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Research

Grant allots \$20 million to university

Iowa State was awarded a \$20 million grant by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture to research the impact of climate on corn-based cropping systems.

The project will work to develop cropping systems that remain productive and resilient in the face of future climate uncertainties.

A team of 42 scientists from the Midwest will spend the next five years collecting and analyzing data from 21 research sites. Researchers will look at carbon, nitrogen and water movement, and many of the sites will monitor greenhouse gas emissions.

Iowa State's grant is one of three grants to be awarded nationally. It was announced Friday in Washington D.C.

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Ames

Council to vote on facility agreement

By Kayla Schantz
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The Ames City Council will discuss the final plans and construction contract of the Intermodal Facility on Tuesday night, which will allow construction to begin for the project.

The council will first vote on the operations agreement with Iowa State that outlines the financial and operational responsibilities of the facility.

If the agreement is approved, Iowa State would assume the daily operation duties of the facility because the university has experience with the Memorial Union parking ramp and CyRide that is similar to what the Intermodal Facility will entail.

In the proposed agreement, the management decisions — such as rates, fees and hours of operation — will be the responsibility of Ames City Manager Steve Schainker, and Iowa State Vice President for Business and Finance Warren Madden.

Because the university would be conducting the daily operation tasks, the revenues and expenditures would be handled by the university, not the city.

The council will also vote to award a construction contract to Weitz Company of Des Moines for \$7,155,000, which was the lowest-qualified bid presented for the project. This contract was already approved by the Ames Transit Agency Board of Trustees on Feb. 4.

If the agreement and contract are finalized and approved by the council, construction for the project can begin. Under the grant given to the city by the U.S. Department of Transportation, construction must commence before March 15.

The Ames City Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Council Chambers in City Hall, 515 Clark Ave.

Wisconsin

Public sector calls foul

Protest gains attention of nation, world

By Matt Wettengel
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MADISON, Wis. — Sore feelings retained their presence Monday in Wisconsin's Capitol, as protesters gathered around and inside for the eighth day of protesting the state's recently elected Gov. Scott Walker and Senate Bill 11, also known as the state's "budget repair bill."

Several aspects of the controversial bill triggered public outcry, especially its elimination of the collective bargaining rights of almost all public employees.

In a news conference Monday, Walker, a Republican, stated that he has no intention of negotiating this aspect of the bill, despite the fact that targeted unions have agreed to pay more for their pensions and insurance.

"I'm here because I'm angry at Scott Walker for not even recognizing the fact that he's not allowing the people of Wisconsin to negotiate," said Marcia Connor, Dane County Juvenile Reception Center employee. "I don't mind paying ... the increased contribution to the retirement fund, I don't mind the increase to the health insurance premiums, but it makes me very angry that he's telling us that he won't even



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Protesters gather in the rotunda of the Wisconsin Capitol on Monday in Madison, Wis., to demonstrate their opposition to Gov. Scott Walker's proposed budget bill. Monday was the seventh day of protest in the Capitol. Photo: Kelsey Kremer/Iowa State Daily



Morgan and Oriana Sheahan sleep on the floor of the Wisconsin Capitol building Sunday night. Their mother, Annaliese Sheahan, is the president of the 373 AFSCME chapter. Photo: Kelsey Kremer/Iowa State Daily

Iowa workers will rally at state Capitol

By Kaleb Warnock
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Iowa civil service employees will be rallying Tuesday at the Iowa Capitol building in Des Moines to make Iowa lawmakers aware of their solidarity as civil employees.

The We Are One Rally is a response to recent events in Wisconsin that have sparked large-scale strikes and protests by civil employees and teachers that is estimated to have reached almost 30,000 people.

Although Iowa labor union rights

prevent them from striking, members of the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, the South Central Federation of Labor and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Iowa Council 61, along with many others will be standing on the west steps of the Iowa Capitol to bring attention to the grievances of their Wisconsin counterparts.

"It's nothing but a show of support for the public sector workers in Wisconsin who are having their right to collectively bargain and talk to their



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Lifestyle

Faculty members search for peace in meditation

By Cristobal Matibag
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As ISU faculty members know, the life of a career academic is filled with stress. Juggling research, grading and teaching taxes the emotional reserves of scholars at every level, from adjunct to department chairperson. At times, the pressures of their jobs can seem inescapable.

But for two ISU instruc-

tors, this is not the case. Brian Eslinger and Joel Geske said they find relief from the stress of work in the Buddhist traditions of mindfulness meditation.

Historically, the term "meditation" has been used to refer to many different practices within Buddhism, including breath-counting, repetition of a word or phrase known as a mantra and the contemplation of par-



Joel Geske poses during a Sunday meditation program at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames. Geske and fellow lecturer Brian Eslinger find meditation helpful in relieving stress. Courtesy photo: Joel Geske

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Tue 18|34 Mostly cloudy, with winds out of the north northwest between 5 and 10mph.



Wed 26|46 Partly sunny, south wind between 9 and 15 mph.



Thu 23|33 40 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy.



Cold Sabbath:

In 1773 the memorable "Cold Sabbath" chilled New England. This event left many with frozen extremities while going to church. Minus 11 °F was observed at Dover, N.H.

Calendar

TUESDAY

ISU Percussion Ensemble
When: 7:30 to 9:15 p.m.
What: Performance directed by Matthew Coley.
Where: Martha-Ellen Tye Recital

TUESDAY

Open Mic Night & Poetry Night w/ Paul Flores
When: 8 p.m.
What: Sign up at 7 p.m.
Where: Maintenance Shop, Memorial Union



WEDNESDAY

SUB Live Music: Ben Rector
When: 8 p.m.
What: Pop, rock, folk music.
Where: Maintenance Shop, Memorial Union

Daily Snapshot



SNACKS: Students raise funds for retreat

Elizabeth Garcia, sophomore in early childhood education, walks away with a bag of puppy chow purchased from Sigma Lambda Gamma on Monday in Carver Hall. The sorority was selling the snack to raise money for a bi-annual retreat in Chicago. Photo: Whitney Sager/Iowa State Daily

TV Schedule

TUESDAY

I-State News 3:30 p.m. ISUtv
Newswatch 6:30 p.m. ISUtv
Al Murdoch 7 p.m. ISUtv
The Biggest Loser 8 p.m. NBC

WEDNESDAY

Cy's Eyes on the Skies 6:30 p.m. ISUtv
The Middle 8 p.m. ABC
American Idol 8 p.m. FOX
America's Next Top Model 8 p.m. CW

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Ames, ISU Police Departments

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.

Feb. 17

Tyler Van Loon, 21, 1300 Coconino Ave. unit 212, was arrested and charged with public intoxication. (reported at 2:05 a.m.)

Officers assisted an individual who injured a finger. (reported at 8:34 a.m.)

An officer on patrol observed windows broken on two parked cars. It was later determined stereo equipment had been stolen from each of them. (reported at 8:52 p.m.)

Dakota Morgan, 147 University Village unit F, reported the theft of electronic equipment from a vehicle. (reported at 10:56 a.m.)

Vehicles driven by **Alexandra Bruce** and **Kylie Good** were involved in a property damage collision. (reported at 2:38 p.m.)

An individual reported an assault that occurred last semester. (reported at 5:35 p.m.)

Laura Glas reported damage to a vehicle windshield. (reported at 10:07 p.m.)

Derek Strom, 19, 3254 Welch Hall, was arrested on a warrant, charging him with possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and underage possession of alcohol. (reported at 10:42 p.m.)

Dylan Myers, 19, 3254 Welch Hall, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance. (reported at 10:53 p.m.)

Alexander Struelens, 19, 444 Freeman Hall, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. (reported at 11:07 p.m.)

Feb. 18

Andrew Barry, 22, 3222 Lettie Dr., was arrested and charged with public intoxication. (reported at 12:01 a.m.)

Josiah Washington, 33, 218 Lincoln Way, was arrested and charged with public intoxication. (reported at 1:25 a.m.)

Jason Covey, 22, 8352 Wallace Hall, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated. (reported at 1:55 a.m.)

