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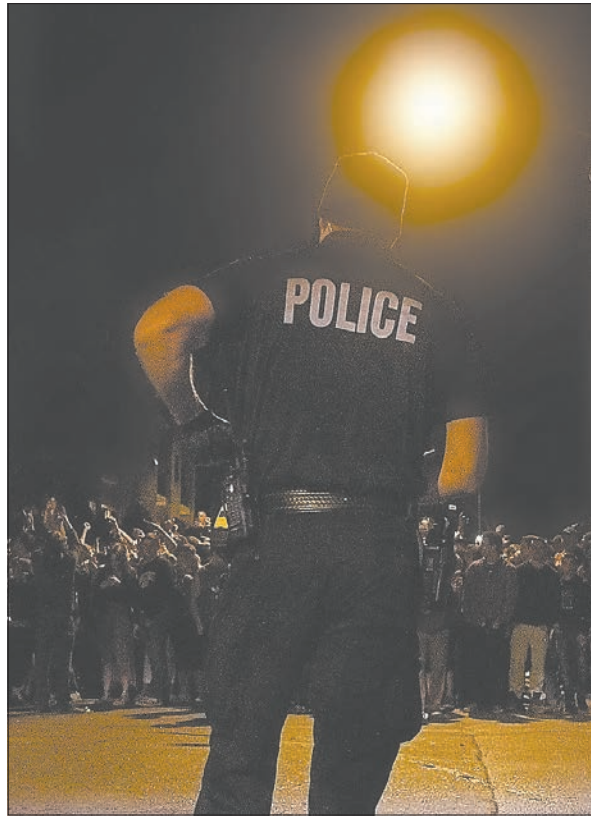
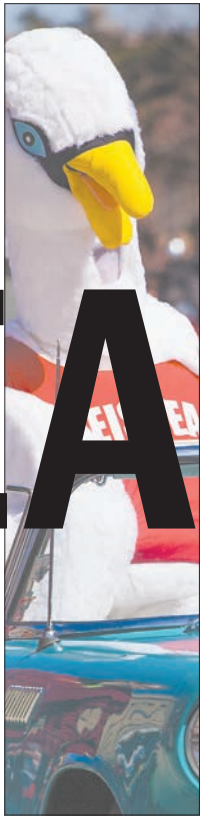
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# THE VEISHEA VOID



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## Faculty, students reflect on the loss of an ISU tradition

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Though the traditional Veishea celebrations are gone, ISU administrators, students and local police departments realize all Veishea traditions have not died. While opinions on the discontinuation of Veishea are varied, the administration at Iowa State sees the end of Veishea as somewhat of a shame, but also an opportunity to try something new and different that better fits the ISU community in 2015.

Tom Hill, senior vice president of student affairs, said the end of Veishea has allowed the administration, faculty and students the ability to look at the needs of modern day students and figure out activities they want at Iowa State in the absence of the spring celebration.

"It won't be done overnight, and I hope that it does take a little time," Hill said in reference to new ideas and programs that will be created to fill the Veishea void.

Hill said the aim of the administration and students he's spoken to is not to replace Veishea, but rather to think outside the box and create something new and fresh that may bear little to no resemblance to the former celebration.

"When you talk about replacing something, whatever you come up with looks like what was discontinued," Hill said.

Though many anonymous social media groups like Free-ishea have crept up attempting

to keep the tradition alive, creating a celebration that is similar to Veishea is something that some would like to avoid.

ISU alumni responses to the Veishea Task Force decision to disband the celebration were mostly in agreement, said ISU President Steven Leath. About 90 percent responded positively saying discontinuing the celebration was a shame, but was necessary due to concerns about

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Schuyler Smith/Iowa State Daily  
Students gather in the M-Shop for an evening of music and dance at Desi Night on Friday. The Indian Students' Association hosted the event.

## Desi Night event celebrates culture with music, dance

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Desi parties are for times of dancing, laughter and fun, and that's exactly what happened Friday night in the Maintenance Shop at the Indian Students' Association's Desi Night.

Bumping Bollywood music and colorful, flashing lights flooded the room where students of all nationalities enjoyed a night of modern Indian culture. With big smiles on their faces, students let loose for a night of fun and relaxation.

While many attendees' favorite part of this event was the music and dancing, Simrita Varma, public relations officer for the Indian Students' Association and sophomore in global resource systems, said she loves this event because "it's relaxing, and it's a good time of the semester when everyone is stressed to give them a place to

let loose."

The Indian Students' Association is the second largest international students' club, and it considers itself to be perhaps one of the most involved on campus. According to their website, the Indian Students' Association has two major missions: they strive to "educate everyone about India, its culture, food, dance, people and preserve the Indian traditions even this far away from home."

The transition from India to the United States can be a tough one, as it can be for any international student.

The Indian Students' Association helps more than 100 new Indian students settle in to their new environment every year, providing step-by-step instructions and guidance while they navigate their new homes.

Events such as Desi Night, Diwali Night and Dandiya Night let Indian students connect with their culture that they haven't

been able to experience or be surrounded by in a while. The events help them feel more at home by bringing home culture to them. Also, these events are helpful for non-Indian students to learn about a new culture to them and educate themselves on a new topic.

"Desi Night as well as our other events are absolutely the best way for Iowa State students to experience Indian culture," said Latif Masud, the association's president and senior in electrical engineering.

With such a large Indian presence on campus, The Indian Students' Association encourages all ISU students to get involved with their events. For example, Holi is the traditional Spring Festival of Colors coming up this semester, where people enjoy the new colors of spring and have fun with paint to get "colored up." Holi is one of Indian Students' Associations most popular events and a great way to connect with Indian culture.

## Cards not the only way to build credit

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Good credit is necessary for most people to make big purchases such as a car or house, but getting a credit card is not the only way to start raising that credit score as a college student.

Making payments on utility bills and student loans are also ways to build your credit score, said Roberta Johnson, director of financial aid.

The Student Loan Education Office, located in 0680 Beardshear Hall, offers appointments for students who want to learn about student loans, building credit or budgeting money wisely.

"[We're] trying to get as many students in here as possible, regardless of if they know they need us or not," said Jennifer Schroeder, program coordinator at the Student Loan Education Office. "We're trying to at least get them the information, so that even if they don't need it now, hopefully when they do, they've got that information already in their back pocket."

Schroeder said the office meets with about 50 to 60 students per week.

After the recession in 2008, credit card companies marketing to 18 year olds faced new regulations, so most students with credit cards now need to have a co-signer with good credit. Johnson said the marketing she's seen toward ISU students has been significantly reduced, but as the credit market is loosening that may change.

