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Tiffany Herring/Iowa State Daily Connie Maxwell serves as the fraternity chef for both Lambda Chi Alpha and Sigma Pi fraternities. She worked for Grand View University and other restaurants in Des Moines before coming to Ames

# Finding new flavors

#### Chef reflects on her journey to ISU fraternities

By Sarah.Muller @iowastatedaily.com

n a household full of college boys, one woman is in charge. Connie Maxwell is Lambda Chi Alpha's chef or, as fraternity members call her, manager of men, which spells

Prior to taking her current posiother interesting jobs.

In the 1980s, the farm crisis caused a decline in Midwest jobs, so the military was a popular option for many—including Maxwell. President Ronald Reagan put an emphasis on fighting communism and the Soviet Union, while the government recruited volunteers to learn Russian and become experts in the culture.

Maxwell stepped up, along with her husband, Douglas Maxwell. The couple met while in the military, and it took six weeks between the time they met and the time they married.

With careers in the Army, the Maxwell's traveled extensively. They've lived in California and Texas and spent six years in Germany, where they had their son Alex.

"It was a challenge having to move around a lot," said Alex Maxwell, member of Lambda Chi Alpha and senior in computer engineering. "Now it's made us more diverse and more our culture."

Some of Alex's first memories are from Germany, where he lived for three years. Alex followed his parents footsteps by joining the military before coming to Iowa State.

After Connie spent four years in the military and her husband six, they became students when they were discharged. Connie went on to earn her degree in facilities and Douglas

an accounting degree. However, changes in technology threatened her job. In order to retain her job, Connie needed to return to

"I was thinking one night that if I was going to have to go back to school again, I'm going to go back for something I like," Connie said. "I went back and became a chef, so at 45-years-old I was in a classroom full

of 18-year-olds. After completing three years at Des Moines Area Community College, and began working in high-end Des Moines restaurants. While she enjoyed her job, it did not mix well with her home life. Connie had a husband, a son and two daughters at home, so being a chef in the evenings didn't allow much family time.

Connie signed with a company that allowed her to cook at Grand View University in Des Moines. She found the work satisfying and enjoyed those she was serving.

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# International Student Council hosts dance night

By Morgan.Kelly @iowastatedaily.com

The bass was bumping in the South Ballroom at the Memorial Union on Friday evening.

Dance groups were gathered waiting to perform to the anxious  $crowd\ gat\bar{he}ring\ outside\ the\ door.$ 

As part of International Week, the International Student Council hosted a humanitarian night to raise funds to donate to a primary school in Senegal in West Africa.

"It's a relatively new event actually. This is only the second year we're doing it," said Neil Gerstein, senior in global resource systems and member of the humanitarian awareness committee.

The event was set up so the three preforming groups, Association of Malaysian Students at Iowa State University, Motion Sickness and the Bollywood Dance Club, all had 30 minute time slots to perform and and

then teach the crowd portions of their dances.

"It's a dance-party fund-raiser essentially," said Gerston. "We don't really have a dance

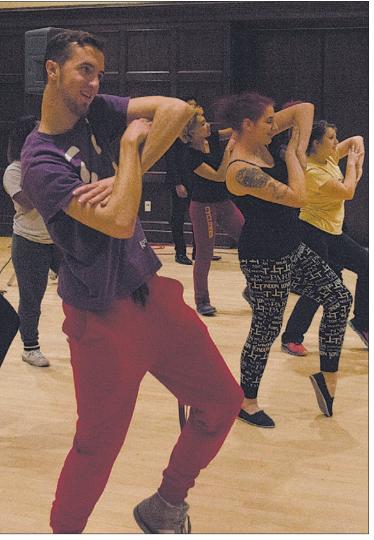
group, but we dance occasionally for events like this one because we think this is our opportunity to show Malaysian dance to the students here," said Ras Atiqah Mohd Rosli, junior in economics and international studies.

A retro dance from the 1960s included moves like the twist, whereas their next dance was a traditional dance called "joget" and consisted of fancy footwork and clapping.

Motion Sickness performed a piece that had a hip-hop influ-

"We love doing charity events and promoting our type of dance to other people because it's not really known here in Iowa. It's more of a Chicago-based style," said Catherine Hester, sophomore in athletic training.

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Motion Sickness, a hip-hop dance group, performs and teaches a dance to attendees of the International Dance Night. The event took place Friday in the Memorial Union and featured dancing from Malaysian studetns along with the Bollywood dance club.

# Regents approve business cases

By Danielle.Ferguson @iowastatedaily.com

The Iowa Board of Regents approved changes to the finance, human resource and information technology structures at the three public universities which could cut 250 jobs to save millions of dollars.

The board unanimously approved the eight remaining administrative proposals, or "business cases," which included four information technology cases, two facilities cases, one human resources case and one finance case, at its Friday TIER-only telephonic meet-

ISU faculty and staff expressed concerns about the possible job losses that may accompany the case implementations at the Oct. 13 public hearing on campus.

Some business cases suggest decreasing the number of staff needed for the human resources and finance systems processes.

Almost every department handles its own finances. Deloitte suggested moving financial processes to a shared university system.

Paula Sandlin, a clerical employee at the laboratory animal resources, questioned Deloitte representatives about the decreasing staff numbers at the Oct. 13 town hall meeting.

"My concern is with the elimination of positions not only through attrition but the possibility of layoffs," Sandlin said at the hearing. "Over the past five years, clerical staff has been cut drastically because of the

budget." Throughout the review of the cases, though, Deloitte representatives have said the lecrease in employees be done through natural attrition and early retirement.

'We have said that we believe that through attrition and other aspects, that we'll be able to deal with [a job loss] if indeed there is job loss," said regent President **Bruce Rastetter** 

Mark Braun, TIER project manager, said job amounts could be part of how the university presidents recommend to implement the cases

One of the finance cases will move the universities to a university-wide shared services model that would standardize how different areas of the university handle

Deloitte Consulting, the firm hired to perform the review at a cost of about \$3.5 million, suggested these cases based off interviews and data research at each university.