Eddie Williams, 25, 3911 Tripp St. unit 7, was arrested and charged with contempt of court. (reported at 1:58 a.m.)

John Portwood, 23, 1401 N. Dakota Ave. unit 304, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated. (reported at 2:11 a.m.)

Jeffery Nelson, 22, 1111 Frederiksen Court, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated. (reported at 2:16 a.m.)

Vehicles driven by **Theresa Henrickson** and **Isaia Cortes-Nestor** were involved in a property damage collision. (reported at 12 p.m.)

A resident reported unauthorized withdrawals. (reported at 12:18 p.m.)

Jessica Hepker, 135A University Village, reported the theft of a CD player. (reported at 12:38 p.m.)

Correction

The article "Bill proposes painting's sale" published Friday, incorrectly states that the University of Iowa's Jackson Pollock painting was insured for \$500 million. The entire collection is what is insured for \$500 million. The Daily regrets the error.

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Celebrity News

Notes and events.

Kathy Griffin to play 'Sarah Palin type' on 'Glee'

Kathy Griffin has got something to sing about. Besides starring in her first Broadway show, she's just landed a guest spot on "Glee."

"So excited! It's true!" the comedian tweeted February 18, confirming a TV Line report that she'll appear in an upcoming episode.

Griffin will play one of the judges at the Regionals competition, and her character, Tammy Jean, is said to be inspired by one of Griffin's favorite targets. According to Movieline, the Fox series was seeking an actress to play "a middle-aged recent Tea Party candidate and home-schooler — a Sarah Palin type."

'Great Gatsby' to get 3-D treatment

Director Baz Luhrmann will take the Jazz Age into the modern age now that reports have been confirmed that he'll shoot his version of "The Great Gatsby" in 3-D.

As Marquee reported last month, Luhrmann said he had workshopped the project in 3-D but hadn't yet committed to using the technology. Now, a deal has been struck to shoot "Gatsby" in 3-D in Sydney, Australia, writes the Hollywood Reporter.

The film will star Leonardo DiCaprio as Jay Gatsby, Tobey Maguire as Nick Carraway and Carey Mulligan as shallow Daisy Buchanan. Mulligan is said to have beat out actresses Keira Knightley, Blake Lively and Scarlett Johansson for the coveted role.

Pre-production on Luhrmann's "The Great Gatsby" is set to begin next month, with shooting slated to start in August.

Lindsay Lohan close to landing post-rehab gig

Proving that she means business, Lindsay Lohan has already lined up her first post-rehab acting gig. Radar Online reports that she's expected to star in the upcoming drama "Escaping the Game."

"It's about celebs who become very famous and can't take it," producer Nathan Folks said.

According to Folks, Lohan will play an investigator who looks into their disappearances.

"10 Things I Hate About You" actor Chris Zylka, who most recently starred in the indie film "Kaboom" and will appear in the upcoming "The Amazing Spider-Man," is in discussions to co-star with Lohan, and the two met up for a concert on Saturday.

Folks is confident that Lohan, who has been accused of stealing a necklace, will avoid going to jail in the coming weeks, and he plans to get her insured for his \$30 million project by having someone keep an eye on her around the clock.

Larry Birkhead: Anna Nicole opera is 'trashy'

A new Anna Nicole Smith opera has really hit a sour note with the late star's former boyfriend Larry Birkhead, who calls the show "trashy and tabloidy."

"Anna Nicole," currently playing to sold-out crowds at London's Royal Opera House, is billed as a "celebrity story of our times," according to the Hollywood Reporter, and includes sexual content, adult language and drug use.

Smith, who died of a prescription drug overdose in 2007, is portrayed in the show by soprano Eva-Maria Westbroek, who flashes her breasts and simulates explicit acts with a man in a wheelchair in some of the scenes.

"One day my daughter is going to see this trash," Birkhead said of 4-year-old Danielynn, his daughter with Smith. "These aren't the images you want to relate to your child."

Birkhead, who hasn't actually seen the show, is equally upset that he was never consulted about the project.

"No one ever gave us a chance to respond," he said. "They didn't even ask to check whether history is correct."

CNN Wire Service

One word for parking tickets.



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PERIODICALS POSTAGE

Organic

ISU researchers work to sustain vegetables

By **Brandon Hallmark**
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ISU researchers are working for the future in a way that has not been done before in Iowa.

Little research on the sustainability of organic vegetables has been conducted in Iowa; however, there is an ongoing study funded by the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture to examine the effects on soil, nutrition, water and the economic value of different systems.

The experiment uses two separate pairs of crops in sequence planted in spring and fall. Onions and tomatoes in the spring shift to beans and lettuce in the fall.

Additionally, various combinations of methods are used, including

cover crops, composted animal manure, tilling and mulching.

Cover crops are crops grown on the plot after harvest to prevent soil loss over the winter and before spring planting. The two used in the study are winter rye and hairy vetch, which are grown together. Before spring planting, a roller is used to kill the cover crop, which is replaced by the desired crop.

The study also left the remains of the cover crop in some plots to block the growth of weeds and prevent soil erosion.

"You're hopefully preventing soil erosion in two ways," said Dan Cwach, graduate student in agronomy. "One is throughout the winter, something will be on the soil holding it together, and in the spring you're not tilling as

much, so you don't have to rip up the soil."

Cwach said the desired crops are allowed to grow because a small patch will be cleared around them when they're planted.

"If you're planting a vegetable crop, you would use a trans-planter, or do it by hand, put little spaces around it so hopefully the plant grows up and shades out the soil around it," Cwach said. "It sounds a lot easier than it is."

Kathleen Delate, professor of horticulture, said hairy vetch may also have the additional benefit of attracting the predators of insects that feed on agricultural crops.

"There's data showing that the flowers of the hairy vetch can attract beneficial insects, like little parasitic wasps that attack caterpillars, so we'll

be monitoring for that," Delate said. "What we've found is that beneficial insects control insects as much as pesticides."

The concept of using cover crops to attract predatory insects is similar to planting milkweed to attract monarch butterflies.

Composted animal manure is a combination of straw and manure mixed together and spread across the field as fertilizer.

Delate said the study used straw mulch instead of plastic mulch because most of Iowa's organic farmers use straw mulch.

After planting, mulch is used to cover the field, prohibiting other plants from growing. Mulch can also be placed down before planting and gaps can be made within it to allow

the desired crop to grow.

Delate said farmers play an important role in deciding research.

"All our projects are based on farmer input," she said. "We'll sit down with the farmers and ask them what kind of research they want. Their number one and two research needs revolve around weed management and soil fertility."

Delate said she believes her study and similar research are preparing for the future.

"Most people accept the philosophy that we're at 'peak oil' and we're not going to get any more oil reserves out there," Delate said. "Organic is based on no-petroleum based inputs. So we're definitely preparing for a future where there will be minimal to no petroleum."

Iowa politics

Bill would ban abortion, limit contraceptives

By **Addie Olson**
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For years, varying beliefs about when a fertilized egg becomes a human have sprung up across the political spectrum.

The Iowa GOP is attempting to set new standards regarding this controversial issue with a bill introduced Jan. 28 that would protect life beginning at conception.

If the bill passes, it will limit birth control options and ban all forms of abortion. State Rep. Beth Wessel-Kroeschell, D-Ames, explained that exceptions would not be made for victims of rape or incest, or women whose lives would be at risk carrying a pregnancy to term.

"It would make all abortions illegal," Wessel-Kroeschell said. "It would give no consideration to the life or the health of the mother."

In addition, the bill would have the potential to eliminate several forms of contraception, including the birth control pill, which is one of the most common and easily accessible contraceptives among college women.

This would largely affect the lives and options of a vast number of students. According to a 2009 study by the National Institutes of Health, 80 percent of college females are sexually active and seeking not to become pregnant.

The bill has not yet specifically spelled out the mandates that would be put on contraceptives, but according to Wessel-Kroeschell, the use of any birth control that has the potential of preventing a fertilized egg from embedding in the uterus could be banned. Many forms of contraception do this even

Proposed bill

"The sovereign state of Iowa recognizes that life is valued and protected from the moment of conception, and each life, from that moment, is accorded the same rights and protections guaranteed to all persons by the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Iowa and the laws of this state."

