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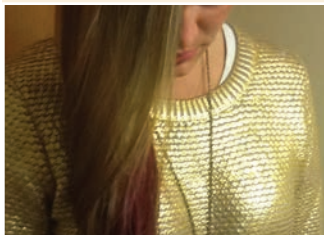
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## AmeriCorps to make visit to campus

By Frances Myers  
Daily staff writer

Iowa State students will have a chance to visit with AmeriCorps members serving in Ames when they come to the Memorial Union on Wednesday.

AmeriCorps is a national community service program with summer, nine-month or yearlong positions to support various nonprofit agencies and community needs nationwide. Members support communities in several ways, including mentoring youth, building affordable housing and providing disaster relief.

According to its website, AmeriCorps offers 75,000 opportunities each year for adults of all ages and backgrounds to serve through a network of partnerships with local and national nonprofit groups.

Benefits of service include professional development & an education award for student loans or higher education.

AmeriCorps has a partnership with a program known as Iowa's Promise within Iowa State University Extension. According to the ISU Extension website, The partnership between AmeriCorps and Iowa's Promise is known as Iowa AmeriCorps State of Promise.

The members of AmeriCorps will be at a booth on the first floor of the Memorial Union from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Faculty

# ISU Foundation president steps down

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Dan Saftig, president and chief executive officer of the ISU Foundation, announced Monday that he will be stepping down from his position.

Saftig had been president of the Foundation, which is a private nonprofit organization, since July 1, 2003.

"I think anytime you have a new head of an organization, especially a new president of a university, that person needs to cre-

ate their own teams," said Marla Franklin, chairwoman of the ISU Foundation, on why Saftig may have decided to leave the position.

In Saftig's nine years as the president, he helped the Foundation raise "more than \$1 billion in gifts and commitments"

according to a release from Franklin on Monday.

Franklin explained that the money raised by the Foundation goes toward the university and student schol-



Saftig

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Department of Residence

# RESIDING IN DEBT

Bonds allow department to cover deficit

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In having to generate its own revenue, the Department of Residence has found itself with a current outstanding debt of \$95.855 million.

Money has been borrowed to enhance on-campus student living through projects that include renovating Maple Hall, Conversations Dining Center and Buchanan Hall. It has also gone to constructing Frederiksen Court, Hawthorn Market and Cafe, Union Drive Marketplace and Community Center, Martin Hall, Eaton Hall and Seasons Marketplace.

Combining the outstanding principle and interest



Englin



Swanson



The Department of Residence currently faces \$165,797,458 of debt after borrowing money to renovate Maple Hall and construct Seasons Marketplace. The department is responsible for generating its own revenue through housing fees.

together for an amount due of \$165,797,458, many people think the department is suffering under a large amount of debt to pay back.

However, Peter Englin, director of the Department of Residence feels the depart-

ment is in a strong financial position that has allowed it to further expand housing and dining capacities to help provide students with more opportunities on campus.

"We are in a financially healthy situation, though

we have many opportunities to accelerate facility improvements as additional funding is available," Englin said. "Three great examples would be improving food stores' efficiencies, renovating restrooms and replac-

ing windows. We're making progress, but it could always be faster."

Jacob Swanson, junior in public service and administration in agriculture, feels

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Young professionals

# Forbes names Des Moines top city

By Kayla.Kienzle  
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With graduation nearing, many students are on the hunt for careers. Recent grads may not have to look far as far as they expected because Des Moines was named Forbes' No. 1 City for Young Professionals.

According to the Department of Labor, more than 2 million college-educated workers age 25 and older are unemployed. The number seems daunting to some, but in Des Moines, the outlook is much more encouraging.

The city is home to big businesses such as Principal Financial Group and EMC Insurance Companies, which yield more job opportunities. Of the cities Forbes assessed, Des Moines has the highest concentration of large companies with one for every 568 residents.

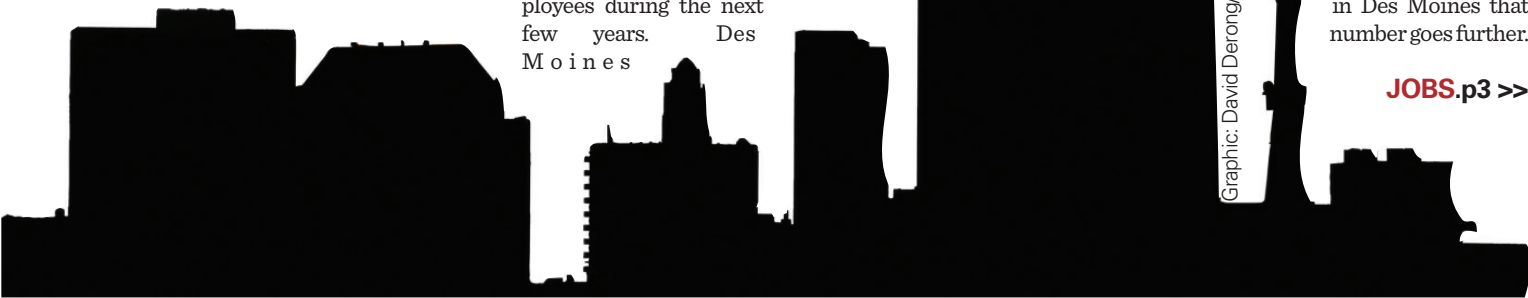
Aside from already established companies, Des Moines is becoming home to businesses relocating from coasts. In the city, business costs are 16 percent below the national average. Companies such as Pioneer Hi-Bred are growing, and Pioneer expects to hire an additional 500 employees during the next few years. Des Moines

also has a 5.8 percent unemployment rate, much lower than the national average of 9 percent.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, as of 2010, Des Moines is home to 203,433 people, and 23.4 percent of those age 25 or older have a bachelor's degree or higher. The median household income for the city is \$44,178; for those between ages 24 and 34, the median salary is \$47,200.

The salary may not seem large, but in Des Moines that number goes further.

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TUE  
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Cloudy with rain showers throughout the day.

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Warm temperatures with possible thunderstorms after noon.

THU  
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Warm temperatures continue with more chances of thunderstorms.

**fact!** **This day in 1912:**  
On this day in 1912, a severe blizzard affected virtually all of Iowa on March 20-21 with around a foot or more of snow falling across portions of the state.

Calendar

Find out what's going on, and share your event with the rest of campus on our website, at [iowastatedaily.com](http://iowastatedaily.com).

TUESDAY

Intermediate Glass Beads with Rhonda Scott  
**When:** 6 p.m.  
**What:** Take your bead skills to the next level. Learn how to etch your beads for a matte finish and apply pixie dust for a pearl finish. Incorporate fine silver and make a simple yet elegant gravity bead.  
**Where:** The Workspace, Memorial Union

Mat Cutting with Amy Dreyer  
**When:** 6:30 p.m.  
**What:** Learn to size mats, cut straight and beveled edges and hinge mount artwork on the mat cutter at the Workspace. Bring a 5 x 7 or smaller art piece to class. This class is required in order to use the mat cutter on your own.  
**Where:** The Workspace, Memorial Union

Daily Snapshot



Photo: Huiling Wu/Iowa State Daily

LITERATURE: Sharing his celestial secrets

Keegan Kwirant, right, freshman in pre-graphic design, and Adriana Banderas, freshman in design, wait for CyRide on Monday inside of Parks Library, safe from the rain. A week of rainfall is expected to follow last week's good weather.

Police Blotter:

Ames, ISU Police Departments

March 8

**Brian Forsberg**, 19, 3714 Helser Hall, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia at Helser Hall. He was transported to the Story County Justice Center (reported at 1:35 a.m.).  
**Daniel Ginther**, 30, 4611 Twain St., was arrested and charged with two counts of driving under suspension, operation without registration and no insurance at Ironwood Court and University Avenue. He was subsequently released on citation (reported at 9:44 a.m.).  
**David Nguyen** reported the theft of a sandwich board sign

at Union Drive Community Center (reported at 12:17 p.m.).  
**Wenhao Xu**, 23, 3304 Polaris Drive unit 11, was arrested and charged with driving under suspension in Lot 26. He was subsequently released on citation (reported at 4:44 p.m.).  
**Mathew Mallett** reported the theft of an iPhone charger from a locked vehicle in Lot 62. The incident occurred sometime since March 4 (reported at 6:38 p.m.).  
A vehicle that left the scene struck a car owned by **Betty McManaman** at Morrill Road and Osborn Drive (reported at 9:09 p.m.).

