

Senate bill threatens employee tenure

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Iowa Sen. Brad Zaun, R-Urbandale, hopes to make a change in the way regent universities handle tenure, according to a bill recently introduced to the Senate on Wednesday.

The bill will urge the Board of Regents to prohibit “the establishment or continuation of a tenure system at the regent universities.”

The Iowa Legislature, which convened Monday for what Gov. Terry Branstad described as a “historic session” with Republicans holding control of both the House and Senate, along with the governor’s office.

If the bill were to be approved, it would provide “acceptable grounds for termination” for tenure employees if there is, but not limited to, just cause, program discontinuance and financial exigency.

“The bill provides that each dean of a college at a regents university and the president of the university shall employ faculty as necessary to carry out the academic duties and responsibilities of the college,” the bill reads.

When asked about his thoughts on the bill, Zaun told the Des Moines Register on Wednesday that he obviously wants to end tenure.

“I think the university should have the flexibility to hire and fire professors and then I don’t think that bad professors should have a lifetime position guaranteed at colleges,” Zaun said. “It is as simple as that.”

Currently, tenure-eligible Iowa State faculty are appointed by the university for a specified period of time as either A-base (12-month) or B-base (nine-month), according to the Iowa State website.

The introduction of the bill is just one possible change that the Iowa higher education structure could face in 2017, specifically after Branstad proposed roughly \$34 million in budget cuts from the regents Tuesday.

While Iowa Board of Regents President Bruce Rastetter displayed understanding for the revenue restraints from the state, he was less dismissive of Zaun’s bill.

“We recognize the concern about merit-based evaluations addressed in the bill, however, the Board of Regents understands the role of tenure,” Rastetter told the Des Moines Register. “We oppose this bill, and I look forward to meeting with Sen. Zaun to hear his thoughts.”

Iowa State, according to a regent report released in April 2016, had 1,003 tenured employees with 315 on the tenure track during the 2015-16 academic year. The makeup of non-tenure-track employees is 30.2 percent.

Apart from tenure, the bill also suggests that the Board of Regents “shall also establish a program to create faculty opportunities for women educators at the universities under the board’s control.”

The Des Moines Register reported Wednesday that Democratic senators see the bill as a serious proposal and are planning to fight against it.

“It is pure political silliness,” Jeff Danielson, D-Cedar Falls, told the Des Moines Register. “It is micro-managing from Des Moines on its face. But substantively, it will harm Iowa’s ability to recruit the best professors around the world.”

DAY IN THE LIFE OF LEATH



Emily Blobaum/Iowa State Daily
Iowa State President Steven Leath looks out toward Central Campus from the eighth floor of Geoffroy Hall. Leath thinks the top floor of the hall offers a great view of campus.



Emily Blobaum/Iowa State Daily
Simeon Carter, a forward on the Iowa State men's basketball team, chats with Iowa State President Steven Leath at Seasons Marketplace. Leath considers himself a fan of both the men's and women's basketball teams.

Small windows of time: A glimpse into the life of Iowa State's president

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Steven Leath began his presidency with a promise to work tirelessly to become the citizen and servant the community expects him to be.

It's late September 2011, and the then-president-elect is standing in front of the windows in the Campanile Room of the Memorial Union. His wife, Janet, stands at his side.

He says he is both honored and excited to join the Iowa State family. Then-Iowa Board of Regents President Craig Lang said the board was looking for an individual with a vision for the university and the state of Iowa itself.

Leath, who was formerly the vice president of research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, had been selected by a unanimous vote — he fit the bill.

And when it was announced that Leath would be the 15th president of Iowa State University the room erupted in applause. He said he believed in the future of public universities, the branding of Iowa State, the value of a Cyclone education.

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University Services to increase campus security



A security camera keeps watch over the second floor of Carver Hall on Thursday.

Tyler Coffeey/Iowa State Daily

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University Services responded to overwhelming feedback for more safety measures with new initiatives including adding cameras throughout campus.

The College of Design, the Utilities Organization and several student organizations are working with University Services to heighten campus security. Four locations are currently being looked at as possible spots for cameras.

One would be on top of the Union Drive Community Center looking north on Bissell Road, one would be placed on the roof of the Gerdin Business Building looking down Farm House Lane and another one looking out on Central Campus from the roof of Curtiss Hall.

The final webcam, which would be positioned on top of Parks Library, would have the ability to record, a capability the current camera does not have. The current camera, known as the West Lawn camera, only shows a live feed.

Katherine Gregory, senior vice president for University Services, plays a large role in campus safety on the Iowa State campus and in this project.

She said people change what they want over time and that 20 years ago, there were hardly any security cameras, except maybe at banks.

With improved technologies, these recording devices are used anywhere from public places to private properties.

Interim Police Chief Aaron Delashmutt also spoke to how these cameras can benefit the Iowa State Police Department and its daily work to keep the students, faculty and staff on campus safe.

“There’s been a number of cases over the years where outdoor cameras would have been helpful to at least give us a place to start on what happened,” Delashmutt said. “It’s really more about the safety of our community.”

Neither Delashmutt nor Gregory have heard any opposition to the plans for new cameras on campus. Delashmutt explained that concerns over privacy typically come into play, but that hasn’t been the case this year.

Gregory received overwhelming feedback in the fall that people want more help from the university to ensure that the campus is safe.

Another safety aspect that is being looked

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Weather provided by the National Weather Service

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.

Jan. 11

George Mikovec, 18, of 203 N. Russell Ave., Ames, Iowa, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and turning from improper lane at Lincoln Way and University Boulevard at 3:07 a.m.