The eight business cases look into how universities perform finance transactions, deliver human resource inquiries and collaborate between information technology departments to help processes run more efficiently and help the uni-

versities save money. The saved money, which the board has said could be from \$30 million to \$80 million across the three universities, would go back to the universities.

"This is about students and future generations of Iowans," said Rastetter. "The people across the country and the world send their kids to the public universities for accessibility and afford-

The university presidents embracing this and wanting to begin working on the implementation process is a good sign thus far that it's been successful."

Some proposals can be implemented internally by each university and others may require outside help

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#### **Weather**



**MONDAY** Blowing snow, bitter wind chills near -15, and wind



**TUESDAY** 

Mostly sunny with west winds near 15 mph.



WEDNESDAY

Mostly sunny, winds picking up during the day.

Weather provided by ISU Meterology Club.

#### Police Blotter

the ISU and City of Ames police depart-

Nov. 10

An individual reported damage to a bike at Friley Hall (reported at 4:43 p.m.).

An officer investigated a property damage collision at Mortensen Road and State Avenue (reported at 5:34 p.m.).

An individual reported being harassed by an acquaintance

are innocent until proven guilty in a

at LeBaron Hall (reported at 5:59 p.m.).

Nov. 11

Alexis Patinos, 22, of 412 Welch Avenue, Apartment 106, Ames, and Sean Owens, 19, of 6326 Frederiksen Court, Ames, were cited for criminal trespass at Parks Library (reported at 12:25 a.m.).



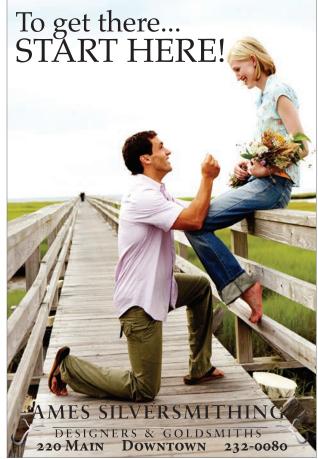
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Hillary Kletscher, president of the Government of the Student Body, placed importance on the issue of a tuition freeze for ISU students during the meeting Wednesday.

### **GSB** to revisit tuition freeze

By Makayla.Tendall @iowastatedaily.com

In addition to the regular Wednesday night senate meeting, the Government of the Student Body will meet at 9 p.m. today to discuss the tuition freeze.

At last Wenesday's GSB meeting, GSB President Hillary Kletscher called a Senate Special Meeting after the regular meeting.

discuss the senators' decision to fail a proposal to waive the second reading of a resolution on tuition However, Kletscher

was informed that 48 hours of written notice was required before enforcing a Senate Special Meeting.

The resolution stated

that the GSB believes "if tuition for non-residents would increase, it should not exceed 1.2 percent [increase] in order to allow for financial planning" so students could budget for higher tuition.

The resolution also stated that GSB would ask the board to consider that long-term planning be implemented instead of planning for tuition increases or freezes on a year-by-year bases so families can plan.

The last point that performance-based funding, which would fund Regent schools more based on the higher number of in-state schools, should be implemented so "state funding follows Iowans and promotes affordability and acces-

Gabe Walsh, speaker of the Senate and cosponsor of the resolution, asked senators to waive the second reading that would bring the resolution up for discussion at next week's meeting so that the recommendation would appear on the Board of Regent's public forum packet for December's board meeting. The regents will dis-

cuss a possible tuition freeze during December's meeting.

Other cosponsors of the resolution, Hillof GSB, and Dan Breitbarth, vice speaker of the Senate, also advocated to waive the second reading because they felt waiting another week would mean the recommendation would not be given to the board in enough time for the resolution to appear on the public forum packet.

### **British biologist Richard Dawkins** to speak at Stephens Auditorium

By Matthew.Rezab @iowastatedaily.com

British evolutionary biologist and secularist Richard Dawkins will lecture at 8 p.m. tonight at Stephens Auditorium.

Dawkins is the Charles Simonyi Professor of the Public Understanding of Science at Oxford University. Dawkins

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first became well known after the publication of his first book "The Selfish Gene" in 1976. Dawkins has published a total of 14 books including his latest, "Appetite for Wonder: The Making of a Sci-

Dawkins is also well known for his support of secularism. He has written books such as, "The God Delusion" and "The

Blind Watchmaker" as well as writing and appearing in the TV documentaries "Root of All Evil?" and "The Enemies of Reason" in 2006 and

The doors open at 7:15 p.m. Admission is free with a book signing to follow. The discussion will be moderated by Clark Wolf, bioethics program director

#### **Online Content**

**PHOTOS** 

#### Men's basketball opens season with win

The ISU men's basketball team opened its season with a win 93-82 win against Oakland on Friday night. Junior guard George Niang had a career-high 30 points. For a photo gallery of the game, go online to the multimedia section of the Daily's website.

VOLLEYBALL

#### **Cyclones defeat Lady Frogs 3-2**

The ISU volleyball team defeated Texas Christian 3-2 on Saturday. Focusing on the fundamentals of volleyball aided in the Cyclones' win. For the full story on how the basics helped, check out the sports section of the Daily's website.

MORE INFO

#### **Up 'til Dawn** benefits St. Jude hospital

The annual Up 'til Dawn fundraiser was held at Iowa State this weekend to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To find out how to donate to the hospital, go to the news section of the app.

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#### Women's basketball kicks off season

The ISU women's basketball team opened its regular season against USC Upstate on Sunday. To find a photo gallery of the game, go online to the multimedia section of the Daily's website.

PH0T0

#### Volleyball keeps winning streak alive against TCU

The ISU volleyball team extended its winning streak to four games on Saturday with its 3-2 win against Texas Christian on Saturday. For a photo gallery of the match, go online to the multimedia section of the Daily's website.

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# **NEWS**

# Dawn

#### Students pull all-nighter to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research hospital

By Makayla.Tendall @iowastatedaily.com

Members of the Cyclone Martial Arts Club lock into a fighting stance in front of posters of children with cancer. Across State Gym, ISU students loaded with 6 cases of energy drinks and a mountain of potato chips gear up to fight cancer.