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though their primary purpose is only to prevent a woman from ovulating.

The ISU Students For Life organization takes no official stance on the issue of birth control, it feels strongly about banning abortion.

Rachel Peller, junior in women's studies and co-president of the group, feels that it is really a matter of equality.

"I believe that a fetus, as a human, should be protected by the same laws that everyone else is protected by," she said.

Peller emphasizes that all too often, women who end up with unwanted pregnancies will jump to abortion before considering the full implications of their decision.

"There is no evidence of a woman ever choosing to give birth, and then saying, 'Oh, I wish I had had an abortion,' but there are countless cases of women who have had abortions and then said, 'I wish I hadn't done that,'" she said.

Peller also agrees that although situations in which the mother is a victim of rape or incest are unfortunate, turning to abortion is not the answer.

"You would just be justify-

ing one wrong with another wrong, and that's not going to help anybody," Peller said.

The bill, proposed by 28 of Iowa's GOP legislators, will likely be subject to extensive speculation, and Democrats have already called for an immediate public hearing.

If the proposed law passes through the House, where Republicans hold a majority, it is unlikely it will make it through Iowa's Democratic Senate.

Wessel-Kroeschell is a member of the Human Resources Committee where the bill was sent last week after passing through subcommittee.

"Nobody likes the idea of abortion, but I think most of us realize that each woman and her family need to make these decisions on their own," Wessel-Kroeschell said.

Chemistry

Corbett Professorship allows Thiel 'a little extra freedom'

By **Carmen Leng**
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Patricia Thiel, distinguished professor of chemistry and senior chemist with the U.S. Department of Energy's Ames Laboratory, was honored as the new John D. Corbett Professor in Chemistry for the next three years.

"When the chairman of the department, Jake Petrich, came to my office blocking my door, the first thing I thought was, 'Oh no, what's going on?' Then he smiled and said he just wanted to congratulate the next Corbett Professor," Thiel said.

The Corbett Professorship in Chemistry was created by John D. Corbett, distinguished professor of chemistry and senior chemist with the U.S. Department of Energy's Ames Laboratory. Through his estate, Corbett allowed for

funding of three-year professorships for faculty members chosen in the department of chemistry at \$100,000 a year.

"... It is an opportunity to reward outstanding faculty members," she said.

The professorship has been around for five years, and Thiel is the third person to be named the Corbett Professor.

"I am very happy with the people who have been chosen, and the fact that they were chosen was no surprise," Corbett said.

The first professor to be named Corbett Professor was Mei Hong, followed by Victor Lin.

"[The professorship is] meant to recognize excellence in research and to enable a person to pursue new areas," Thiel said. "The award provides a little extra freedom that the department wouldn't normally have."

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- \$5 for 8 Boneless Wings* (All Day)
- (*No sides, Dine in Only)
- \$1 Tube Shots (9pm-1am)
- \$2.25 Spiced Rum and Pepsi (9pm-1am)
- Karaoke (9pm-1am)

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- \$2 Tator Tot Casserole* (7pm-10pm)
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- \$2 16oz Tall Boys of Keystone Light and PBR (7pm-1am)

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- 2fer Wells (9pm-1am)
- 2fer Pork Tenderloins* (All Day, Dine in Only)
- Late Night Happy Hour
- \$2.50 Domestic Pints (11pm-1am)

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- \$5 Regular Nachos* (2pm-7pm)
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Taxes

Newly public report causes problems for tax credit

By Hilary Bassett
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Iowa spending was made more transparent as a report listing that companies received more than \$500,000 in Research Activities Tax Credit was made public for the first time Feb. 11.

The tax credit began nationally in the 1980s as a way to subsidize businesses for their advances in research and development. Companies can't keep their ideas within their walls, and when they get out, others begin to copy them, meaning the original company doesn't profit fully. This credit compensates for that outflow.

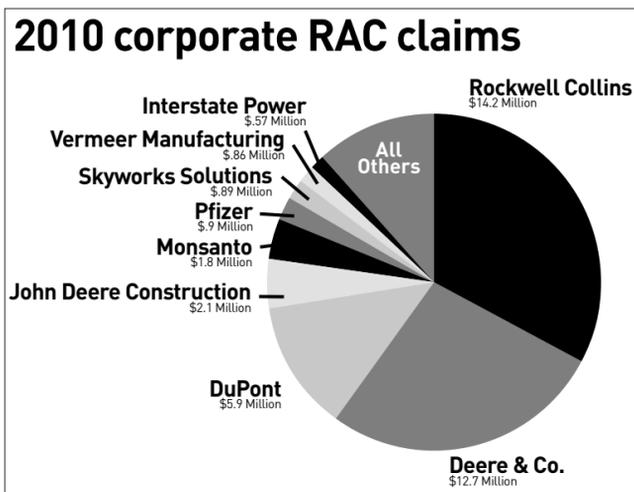
Iowa then started its own version of the credit, but with a unique twist. In Iowa, this credit is completely refundable, which means if a company isn't paying any tax, it gets a check for the full amount of the credit it received. If the company does pay some tax but the amount of credit it collected is greater, it gets the subtracted amount back, virtually erasing the tax in the first place.

In 2009, Senate File 478 was amended by the legislature, requiring the Iowa Department of Revenue to release an annual report showing those companies claiming \$500,000 or more of the credit.

Opponents argue that Iowa has lost sight of the original purpose of the credit, which was to spur growth and innovation among firms that are struggling with startup costs. Instead, most of the money seems to be going to big corporations that are already making huge profits.

"If you targeted that large number of small businesses to get a little bit of credit, instead of handing out most of the money to five or six very large, very profitable companies, it would be a much better use of public money," said Peter Fisher, research director of the Iowa Policy Project, a nonprofit, non-partisan research organization.

The now-annual report released by the Iowa Department of Revenue shows that almost \$40 million alone went to only nine large companies such as Rockwell Collins, Deere &



Information: Iowa Fiscal Partnership

Company and DuPont, the mother company of Pioneer.

This has caused an outrage because there was a little more than \$45 million claimed for 2010. These numbers show that nine companies are receiving around 88 percent of the credit.

Also, the state is paying back just more than \$43 million of this credit in refunds, meaning that around 95 percent of the credit is refunded back to these corporations.

But companies have fired back saying this credit is what attracted them to Iowa, implying they might look elsewhere if this credit was changed or taken away.

"We actually have more than 100 research locations globally, so we have a lot of opportunity when it comes to expanding our research," said Bridget Anderson, a spokeswoman for Pioneer. "Tools like the Research Activities Credit help us continue to choose Iowa when making those decisions."

These companies also emphasize the credit's role in their hiring needs, which could be important for students looking to graduate in the near future.

"Iowa State is an important university for us when we look at where we are bringing in future employees," Anderson said. "In the research area

alone, since 2008, we've hired 300 people to work in research jobs here in Iowa, and I'm sure there is a definitely a good representation of that which had come from Iowa State."

Dave Gosch, a representative for Rockwell Collins, also released a statement that said, "We have 10,000 employees in Iowa with more than half of those working on [research and development] activities — and we currently have plans to hire an additional 400 employees in Iowa this year. Jobs supported by our [research and development] activities account for a payroll of more than \$450 million annually in Iowa."

Critics challenge this argument by saying these companies are too entrenched in Iowa society to ever leave and that there will always be a demand for research jobs whether the credit is available or not.

"That is the most phony of arguments," said David Swenson, associate scientist of economics. "They are in a race to the death with other companies to produce whatever kinds of innovation they can. [Research and development] is their business. They can't possibly state without lying that employment wouldn't have happened but for the credit."

Gov. Branstad's corporate cuts bring criticism

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In the race for governor, Terry Branstad ran on a platform that included cutting corporate taxes and, after entering office, that goal hasn't changed.

Within the current system, the highest rate a business can be taxed is 12 percent. Branstad wants to cut this to an even 6 percent across the board for all companies in Iowa.

He also aims to decrease commercial property taxes by 40 percent.