March 9

**Gasim Haron**, 23, 1320 Gateway Hills Park Drive unit 409, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated (second offense), driving under revocation and open container. He was transported to the Story County Justice Center (reported at 1:10 a.m.).  
**Ryan Ferguson**, 28, of Des Moines, was arrested and charged with public intoxication. He was additionally taken into custody on a warrant held by the Windsor Heights Police Department. Ferguson was transported to the Story County Justice Center (reported at 2:07 a.m.).

Celebrity News  
Notes and events.

Judge declares mistrial in 'Desperate Housewives' lawsuit

A judge declared a mistrial Monday in actress Nicollette Sheridan's wrongful termination lawsuit against "Desperate Housewives" creator Marc Cherry and ABC.

The jury told the judge they were deadlocked at 8-4, in favor of the actress, after three days of deliberations. They needed nine jurors to agree on a verdict. Sheridan sued claiming her character was killed off — and her acting job eliminated — in retaliation for her complaining that Cherry hit her during a rehearsal for the ABC comedy.

Lawyers for Cherry and ABC's Touchstone Television argued the demise of her character was a creative decision unrelated to the workplace complaint.

One juror who voted for Sheridan's case said afterward that the defense story "just didn't hold water for me."

Who'd George Clooney call after his arrest?

We'll give you a hint: It wasn't his sweetheart Stacy Keibler.

Nope — When George Clooney found himself detained Friday after protesting outside of the Sudanese Embassy in Washington, he said he did what many of us would do in that situation: He used his one phone call to ring his mom. "Nothing ever changes," he joked with a TMZ reporter.

The 50-year-old actor, who was arrested alongside members of Congress, human rights activists, faith leaders and his father, Nick Clooney, on Friday, was charged with disorderly crossing of a police line, which is a misdemeanor.

Clooney paid a \$100 fine, opting to forfeit the money in order to avoid a court appearance.

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Mechanical engineering

# Professor discovers benefits of spider silk

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All spiders can produce silk — a material that is a sixth of the size of a human hair — that they use to capture prey, protect offspring, reproduce and build shelter for themselves.

Xinwei Wang, associate professor of mechanical engineering, looked past the reputation of people's least favorite eight-legged houseguest to do research on the ability of spider silk to conduct heat.

"Spider silk came to our attention because mechanically it is very strong, it is stretchable and little is known about its thermal transport capability," Wang said. "Also we have some very unique technologies that can measure the thermal conductivity and specific heat of micro wires. So we bought spiders, put them in cages and fed them and collected the silks they produced for our

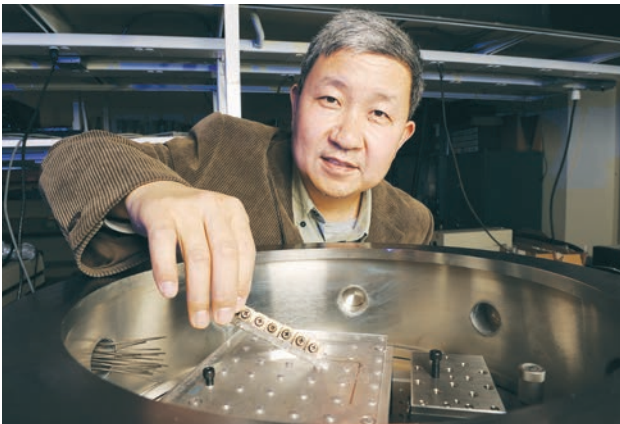


Photo courtesy of Xinwei Wang

**The spider silk research team, lead by Xinwei Wang, associate professor of mechanical engineering, has found heat-conducting potential in the eight-legged insect.**

research."

The research that began in September 2010 and was partially funded by the Army Research Office and the National Science Foundation resulted in the discovery that the silk of golden silk orbweavers can transfer heat very

effectively.

Along with post-doctoral research associate Xiaopeng Huang and doctoral student Guoqing Liu, Wang made the discovery that could change the way scientists think about the thermal conducting ability of organic material. The

spider silk research team is optimistic about its work with the microscopic material and has found great potential in its small package.

"In the novel, 'The Godfather,' it is said that, 'Behind every great fortune, there is a crime,' so instead, for my research, it is 'Behind every tiny material, there is a secret,'" Liu said.

While all sorts of things are able to transfer heat, metals are the main material that is used for its natural conductivity capabilities. The conductivity of most materials diminishes as it is stretched, but that was not the case with spider silk, as Wang and his research team discovered.

As an organic material that was stretchy, spider silk would be thought to have relatively low potential for conducting heat, but when the spider silk was stretched, its ability to transfer heat actually in-

creased. When stretched, the silk was able to conduct heat better than copper, a metal that is one of the best thermal conductors.

"These kinds of materials are always sought in electronics for heat dissipation, in bio-medical applications for therapy and device enclosure and in energy areas as light weight materials to meet the demand of heat dissipation," Wang said.

Wang is optimistic that this discovery will lead to new ideas for material design and in cooperation with other research can lead to mass production techniques.

Wang and his research team — whose article "New Secrets of Spider Silk: Exceptionally High Thermal

Conductivity and its Abnormal Change under Stretching" was recently published by the weekly materials science journal *Advanced Materials* — look forward to delving deeper into the potential of spider silk by looking at how different spider species and types of silk affect spider silk's ability to transfer heat.

However, many hurdles exist for future research because of the vast variety of spider species and the fact that a spider can produce many different kinds of silk in its lifetime due to factors like health, age and environment.

"Future research will be very time-consuming and challenging," Wang said. "But we like it and will manage to overcome the challenges."

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students should understand the bonding system and loans the Department of Residence is allowed to take out so it can make changes for students.

"The fact that we are in this much debt is not unusual and is not a bad thing," Swanson said. "The revenue of the DOR comes from people that live in on-campus housing."

After the money that is provided from students' housing fees for living in university-owned buildings, the Department of Residence also is allowed to use long-term bonds to help to improve student life and can pay them back over a significant amount of time.

Englin believes there is an indication that the Department of Residence at Iowa State has continued to meet its own expectations as more students attend the university.

"The Department of Residence and ISU Dining are auxiliary enterprises. We do not receive general fund [tax] dollars to operate and must generate our own revenue. We also do not generate profit in the sense of the private sector," Englin said. "Any revenue we generate beyond annual operating expenses is reinvested back into the dining facilities and program, residence halls and apartments to enhance the student experience."

In continuing to provide different styles of living through traditional space, suite style and newer and older apartments, the Department of Residence intentionally hopes to provide different experiences and price points so students can take away the experience they wish while living on campus.

If students wish to receive more information about how money is spent, used or contributes to providing for Iowa State, they are encouraged to speak with on-campus stu-



File photo: Kait McKinney/Iowa State Daily

**Abby Gustafson, senior in marketing, front, and Carrie Emgarten, junior in marketing, grab their sides for their meal bundles at Seasons Marketplace. The Department of Residence uses long-term bonds to pay back debt over a significant amount of time.**



File photo: Rebekka Brown/Iowa State Daily

**Students dine at Seasons Marketplace. The Inter-Residence Hall Association and the Financial Counseling Clinic approves where the Department of Residence distributes its money.**

dent leaders from members of the Inter-Residence Hall Association, Frederiksen Court Council or Schilleter-University Village residents.

The financial information and facility improvement plans are shared with these students.

IRHA and the Financial Counseling Clinic approve the proposals made as to where the money from the Department of Residence should be distributed.

They then help with the financial decisions that can best serve the students with

resources that will make their college experience the best it can be.

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arships. The Foundation also employs a large number of students and graduate students.