Up 'til Dawn, an annual event to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, took place Friday to 25 from 11:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. A total of \$58,200 was raised during this year's event.

Caleb Prohaska, senior in construction engineering, was the co-director of Up 'til Dawn and said his fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon, is one of the reasons he is so involved with St. Jude's. Last year, his fraternity raised \$14,000 alone, Prohaska said.

"With St. Jude's, it's not a tough sell. The money that is donated is going basically directly to a family and directly to saving a child's life. I'm not saying other philanthropies aren't legitimate; it's just that people can find a connection because a lot of family members have kids or they have nieces and nephews," Prohaska said. "They just have that connection thinking about, 'If

my child were to have this, how would I want the family to be treated?"

Throughout the event, students danced, made crafts, ate walking tacos, took pictures with Cy and watched a demonstration from the Cyclone Martial Arts Club after hearing stories from cancer survivors.

While Emma Dostal, senior in biology, never had cancer as a child, she and her three siblings were young when her mother, Becky, was diagnosed with a form of leukemia called multiple myeloma seven years ago.

"My first thought was, 'What am I going to do without my mom?'" Dostal said. "I bawled my eyes out because they gave her six months to live. What I saw was that I was going to lose my mom and then I was going to have to step up and be mom for [her three

younger siblings]."
"It's a bitch," Dostal said of cancer.

Dostal's father had quit his job a few days before her mother' diagnosis, so 15-year-old Dostal said she took it upon herself to become independent and pay for whatever she could. Dostal said even though children will still be diagnosed with cancer, she feels it is important that people can realize providing financial stability for families who have children



Charlie Coffey/Iowa State Daily

Cy dances and pumps up the crowd during the Up 'til Dawn fundraiser event for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The event started Saturday night and ended Sunday morning, and participants raised \$58,200. Besides dancing, attendees also heard stories from cancer survivors.

with cancer is still benefi-

Prohaska said he is glad to see students realizing that every bit they donate helps a family, and it helps keep the dream for a cure alive.

There is a one dollar bill out of a thousand. You have to understand that what you are doing is making a difference. What people have to realize is that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. You keep searching for that cure, Prohaska said.

Though Becky's cancer is stabilized, she still goes in for chemotherapy periodically when her white blood cell counts rise. After she had an autologous bone marrow transplant, Becky's immune system is as weak as that of a 7-yearold's, which Dostal said is terrifying for her and her

family.

"I would get so angry

was in the hospital because you can look outside and see people taking smoke breaks,' Dostal said. "My mom never smoked, never did drugs, took really great care of her body. For me it's like, seriously she's the one that's sick and the ones that are out there destroying their bodies are left there.

But Dostal said her parents don't give anger or fear a chance to take over.

"My parents say, These are the cards we've been dealt. You can sit around and pout about it,

or you can just buck up and find a way to push through it,' and that's what we do,' Dostal said.

After going into remission, Dostal said her family moved to Colorado, and her mother fulfilled her dream of opening a gym.

Dostal said she was recently at a martial arts presentation where they spoke about how women have always been fighters, and Dostal said she thought of her mom the whole time.

"Eventually that is going to be what gets my mom: that cancer. It's not like we're going to wake up tomorrow and she's going to be gone, but someday it's just going to take its toll and win," Dostal said.

Prohaska said he had

the opportunity to visit St. Jude's last year, an experience he is so excited to remember he bounces on the balls of his feet.

"There's really no one charity, no one disease that's necessarily better. The thing about cancer and the thing about St. Jude's is that they're really working to put themselves out of business and cancer as a whole out of business. Ultimately it's about bringing people together," Prohaska

"The hospital itself is so positive and uplifting. That's really part of the cure. It's more than just the cutting-edge technology and treatments, it's really about the positivity," Prohaska said.

# Recreation Services



# Female students learn leadership at retreat

By Michaela.Ramm @iowastatedaily.com

Nearly 50 ISU women were given the chance to become leaders this weekend at the Women's Leadership

From 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, attendees had opportunities to better themselves by listening to guest speakers, networking and participating in group discussions. The event in Hach Hall was free for undergraduate and graduate female students.

The Women's Leadership Retreat is designed to give any student, but particularly female students, [an] opportunity to learn about who they are as a leader to understand themselves a little bit more," said Kevin Merrill, the leadership and service coordinator for the Student Activities Center.

The event is cosponsored by the Margaret Sloss Women's Center, the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics and the Student Activities Center.

'There was a collaboration of individuals who decided there needed to be more programs designed specifically towards women leaders," Merrill said. "Any time we are helping a student gain leadership skills, it is beneficial for the entire campus community.'

The registration for this year's event was completely

Kristine Perkins, the public relations and student programs coordinator at the



Charlie Coffey/Iowa State Daily

Attendees of the Women's Leadership Retreat network on Saturday in Hach Hall. The free retreat gave female undergraduates and graduates an opportunity to learn more about themselves and who they are as a leader. The creation of a strong team and managing conflict were two focuses for the event.

Catt Center for Women and Politics, was on the planning committee and said this is her third year being involved with the retreat.

"This year, we are focusing on creating a strong team, conflict management, micro aggressions and how to address them and managing stress," Perkins said.

The event's attendees also have a chance to meet other women leaders.

'They also have a chance to network with women at Iowa State who are interested in leadership and developing other leaders," Merrill said. "They get to learn from other women leaders and what they've gone through."

Gabrielle King, junior

in kinesiology and health, attended the event in order to improve herself as a peer

"I definitely feel that the activities helped," King said. "I think everyone here has their own leadership position, so I think it was good for all of us to connect. There were speakers who are leaders who talked to us and really made me think. I thought that was really important.'

Rachel Schroeder, junior in psychology, feels that events such as the retreat that addresses women's issues is important to be a part of.

"It's hard to be a woman when you're trying to accomplish certain things,

Schroeder said. "The fact that this was for women students, and it's about learning how to be a leader, that's a good skill.'

However, there was not a major emphasis on gender at the retreat, attendees said.