An individual reported the theft of a laptop at Gerdin Business Building at 11:29 a.m.

An individual reported being harassed at the Armory Building at 12:39 p.m.

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An individual reported the theft of a bicycle at Parks Library at 2:01 p.m.

Sean O'Neill, 20, of 1138 Williams Ave., Deerfield, Illinois, was arrested and charged with public intoxication, possession of alcohol under the legal age and interference with official acts at 520 Morrill Road at 9:08 p.m.

CALENDAR

Jan. 13

Public hearing: Regents' agenda: At this public hearing, individuals have an opportunity to provide early input on agenda items for the state Board of Regents Jan. 17 meeting in Des Moines. The public hearing is from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Gold Room of the Memorial Union.

52nd Annual ISU Madrigal Dinner: The 52nd Annual ISU Madrigal Dinner is presented by the department of music and theatre. As guests dine by the illumination of candlelight, they will be royally entertained by the Iowa State Singers, Musica Antiqua, Shy of a Dozen and Orchesis II dancers. Social hour precedes the 6:30 p.m. dinner. Tickets are \$46 to \$50.

Gymnastics: Attend the Tri-meet vs. Towson and Wisconsin, Oshkosh at Hilton Coliseum 6:30 p.m. for \$5.

Men's hockey: Attend the ISU vs. University of Illinois (American Collegiate Hockey Association) hockey game at the Ames/ISU Ice arena at 7:30 p.m. for \$5 to \$10.

Jan. 14

FIRST LEGO League State Championships: The robotics rounds take place in the lower level of Howe Hall. Iowa FIRST@LEGO@League Championships, a STEM event that showcases some of Iowa's most creative kids, is free and open to the public. The event is all day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Jan. 16

Ames Community Celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Celebrate with song, story and birthday cake. An Ames tradition! The program be-

gins at 6 p.m. at the Ames Middle School.

University holiday-offices closed, classes recessed

Sole Hope Volunteer Day: Spend an hour or two of your MLK Day helping others and upcycling at The Workspace from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sole Hope encourages a \$10 donation.

Men's basketball: Iowa State goes against Kansas at Hilton Coliseum at 8 p.m. Tickets are limited.

Service project: Crowd-sourced mapping: The geographic information systems (GIS) facility is holding a Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service event. Volunteers will help create crowd-sourced maps of the world to help with disaster relief efforts. The event is free, however, the deadline for registration is Jan. 13. The event is in 206 Durham from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Jan. 17

Candidate forum: VP for enrollment management and student success: A public open forum with candidate Katharine Johnson Suski, admissions director, Iowa State, at 2350 Beardshear Hall at 11 a.m.

Meeting: Faculty Senate: The Faculty Senate represents the general faculty of Iowa State University and participates in shared governance of the university with the administration. Attend their meeting at the Great Hall of the Memorial Union from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Wheel Pottery Class: Get your hands dirty and make beautiful things at The Workspace from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The program begins Jan. 17, last for eight weeks and is \$105 for ISU students.

Open house: Geoffroy Hall: Take a tour of the newest campus residence hall. Brief remarks and a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held from 9 to 9:30 a.m. and the house is open until 11:30 a.m. Speakers include residence director Pete Englin, President Steven Leath, President Emeritus Gregory Geoffroy and student representatives.

Events courtesy of events.iastate.edu.

Iowa State to host 52nd annual Madrigal Dinner

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The Iowa State University department of music and theatre will host the 52nd annual Madrigal Dinner on Friday and Saturday.

The Great Hall of the Memorial Union will be transformed into a candlelit 17th century banquet hall with the am-

biance of a renaissance court.

This royal banquet will include graceful dancers, playful jesters, strolling musicians, frolicking fools and gallivanting wenches, according to a mailer from the music department.

Attendees are encouraged to participate when possible and get to know the other members at their table.

The event will begin

both nights with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Admission for Iowa State students is \$46, and regular admission is \$50. The event will be presented in cooperation with the Story County Pork Producers Association. The entertainment will be provided by the Iowa State Singers, Musica Antiqua, Shy of a Dozen and Orchesis II Dancers.



Courtesy of Sam Freestone

WINTER WEATHER CREATES SLIPPERY ROADS

A car hits the back of a CyRide bus Thursday after being rear-ended by a truck on campus. The truck and bus experienced minimal damage, with the car taking the brunt of the damage.

City to host celebration for MLK Day on Monday

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The city of Ames will host "Equality, Justice and Unity: Ames Community MLK Day Celebration" on Monday at the Ames Middle School to celebrate the life of American Baptist minister and activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event will run from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Ames Human Relations Commission, in collaboration with several community organizations, will host the event. The night will start with social time from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

with music provided by the Ames High School Band.

A program will follow from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It will feature community groups presenting songs and speeches in homage of the life of King. Daniel Spikes, assistant professor in the School of Education, will be the keynote speaker of the night. The human relations commission will also present the winner of its annually recognized humanitarian award.

"We want to project the future for generations to come," said John Clause, a mem-

ber of the Ames Human Relations Commission. "The fundamental premise of all American people is unity. It is what Dr. King stood and worked for."

Victoria Knight, another member of the commission, weighed in further on King's legacy.

"People still believe in change," Knight said. "In bringing the community together, Dr. King stood to change the culture, and that is what coming together as a community will promote."

In the event of severe weather, the celebration will be moved to Jan. 23.

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The Christian Petersen Art Museum's latest exhibition "Red" opened Jan. 12. Check out our photos online at iowastatedaily.com.

