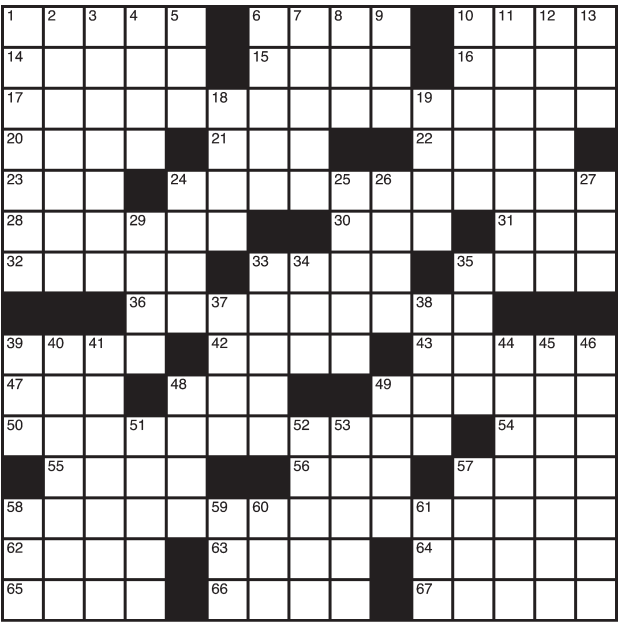
The Campanile is showered with early morning light Tuesday morning. The Iowa State campus experienced brisk temperatures that hit below zero.

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Crossword



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22 Latin lesson word
23 New Year’s ____
24 *2006 “Survivor” setting
28 Attacked
30 November honoree
31 “I’m an idiot!”
32 Abs strengthener
33 Leave port
35 Apportioning word
36 *Nursed, in a way
39 Gp. that houses strays
42 Bowlers and trilbies
43 Millionaire’s retreat
47 Strudel ____ mode
48 Jon Hamm’s “Mad Men” role ____ Draper
49 Vocation
50 *All-in-one appliance
54 Dye holder
55 Classy
56 Fish you can smoke
57 Ricky portrayer
58 Handy person suggested by the starts of the answers to starred clues
62 Nebraska native
63 Like lago, say
64 Rice/Lloyd Webber musical
65 Trees used to make longbows
66 Attends to one’s whistle?
67 Unreactive gas

- 6 Masked hero who debuted in the 1919 story “The Curse of Capistrano”
7 Stunned way to be taken
8 Member of the fam
9 Casual greeting
10 Cookie shop enticement
11 Ferdinand’s love in “The Tempest”
12 Ph.D’s further studies
13 Jeanne d’Arc, for one: Abbr.
18 Old geezer
19 “Come no closer!”
24 Consigliere’s boss
25 Penn et al.
26 Contained opening?
27 “Too noisy!”
29 Big band instrument
33 Defensive effort
34 Ctrl____Delete
35 Correct
37 Superhero with a hammer
38 Even once
39 Chain ____
40 Give a sop to
41 Moneymaker
44 Not vacant
45 Charge for using, as an apartment
46 Potter or jeweler, e.g.
48 Style of a historic Miami Beach district
49 Get gooeey
51 Outdoor outings
52 Bright again
53 Argues ineffectively
57 Comic Chappelle
58 Almond ____
59 Select group?
60 Roman salutation
61 T. ____



Across

- 1 Fur tycoon
6 “Due Date” co-star Galifianakis
10 Rock blasters
14 Conveyed
15 Bassoon cousin
16 Wreak havoc in the streets
17 *Victor at Little Bighorn
20 Zilch

Down

- 1 Sawyer employer
2 “Same here!”
3 Poseidon’s staff
4 ____ Day vitamins
5 Authority on a field

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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Sustainability Symposium empowers

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The 10th annual Sustainability Symposium featured various activities such as a clothing swap, a food drive and crafting, as well as campus and community sustainability-themed posters and tables Tuesday night.

The Sustainability Symposium encourages students and faculty to make a commitment to ensuring the next decade is sustainable through actions within organizations and efforts on campus. The hope is that this empowerment will carry on to surrounding communities in both the Ames area and across the country.

The campus and community sustainability-themed tables and posters displayed how various organizations are taking the initiative to go green.

Mandy Dietze, senior in biology and mountaineering and climbing club trip coordinator, spoke about how the club incorporates sustainability into their climbing trips, especially when camping.

“We always carpool to limit carbon emissions, stick to trails and repel down walls to decrease our outdoor tread on the environment,” Dietze said. “We use all of our own gear and everything we take in, we take out.”

The club also helps reduce waste by using old climbing rope in crafts such as bracelets, dog leashes and rugs.

“Sustainability is really important to me and I wanted to come to see what other people were involved in and what sustainability means to them,” said Beth Heckmann, a sophomore in environmental science.