'I think the most thing valuable we talked about was the social and political capital session," said Zoe Kustritz, junior in industrial design and president of ISU College Democrats. "There were a lot of things I hadn't thought about, like information flow and workplace dynamics. I think that doesn't get addressed a lot in general. I think thinking about that is a really constructive

Perkins said the lessons

learned are meant to translate to real life.

"We cover a broad range of topics," Perkins said. "We want them to feel like they can take it back to wherever they are in life and apply it as soon as possible. That might be leadership positions on campus or after graduation.'

King said the most valuable thing she took away was being comfortable and confident networking with

"Some women are really outgoing, and some really struggle trying to talk to people," King said. "I think it's important for everyone in general to be comfortable and confident with public speaking and connecting with others who are in the same boat as them.

The presenters at the retreat come from the Ames community or the ISU community. Two guest speakers from Iowa State included Hillary Kletscher and Mike Hoefer, president and vicepresident of the Government of the Student Body.

Perkins said the committee in charge of organizing the retreat has been planning since May. Perkins said that the retreat works toward the same mission every year.

We want to put on a great retreat for women to become leaders on campus and in their lives," Perkins said. "We want to encourage to get more involved with leadership opportunities if they are not already.

Merrill said he believes that leadership looks different to different kinds of people, especially at different points in their lives.

'When you broadly talk about leadership, it doesn't always paint the right picture for women leaders and some of the challenges they face," Merrill said. "Should women back off from their careers? Should they hit it full force knowing that they may have a family later, and what does that look like? It's something that historically our country has always needed to have a session that targets these specific leadership topics. It hasn't gone away, and it's still a current issue.'

Next year's Women's Leadership Retreat is planned for November 2015.

# ISU student finds niche through campus groups

By Emily.Eppens @iowastatedaily.com

Benjamin Spick, a junior in anthropology and religious studies, knows how difficult it can be to be at a complete loss for who

"I grew up feeling like I couldn't relate to anyone around me," Spick said.

Coming to Iowa State as a freshman, Spick was determined to find his

Being from a rural town and Catholic background, he wanted to find a supportive community where he could be involved and started attending the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

"It was a huge adjustment for me, figuring out that [the fellowship] is someplace that I really do belong," Spick said. "[The

fellowship] is probably the most important part of me being able to be myself and discover who I am.

The combination of church and religion could have been a controversial obstacle for Spick, who is currently an active member of the LGBTSS.

A 2013 statistics survey shows that Christian, Muslim and Mormon religions can be unfriendly to people who identify as LGBT and homosexuals are more likely to be less religious than people who are heterosexual, according to PewSocialTrends.com.

Instead, the fellowship helped grow him. Unitarian universalist churches have no creed or doctrine set for the members to follow.

The goal for congregations is to be a support to people from all backgrounds, cultures and beliefs. At Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, members are put through specialized training to be sensitive to the needs of the LGBT person and surrounding

"[Religion] isn't always, but it can be unwelcoming," Spick said. "[The fellowship] is an extremely welcoming community as far as LGBT, issues and identities are concerned."

Unitarian Universalism has been one of the first church denominations to accept the homosexual community, said Rev. Kent McKusick, the minister at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

"We have a quilt made by a homosexual member of the church from thirty years ago," Mckusick said. '[The church] wants to be present for every member of the community, without excluding anyone."
Spick did not come out

publicly until the fall of

his sophomore year, but during that time he came to accept and grow in his identity with the support of the church. Not long after, he joined the LGBTSS community on campus.

Ben never presented himself as a guarded person, but since coming out I think he is able to move around more comfortably. McKusick said. "I think [the church] helped Ben to engage the community here and around campus more completely and more au-

Sarah Carlson, a coordinator in human services and the adviser for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's college LGBT group, said that she is happy that Spick has gotten involved in organizations on and off campus.

"[The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship] has people who are Agnostic, Atheist, Muslim and Buddhists attend the church, even Pagans visit," said Carlson, "I encourage students to contact a welcoming church or group where they will feel supported."

Spick came out to his family in Sept. 2013, a move he felt would not have been possible without the support from the people at his church. His family is supportive of his identity and has occasionally visited the

Since then, Spick has gotten involved with many student organizations on campus; he is the treasurer of the anthropology club, a lay leader at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, involved with the LGBTSS, works at the Parks Library, grades homework for the religion department and is a member of the Student Organic Farm on campus.

"I was very interested to learn my freshman year that there is a gay-straight alliance at the Catholic Spick said. "Learning about Catholic theologies and how that combines with LGBT inclusion, that is very interesting to me."

"Tapping into spirituality is a very important thing to me," Spick said. 'Being involved with [the fellowship] has been a very important place for me to be to realize that.'

Spick encourages new and incoming students to ask themselves what kind of community they want to be a part of and reach out to their professors, advisers, TA's, other students and

organizations. "Do something that forces you out of your comfort zone," Spick said. "Don't be afraid to be involved. You can't go back and change time, so do what you can during your college career."









# IOWA STATE DAILY

# OPINION



Megan Kalb/Iowa State Daily Adolescents and young adults multitask because they are impatient and prone to procrastination. Our brain, however, doesn't multitask and the process is inefficient.

# Juggling tasks results in errors

By Madison.Ward @iowastatedaily.com

ight now as you are reading this column your temporal lobe, frontal lobe, angular gyrus and supramarginal gyrus are all hard at work, just by comprehending these words alone. But chances are that this column is not the only thing you are making your brain sort through.

More than likely your phone is onhand; perhaps you're even breaking up the task of reading with sporadic text replies or tweets. Or maybe you're getting really fancy and blocking out the world around you with music while you read which brings the cerebrum, cerebellum and limbic system into the mix. Or you could be doing all three.

No matter what combination is your favorite multitasking has become one of this generation's greatest pastimes under the premise that it helps us get things done faster.

Unfortunately that might not be true — multitasking may be the source of more cons than pros.

The brain is a wonderfully complex organ that most of us truly don't understand which is why we believe multitasking is actually a thing in the first place. While you are reading this, listening to music, texting and watching the passersby, you are under the illusion that you're doing it all at once.