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Check out our coverage of the women's track and field meet in Iowa City on Saturday for their season opener.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL INTERVIEW

Check out our video online of our interview with Steve Prohm ahead of the Iowa State vs. TSU game Saturday.

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LIVING SUSTAINABLE IN 2017

Living sustainable isn't always the first thing on everyone's mind. We break down ways to live better and more sustainably.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATIONS

Martin Luther King Day is Monday, and a few notable events on campus and around Ames have been scheduled. Find them online.

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Alan Wanamaker poses with ocean quahogs. The quahogs were used as proxy specimens for his research on ocean climate change.

Student Affairs attempts to enhance ISU experience

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Iowa State University has introduced three new programs within the division of student affairs.

Student Affairs Fundraising, Student Health and Wellness and Assessment and Research were added at the beginning of the school year under the office of Martino Harmon, senior vice president for student affairs.

Elizabeth McAllister, development officer for student affairs fundraising efforts, works closely with the ISU Foundation to secure and manage gifts donated to Iowa State.

"We work with alumni and supporters for those who are philanthropic and would like to give money to the university," McAllister said.

The gifts received can support anything from the veteran center, greek life, the health center, counseling efforts and financial aid.

"My work is centered around ensuring that students get not only an outstanding education but that financial need is not something that gets in the way of them achieving an Iowa State degree," McAllister said.

McAllister travels regionally and to other states in search of potential donors and attends meetings on campus to widen her awareness of what students are doing on campus and what's important to them.

With her new position as development officer, McAllister hopes that by bringing awareness about needs on campus she will be able to engage supporters and alumni in a way that they feel their gift is meaningful.

Another new program added this academic year is Student Health and Wellness.

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MILLENNIUMS OF MOLLUSKS

Trees of the sea share centuries of new ocean history

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For the first time, a millennium's worth of ocean climate variations in the North Atlantic has been revealed by a team of researchers working with clam shells.

Working with a team led by David Reynolds at Bangor University in North Wales, Alan Wanamaker, a paleoclimatologist and associate professor of

geological and atmospheric sciences at Iowa State, sampled nearly 1,500 isotopes from a variety of clam shells.

The clam shells, collected in 2006 in the North Atlantic, were from a variety of different time periods, but the same water depth.

Some clam shells were between 400 and 500 years old, while others were alive 200 years earlier. This time difference allowed for the growth patterns to overlap in the shells.

"You can think of these shells as mini trees where they will have a narrow ring or a big ring—a good year or a bad year," Wanamaker said. "What we do is compare the relative growth patterns through time, and when the unique barcode matches, we can extend the chronology back in time."

Reynolds worked on isotopes in the series and sampled each increment in the clam shell for over a thousand years. This resulted in him being able to get material from every year for over 1,000 years.

"Largely, what we have is a chemical signature that is telling us about the ocean conditions at that location at that time," Wanamaker said. "From that, we could compare it to other records on land or in the ocean and look at relative timings of these climatic events."

One of the unique aspects of this work is that it's the first time an annual record from the oceans has been produced without dating errors. In the

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Courtesy of Joshua Kurnia

From left: Alexander Doppenberg, senior in mechanical engineering; Cristina Diaz, senior in interior design; and Joshua Kurnia, senior in architecture. The three were selected as finalists for Disney's design competition.

Iowa State to send 3 to Disney competition

By Haley.Knudsen
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Three Iowa State students have been chosen for the 26th annual Walt Disney Imaginations Design Competition.

The team of Iowa State students consists of Joshua Kurnia, senior in architecture; Cristina Diaz, senior in interior design; and Alexander Doppenberg, senior in mechanical engineering.

For this year's competition, students were challenged to apply "the same design principles used in creating Disney's famous theme parks, resorts and immersive experience to develop new outdoor spaces within their own college or university," according to a recent press release.

The team's design, Tilted Hourglass, is the shape of an hourglass on its side, which represents time standing still and reflecting the importance of science and technology at Iowa State.

"We wanted to make it

feel like there is a stopping of time when [guests] visit the space on Central Campus," Diaz said.

The team wanted to make the space usable for all four seasons.

The pavilion-like design has two levels: an above-ground sitting area and individual pods below ground. The design also features heated benches, so visitors can enjoy using it all year-round.

"One of the design criteria is that it had to be specific to the university," Doppenberg said. "We take a lot of pride in ISU and tried to convey that pride into our project."

Each team member contributed their unique skill set to the overall design.

"Usually at Iowa State, we mainly only work with other engineers and most of us are thinking the same thing," Doppenberg said. "It is very hard, I find, to talk about something and visualize something without there being a drawing. A big thing for me is I learned how to

work with different people."

The goal of the Imaginations Design Competition is to encourage students to consider careers in creative and technical fields.

"I've always been interested in the themed entertainment industry," Kurnia said. "It is multidisciplinary—it's a hundred of majors working together. This is like a mini version of that."

All three students plan to work in the entertainment industry, and Disney Imaginations is one step closer for them to achieve their goals by networking with imaginers who work for Disney.

"I was really interested in entertainment design when I was young," Diaz said. "I've never had the opportunity to work on a multidisciplinary team. This is the foundation for my future when I go to apply for jobs."

Twenty-one finalists were awarded a five-day, all-expense paid trip to the competition in Glendale, California, from Jan. 23 to 27.



Tristan Wade/Iowa State Daily

Zorabelle the rockhopper penguin is on display at Reiman Gardens as an example of the display that will be seen during the year. The theme for the 2017 year is water and will feature many related sculptures.