Schroeder said the Student

Loan Education Office works with students who have worries about making ends meet as well as students who have questions about their loans. She said they start by looking at where the student is spending money and help them set up a budget while also suggesting places they can cut back.

"Typically what we'll advise with credit cards is that if you can get by without one that's great," Schroeder said. "A lot of times a student will say that they have to have a credit card in order to build credit but having a student loan also builds credit, so if you have student loans already, you're on the path to building credit."

Both Johnson and Schroeder said the most important part of building credit is to make payments on time. Johnson said people can exacerbate their financial trouble if they use a credit card to pay bills.

Schroeder said for loans that are not collected until after graduation, each year a student takes out a loan, their credit will build slowly and it starts building much faster once payments begin.

Johnson said credit cards are risky because it's easy to make a purchase at the store and forget to pay the bill at a later date. Credit card payments first go to the interest amount, so it's easy to get stuck paying mostly interest if someone only has enough money to make the minimum payment.

Johnson said most credit cards have interest rates be-

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**WEDNESDAY**  
Cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Windy.

**57**  
**40**

Weather provided by ISU Meteorology Club.

Police Blotter

The information in the log comes from the ISU and City of Ames police departments' records.

All those accused of violating the law are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

April 1

An officer investigated a personal injury collision at Osborn Drive and Morrill Road (reported at 8:53 p.m.).

Officers reunited a runaway juvenile with his parents at Armory (reported at 7:09 p.m.).

April 2

**Lichen Wang**, 24, of 303 Welch Avenue, Apartment 312, Ames, was cited for driving under suspension at Lincoln Way and Marshall Avenue (reported at 2:06 a.m.).

An officer investigated a property damage collision at Lot 112B (reported at 8:16 a.m.).

An individual reported the theft of items from a locker at

State Gymnasium (reported at 10:51 a.m.).

An individual reported the theft of a phone at Larch Hall (reported at 4:14 p.m.).

April 3

**Cody Smith**, 19, of 1246 Friley Hall, Ames, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated at Lot 61F (reported at 12:32 a.m.).

**Jonas Christian**, 21, of 4719 Mortensen Road, Apartment 107, Ames, was arrested and charged with public intoxication at Mortensen Road and State Avenue (reported at 2:32 a.m.).

Darien Williams granted release from ISU basketball team

By Alex.Gookin  
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ISU basketball recruit Darien Williams has been granted a release from his National Letter of Intent with Iowa State to pursue basketball at another school, according to a release.

Williams, a junior college transfer from Iowa Western Community College, committed to the Cyclones while former head recruiter Matt Abdelmassih was with the Cyclones. Abdelmassih left Iowa State for a similar position at St. John's.

The 6-foot-8-inch forward was a stat ma-

chine at Iowa Western, scoring 16.1 points and grabbing 6.7 rebounds per game. He was recovering from shoulder surgery and was attending City College of San Francisco this past year.

Iowa State will have four scholarships available for the 2015-16 season.

Payless Fashion Week on campus offers giveaways, free food

By Mariah.Wellman  
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The following events build up to The Fashion Show 2015 on Saturday.

Tickets to the show are \$16 for students and \$22 for adults. They are available now at the Iowa State Center box office, which offers discounted \$20 tickets if six or more are purchased. Tickets are also available online through Ticketmaster for \$28.25.

Monday: Kindness Day. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the free speech zone in front of Parks Library, there will be free Hy-Vee cupcakes and cookies, Fashion Show

pens and Fashion Show T-shirt giveaways.

Tuesday: Fashionably Caffeinated. From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in between Lagomarcino and Kildee halls with Burgie's coffee truck, there will be free Munchkins donuts and Burgie's coffee, along with Fashion Show T-Shirts for sale.

Wednesday: Wednesday's We Wear Pink. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the West Curtiss Lawn on Central Campus in partnership with Victoria's Secret, there will be freebies, free bags to fill at the cotton candy and candy bar, as well as Fashion Show T-shirts for sale.

Thursday: Fit for Fashion. From 11 a.m. to

1 p.m. on the West Curtiss Lawn on Central Campus in collaboration with campus representatives from Love Your Melon, 31 Bits and Southern Tide, there will be free Jimmy John's sandwiches, bottled water, and possibly chips and fruit. The ISU hip hop club Dub H will perform.

Friday: Fashion's Night Out. Free appetizers, deserts and drinks will be available from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Garden Room of the Gateway Hotel. Guest designers, producers and Payless Fashion Week directors will speak. A silent raffle will be held with donated baskets from local businesses.

Online Content

PHOTOS

Desi Night

The Indian Students' Association put on their annual Desi Night event in celebration of modern Indian culture. For a photo gallery of the colorful night filled with dancing, go online to the multimedia section of the Daily's website.

MORE INFO

Weishea timeline

It has been almost a year since the riot during Weishea week in 2014. And now how will students fill the Weishea Void this year? After reading the frontpage story, go to the news section of the Daily's app for more information.

MORE INFO

Movie schedule

Cyclone Cinema has about one month left in the school year to show free movies. So what is coming up for ISU students to see? Go online to the news section of the Daily's app for a complete schedule of movies for the rest of the school year.

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Measuring the Elusive

**How to Catch Neutrinos & What They Tell Us about the Universe**

Mayly Sanchez



Mayly Sanchez is an experimental particle physicist at Iowa State whose research may help answer one of the most fundamental questions in nature: Why is the universe dominated by matter and not anti-matter?

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**Ava Chin**

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# 30 DAILY Dates

## THE EXPERIMENT

Everyone has experienced those first dates. The awkward silences, hoping you don't say something dumb, sweaty palms, wondering if you have food stuck in your teeth, not sure if you should order dessert or even whether to go in for the kiss at the end of the night.

Well, take that awkward first date and multiply it by five. That is what the first-ever 30 Daily Dates participants experienced as they met the individual they would have to be in a relationship with for the next month.

The 10 participants, all ISU students, applied and

agreed to go on 30 dates lasting at least 30 minutes each day for 30 days. All the participants were required to document their experiences with questionnaires, photos and videos that will be published in the Iowa State Daily newspaper, website and social media.

The guidelines to this social experiment addressed common struggles and successes experienced in relationships among college students.

This social experiment, which was designed to help college students better understand healthy relationships, is supported by campus partners and local businesses.

## LESSON TO BE LEARNED

While the social experiment may seem like a sappy spinoff of "The Bachelor," it has a much deeper purpose.