The event brought new ideas and discussions regarding sustainability within both the organizations and attendees.

“We want to inform people and get people to have conversations,” said Costas Hatzipavlidis, a senior majoring in agronomy and a soil and water conservation club membership officer. “We’ve talked to people who leave learning something as well as those that come over already being very knowledgeable.”

The 10th annual Sustainability Symposium encouraged students and faculty to commit to taking care of our world through a variety of actions.

“The earth won’t be here forever, so we have the responsibility to take care of it,” said Rachel Hettinger, a senior in marketing.



KENNEDY DERAEDT/ IOWA STATE DAILY

Bernie Sanders came to Iowa State University on Nov. 5 to campaign for Hillary Clinton. The “Ames Get Out the Vote Rally with Bernie Sanders” was held in the Scheman Building.

Time to ‘Feel the Bern?’

Student group backs senator’s second run

BY JAKE.WEBSTER
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Bernie Sanders is making another run for the presidency.

Sanders announced his candidacy in an early-morning email to supporters on his fundraising list. Within four hours of the announcement, the Sanders campaign reported that more than \$1 million had been raised.

The independent senator from Vermont ran for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2016 against Hillary Clinton, making a deep run into the primary. Sanders received strong support from college-aged voters. In the 2016 primary, Sanders received the votes of 86% of Iowa caucus-goers aged 17-24, according to CNN exit polls.

Prior to his entrance to the race Tuesday, a movement sought to draft Sanders into the already crowded field for the Democratic party nomination.

Historically, movements to draft candidates intended to help nominate candidates perceived as electable. The movement to draft Sanders did not

focus on perceived electability; however, supporters of his would-be candidacy are quick to note that early polls of a general election matchup between Sanders and President Trump show the independent from Vermont leading Trump by large margins.

Instead, those who urged Sanders to run are primarily policy focused, said Ashton Ayers, a junior at Iowa State University who is among those who circulated petitions as part of Students for Bernie — a national grassroots movement to encourage Sanders to enter the race.

Ayers said those who were circulating the petitions are “all very excited about the announcement” that Sanders is making another run.

A member of the Democratic Socialists of America, Ayers said Sen. Sanders espouses a platform that would establish a social democratic system in the United States in the model of the Nordic countries. Sanders himself frequently brings up Denmark as an example of a country he would like the United States to model.

Ayers said the appeal of Sanders is not about any personal charisma that the senator may have, but his policy proposals. He likes that Sanders is a reactionary — that he challenges the status quo.

While Sanders appeals to some based on policy, Ayers said Sanders can not be completely described with normal methods. For example, some traditional methods of ranking elected officials’ ideologies failed to accurately place Sanders on a political scale. Ayers mentioned that

one system actually places Sen. Kamala Harris (D-Cal.) and Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) to the left of Sanders on economic policy.

Sanders unabashedly espouses Democratic Socialism, a position that, until recently, would end a presidential campaign before it started in the United States. A 2018 Gallup survey found that a majority (51%) of Americans aged 18 to 29 viewed socialism positively, while only 45% view capitalism positively.

Alex Tuckness, a professor of political science at Iowa State University, said that without increased polarization and partisanship Sanders could not be considered a serious candidate.

Tuckness said socialism and redistributive policies are not seen as negatively as they had been for multiple reasons, noting not only that Sanders has branded socialism in terms of tuition-free college and free health care among other campaign promises, but also that young people today have little or no memory of the Soviet Union and after the Great Recession many young people may not have as much faith in the market’s ability to solve problems.

Tuckness said in the shadow of the Great Recession, many young people had formative experiences in the aftermath of a financial crisis and historically calls for redistributive policies grow more popular after financial crisis and in times of increasing income inequality, as was the case with FDR’s New Deal.

Engineers’ Week to continue with virtual reality lecture



KATE MCKINLEY

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Engineers week continues Thursday with Kate McKinley, a security leader at Facebook Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality, giving the keynote lecture discussing her work of virtual reality (VR) technology and what the future holds for the platform.

McKinley will be speaking 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Alliant Energy-Lee Liu Auditorium in Howe Hall.

“[McKinley] has worked previously at Mozilla, Netflix, iSEC Partners, and more as a developer, security engineer, and security expert,” according to the Lectures Program website. Since then, she has been with Facebook to help develop virtual reality and augmented reality technology

for the general public to use.

McKinley is also going to share the story of her long journey and experiences through the years of her career, including some of her accomplishments and projects that she has personally been apart of.

According to Forbes magazine, Facebook bought Oculus VR five years ago for about two billion dollars to develop VR gaming. Facebook had hopes

that it would soon be a gaming platform for regular use that would give people a life-like gaming experience.

