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ISU Advance Program

Other notable women



Ginny Arthur
Associate director of Residence Life
Adjunct faculty member in educational leadership and policy studies



Diane Birt
Distinguished professor of food science and human nutrition
Director of the Center for Research on Botanical Dietary Supplements



Lora Leigh Chrystal
Program coordinator for the Program for Women in Science and Engineering Learning Community coordinator for the Women in Science and Engineering Freshman, Sophomore and Transfer Learning Communities



Rachel Goldsmith
Graduate student in civil, and environmental engineering
Peer mentor for WISE Learning Community



Thelma Harding
Assistant to the graduate dean for recruiting
Program coordinator of the Graduate Minority Assistantship Program



Indria Jenkins
Doctoral candidate in counseling psychology
Vice president of Graduate Students of Psychology



Annie Olson
Senior in mathematics
President of the Student Alumni Leadership Council



Bonnie Bowen, associate professor of ecology, evolution and organismal biology, poses for a portrait. Bowen is the director of the ISU Advance Program, which encourages women to enroll in the sciences. Photo: Bryan Langfeldt/Iowa State Daily

Calendar recognizes ISU women

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	<i>Honoree strives to keep women in sciences</i>		dedicated to seeing what can be done to keep women in the sciences and engineering, as well as what can be done to attract future women.	change that."	Bowen has loved science since she was a teenager.	
	By Thane.Himes @iowastatedaily.com	9	The organization received a \$3 million grant from the National Science Foundation to conduct its five-year program. The ISU Advance Program is currently on its last year of using the grant.	"I took a lot of science classes in high school, and it just struck a great chord in me," Bowen said. "I just liked doing it, and I was encouraged to keep with it."		
	Dr. Bonnie Bowen's passion for science fueled an initiative to keep women in the field at Iowa State. But Bowen isn't alone in impacting the university.		"We look at university policies and programs and see if there's something that can be changed or improved to try to bring women into the sciences and engineering," Bowen said.	Apart from her duties for the ISU Advance Program, Bowen also serves as adjunct assistant professor for the department of ecology, evolution and organismal biology, and she serves as affiliate assistant professor for the Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management. She teaches classes primarily about animal behavior.		
	Bowen is one of the 12 women to be featured on the 2011 Women Impacting ISU Calendar, which will be unveiled during a reception ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Sun Room of the Memorial Union.		"Most often you'll see women getting their undergraduate degree and not continuing on either in graduate school or those fields. We want to			
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Zora Zimmerman
Associate dean for Academic Programs, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Professor of English



Claudia Prado-Meza
Graduate student in sociology
Vice president of the Association of Latino-americanos



Kayla Pinegar
Senior in accounting
Vice president of the CyRide Transit Board



Chandra Peterson
Senior in political science and philosophy
Former vice president of the Government of the Student Body

Sports complex

Group to discuss budget

By Paige.Godden @iowastatedaily.com

A neighborhood meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Knapp-Storms dining center, near Towers Residence Halls, to discuss the sports complex and agriculture pavilion that will be built in the area.

The sports complex will feature a new outdoor track, facilities for Cyclone soccer and softball fields if the budget will allow it.

The Board of Regents passed a capital improvement plan for the sports complex, which includes an anticipated project cost of \$10.7 million.

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Ames

Planet Sub closes

Planet Sub, 2320 Lincoln Way, closed its doors for good.

The sandwich shop made the decision Nov. 30 to close because profits were not high enough to continue business, co-owner and operator Barb Brodie said.

"We tried to do everything except close it because we love Ames," Brodie said.

The owners and operators will focus on Planet Sub's Des Moines locations in the meantime, Brodie said. Planet Sub has a store in Johnston, 5290 NW 86th St., and in Des Moines, 330 University Ave.

"We're going to get back to basics with our other stores — which are doing great," Brodie said. "We love Ames and will hopefully be back in another location in the future."

Daily Staff

Faculty Senate

Changes receive criticism

By Kaleb.Warnock @iowastatedaily.com

A task force of the ISU Faculty Senate found that non-tenure faculty limitations to be determined by individual departments would be best suited for Iowa State, rather than setting a university-wide quota of non-tenure faculty allowed in each program.

The group announced that the university will leave it to the departments to determine the percent of instruction — determined by number of credit hours — that will be taught by non-tenure eligible faculty at the ISU Faculty Senate meeting on Tuesday.

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Mechanical engineering

Expo shows off students' projects

By Ben.Theobald @iowastatedaily.com

Mechanical engineering students exhibited projects that they have worked on since August on Tuesday at the first Design Expo at Howe Hall.

"The purpose is to showcase all the work that the students have done this semester on design projects," said Dr. Erin MacDonald, assistant professor of mechanical engineering. "They work so hard to have these tangible outcomes that all work. It's a great opportunity to actually show them to each other and the community."

The expo was a place where students could teach other students who aren't familiar with engineering about the importance of their projects, said W. Ross Morrow, assistant professor of mechanical engineering.

"They have the opportunity to explain their projects to somebody who may not be an engineer that doesn't know anything about what they are doing," Morrow said. "It's a very important experience for engineering students."

Morrow previously organized two similar expos at the University of Michigan and a similar event at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

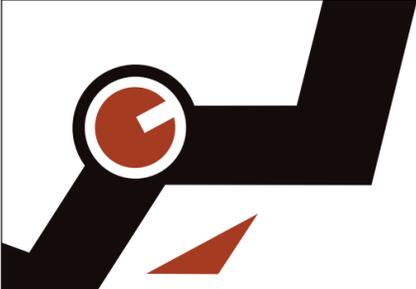
"Hopefully it is something that will keep going at Iowa State," Morrow said.

Students created proj-

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More than 200 students presented their projects at the Mechanical Engineering Design Expo on Tuesday at Howe Hall. Each visitor has a ticket and voted for their favorite design project. The winner will receive a mechanical engineering scholarship. Photo: Tsubasa Shigehara/Iowa State Daily



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Fri 24|35
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Rocky Mountain high:
On this day in 1988, an outbreak of cold arctic air brought up to 18 inches of snow to the Colorado Rockies, with 14 inches in Boulder, Co.

Calendar

WEDNESDAY

CODAC Fall Art Sale
When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
What: Annual fall sale of work by students in the integrated studio arts program, sponsored by CODAC (College of Design Art Club).
Where: Lobby, College of Design

THURSDAY

Works in Progress
When: 6 to 7 p.m.
What: "Design: It's for the Birds," Dean Biechler, lecturer in integrated studio arts, biological and pre-medical illustration. He will talk about his current work.
Where: Sun Room, MU

THURSDAY

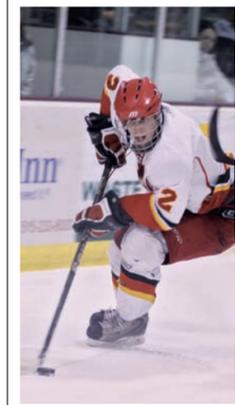
Reading Group Meeting
When: 1 to 2 p.m.
What: We will be meeting to discuss current articles people have read or want to read. This is a great opportunity to connect with diverse perspectives around campus.
Where: Sloss House

FRIDAY

Dance Social
When: 7:30 to 9:45 p.m.
What: Free dance social Christmas party hosted by the ISU Ballroom Dance Club. Singles welcome. Dress is casual, however indoor shoes or socks must be worn in the studio.
Where: 196 Forker

FRIDAY

Men's Hockey
When: 7:30 p.m.
What: ISU vs. University of Iowa (American Collegiate Hockey Association, Division II) in the studio.
Where: Ames/ISU Arena



SATURDAY

Recycled Wrapping
When: 10 a.m. to noon
What: Betsy Eness shows tips and techniques for creating beautiful and sustainable gift wrapping this holiday season. Please bring 3 to 5 small to medium sized gifts to wrap in this fun class.
Where: Reiman Gardens

SUNDAY

Argentine Tango
When: 4 to 7 p.m.
What: This Milonga (dance party) is a multi-level class with lots of time to enjoy the music and dance.
Where: Workspace, MU

SUNDAY

Men's Basketball
When: 5:30 p.m.
What: Iowa State vs. Texas Southern.
Where: Hilton Coliseum

Daily Snapshot



STUDENT PROJECTS: Savanna Studio Open House

Michael Dileo, sophomore in pre-business, left, and Tony Scotellaro, sophomore in landscape architecture, look at a project by Scotellaro during the Savanna Studio Open House exhibition on Tuesday at the College of Design. Photo: Huiling Wu/Iowa State Daily

Police Blotter: 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.

Dec. 3

Reece Cote, 2695 Helser Hall, reported the theft of a laptop computer. (reported at 5:24 p.m.)
Evan Schurman, 18, 3345 Larch Hall, was cited for underage possession of alcohol. (reported at 11:30 p.m.)
Mark Dearborn, 50, no address, was arrested and charged with serious domestic abuse. (reported at 11:37 p.m.)
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Andrew Weidner, 19, 4700 Mortensen Road unit 308, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. (reported at 1:45 a.m.)
Michael Wiatt, 21, of Des Moines, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. (reported at 1:45 a.m.)
Jessie Clinton, 33, of Huxley, was arrested and charged with public intoxication. (reported at 2:29 a.m.)

Brian Hubbard, 21, 200 Stanton Ave. unit 606, was arrested and charged with public intoxication. (reported at 4:14 a.m.)
Joshua Lau, 22, 1400 Coconino Road unit 104, was arrested and charged with public intoxication. (reported at 4:14 a.m.)
Tamika Miller, 29, 225 Kellogg Ave., was arrested and charged with trespassing. (reported at 7:06 a.m.)
Christine Howard, 44, of Des Moines, was arrested and charged with identity theft, two counts of forgery and first-degree theft. (reported at 9 a.m.)
Darrick Hicks, 36, no address, was arrested and charged with willful FTA, contempt of court and parole violation. (reported at 8:30 p.m.)