In the days where hookups, meeting on Tinder or texting are a normal basis for relationships, the Daily and 30 Daily Dates sponsors wanted to offer students a healthier relationship experience than what is currently the norm.

The elements that constitute a healthy relationship—such as good communication, time commitment and open mindedness—are more easily discussed than practiced. Through 30 Daily Dates, the participants were placed in an environment that en-

abled them to practice these skills. Their experiences provided a learning opportunity for each couple, but also addressed lessons that every Iowa State student can learn.

There were no expectations or hypotheses associated with this experiment. Outside of the set guidelines, each couple directed the path of their relationship. In the following days, we will show their experience in 30 Daily Dates.

Rather than just writing another article and publishing it in the newspaper, the Daily saw an opportunity to better serve ISU students and help them understand what healthy relationships truly look like.

## WHAT TO WATCH FOR

Over the next 15 business days we will highlight the journal entries and confessions of the 30 Daily Daters and profile commonalities that relate to the ISU student experience.

Each day we will publish guest commentary from campus partners who work closely with students. These professionals will share their unique perspectives on helping students to develop healthier relationship habits.

We have built [www.30dailydates.com](http://www.30dailydates.com) to serve as a setting to both get to know the experiment par-

ticipants and act as an ongoing resource for those interested in building healthier relationships.

On April 23rd, we will be hosting a facilitated panel discussion open to the campus population to meet the Daily Daters. We will discuss their experiences and explore key lessons learned along the way.

Each of these brave individuals' journeys in 30 Daily Dates is unique, just like any relationship. So we invite you, your classmates and your friends to follow their stories, learn from their stories and create your own stories.

# Meet the Daily Daters



**NAME:** Blake Burns  
**MAJOR:** Computer Engineering  
**CLASS:** Junior  
**HOMETOWN:** Maple Grove, Minnesota  
**REASON FOR REGISTERING FOR 30 DAILY DATES:** "I think that the experiment sounds like a lot of fun. No matter how the dates go, I think that at the end of it I will have made a great connection with someone that was a total stranger before."



**NAME:** Brenton Dahlstrom  
**MAJOR:** Pre-Business, minor in Entrepreneurial Studies  
**CLASS:** Junior  
**HOMETOWN:** Ankeny, Iowa  
**REASON FOR RESGISTERING FOR 30 DAILY DATES:** "Honestly, I'm tired of being single and need a change and maybe this will be the ideal way to meet someone."



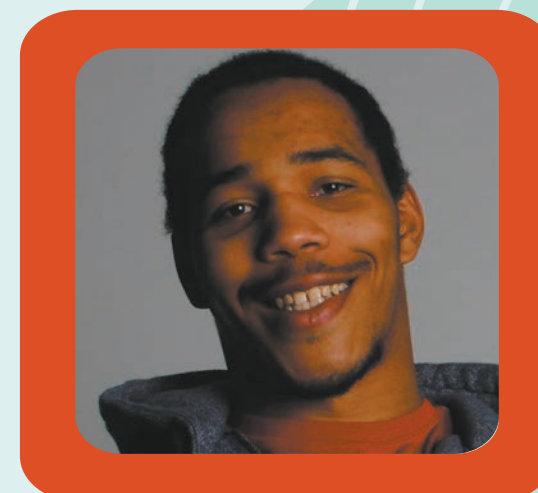
**NAME:** Ashley Amborn  
**MAJOR:** Interior Design  
**CLASS:** Sophomore  
**HOMETOWN:** Crystal, Minnesota  
**REASON FOR REGISTERING FOR 30 DAILY DATES:** "I would love to meet someone and see what type of a person experts would pair me with. I have a feeling that an experiment like this could work and I would love to see if it did for me; it is exciting and different and I am always up for trying new things at least once!"



**NAME:** Eric Manges  
**MAJOR:** Meteorology  
**CLASS:** Sophomore  
**HOMETOWN:** Rochester, Minnesota  
**REASON FOR REGISTERING FOR 30 DAILY DATES:** "I'm not afraid to go up and talk to new girls; it just seems like I never get anywhere with them. I think I'm at a point in my life that I'm ready to have a great relationship but I know I need a little help. Plus I'm pretty curious about this whole thing."



**NAME:** Kristian Hunter Kennedy  
**MAJOR:** Pre-Architecture  
**CLASS:** Sophomore  
**HOMETOWN:** Coeur d' Alene, Idaho  
**REASON FOR REGISTERING FOR 30 DAILY DATES:** "I thought that I should just give it a go. It could be a lot of fun. I enjoy meeting people and haven't been on any official dates in a while."



**NAME:** Daniel Woiwor  
**MAJOR:** Pre-Business  
**CLASS:** Sophomore  
**HOMETOWN:** Apple Valley, Minnesota  
**REASON FOR REGISTERING FOR 30 DAILY DATES:** "To see how it works out, [I'm] interested to see if something like this can be successful."



**NAME:** Matthew Chatman  
**MAJOR:** Advertising  
**CLASS:** Junior  
**HOMETOWN:** Ankeny, Iowa  
**REASON FOR REGISTERING FOR 30 DAILY DATES:** "It seems like fun."



**NAME:** Olivia Weikum  
**MAJOR:** Public Relations  
**CLASS:** Junior  
**HOMETOWN:** Norwalk, Iowa  
**REASON FOR REGISTERING FOR 30 DAILY DATES:** "It's something out of my comfort zone. It's something different and I didn't want to have to look back and regret not doing something because I was scared of the outcome."



**NAME:** Leah Fossum  
**MAJOR:** Mechanical Engineering  
**CLASS:** Sophomore  
**HOMETOWN:** Prior Lake, Minnesota  
**REASON FOR REGISTERING FOR 30 DAILY DATES:** "I like trying new things and having really good stories, so I think this would be a good story. Plus, I am not good at dating so this might be some good practice."

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**NAME:** Michelle Aberle  
**MAJOR:** Event Management  
**CLASS:** Sophomore  
**HOMETOWN:** Walker, Iowa  
**REASON FOR REGISTERING FOR 30 DAILY DATES:** "I think it is a really cool idea and I'm curious to see what kind of guy someone else would set me up with."





EDITORIAL

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# Survey benefits students

The administration of Iowa State University released a survey for the student body on Wednesday to assess if students view sexual assault as a problem on campus as well as how the university handles such incidents. The survey, which only takes 20 minutes to complete, also gives students valuable information regarding on-campus as well as off-campus resources to contact in case of or when working through the trauma of a sexual assault.