Branstad toured 99 counties and, after meeting with local leaders, learned that property taxes created a major disadvantage. Commercial property taxes are presently taxed at 100 percent of their value.

"Right now, the same structure in Des Moines, is paying a higher commercial property tax rate than a similar one in Manhattan, N.Y.," said Tim Albrecht, communications director for Branstad. "That's just a deterrent to growth and makes us uncompetitive."

Branstad has set lofty goals for his plan, including the creation of 200,000 jobs and a 25 percent income increase for families during a five-year period.

"This will allow businesses on our main streets to free up the capital they need to reinvest in jobs," Albrecht said.

But this proposal has caused an uproar across Iowa, leaving many wondering who will be paying for the lost revenue.

Albrecht said these cuts will be offset by the increase in the casino gaming tax to the 36 percent it had been previously set to.

People have also begun to question whether Branstad's goals are even possible.

"It's not going to happen,"

said David Swenson, associate scientist of economics. "We have no experience in the past of producing those kinds of job gains, and everything we know about this economy says it's not going to happen."

Other opponents of this plan argue that these cuts won't have much of an impact on small businesses and instead put all the attention on the larger companies.

"It only helps the big guys, and the prospects of it creating very many jobs are quite unconvincing," said Sen. Herman Quirmbach, D-Ames.

How this will affect students looking at applying for jobs or just looking at two more years of college is still unknown, but many like to speculate.

Proponents have claimed these tax breaks will create a great advantage for students.

"I believe that Iowa's employers will be free and have more flexibility to begin hiring more of our college graduates and create the 200,000 jobs that Gov. Branstad has proposed," Albrecht said.

But, with the proposal for a decrease in the casino gaming tax facing an unenthusiastic response, challengers have stated that students and taxpayers will be the only ones paying for the potential loss of revenue as more cuts are made in places such as education.

"If you lower the taxes on the commercial, than you either raise taxes on everyone else or the people who use that money have to get by with less, and so that's going to impact schools, cities and counties," Swenson said.



Swenson

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talk to us about it. To take away our rights is very scary. To me, it's like an autocracy, and I never imagined that something like that would come to Wisconsin; it scares me."

Protests have drawn support throughout the state, nation and world.

Local restaurants have been flooded with orders to feed the protesters, along with making donations of their own, and Tom Morello, former guitarist for Rage Against the Machine and Audioslave, made an appearance to support the protesters and performed twice near the Capitol.

"When I was at the airport someone asked me, 'Why are you going to Madison?'" Morello told the crowd at his first performance on the steps of the Capitol. "I said, 'Because they're making history in Madison, that's why I'm going there!'"

Morello referenced his childhood growing up with a mother who was a public high school teacher for almost 30 years, and the fact that although his family "never had much money, [they] always had enough food on the table and clothes on [their] backs because [his] mom was a union high school teacher."

Though it would impact all state employees, the proposed bill's effects on teachers has received the most attention. The loss of teachers' unions would allow the legislature to dictate various aspects of the job that teachers currently have a say in, including benefits, class siz-



Students make their voices heard through signs posted on the walls of the Wisconsin Capitol. Many students worry that the quality of the Wisconsin education system will be compromised with the passage of Gov. Scott Walker's budget proposal. Photo: Kelsey Kremer/Iowa State Daily

es, how many hours a day is required to teach and when they start and end their days.

"It is my belief that the future of the rights of working people in this country will not be decided in Congress, it will not be decided in the courts, it will not be decided on talk radio, it will not be decided on Fox News, that the future of the rights of working people in this country will be decided on the streets of Madison, Wis.," Morello said.

Members of the crowd had their own reasons to gather at the Capitol, but whether they

were in attendance to defend their own rights or the rights of others, all were there in support of basic human rights.

"I've got aunts and uncles that are all teachers and untold amounts of family members that work for the state," said Elliot Lebrun, a student at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. "I just don't see why people don't get that our state workers built this country, and they should be known for that."

Groups that aren't targeted by the bill also showed up to support their fellow state work-

ers Monday, as representatives from the local fire department and United Steelworkers announced plans to sleep in the Capitol on Monday night.

Several other states across the nation, including Iowa, Ohio and Arizona are considering changes to their collective bargaining systems similar to those proposed in Wisconsin. Signs reading "Governor Walker: The whole world is watching" best describe the state of the national debate, which seems to be poised on the outcome of Wisconsin's public demonstrations.

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employer gutted by [Wisconsin Gov.] Scott Walker and the Republicans and the Wisconsin legislature," said Danny Homan, president of AFSCME Iowa Council 61.

However, things are going to play out slightly differently in Iowa than in Wisconsin. Andy Bock, president of the AFSCME Local 96, ISU chapter, and library assistant for Parks Library, wants to make it explicitly clear that union employees at Iowa State have no intention to strike or to leave work without authorization so far.

"We do not do anything to impair our work assignments, but some of us are planning to attend," Bock said. "It's a benefit to Iowans to know that when there's a blizzard, they'll have snow plow drivers."

Bock and a few other employees will be using personal days while attending the rally in order to avoid conflict with their employers. Although he isn't planning on leading anything drastic, Bock still asserted that he supports his colleagues up north.

"We are public employees who are represented by a strong contract and are in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Wisconsin," Bock said. "We're doing what we can to not have that division come here to Iowa."

Walker, R-Wis., proposed a bill that currently threatens civil employees' collective bargaining rights and holds them accountable for paying for about one-eighth of their health benefits and decreasing their pensions.

Collective bargaining is a voluntary negotiation between employees and their employers with the intention of preserving the rights and responsibilities of both parties.

Wisconsin isn't the only state being affected by the budget crunch. Almost every state in the country is having issues dealing with their respective budget deficits, and many are looking toward cuts in the public sector. Unfortunately for union members, other states such as Alabama, Arizona, Idaho, Maine and Missouri are also looking to limit union benefits.

To put it in perspective, nearly 1,500 ISU employees are union members, who can be in positions from clerical to custodial to groundskeeping. AFSCME Iowa Council 61 alone represents 40,000 civil service employees, and therefore, Homan is worried about the bill's potential to affect Iowans.

"If Rep. Lance Horbach's bill [House Study Bill 726], which is an attempt to gut the heart out of Iowa's collective bargaining law, would get passed, I don't know what will happen," Homan said. "But I believe that public sector employees and our counterparts in the private sector should be equally concerned with what Horbach is attempting to do with his bill that will gut collective bargaining and tilt the table."

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adoxical questions called koans. Broadly speaking, the aim of meditation is to attain enlightenment — a state of total freedom from suffering and desire.

Eslinger, lecturer of philosophy and religious studies, learned of the precepts of Buddhism from popularizers like Japanese author D.T. Suzuki.

At least four times a week, he sits and counts his breath, usually for a period of 20 minutes. He credits the practice with improving his self-awareness, listening skills and sense of well-being.

"Meditation helps me ... to be more centered and be more intentional about how I am in the rest of my life,"

Eslinger said.

Eslinger, an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, has been meditating since 1989, basing his practice on teachings from the Soto sect of Zen Buddhism. He finds himself applying the self-insight won through years of meditation both in the classroom and at home.

He believes meditation has made him less rigid and slower to anger when he and his son have disagreements. He also thinks it's helped him to respond more acutely to his students' questions.

"That's one of the things about meditation practice," Eslinger said. "It's much more about the time when you aren't meditating than the time when you are meditating."

Geske, associate professor of journalism and communication, has been meditating for the past 15 years. He was introduced to Buddhist meditation in a world religions class he took as an undergraduate at Iowa State.

Geske was raised as a Missouri Synod Lutheran but felt no real connection to his faith. He said Buddhism interested him because, unlike his family's religion, it had no "external force controlling the universe" in the manner of the Christian God. Its emphasis, he surmised, was on "looking within you, to find out where your demons are."

"You learn a lot about yourself and acceptance of the world as it is. And then, when you get that acceptance, you find an awful lot of peace," Geske

said.