Celebrity News

Notes and events.

Alicia Keys charity reaches \$1 million fundraising goal

Alicia Keys, Lady Gaga and other celebrities can sign back online, thanks to donations from their fans and a philanthropist. Keys announced Monday that her charity, Keep a Child Alive, reached its \$1 million fundraising goal in honor of last week's World AIDS Day. A slew of celebrities signed off digital platforms like Twitter and Facebook last Wednesday and asked their fans to donate to the charity, which supports families affected by HIV and AIDS in Africa and India. The celebrities could sign back online when the \$1 million fundraising goal was met. The entertainers and their fans raised \$500,000, and philanthropist Stewart Rahr matched it. Participants in the Digital Death campaign included Ryan Seacrest, Justin Timberlake, Usher and Kim Kardashian.

Taylor Swift savors stylish perks of fame

Don't look for Taylor Swift in rumpled clothes and no makeup: She's not interested in dressing down to go incognito. Gowns, red lipstick, hairstylists, front-row runway seats — and, as icing, a CoverGirl model contract — are perks of her fame. She's not going to run away from them, especially if her fans are watching. "When I'm in Nashville, I feel like I can go natural and not really worry about it, but I generally love makeup and I love dress-up. That's why award shows are so much fun for me," Swift says. "I'd never wish away makeup and getting all dolled up." She owes it to her supporters to put on a good show, she says,

and at 5'10" she'd stand out in a crowd anyway. Swift, in a recent telephone interview, says she still sees her adventures in the fashion world with very wide eyes. The 40-year anniversary runway show that Roberto Cavalli staged in September and the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute Gala Benefit in New York this past spring were highlights. "I went to the Met Gala with Ralph Lauren! It was an amazing time, an enchanting night. I got to wear a white gown like a wedding gown from one of his collections," she says. One of her last big red-carpet appearances was at the American Music Awards where she wore her normally curly locks in an atypical blowout and her dress was short and edgy, unlike the more old-Hollywood looks the public got used to hear wearing. That got fashion followers buzzing. Swift, who turns 21 Monday, says she was "amused" and "flattered" that so many people had an opinion, but, contrary to some of the commentary, she wasn't sending any larger message: She just followed her mood of the day — and that's what consistently guides her style. "I go through phases. When I was recording my new album, I wore a side braid on the left side every day. It just seemed to be the only style that seemed like the right one at the time. Then there was a phase when I'll pin my hair in elaborate updos. In wintertime, I'll usually straighten my hair, and in the summertime and spring, I wear a lot of headbands. In the fall, I wear a lot of knit beanies." In her new CoverGirl NatureLuxe ads debuting this week, she has

a more ethereal vibe. Yes, she says, there have been quite a few offers to be a spokeswoman for products, but some make more sense than others. Her partnership with American Greetings cards, for example, is a natural fit because her expertise lies with writing sayings and making memories, she explains. But, Swift adds, her whole life isn't going to become a commercial. "I love cooking, but I'm not going to pursue that."
Oprah Winfrey hosts author Jonathan Franzen
Oprah Winfrey and author Jonathan Franzen have put their rocky past behind them. Franzen appeared on Monday's "The Oprah Winfrey Show," embracing his host after she chose his bestselling novel "Freedom" for her popular book club. Winfrey did not have Franzen on her show nine years ago, when his previous novel "The Corrections" was a book club selection, because he called some of her choices "schmalzy." Winfrey said Monday she didn't have Franzen on her show then because she didn't want him to feel "uncomfortable." Franzen, 51, who is widely regarded as one of his generation's leading fiction writers, was branded as a snob for the comment even though he apologized quickly and repeatedly. "I spoke in very long sentences, and then little pieces of those sentences sounded bad, and your feelings were probably, understandably, hurt," Franzen told Winfrey on Monday. He also told her he considers himself a "Midwest egalitarian" and not a snob.

"My idea of the book I want to write, the book I want to read, is one that everybody can find a way to connect to," Franzen said. "That's really what I've devoted my whole career to." The pair discussed Franzen's writing process, how he started writing "Freedom" and his visit with President Barack Obama. "Bottomline is, I'm happy to have you," Winfrey said. "I'm happy to be here," Franzen replied. Winfrey said in September that she read "Freedom" after Franzen sent her a copy during the summer along with a note. She said she considered it a "tour de force" after the first chapter and called it a "masterpiece." Released in late August, "Freedom" was virtually canonized by critics before publication and has topped best-seller lists. Franzen was the subject of a Time Magazine cover story, titled "Great American Novelist." Also Monday, Winfrey announced her 65th book club selection would be a combination of two Charles Dickens classics, "A Tale of Two Cities" and "Great Expectations." The two novels have been issued in a single bound Penguin paperback edition of about 800 pages with a list price of \$20. The electronic version, also from Penguin, sells for \$7.99. Because the copyright has long expired on the 19th-century novels, they are available through a variety of publishers and retailers. "Great Expectations" can be downloaded for free on Amazon.com's Kindle reader. "A Tale of Two Cities" costs 99 cents on Barnes & Noble's e-book device, the Nook. The novels also can be downloaded for free through the new Google bookstore.



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Bowen studies birds throughout her career, which has taken her all over the continents — including spending three years in Costa Rica studying one species in particular.
Her research focuses pri-

marily on their behavior, as well as their population biology. She also belongs to scientific societies, specifically those focusing on ornithology.
But Bowen is most proud of the fact that she simply stayed in the sciences.
“I feel like I’m always learning something new,”

Bowen said. “As a professor and an administrator, I’ve learned things from a combination of lots of different fields.”
Above all, Bowen is dedicated to women entering and staying in the sciences.
“You can do it,” Bowen said. “There is always go-

ing to be a need for scientific minds, and that need will only increase now with the constantly growing level of technology. You can enter a field or study something that only you are interested in, or you can be part of a group effort that could change the world. It’s very satisfying.”

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Warren Madden, vice president of business and finance, said there is a series of steps for projects to go through in order to get approval from the Board of Regents.
The first step is to approve planning, which has already passed, then develop a program.

Madden said the first step of development will be RDG Planning and Design firm out of Des Moines to work on planning the project.

This will be relatively straightforward for this project because it is a soccer field and track, he said.

Madden said part of what RDG is looking at is the need for lighting, locker rooms and parking.

“An example [of developing a program] is the track and field,” Madden said.

“You can’t have a javelin-throwing area in the middle of a soccer field,”

He said the ISU Athletic Department would like to relocate the soccer field by Lied Recreation Athletic Facility and the Southwest Sports Complex because the sites haven’t worked out well in the past.

Madden said because the Athletic Department dropped baseball, that left the softball facility out on its own.

The soccer field was damaged by the floods and unusable for a portion of the summer, he said.

Madden said FEMA probably won’t pay for the actual soccer field being built, but may help move the existing physical structures such as the bleachers and press box on the soccer field.

The Agriculture Pavilion will feature a large arena that can be used for horseshoes, livestock events and will have seating for 1,000 people, said Maynard Hogberg, professor and chairman of animal sciences.

Hogberg said the area can be used by student clubs and will have four classrooms.

Some teaching programs will be moved for lab work so students can interact with the animals, Hogberg said.

The Animal Sciences program is currently using the Iowa Farm Bureau Pavilion

east of Kildee Hall.
“It’s very small and hard to access,” Hogberg said.
He said there are plans to move the horses over to the area as well.
“The stables we are using now don’t protect from weather and snow ... it’s not that safe when it’s icy,” Hogberg said.
Almost \$5 million has been raised for the \$7 million agriculture pavilion.

Madden said he wanted to meet with the neighborhood and discuss about both sites so they can look at the bigger picture.
He said he didn’t want it to seem as if the university kept “piece-milling things in.”

The projects would be beneficial to the ice facility because it will improve parking, Madden said.

“Parking has been one of the challenges out there,” Madden said.

He said the ice arena is a joint city and university building.

It is used for intramurals as well as a figure skating group in the community. Ames High School uses the facility for hockey as well.

Madden said the projects would also benefit Special Olympics of Iowa by putting everything in one area.

Madden said he would like for the neighborhood to attend the meeting.

He said he has received multiple e-mails from community members that want further clarification on the project.

Madden said they have mostly been dealing with what is going to happen with drainage and land runoff.

Madden said it is a challenge trying to present this kind of concept to the community.

“People say it’s a done deal ... but this is a chance for the community to help improve the project,” Madden said.



Jordan Elenz, right, junior in mechanical engineering, talks with Ross Morrow, left, professor in mechanical engineering, about his term’s design project, “Air Filtration System for Earthquake victims in China.” Photo: Tsubasa Shigehara/Iowa State Daily



Tory Jung, left, junior in mechanical engineering, explains to visitors his term’s design project, “Extraction Press for Oil Palm Fruit in Nigeria.” Photo: Tsubasa Shigehara/Iowa State Daily

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ects that could have practical uses at home and abroad.

Brian Walker, graduate student in architecture, showcased a radio-controlled blimp that takes sensors over fields to receive different readings.

“We design different ways of flight looking at weight, cost and different materials that we can incorporate,” Walker said. Austin Hilton, junior in mechanical engineering, and his group demonstrated the importance of his project — a mango picker for Haiti.

“Mangos are the number two export in Haiti,” Hilton said. “We want to find a better way to make it more efficient and faster.”

Tory Jung, junior in mechanical engineering, and his group presented an oil press for people in West Nigeria to be able to use to extract palm oil from palm fruit.

“We figure it would be more sanitary,” Jung said. “It’ll be cleaner and they can get more oil from the palm fruit.”

Brandon Kiel, junior in mechanical engineering, showcased with his group a prototype scale model of a rainwater collector to be used in mountainous areas in Tanzania.

“The real thing will collect 1,200 inches of rain per hour,” Kiel said. “Our prototype will collect five gallons in eight seconds. If you can get a couple of them then you can irrigate crops without a problem.”