However, according to a study, you're really not. The reality is that while you think that your brain is able to do it all simultaneously it is actually ordering the activities and doing them one at a time.

The term should really be "chunking" not "multitasking," but our brain does it so quickly that it does in fact feel like you're doing it all. Yet another testimonial to how amazing the human brain actually is.

With this knowledge at our disposal, one may logically begin to wonder how the brain copes with this insane amount of information being constantly fed into it and that is where the negative aspects of multitasking being to emerge.

The same study highlighted a link between the loss of gray matter in one particular area of the brain and consistent use of several media devices.

This area is called Broadmann's Area 10, which is located in the brain's anterior frontal cortex. In an interview, Jordan Grafman, an author of the study, explained that this is the area of the brain which "allows you to leave something when it's incomplete and e same place and o from there." This area of the brain is what creates the illusion that we are multitasking when we are actually organizing things into a mental to-do list.

Another area of the brain that has been linked to negative effects of multitasking is the anterior cingulate cortex, which is responsible for cognitive and emotional control functions.

This information backs up previous research claiming that multitasking leads to anxiety, depression and decreased attention while dealing with a distraction because this area of the brain which is being impacted is responsible for emotional control.

This information paired with the fact that teens, who are going through emotional turmoil already from puberty and whatnot, are the main multitaskers of the world could raise questions as to how much additional emotional damage could be

However, despite news reports and studies, adolescents and young adults continue to multitask because we have a dwindling capacity for patience and a growing one for pro-

We must get our homework done that's due at 11:59 p.m., live-tweet "American Horror Story," open snaps from Snapchat and put just enough effort into the conversation your roommate is having with you so that they think you're really listening to them.

We think doing all of this at once will help us get it done faster and with the same amount of accuracy as we tions, but here is the final nail in the multitasking coffin; we can't. David E. Meyer, director of the Brain, Cognition and Action Laboratory at the University of Michigan said that the more tasks you do at one time increases then number of errors you'll produce.

This means that if you are a conscience student you will just have to go back and do it all over again later, which effectively undoes all the skillfully orchestrated multitasking you used to try and save time with in the first place.

#### **EDITORIAL**

### Take full advantage of meal plan

As the semester begins to wind down and finals approach along with the ever-worsening weather, students will find that they have more and more on their plates. However, it is the food that might not be on their plates that often slips the minds of students who use university meal plans.

Whether you simply forget to use the meals or choose not to brave the cold to make it to a dining hall, it is important to remember that when you don't maximize your use of a meal plan you are quite literally leaving money on

If you invested in a meal plan at the beginning of this semester, you put thousands of dollars into an account that, if not emptied, will disappear straight into the pockets of ISU Dining, and according to the ISU Dining website, there are 20 serving days remaining for the semester, as of Nov. 16, before all remaining meals vanish on Dec. 19.

The website keeps a running count of how many meals students should have remaining for each available meal plan. The highest amount of meals that a student should have in order to most effectively use the most expensive meal plan is currently at 53. This means that any student with remaining meals in excess of 53 is currently at risk of com-

ing up short on meal use. Each meal plan's initial cost reflects a different monetary value for each individual meal. If a student purchased the Gold plan — the third most expensive of the five available plans and the "default" meal plan for ISU Dining
— then each meal is valued at \$7.28. Therefore, if a student allows only 15 of their meals to expire prior to the end of the semester, they are losing \$109.20. In the relative scheme of the cost of college living, 100 dollars may seem negligible, but the fact is that this is intolerably

wasteful spending.
Students will often have excess
meals because they expend their allotted "dining dollars"— which in many cases operate in the same way as meals, but offer increased purchasing flexibility — at a faster rate than their meals, finding at the end of the semester that they have no remaining dining dollars, but plenty of meals. Such use of the meal plan is backwards and ineffectual because dining dollars are transferable across semesters — fall to spring only, they do not carry into a different academic year unlike meals, which expire each semester, as previously noted.

Therefore, the most logical use of a meal plan would be to expend all available meals before dipping extensively into the dining dollar account.

In an attempt not to let the meals go to waste, in many cases students will share their meals with their friends who may have used all of their own or never had a meal plan to begin with. While this seems as though it would only hurt the owner of the meal plan, ISU Dining imposes a five meal limit for guest passes at the university dining halls. Such a policy exemplifies excessive and unnecessary control over meal use.

The students or their parents pay for the meal plan, so why should ISU Dining have a say in how many of those meals are shared or who they are used by? ISU Dining does not make money as a student uses each individual meal but instead at the beginning of the semester when the meal is initially purchased. The university already made its money, so they should lessen any further attempts to regulate meal use.

Shifting back to the responsibility of students to keep track of and use their meals effectively, if you find that you will inevitably have excess meals remaining at the end of this semester, consider revising your selected meal plan for next semester so that you don't face the same problem again. Remember that it's your money, so don't take these meals for granted.

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#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Flawed political system deters voters

sophomore in community and regional planning

Lately, I've been spending a lot of time reading articles written by experts in their field that our much beloved democratic system is crumbling beneath our very feet.

It appears as though somewhere between 35 percent to 40 percent of the voting-age population showed up to the polls on Nov. 4.

I suspect a variety of explanations could be made as to why voter turnout has been low since the mid-19th century.

But are the questions we should be asking and things we should be carefully considering being truthfully and thoroughly pursued?

The fact of the matter is that young people today and all those of voting age are simply detached, disinterested and foolish to throw away their say in the American political system.

Do we limit our attention to the more pressing matters?

The matters that hold our concern are our cell phones, our social media, our video games, our sports, our clothing,

our laptops, our televisions, our makeup, our hair, our skin color, our body weight, our music, our social circles, our celebrities.

I believe our nation's voting pool to be poisoned, and about this I must offer a more detailed explanation.

As any governmental historians can hopefully corroborate, a democracy is more likely to succeed if its citizens have similar goals and generally agree with each other.

We have been taught that this is not always the case. In government disagreement is

This is only true if the disagreement is in regards to an issue that each party holds an interest in and believes should take place.

When we are so staunch in our ways that we remove ourselves from the equation, we remove any chance of success we had hoped to achieve.