The concept of virtual reality and augmented reality has been involved in many projects done by big name companies like Samsung, who designed their phone to be connected with a VR headset, and Sony, who released a VR controller and headset for the Playstation 4 in October 2016.



Animals brave bitter Iowa cold

KENNEDY DERAEDT/ IOWA STATE DAILY

Horses are wrapped in horse blankets to keep them safe from the cold temperatures. Extra dry bedding and food ensure that the animals are well cared for during the harsh winter weather.



KENNEDY DERAEDT/ IOWA STATE DAILY

Iowa State farms work hard to keep animals safe

BY MEGAN.NEMEC
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With the drastically low temperatures and brutal winter Ames has experienced in the past few weeks, the Iowa State Animal Farms have put in extra work to ensure all of the college’s animals are safe and healthy.

Iowa State has multiple farms that house several different species such as equine, sheep, beef cattle, dairy cattle and swine. These farms are run by students and faculty that have the animals’ best interests in mind, but the winter months can make chores and operations of the farms more time-consuming and difficult.

Various equipment is used on the farms to make winter tasks easier and more efficient.

“We have some animals that are inside and some animals that are outside,” animal science farms director Ben Drescher said. “We have a truck with a plow and a number of tractors and skid loaders to move snow, bed and feed the animals.”

The main concerns in the winter are keeping the animals out of the direct wind and making sure they have access to food, water and dry bedding at all times. In the extreme cold, some extra precautions must be taken to ensure the safety of the animals.

“We do extra bedding and feed, which we have used a lot of in the last month, even more than we have in the last two years,” Drescher said. “Even on days where we didn’t have school, my crew was out taking care of the animals.”

For the managers, preparation is the best thing to do, which includes setting up and planning when winter weather is in the forecast.

“Sheep, swine, beef cattle and some dairy cattle have access to outdoor runs, windbreaks and waters with heat tape,” Drescher said. “Sometimes it comes down to students and managers going

out and busting some ice off the top of the water and scooping out feed bunks.”

Horse farm manager Nikki Ferwerda said that a majority of the horses at the equine farm go outside everyday.

“Most horses are well equipped for the cold with their long coats, while those with shorter hair are provided winter blankets for extra insulation,” Ferwerda said.

The summer is spent planning for winter, as hay and bedding are made and stored to be available for the animals later in the year. The corn stalk and straw bedding are made in collaboration with the agronomy farm.

“Animals need a way to get out of the brutal wind and stay dry, have water and food,” Ferwerda said. “If you can do that, most of our farm animals are good at surviving cold temperatures.”

Biological differences between animals and humans help the animals to have their own layer of protection for themselves.

“We had people inquire about the safety of the horses but I think we have to remember that they have a body full of hair, which we don’t have,” Ferwerda said. “Their hair acts as our winter gear, helping them be less fragile than we are.”

Young yodeler to grace Ames

BY TANNER.OWENS
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Mason Ramsey, Walmart-yodeling internet sensation turned full-fledged country star, is moseying through Ames this April.

Skyrocketed into fame only last summer, Ramsey has since released one extended playlist and a rendition of Irving Berlin’s “White Christmas.” Ramsey will be this year’s guest host of Cyclone Voice, a student competition organized by the Student Union Board.

On April 11, Cyclone Voice participants will compete against one another in an “American Idol”-style singing competition. The show will not only showcase Iowa State students’

vocal prowess, but will also feature performances from Ramsey.

Ramsey, a 12-year-old singer hailing from Golconda, IL, took the internet by storm in March 2018 with his rendition of Hank Williams Sr.’s classic song, “Lovesick Blues.”

Sporting a crisp white shirt and neat, red bow tie in the video, Ramsey belted out the timeless tune.

The video quickly amassed millions of views and shot Ramsey into a journey he never anticipated. Since the video’s posting, Ramsey has graced the stages of the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival with Whethan, a popular DJ, as well as the Grand Ole Opry.

The latter venue marked a bucket list experience for Ramsey, with Ramsey

saying on “The Ellen DeGeneres Show” that “my dream is to play at the Grand Ole Opry.”

Cyclone Voice is an annual event held in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union. Previous guest hosts/judges have included country singer Lauren Alaina and pop star Skylar Grey. SUB will be accepting applications on a first-come, first-serve basis through March 27.

Preliminary auditions will be held in the Maintenance Shop April 1. Similar to the “The Voice,” contestants aren’t allowed to sing along to a recorded track that includes pre-recorded vocals. Those auditioning can bring an accompanist, play their own instrument, or sing along to an instrumental track.



COURTESY OF SUB

Mason Ramsey will host Cyclone Voice, a university-wide singing competition that highlights the vocal talents of students from Iowa State.