"I don't see this as sudden," Franklin said on Saftig's announcement. "[Saftig] is going to be working with Dr. [Labh] Hira for the transition."

Hira, the retiring dean of the College of Business, has been appointed by the Foundation Board as the interim president of the Foundation. Franklin said Hira spoke with Foundation staff Monday afternoon.

Saftig was recognized for his work in helping

to raise \$867 million as part of the "Campaign Iowa State: With Pride and Purpose" in October 2011. This fundraising campaign is considered one of the most successful in the school's history.

"The plan is to continue that level of fundraising," Franklin said.

She explained that the search for the new ISU Foundation president will begin immediately.

"It's important to the Foundation that our donors are confident in the leadership of the Foundation," Franklin said.

Messages were left for Saftig and Hira, but with no responses.

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Living costs in Des Moines are 8 percent lower than the national average, which makes it the 22nd least expensive city to live.

"We're encountering a lot of young individuals moving here from larger cities where it would take five or 10 years to ascend into positions, where here they are having opportunities given to them to move more quickly in their career paths," said Mary Bontrager, vice president of workforce for the Greater Des Moines Partnership, a regional economic development organization.

Kendra Murphy graduated from Iowa State last spring

with a degree in advertising. She currently lives and works in Des Moines and has been a resident since last May. Murphy said living in Des Moines is perfect for her.

"I was offered a job here and I love that it is so close to Ames, so I can come back frequently," Murphy said. "I've been here for six months and I don't want to leave."

"It's a clean city, there are always things going on and it has a small-town feel."

Although Murphy has not gotten the opportunity to move up in her position, many of her colleagues have advanced quickly. Des Moines proves to be the place for young professionals.

"Most of my co-workers are

in their 20s or 30s," Murphy said.

Other towns such as Madison, Wis., Omaha, Neb., and Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., also ranked high on Forbes' list. The cities have low unemployment rates, a large demographic of college graduates and the cost of living is below the national average.

Forbes determines the top lists based on seven factors. The factors include, unemployment rates, 2010-2012 job growth projections, number of small businesses, number of large businesses, median salaries for 24- to 34-year-olds, cost of living and the percentage of the population age 25 or older with college degrees in the area.

## ECO FAIR

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Editorial

Kony video only a fleeting phenomenon

If you have been on any social media in the past week, chances are you’ve seen the video about Joseph Kony and his Lord’s Resistance Army. A roughly 30-minute YouTube video details alleged atrocities that occur in Uganda, including abduction and impressment of children into the army.

This video and the effort to stop Kony has gone viral. Links are rampant on Facebook, Twitter and even appear in the form of clan tags on Xbox Live. However, things are not all that they seem.

For instance, according to the Ugandan government, Kony has not been active in Uganda since at least 2005. Personnel under his command has reportedly dwindled to a few hundred followers, who are hiding out in neighboring countries. Uganda is actually spearheading a task force to find Kony, and Ugandan Prime Minister Amama Mbabazi has said the country does not need a YouTube drive to help find Kony.

This perfectly illustrates a major problem that has come about via social media. With the click of a button, you can share every single interesting video or document. Unfortunately, this leaves what is seen and heard without any sort of peer review.

It is extremely easy to fall for rhetorical traps, as well as plays to sympathy and empathy by organizations with a specific agenda. Before the advent of the Internet and social media, documents and videos would be reviewed before they were published for the general public. Now, any person with a camcorder can record a video and instantly make it available to millions of people.

This also harms the effectiveness of any movements to affect social change. Movements can pop up — and disappear — overnight. They come around constantly, each distracting desperately needed attention from the last.

People don’t commit as strongly either. Next month, the Kony movement may be replaced by some other movement. This is partially because of the lack of effort required by supporters. Previously, when a person was deciding to support a cause, it often required in-depth research. This simultaneously better informed the supporter and strengthened the supporters’ ties to the cause.

But now, a bunch of Facebook “friends” are sharing causes, as though they were a beer bong at a party. Interested in giving the appearance of caring, others follow suit. The process feeds into itself, creating a poorly informed and inactive support structure, which is likely to abandon it the first time the cause requires personal effort.

Research and dedication are key to making causes survive longer than the instant in which they are born.

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Free speech

Law attacks ‘little’ people

H.R. 347 violates First Amendment, favors upper class

Just in case you weren’t familiar with the latest piece of legislation that destroys our First Amendment rights, H.R. 347 was approved unanimously by the Senate, the House by 388-3 — only Ron Paul and two other Republicans objected — and signed into law Thursday by President Barack Obama.

H.R. 347, also known as the Federal Restricted Buildings and Grounds Improvement Act, makes it so now it can be a felony offense to protest in any location that might be under Secret Service protection.

That means if you complain at a location about a presidential candidate being a poor choice, you can be hauled off. This also includes complaining at embassies or other gatherings of importance where the Secret Service might be watching. If you are even found to be in a part of a building that you did not even know was being protected, you can be screwed whether you knew it was illegal or not; prosecutors do not need to prove you knew you were doing something illegal in order to convict you, according to the dingbat language of the law.

The next bit of news you might know: George Clooney was arrested Friday morning while protesting outside the Sudan Embassy, along with his father Nick Clooney; Martin Luther King III; NAACP President Ben Jealous; comedian Dick Gregory; Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass.; Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va.; Rep. John Oliver, D-Mass.; Rep. Al Green, D-Texas; and former Rep. Tom Andrews, D-Mass.

Clooney and the rest were released Friday afternoon after paying a \$100 fine and spending a few hours in jail.

This protest and arrest of such prominent names will surely bring added attention to the plight of the Sudanese people, but what



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most folks might be missing is the connection to H.R. 347.

You see, the Sudan Embassy is under the protection of the Secret Service because it is a foreign embassy — those embassies are all basically little islands of their home country located right here in the good ol’ U.S. of A. — and as such, the protest was ripe for the pickings of the boondoggle created by the moronic passage of H.R. 347.

But nothing happened. No felony charges were leveled and no great outcry of the people occurred.

But wait a little while; we are only a couple days into the newest assault on our rights, and I’m betting the insanity will kick in.

You see, two things can be assumed by Clooney and his crew’s arrest:

1.) H.R. 347 will be used only for the protection of the very situations it purports to focus on. That the law is more of a threat to keep people from overreacting, which is still horseshit because it violates the First Amendment and should be cast out post-haste.

2.) H.R. 347 will only be used to attack the “little” people. That those of privilege and prominence will enjoy the double standard and be let off as they so often are for committing offenses those with little money or influence suffer much more greatly for. That H.R. 347 will be used to quash protest, be those protests tinfoil hatters or legitimate grievances.

Personally, I’m guessing events will play out to prove the latter.

In the end, what all this means is that ill-conceived laws continue to be pushed and passed and the very things that make us proud to be Americans are being trampled upon by many of the representatives the fine folks of this country



File photo: Kelsey Kremer/Iowa State Daily  
**ISU students and faculty march through Central Campus with high school students during the First Amendment Day Freedom March on April 7. H.R. 347 will restrict protests against the government.**

elected.

With any luck, this ridiculous law will be put before the U.S. Supreme Court in short order and tossed out like the garbage it is. But first, we need some courageous citizens to fall prey to H.R. 347’s outrageous rules and take the fall so the rest of Americans can sleep a little safer knowing the rights this country was founded upon are not being sheared away.

Until then, keep your eyes open and your ear to the ground because it might just be you or a loved one that becomes caught up in the recent web of bullshit trying to govern our lives and take away our rights.

Take care.

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Military

War will not benefit Americans

“There is no instance of a country having benefited from prolonged warfare.”

This quotation is attributed to Sun Tzu, who wrote the most influential treatise on warfare in history, “The Art of War.” That tome is more than two millennia old and is still as important today as it was two-and-a-half thousand years ago.

And yet here in the United States, the most advanced and powerful empire in world history, our leaders are still unable to understand this simple and eloquent passage.