How do I apply this to our current situation? Why the nation's voter turnout is so despairingly low? Our two-party system is failing.

The gridlock we've experienced over the past few electoral cycles can be explained by the fact that our politicians

and our people have grown so doggedly attached to the nature of our arguments that we cannot see that we are destroying whatever hope exists of achieving anything at all.

It is so much easier to bark at each other about the principles behind your argument than to discuss what could be done.

There is no right answer to the vast majority of the questions that plague our Congress.

To believe so would be to shut an ear to not only practi-

cality but reason and logic itself. What can be done is com-

promise. Not in the form of a happy medium, which so often results in disaster due to bad planning, but compromise in the form of efficient and effective resolution with stops built in to check progress and allow for adaptation dependent upon results

and circumstances. We need to make some decisions immediately, see what happens and then make some more decisions.

And this process needs to happen repeatedly.

Climate change, immigration reform, foreign policy, monetary and fiscal policy, regulation in all sectors of our society, growing inequalities,

the nature of our social constructs, crime and other issues are things that will not simply fix themselves on their own. Issues will not wait in line

to be solved. And yet, as a result

of our failing political system, few if any meaningful decisions are being made. We may find ourselves in a

catastrophe so deserving of its name that we may be unable to find a shovel big enough to dig ourselves out.

Why is voter turnout so dreadfully low?

Because the nation's voters have so little faith that our system can enact meaningful

People react to meaningful change, and when the status quo has been to stand at a respectful distance away from each other, yell and hope for the best, what else could the voters truly expect to happen?

Of course they don't care who wins when they look at everything that hasn't been achieved in the past few de-

It is not that young people find themselves disinterested in politics; they have come to the conclusion that the current system is not working and is not worth trying to save.

# **SPORTS**



The ISU women's cross country team runs at the Big 12 Championships on Nov. 1. The team earned their fifth consecutive Midwest Regional title Friday, which gave the Cyclones a bid to the NCAA Chamionships.

# ISU women receive nationals bid

By Kyle.Heim @iowastatedaily.com

The ISU women's cross country team took another step toward achieving the cross country triple crown by claiming its fifth consecutive Midwest Regional title on Friday.

The Cyclones ran loose and conservatively throughout the race and in the end, received exactly what they were looking for, a bid to the NCAA Championships.

Junior Crystal Nel-

son, who was originally expected to rest at the regional meet, placed fifth overall for the Cyclones, finishing one spot behind redshirt senior Katy Moen. Moen and Nelson's times were separated by only onehundredths of a second.

'Crystal and I felt really relaxed throughout the whole race, and finished right next to each other," Moen said. "We 100 percent followed the race plan, and our coach was very happy for us."

Nelson's participation gave graduate Margaret Connelly an opportunity to rest before competing at Nationals in Terre Haute on Sat-

Moen said leading up to the race, ISU coach Andrea Grove-McDonough told the runners to view the race more as a workout and hold back some for the NCAA Championships.

Iowa State also executed its pack-forming strategy as planned at the regional. Not only did Moen and Nelson finish together, redshirt freshman Erin Hooker and sophomore Perez Rotich tied for 13th place.

"Erin and Perez also started really reserved," Moen said. "They picked it up a little bit throughout the race, but that was definitely what the race plan [called for].

There will be no holding back for Iowa State at Terre Haute on Saturday.

The team will compete on only seven days of rest, the fewest days of rest between meets this

"We just need to focus on leaving it all on the course and following the race plan," Moen said. "No matter how well we plan it, it's nationals and everything's in the air."

Iowa State entered the NCAA Midwest Regional ranked No. 5 in the U.S. Track & Field and **Cross Country Coaches** Association.

The Coaches Association will post their final rankings before the national meet later today.

The team is happy with what they've accomplished to this point of the season, but their biggest goal of the year awaits on Saturday. Rain, heat and sub-freezing temperatures have been unsuccessful in tripping up Iowa State, but Terre Haute expects to add mud to the mix on Sat-

Our intention all year has been win the Big 12 title and go into NCAAs and do something special with this team, Grove-McDonough said.

Iowa State expects to have 2013 All-American Bethanie Brown and Margaret Connelly return for their national title run.

# Niang leads Cyclones in season-opening win

#### **Team works** out kinks in 11-point victory

By Alex.Gookin @iowastatedaily.com

It wasn't always pretty, but the Cyclones came away with the result they were looking for — a win. For the fifth straight year, ISU coach Fred Hoiberg and the Cyclones start the season 1-0 after a 93-82 win

against Oakland. While the win was not dominant by most accounts, Iowa State appears to be in good hands with Georges Niang putting in a dominant performance in his first official game return after injuring his foot in the NCAA tournament last season.

His off-season body transformation appears to be nothing but positive for Niang, who scored a careerhigh 30 points, pulled down nine rebounds and dished out five assists. His performance gave him 1,019 career points, becoming one of 31 Cyclones to score 1,000, but he's not satisfied with the team's performance.

"It's cool, [but it is] a minor accomplishment to want I want to do with this team," Niang said. '[The game] was a little disappointing defensively ... Everyone needs to look themselves in the mirror, including me, and really work on getting stops down the stretch."

Oakland's Corey Petros gave Iowa State fits all game, scoring 25 points and dominating the paint with undersized big men Georges Niang and Daniel

Edozie guarding the post. Guard Kahlil Felder also found success against the Cyclones, using his speed and range to put up 23 points and dish out 10 as-

But season openers are often for knocking off the rust, and Iowa State did a bit of that. However, it is what the Cyclones did not have that gives Hoiberg hope that these early season games may not be what the team is fully capable of

accomplishing. Without the services of Matt Thomas and Abdel Nader, who are both serving suspensions for violation of team rules, and Jameel McKay, who has to sit until December due to transfer rules, Iowa State only scratched the surface as far as roster goes.

"I thought when we extended the lead we finally started to get stops,"

Hoiberg said. "I think we've 11-point win in a game got guys who can do it. Obviously, we're thin on numbers right now, but when we get our full roster, I'm excited to see what we can do on the defensive end.