COLUMN



COURTESY OF GETTY IMAGES

Columnist Connor Bahr argues that the internet has become more of a commodity than an addiction. In his column, he discusses the positives of technology that counter its negative reputation.

Tech addiction not all negative

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If you're anything like me, you've been told by countless elders, teachers and parents that you need to "unplug" more and interact with real life. They may say that you have a tech addiction and that you wouldn't know what to do without your phone.

In fact, searching Google with the term "tech addiction," comes up with 124 million results. Common symptoms include: excessive use, negative repercussions as well as withdrawal symptoms when trying to limit oneself. Thank you, website, for telling me that getting rid of my boredom is an addiction. I suppose people struggled with books or board games addictions

back in the days before the internet.

The majority of the global population — 55.1 percent — has access to the internet, though in some areas internet access is likely not used extensively. In countries such as the United States, however, the majority of people have smartphones, computers, and/or access to the internet through public libraries or internet cafes.

I'll admit, I am quite glued to my smartphone and to the internet in general. My phone never leaves my side, and when I am in my dorm, I hardly leave my desk. In many ways, I am "addicted" to the internet, but I think the word "addicted" has a negative connotation on it that doesn't apply here. In a similar way, one could say I am "addicted" to driving my car instead of walking, to cooking my food instead of eating

it raw, or living in a building instead of living outside. These are all things that we do basically all day, everyday. However, we are "addicted" to them because they are helpful technologies that make life easier, much like the internet.

Not only does the internet make it easier to shop, find information, or entertain oneself, but the internet also provides an easy way to connect with others through long distances. I can learn equations, listen to bands from across the globe and Skype with my friends without having to leave my chair.

I don't think the problem comes from the lack of human connection, as often cited by people who think the internet has taken over.

In fact, I think human interaction has increased due to the internet. Using myself as

a real life example, Snapchat has kept me in touch with people whom I haven't seen in years. I have had multiple pen pals from Europe and Asia, and I keep in contact with my brother, who attends another college, through online gaming.

I am able to talk to more people than I ever would if I had to go meet them in the "real world."

The difference is that I am not face-to-face with them. To people who didn't grow up with the internet, it's possible online interactions simply don't count as real interactions.

And so, I believe that this divide all comes down to a simple misunderstanding and a difference in the way each generation defines interaction.

EDITORIAL

Republican challengers might benefit Trump

On Friday, former Governor of Massachusetts Bill Weld announced that he intends to mount a challenge against President Donald Trump in the Republican primary. He stated that he will be exploring financial support to gauge his campaign's viability.

You might remember Weld from the 2016 Presidential election when he was Gary Johnson's running mate for the Libertarian Party. If you didn't pay attention to third party candidates, there's a good chance you don't know of Weld or what he stands for.

There are a number of other Republicans whose names have been floated as possible primary challengers to Trump.

If you watched the 2016 Republican primaries, you should remember John Kasich, the former governor of Ohio. Jeff Flake, a former senator from Arizona and Bob Corker, a senator from Tennessee, have also been speculated as possible contenders.

Generally, the party in office does not run a candidate against their incumbent, and for good reason. A second option in the party can weaken or divide the base and put the election at risk. Rarely does the challenger win, too, as incumbents have a serious advantage in elections.

So why are these Republican individuals considering a run?

Some of President Donald Trump's closest allies believe he may not make a serious run at 2020 if he fails to fulfill all of his campaign promises including to Make America Great Again.

More likely, he does take reelection seriously in an effort to implement more of his ideas. In this case, contenders face an uphill climb.

The supposed "blue wave" that hit in the midterm elections was smaller than expected and indicative that some 2016 Trump voters may have been unhappy, but still voted for Republicans. Were those Republicans the new breed of

Trump Republicans or the more conservative establishment Republicans?

If Trump has caused a shift among Republican voters toward his side of the party then Weld, Kasich, Flake and Corker don't stand a chance.

If, however, Trump has pushed Republicans away, not toward Democrats, but toward the old GOP wing of the party, these contenders might just make a run for the White House, or at least the general election.

It's important to note that regardless of the feasibility of challenging an incumbent for the party nomination, challengers play a vital role in democracy.

Even if Weld doesn't win the primary, he will challenge Trump on issues which in turn will make Trump a better runner against whomever the Democrats choose and possibly a better second term President.

Democracy, like capitalism, thrives amongst competition.

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Malaysian freshman sets records

Once the best female swimmer in her country, Elynn Tan wows Iowa State

BY JOHN MILLER
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Elynn Tan has had one of the most outstanding seasons for a Cyclone freshman swimmer in recent history.

But before she began setting records, she was one of the best female swimmers in Malaysia. How that journey started was rather unconventional for the Penang, Malaysia native.

“My mom said if you grow up on an island, you need to know how to swim in case of a tsunami,” Tan said.