Luke Stephenson, junior in mechanical engineering, along with his group presented a windmill to be used for sustainable energy in Kenya.

“In Kenya there is a rapid growth of cell phone usage, but they don’t have a way to charge their cell phones,” Stephenson said. “This will be implemented to give them a power source to be able to use their cell phones which help them in many aspects of their life.”

The event was sponsored by the mechanical engineering department.

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is different in its needs for non-tenure-faculty-taught courses and therefore cannot establish standards across the university.

However, there was intense opposition from the senate because of ambiguity regarding how each department would determine the proper percent of non-tenure instruction.

There are no official guidelines or standards in place for determining the number because it is left up to the departments to set a non-tenure eligible percent instruction goal.

The senate was skeptical as to how each department is supposed to justify why it would be above or below the determined goal.

The ISU Faculty Senate also discussed an amendment to the handbook regarding removal of faculty members for not performing their duties adequately and to the standards set by Iowa State.

The handbook currently states that faculty members will be removed if they were not adequately performing their duties.

Which includes but is not limited to things like not showing up to class to teach and not participating in fac-

ulty committees or boards.

The amendment received intense criticism from many faculty members because it does not explicitly define what is considered adequate performance.

Many were concerned that faculty members would be removed from their current positions because of prejudices and poor relationships between them and their departments.

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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)

White Trash Wednesday

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

2fer Thursday

- 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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- \$3.50 Pints Boulevard Wheat (All Day)
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Branstad should choose equal rights

Ladies and gentlemen, the Iowa State Daily Editorial board would like to make aware that we have a psychic in our midst, here in the rolling hills of Iowa.

That's right Bob Vander Plaats has powers that allow him to see things that could have been.

"If all seven were on the ballot, all seven would have been voted off," Vander Plaats said. "Because of their presence on the court today, I think there's a credibility issue and integrity issue."

Not only can he divine what could have happened, but he can read your thoughts.

"The people have spoken and demanded a change in leadership," Vander Plaats said in a news release.

At some point we need to start asking him about the next powerball numbers. Maybe check with him about who would win the college football National Championship.

While we are caustically joking about his special powers, everyone who was blind to his agenda before either has to accept it for what it was and is now, or remain willfully ignorant.

What Vander Plaats wants is a hostile takeover of the judicial system in our fine state to further his own bigoted agenda.

How will this relate to us, as a people? This is the question that is weighing heavily on the minds of people who think the LGBT community has the same rights as every other citizen in our great nation.

In a discussion with The Gazette about searching for the right judges, Gov.-elect Terry Branstad said, "There's no foolproof system."

Being that the Editorial Board has a few militant Libertarians on it, we may be biased in our thought processes, but we believe that you can tell the value of a system by its actions.

The best system will not strip the rights of a minority group and then stomp on their throats. The best system will not be intolerant of those who do nothing to encroach on the autonomy of others.

What the best system will do is ensure that all people are treated equally and without bias. The best system will not allow the majority to encroach on the autonomy of the minority, even in the respects of forcing the semantics of their religion onto that minority.

From what we can tell from recent remarks from Gov. Branstad, it sounds like he may try to stay out of the crossfire and give the power to the people to decide.

We on the board are all about the empowerment of the person, but we draw the line at empowering people to dominant the lives of others.

We appreciate Branstad's maneuvering to a ground where he can be ambivalent on the subject; that is the sign of a veteran politician. Unfortunately politicizing often falls short of doing the right thing, and on many occasions leads to the wrong thing being done.

We would like to put forward words from a book that so many people in this nation claim to live their lives by:

"15 I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I would you were cold or hot. 16 So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth." Revelation 3:15-16, American King James Version

The time to pick a side is now, Mr. Branstad. We suggest that you choose the side of liberty, lest you be judged harshly.

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Policy

Reform the rules



By Thomas.Hummer@iowastatedaily.com

Dead Week regulations hit-or-miss, unenforced

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to Dead Week. I'll never forget when this time rolled around during my first year at Iowa State, and I thought that Dead Week was just a clever name the students gave to this week of cramming, Red Bull, all-nighters and stress.

Imagine my surprise when I learned that Dead Week was officially recognized and sanctioned by the university, complete with its own policies and regulations.

Some highlights of these rules include professors not giving final exams during Dead Week, that major assignments should be assigned and due before Dead Week, student organizations may not hold meetings and teachers should generally lighten the workload.

As I reflect on my seven semesters at Iowa State, I can remember at least one professor per semester blatantly disregarding these rules. In fact, I'd even go as far as saying that more teachers don't follow these policies than do.

But is this really such a bad thing? For instance, why forbid exams from being given during Dead Week? If anything, this offsets the students' workloads relative to their other classes by a full week, spacing their finals out more and moving some of the study stress to the week before Dead Week. This also enables students to chronologically prioritize their studying time more efficiently. I find that this actually helps to take finals one at a time and improves focus, as long as not every class I'm in decides to do this.

It's also specified in these policies that if a final is held during Dead Week, the class must meet during finals week "for other educational activity."

This is an absolutely ridiculous policy. We all know that once a student is done with finals, they've basically washed their hands of the class entirely.

Nobody would show up for the mandatory Finals-Week meeting, and it would basically act as a punishment to the professor, who would pretty much sit there by his or herself for an hour and a half. Real productive.

One common misconception of these rules is that teachers should give "no homework" during Dead Week — I hear this all the time from fellow students.

This is never stated in the policy and is a pretty absurd notion in the first place. If there was no homework at all during Dead Week, what would everyone do during class?

A week-long semester review seems a bit excessive, and that's what Dead Week would be reduced to if no new material was introduced. In this case, the "lighter

workload" idea works well when put into use. Still, this is an extremely vague definition that is left up to serious interpretation, and I'm not sure I trust the average professor's definition of a lighter workload.

In the end, the policy itself is hit-or-miss. Some of the rules make a lot of sense, and some of them are nothing more than bureaucratic frivolousness.

However, the pertinency of them becomes a moot point because a significant majority don't follow them and nobody ensures that they're carried out. Iowa State claims that "the Provost will publicize and monitor this policy each semester," but I have yet to see the wide-

spread effects of this.

The underwhelming impact this policy has on classroom planning proves its ineffectiveness and pointlessness.

Rules that are simply "recommended" and aren't enforced aren't really rules at all. While I'm sure that this policy would make a much larger impact on those in the Design or Engineering colleges as opposed to my fellow English majors, it doesn't change the fact that they are empty words with inadequate backing.

For this policy to have any significance, it needs proper enforcement. Until then, I urge the Government of the Student Body, Faculty Senate and university president to stop wasting their time making such weak policies.



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Technology

Journalism, the Internet and news



By Heath.Verhasselt@iowastatedaily.com

Have you purchased an iPad yet? I haven't, but many of you have.

More than 6 million of you, in fact. Why has this little device been so popular? It's not a computer and it's not a phone, just like they said when they released it: It's in between. Many have dubbed this as the ultimate consumption device. You buy movies, music and games on it, not to mention all the other apps it has. It does almost everything, except FaceTime, but we'll wait until spring for that. But for now, the current focus is on subscription services on iTunes. What type of subscriptions? Magazines, journals and newspapers.

Online distribution has been the thorn in the side of newspapers and magazines everywhere since the dawn of the Internet. Should it be free, should there be premium content, how can we make money off of what most Internet users expect to be free? Who has the answer to these questions?

Apparently Steve Jobs does, along with his pal Rupert Murdoch. Not just those two, but so does Richard Branson of Virgin Group. Starting this December, the iPad and soon the iPhone will offer a new type of newspaper as well as magazines. These will be the first subscription news and magazine apps on the iTunes App Store.

First up is what has been dubbed as The Daily, although not the first, but it will soon be the most popular online newspaper. If done right, it could make the Huffington Post look like a little kid's website. It will be an Apple-esque newspaper that will have

news as well as premium features like video inside the article and will all be put together with Apple-approved styling and design.

In addition to The Daily will be Project magazine. It's a magazine launching on the iPad with cool articles that have videos and images built into it. It will look about the same as the The Daily. These two publications using the Internet as a medium will be the first to fully utilize social media, online distribution and actually generate revenue in this new era of journalism. Right?

I think so. With the power of Apple and its App Store, anything is possible, and I think these two new publications will be rather successful. But what about the rest of us? You know, real newspapers like the New York Times, Washington Post or Iowa State Dailys of the world.

How are papers using the "old way" going to stay in business? You can't charge a huge subscription fee for your online newspaper that has stories most people could find for free. The philosophy that needs to be taken is as follows: If you can't beat them, join them. Follow what the others are doing, get in the App Store, charge a lower subscription fee and hope for the best.

The largest issue facing the old model is how much revenue will be lost due to the switch to online-only distribution. To that I ask, "Would you rather have a few dimes, or a whole bunch of nickels?" And that is how I hope the Iowa State Daily — luckily we're a mostly free newspaper — and others will stay in business for years to come.

Letter

God's plan goes beyond earthly life and death

Protection is spiritual, rather than physical

In response to Tom C. Walker's letter: As a Christian I believe that I am fully encased in God's love and protection. But this protection is not something I would consider physical protection, but rather spiritual protection.

When entering into the saving grace of my God, you give up the plan that you have set for your life and replace it with an eternal plan set up by Him. This plan may even include premature death, which is only sad in earthly, time-dependent terms.

When Tom Walker talks about the death of Jonathan Brown, he can only think of the life that was cut short here on Earth. What he fails to recognize is that Jonathan now is receiving his reward for faithfully following his God. This reward is an eternal life with a new body, and this reward is what all Christians strive to receive through living a God-pleasing life.

Premature deaths are not the end for Christians, but the beginning. We don't Rest In Peace, we Rejoice In Paradise.

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Self Improvement

Men: Remember your member



By Brandon.Blue@iowastatedaily.com

Pleasure for males is important, too

Well lads, you might be feeling a little left out what with the guest columnists writing exclusively to those in possession of female anatomy.