Even with the absence of potential stars, Iowa State continued its trend of high scoring offenses under Hoiberg. The starting five — Monte Morris, Bryce Dejean-Jones, Naz Long, Dustin Hogue and Niang — combined for 89 of the

team's 93 points. Highly-anticipated transfer Bryce Dejean-Jones didn't disappoint, recording the team's first double-double of the season with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Monte Morris finished with 14 points and three assists, garnering praise from Hoiberg as the pilot of the team at the point position.

Despite only an

that odds makers had Iowa State tabbed as 20-point favorites, Hoiberg knew Oakland

would not lie down. "I knew this would be a tough test. I didn't think we'd come in here and roll over theses guys," Hoiberg said. "I knew they'd come out and play us well and they did and give a lot of credit to Oakland for that.'

I o w a State will return to Hilton Coliseum for its second game of the season at 8 p.m. Monday as they take on Georgia State.





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# Cyclones win opener; freshman scores big

By Ryan. Young @iowastatedaily.com

It didn't take freshman post player Bryanna Fernstrom long to transition into the college basketball lifestyle. In fact, it only took her one game.

Fernstrom scored 12 of the first 14 points for the Cyclones in their home opener Nov. 16. By the end of the game, the Minnesota native had totaled 25 points in the team's 98-76 win over USC Upstate.

"The last couple of games I haven't been finishing very well," Fernstrom said. "I've been working hard at practice to start making my layups, but I'm happy that they've started to go in."

Fernstrom's 25 points are the most ever by an ISU freshman in a careeropener, breaking the record that was set in 2009 by Anna Prins.

She also finished the game with two 3-pointers and was a perfect 7 for 7 from the free throw line.

'We were all playing really well together creating opportunities," Fernstrom said. "Guards were finding me, and I was fin-

In the first two exhibition games, however, it was fellow freshman post

instead of Fernstrom. The decision to give Fernstrom the start came in late last week and isn't one that Fennelly regrets.

We felt she gave us the best chance to score," Fennelly said. "I really worried about us having the ability to make shots around the basket and finish ... If you look at her stats in practice and in the exhibition games, she warranted the opportunity and to her credit she made the most of it."

Yet by the end of the game, it wasn't the offensive performance that caught Fennelly's attention. It was what happened on the other end of the

The Spartans shot 42.6 percent from the field and 56.3 percent from the three-point line, something Fennelly wasn't too happy

"We did the things offensively that we needed to do," Fennelly said. "Certainly defensively to say we're a work in progress might be an understatement. We better get better, a lot better, before Nov. 18 or that 98 might be on the other side of the scoreboard."

The source of the defensive problem may have come in part from the suc-

Claire Ricketts who started cess the Cyclones had on the offensive end. Along with Fernstrom's big day, both sophomore guard Seanna Johnson and senior guard Brynn Williamson finished with a doubledouble, scoring 20 points and 10 rebounds and 13 points and 12 rebounds respectively.

Fennelly said he thinks they might have simply relaxed too much on the defensive end of the court that by scoring so many points.

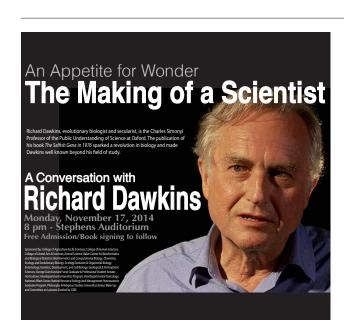
"I think what happens in a game like this is we were scoring so much, and you get ahead, and then you relax," Fennelly said. "The excitement of winning is certainly dampened by our inability to stop the ball, and that's a problem. We've got to get that fixed quickly.

Along with the defensive mistakes, Fennelly said that the Cyclones need to focus on cleaning up the little things. While they don't have a lot of time before their next game Nov. 18, Fennelly said they're going to get right to work.

The great thing about basketball is usually you turn around quickly and play again," Fennelly said. 'We have a huge game here on Nov. 18 against Drake, so we have to get ready and we'll start tonight."



Freshman center Bryanna Fernstrom scored 25 points for the Cyclones on Sunday against USC Upstate. Iowa State won 98-76. Fernstrom's 25 points were the most ever by an ISU freshman in a career-opening game.



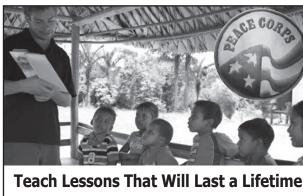
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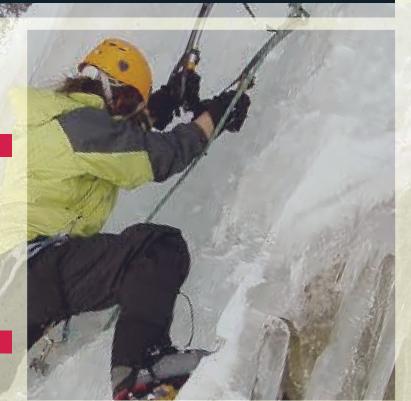
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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the



Aries - 9 (March 21-April 19) Compromise is required today and tomorrow. Negotiate fairly and emerge unscathed. A female offers an opportunity. A new associate could become a



Taurus - 8 (April 20-May 20) A new project

demands more attention for the next few days. Get final words of advice. Time to get busy! Abandon procrastination and let your passion play.



Gemini - 7 (May 21-June 20)

Someone nearby sure looks good. A barrier is dissolving, or becoming unimportant. True love is possible with hot romance infusing the situation. Practice your arts and charms.



Cancer-8 (June 21-July 22)

Make household improvements today and tomorrow. You can find what you need nearby. Make popcorn and share it with a movie or game Fill your home with family love



Leo-9 (July 23-Aug. 22)

Add color and tantalizing flavors.

A new educational phase begins over the next few days. A female offer a balanced plan. Things fall into place. Get into intense learning mode. Resist the temptation to splurge.



Virgo - 9 (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) For the next few

days, joyfully bring in money. Count your blessings. Keep books as you go. A female offers a financial opportunity. Creativity percolates, and demand for your work increases.