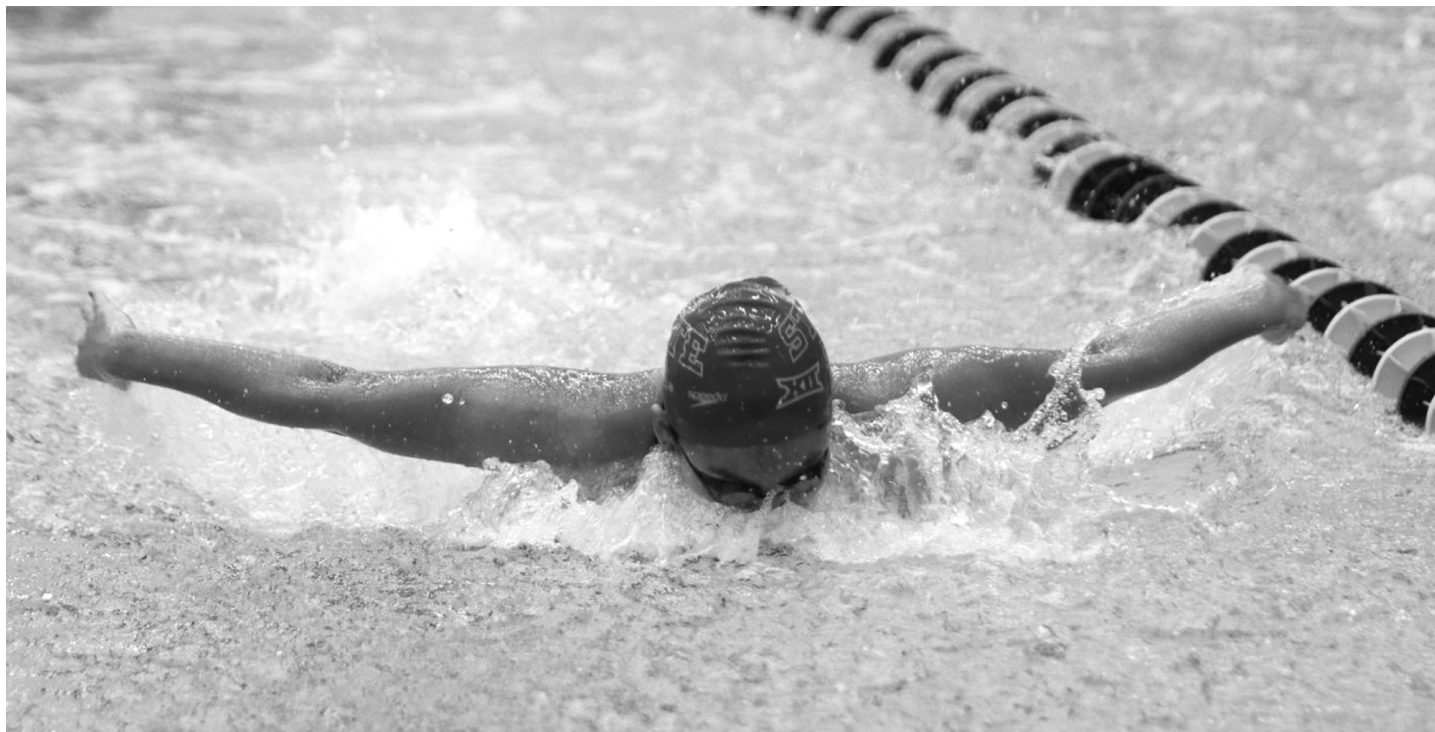
That risk made Tan want to at least try swimming, so she decided to tag along to the pool one day.

“I didn’t like it [swimming] at first until one day when there was this treasure hunt where they put a bunch of coins in the pool and had the kids race down for them,” Tan said. “I was hesitant to go down after them, but I convinced myself to try and that gave me the confidence to know that I could actually be good at this one day.”

Soon enough, she became one of the top female swimmers in Malaysia.

Tan won the Malaysia Invitational in the sprint freestyle from 2015-18 and in the butterfly events in 2017 and 2018. At the 2018 Malaysia

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— Jennifer Roessler



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Freshman Elynn Tan swims in lane 3 during the 100 fly competition at the Cardinal and Gold swim meet in Beyer Hall on Oct. 12, 2018. Tan finished with a time of 57.37.

Games, Tan brought home five gold medals in the 50 freestyle, 50 backstroke, 100 butterfly and the 100 freestyle.

Moreover, Tan was named the 2016 and 2017 Penang Female Athlete of the Year in swimming.

When Tan followed in her brother’s footsteps and decided to continue her swimming career in the United States, she looked at many programs.

Ultimately, Iowa State was the one she liked the most because it had something other programs didn’t — unity.