Here's a quick test to see if this article is for you. If you'll stretch your waistband out a moment — preferably not if you're in the middle of lecture — you might notice what is called a penis.

I understand that years of calling it "Little (insert name here)" or "Thor's Hammer" may have caused you to forget its true name, but in the spirit of maturity, we'll call it your penis.

If between your legs you find no penis, don't worry! Liz and Ahna have written you two fantastic articles already. Read them now.

But if you do indeed find an ex-Thor's Hammer — and I assure you that you alone ever referred to it as such — keep on reading this one.

In their first article, Liz and Ahna have an intriguing gender dichotomy

they deconstruct: "Women hate sex and men can't get enough." They go on to say that women discuss sex as much or more with their friends than do men.

And ultimately, I have to agree with that. Because most guys talk about their penises, not sex, when they're together. I hate to break it to us, gentlemen, but the earth orbits the Sun, not our genitals. And no, renaming the sun "My Penis" doesn't cut it. Your friendly astronomy department here at Iowa State will verify that.

You'll hear it said that clitorises contain 8,000 nerve endings. The general figure tossed around for the male equivalent, the glans — also known as the "head" — is about 4,000. No worries; pleasure isn't measured by nerve endings alone. Neither of you will know what the other feels, regardless.

And it's not like you have two nerve endings, guys. You've got 2,000 times more! Take heart; the earth needn't revolve around your penis for you to enjoy your own company. The depths of pleasures of the flesh are open to you as well.

And the advantage that you do have, guys, is that you don't need an "Energized" Rabbit, you don't need a ball pit where the balls are comfy pillows and you don't need to spend half an Xbox to pleasure yourself.

Gay, straight or transgender; mechanic, philosopher or president, we all masturbate.

Jackson Browne famously sang about "Rosie," and I'd like to repeat his message. Sometimes when you turn out the light, guys, you have to hand it to you.

Tell your roommates that Rosie Palmer or even Palmela Handerson is coming over, and you need the room for a little bit. Then lock the door and prop a chair against it, because chances are that they'll be oblivious to the fact that you need some intimate time with the best guy in your life.

But let's say you're in a happy relationship, and you prefer the company of your partner to the cold isolation of furiously masturbating between your roommate's classes.

Firstly, selflessness is always appreciated in bed. When the Lust Beast has you in its maw, I know it's

difficult to think of this, but as Liz and Ahna point out, sometimes your "mind-blowing cunnilingus" just blows.

So mean it. Remember that song "It's In His Kiss?" It's applicable here too, lads.

That's not to say that you don't deserve some tender love and care yourself, only that it shouldn't come at the expense of your partner's pleasure. Be genuine. What's to lose?

Secondly, talk about your penis. Talk about touching it. Talk about what feels good.

That doesn't mean you should strike up a conversation about your penis on the bus. Don't ask the driver if he needs to see your penis' card to let you on the bus.

It means you need to talk to your partner about what's good and what's not. Let's just say that "Thor's Hammer" isn't just made out of wood. Some parts more finely crafted deserve a little more care.

Thirdly, don't expect something from your partner of which the equivalent you're unwilling to reciprocate.

I once had a conversation with a

colleague who told me that he refused to give his girlfriend cunnilingus when she wanted it because he didn't want to touch her urethra with his tongue. Naturally he expected fellatio as if it were a right.

Take a wild guess as to the state of their relationship today.

And lastly, no matter if the Lust Beast has you in a death roll, guys, abuse is not the answer. Nothing good can possibly come of it. As Liz herself pointed out in a Daily article from October, abuse "doesn't have to be bruised faces or broken bones." Emotional abuse and sexual abuse are problems, too.

Treat each other with respect. Not only is abuse despicable for legal and ethical reasons, but I'd also hesitate to call any abuser a man.

No man abuses his partner. Do you really want to be thought of as worse than Ed Peletier from "The Walking Dead?"

Guys, maybe only you know your valleys and peaks — or just your peak — the best. Perhaps you'd rather be in the hands of a trusted partner. Whatever the case, know that your pleasure is important, too.

Letter

Can we forgive you for 'don't ask, don't tell'?

LGBT people will find it hard to forget injustice

If we look at research reports, the U.S. military and larger society appear ready now to "allow" lesbian, gay and bisexual people to serve openly in the country's armed forces.

A Pew Research Center poll released earlier this month found that 58 percent of Americans favor repealing the current "don't ask, don't tell" policy imposed by the U.S. military 17 years ago mandating that gays, lesbians and bisexuals who join the ranks of the armed forces maintain complete silence regarding their sexual identities. Nevertheless, the military has discharged an estimated 14,000 service members on the so-called "charge" of being "homosexual" under this policy.

A recent Pentagon study

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shows that 70 percent of current military personnel predicted that having a service member who identifies as lesbian, gay or bisexual in their unit would have a positive, mixed or no effect on morale and that troop readiness would not be affected. Robert Gates, Secretary of Defense, and Admiral Mullen, head of the Joint Chiefs, are currently advocating a repeal of the policy.

On the other hand, a number of members of Congress and people within the larger society still cling to the belief that repeal would seriously weaken our military's effectiveness or damage troop morale.

In actuality, the policy itself has been a total disaster in discharging and preventing service by talented and committed people who would have joined the ranks, many who

held or could have potentially held critical positions, for example, as language interpreters and other military specialists.

Though I personally find it objectionable to enter a military system that engages in unjustified incursions into Iraq, for example, as our troops are stretched thin throughout the world's conflict areas, we do our country a great disservice by eliminating an entire class of people whose only desire is to contribute to the defense of their nation.

As I have followed the debates over the years, I have been constantly struck by the arguments favoring maintenance of the current exclusionary policy, ranging from fears over the "predatory nature of the homosexual" in bunks and showers, to homosexuals crumbling under the pressure of combat, to these service members placing themselves in compromising situations in which they will

be forced to divulge critical defense secrets to foreign governments.

While I give credit to lesbian, gay and bisexual people for maintaining a willingness to join the military following such scurrilous depictions of us, I believe that permitting policymakers, the majority presumably heterosexual and largely male, to dictate policy over whether lesbian, gay and bisexual service members are granted permission openly to serve our country

makes about as much sense as allowing men to determine whether women get the vote or whether women maintain control over their reproductive freedoms.

The question for me is not whether they will "allow" us to serve openly.

The more salient question is whether we can forgive them for their dehumanizing, offensive and downright prejudicial stereotypical characterizations.

Though eventually legisla-

tors will reverse "don't ask, don't tell," history will record and remember this indelible stain on the reputation of the United States.

While I understand that the country needs to undergo its developmental process in gaining a greater awareness regarding the needs, concerns and realities of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, I also know that we will not forget.

And for many of us, we will find it difficult to forgive.



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By Friley

Male wearing black leggings, short black shorts, a plaid button up, black jacket over, and some kind of hat. WHAT IN THE WORLD WERE YOU THINKING?!

EVENTS

Practically Perfect Consignment Sale

When: Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Where: Stoney Creek Court, Johnston Day long sale. First 50 shoppers get a free gift bag

Dance social Christmas party

When: Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: 196 Forker
Free dance social hosted by the ISU Ballroom Dance Club. Singles are welcome

Recycled Wrapping

When: Dec. 11 at 10 a.m.
Where: Reiman Gardens
Learn how to create beautiful sustainable gift wrap

Craft Show at Java Joe's

When: Dec. 11 from noon to 6 p.m.
Where: Java Joe's in Des Moines
Enjoy free coffee and see handmade holiday gifts from a variety of local crafters

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When: Dec. 15 at 1 p.m.
Where: Salisbury House in Des Moines
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2010 Gift Guide

BY KELLY MCNAMARA
& EMILY MILLER
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O.P.I. nail polish

These new colors from OPI's holiday Burlesque line are sure to get any girl in the holiday spirit. Not just your usual sequined nail polish, this is sure to grab attention at every holiday party.

for her

Every girl needs a new pair of slippers to keep her warm this winter! These slouchy slipper-boots from Nordstrom come in a variety of colors and styles, so there should be no problem finding the perfect pair to meet her style. From \$18 to \$36.



Slouchy boots

TKO ORLOGI "Slapper" watches come in various colors that are interchangeable on the watch border, as well as different color bands.

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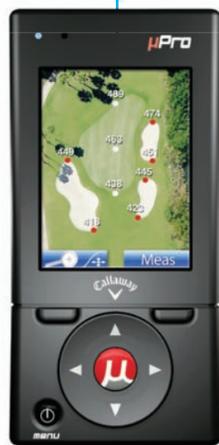
VS flannel Short

The Dreamer Flannel Short from Victoria Secret are cuter than any pair of Christmas PJs we've ever seen. Only \$19.50, pick up a pair before you leave!

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for him

Hook Dad up this Christmas with this high-tech golf gadget called the uPro Gold GPS by Callaway. The GPS allows you to see the layout of the hole, mark the distance of your shots, and more. The uPro Golf GPS runs from \$150 to \$200.



uPro Golf GPS



iPod Nano

Apple has done it again with the new iPod Nano. With more colors, and touch-screen design, the new iPod Nano is a great gift for anyone in the family this Christmas. The iPod Nano is priced from \$149 to \$179 depending on the amount of GB.

(From left to right) Photo Courtesy of Apple; Photo Courtesy of Callaway Golf; Photo Courtesy of Xbox

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Gift-wrapping

DIY

BY AMBER SMITH
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Ever wish you could wrap your gifts as pretty and fabulously as the departments stores do? Well, you can! Wrapping gifts can be extremely easy if you simply have some steps to follow. Below are three ways to wrap some common gifts. All three of these methods are very easy and should take no longer than a few minutes. So ditch the gift bags, grab some wrapping paper and scissors, and get to work!