American military forces have been involved in the war in Afghanistan for more than a decade. And what do we have to show for it? There is still little resembling democracy; the Afghan police force is still ill-trained, ill-equipped and unprepared to handle the country once we (if ever) leave Afghanistan; and the Taliban is simply waiting in the shadows. Throw in a corrupt president who happens to be the brother of an opium drug lord, and you have got yourself a wonderful mix just waiting for collapse.

Recent events have only further cemented the notion that the war in Afghanistan is going dreadfully awry. These events point toward at best carelessness and, at worst, downright incompetence.

First, five American troops were “disciplined” for the accidental burning of a pile of Qurans, which led to riots and heightened tension between Afghan and American military officials. According to the inquiry, the Muslim holy books were mistaken for garbage and taken to a landfill to be burned.

The riots that took place in response to the burning within Afghanistan saw 30 Afghan and six American military personnel deaths that were directly related.

The second event, which was by all accounts atrocious, was the unprovoked slaughter of civilians in which an American soldier went into an Afghan village, shooting and killing 16, then setting several of their corpses aflame.

There should be no reason for this ever happening in warfare. If the soldier was in need of psychological help, there is no logical reason that he should be on a military base, able to procure weaponry so easily and do what he did. With the immense budget the U.S. armed forces have, certainly there is treatment available for soldiers in that kind of condition.

This event led to the Taliban turning its backs on negotiations of any kind with



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**U.S. forces have been involved in war with Afghanistan for more than a decade. Despite the conflict, there is still little resembling democracy and the Taliban is waiting in the shadows.**



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America, a situation that will certainly hinder any attempts at a successful withdrawal from Afghanistan.

These two incidents, while hard to stomach, are merely two more in a nearly endless line of incidents that seek to prove that the war effort in Afghanistan is lost. From drones killing civilians and videos of Marines urinating on dead Taliban soldiers to purpose-driven death squads and torture of Afghan civilians at Bagram, these recent extreme cases hardly seem anecdotal anymore.

At this point, after more than a decade at war, after countless casualties of both belligerents and civilians, it is this author’s opinion that America cannot achieve a graceful exit from Afghanistan. Afghanistan has been dubbed the “Graveyard of Empires” for a reason. It successfully resisted British occupa-

tion in the 19th century, and the Soviet Union was horrifyingly unable to occupy the country during the 1980s, playing a crucial role in the collapse of the USSR in 1991.

So what is to be done? With increasing international pressure for America to leave Afghanistan, the targeted withdrawal date is by the end of 2014, which will mean we will have been at war with [enter enemy here] for 13 years.

Perpetual warfare has always been feared by intellectuals throughout the ages. The current case of the Afghanistan war is no different. An entire generation of youth has never seen an America at peace. And with the war drums sounding again with Iran, it is unlikely that America will see peace again for perhaps another generation, if both Afghanistan and Iraq are to be used as guides.

We have been told for a decade now that we are fighting an enemy that hates the freedoms we enjoy.

These same freedoms, such as the right to protest peacefully, the right to be protected from unwarranted searches and seizures, the right to be protected from cruel and unusual



Guest column

# University furthers colonial capitalism

## ISU stakeholders should question Agrisol's motives

As of lately, an immense amount of controversy has surrounded the involvement of several Iowa-based partners in a highly controversial and undeniably questionable investment deal in the African country of Tanzania.

Agrisol Energy LLC and Summit Group, with the present and former assistance of our beloved university Iowa State in varying capacities, is in the process of commercially developing a large tract of land for the purpose of large-scale crop cultivation and biofuel and animal production.

According to Agrisol, its goal with the project was to “develop a new private/public/academic partnership model that combines large-scale, commercial farming with local outreach and outgrower programs for small landowners.”

I argue, however, that the Agrisol Energy Tanzania scheme is one that will ultimately further colonialism via the utilization of Iowa State’s reputation as a world-class land-grant institution.

As citizens of the state of Iowa and therefore shareholders of Iowa State University, I encourage you to engage in honest discussion regarding the nature of this land acquisition project.

According to Oxford Dictionaries, the definition of colonialism is “... the policy or practice of acquiring full or partial control over another country, occupying it with settlers, and exploiting it economically ...” Agrisol’s land acquisition project does just that; it acquires land, occupies it with foreign settlers and exploits it economically for the purpose of profit to outside shareholders.

The tract of land to be utilized for production, approximately the size of the state of Rhode Island, has served as a resettlement area

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for Burundian refugees since 1972. Already inhabited by several communities that are home to more than 100,000 inhabitants and their farms, the area would undeniably have to be evacuated before Agrisol could utilize the land for agricultural development.

As sources such as the Oakland Institute and “Dan Rather Reports” explain, the success of Agrisol’s investment in Tanzania was and is 100 percent contingent upon the evacuation of these residents.

Refugees in the area being evacuated are being granted Tanzanian citizenship; however, their legal status as citizens is dependent upon them evacuating the area they’ve called home for more than 30 years. Colonialism: “... the policy or practice of acquiring full or partial control over another country ...”

Though Agrisol claims this project would benefit the Tanzanians by developing a modern agricultural sector, it is very clear this simply isn’t the case.

Though it has been claimed that Agrisol is in the process of identifying farm project managers locally so as to benefit the local community, it is ardently clear that Agrisol plans to occupy the land with outsiders so as to maximize profit.

Bruce Rastetter has articulated this well himself; “... and they’re fine with bringing in South African farm managers ... the white South African farm managers, to be able to provide that general expertise ...” Don’t you think the locals who already live with and farm the land have the “general expertise” to continue farming the land? Colonialism: “... the policy or practice of ...occupying it with settlers ...”

In addition to kicking the inhabitants off of the land for the purpose of resettling it with individuals who have the “expertise” to work with Agrisol’s land-grab scheme, Agrisol’s operation

as a whole reeks of economic exploitation of the country as a whole; the currently inhabited land will be rented to Agrisol at the rate of 55 cents a hectare within a 99-year contract.

Though Agrisol’s rhetoric has emphasized that this project is in the best interest of Tanzania, Agrisol has sought from the Tanzanian government incentives to cut duties on agricultural equipment and slashing of taxes on profit that would undeniably benefit Tanzania as a whole (since this project clearly isn’t benefitting the local community).

In addition to Agrisol’s flat-out refusal to reinvest in the economies and communities it is profiting from, it has requested that the government commit to constructing a rail link as transportation infrastructure in the area that is undeveloped — this, of course, would come from Tanzanian tax money, further exploiting Tanzania.

Irrigation, roads and railroads would potentially have to be built through utilization of tax money.

Though Agrisol will be paying a mere 55 cents per hectare to the Tanzanian government, it has been projected that Agrisol can expect net profits in excess of a quarter billion dollars per year. Colonialism: “... the policy or practice of ... exploiting it economically ...”

Though there is a clear argument that Rastetter’s Agrisol is participating in a land grab that can be described as colonialist, the argument also can be made that this is a clear example of crony capitalism as well, which is defined as “... an economy in which success in business depends on close relationship between business people and government officials ...”

What do Summit Group (the overseer of Agrisol and subsequently the Tanzania project) and Iowa State University have in common?

Rastetter serves as co-founder and managing director of Agrisol, CEO of Summit Farms and is influential within the ISU community

on varying levels. In addition to Rastetter’s role as business man, Rastetter is a major donor to Iowa State and a president pro tempore to the Iowa Board of Regents — the governing body of the state universities.

What do Iowa State University and Rastetter have in common? Iowa State has conducted feasibility studies regarding Rastetter’s Tanzania scheme. Iowa State’s reputation as a land-grant institution has been utilized to garner support in Tanzania. You can connect the dots.

Krony capitalism: “... an economy in which success in business depends on close relationships between business people and government officials ...”

As citizens of the state of Iowa, we must question whether Iowa State continues to fulfill its mission as a land-grant institution when subject to such corporate influence.

The mission of a land-grant institution, as defined by the Morrill Acts of 1862 and 1890, was to teach agriculture, classical studies and other useful skills so that education could be accessible and practical for all.