Reiman Gardens unveils water theme for 2017 at Brown Bag Lecture

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During the cold and colorless winter months, it's easy to fall into the dangerous cycle of seasonal depression.

Dennis Maulsby, Ames community member, said he suffers from seasonal depression during this time of the year but finds solace at Iowa State's Reiman Gardens.

"It's wonderful to come out and sit with all this light, and the humidity is controlled," Maulsby said. "You can sit there

and absorb all this and come away feeling a lot better."

At the monthly Brown Bag lecture Thursday, Reiman Gardens' assistant director Aaron Steil unveiled the theme for 2017, along with plans for various displays and programs throughout the year.

The 2017 theme will be water, and all of the various events and displays for Reiman Gardens will be designed to incorporate that theme.

One of the current displays at Reiman Gardens is called "Petals & Parasols," which was inspired

by umbrellas and features many umbrellas lining the ceilings.

One of the bigger displays for Reiman Gardens is called Washed Ashore and involves sculptures of various animals made out of trash collected from the ocean.

The Washed Ashore display will feature 10 sculptures of animals, including a penguin, jellyfish, seal, polar bear and more.

The sculptures of the animals will all be on display at Reiman Gardens by May and will remain there

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Courtesy of Getty Images

Iowa State Faculty Senate President Jonathan Sturm believes hateful messages that are spoken or shared anonymously are cowardly.

GUEST ESSAY

Enough anonymous hate

By Jonathan Sturm
 ISU Faculty Senate President

As we embark on a new semester, a new year, a new government and an evolving nation, I wish to take a moment to ask all of us to think about speech and its consequences. Iowa State University is a campus that holds at its core the values and principles of free speech that are rights afforded by the U.S. Constitution.

Free speech, as we know, is not synonymous with the freedom to say anything at any time (for example shouting “fire” in a crowded theater.) Additionally, several types of speech are not protected by the Constitution — including threats, incitement to violence, defamation and some hate speech.

But I ask us all to think for a moment upon a type of speech that has gained prevalence and some sense of legitimacy recently: anonymous speech, which may be free, but which has no integrity. In a past age, anonymous speech might have come in the form of unmarked letters — no return address and unsigned. Over the past

year at ISU, it has taken a variety of forms, but most easily recognizable are retweets under a handle that does not identify the sender, drive-by verbal assaults from a vehicle and viewpoints posted on buildings anonymously in the middle of the night.

At the moment these anonymous comments or posts are sent, the issuer may feel a sense of power over the message’s recipients. Further reflection, however, brings the realization that none of these types of free speech requires the idea’s owner to take responsibility for his or her position on the issue.

Anonymous and covert, they lack any real power and manifest instead a type of cowardice that so often accompanies intolerance. The message behind the message is that the sender has an opinion, but not the courage to own it.

Let us all understand that, while we have the freedom to speak in this country, and at this university, all freedoms exist within the boundaries of discipline (some of which we call laws). Freedom without discipline or boundaries is anarchy. In this coun-

try, and perhaps the world, boundaries for expression have eroded to the point of near invisibility: we can traverse a spectrum from A to Z, crescendo from mild disagreement to hate speech and threats in no time. To have true freedom of speech requires that we use our freedom with restraint, wisely, with discipline and maturity, and ultimately that we have the courage to own what we say.

In the best version of our university, we grant each other the unenumerated privilege to learn to the best of our individual abilities, free from harassment, prejudice, racism, sexism, hate, oppression or bigotry.

That may well involve imposing boundaries upon ourselves, especially as regards anonymous messages, as we work and as we communicate with others, to ensure we do not encumber their privilege to learn.

Spoken or shared anonymously, hateful words are cowardly, and our nation needs strong people who stake themselves openly and identifiably upon their ideas. In secret we rarely grow, we harbor ideas that may be stagnant and we present to the world our weaker selves.

EDITORIAL



Tyler Coffey/Iowa State Daily
 President-elect Donald Trump reiterated his good cop, bad cop interactions with the media during a press conference Wednesday.

Trump’s presser lacks in promise

President-elect Donald J. Trump held a press conference, his first since July, where he “jokingly” asked Russia to hack into Hillary Clinton’s private server, and we actually learned a lot.

Just a day after President Barack Obama’s farewell address to the nation, Trump took the stage and reminded us just how different the executive branch will function under the new administration. Trump, without a teleprompter, spoke on a variety of topics related to the transition of power and his upcoming administration. And, as always, his speech was characterized with heaping doses of superlatives.

We learned some new policies and views from our soon-to-be president along with a timeline for a Supreme Court nomination. But what was more telling was Trump’s style and interactions with the media. Trump seemed to play good cop, bad cop with certain news agencies in his opening statement. After slamming BuzzFeed and CNN for running stories related to intelligence reports about unsubstantiated claims of nefarious acts conducted by Trump, he then praised other organizations for being “so professional.”

This may become a staple of his presidency — releasing information via tweets, memos and other persons related to the administration. More importantly, we also saw evidence that he will restrict some media outlets’ access to him. CNN reporter Jim Acosta was told he would be kicked out if he kept trying to ask his question. During his campaign, Trump had a Latino reporter from Telemundo forcibly removed from a press conference, only to let him back in.

What we learned in this press conference besides the obvious policies and headlines was that news organizations must play a more active role in getting information out of Trump, figuring out what he actually means and then fact-checking his information. This will prove to be a difficult, but very important, task as Trump often “cites” his claims by “millions of people.”