Wine Bottle

1. Cut an 18 1/2 by 18 1/2 square of wrapping paper.



2. Fold your square in a diagonal half to form a triangle.



3. Now carefully wrap the wine bottle in the wrapping paper. Tape where necessary.



4. Finish off by taping the end corner of the wrapping paper with a small piece of tape.



5. To cover the top of the wine bottle, stuff a few pieces of small tissue paper around the top.



6. Lastly tie a ribbon around the pieces of tissue paper you just inserted into the wrapping paper, and your wine bottle is done!



Candle

1. Lay your candle down on a sheet of wrapping paper and cut it so that it can fully cover the candle.



2. Wrap the paper around the candle and tape.



3. Now you need to fold the paper underneath the bottom of the candle. Find a method that is easiest for you. It doesn't really matter what it exactly looks like since the bottom of the candle will not be seen.



4. Stand the candle upright and stuff some small sheets of tissue paper around the lid to the candle.



5. Simply take a ribbon and tie it anywhere around the lid to give the gift some shape and you're finished!



Simple box

1. Start off by securely taping the box shut. This will make it much easier to wrap.



2. Lay the box upside down on wrapping paper to determine how much paper is needed to wrap box. You should be able to fully cover the box!



3. Wrap the paper around the box. Use tape to secure.



4. Now it is time to wrap the sides of the box. Follow my three steps to complete the sides. Remember to make very sharp and tight creases! A) Fold the top down and tape in middle



B) Press sharp creases into both sides and fold them flat. Press a crease then onto the bottom, tape where needed



C) Fold the rough edge of the bottom triangle shape to give it a more finished look and fold up to cover the remainder of the side, then tape



5. You can either be finished after step four, or as shown in the picture I went on to add ribbon and bows for a more polished look. It is simple and easy to do. Just use a little creativity and always remember to tape the ribbon and bows in spots that will to be seen when present is upright! Find a method that is easiest for you. It doesn't really matter what it exactly looks like since the bottom of the candle will not be seen.

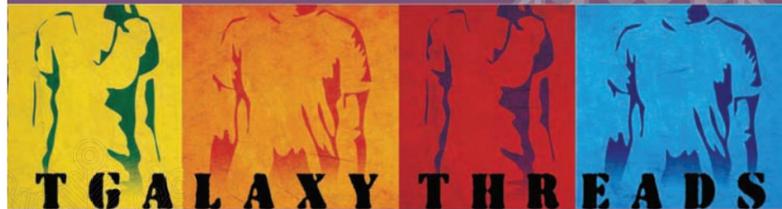
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- Deaths**
1980: John Lennon
1981: Big Walter Horton
1982: Marty Robbins
1991: Buck Clayton

1980: At 11:07 PM EST, former Beatle John Lennon is murdered in New York by a deranged fan just outside the Dakota Hotel, New York City. Lennon was shot in his chest, back and left arm and was pronounced dead thirty minutes later. Earlier that day, the killer had met Lennon outside the Dakota and had him sign a copy of his latest album, Double Fantasy.

1995: Four months after the death of founding member Jerry Garcia, the Grateful Dead officially announce their breakup.

1998: The FBI opens its 1,300 page file on Frank Sinatra to the public.

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Daily Horoscope:

by Nancy Black and Stephanie Clements

Leo: Don't Push Too Hard

Today's birthday (12/08/10). Any decision based on creative thinking will bear fruit this year. Now is the time for invention, innovation and discovering opportunity in unlikely places. Consider how you really love to spend your time and energy, and then focus on growing those passion projects.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Seek balance today between independent study and group effort. The combination creates a practical blend. Persuade others to follow your lead.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 9 -- An associate fusses over financial details. You may feel an independent impulse and go off on your own. But you get better results if you work together.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is a 6 -- One team member feels stressed because an idea doesn't mesh with the plan. Take time to soothe any hurt feelings. Then make it fair later.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Your project requires some changes. Use a very delicate touch and a slight mental readjustment to avoid damage. Then step back and admire.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Early in the day, your attention shifts from work matters to a relationship based on fun. Coworkers can manage details while you pursue a recreational activity. Go play!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Productivity could be tricky, with your mind on romance. Imagination carries you far from practical considerations, yet those ideas get the job done.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Your attention focuses on household matters today. To resolve a difficulty, first establish a balanced perspective. Then create options and choices.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- The best foundation for today's effort is creativity. You don't need to finish anything, but you do need to get a good start. Allow emotions to flow.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Produce and direct your own drama today. You won't need much to get fired up. A shortcut limits potential less than you'd imagined and gets you there faster.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 6 -- You feel self-contained in your plans and ideas today. Creative thinking becomes action, easily. Stick to practical means and minimal budget. Then go.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- To surprise someone special, maintain an outer appearance of busy activity. You can even ask questions to divert attention. Develop your act ahead of time.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Most of your attention is on other people now. Research facts and listen to intuition, rather than following blindly. Protect personal assets, and then choose.

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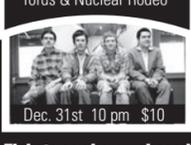
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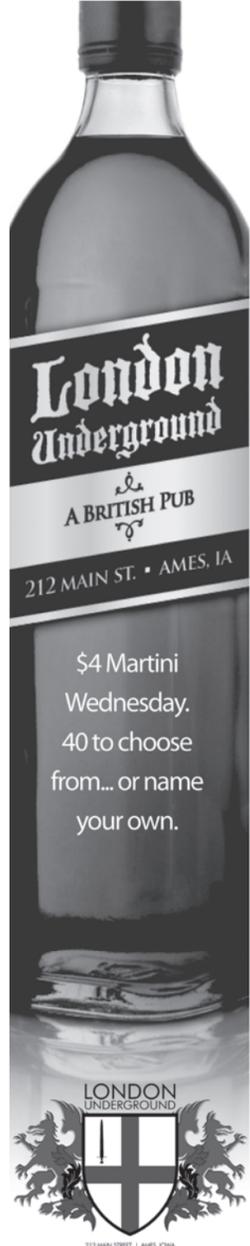
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Choosing the perfect ring for you

By Sarah Gonzalez
Daily Staff Writer

The history of the engagement ring can be traced back to the ancient Greeks, Romans and Egyptians. The ring was initially not a romantic symbol, but one that sealed the business deal of marriage. Later, the Greeks were credited with the fourth finger on the left hand tradition, where the vena amoris, or "vein of love," was believed to lead to the heart.

By the ninth century, an engagement ring was an expected standard in gold, silver or iron. Despite its unromantic beginnings, the tradition has stayed alive and strong. In the 21st century, a variety of metal and gemstones are available, but the diamond and its cut, color, clarity and carat are what drive the engagement ring industry and lighten bank accounts.

The price of diamonds and the complexity of their production and grading make them significant investments. Local jewelers and international resources can help a couple make a wise ring purchase.

The most important thing to consider is the grading quality used by a jeweler. The Gemological Institute of America is a leading source for gemstone education, research and grading. Many national chain jewelers do not use the GIA grading scale, but aim for mass marketing to sell less expensive and less quality stones.

Gary Youngberg, owner of Ames Silversmithing, said, "What I find most challenging about the diamond industry is misgrading. A lot of people sell diamonds; not a lot of people know diamonds."

Youngberg said that Ames Silversmithing and the GIA are "strict and conservative graders."

In the 1940s and 1950s, GIA developed the Four C's

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The promise ring: Symbol of faith? Or redundant insult?

By Wendy Sloan
Daily Staff Writer

Not all couples in a serious relationship are ready for an engagement. This doesn't mean they aren't committed and faithful to one another. In these situations, a promise ring can be a good option to symbolize their commitment.

Promise rings are the first step toward a serious relationship, according to Michael Gilger, owner and head designer at Gilger Designs.

"It's a promise to be faithful and love someone," Gilger said.

Justine Marshek, goldsmith and designer at Ames Silversmithing, agreed with Gilger. She said the promise ring symbolizes a "promise to love someone forever and to someday continue their lives together."

Not everyone likes promise rings

There are varying opinions about promise rings, and not all of them are positive. Gilger said he thinks promise rings are the industry's way to increase sales.

Jackie Gleason, junior in elementary education, has a similar opinion about promise rings. She said she doesn't see the point of them. "Promise rings are a symbol that someone is going to loyal or faithful and that is something you should expect in a relationship anyway. If you're going to buy a ring, you might as well save up for the engagement ring."

Gleason felt so strongly about this that she told her boyfriend never to get her one. She explained that promise rings came up in a conversation with her boyfriend around two to three

months into their relationship.

"I told him that promise rings are disgusting and I never want one. He was OK with it because it's less money for him to spend."

Gleason said that if a boyfriend ever tried to give her a promise ring, she'd probably ask him to return it. "I hope they'd know me well enough to know I wouldn't want one," she said.

What does a traditional promise ring look like?

According to Marshek, traditional promise rings are a single, smaller diamond on either a gold or white-gold band. These rings are typically worn on the left-hand ring finger.

With time, the look of the promise ring has changed. Instead of a single diamond, Marshek said that a promise ring could have a multiple small diamonds or even a single, colored stone instead.

Gilger also discussed a more nontraditional idea of a promise ring. At Gilger Designs, the promise rings are "stackable, well-made and not pretentious. They won't insult a woman's intelligence with one small stone," he said.

The promise rings he sells are smaller bands consisting of multiple stones that can be worn on any finger. "They'll be in style forever," Gilger said.

Are promise rings just a fad?

Gilger said his store doesn't really sell that many promise rings. Part of his business involves making custom rings when customers

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Finding the right metal for your wedding band

By Laura Bucklin
Daily Staff Writer

When thinking of the perfect wedding ring, most automatically imagine a white-gold band, but there are so many other metals to choose from that are good to keep in mind.

According to Amber Hoyt, an employee at Helzberg Diamonds for three years, white gold is most popular right now.

"White gold gives a cleaner look," Hoyt said, "which is why it's so popular."

White gold may look pretty, but it does re-

quire some work to keep it looking that way.