Geske meditates at least once a day, with individual sessions lasting between half an hour and an hour. He said he often uses a mantra inspired by the Vietnamese monk Thich Nhat Hanh. To perform it, he thinks of the word "peace" while inhaling and smiles upon exhaling.

Like Eslinger, Geske believes that meditation should be viewed as a way of life rather than an obscure religious ritual.

"There's a misconception that you have to become a recluse to meditate," Geske said. "Really, everything you do during the day can be a source of meditation and mindfulness."

Far from being recluses themselves, Eslinger and Geske found-

ed a meditation group in 2006. Holding meetings at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames — where Geske was a pastor — the two co-led meetings until last year. Changes in Geske's schedule and Eslinger's desire to teach full-time led both men to cut their ties with the Fellowship group.

The two no longer attend the groups' meetings, but it has carried on. The participation of other ISU faculty members, such as associate professor of English Barbara Haas and Nancy Grudens-Schuck, associate professor of agriculture, have kept it alive.

The group meets from 6 to 7 p.m. every Sunday at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames.

Letter from the editor

Campustown businesses are not a blight

As an employee of the Daily and a Campustown business, I'm in a pretty rough spot when it comes to LANE4.

What I've gathered is most people recognize the need for new buildings, especially those in less-than-well-maintained properties.

However, the way in which LANE4, at the behest of the city, has gone about 'offering' to purchase these properties doesn't seem to sit well with anyone following the story.

The overwhelming majority of business owners haven't received any such offer, or informed by absentee landlords as to whether or not their businesses will exist in a year's time.

Then there's the city, willing to explore eminent domain in an attempt to strongarm business owners into selling, or their content in letting LANE4 take flak for the whole ordeal.

We also have LANE4 officials going on record in the Des Moines Register, stating that the 'over-abundance' of tattoo parlors has 'blighted' the area.

Last time I checked, the staff at Lasting Impressions, Jaded Angel and The Asylum were also Ames residents. They pay city taxes, live in Campustown and send their kids to Ames schools. While some alumni aren't jazzed about prospect of rad new ink after FAC, that sole criterion doesn't qualify any of the aforementioned as a "blight" to the area. Each retains extraordinarily talented artists, and all have made significant renovations to otherwise dumpy buildings.

The fact that these were mentioned, specifically, does little to defend the accusations that the city is trying to turn Campustown into a pet project, hand-picking businesses in the area in order to cater to people who visit Ames twice a year.

Aside from a few deep-pocketed alumni in the ears of city and university administrators, nobody wants to see any of the current Campustown establishments displaced.

I don't like the way this 'redevelopment' is going. — members of the Ames community are being screwed by the city government. They've been told they are a blight to their community, — 'giddout', or get bought out.

Rest assured, I know I'm able sway public sentiment enough to sink this ship before it sets sail, I've been accused of that more than a few times. I figure you're all smart enough to make up your minds, and know BS when you smell it. Right now, I'm not concerned with tanking this multimillion-dollar real estate fiasco, or making people angry.

I don't have to. LANE4 and the City Council have been doing a spectacular job at that.

There's a City Council meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m. You can show up for the public forum, where you'll have five minutes to let the Council and Mrs. Campbell know just how you feel.

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Politics

A woman's right to choose

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No end in sight for GOP crusade against abortion

Republican campaigns promised to work on "creating jobs." What have they created so far at both the federal and state level? Since January, they have created, continued and amped up a thirty-year GOP war against access to women's health care.

At the federal level, there have been several bills that would limit access to women's reproductive health care already. House Resolution 3, House Resolution 358 and House Resolution 217 all place severe limitations on access to reproductive health care, family planning services and abortion. House Resolution 217 is particularly worrisome. Measures such as these easily pass the Republican-controlled House. Let's hope Democrats stand their ground and keep attacks on women such as these from passing Senate.

House Resolution 217, which recently passed the House by a 240-185 vote, would strip all federal funding from the health care provider Planned Parenthood and clinics offering similar services. Let's make this clear, this bill is not intended to cut federal funding for abortion; no federal dollars are used to fund their abortion services. Instead, this bill completely cuts funding that gives women access to basic health care: Birth control, HIV testing, cancer screenings and pregnancy testing.

There are 800 clinics across the United States. Three million patients are served a year. One-in-five women visits Planned Parenthood in her lifetime. Six-out-of-ten women consider Planned Parenthood their primary source of health care. Chances are you've been there.

These politicians claim to be doing this in the name of pro-life. "Pro-life only until the fetus has left the womb" is a more accurate statement. The majority of pro-life republican politicians do not support funding for the very programs that make life livable for women with children.

Historically, they do not advocate any sort of program that helps mothers while carrying a pregnancy to term and families after birth.

Funding for health care coverage for mothers-to-be, mothers and children? No. Laws that require employers to provide paid maternity leave? No. Equal Rights Amendment



"If I were ever in a situation where abortion was an option ... I can't say what I'd do, because I have never been there. Predominantly male GOP — neither have you." Courtesy photo: Thinkstock

to provide equal pay for women so they can better support the child? No. Funding for nutrition programs for new mothers and their children? No. Funding for services such as DHS that care for the well-being of many children birthed to unprepared parents? No. Perhaps the biggest hypocrisy of all: Funding for programs that encourage women to responsibly plan their families and to conceive only when and if she is ready for a child? That's what they are cutting now. The services that Planned Parenthood offer to women do more to prevent accidental pregnancies (and consequently, the need for abortions) than any organization in the United States. It just doesn't add up: If federal funding for the very programs that prevent unwanted pregnancies are cut, it is not likely that the amount of abortions sought would decrease, we could quite possibly see the opposite effect.

Contrary to popular belief, those "damn radical feminist lesbian bra-burning militant socialist butch pro-choicers" do not advocate abortion. We advocate choice in all realms of reproduction — women are intelligent enough to make our own reproductive choices. If a woman chooses not to have sex until she's married, awesome! If a woman wants to have sex with a partner, great! If a woman doesn't believe hormonal contraceptives are morally right, nice, don't take them! If a woman is pro-life, cool, don't have an abortion! Women

can and will make their own decisions regarding their sexual health. Religious ideology is not something that should be legislated; it is a personal decision that women should be free to make themselves.

Regardless of what politicians think I should do with my body, I am a human being. I will have sex, and I'll enjoy it. I will choose to use hormonal birth control methods to prevent an unwanted pregnancy. I will use condoms to help prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases. If I were ever in a situation where abortion was an option ... I can't say what I'd do, because I have never been there. Predominantly male GOP — neither have you.

A large part of reproductive choice is access to contraceptives to prevent an unplanned pregnancy. This consequently helps prevent a situation in which an abortion would be a possibility. I believe many pro-lifers could agree with me on this one: We need federal funding for the very services that allow any woman to have control of her sexual health, and as a result to prevent unplanned pregnancies that could result in an abortion.

Republican lawmakers, I know my body better than you do. You are not going to stop me from having sex. If you don't want me to get an abortion, you've got a much better chance if you allow me access to contraceptives and other health care services.

Protests

Labor unions bad for taxpayers

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Back in the day, labor unions were pretty cool. They stood up to the corporate giants and gave workers leverage and power. But that power grew. And it grew and it grew.

And grew some more. Today, the public sector unions have become the giant. They no longer represent the people — they represent the political candidate that promises to cut them the best deal once elected. They've got the media wrapped around their little finger. They've got taxpayers shouldering their benefits for them. And now they've got a problem.

The recent protests in Madison, Wis., have been given national media coverage, so you've probably heard something about the issue already. But many people don't know what the big deal is, or which side they stand on or even what the sides are. Well, I'm here to shed a little light on the topic and to get you thinking about your own opinions on the matter.

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker

recently proposed a bill that has public sector workers up in arms. The bill would "require government workers to contribute more to their health care and pension costs and largely eliminate their collective bargaining rights."

Union members pay a fee to join a union, and in return the union bargains for them under the assertion that the employee will be better represented as a whole rather than as a unique individual. Union representatives negotiate with employee representatives over salary, working conditions, rules, hours and benefits for their union members collectively, rather than individually. This is collective bargaining, and it grants a huge amount of power to the union.