“Everyone on the team works together and cheers for each other,” Tan said.

At Iowa State, she faced a huge challenge. She was a long-course swimmer in Malaysia.

Long-course means that Tan had never encountered a 25-yard pool because the ones in Malaysia were 50 meters, which means on a race like the 50 butterfly where she excels, she wouldn’t even have to turn.

“In the American system, you really have to become a great turner and an underwater swimmer,” said coach Duane Sorenson. “It’s a lot about timing, rhythm and using the walls to your advantage here.”

Another major challenge Tan has faced is the competition meet style.

In Malaysia, she would swim about one event every four hours, but now it’s four events within a few hours in a normal dual meet.

Despite the adjustments, they have not slowed Tan down from succeeding.

Currently, Tan holds the best time ever recorded by a Cyclone freshman in the 100 butterfly (55.23), as well as the second and fourth best times in the 50 freestyle (23.33) and 100 freestyle (51.18).

“She has the ability to be great, it is just a matter of continuing to commit her time,” Sorenson said. “The best thing is that she is very coachable, has a great personality and her teammates enjoy being around her.”

Nonetheless, Tan’s role in the Cyclones is not limited to individual events. She has been an integral part of the 200 and 400 medley relays that are tied for fifth all-time in Cyclone history, with times of 1:32.77 and 3:23.35, respectively.

“Although she [Tan] wasn’t used to the team aspect before, she has picked up on things really fast,” said freshman swimmer Jennifer Roessler.

Roessler tore her ACL this spring, knocking her out of competition for the Cyclones this year.

As she has been training to come back, Elynn has been there for her through everything.

“Elynn has been there the whole way for me, and I think that goes to show the type of person she is,” Roessler said. “I’m excited to watch her down the stretch.”

The Cyclones’ next meet is the biggest one of the year — the Big 12 Championships.

It is here where the team will see the best competition it has all year, with no exception for Tan.

Texas and Kansas are exceptional programs with swimmers that compete at the NCAAAs often; therefore, it will be challenging for Tan to place high.

That said, Tan believes a good goal for herself would be a top eight placing.

A top eight placing would mean that Tan would achieve all-Big 12 honors, which would be an outstanding accomplishment for a freshman.

“We’re just going to have her absorb it all and be as competitive as she can be and really use this first year as a learning experience for what she needs to work on for the future,” Sorenson said.

No. 20 Iowa State’s starting five hope to power past early start time

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On Wednesday, No. 20 Iowa State faces Oklahoma for the earliest game Iowa State has had all season.

With a 10:30 a.m. tipoff, Iowa State’s starting five will look to power past the Sooners for a regular season sweep of Oklahoma with Big 12 seeding on the line.

“I mean, it’ll definitely be different — it’ll feel kinda like AAU [Amateur Athletic Union] days,” guard Alexa Middleton said. “Coach [Bill Fennelly] has texted us the past two or three days at 10:30 on the dot saying ‘tip-off.’”

Fennelly said by texting the team at 10:30 a.m. every day, he hopes to have the team in the right mindset Wednesday morning.

If the team plays poorly, Fennelly said the blame can be put on the Cyclones’ performance and not the early start time.

“At the end of the day, it’s a very important game whatever time we play it,” Fennelly said.

Earlier this season, Iowa State beat Oklahoma 104-78, but the Cyclones and freshman guard Ashley Joens aren’t taking the Sooners lightly.

Joens said any team in the conference can play, and the Cyclones can’t dwell on their past games.

During Iowa State’s last game on the road versus Texas Christian University, Iowa State fell 76-69 despite beating them 92-54 earlier in the season.

Middleton said the team takes a lesson from each loss, and against TCU they failed to make shots and consistently score.

Against TCU, Fennelly said the bench failed to support the team’s scoring when members of the starting five fell into foul trouble.

Fennelly said the starters have been playing well, but the team needs more consistency from the bench players to avoid losses like the one Saturday against TCU.

“I think [the starters] are playing really well [together],” Middleton said. “I mean it’s nice to have Kristin [Scott] come in



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Iowa State senior guard Alexa Middleton drives to the basket during the first half of the Iowa State vs. Oklahoma State women’s basketball game at Hilton Coliseum. The Cyclones defeated the Cowgirls 89-67 Saturday.

and stretch the floor. She shoots really well — first in the conference percentage-wise.”

Iowa State averages 81.6 points per game, which ranks second in

the Big 12 after Baylor, who averages 81.8. Of those points, the Cyclone starting five, which consists of Joens, Middleton, Bridget Carleton, Kristin Scott and Madi

Wise, contributes to 79.7 percent of those points.

Joens said the key against Oklahoma is executing the scouting report, which is how the team was able to win handedly in their first meeting.