While it is only too easy to ignore the survey, just like students tend to look past their course evaluations, the importance of filling out this particular survey is paramount to the safety of all students of Iowa State's campus.

To put it simply, this survey is not a joke. Sexual assault in any form is a serious issue on college campuses and is a particularly pertinent issue here at Iowa State given the fact that the university is under federal investigation for the manner in which it handles sexual assault cases and investigations.

The sexual assault climate survey represents the administration's honest efforts to gauge the feelings of the student body regarding an issue that each and every one of us must take seriously and to an extent, personally.

We should all take it personally because though a majority of students when asked about their perceived personal safety on campus answer that they feel very secure, there is a student who clicks on the opposite box.

Though many of us may not experience a sexual assault or perhaps (hopefully) have any connection to an assault whatsoever, there are far too many students who don't feel safe at school, who don't trust the university to do the right thing when investigating their assault or don't know the resources to contact to get help following an assault and there are far too many students who will say nothing for fear that no one will believe or be able to help them.

Every student at Iowa State deserves to feel safe on campus. Every student deserves to have their concerns regarding a very serious issue heard. And no student should ever feel helpless during what could be the most difficult process of their lives. This survey aims to make the entire university safer and thereby all students more able to truly enjoy their college experience. Taking 20 minutes out of your day to honestly assess your feelings about sexual assault at Iowa State and anonymously answer some very simple questions is the least all of us can do to make sure sexual assaults are minimized, and hopefully someday erased, from Iowa State's campus.

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Technology and social media have an unruly power to dominate our lives. Columnist Abalu believes that reconnecting with the real world is a worthwhile endeavor. Charlie Coffey/Iowa State Daily

# Media, technology dominates culture

By Omo.Abalu  
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Technology has made a revolutionary change in the world. Almost everything is done online these days and we rely heavily on our smartphones, tablets and laptops. Social media has become the most popular platform for communication and opens up an interactive atmosphere online. Although social media can be very beneficial, it also comes with some disadvantages.

We live in a society where our curiosity runs wild and we resort to social media to satisfy it. This happens virtually everywhere we are — in class, on the bus, at work or crossing the road. It becomes a distraction and limits the effectiveness of our attention span.

I joined Twitter when I was still in boarding school in Nigeria. I was not that active in the beginning but once most of my friends joined, I always wanted to know what they were doing. I used to tweet about every single thing I was doing or who I was with. This included when I was about to take a shower, what I was eating for breakfast, lunch, and dinner and any other little detail people do not usually care about.

This became a problem because I became a Twitter addict. I also had other social media apps such as BBM, WhatsApp and Facebook. The possession of electronic devices was prohibited at my boarding school. I knew I was in trouble when I went to school and it bothered me that I was not

tweeting or seeing what others were tweeting about. During my free time and between classes, I would rush to the computer room and sign in to Twitter and tweet about how disastrous it was that I did not have my phone to tweet constantly.

During visiting days, I would beg my dad to bring my phone and I would be on it all day until he left. I did not even pay attention to the fact that this was one of the two times during the school term when I would get to see him and have a decent conversation like normal people did in the past.

Things got bad when my grades started dropping because I obviously did not have sensible priorities.

I went home for the holidays and my family and I took a trip to the U.S. I was excited because I was reunited with my BlackBerry phone. Throughout the trip, my life revolved around my online friends.

My dad got so frustrated that he took away my phone. It felt like my life was over ... well my social life at least.

Almost a year later, my dad still had my phone. During that period, I realized how much I was missing out on. I forgot what it meant to have meaningful conversations with people. I forgot about what was and what should be relevant to me and others. Social media became a distraction and I was isolated from the real world. I was not able to focus on the more important things that were happening around me.

It is no secret that many students are always on their phones

at Iowa State. Some do not even look up from their devices when they are crossing the road, and people put their lives in danger because they are too busy trying to satisfy their curiosity through social media or simple texts that can be replied to later.

In a study by the Pew Research Center, about 78 percent of American teenagers between the ages of 12 and 17 own a cell phone and half of them — about 47 percent — own smartphones.

The study also reported that 74 percent of teenagers between the ages of 12 and 17 say they occasionally access the Internet on cell phones, tablets and other electronic devices.

When people get bored in classes they turn to their phones or laptops to keep them busy. In reality, posting things on Facebook or looking at your Twitter feed are not ways to keep you busy. They are ways to reduce your attention span.

People always look at their phones at bus stops, even when they have friends around. So much can be learned from the people around you by starting a simple conversation as you wait for the bus.

In Gary Turk's poetic message "Look Up," he says, "Being alone isn't the problem... if you read a book, paint a picture, or do some exercise you are being productive and present, not reserved or recluse. You're being awake and attentive and putting your time to good use."

A lot of things posted on the Internet are not reliable because they do not come from credible

sources. Also, people post the most irrelevant things online sometimes and it diverts peoples' focus away from things they should really pay attention to.

Social media has a lot of benefits because it keeps people connected and provides an effective platform for communication. A lot of good things have come from social media such as effective campaigns and movements, and raising awareness. It is a really effective tool when it comes to these things.

Sometimes, however, social media is anything but social. It strips us of the opportunity to have meaningful, direct interactions with others. We rely on it too much as a last resort for escape when we are around unfamiliar people or when there is nothing to say.

I am very guilty of using social media as a distraction but I have recognized this and I try and change my habits as much as I can. I know I am not as bad as I used to be when my BlackBerry was my best friend.

"So when you're in public and you start to feel alone, put your hands behind your head and step away from the phone. You don't need to stare at your menu or at your contact list; just talk to one another and learn to co-exist," Turk said.

Doing things online makes things easier but we have to remember to concentrate on the important things and not use social media as a meaningless distraction from the dynamics and significance of real life experiences.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Consider the future when making choices

By Mark Edwards,  
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I waited to submit my comments so as to give my response deep thought, focus on new issues I hadn't considered and address the bottom line.

I retired as trails coordinator at the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) after 30 years overseeing projects across the state. This required presenting numerous public meetings representing the public good.

Our responsibility as public employees, utility board members or plain citizens of Iowa is to consider future generations. This helps me immensely in making decisions, both small and large.

During the last few days, I re-read the hundreds of heartfelt responses.

Most of the comments in support were from individuals who were going to benefit in the form of short-term jobs, selling supplies or direct payments.

The majority of comments in opposition were from women, young people and groups stressing the government misuse of eminent domain for private gain and the tragedy of a possible spill. In simple words, they were speaking for the land, private property rights and future generations.