Is education accessible and practical when Iowa State’s world-class reputation is utilized to secure profits for the already wealthy? Citizens of Iowa — what exactly are your tax dollars funding? I encourage you to engage in honest, thoughtful conversation.

From 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Ames City Hall Auditorium, Occupy ISU is hosting just that — a conversation.

“After Agrisol: Defining a University’s Ethics and Interests in a Corporate World” will consist of panelists discussing the land-grant mission and its ally with corporate interests, research ethics, the defunding of public education and the intersections of each.

As stakeholders in Iowa State University and the future of our state as a whole, this conversation is one that impacts each of us and each of our futures.

Art

# Cultural inspiration stems from admiration

## Fashion lets us explore culture

Recently, cultural sensitivity has been a big topic at Iowa State. Recent criticism of the well-known brand Rodarte has brought up another issue under this topic. Rodarte has come under fire for its use of aboriginal patterns, myths and stories as inspiration for its fall 2012 line.

Members of the U.N. and various indigenous rights groups cite cultural insensitivity. In Rodarte’s case, the brand actually licensed the aboriginal artwork it used for prints in the line. This means the artists will actually be receiving royalties for their work that inspired the patterns.

The Rodarte case is not one-of-a-kind; recently, Urban



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Outfitters came under fire for using the word Navajo in its line of Native American print inspired products and were then sued by the Navajo Nation. Multitudes of companies, including Nike and Urban Outfitters, have received criticism for their portrayal of the Irish in various products.

The federal Indian Arts and Crafts Act made it illegal for sellers to claim or suggest that a product is made by Native Americans when it is not. However, making a claim that a product is something it

is not is obviously wrong. We as consumers are entitled to know if a product is an original or an imitation.

Fashion draws from cultures around the world for inspiration every day. Traditional prints, processes, colors, textiles and styling come from every corner of the world. In fact, there is an entire class taught on this topic here at Iowa State. TC 362: Cultural Perspectives in Dress allows students to discuss the cultural practices of people including Indian saris, Japanese kimonos, Muslim religious dress, Meskwaki ribbon work and Mayan textiles and their influences not only on their respective cultures but also on our own cultures and fashion industry.

Is inspiration something that can be limited? Should artists be told they are not allowed to use certain colors,

patterns or traditions as inspiration for their medium? It is understandable for specific prints or designs that are the original creation of the artist to be off limits. But inspiration? There is a line between protecting a culture and completely infringing on an individual’s rights to create. I have no cultural connection to any Central American villages, but I still marvel and appreciate their amazing use of indigo and cochineal dyes.

The process of creating by artists is rarely one of disrespect or negativity. Instead, using cultures as inspiration usually stems from admiration and respect. Cultures with deep historical, religious and artistic histories are an amazing opportunity

for both artists and students to broaden their own knowledge, perspectives and creativity.

The instant criticism Rodarte received was based on first impressions and people who didn’t take the time to find out all of the details on the creation of the line. Yes, if Rodarte had been trying to market the line as original aboriginal creations, it would run into some issues. But the simple act of drawing from a culture that is different from your own should be looked upon as a step in the right direction to more cultural sensitivity.

Cultures have used and traded art and techniques as long as they have been interacting with one another. We bring to each other our

styles of dress, types of food, languages and many other aspects in the interest of learning, creating and understanding. Instead of making quick accusations of disrespect and insensitivity, we need to take the time to understand the process and intent of the artist. We are innocent until proven guilty, and when dealing with other cultures, we need to take this idea into consideration before making accusations that discourage the spread of knowledge, ideas and creation.

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punishment and the right of habeas corpus, have been chipped away at over the last decade by the very people who told us to support the war: Congress.

The Patriot Act, National Defense Authorization Act 2012, suspension of habeas corpus, unusually sadistic treatment of nonviolent Occupy protestors — these are all things that have been happening to Americans by

Americans over the last decade.

I will leave you with one more quote, from one of America’s favorite Frenchman, Alexis de Tocqueville. “All those who seek to destroy the liberties of a democratic nation ought to know that war is the surest and the shortest means to accomplish it.”

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Broncos land Manning in race for 4-time MVP

DENVER (AP) — Peyton Manning wants to play for the Denver Broncos in Act II of his outstanding career.

A person with knowledge of the discussions said the NFL's only four-time MVP, and the year's most sought-after free agent, called Broncos executive John Elway on Monday morning and told him he had decided to come to Denver to play for the Broncos.

Another person briefed on negotiations said Manning also called Tennessee Titans owner Bud Adams and told him that he had picked the Broncos as his final choice. Both people spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk publicly about teams' efforts to lure Manning.

Adams released a statement Monday confirming the Titans were out of the running and later told The Tennessean: "He called me himself and told me he wasn't coming, that he made his mind up to go with Denver."

NASCAR:



The Associated Press

Tennessee track owner considering renovation

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Bristol Motor Speedway owner Bruton Smith is considering about \$1 million worth of changes to return his Tennessee track to the way it was before 2007.

"We are going to take a very hard look at it this week," Smith told The Associated Press on Monday. "We have everything in our computers that shows us what the track used to be and what it is now, and we started working on that last night. I'll have an answer for you next week on if we'll alter the track."

But Smith insisted it was the rain, not fan apathy over the current style of racing at Bristol, that contributed to Sunday's poor crowd.

The rain began late Saturday night and continued until about two hours before Sunday's scheduled start, which Smith said "killed the walk-up crowd. And that alone accounts for 3,500 to 4,000 tickets."

SPORTS JARGON:

Albatross

SPORT:

Golf

DEFINITION:

Needing to use three less strokes on a hole than what par is.

USE:

ISU golfer Nate McCoy sunk his second shot on a par five at Veenker, giving him an albatross on the hole.

Men's basketball

End of the road

Seniors say goodbye to collegiate career

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Chris Allen sat in the locker room, somber and thoughtful. Between questions from the crowd of reporters surrounding him after the ISU men's basketball team's 87-71 loss to Kentucky in the NCAA tournament, the senior stared into space, pondering his answers.

After four years, two Final Fours and one last run with this Cyclone team, his collegiate career was over. When asked about what this season meant to him, Allen made it simple.

"It was just a great memory," Allen said. "All year [it was great], just playing with a great player in Royce White."

Now the Cyclones must move on without him and fellow senior Scott Christopherson, who ended his career No. 1 on the all-time ISU 3-point percentage list at 44.3 percent.

Both Allen and Christopherson played key roles on this year's squad, and their teammates recognized that after the game.

White, who Allen pointed out after the game, spoke glowingly of his senior teammates and what they meant to the program.

"They meant everything," White said. "Leadership was a big part of what we did this year. Chris Allen and Scotty — I told them all season long that I wanted to give everything I could for them. That's what it's all about is tradition and legacy."

The sophomore — who is pondering his own future — lamented the end to his teammates' collegiate careers, in that he wished he could've done more for them.

Their longevity and hard work, White said, should be rewarded. While he was happy he was part of helping get the team and program to a place it hadn't been in seven years, he was still left wanting.

"Seniors pay their dues," White said. "Scotty spent four years in Ames. He was able to get to a place this year that he hadn't been before, so I'm happy for him for that. But it still hurts that I couldn't bring them a little bit further."

Those dues included more than 1,000 career points for both Allen and Christopherson: Allen — the majority coming at Michigan State — ended with 1,231 points,



File photo: Jake Lovett/Iowa State Daily  
ISU guard Chris Allen reacts after scoring early in the second half of Iowa State's 87-71 loss to Kentucky on Saturday night. The senior scored 1,231 points — the majority coming at Michigan State — in his college career.

414 of those coming as a Cyclone. Christopherson, who scored 24 total points while at Marquette, finished his career with 1,130 points.

More than just points, ISU players said Allen's NCAA tournament experience was vital to the team's success. Guard Bubu Palo, who played behind the two as they split time at point guard, also said their leadership was invaluable this season.

"They were great senior leaders," Palo said. "They were our big brothers. Whenever we needed something, whenever we were hurt, they'd always lift us up, be our rocks."

"For the guys coming back, we need to build on the leadership and the foundation they set [and] continue to build on what we did this year."