Trump’s press conferences accomplish what they set out to achieve. He releases news-worthy information, jokes with — and threatens — reporters and gets his performance broadcast live by most, if not all, media outlets. We simply hope that we won’t have to wait half a year to watch the next one.

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Student-athletes deserve a paycheck

Their time, their effort, their work, their money

By Isaac Sinclair
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College athletes, who all tirelessly study, practice, work out and perform for their universities, should see some of the profits made from their hard work.

These student-athletes can put in between 30 to 40 hours a week of practice, which nearly monopolizes their time and energy. This large time drain leaves little time for focusing on academics and any other activities they would want to be a part of.

Practices and workouts are often grueling and intense. They can make it difficult for student-athletes to be prepared for class or even be attentive during class.

Scholarships are one of the biggest reasons student-athletes aren’t being paid. It seems like a fair trade, right? The university pays for your tuition, housing and amenities, and all you have to do is play a little ball.

I will concede, scholarships are great, but not all student-athletes have even-ride scholarships. And full those who do aren’t guaranteed that injury or other circumstances won’t take away that scholarship. Paying student-athletes would guarantee they have the money to pay

for college if something were to happen and fairly compensate them for their time commitment.

Athletes, through college sports, have the chance to build up their draft stock and enter professional leagues like the NBA and NFL. Many argue that we shouldn’t pay them now because they’ll be making millions in a few years.

The problem with this thinking is that not everyone who plays in college will be able to play professionally. Just because you play basketball in college does not guarantee you will make it into the NBA. Student-athletes should be paid for what they’re doing for their university right now, not what they might do for an organization later on.

It also teaches them financial responsibility, something they may not otherwise have. This could help athletes who make it to the professionals better manage their finances. It gives them practice and pride in handling their money. Money that they put hours on top of hours of practice in, and incredible performances to earn.

We should be paying student-athletes, but is it financially possible? The short answer is yes. The NCAA made just under \$1 billion in 2015. On top of that, in 2010, the NCAA reached “a 14-year, nearly \$11 billion agreement with CBS and Turner Sports.”

There is plenty of money to go around, but the NCAA refuses to give the student-athletes their



Courtesy of Getty Images

The NCAA made just under \$1 billion in 2015, making it feasible, in columnist’s Sinclair’s eyes, to pay student-athletes in college for all of their hard work. Sinclair doesn’t believe student-athletes should be paid as much as professionals, just a fair wage.

fair share. The cherry on the top of this cake of greed is that the NCAA is a non-profit organization, which means that it is tax exempt. It’s simply unreasonable that billion-dollar organizations that do not have to pay taxes are not paying the people who work to make them their money.

I’m not saying student-athletes should be paid as much as professionals, but they should be compensated for their time and effort. In the NBA, the median salary is \$2.5 million, and the league is still able to be profitable. I believe the NCAA can do the same thing, but just on a

smaller scale. Student-athletes wouldn’t have to be paid millions of dollars. They just need a fair wage for all of the hours they put into their sport.

This is a complex issue that won’t be resolved overnight. Even if the NCAA decides to pay student-athletes, there are a plethora of specific details that need to be sorted out before it becomes a reality.

That being said, paying student-athletes for all of their hard work is the right thing to do. They have earned money for other people for long enough. It’s time they receive the money they deserve.



LEATH p1

From that day on, Leath would live for Iowa State — and with a smile, too.

But Leath's tenure has not been without rift.

Iowa State, like most universities, is a place of social uneasiness. It is a community diverse of thought, but not always inclusive. Leath is right in the middle of it — to some he is the problem; to others he is the solution.

But no one said the role of the president is easy.

As Leath's fifth year at Iowa State approaches, here's a look inside a day in the life of President Leath.

Leath welcomes everyone to the conference room of the Core Facility.

"I think the job of the president has changed a lot. We're in the middle of a capital campaign," Leath said about the \$1.1 billion fundraising campaign, the largest in university history. "And I have to raise about \$405,000 a day, seven days a week for the next 4.5 years."

After roughly 15 minutes with the provosts, Leath is on to his next appointment — taping a video on a financial literacy module.

Still sipping on the cup of coffee he grabbed at the

damages, which had been kept largely under wraps by Leath and the university.

However, during a December Board of Regents meeting, the regents found Leath did not break any existing board policy.

Walking into his office after the trek across campus, Leath notes to his assistant, Shirley Knipfel, that he won't have time to check his email before taping the financial literacy video.

Leath said he typically tries to carve out several hours of his day to answer emails and catch up on phone calls, but if his day is too packed — as it often is — he works from his office in the Knoll until 8 p.m.

Sitting at his desk, Leath reviews the script for the financial literacy module. He fidgets with a cardinal and gold top at his desk, spinning it as he takes note of all the things happening around him.

Also on his desk sits two small scientists, Sir Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein. He puts Einstein in front of him while he continues to wait to tape the video.

As mid-morning approaches, Leath gears up for a meeting with ISU Dining Director Mohammed Ali, Dean of College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Wendy Wintersteen and Senior Vice President for Student Affairs Martino Harmon.

The four are discussing the possibility of a creamery — using Iowa State resources to produce a branded university ice cream.

He takes off his suit jacket for the meeting because he is finally going to be able to settle into his office for the next several hours.

Leath allows the three to lead the discussion, remaining a sounding board.

He remains precise and to the point throughout the meeting.

"So what do you need?" Leath asks, optimistic of the opportunities that lie ahead.

AFTERNOON

After a morning packed with meetings and filming, Leath heads over to his desk. Finally, he says, he has time to check his email.