I have researched, attended two meetings provided by the corporation and a meeting with the IUB representatives.

I have found considerable

misinformation and heard multiple contradictory answers. Many vital questions have been left unanswered. Your decision will not publicly answer these questions and will leave them until there is a problem.

Many of the trail projects I supervised required permits from the United States Army Corps of Engineers. These permits invoked Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Threatened and Endangered Species Act and the Historical Preservation Act. This pipeline also requires the Corps to provide review prescribed by NEPA.

Most importantly, due to the pipeline's multi-state magnitude, this pipeline should require an

independently prepared Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for public review and comment.

The IUB should not consider this application until after the Corps has approved the EIS and issued its Record of Determination (ROD) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Otherwise, your approval for this project would provide little if any more scrutiny than putting a trail or road on public lands.

It is beyond question that a Limited Liability Corporation, given the power of eminent domain over private property by three, politically appointed board members will be the largest property seizure in the history of the state and will not benefit the public good now or in the future.



# ISU football team's evolving personality excites coaches

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ISU offensive coordinator Mark Mangino said he was lied to by his team last season. Yet it was a deception he couldn't recognize clearly until the 2015 spring practices began.

"This football team here has genuine enthusiasm and a real hunger. I think last year ... a few guys fooled me," Mangino said. "They jumped up and down and cheered and everything in practice, and then when we got our backs pinned up against the wall, their enthusiasm left."

Of course, Mangino wasn't speaking about every player from last year's ISU football team, as many of them are part of what all the coaches agree is a group poised for a resurgent performance after the program has amassed only five victories during the course of the previous two years.

"I'm not saying every guy last year was like that, no, but the culture of this team is different from last year," Mangino said. "Does that translate into more wins? Let's hope so."

One player at a particularly important position may be able to add a healthy boost to Mangino's hopes, even though he plays on the opposite side of the football. Middle linebacker Jordan Harris, a redshirt junior who sat out last season after transferring from Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Mississippi, will step into a leading role for the Cyclones in the fall.

ISU defensive coordinator Wally Burnham was hopeful that Harris would be ready to play immediately last season, but the NJCAA second-team All-American was yet unprepared to assume the heightened responsibilities of the cru-

cial and tactical position. Burnham said all that has changed, adding that if the season began today, Harris would be the starting signal caller for his defense.

"It was disappointing [to redshirt Harris]. We thought he'd be ready, but now in hindsight, I'm glad it turned out that way because he's ready now," Burnham said. "He had to make an adjustment mentally. ... He's improved in all his areas: pass coverage, run, hitting the right run gaps, all those kind of things."

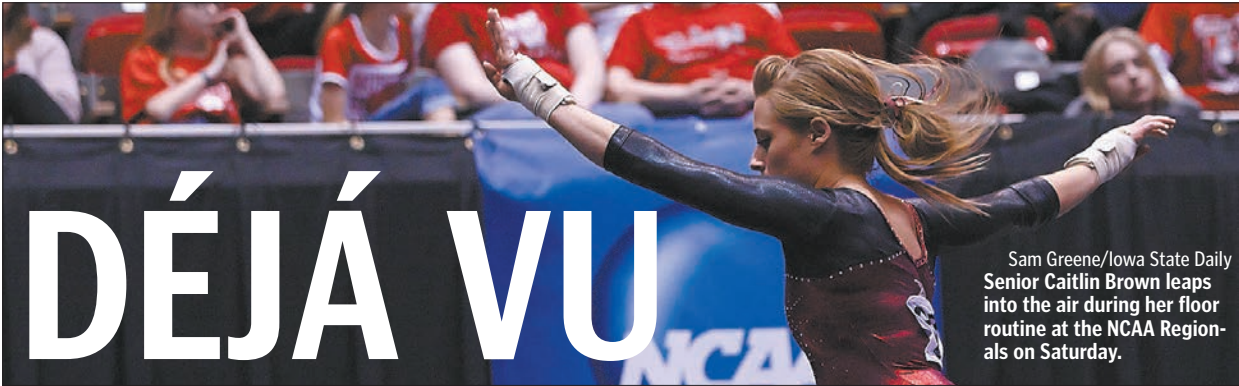
ISU head coach Paul Rhoads said the physical aspects of the game were never the issue, but as a middle linebacker, Harris will be responsible for setting the defense and communicating with 10 teammates on a play-by-play basis. It is a responsibility the ISU staff now feels comfortable placing in Harris' hands.

Harris' improvement and elevated comfort level serve as a microcosm for what the coaching staff has noticed about the 2015-16 team from the start of spring practices.

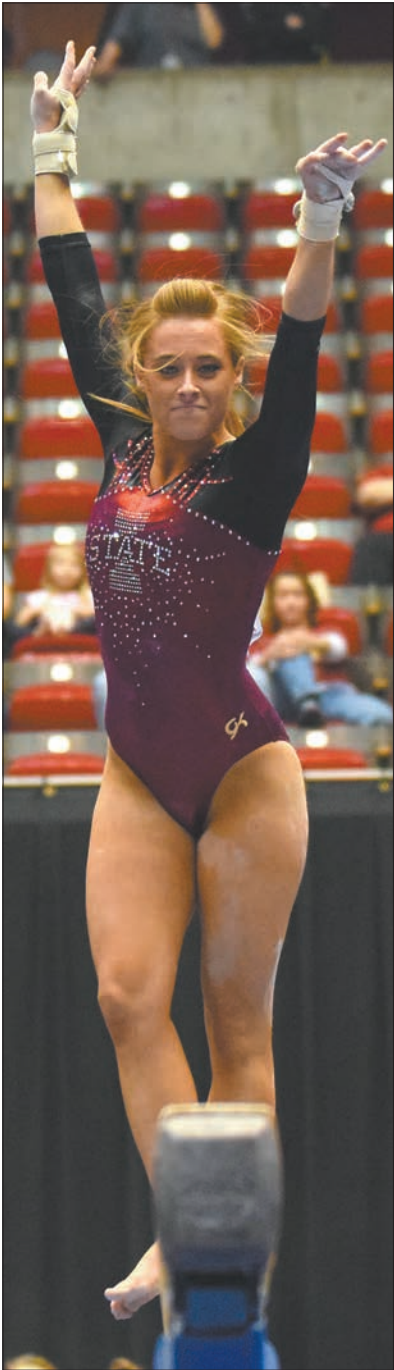
"We've made comments several times as a staff that this group likes to practice," Rhoads said. "Everybody likes to play — this group likes to practice, too. And when you bring that kind of energy to the practice field, you're generally going to improve and you're going to be coachable because you want to be out there and you want to be playing."