With a win, Iowa State will gain an ever-valuable Big 12 conference win. Iowa State is currently 9-4 in the conference with the team holding a tiebreaker over West Virginia, who is also 9-4. With their record, Iowa State is third in the conference.

Baylor is 13-0 in the conference, ranking first, and Texas is second with a record of 10-4.

Oklahoma is the last place team in the Big 12 with a conference record of 2-11.

Fennelly said the team’s performance and accomplishments are tied to how the fans of the team will remember them.

“I tell our players all of the time ‘When you’re done, they’re excited that you’re gone, or they’re sad that you left,’” Fennelly said. “Which one is it going to be?”



Soft

By Kelsey Steinbach

the longest days and longest nights behind
me, only bright and breezy skies ahead.
the stars and moon and i somehow aligned
and ran to good and green, avoiding red.
as constellations light the path before,
no second will i waste on anything
but finding soul beneath my skin, explore
my mind, my heart, and breathe the breeze of spring.
the searchings quickly wore me out. so hard
to dig inside, especially alone.
for underneath the walls ive built and guard
i held so steady, lives the girl of stone.
not much to see. no story left untapped.
the girls of stone, forever lost and trapped.

This Moment

By Crystal Stone

Samson had no eyes and a bald head
when God gave him the nod and strength
to kill himself. The columns came down
after Vesuvius erupted and fossilized
the bodies. Sometimes I'm so happy
I want to be covered in ash and laid
to rest beneath my maple tree or left
to rot roadside where bees could make
honey in my rib cage. Life is so sweet
at a standstill, in simple brushstrokes
on a painter's canvas. There the lion
looks like glitter, volume and light.

Every month, Voices is dedicated to a different approach for people to be expressive and share their viewpoints. While written responses is a common way to get a viewpoint across, it is not a way that works for everyone. Poems are another form of artistic expression and I hope by reading poets and their viewpoint, it encourages you to share your voice because every voice matters.
— Whitney Mason, Voices Editor

Graduate student champions diversity, learning communities

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Since arriving at Iowa State, Steven Waddell has been nominated three times for graduate student of the year, with two nominations for the Graduate and Professional Student Senate. Waddell, a graduate student in education and an African American, hails from the west side of Chicago. He plans to pursue a doctorate degree in higher education at Iowa State following his master's. When he was a child, Waddell's mother relocated him and his brother to a different school in the suburbs of Chicago for a better education. The decision moved them out of public schools, where all their friends were people of color, to suburban schools where the majority of students were white. Waddell said this was the best decision to make for the betterment of his and his brother's future. He learned at a young age that education was the key to a better life. "[Education] is the tool a lot of people use to get out of poverty," Waddell said. Waddell said he hopes to start his own school where black and brown students can have equal opportunities. He wants to be able to build a school like a community college, where students of color can gain the same opportunities large institutions say they will provide for the students but do not end up keeping their commitment. Waddell said the biggest hurdle set up by the education system is people buying into multicultural students.



COURTESY OF STEVE WADDELL

Steve Waddell is dedicating his life to providing educational opportunities to black and brown students. Waddell chose Iowa State because it was a predominately white institution. He said he hopes institutions execute their words rather than just saying they are open to diversity. Simply wanting diversity on their campuses without taking action does

not help accommodate their diverse students into a racially homogenous campus. Waddell decided to attend Iowa State for his master's degree, rejecting other opportunities at Penn State University and Ohio State University, to begin creating a better experience for students of color. "If I do not go to Iowa State, that will be one less [person of color] to build a community with," Waddell said. Waddell has taken a personal responsibility to make student experiences the best that he can possibly make them. He currently serves as the graduate assistant for the Bridging Opportunities in Leadership and Diversity learning community, otherwise known as BOLD. He also serves as the treasurer for BGSA, the Black Graduate Student Association. Waddell said he sees the learning communities as a way to keep black and brown students in college. Waddell said that with his example of leadership and involvement he hopes to influence these students to stay in school. He attempts to plan events and activities with Christy Oxendine, multicultural liaison officer for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, to unite students of similar backgrounds in one setting. As a black man attending a predominantly white institution, Waddell said that the most important advice he has to give is for multicultural students to find their support group. "Support will not always come from who you think it will," Waddell said. "Do not just rely on those of your same ethnicity."

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while we're on campus but after we've left," Hauber said.

INCLUSIVITY

The top reason students experience exclusionary conduct on campus, according to the campus climate survey, is because of gender or gender identity, with nearly one third of transpectrum respondents reporting experiencing exclusionary conduct.

Candidates were asked how they would ensure transgender students are being supported and listened to on campus, and all agreed the issue was important, with Michelotti saying the issue was personally important because she has transgender family members and wants Student Government to remember people of all backgrounds should be included.