In the midst of filming the financial literacy video, a community-wide video, touching on the election and current climate at the university, pre-recorded by Leath had been sent out to the Iowa State community.

The video particularly touches on the "white heritage" posters discovered on campus in late October. He asks that anyone "who feels their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion or political views makes them superior to others is encouraged to find another institution that aligns with their values."

The emails to Leath soon begin to flood in — some negative, but the majority positive.

No matter the response, however, he takes neither reaction lightly.

It's time for lunch and

he's getting his favorite food at Seasons Marketplace — Italian.

Decorating a plate with some pasta, bread and salad, Leath settles in at a table just several feet from several Iowa State basketball players.

"You did good," Leath says to Simeon Carter, a forward on the team. Leath says that part of what he enjoys about being the university president is that he gets to meet people from all walks of life.

"[It's] something different every day," he says.

Finishing his lunch, Leath shoots his wife a text. The two met each other while Leath was a graduate student at the University of Delaware and Janet was pursuing her undergraduate degree.

The Leaths have two children — Eric and Scott, one who lives in Ames and another who lives in North Carolina, where the Leath family formerly lived for 27 years.

Gregory L. Geoffroy Hall, the newest residence hall to join the ranks at Iowa State, has been in the works for several years to alleviate growing pains of the university, as it exceeded, once again, the most number of

to do if he sees a tour group.

"Brandon and Parker are ascending to greater heights," Leath jokes about the two prospective students, as their parents had attended the University of Iowa and the University of Northern Iowa. "I'm glad you're here."

Leath said that whenever there is orientation or tours in Beardshear, he tries to visit with one or two families.

Leath is headed for his last scheduled event of the day — a visit with Helser Hall community advisers.

First he has to pick up Janet, however, because she had stopped by the Knoll to let out their two dogs, Quill and Dixie.

The two are running late, and Janet gives Leath a call as he is pulling into the driveway.

"You are coming to get me, right?" Janet asks. He laughs.

Pulling into the Union Drive Community Center, the Leaths' next task is to find parking — a meter will suffice.

He is met by Kwizera Imani, a former student in Leath's freshman leadership class. The 11 students meeting with the Leaths are expressing their concerns, along with sharing their

"I HAVE TO RAISE ABOUT \$405,000 A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FOR THE NEXT 4.5 YEARS."

STEVEN LEATH
IOWA STATE PRESIDENT

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ISU President Steven Leath shares a laugh with a prospective family on Nov. 7, 2016.



MORNING

In the back seat of Leath's red Ford Explorer lies a red folder containing his perfectly crafted schedule, remarks and other essentials for his day.

It's a crisp, early November morning. Leath usually begins his days at 6:15 a.m., which he says is subject to change based on the time he went to bed the night before.

By 7:45 a.m. he is out the door. His first stop is the Core Facility at the Research Park for a meet-and-greet with several provosts from other Big 12 universities.

When discussing the Research Park, Leath's face lights up. He mentions that the university is going to purchase more land for the Park — 68.38 acres.

Grabbing a cup of coffee before the Big 12 meeting,

Core Facility, Leath begins a stroll across campus. You'd be hard-pressed to find a student who doesn't recognize Leath. Several students notice him and give a small wave. He smiles back.

Leath is a man who holds onto words, whether they're great, good, bad or ugly.

He mentions that when first arriving at the university five years ago, an opinion writer at the Daily described him as friendly and outgoing. "It stuck with me."

But Leath is not always lucky enough to have positive interactions. As of late, students, community members and news outlets have become critical of Leath.

One of the more recent controversies involved his possible misuse of university-owned aircraft.

Leath had been involved in a hard landing in July 2015, causing nearly \$14,000 in

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Small models of Albert Einstein and Sir Isaac Newton that President Leath keeps on his desk.



students Iowa State has ever had.

On this particular day, Leath is touring the new residence hall — his second time in the building.

Walking on the main floor of the building, Leath is excited for Geoffroy Hall, growing more and more curious as he peeks in and out of the dorm rooms.

On the eighth floor of the residence hall, Leath stares out one of the windows facing campus — a unique view for Geoffroy Hall students.

LATE AFTERNOON

With no more administrative meetings left on the agenda for Leath, he heads back into his office for a little downtime.

On his way to his Beardshear office, he chats with two visiting families, which is something he said he tries

ideas about where and how Iowa State can and should improve.

One of the students' biggest concerns includes not having a sufficient amount of free, safe weekend activities.

The Leaths and the students begin to brainstorm a way in which this problem can have a possible, if not permanent, solution.

And with that, his day is done. He will go home, catch up on email and repeat it all.

Because for Leath, it's just a day in his life.

MORE ONLINE

For the full story outlining a day in the life of President Leath and his five years at Iowa State, go to iowastatedaily.com.

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President Leath walks down Union Drive with Mohamed Ali, director of dining, on Nov. 7, 2016.

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After a meeting with Big 12 universities, President Leath leaves the Research Park on Nov. 7, 2016.

Wrestling focuses on closing matches

Cyclones seek to turn around slow 1-5 start

By Ben Visser
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Iowa State wrestling has lost six matches by a single point in its last two dual meets, including four in its meeting with Arizona State last Friday.

The Cyclones are working on getting that last takedown to turn one-point losses into one-point wins. That will be put to the test when Iowa State travels to North Carolina on Saturday.

Earl Hall has come out of his early season slump. He placed fourth at Midlands and won his match against Arizona State by a 14-4 major decision, getting a takedown whenever he wanted one. Hall, one of the team leaders, is trying to help his teammates get out of their ruts and finish matches.