Burnham added that last year's staff had to coach effort, but this year, it will be able to focus its primary efforts elsewhere, which should have a ripple effect.

"We've still got a piece to go," Burnham said. "Our guys might be going the wrong way, but they're going full speed, and so to me, that's big."



Sam Greene/Iowa State Daily  
Senior Caitlin Brown leaps into the air during her floor routine at the NCAA Regionals on Saturday.



Ryan Young/Iowa State Daily  
Senior Caitlin Brown competes on the beam at the NCAA Regionals on Saturday at Hilton Coliseum. Brown will be the lone Cyclone competing at nationals.

## Iowa State's lone senior moves on to nationals, teammates await future

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History seemingly repeated itself for the ISU gymnasts at the NCAA Regional competition.

Similar to last postseason, the Cyclones came up short at NCAA Regionals, failing to qualify for the NCAA Championships as a team. However, also similar to last year, the team will not go unrepresented at nationals in Fort Worth, Texas. Senior Caitlin Brown, who finished with an all-around total of 39.350, will return to the NCAA Championships for her second consecutive year.

As she did after regionals a year earlier, Brown experienced mixed emotions following the conclusion of Saturday's competition.

"I mean, I'm disappointed," Brown said. "My goal coming into this was to get my team to nationals. That was plan A and really the plan that I wanted, but I'd be more upset if I wasn't going [to nationals]."

It was the last opportunity that Brown would have to compete in Ames, to bask in the excitement that is Hilton Magic. It was also her final chance to compete alongside her beloved collegiate teammates with whom she has generated significant relationships.

Although the natural goal for Brown was to assemble an all-around performance worthy enough for a bid to the NCAA Championships, a local Ames hero and arguably the city's unofficial political leader gave Brown and the rest of the ISU gymnasts a bit of different advice.

"Fred Hoiberg told us yesterday, before practice, he said, 'Enjoy it. Have fun,'" Brown said. "That's what we did. We were having a great time at home and that's really all it is. It

was fun."

Brown finished in a tie for fourth in the all-around competition — also as she did last year — yet she still qualified due to the fact that the top two all-around finishers had already qualified as a part of their team, effectively opening the next two spots for Brown and Nina McGee of Denver.

McGee's 9.900 on her final event of the evening was the final step in punching her ticket to Fort Worth and, to the dismay of the ISU gymnasts, effectively eclipsing freshman Haylee Young's all-around score. Young was next in line for the championships.

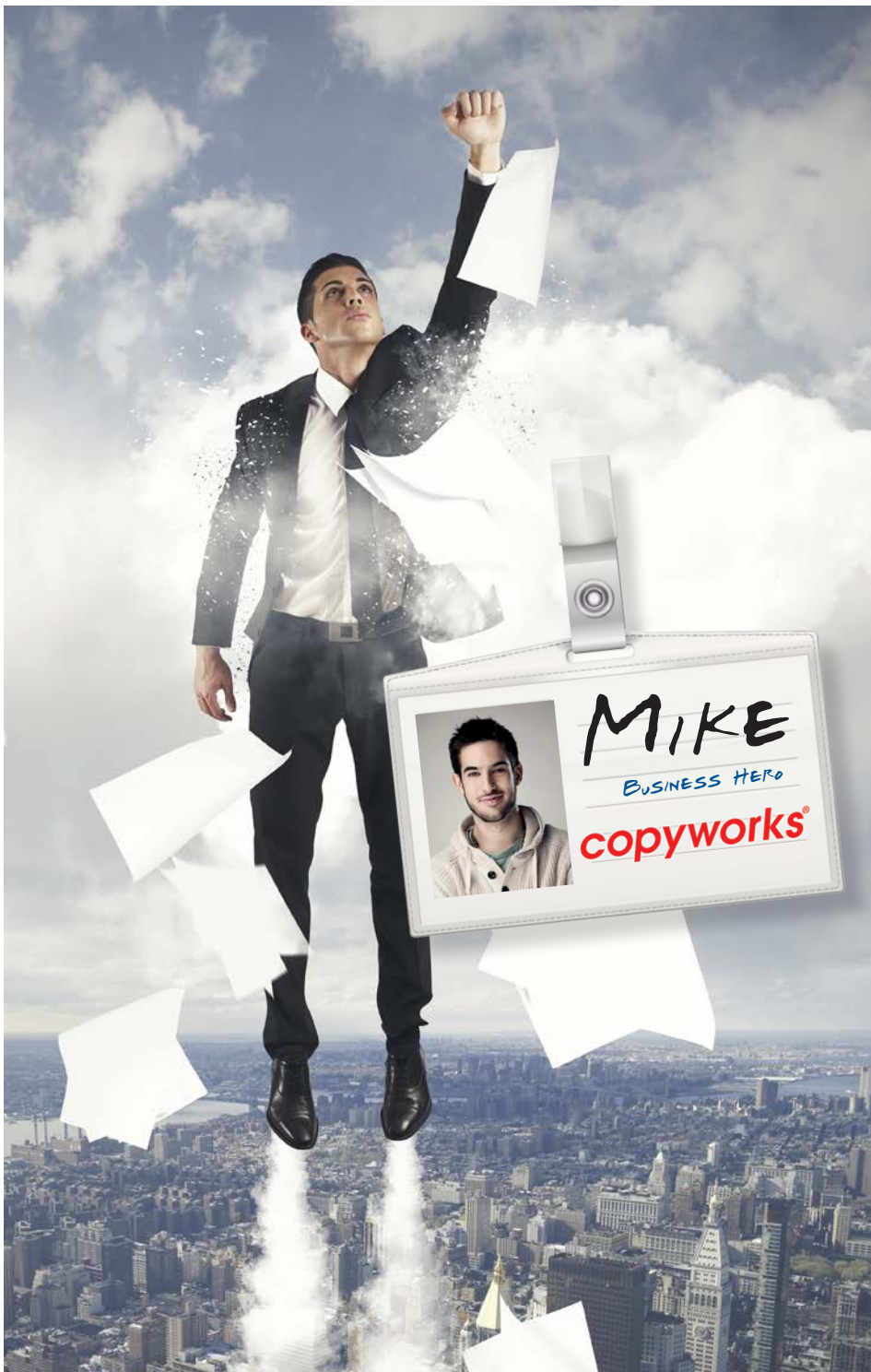
Despite this unfortunate outcome, one factor that differs from the 2014 postseason is the youth on this current ISU gymnastics team. Thus, although this season has reached its conclusion, the ISU gymnasts who will not advance to Nationals can look forward to next season with anticipation and motivation.