Coach Fred Hoiberg said all sea-

son he and the team leaned on the experience the two seniors brought to the team, and week after week praised the two for their work ethic and example they set.

That example, Hoiberg said following the team's elimination from the NCAA tournament, will need to be imitated if the Cyclones hope to achieve what they did — or more — next season and beyond.

"Those guys had a great year [this year] for a reason," Hoiberg said. "Their work ethic showed our young guys how hard you have to work to do something in college basketball. It's tough to go out there and be that successful without that work ethic."

"When your two seniors are your best at that, it falls on everybody else."

Women's basketball

'Hard year' ends at Hilton

Fennelly says he will evaluate program during offseason

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No one likes to lose. No one likes to lose by 14 points in the NCAA tournament on a national stage in their home venue to a team that is not as well-known.

"There really were no answers for some of the things we did wrong," said coach Bill Fennelly.

Iowa State lost in the first round of the NCAA tournament to seventh-seeded UW-Green Bay 71-57 on Saturday to mark the official end to its season.

After the game, the players sat hunched over. Their eyes were red and a box of tissues was passed around.

"I think we dug ourselves into such a big hole going into halftime that we couldn't get out of it," said freshman Brynn Williamson. "We tried to come together, but it just didn't work in the end for us."

But the loss came for a team that, at the start of the season, didn't look like it would even make it to the NCAA tournament in the first place.

Iowa State went 0-5 in its first five conference games, but battled back to tie for fourth place in the Big 12, a conference boasting the defending champions Texas A&M and No. 1 Baylor.

Iowa State even left halftime of its last conference game tied with Baylor — an uncommon feat.

Other flashes of brilliance for the Cyclones included junior Chelsea Poppens.

Poppens was named to the All-Big 12 first team unanimously



File photo: Nicole Wiegand/Iowa State Daily  
Lauren Mansfield advances up the court against Kansas on Feb. 15. The senior said goodbye to Hilton Coliseum in Saturday's 71-57 loss to UW-Green Bay in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

and earned a WBCA All-Region 5 nomination.

Poppens will join the 1,000-point club at Iowa State when she scores her first point next season and will be the 23rd Cyclone to do so.

Freshman Nikki Moody was selected to the Big 12 All-Freshman team as well.

With the loss against Green Bay, seniors Chassidy Cole and Lauren Mansfield said goodbye to the Hilton Coliseum court for good.

"I tell all the seniors down the stretch, 'Leave a piece of you behind,'" Fennelly said.

Fennelly said the seniors did some good things in some tough situations and he appreciated their effort this year.

"To say you played basketball at Iowa State means something, it really does," Fennelly said. "Hopefully for Lauren and [Chassidy], it'll mean something to them too."

Sophomore Hallie Christofferson said she would miss

the seniors among countless other things.

"I think each season you really remember the seniors and you're going to remember playing with them and playing Iowa State basketball," Christofferson said.

Fennelly said that he's looking forward to the next season.

"It's been the hardest year I've ever had for a lot of reasons and really my health isn't the big one," Fennelly said.

Fennelly is receiving treatment for throat cancer.

"Coaching is hard and it makes you think about things," Fennelly said. "You invest everything you have into something and it abruptly ends. I don't know if we finished this [season] the way we should have."

Fennelly said he would be evaluating a lot of things for next season.

"It's a great sense of pride to be in the NCAA tournament six years in a row," he said. "But we've got to find ways to be better."

Editorial



Photo: Jake Lovett/Iowa State Daily  
Royce White reacts to a call during Saturday's loss to Kentucky. The Sports Editorial Board believes the sophomore should return to Iowa State for his junior season.

Why White should stay a Cyclone

You've heard of Royce White, right?

He's about 6 feet 8 inches, 270 pounds. Plays forward for Iowa State. Oh, you have? We just wanted to be sure.

The young man from Minneapolis has exploded onto the national stage in the wake of two statement-making performances in the NCAA tournament.

Facing future lottery picks in Andre Drummond and Anthony Davis — and making them look a lot less like lottery picks in the process — has vaulted him into discussion for the NBA draft.

The talk doesn't surprise us. But two members of this editorial board covered him all season, and Cyclone fans have watched him like a hawk — no pun intended, Hawkeye fans on campus.

White is bound for the NBA at some point; that much is no longer up for debate. His skill set and uniqueness have cemented that.

But we're here to tell you why the sophomore should stay in school for at least one more year.

Before we do that, let's point out significant factors that would entice any player in his position to go.

His 1-year-old son, Royce II; the chance at millions of dollars, compared to a scholarship and stipend from Iowa State; the ability to develop around proven NBA players as opposed to still-developing college talent and dreams of helping people with the money he would earn all pose as reasons why he could leave school early.

But we believe the benefits of staying outweigh those to-the-NBA positives.

Another year at Iowa State would give White the chance to work with ISU coach Fred Hoiberg — one of the best shooters in ISU basketball history — on his jump shot, something he needs to improve on before moving to the next level.

White could hone specific skills in college that he needs to master before being game-ready in the NBA. While he did lead the team in five (positive) statistical categories, he also led the team in turnovers. Turning the ball over in the NBA lands you either on the bench or in the D-League.

And while the money is obviously something a man with a family to support can covet, there is a chance for the Cyclones to accomplish a lot on the floor next season.

After the loss to Kentucky, White made it perfectly clear what Ames and Iowa State mean to him, so to have a chance at a run at a Big 12 championship and a run in the NCAA tournament could allow him to give back to the fans and city he cares about.

With the talent coming and returning — Korie Lucious, Will Clyburn and Georges Niang coming, Melvin Ejim, Tyrus McGee and Chris Babb returning — the Cyclones will have plenty of firepower, and with White, they have a legitimate chance to contend in the Big 12.

Leaving this season, White could be a middle-of-the-road pick. Another year at Iowa State could turn him into a lottery pick.

Despite the positives of going, we believe the benefits of staying outweigh the negatives.

It all just depends on what's important to him.

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Golf



Freshman Scott Fernandez practices at Coldwater Golf Course on Oct. 5. Iowa State finished fourth at the Border Olympics.

File photo: Iowa State Daily

# Preparation helps Iowa State through up-and-down weather

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During Spring Break, the ISU men's golf team traveled to Laredo, Texas, to play in the Border Olympics, where it finished in fourth place.

Since the weather before the team left wasn't ideal, and the golf courses were not fully open, it was nice to get down to Texas early in the week and get some practice in before the tournament began.

"The week overall was great," said coach Andrew Tank. "We were allowed to get some extra preparation in by having three to four extra days before the tournament started."

In Iowa, the unpredictability of the weather can be daunting. It could be warm one day and then snowing the next.

"It didn't take too long for the team to get used to the heat," Tank said. "It

**"I followed the game plan that coach had set for us. I focused on my shots and I did my homework and prepared myself the best I could."**

Scott Fernandez

was warm down there, but we had a few days to get used to the weather in San Antonio."

The team ended up finishing the Border Olympics in fourth place. It is not where the team wanted to be, but the Cyclones played well thanks to its preparation.

"Our preparation is getting much better," Tank said. "I believe it will continue

to get better and it will hopefully show in the rest of our spring season."

Freshman Scott Fernandez showed a lot of improvement in this tournament by leading the team and tying for fifth place individually.

"I followed the game plan that coach had set for us," said Scott Fernandez. "I focused on my shots and I did my homework and prepared myself the best I could."

The team is playing well in an all-around look at things, but Fernandez said there is always room for improvement.

"I believe if there is one spot for us to improve our game as a team, it would have to be our short game," Fernandez said. "If we can improve that, I believe our chances are going to improve to win."

Iowa State will head to Baton Rouge, La., to compete in the LSU National Invitational on March 31.

# Move to outside allows Cyclones to focus on play

*Women's golf finishes in 8th place at Notre Dame's Clover Cup in Mesa*

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While the majority of ISU students were enjoying Spring Break, the ISU women's golf team was battling it out at the Notre Dame Clover Cup in Mesa, Ariz.