"[I] have to let them

know they can't be comfortable with a 3-2 decision," Hall said. "You have to look to dominate in certain areas, whether it's getting off the bottom or getting that last takedown in the last couple of seconds."

"We have this practice where the starters have to get a takedown or we can't move on to the next part of the drill. We'll lock in and we'll look hard to compete this weekend."

Heavyweight Quean Smith was one of the one-point losses against Arizona State. He lost to No. 4 Tanner Hall 2-1, and Smith was just coming off pneumonia from the previous week.

After re-watching the match early in the week, Smith knows he could've gotten the needed takedown to win the match.

"I know I can beat these guys, I just have to believe it in myself," Smith said. "I can't go out there and think, 'Oh, what are they going to do next?' I have to be the one going out there and getting all of the takedowns."

Smith will have an opportunity to do that against an unranked wrestler.

North Carolina boasts three wrestlers — No. 5 Joey Ward at 141 pounds, No. 7 Ethan Ramos at 174 pounds and No. 20 Chip Ness at 184 pounds.

So far this season, Iowa State's 174-pound wrestler Lelund Weatherspoon has wrestled one of the toughest schedules in the nation, according to the Open Mat. The match against Ramos will be another challenge for Weatherspoon, who is ranked No. 9 in the nation.

"[Ramos] is an All-American, and he's looking to make his mark at home," coach Kevin Jackson said. "Lelund's going to have to embrace it like he has been all year — I think he's looking forward to that match."

The two squads match up well with each other, Jackson said. And Iowa State is on the verge of a "must win" to turn around its disappointing 1-5 season.

"I do think our guys, at their best, will give a good performance," Jackson said. "We're expecting them to be better than they



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The Iowa State wrestling coaches watch the match between 184-pounder Pat Downey and Arizona State's Connor Small on Jan. 6. Downey won the match by major decision.

were on Friday, and for the guys that really didn't step up to the challenge on Friday to step it up to that next level of competition."

One person who Jackson never has to worry about stepping up to the challenge is 184-pounder Pat Downey.

No. 8 Downey returned to the mat against Arizona

State after a seven-week hiatus. He practiced with Kyven Gadson two days before the meet, and that's how he knew he was ready.

He won that match by major decision.

But now that he has a whole week to practice, he's expecting big things from himself.

"I'm only going to keep

getting better," Downey said. "I didn't train for like [six or seven] weeks. I'm still just fresh off the rib, I keep feeling better, I keep getting healthier and I'm going to keep getting into wrestling shape."

"I'm going to keep doing what I'm doing — attack, score, win and dominate. It's wrestling season."

Morris' mistake-free basketball has Cyclones clicking on offense

By Ryan Young
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Iowa State point guard Monté Morris garnered national attention last season as one of the nation's best point guards. He was placed on multiple award watch lists, earned a spot on the Associated Press All-Big 12 first team and had one of the best assist-to-turnover ratios in the country.

Wednesday night, the Flint, Michigan, native did it again.

Morris dropped 30 points in Iowa State's (11-4, 3-1 Big 12) 96-86 win against Oklahoma State (10-6, 0-4 Big 12) in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He went 10-of-16 from the field, had five assists and — most notably — didn't commit a single turnover.

So far in conference play, Morris has 22 assists and just one turnover.

That's right, only one turnover through four games in arguably the best league in the country.

"The character, the toughness, the attention to detail you've got to have on the floor [to do that] is huge," Iowa State coach Steve Prohm said. "Obviously to go zero turnovers the other night was huge. 22-1, that's pretty good."

His one turnover so far in conference play came on Jan. 4 in the Cyclones' two-point loss to then-No. 2 Baylor. Since that time, Morris has seemed to elevate his game immensely.

Against Texas on Saturday, Morris dropped 22 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and was just four assists shy of his second triple-double of the season. He followed it up with his 30-point performance against Oklahoma State.

Morris said he hasn't changed anything.



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Iowa State senior point guard Monté Morris drives past defenders against Texas last Saturday at Hilton Coliseum. Morris has 22 assists and one turnover in conference play.

"I'm just doing what I do," Morris said. "I've been playing this way for a very long time, trying to take care of the basketball. When you play that way, we get a lot more possessions."

Morris said his play Wednesday night opened up a lot of the offense for the Cyclones. Matt Thomas dropped 19 points against the Cowboys, going 4-of-9 from behind the arc, and Naz Mitrou-Long had 17 points, going 6-of-11 from the field.

Without Morris' play, they said, it wouldn't have been possible to keep the offense moving and get Mitrou-Long or Thomas open.

"When Monte's scoring at that type of rate, it opens things for everybody," Mitrou-Long said. "You look in transition, you have me and Matt running left and right. That doesn't hap-

pen too often. When we play great defense like we did, guys like us are able to push the break, it opens things up for everybody."

"Especially having Monté at the head of the snake, he can pull up at that mid-range spot like he did yesterday. ... It opens up windows for everybody when he's playing like that."

Iowa State will attempt to keep its offense flowing this Saturday when it takes on TCU (13-3, 2-2 Big 12) at 4:30 p.m. in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Horned Frogs, led by first-year coach Jamie Dixon, are off to a hot start. TCU already has more wins this season than it did all of last season, and has fallen to only SMU, No. 2 Kansas and No. 10 West Virginia.

The Cyclones counter with a two-game win streak of their own — and a third would likely put them back in the AP Top 25 prior to

their matchup with Kansas on Monday at Hilton Coliseum.

And should Morris have a game like he did against Texas or Oklahoma State, Prohm is confident that they'll be sitting in a good place.