"The one downfall to white gold is that it is naturally yellow in color, so it tends to turn a bit of a yellowish-buttery color after being worn for a while," Hoyt said.

You can make white gold fresh again by having it rhodium plated. Naturally, rhodium is a white metal, so jewelers use it to make the gold white.

The one advantage of yellow gold is it requires less maintenance. "Yellow gold is in its

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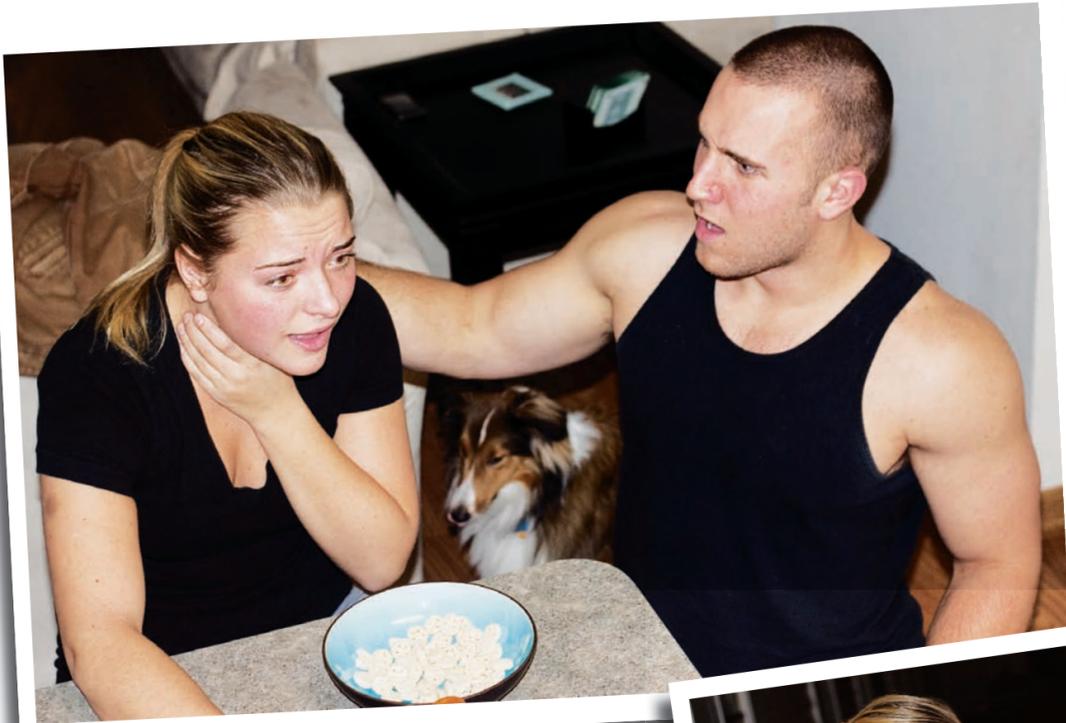
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Instead of an ordinary proposal, the groom-to-be places the engagement ring in his girlfriend's cereal, hoping she would be surprised. To avoid a situation such as choking on the ring, do not put the engagement ring in anything edible. Photo illustration: Ashlee Clark/Iowa State Daily



The dog must have found the ring before the groom-to-be had the chance to propose to his future bride. Avoid the situation by keeping the ring out of reach of small animals. Photo illustration: Ashlee Clark/Iowa State Daily

Avoid proposal misadventures

By Sarah Bougie
Daily Staff Writer

Planning the perfect proposal takes work and creativity, and guys don't always get enough credit for pulling them off. The most important thing to do is make it memorable, which some guys do by making the moment special and romantic, and others do by setting up examples never to be tried again.

Martina James is a wedding planner in Minneapolis, and one of her favorite parts of the job is to hear the proposal stories. Through 20 years in the business, she has heard countless lovey-dovey, sweet stories, but also remembers a few memorable mishaps.

Don't eat it up

"If I know a guy that's about to propose, I always tell him, never put it in anything edible," James said.

She said she has heard a few stories where

girls have not noticed or accidentally thrown away a ring because their boyfriends hid it somewhere in their food.

She also recalled the proposal story of Reed Harris and Kaitlin Whipple, who were featured on NBC's Today Show after Whipple accidentally swallowed her ring, which was hidden in a Wendy's Frosty milkshake. She remembers Reed saying how instead of dropping to one knee and popping the question, he had to pull Whipple away and explain that she had swallowed her own engagement ring.

Lost and found

One of her past clients told her that he had hid his bride's ring in a champagne glass at her office Christmas party. His girlfriend set down her glass during the party without noticing the ring and forgot to pick it up again when they went to their seats. James said the couple had to spend the rest of the night searching for the right



The groom thought proposing on a starry night out on their deck would be an excellent idea. He did not keep in mind how his bride-to-be would react. To avoid the ring being thrown off the roof, think about proposing on the lower level. Photo illustration: Ashlee Clark/Iowa State Daily

glass that had the ring in it. "You definitely don't want the first thing to do as an engaged couple to be trying to figure out how to get the ring back," James said.

Avoid heights

"Girls have a tendency to jump around and freak out when getting proposed to, so it's best to avoid proposing from some sort of ledge or tall area," James said.

She recalled an example of a couple that lost the ring after he proposed in a tree house. James said the bride threw her hands up, knocking the ring out of the groom's hands and the ring fell to the grass. After hours of searching, they finally

found it and he re-

proposed from the ground.

"Another groom I worked with proposed at the top of a Ferris wheel and he was so nervous that he dropped the ring and it fell to the cart below them," James said. "He had to wait until the wheel stopped spinning and the couple got off to find the right cart to retrieve the ring."

When considering all the different elements that can go wrong, James admits the proposal can seem even more intimidating to guys.

"If guys have a good idea that they love, they should of course go with it," James said. "It's just important to think the event out and be prepared for anything, which is good preparation for marriage anyway."



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Bertilson/Eekhoff

Emily Bertilson, daughter of Dean and Janice Bertilson, and Jeremy Eekhoff, son of Alan and Lori Eekhoff, are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding. Bertilson, of Garner, is studying el-

ementary education at Iowa State. Eekhoff, of Kanawha, is studying construction engineering at Iowa State. The couple plans to marry on Dec. 18, 2010.



Kline/Oberbroeckling

Katelynn Kline, daughter of Lynn and Denise Kline, and Andrew Oberbroeckling, son of Steven Oberbroeckling and Kimberly Ketcham, wed Aug. 28 at Moore Memorial Park in Ames.

Kline, of Logan, will complete a bachelor's degree in hotel, restaurant and institution management.

Oberbroeckling, of Muscatine, will complete a bachelor's degree in finance.

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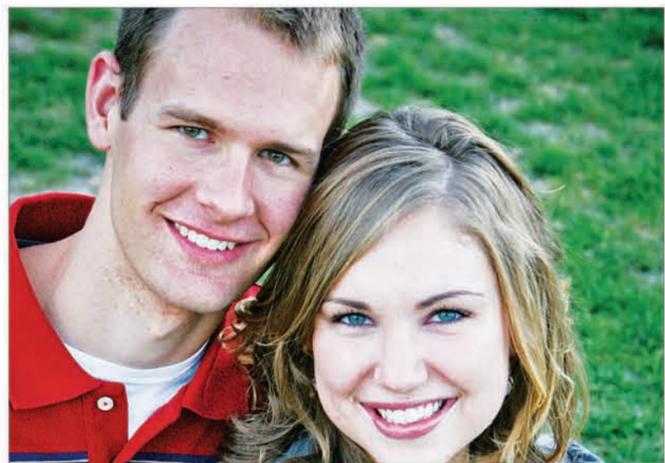
Johnson/Knipper

Lacy Johnson, daughter of Jamie and Vindy Johnson, and Jason Knipper, son of Dean and Jane Knipper, wed on Sept. 25.

Johnson, of Bloomfield, is a graduate of Iowa State with a B.A. in journalism and mass communication and a mas-

ter's degree in higher education.

Knipper, of Durango, is a graduate of Iowa State with a B.S. in mechanical engineering. He is employed at John Deere in Dubuque.



Stoll/Jennett

Nicole Stoll, daughter of Arnold and Melody Stoll, and Andy Jennett, son of Dave and Sandy Jennett, are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Stoll, of Creston, is a senior at Iowa State in agricultural engineering.

Jennett, of Creston, is a graduate student at Iowa State in agricultural engineering.

The couple plans to marry on July 9, 2011, in Creston.

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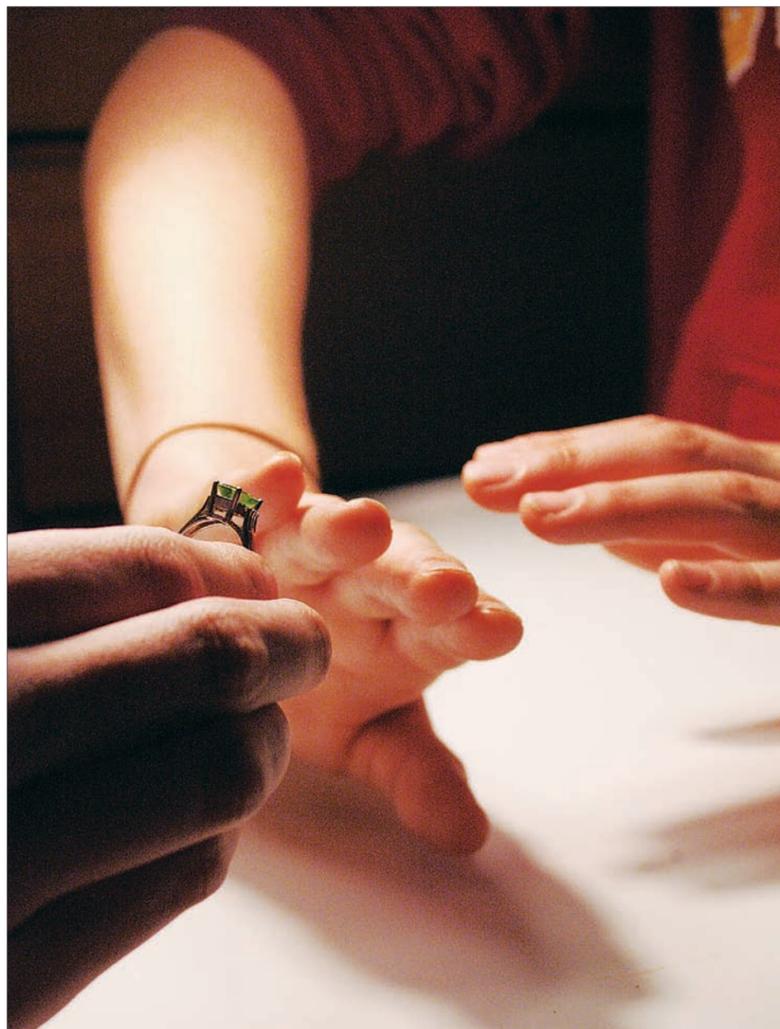
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Promise rings mean something different to everyone; some are pro-promise, while others reject the tradition entirely. Photo Illustration: Abby Gilman/Iowa State Daily

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request them, and Gilger said he doesn't remember ever making a custom promise ring.