Where does the money come from, especially in a state with a projected financial deficit of \$3.3 billion? The answer is simple: taxpayers. Gov. Walker's plan, however, wouldn't raise taxes, nor would it affect collective bargaining rights over wages, contrary to

protestors' claims. "First, it will require state employees to pay about 5.8 percent toward their pension (about the private sector national average) and about 12 percent of their health care benefits (about half the private sector national average). These changes will help the state save \$30 million in the last three months of the current fiscal year."

Those thousands of protestors at Wisconsin's Capitol Square aren't there to win back basic human rights — they're there so they won't have to contribute to their pension like everyone else does, or to contribute half the amount in health care that everyone else does. This isn't a matter of restricted freedom and liberties, as the media portrays it. This is a matter of fiscal responsibility, and the union members aren't willing to play their part.

Why should we care? This is Wisconsin we're talking about, not Iowa or the nation?

That's where it gets interesting. Wisconsin is only the start of a

movement headed away from the union and toward the taxpayer. If this bill passes, similar legislation is sure to sweep across America. Wisconsin's not the only state with budget deficits. And it looks like Iowa could be in for some reform as well. Former Gov. Chet Culver certainly didn't help matters when he accepted AFSCME's demands for a 6 percent wage increase for its members without bargaining in return. He did so right before leaving office, and now taxpayers are left to deal with the consequences (hundreds of millions of dollars).

Wisconsin's current issue may seem like an isolated one, but in reality, taxpayers are dealing with this across the nation. Maybe you don't care about anything other than getting through the semester, but rest assured — it's people like you and me who are going to be paying for this in the coming years. It's easy to promise anything in order to win a few votes, but the next generation is going to have to pay for it.

Technology

New iPad brings hipsters another toy

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It's about that time of the year for Apple Inc. with their "spot on" product refresh cycles. You can't help but ask, what's next? That's always the question on everyone's mind. Most likely, what's next will be a refresh of their laptop line, although nothing revolutionary has been mentioned, you never know — the iPhone is on Verizon after all.

The next refresh with the most hype is definitely the Apple iPad, or the iPad 2. It was March 5th, 2010 when the iPad was "given" to us by Steve Jobs. The next question is, what's next for the iPad line?

Rumors and specu-

lation are rampant. Although it took almost an entire year, fierce competition will make this iPad 2 refresh crucial to maintaining Apple's market share. This year at CES everyone and their mother had a tablet to announce, most notable were the Blackberry Playbook by RIM, the Motorola Xoom, and the HP Slate.

Let's not underestimate Dell with the Streak, or the Toshiba Tablet. — These names are getting ridiculous. All of which have varying processors, screen sizes, operating systems, and not to mention, different prices. Apple started off the

tablet war with almost an entire year's head start, what can they do to maintain that lead?

First, cameras — front and back. With rumors of the front camera being a VGA webcam, and the rear camera a measly megapixel. Kind of lacking in the resolution department, no? That may be because they have to squeeze more under the hood — an A5 dual-core processor. Not to mention the rumors of the graphics being way better than the original iPad. That, combined with the retina display from the iPhone, this means the new iPad will be pretty slick. For how much?

I wouldn't put it past Apple to claim the newest inception of the iPad as 'premium', and charge accordingly, fooling most tech journalists, the media, and consumers who get lost in the Apple "Steve Jobs Keynote Reality Distortion field".

The new iPad will be cool, don't get me wrong, but I don't see it being "the best thing ever."

The only thing the Apple iPad 2 has over any other tablet on the market is the huge Apple App Store. Nobody in the tablet game has come close to the 350,000 applications Apple claims. Sure, Android and

Windows have their own app stores, and you can buy mp3s somewhere besides iTunes. The thing that mystifies me the most about the iPad and Apple products is the fact that although better, less expensive products exist, we all still buy the "cool" one — the one with the Apple logo on it. This new iPad could be a sign of what's to come. Is Apple still cool?

Are they still the anti-Microsoft they initially had claimed to be?

Or have they become that giant corporation with mediocre products 'rebooted' once a year to appease hipsters and tech snobs alike?

Women's basketball



BASKETBALL: Overtime victory in Hilton Coliseum "White Out"

A group of ISU fans cheer during the Cyclones' 66-57 win over Texas on Monday. The game was a "White Out," and 6,500 fans were given white T-shirts to wear during the game. The game was also a part of ESPN's "Big Monday." Photo: Bryan Langfeldt/Iowa State Daily

Cyclones conquer

Iowa State breaks record, clinches 300th win

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"Big Monday" was indeed a big day for No. 20 Iowa State.

The Cyclones (19-8, 7-6 Big 12) broke the NCAA record for most consecutive games with a three-pointer made during their 66-57 overtime win against Texas. The win also marked the 300th win for the team at Hilton Coliseum.

Senior Kelsey Bolte broke the three-pointer record just 1:38 into the first half. The Texas (17-10, 6-7) defense kept her to just those three points in the first half, and put plenty of pressure on the rest of the ISU offense as well.

The Longhorns matched the Cyclones point-for-point, and Iowa State ended the half up only 30-29. Sophomore Chelsea Poppens' 10 points and six rebounds led the team at halftime.

Poppens continued to lead



Forward Chelsea Poppens waits for a rebound Monday during the game against the Texas Longhorns at Hilton Coliseum. Poppens had a total of 11 rebounds. Photo: David Derong/Iowa State Daily

	1	2	OT	Final
Texas	29	25	3	57
Iowa State	30	24	12	66

the Cyclones in the second half, scoring a career-high 23 points despite the tough Longhorn defense.

The sophomore was clutch for the Cyclones, grabbing 11 rebounds and drilling two free

throws with 21.2 seconds left in the game to put the Cyclones up two.

"Pop was aggressive from the start, that's the way she plays," said ISU coach Bill Fennelly. "I think offensively she was into

the game from the very beginning. Tonight she finished and she made her free throws."

After Poppens' free-throws, Longhorn Anne Hartung made a layup to tie it up, and a missed jumper by Bolte sent the game into overtime at 54 all.

The back-and-forth pace of the game continued into overtime until the Cyclones took control when a three-pointer by Bolte locked in the win. The senior had only five other points during the game to finish with eight, well below her season average of 17.9 points per game.

"We're back in the hunt, we're surviving, that's kind of how we are here," Fennelly said.



More online: ISU forward Chelsea Poppens had a career-high 23 points to lead the Cyclone victory. Find out more at iowastatedaily.com

Commentary

'Amateur' racer lives his dream

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A 20-year-old lived his dream Sunday in Daytona Beach, Fla. He reached the pinnacle of his sport in just his second appearance.

Trevor Bayne won the Daytona 500, the most important and prestigious race in all of stock car racing.

As the final laps of NASCAR's Super Bowl clicked away and cars were wrecking all over the place, Bayne stayed at the front in his No. 21 Wood Brothers Ford. He drove with the patience and nerve of a 10-year veteran, not a young man — who had turned 20 only a day before — making only his second career Sprint Cup Series start and first in the Daytona 500.

I found myself rooting for Bayne — who is just more than 14 months younger than me — in those closing moments. Not just because he was the underdog or because the iconic car he was driving resembled so closely that driven to victory lane in the 1976 Daytona 500 by David Pearson, a 2011 Hall of Famer.

I was rooting for Bayne because he was living the dream so many others like him have — winning the sport's ultimate prize. He was living my dream too.

As a small-time racer myself — I race go-karts competitively over the summer — I've dreamed of climbing in a Cup car and crossing the Daytona start/finish line first. I was living vicariously through him.

It doesn't matter that he's a NASCAR driver — and one that just might bring some attention to a sport that desperately needs it, might I add. It matters that he's a person who proved that the seemingly impossible isn't always so.

His victory proved the power of a dream. He worked his way to that victory lane, was handed very few breaks and persevered through a split with Michael Waltrip Racing late last season that threatened his NASCAR career.

I know it's cliché, but Bayne is just a regular guy who now will be thrust into the national spotlight.