Getting the opportunity to finally play golf outside, the women were excited and prepared to get out there and play.

"We did a lot of practicing," said coach Christie Martens. "We were able to play a lot of different courses and get ready that way."

The team finished in eighth place out of 12 schools at the Clover Cup. The coaches and players were not pleased with the way they performed and know they have the talent to do much better.

"We need to be able to play better in tougher conditions," Martens said. "We need to go out there and have more competitiveness."

With Spring Break as a time for people to get their minds off of school and the stress it brings, the players also were able to have their minds free and focus on playing and the team.

"Having it be Spring Break, it gave us a lot more time to prepare and practice," Martens said. "We are hoping this allows us to springboard off of the practicing and prepare us for the rest of the spring season."

Sophomore Prima Thammaraks impressed her coaches with the way she played during Spring Break, especially because the team was finally able to practice outside on an actual course.

"I was able to actually spend some time out on the golf course and really get the feeling down of actually playing," Thammaraks said.

The team as a whole is focusing on not trying too hard on every single shot and just doing what it needs to do to play well.

"I focused on what coach calls 'function shots,' which are shots that stay out of trouble," Thammaraks said. "This allows myself to keep my mind positive."

The team did not play the way it thought it prepared to play, but is looking forward to continually getting better and aiming for the NCAA tournament.

Iowa State will head to Tuscon, Ariz., to compete in the Mountain View Collegiate tournament Friday.

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Christie Martens

Gymnastics

# Spring Break performances mark season highs for gymnasts



File photo: Nicole Wiegand/Iowa State Daily

Michelle Browning takes to the beam during the meet against Southeast Missouri State on Feb. 20. Browning scored her career-high in the all-around Friday against No. 6 Nebraska.

By Isaac.Hunt  
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The state of Iowa wasn't the only thing that heated up this past week.

The ISU gymnastics team had two of its best performances yet during Spring Break.

The team scored more than 195 team points in its losses to Minnesota and Nebraska.

"There's a different look of confidence in their eyes," said coach Jay Ronayne. "They've got a little bit of a swagger, a bounce in their step. They know the hard work they've done is going to pay off."

The break from classes allowed the team to practice as one unit and not have to stagger practice throughout the day. This, Ronayne said, was a big part of the team's recent success.

"It's a lot easier [to keep them focused]," Ronayne said. "We're able to actually do team things and I like that."

Two seniors, Michelle Browning and Celine Paulus,

had their career-high all-around scores Friday when their team was close to upsetting No. 6 Nebraska.

"They're drawing upon their experience," Ronayne said. "I think they're saving their best gymnastics for the end of their careers. I don't know if I could be more happy with them. I'm overwhelmed with their focus and dedication."

Paulus' 39.500 was the highest by a Cyclone since Janet Anson in 2007. She also scored a 9.900 in three events,



Ronayne



Paulus

also a first since 2007.

"We were all really excited to compete," Paulus said. "The first three lineups I'm last, so I fed off of everyone. It felt right and it was easy and exciting."

After two strong meets against top 25 teams, Iowa State broke into the top 25 itself.

This is the first time since week one that the Cyclones have been in the top 25. Entering the regular season at No. 24, the team is going to enter the postseason at No. 25.

Ronayne said his team performed how it was practicing — in its final event on beam, the gymnasts counted one fall. If not for that, Ronayne said his team would have won the meet.

"All of these last few meets shows us that we're there," Browning said. "We are competitive with top teams and if we put it together, we can beat them."

The practices leading up to the meet at Nebraska were very difficult and really pushed the team. The coaching staff purposely pushed the athletes as much as they could to see how the team would respond. The results paid off.

"Once we got to Nebraska, we could let them relax and do what is natural for them," Ronayne said. "It was great."

The gymnastics team has their toughest meet ahead of them Saturday.

The team will face No. 2 Oklahoma and No. 19 Missouri at the Big 12 Championships in Norman, Okla.



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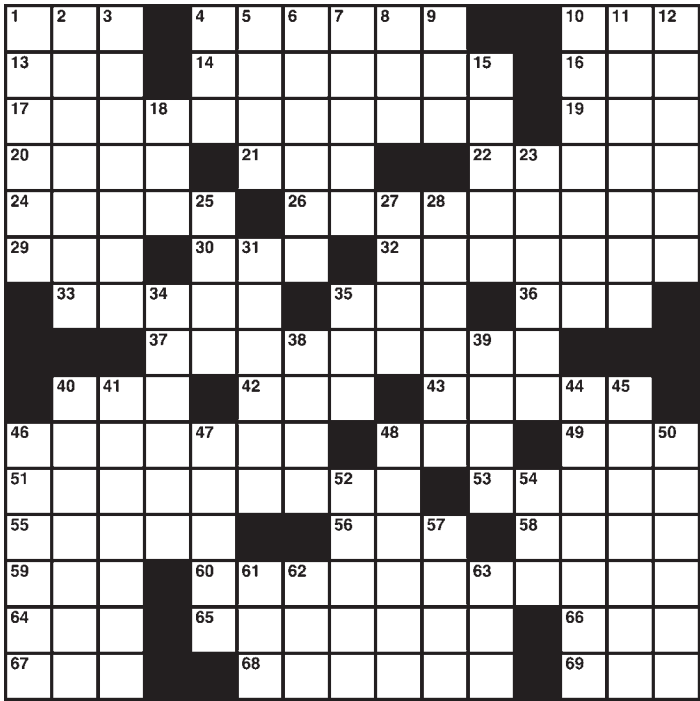
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**25** **Sot's** speech problem  
**27** Money  
**28** Atlantic Division NBA team  
**31** Balt. Orioles' div.  
**34** Step on someone's toes, so to speak  
**35** Mac alternatives  
**38** Brussels-based defense gp.  
**39** Shrinking sea  
**40** Marathoner's need  
**41** They may be coined  
**44** Street opening  
**45** Became a contestant  
**46** Gadget you can count on?  
**47** "This \_\_\_\_": "How strange"  
**48** Well-heeled Marcos  
**50** Sculptors' subjects  
**52** Resist authority  
**54** Earth-friendly prefix  
**57** Neither an ally nor an enemy: Abbr.  
**61** Common URL ender  
**62** Slangy about-face  
**63** Printer resolution meas.

Across

- 1** Stove fuel  
**4** Consent (to)  
**10** Sauna sounds  
**13** Tiny troublemaker  
**14** Drink ordered dry or dirty  
**16** Cheer word  
**17** \*Where some carry keys  
**19** Pie \_\_\_\_ mode  
**20** New Mexico art colony  
**21** Volcano output  
**22** Flavor  
**24** Author Ferber and actress Best  
**26** \*Behind-the-scenes area  
**29** Reno roller  
**30** "Now I \_\_\_\_ me down ..."  
**32** One more  
**33** Two-time N.L. batting champ Lefty

- 35** The Beatles' "\_\_\_\_ Love You"  
**36** Physics particle  
**37** \*Peugeot or Renault, e.g.  
**40** Coppertone letters  
**42** Remote batteries  
**43** Krispy \_\_\_\_ doughnuts  
**46** Nonbeliever  
**48** "This \_\_\_\_ ripoff!"  
**49** Farm worker?  
**51** \*Campaign in rural areas  
**53** Slow, to Schumann  
**55** Brazilian writer Jorge  
**56** Velvet finish?  
**58** "Gypsies, Tramps & Thieves" singer  
**59** Grafton's "\_\_\_\_ for Corpse"  
**60** School entrances, or, in a way, what each answer to a starred clue has  
**64** One for Monet

Down

- 2** Like geniuses  
**2** Medium with a lot of talk  
**3** Ate, as soup  
**4** Price to pay: Abbr.  
**5** Bullfighter's cloak  
**6** "Road" film co-star  
**7** \_\_\_\_ Sketch: drawing toy  
**8** Hägar creator Browne  
**9** Suffix with benz-  
**10** Wind River Reservation tribe  
**11** Kind of lamp with a tungsten filament  
**12** One who doesn't hog  
**15** "\_\_\_\_ Easy": Ronstadt hit  
**18** Decoding org.