Marshek agreed that promise rings aren't as popular at Ames Silversmithing either. "You don't see promise rings as much as you used to," she said. "When I was in high school it was important to have one, but that was 12 years ago. Now, you don't see them as much anymore. And, sometimes people will get a custom ring instead. These aren't necessarily a promise ring."

Even though Gleason said she's strongly opposed to promise rings, she said if a boyfriend gave her either a right-hand ring or a ring with

a colored stone that wasn't gifted as a promise ring, she'd accept it. "He could just play it safe and get a necklace, bracelet or earrings," Gleason said.

How much should you spend on a promise ring?

Marshek said promise rings will vary in price depending on the size of the stone. She said you could spend anywhere from \$295 to \$1,000 on a ring.

"It's a relative now. There's a wide market of options, so the price and look of the ring isn't set in stone," Marshek said.

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natural state of being," Hoyt said. "It needs no real care and should just be cleaned whenever you feel like it."

If yellow gold is not for you, there are other options. Titanium still has that white color, but is a little darker. Titanium rings are very popular because there is such an abundance of this metal on earth, which makes it inexpensive.

"A downfall is that it isn't as durable as other metals, but many people don't mind since it's cheaper," Hoyt said.

Titanium tends to scratch more, but sometimes it's hard to get men to wear rings. Therefore, titanium may be a cheaper and more reasonable option.

If you're looking for a unique ring and don't mind breaking the bank, platinum may be your metal. According to Hoyt, platinum is really rare. All the platinum mined in the entire world can fit in an average-sized living room, which is why it's so expensive.

Platinum's advantage is its durability. It's very hard to scratch, and because of this, it's a very low-maintenance ring.

"It is the strongest naturally white metal there is," Hoyt said.

Many people don't even recognize this as an option, but steering away from the mainstream metals is definitely possible as well. Hoyt said to order non-traditional rings, the best option is searching on the Internet.

After choosing the band, there are many other decisions to make. Diamonds come in almost every color and shape, so how do you choose?

Hoyt's best advice is to "know your Four C's: carat, clarity, color and cut." She also recommends that you look at the ring under a gemscope if you're spending a lot of money on it.

When you've done these things, you can be pretty confident with your choice. After that, it is important to check the warranties and guarantees.

"Although it may look perfect when buying it, later on down the road there is a high chance something will go wrong," Hoyt said. "Which is why you want a warranty to help reassure you everything will be OK."

Lastly, it is important to not let your friends deter you from a yellow-gold band if that's what you want. Remember, this ring is supposed to be on your finger for the rest of your life.

Hoyt's last bit of advice is simple: "Shop and look for what you love."

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and the GIA International Diamond Grading System to enable universal and objective comparison and evaluation. However, it is important to know that the jeweler is grading each diamond accurately and strictly.

Youngberg has discovered that some chain jewelers grade a stone higher than he would because they use the European Gemological Laboratory scale, which, according to Youngberg, is much more liberal than the GIA.

"People tend to forget that a diamond is a product, like a house or a car," he said. "Knowledge is the key to making an intelligent purchase."

This knowledge can begin with the GIA's online resources. The website describes the Four C's and the GIA grading scales used to determine quality. This information can help consumers be familiar with their jeweler's terminology before going out to buy a diamond ring, or any other gemstone.

The clarity of a diamond is determined by the flaws or the internal inclusions and external blemishes, seen in a stone under 10x magnification. The GIA developed an international grading system with 11 categories. According to the GIA, most diamonds fall under the VS — very slightly included — or SI, slightly included, categories.

The quality of the cut depends on the diamond's shape. The basic shape used in most jewelry is round brilliant, but other "fancy shapes" include

marquis, pear, oval and heart shapes, among others. A jeweler determines cut quality by the following factors: brilliance, fire and scintillation.

These factors determine how light is reflected, dispersed and flashed within the diamond. The says GIA a well-cut diamond directs most light directly through its crown, or the top of the stone.

The GIA developed the standard grading system for the color of diamonds. The system ranks from D, which is colorless, to Z, nearly colorless. Nearly colorless diamonds have hints of yellow and these slight differences make significant price differences.

Carat, or weight, of a diamond is measured on a 100-point scale. A 50-point diamond would have 0.50 carats. The modern metric carat is 0.2 grams and the carat scale is universal around the world.

Choosing the metal to accompany the diamond is an-

other decision that requires some knowledge. Before handing over the down payment, consider the pros and cons of today's most popular metal choices. White gold is the most popular choice, Youngberg said. He says that while the metal is economical, it also may require maintenance over time. White gold is made from yellow gold by adding nickel and zinc, he said. To make the metal appear pure white, it is plated with rhodium, which wears away after a few years.

About 50 percent of people notice a difference and pay approximately \$50 to have it repaired, Youngberg said.

Understanding the differences between diamonds and gemstones is important when making an engagement ring purchase. Knowing these differences and making decisions based on the information and the individual's values is what makes a quality ring-buying experience, Youngberg said.

How good is the surprise proposal?

By Danielle Gibbons
Daily Staff Writer

Traditions change from year to year, especially when it comes to weddings. Looking back, weddings were much different than they are today. Even traditions that lead up to that big day have changed dramatically.

It used to be normal that the man surprised the woman with a ring, got down on one knee and asked, "Will you marry me?" The bride would be thrown totally off guard and very surprised because she had no idea it was coming.

Yeah, maybe she knew it'd happen someday but not the specific time, and she definitely didn't know what ring he picked out for her.

Nowadays some brides actually pick out the ring and say, "This is the one I want." This may ruin everything. Now when he gets down on one knee, she knows what she's getting.

No surprise factor and it's over. This changes the whole proposal and it would probably drive the bride crazy just waiting, looking for when he'll actually propose.

Brides worry about what their hubby will get them and if they don't like the ring. Then what? You don't have to pick out the exact ring to show him. Make him do some work, too!

"I showed him what I was looking for and gave him some ideas. But in the end, he picked out the ring and surprised me and he picked the perfect ring for me," said Jessica Haugo, graduate in elementary education.

Haugo married in June 2010.

It's OK to tell him what you like and what you want without telling him the exact ring you want. Give him ideas, but don't be so specific. It'll be much more exciting if you don't know exactly when and where it'll happen and what you're getting. This will make the proposal better and the engagement announcement much more exciting.



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On the other hand, it is nice to know you're getting what you want and that you won't be disappointed. It might ruin the proposal if he whips out a hideous ring you absolutely hate.

"I picked out my own ring and then he surprised me with the proposal. I was still very surprised when it happened and I picked out a ring that I really like," said Sheena Rausch, recently engaged and planning her wedding for April 2011.

It's safe to say that there's no wrong or right way to go about it. If you're a picky person, it might be smart to either give him specific ideas or just pick it out yourself. On the other hand, if you like the surprise factor, let him do it. He knows you well enough to know what you like. Give him a chance!

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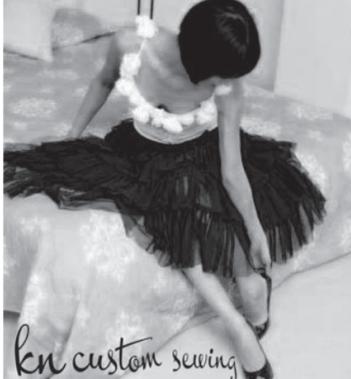


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Football

Daily staff provides final Big 12 rankings

Editor's Note: The Daily's football staff ranked the conference's football teams throughout the season, and now give their final choices as the postseason is set to begin. Set in a points system, writers voted from top to bottom. The players and notes listed are purely the writers' opinions and in no way represent the Daily or any other ranking system.

1. Oklahoma Sooners (11-2, 6-2)

Last time: No. 4

MVP: WR Ryan Broyles — 118 rec., 1,452 yards, 13 TD

Recap: Coming on strong late in the year, OU won its rivalry games, won the Big 12, and is headed to another BCS game. Ho-hum.

Outlook: The Fiesta Bowl offers Bob Stoops' club just another bowl game with nothing to gain, taking on middling Connecticut. Young play-makers Roy Finch and Kenny Stills will get plenty of publicity very soon.



2. Oklahoma State Cowboys (10-2, 6-2)

Last time: No. 1

MVP: WR Justin Blackmon — 102 rec., 1,665 yards, 18 TD

Recap: It all came down to Bedlam for the high-powered Pokes, but Mike Gundy's squad played little brother for another season. On to the Alamo Bowl for a consolation game.

Outlook: The Fighting Pickens' will lose sturdy Kendall Hunter this season, but could return many of the pieces that made them dangerous this season. Could Stillwater be the next Eugene?