He could just as easily be the kid sitting next to you in geology or biology as the guy hoisting the Harley J. Earl Trophy. That's what makes his win meaningful.

In very few sports can a person rise so quickly from obscurity to fame. NBA and NFL players have the closely-scrutinized years of college sports to show the world what they can do.

The closest thing I can compare it to would be if an amateur won the Masters or Wimbledon.

Bayne's win will do more than just boost his career. It is the moment children who have dreams will point to and say, "See, if he can do it, so can I."

His youth can connect him to a wide range of people and show them the immense power of not giving up and never letting go of those ever-so-elusive hopes and dreams.

So what are your dreams? What do you hope to be one day?

I don't mean do you hope to be an investment banker or hotel manager. I mean those things we wished for when we were kids — being a race car driver, a movie star or a recording artist.

What do you want? Because Trevor Bayne proved Sunday that what you want might not be as hard to reach as you think.

We've all just got to have the guts to reach for them in the first place.

Hockey

Murdoch earns 1,000 wins in 42 years

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The ISU hockey team traveled to Bensenville, Ill. last weekend for the Central States Collegiate Hockey League tournament.

The Cyclones won the first game against the Indiana Hoosiers 5-2, but were defeated in the second round by the Ohio Bobcats 2-1. The Bobcats went on to win the CSCHL Championship.

The win against Indiana was coach Al Murdoch's 1,000th. Murdoch began coaching at Iowa State in 1969 and this accomplishment comes in his 42nd year.

"It was a pretty feel-good thing," Murdoch said. "It's more of an accomplishment of the team and Cyclone hockey in general. I was just lucky enough to be along for the ride."

With his 1,000th victory behind him now, Murdoch and the Cyclones are looking to the future.

"It's now water under the bridge," Murdoch said. "So let's get on and let's win some more."

In the first game against Indiana, senior forwards Cort Bulloch and Mike Lebler each scored two goals. Freshman defenseman Matt Bennett notched two assists.

Special teams proved to be important against Indiana.

The Cyclones went 2-6 on power play opportunities and sophomore forward Derek Kohles scored shorthanded.

"We got off on the right note beating Indiana," Murdoch said. "Erik Hudson played outstanding in both games. He gave us the opportunity to win both games."

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Special teams were significant again in the second game versus Ohio. The Bobcats scored two goals against the Cyclones, both of which were on the power play. The only even-strength goal was scored by Marcus Malmsten for the Cyclones.

"I give our guys credit, as young as we are," Murdoch said. "If we could've gotten a couple



Goalie Erik Hudson and his teammates stop an attempted goal by a Lindenwood opponent Dec. 3, at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena. Hudson and the Cyclones lost in round two of the CSCHL tournament over the weekend. File photo: Rebekka Brown/Iowa State Daily

of bounces against Ohio University I think we would've gotten Lindenwood in the championship and that would've been good."

Senior goaltender Erik Hudson played in his last CSCHL tournament

this weekend.

"It's a bit of a heartbreak," Hudson said.

"Four years of college hockey with coach Murdoch and not quite getting a national championship, it's a really

tough thing to handle."

The Cyclones (23-17) have one more two-game set this weekend against the Northern Iowa Panthers, with senior night Friday, before the season concludes.



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Men's basketball

Reeling Cyclones ready for Texas

Iowa State fights to end nine-game losing streak

By Chris Cuellar
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Iowa State and Texas will each be coming off losses from Saturday when they tip at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Austin, Texas.

The similarities between the seasons for the Cyclones (14-13, 1-11 Big 12) and the No. 5 Longhorns (23-4, 11-1 Big 12) basically stop there.

Coach Fred Hoiberg's team is trying to stay positive in the midst of a nine-game losing streak, but taking on the Big 12-leading Longhorns on the road isn't the recipe for an easy, bounce-back win.

"This is not exactly what we wanted, going down to Texas with them coming off a loss," Hoiberg said lightly at his weekly news conference Monday. "You want to go down there hoping their guard is down a little bit, but I don't think [coach] Rick Barnes will let that happen."

The Longhorns have won games with a capable and balanced offense and tight defense, bolstered by a deep bench. Nine Texas players average at least 10 minutes of action per game.

Leading the Texas offensive attack is sophomore guard Jordan Hamilton, a 6-foot-7 scorer that puts up 18.7 points per game.

"He's a lottery pick — a guy that size on the wing is what you look for in the league," Hoiberg said of Hamilton. "He shoots the heck out of it, he's got a great first step and he can finish. It obviously causes a matchup problem for us."

The task of defending Hamilton falls to this week's Big 12 Co-Rookie of the Week, senior Jake Anderson.

Iowa State's 6-foot-2 guard is in his last and only year of eligibility in Ames, and while he gives up plenty of size to Hamilton, he's going to keep pushing with just a few games left in his college career.

"My career is about to end, especially at the collegiate level," Anderson said.

"I'm trying to seize my moments that I have with these guys. I just want to go out happy. It has been everything that I wanted, what I needed, displaying my talents without the ball."

Iowa State's freshman forward Melvin Ejim hasn't played the Longhorns in his college career, but has some familiarity within the program.

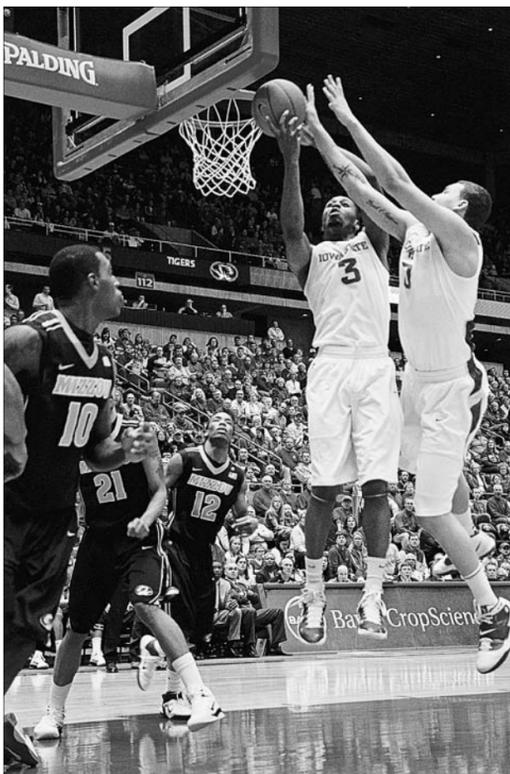
A Toronto native, Ejim grew up playing with Texas starters Tristan Thompson and Cory Joseph, two other Canadian freshmen that wound up down South.

"I haven't seen them in a while and they've both been doing really well — Texas is doing really well," Ejim said. "Tristan's been working on his jump shot, which is coming along, and he's just gotten stronger. Cory's always been a complete guard, and he's just showing it now right on a national level."

In the absence of senior forward Jamie Vanderbeken, Ejim has had to play an increased role against larger bodies in Big 12 play. While struggling at the outset of the tougher competition, Ejim has averaged a solid 11 points and eight rebounds per game in his last three contests.

"He's been awesome the last week and a half, every game now he's bringing energy and intensity," Hoiberg said. "Sometimes young players, it takes them a little while to learn that."

Vanderbeken is continuing to rehabilitate his injured



Melvin Ejim attempts to secure a rebound during first half of the Iowa State-Missouri game Saturday at Hilton Coliseum. Photo: Yi Yuan/Iowa State Daily

	Iowa State (14-13, 1-11)	vs.		Texas (23-4, 11-1)
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Where: Austin, Texas
When: 7 p.m. Tuesday
Media coverage: Cyclone Radio Network
 ESPN3
Notes: Iowa State has lost nine straight Big 12 games. Texas is coming off of a loss at Nebraska on Saturday.

ankle, but Hoiberg announced Monday that whether or not he makes the trip to Austin will depend on his health.

"We'll go through practice,

go through some warm-ups, see if he can run and cut and go game speed," Hoiberg said. "We're trying to give him all the time off he can handle."

Nebraska defeat prompts Texas to review play

By Dan Hurwitz
Daily Texas Staff

The Longhorns had to go to class on Sunday.