"He wants to have a great senior year," Prohm said. "That's all he's focused about. And he knows that we need him at his best. And he was at his best, and we'll need him at his best on Saturday."

Swim, dive readies for Illinois matchup

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The Iowa State swimmers and divers started the 2017 part of their season a little more bronze and tan than they were when they ended 2016. The team arrived back in Ames just before spring classes started after a week training trip to Puerto Rico.

Now, despite coming back from the warm climate, the Cyclones will turn around and take on Illinois this weekend on the road.

A weekly training trip to a warmer climate is always in the schedule for the Cyclones, and team captain Savanna Townsend believes there are many benefits to the trip.

"Training trips are a great way to keep us accountable for our training," Townsend said. "If we were to go home, the motivation levels might not be there. It's a lot easier to train as a team and together."

Townsend also said the trips help keep the team in shape during a long winter break.

Townsend said the training varied from day to day, and the coaching staff put the athletes in different groups depending on their specialties. Being a sprinter, Townsend said her group worked on power and speed drills using equipment such as tubing and Speedo shoots in the water.

Head coach Duane Sorenson challenged the team on the sixth night of practice by holding a "mini meet." He

said he was pleased with how the team responded.

"It was one of the best training trip practices I've ever had in my 20 years at Iowa State," Sorenson said.

The team eventually made its way back to Ames and has a full schedule on the calendar for the next four weekends.

Iowa State's record against Illinois has been a close one in past years, and Sorenson thinks the Fighting Illini are a great matchup to end the Cyclones' non-conference schedule. Illinois usually comes out sharper than Iowa State, and Sorenson knows the Fighting Illini put up a good fight, which could hurt the Cyclones after a long training trip.

In past seasons, the team is exhausted getting back into their regular training modes and back into classes after the trip. Sorenson always says the first meet after the break is "interesting" because of the different levels of exhaustion.

The team has to pull together through the exhaustion to compete and Sorenson believes that will be the team's strongest aspect against the Fighting Illini.

"They're mentally tired and physically tired," Sorenson said. "To get themselves up for Saturday, they'll need to lean on each other."

The team will rely on each other for energy.

"I know it's going to be tough competing after a week long training trip," Townsend said. "But you just gotta push yourself and stay positive."



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Women's track, field builds on blueprint

By Kyle Heim
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When Iowa State Athletic Director Jamie Pollard hired Martin Smith to take over the cross-country and track and field programs at Iowa State in the summer of 2013, he established the foundation for a strong distance program.

Pollard's thinking was distance first and then fill in around that with areas the team thinks it can be good in based on who the assistant coaches are in track and field.

This ideology comes from the success of former head track and field and cross-country coach Bill Bergan, who led the Cyclones to two NCAA titles and 25 conference championships in cross-country and track and field in his 23 years at Iowa State.

"I believe that based on our history with [Bergan], that our distance side is where we really needed to be good in because we can be good in cross, and then if you were good enough, you could score nationally in indoor and outdoor track," Pollard said last September.

Under Smith's direction for the fourth straight year, the Iowa State women's track and field team remains distance heavy, but the team is starting to add more depth to the sprint and field event areas, which have been lacking in size in recent years. The current roster lists 17 middle-distance and distance runners. The remaining 15 women are either sprinters, hurdlers or field athletes.

NEWCOMERS ADD DEPTH

This year's roster also features 15 newcomers, including a large batch of athletes who will make their Iowa State debuts in the team's season opener at the Hawkeye Invite on Friday and Saturday in Iowa City.

Two of those newcomers, freshman sprinter/jumper Carsyn Spurgeon and junior thrower Christabel Okeke, are focused on just getting through their first meet as Cyclones.

"This weekend's going to be very challenging for me because I don't know what

to expect honestly," Okeke said. "I just want to be the best I can be. That's all I can hope for."

Okeke, who spent the past two seasons at Coffeyville Community College in Kansas, brings a strong résumé competing as a thrower. She qualified for the NJCAA National Championships in both indoor and outdoor track during her sophomore season.

Spurgeon, on the other hand, has no post-high school experience competing in track and field and tried out the long jump, one of the events she will compete in at the Hawkeye Invite, for the first time about a year and a half ago.

Like Okeke, Spurgeon has a chance to make an immediate impact on the team this indoor season after winning 15 class 4A state titles at Vinita High School in Oklahoma.

While she's a multi-event athlete, Spurgeon said her favorite event has become the long jump.

"I originally was just doing it as part of the heptathlon and we didn't spend an extreme amount of time on it," Spurgeon said. "Once I jumped in the heptathlon for the first time I figured out that I really loved it and I wasn't too bad at it. So then we put a little more emphasis on it."

SHORT SEASON

Iowa State will start its outdoor season in two months, meaning athletes will have less than seven weeks to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championship on March 10 and 11 in College Station, Texas.

The indoor season will begin at the Hawkeye Invite on Friday in Iowa City and run through Saturday. The Cyclones will be back in Iowa City again on Jan. 20 and 21 for the Larry Wiczorek Invite.

Iowa State will host two meets, the Iowa State Classic on Feb. 10 and 11 and the Big 12 Indoor Championships on Feb. 24 and 25.

The team will have three other away meets — the PSU National Open on Jan. 27 and 28; the Husker Invitational on Feb. 3 and 4; and the UCS Invitational on Feb. 18.



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Sophomore Jasmine Staebler runs in the 800-meter run at the Iowa State Classic on Feb. 13, 2016, at Lied Recreation Athletic Center.

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