Bhatia emphasized the importance of pronouns and making sure students are using them correctly.

Bhatia was specifically asked about a quote on his campaign site in which he says "the iconic thing about Iowa State is that we all proudly call ourselves Cyclones." Moderators asked him how he plans to reach students that aren't "traditionally involved on campus."

Bhatia, who said he is part of the campus climate response team, said the Tree of Oppression can act as a tool to involve more students on campus and initiate conversations about diversity.

An audience-submitted question also described the Tree of Oppression as a "contentious issue" and asked candidates how they would represent multicultural students on campus and what experience they have with multicultural students.



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Candidates take turns answering questions during the Student Government Vice Presidential Debate between Vishesh Bhatia, Analese Hauber and Annaliessa Michelotti. The debate was held Tuesday in the Gallery Room of the Memorial Union.

All candidates spoke to their experience working with multicultural communities on campus. In her response, Hauber referenced the survey recently sent to students from Student Government asking for feedback on the Tree of Oppression.

"I think rather than focusing on potentially knowledge of the tree, we need to work more on focusing on responses to the feedback survey that was sent out a couple weeks ago because there was some really disturbing responses to that, and we need to focus on changing the culture," Hauber said.

Bhatia spoke to negative perceptions of the tree as well, saying he feels as if people see the Tree of Oppression in a negative way

because of the word "oppression."

"We want to change that conversation in a positive way where we can build that platform to talk about different identities and how much it matters to everyone, every student, every Cyclone on campus," Bhatia said.

STUDENT WELLNESS

At its last meeting, Student Government passed a bill to fund STD testing for 300 ISU students during the remainder of the semester. During the meeting, senators debated about Student Government's role in funding student health care. At the debate, candidates were asked what they believe that role should be or if it should be left to "health care facilities on campus."

All candidates agreed the issue was important and expressed an interest in long-term solutions and ensuring students know about health care resources available on campus.

The candidates also agreed on expanding mental health resources on campus and outreach by those organizations.

Hauber discussed the possibility of raising the student health fee to pay for resource

expansion.

"Through 'unconditional support,' we want to expand our health services on campus," Hauber said. "If that means raising our student health fee 50 cents to \$1 per semester, that could provide thousands and thousands of dollars to help with not only education but services we could provide to our students."

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ISSUES

Historically, Student Senate has had low retention rates and currently no students are running to represent Frederickson Court or the College of Design, and only one student is running to represent the College of Engineering.

When asked how they would alleviate strains on the Senate from lacking retention rates, all candidates stressed encouraging inclusivity and a sense of community in the Senate. Regarding recruitment efforts, all candidates spoke about reaching out to student organizations.

In discussing Student Government issues, Michelotti spoke to being a Student Government outsider and how it has influenced her perspective of Student Government and her conversations with students.

Michelotti said she wants to make Student Government more accessible by updating its website and moving it out of West Office Space.

"I do not believe Student Government is transparent enough with their students," Michelotti said. "Students, again, they don't know what Student Government is. A lot of students that I have talked to personally have gone on to the Student Government website and tried to find out 'what is Student Government? What are they doing right now? Where is my money going?' and it's just 'page not found,' after 'page not found,' after 'page not found.'"

Hauber, a current senator in Student Government, said she does not believe Student Government is hiding anything but could improve outreach by encouraging senators to advertise their office hours more, which she described as one of Student Government's "greatest downfalls right now."

Bhatia, also a current senator, said his campaign plans to reach out to student organizations that are not otherwise connected to Student Government, through programs such as reverse town halls.

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Members of Student Government listen during a Senate meeting held Wednesday in the Campanile Room of the Memorial Union.

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The men's volleyball club is asking for \$1,031 to assist in decreasing their costs for club members' transportation to two out-of-state competitions: one in Illinois on Feb. 22-24 and one in Colorado on April 11-21.

The National Society of Black Engineers is requesting \$3,965 to help pay for 35 students' conference registration and transportation for a regional conference in Michigan on March 21.

Lambda Theta Nu is requesting \$154 to assist in paying for supplies and a continental breakfast for their first annual Latina Youth Leadership Conference, where "30 middle school girls of color are invited from Marshalltown, IA to attend workshops over professionalism,

self-love, how to navigate higher education as a woman of color," according to the funding request.

A bill, titled "Schrader and Tupper's Great Chapter 5 Rewrite," containing senators Jacob Schrader and Michael Tupper's suggestions for bylaws changes regarding Senate policy will be discussed in the meeting as well.

Student Government will also seat Jack Bender, a sophomore in accounting, as a business senator.

For more information or to contact your senator, visit stugov.iastate.edu. The senate meetings are open to the public at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the Campanile Room of the Memorial Union.