"I'm definitely proud [of the team]," said freshman Hilary Green. "There's a lot more in store for us and I just want people to know that. We have a good class coming in next year and we're ready to go to nationals."

Last season, Iowa State had to bid farewell to six senior gymnasts, but, for this current gymnastics program, the only member not returning for another season is Brown. The remainder of the Cyclones can continue to look forward with hope for the future of the program.

As the Cyclones were tied with Nebraska for the second spot midway through the meet, just .075 points behind LSU, a small glimpse of the full potential of this ISU squad was revealed. Iowa State will attempt to utilize that glimpse as motivation to return even stronger when the next postseason rolls around.

"The message that I hope the team takes from [regionals] is that we can do this," said ISU gymnastics coach Jay Ronayne. "We just have to believe and let it happen."



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## Boxing club sends five to nationals

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Isolated in a garage-like room down a long, concrete hallway at State Gym, a boxing ring stands in the middle of the room among hanging punching bags. One by one, students file in with bags slung over their shoulders, walking to a caged-in storage room to pick up gear and get taped up.

It's just another day of practice for the ISU Boxing Club as coach Jon Swanson stands in the ring padded from head to waist, sparring with another boxer before practice officially starts.

"We're just warming up," Swanson says as he removes his chest padding, his already sweat-soaked shirt clinging to his body. "Just getting ready for nationals."

Last year, 34 boxers competed in the National Collegiate Boxing Association National Championships, but only one hailed from Iowa State. That was 147-pound Olivia Meyer, who defeated Sabrina Kehr from West Virginia to claim a national title.

This year, she will have company at nationals as four other club members will join her from Friday to Sunday in a trip to the BB&T Center in Sunrise, Fla. for the 2015 NCBA National Championships.

Not only is there five times as many ISU boxing club members competing at nationals, there will be a wide range of faces. Three men — 139-pound Josue Avila, 156-pound Daniel Megel and 175-pound Luke Hahn — and two women — Meyer and 119-pound Carolina Covington — will represent the small club



Kelby Wingert/Iowa State Daily  
Junior Josue Avila, right, practices in the ISU boxing club's practice ring at State Gym on Thursday. Avila will compete in the 139-pound weight class at the 2015 NCBA National Championships in Sunrise, Fla.

that competes in a league dominated by the military academies.

The club hosted the 2015 Midwest Regional Championship in Ames as Megel claimed a regional championship to gain some momentum heading into nationals. Meyer also won her bout at the regional, while the others advanced despite losses.

But as the boxers prepare to take on the likes of Air Force, Army and Navy — schools that have won 30 of 39 NCBA national boxing titles — the team doesn't see it as added pressure. Hahn, junior in mechanical engineering, has not yet won a competitive fight, going 0-6 as a boxing club member. But having faced a national champion and sparred with other more experienced boxers, he's not ashamed of his record and hopes to claim victory at nationals.

"Any guy can come from anywhere and be a great fighter," Hahn said. "It's not like just because

that guy is from Navy means he's going to beat me because it's on an individual basis."

The same goes for Covington, who as a senior will be competing in her first and final nationals event despite having yet to win a match. But with only a limited number of fighters in each weight class, she and the rest of the competing boxing club members will have an opportunity to join Meyer as national champions.

With less than a week separating the club from a plane ride to Florida, the team won't stop working as the boxers put in as many hours as they can before their biggest fights of the season. As for handling nerves, the team knows exactly what lies ahead.

"You're not going to do anything you haven't done 1,000 times already in the gym," Megel said. "Once you start the fight, everything kind of blurs out and that's all you're thinking about."



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safety in recent years.

The history and legacy Veishea had was filled with traditions, which some people have expressed should not fall to the wayside. The future of events such as the Veishea parade and the cherry pie sales are currently up in the air.

“Someone came up with the idea of having cherry pies linked to Valentine’s Day,” Hill said, adding that it didn’t happen this year due to a concern the turnaround was too quick and would have resulted in a poorly composed event.

As for the parade, both Leath and Hill said some students have come forward suggesting it be held during Homecoming rather than during what would have been Veishea. Once again, Hill said that while the idea seemed good, more consideration was needed before a final decision could be reached.

Funding that was previously earmarked for events such as this and others that occurred during

Veishea week is still going to the students.

“We expanded a student organizational funding program to put more resources into that program to address issues that [students] have,” Hill said. “We now have a significant source of funding that is open to over 800 student organizations.”

This program, the Student Organization Sponsorship Request Program, allows student organizations to request funding to enhance their organizations. This funding would help the groups provide experiences for students they may not have been able to have outside of the club or group.

Hill said the money that has been earmarked for the requested program — between \$150,000 and \$300,000 — has allowed for some organizations and clubs to receive funding that may have never had a chance to before.

“Now instead of you having to go to another student organization, you can go right to the trough,” Hill said.

The request program expansion is also giving more students an ability to gain leadership experience that they may not have been able to when Veishea was still around.

“Only about 200 students were involved in [the organization] of Veishea,” Leath said.

Hill said this low number of students was due in part to the machinery behind the Veishea leadership and the need to get involved early in one’s academic career to rise through the ranks.

The final piece of Veishea funding, the Veishea scholarships, will still be around in one form or another. This is because the money for the scholarships is in an endowed account and therefore will be given to students regardless of the appearance of a Veishea celebration.

Though the traditional events will not take place, ISU and Ames Police said they realize students still carry a torch for the unofficial events, many of which revolve around alcohol.

Jason Tuttle, the investigations commander for the Ames Police Department, said that regardless of the lack of Veishea celebration, the department is still prepared for the unofficial celebrations characterized by Veishea.

“After this weekend, Easter, the following three weekends in April, we’ll have enhanced staffing on both Friday and Saturday nights,” Tuttle said. “We have all these weekends now. We’re not going to have one weekend. We’re not doing that because this is so spread out. If we have a need a specific night, we’ll call them and ask for assistance.”

This advanced staffing, which aims to keep the peace should any troubles arise, will consist of up to six additional officers and a supervisor along with an extra four officers on graduation weekend.

“We’ll continue to monitor the Freeishea pages and all those other social media sites,” Tuttle said.