Taught by head coach Rick Barnes, Texas sat through an extended version of its film study so they could learn what exactly went wrong Saturday against Nebraska.

The team watched an entire replay of the 70-67 loss in Lincoln less than 24 hours after it happened.

Dribble penetration defense, screening and rebounding were a few of the many topics discussed.

"It was an eye opener," said freshman Tristan Thompson. "We still have a lot of room to grow."

Texas looks to take what they learned from film session on Sunday to build a new win-streak tonight when they take on the last place Iowa State Cyclones.

Prior to watching the video of Saturday's loss, Barnes' message to his team was simple.

"I told them 'you got to look at this tape and you got to be honest with yourself and be able to evaluate yourself and see the areas where you go to get better,'" Barnes said.

"Every time they go back and look at the game, they are always surprised because they always think they are playing hard."

Rebounding stood out the most to Thompson when reviewing his performance.

"I played 18 minutes and had three rebounds," he said. "That's unacceptable. For me being the play that I am, that's unacceptable."

Barnes showed his team how they did not execute their game plan throughout the game.

The failure to do so enabled Nebraska to do what they wanted.

Texas vs. Iowa State all-time

Texas leads all-time series 12-8

The Longhorns are 7-1 against Iowa State in Austin.

Texas has won the last six against Iowa State

"We didn't play our usual defense," said senior Gary Johnson.

"We let them get comfortable at home. Any team that is that comfortable at home already has a foot up in the game and that's what they did."

Once again the Longhorns got off to a quick start against the Huskers taking a seven-point lead into halftime.

Despite the 11-game streak, Texas had been struggling more in the second half, but a large enough first half lead proved to be insurmountable for its opponents. Saturday was a different story.

"You learn that if you don't come out of the gate strong in the second half like we haven't been in the second half, we are going to face a loss, like we did," Thompson said.

Barnes said he has been impressed with every practice this season, but doesn't always see that effort continue into the games.

"I just don't understand why we haven't attacked the game the we need to for 40 minutes," Barnes said.

The loss was Texas' first of conference play ending an 11-game win streak dating back to Jan. 11.

"The positive is that sometimes you need to feel the sting of defeat," Barnes said.

Postseason play is two weeks away and the Longhorns are making sure that if they lose again, it will happen before the NCAA Tournament.

"It's never good to lose, but at the same time its better to lose now than in March," Thompson said.

Softball

Team faces struggles on road

By Zach Gourley
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The Cyclone softball team found out how much difference a week — and some tougher competition — can make.

A team batting average of .423 and pitcher Rachel Zabriskie flirting with a no-hitter at last week's Cyclone Indoor Invitational seem like a long time ago.

The CenturyLink Classic in San Marcos, Texas, saw the Cyclones go 1-4 on the weekend, dropping two games to the Texas State Bobcats before splitting games with the Purdue Boilermakers.

"We were definitely less confident in ourselves this weekend than when we were at home," Zabriskie said. "The same goes for me."

Zabriskie struggled outside of Ames even though she was playing only 35 miles from her hometown of Austin, Texas.

She recorded an ERA of 6.08 in just more than 13 innings of work.

Zabriskie, who holds the all-time ISU record for strikeouts, was able to ring up 15 bat-

ters on the weekend, but often struggled to get outs at the beginning of innings.

"In pitching, the most important thing is to get ahead in the count and get the first batter out," Zabriskie said.

"We definitely didn't do a good job of that."

Zabriskie was not the only Cyclone player to have an uncharacteristic weekend.

The Cyclones' first three batters in the order — Heidi Kidwell, Bianca Lopez and Erica Miller — went a combined 4-of-33 at the plate.

"The good thing, I think, is that the mistakes we're making are things we can correct," coach Stacy Gemeinhardt-Cesler said.

The team did have some bright spots at the CenturyLink Classic, with several freshmen stepping in and performing well.

Pitcher Bree Holliday made her second start of the season, while also seeing time as a reliever and picking up the first save of her young career. Holliday had an ERA of 2.08 this weekend in eight innings of action.

"She was able to really find

her rhythm this weekend," Gemeinhardt-Cesler said.

Cesler added that Holliday managed to throw her change-up exceptionally well in Texas.

Meanwhile, two freshmen helped keep the Cyclone bats going. Freshman Sara Rice (.333) and Sara Davison (.300) were the team's leading hitters

during the four-game stretch, with Davison scoring a team-high three runs.

The Cyclones will try to bounce back next weekend in Charleston, S.C. at the College of Charleston Cougar Classic.

Iowa State's first game in Charleston will be against Marist College on Friday.

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Progressive food science: Avant-garde cuisine

By Lindsay Macnab
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Have you ever been able to eat your menu after you ordered at a restaurant? Eaten a slice of carrot cake that has been made in a balloon filled with nitrogen gas?

Thanks to "Avant-garde cuisine," a cooking style that stems from molecular gastronomy, endless "future food" creations are now possible.

In Erice, Italy in 1992, international food scientists met and discussed how recipes could be improved by studying the molecular chemistry of different types of foods.

A new spin on cooking, molecular gastronomy, explores how foods change when they are cooked due to chemical transformations and the mixing of various ingredients. This creative kitchen science has sparked the interest of many chefs around the world who are eager to create their own inventive dishes.

Using techniques commonly found in chemistry laboratories in combination with everyday foods, nothing is

impossible.

Restaurants such as Baumé in Palo Alto, Calif., 50 in New York City and many more around the globe are using this experimental process in order to design food dishes that are a tasty form of culinary art. Moto Restaurant in Chicago features exquisite menu items and a test kitchen in which new creations are developed for taste-testing by visiting guests.

Surprisingly, its chili-cheese nachos are actually a dessert in which chocolate is the "chili" and their coleslaw literally melts in one's mouth because it is pureed and frozen. Other mind-blowing concepts include eating salad dressing from a syringe and making a carrot cake inside a balloon. At Moto, you can "expect the unexpected."

Coming March 30 on Planet Green (an extension of The Discovery Channel), the show "Future Foods" will feature Moto chefs Homaro Cantu and Ben Roche.

Presented with food challenges, both Cantu and Roche have to use their knowledge about molecular gastronomy



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in order to come up with a delicious solution to the task at hand.

The show will take an in-depth look at what goes on in the experimental kitchen and more importantly, inside the minds of these innovative individuals.

Dishes that never stop evolving



By Lauren Ingebrand
AmesEats Flavors Writer

While studying abroad in New Zealand I watched a clip of CBS's "60 Minutes" about chef Jose Andres. As a culinary science student I was fascinated by what I saw. His avant-garde style of cooking was modern and exciting, and his dishes were beautiful and delicious. It was easy to see why people flock to any one of his eight restaurants. But Andres wasn't always a successful American chef. He left Spain 20 years ago and arrived in America with \$50 in his pocket and a set of cooking knives. Andres' popularity grew quickly because of his knowledge of molecular gastronomy.

Molecular gastronomy is an approach to cooking where favorite dishes are deconstructed and the ingredients recombined using

unique scientific and technological methods. According to Ruth Reichl, a respected food writer, Andres was the first person to really start thinking about molecular gastronomy in this country.

When my mom asked me if I would like to visit one of his restaurants on my way home from New Zealand, I was ecstatic. A couple months later I stumbled off the plane after a 12-hour flight from Auckland, New Zealand, to Los Angeles.

I met my parents at the airport, and we made our way to the SLS hotel in Beverly Hills. The next night we were able to enjoy an amazing meal at The Bazaar by Jose Andres.

Instead of each person ordering just one thing off the menu, we ordered several tapas for the table. Tapa is a Spanish word meaning appetizers or snacks, and they consist of a few small bites for each person at the table to try. This

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allowed us all to try many unique dishes, such as a cocktail made with liquid nitrogen and foie gras, made from duck or goose liver, wrapped with cotton candy. One of my favorites was the "Not your everyday Caprese salad."

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The best part about cuisine is that it never stops evolving. Just when you think you know what to expect, someone comes up with a new twist or variety. Whether it's at a five-star restaurant or an apartment kitchen, don't be afraid to try something new.



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