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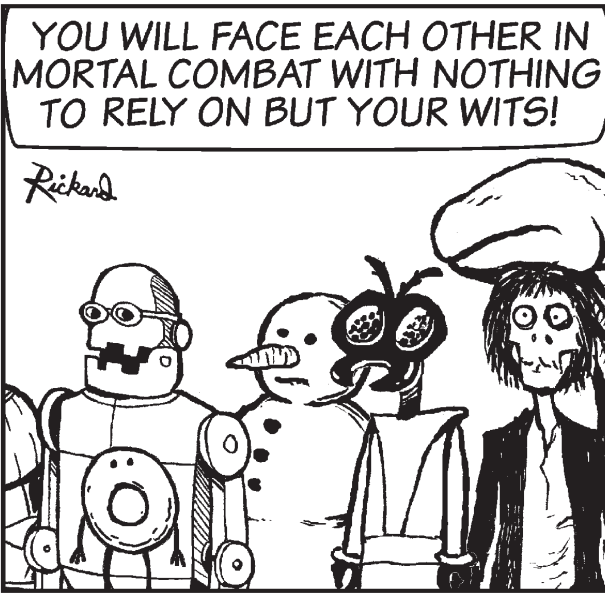
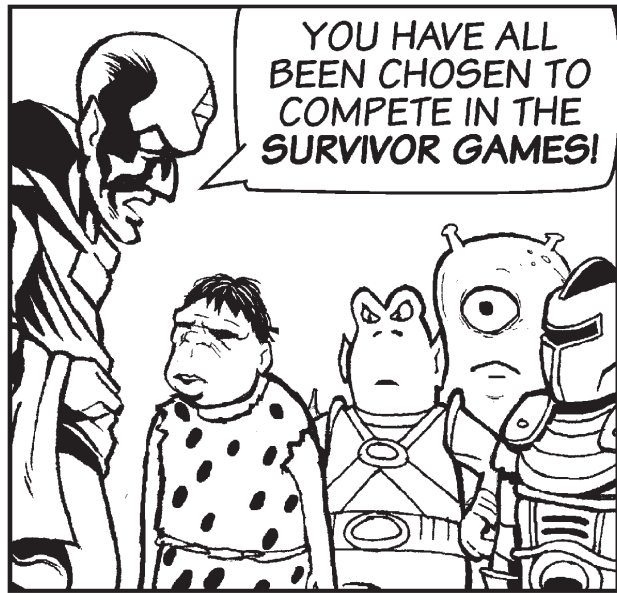


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**Aries (March 21-April 19)** -- Today is a 7 -- The pressure you've been under is easing. Relax and enjoy the view, as

you guess what to watch for next. A sense of humor is key. Stick to simple work.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** -- Today is an 8 -- Use caution while others around you are impetuous. Something you thought wouldn't work does. Seek funding. Trust love. Explore every lead. It's basic.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** -- Today is an 8 -- When organizing, only keep the very best, and give the rest away. Your partner provides an answer. Peace, quiet and stability rejuvenate. Share good food at home.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** -- Today is an 8 -- Aim for high marks, as there's a test coming up. Your willingness to learn new technology gives you an edge. Don't launch until ready. Expand options.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** -- Today is an 8 -- Travel and new endeavors are favored with the Sun in Aries (double-check schedules, with Mercury's retrograde). Keep a solid financial plan, and take a familiar road.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Today is a 7 -- With the Sun in Aries for the next month,

**Daily Horoscope:** by Nancy Black

get even more organized than usual, especially when it comes to finances. Replace something broken at home. Abundance beckons.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** -- Today is a 9 -- You're getting busier by the minute. Organization and optimism work together to bring you what you want. What if success is doing what you love? No complaining.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** -- Today is an 8 -- Your creative wild side is an asset. Adding structure will give you the strength you need to move to the next level.


Your intuition's excellent.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** -- Today is an 8 -- You move the idea outside the box, and it has room to grow. Avoid a conflict in scheduling by checking it twice. Prepare more than you think necessary.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Today is a 7 -- Passions are running hot, so communicate clearly to avoid misunderstandings. Your family helps you to move forward. Keep questioning, and you'll get an answer.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** -- Today is an 8 -- Use the attention you're attracting to gather supporters for your goals. Work together to improve the economy. Not everything goes according to plan.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** -- Today is a 9 -- Everything looks more promising now. You have new opportunities for income for the next four weeks, but don't fall asleep on your laurels. Keep pedaling.



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why we love:



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By Ainsley Chapman  
ISD Style Writer

As we step into spring this month, that means more rainy days on campus. Here's a quick trick to help keep dry. Canvas jackets, bags and sneakers are no fancy leather, but they still require a little care to stay precipitation-repellent over time.

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## events

### Tuesday

Shannon Keene, Von Maur recruiting manager, will be speaking at 4 p.m. in MacKay Hall and 7 p.m. in 2069 LeBaron Hall. ISU alumna Riane Minogue will be joining her.

### Thursday

Basia Szkutnicka from the London College of Fashion will be giving a lecture on creativity and design in 1210 LeBaron Hall on Thursday, March 22. Szkutnicka is also one of the ISU Fashion Show judges this year.

## in the loop

He is well known around Ames, but he is about to become a household name. ISU alumnus and guest designer of the 2012 ISU Fashion Show Todd Snyder has been nominated for a Council of Fashion Designers of America award. Snyder is nominated for the Swarovski Award for menswear. Philip Lim and Antoni Azzulo also are nominated in this category.

"The Swarovski Award recipients in each category will receive generous financial support from Swarovski as well as exposure to the company's vast and innovative Swarovski crystal resources," according to the CFDA website.

The CFDA also will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year. The 2012 CFDA Awards will take place June 4 at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall. Until then, Snyder will be making his way back to the Midwest for this year's ISU Fashion Show on April 14.

## FASHION

# Secondhand

# STYLE



Photo: Mollie Shirley/Iowa State Daily

Morgan Frerichs, sophomore in apparel, merchandising and design, is dressed head to toe in items found at Goodwill and Salvation Army.

## Find unique looks while saving money

By Mollie Shirley  
ISD Style Writer

Whether you're a trendsetter on a budget or just looking to spice up your wardrobe with some unique garments, you can find the motherlode of recycled fashions at thrift stores. Thrift stores are a great option for anyone with champagne taste on a beer budget. You can find one-of-a-kind pieces on the cheap and look like a million bucks.

“Thrift stores are a great option for anyone with champagne taste on a beer budget.”

Thrifting is a great opportunity to test out different types of garments and clothing combinations you wouldn't normally wear. You may not be willing to shell out \$80 on a daring pair of floral printed denim at the mall, however a \$6 pair at a thrift store might be more appealing. Thankfully, Ames is



Photo: Mollie Shirley/Iowa State Daily

Each look shown here cost less than \$30, providing clothing alternatives to fashionistas on a budget. Digging deep and checking back often is a good way to find bargains at local thrift stores.



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Fun denim is in this season. For trendy items you might not be willing to shell out big bucks for, searching consignment stores for such items can help you stay on trend while shopping on a budget.

home to both a Salvation Army and a Goodwill, as well as second-hand stores like The Loft and Miss Meyer's.

Before hitting the stores, make sure to find out if that thrift store has any specials. Many thrift stores offer special discounts, such as 50 percent off on Mondays. Also, set aside a large chunk of time to explore, as many of the items are uncategorized. Prior to purchasing anything, be sure check for signs of wear and tear in addition to making a trip to the fitting room.

While you may find some bargains, be realistic. Are you really

ever going to wear those leather pants? Can you live with that hole in the armpit? How much is it going to cost to get that blazer tailored? Also, make sure to check out the accessories section before leaving. You can usually find fun, jewelry for a fraction of the retail price.

Morgan Frerichs, sophomore in apparel, merchandising and design, is shown dressed head to toe in garments from thrift stores. Each outfit cost less than \$30.

Don't give up if you don't find what you're looking for right away. Dig deep and check back often to find true treasures.

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