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Libra - 8 (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Learning new skills leads to new friends. Have the gang over to your house. You're even more powerful than usual today and tomorrow. Your thoroughness makes an excellent impression.



Scorpio - 8 (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Friends are there for you. You're under pressure to complete old tasks the next few days. Schedule quiet private time to think things over. . Rest and recharge. Your curiosity makes you quite attractive.



Sagittarius - 8 (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Circumstances control

your actions for the next two days. Find a beautiful spot. Your team inspires. Hold meetings, brainstorm, and chart your collaboration. Add an artistic touch to the project.



Capricorn - 9 (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Compete for more responsibilities over

the next few days. Do it for love, not money. Friends are there for you. You're attracting the attention of someone important. Listen



Aquarius - 8 Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Make time for an outing over the next few days. Set long-range goals. Studies and research inspire fascinating conversation. Talk about your passion, and ask others what they love.



Pisces - 9 (Feb. 19-March 20) Discuss shared

finances. The next two days are good for financial planning. Provide support for your partner. Follow through on what you said you'd do. Plan a trip

#### CHEF p1

"A lot of kids theses day come to school having lived on fast food because of how their lifestyle was," Connie said. "I'm doing homecooking food, and they are learning new things, finding new flavors and discovering that not all foods come through a window."

Always wanting her own business, Connie started catering on the side. From small gatherings to busy families who didn't have time to cook, she would gather food and use her customers' kitchens to provide meals. She has continued her catering business throughout the years.

Soon Connie's company lost its contract with Grand View, causing her to lose her job. In the mean time, Alex returned from the Army and began his education at Iowa State.

To enhance his networking, he decided to pledge Lambda Chi Alpha. After growing up with a chef for a mom, his standards were high. The fraternity's did not meet them.

"Being the ambitious person I was, I knew she was looking for something new," Alex said. "I didn't want to be the one to get her hired, but she was ridiculously overqualified for what they were looking for. It was an obvious thing they would hire

It only took one test run for a Sunday meal for fraternity members to hire Connie.

On a trip to Minnesota with her husband, Connie was killing time when she passed a furniture store. In need of a dresser, she decided to take a look inside. The worker assisting Connie asked about her profession. The worker was astonished because the worker's son was the president of the Sigma Pi fraternity at Iowa State and was in need of a chef.

Exchanging contact information, Connie didn't hear from Sigma Pi for months until school started up. Before Sigma Pi hired Connie, members were eating catered meals, but Connie could not only make them homemade meals but also cut their budget by 50 percent.

"She makes really good meals and a really nice person, very friendly," said Corey Hermann, steward of Sigma Pi.

Connie was unsure of her ability to handle two fraternities but realized it was worth it in the end.

"Every chef has their own reason they cook," Connie said. "There are chefs that will stylize food and make it look just gorgeous, and they want you to look at it. I want to make food you can not wait to eat.'

Starting every morning at 6:30, she cooks a hot breakfast for Lambda Chi

"We implemented a hot breakfast when we were having trouble with grades," Connie said. "I thought if we had a hot breakfast, maybe more people would get up and get productive for the day, and our grades have improved."

Lunch rolls around next and does not slow down Connie. While not every member eats breakfast and lunch at the fraternity, Connie cooks dinner for 80 people. Cooking all the food in the Lambda Chi Alpha kitchen, she packs up Sigma Pi's portions, loads up her truck and assists Sigma Pi members in serving it. Returning to Lambda Chi Alpha, she then serves their dinner.

On Monday nights, both houses have chapter meetings, which mean every member comes to the house for dinner. On these nights, Connie makes a total of 120



Tiffany Herring/Iowa State Daily

When Connie Maxwell was 45-years-old, she went school to become a chef. After making one meal for her son Alex's fraternity, Connie was hired as the fraternity's chef. She creates meals for 80 people per night.

three-course meals.

"People say what is your favorite thing to cook, my answer is whatever you want to eat," Connie said.

In the midst of all the cooking, Connie finds time to sit down with the Lambda Chi Alpha members and enjoy the meal she made.

"[The members] keep me young," Connie said. "They keep me connected to the young culture, everything that's going on in young culture, and that's interesting to me."

With her Lambda Chi Alpha title of mom, she assists the boys from preparing for interviews to giving the ones going into the military hair cuts.

'There is this whole family aspect that happens around living with all these guys," Connie said. "I have 29 [roommates who are 20] that I interact with and exist

Alex doesn't mind her mothering his brothers in the house.

"It's kind of funny that all my friends have my

mom's phone number and call her for anything," Alex said. "She's the kind of person when you meet her she can be your best friend basically, and she will be your best friend because she gets along with everybody.'

Staying in the Lambda Chi Alpha house all week, she reserves weekends for her husband in Des Moines.

"During the school year it has to be all focused on this is our short time together, the one night I'm home, or the weekend I'm home," Connie said. "We talk on the phone every night, and we don't allow time for fight-Dedicating all of her

time to the members of the fraternity, Connie hopes the boys will take away many lessons, such as the variety of flavors and tastes in the world. Morally, she teaches them respect for women and sees them practice it on a regular basis.

"I was looking for a job I that I could love, and I found one that loved me back,' Connie said.

Though most of the members are American, Hester said there's still many cultures represented in the group.

DANCE p1

We have a lot of talent in the group and a lot of mixed cultures in the group. We have everything from white, black, Indian

and Chinese," Hester said. "We have a real melting pot in the group.'

The last group to perform was the Bollywood Dance Club.

We are a fusion group between Bollywood and hip-hop," said Sahana Seenu Baskar, president of the club. "We copy the dances from the Bollywood movies, so it's really a mix of everything.

The club perfored last year at the event as well and said it was a way to let students know more about Indian cultures.

'Dance in India is used to portray any emotion, any festivity and even tragedy. Some of the moves can even depend on the

meaning of the song," Baskar said

The club also likes that the event is a charitable said Simrita Varma, freshman in global resource systems and agriculture and

She said, "Education is very important and everyone deserves to have an equal opportunity."

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However, he said he anticipates the universities will see savings within the next fiscal year.

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