The Ames Police Safe Neighborhood Team has

already been door-to-door in Campustown hot spots to talk to residents about how to have safe parties, as they do before Veishea each year.

“We’re trying to be proactive where we get to these places before we see the 400-person party in the backyard, and that’s where we’ve had problems in the past,” Tuttle said.

The department also works closely with the Dean of Students Office to keep them updated on arrests made “so there’s accountability not only from the criminal side, but if a student gets in trouble on those weekends, we’re going to be passing that information along,” Tuttle said.

ISU Police and Ames Police are still working closely to keep students and the Ames community safe during the last of the spring semester and went through their annual crowd control training last week.

“We have to look at each situation as different. Last year, we chose not to bring in those riot teams either way. People are going

to see that and say, ‘oh, it’s a riot,’ and they start to have more of that mob mentality,” Tuttle said about the departments’ strategies last year.

“But when that light pole hit that kid last year, that really kind of soured the mood of the crowd. I think at that point they realized this is a very serious incident. He could have been killed, and we saw the mood change to ‘we should just leave the area.’”

Tuttle said each night, they will monitor the situation and respond accordingly.

“We prepare for the worst and hope for the best,” Tuttle said. “We’re hoping that people can have some self-discipline, that they think about what happened last year and make good decisions.”

As for the long run, Hill said it’s time to look forward rather than backward.

“Let’s move on,” Hill said. “The student body will not be able to do anything of significance if it keeps hanging on to something that is no longer.”

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tween 19 and 25 percent, which is much higher than other financial products. The interest rate on a federal Stafford student loan for the 2013-14 year was 3.86 percent.

The Iowa State financial aid award includes eligibility to borrow money for personal expenses, but Schroeder said she recommends not taking out those loans if students can get

by without them. She said most students can earn enough spending money at a part-time job with 10 to 15 hours a week.

“The first thing is to set up a budget so that you know exactly how much money that you actually have and so that you know that you are budgeting it wisely, so that you can pay your obligations that you currently have,” Johnson said.

Johnson said a credit

card can be a sort of safety net for unforeseen expenses and emergencies.

“Usually my recommendation is that credit cards should be used for emergencies, so you want to avoid the temptation to define your emergency as happening at the mall,” Johnson said.

She said she recommends if someone is interested in getting a credit card to research a lot of cards to find out their fees and

penalties before making a decision.

Johnson said she recommends all students make an appointment at the Student Loan Education Office because they will talk about credit cards, budgeting and making sure students have a financial plan for college and beyond.

Students can make an appointment by calling 515-294-0677 or by emailing loaneducation@iastate.edu.



Katy Klopfenstein/Iowa State Daily

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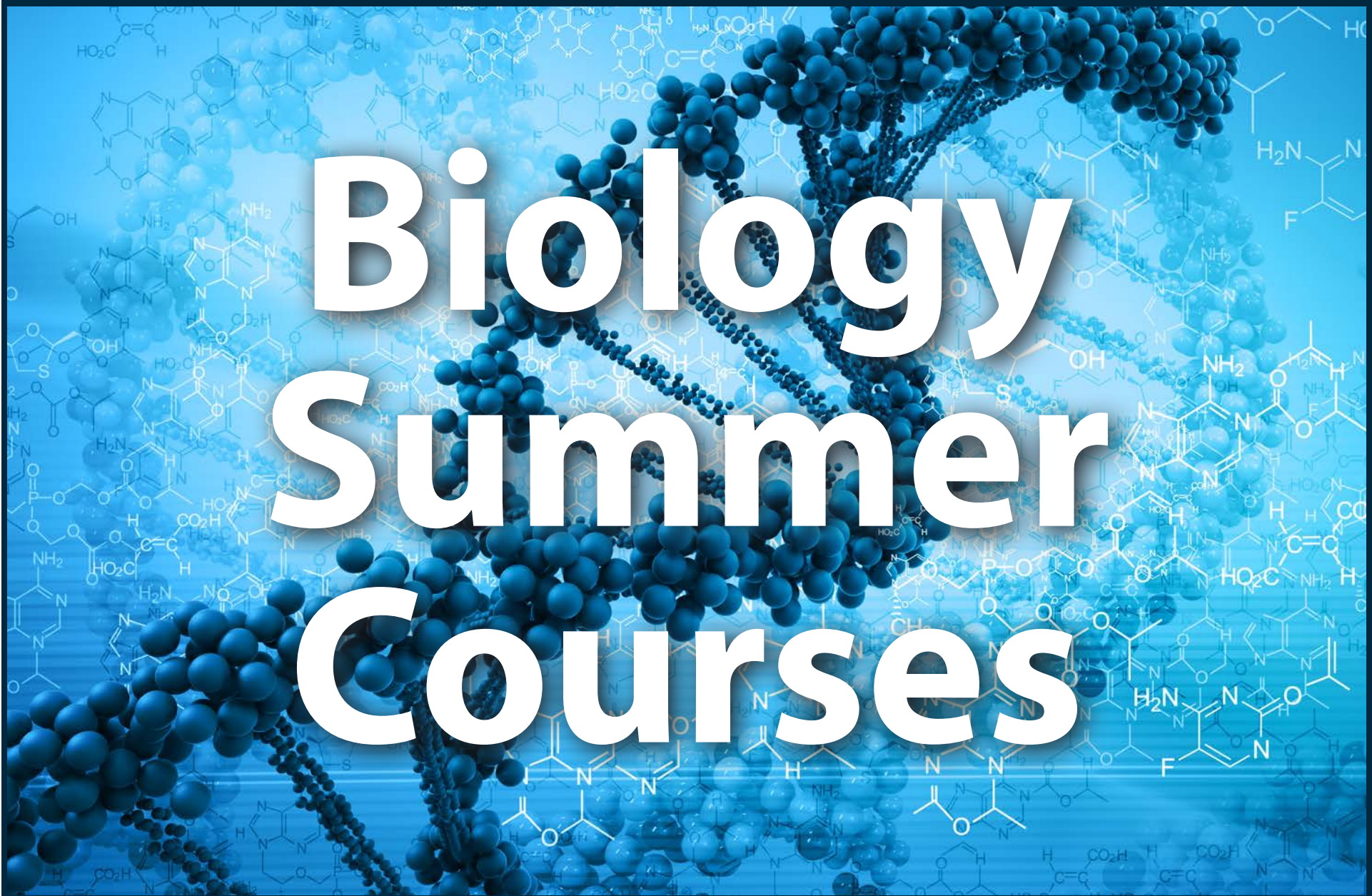
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