3. Nebraska Cornhuskers (10-3, 6-2)

Last time: No. 2

MVP: LB Lavonte David — 145 tackles, 14 TFL, 6 sacks

Recap: The Blackshirts came up big all season, but the quarterback situation was a problem yet again in Lincoln and left the Huskers a few points short in the Big 12 title game.

Outlook: A rematch against a bad Washington team in the Holiday Bowl again? Bo Pelini and Co. can't run off to the Big Ten fast enough. Can't say they haven't had success in the Big 12, though.



4. Texas A&M Aggies (9-3, 6-2)

Last time: No. 3

MVP: QB Ryan Tannehill — 130/199 pass, 1,434 yards, 11 TD, 3 INT, 5 starts

Recap: It was too little, too late for the Aggies, who emerged as one of the hottest teams in the country thanks to Tannehill's arm and the 12th Man. Plus, Mike Sherman got to keep his job.

Outlook: Plenty of talented players will play their last game for A&M in the Cotton Bowl, and Sherman will have to reload in a hurry in Aggieland.



5. Missouri Tigers (10-2, 6-2)

Last time: No. 5

MVP: TE Michael Egnew — 83 rec., 698 yards, 4 TD

Recap: The conference mark looks good for Gary Pinkel's team, but they fell short yet again. Gabbert played well but not great, and Mizzou is on the outside looking in.

Outlook: Not sure this team can ever be more than a fast squad that beats up on the little guys, but Mizzou's defense is getting better every year.



6. Baylor Bears (7-5, 4-4)

Last time: No. 7

MVP: QB Robert Griffin III — 274/413 pass, 3,195 yards, 21 TD, 591 rush yards, 8 TD

Recap: This season was a tremendous success, even if the stay in the Top 25 and atop the Big 12 South didn't last. Griffin has sparked a resurgence in Waco, and best of all — the Bears were a lot of fun to watch.

Outlook: RGIII is back, which means expect another bowl bid for Art Briles' team. Back Jay Finley is gone and the defense needs to shore up, but the sun is shining down south.



7. Texas Tech Red Raiders (7-5, 3-5)

Last time: No. 9

MVP: QB Taylor Potts — 326/495 pass, 3,357 yards, 31 TD, 65.9% comp.

Recap: Tommy Tuberville's team never won three straight this year, and that inconsistent play kept them out of a higher bowl bid.

Outlook: Plenty of seniors are taking off from Lubbock this off-season. Consider this the time to settle on a quarterback and solidify the defense. We've heard this before.



8. Kansas State Wildcats (7-5, 3-5)

Last time: No. 6

MVP: RB Daniel Thomas — 276 rush, 1,495 yards, 16 TD

Recap: Getting run over by Nebraska changed the Wildcats' season. What started out promising ended in a shoot-out against North Texas. That's not the formula to win the division.

Outlook: Keep the apple jokes to yourself. Bill Snyder needs to find a passing game in a hurry, and every key player seems to have played at KSU for eight years.



9. Iowa State Cyclones (5-7, 3-5)

Last time: No. 8

MVP: LB Jake Knott — 130 tackles, 6 TFL, 4 INT, 4 FF

Recap: The Cyclones were so close to shocking the conference and getting to another bowl game. Paul Rhoads is building a penchant for tough play calls and even tougher players.

Outlook: The Cyclone offense hasn't been prolific in a few years, but they'll have lots of pieces to replace, in addition to reflecting on coming up just short.



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Martial Arts



Priscila Torres, senior in aerospace engineering, and Hillary Horst, senior in dairy science, practice judo Tuesday in the Forker Building. The ISU Judo Club meets Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for practices. Photo: Kelsey Kremer/Iowa State Daily

Life lessons in judo

By Cory Weaver
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Iowa State's Judo Club is one that many people are likely unfamiliar with, but a day at a practice brings the martial arts club into a whole new light.

Judo is a Japanese form of martial arts that dates back to the 1800s, and while it is similar in some ways to mixed martial arts or wrestling, it also has some distinct differences.

"In competition judo, there is no punching or kicking; it's a grappling martial art, so it's more similar to something like wrestling or jujitsu," said senior and judo practitioner Adam Bohl. "You win by throwing an opponent from his feet onto his back and the other ways to win are by choke, an arm lock and by pin, and unlike wrestling a pin has to be held for 25 seconds before the match is called."

Bohl has been doing judo since he was 16 and is in his fourth year as a member of the Judo Club.

"I did it from a place called Des Moines Judo Academy, which is located in Altoona now, so it was private instruction, but it was while I was in high school," Bohl said.

Yong Chin Pak has been the grandmaster of the club since 1973, and the path that led him to Iowa State is quite the story.

"A long time ago in Korea, there was a Korean war between North and South, and that was my childhood. We didn't have food, we

were cold and starving, and it wasn't only my family but the whole entire country," Pak said.

"So basically we didn't have any kind of food and no money and we needed to pay school tuition, so I heard about it and judo has scholarships, so that's why I began to start."

Pak suffered from poor health as a child because of the food shortages and used judo to get better. After attending Korean Judo College, he moved to the United States and started teaching judo at the College of Saint Mary in Omaha, Neb., and then Iowa State, where he not only teaches judo but life-long values as well.

"It starts with Grandmaster Pak," said club vice president Kedge Zawack. "He teaches judo here in the class, but those 10 things that are written over on the wall are why he continues to teach and he wants to instill those values. Generally after every class, he gives a little talk about why those things are important and why we need to embody them, and I think those aspects of respect and integrity really come through with the people, and we're proud to represent those."

The club has competed in various tournaments around the Midwest this year, traveling

from Minnesota to Wisconsin to Colorado and will be competing in the Collegiate Nationals in West Point, N.Y., in March.

The club has between 60 and 80 active members at any given time, but only a small handful travel to each tournament.

"To the average tournament we'll bring somewhere between five or 10, generally around seven," Zawack said. "It sort of varies because people have their school to take care of first off and then it depends on how far we're traveling."

For those who want to try something new and give the sport a try, or who just want to get a good workout, Pak has the answer.

"Just come. In January right after school starts, the first Thursday judo starts at 5:30 [p.m.], and look up the e-mail and we have an e-mail that goes through all the university," Pak said. "It's simple to start, just come and try it out."

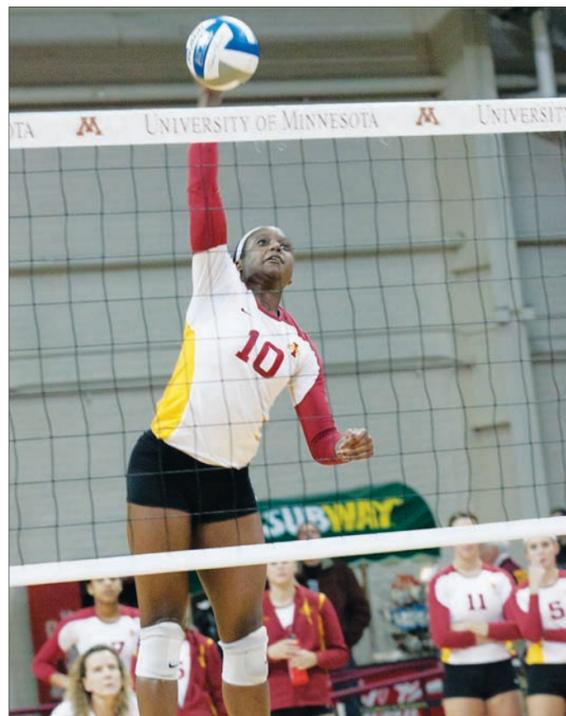
Pak also said to come in shorts and a T-shirt the first time, and after a few practices you will get the uniform, called a judogi.

It's recommended to start at the beginning of the semester, but Zawack says some mem-

"I think those aspects of respect and integrity really come through with the people, and we're proud to represent those."
 — Kedge Zawack

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Commentary



Outside hitter Victoria Henson attempts a kill against Creighton on Friday at the Minneapolis Sports Pavilion. Iowa State lost in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Photo: Bryan Langfeldt/Iowa State Daily

Thank you for the memories



By Travis Cordes @iowastatedaily.com

With this being my final article as a reporter for the Iowa State Daily, I am honored to be able to commemorate the accomplishments of these two great players I have seen do amazing things during my stay in Ames.

Even after watching them repeatedly over the last five years,

I still found myself being continually amazed by the abilities Ashley Mass and Victoria Henson showcased all the way up through their final match last weekend.

I can't be grateful enough for players like them and what I've witnessed, with all the times I

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Volleyball



Ashley Mass and Victoria Henson share their thoughts on their careers as Cyclone volleyball players during a postgame news conference. The two players helped to set a high standard for the team. Photo: Bryan Langfeldt/Iowa State Daily

Unceremonious end for brilliant careers

By Travis Cordes
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After the final point glanced off the hardwood in Minneapolis on Friday evening, the ISU volleyball team was enveloped by a wave of emotions in circumstances it had never experienced before.

Disbelief, anger and disappointment.

They all washed over the Cyclones simultaneously as they slowly came to the realization that, just like that, it was all over until next August.

It was the first time in six trips to the NCAA tournament that Iowa State had failed to advance out of the opening round, but it was only because of its previous high standards that a first-round loss was such a shock.

"You can't take for granted when you do advance," said coach Christy Johnson-Lynch.

"And not that we took for granted the last couple of seasons, but sometimes a loss like this can put things into perspective.

You can't quit working hard as a staff or as a team and you can't take for granted that wins in the tournament are just going to come because we've done it before."

After tallying a 7-3 record in the last three NCAA tournaments, yearly postseason expectations had become sky high for Johnson-Lynch's squad.

The Cyclones were one of eight teams nationally to make the Sweet 16 in each of the past three seasons, and a lot of that success can be pinned to the stellar careers of a handful of players.

Because of that high level of play in the tournament, their inability to extend that streak to four now almost seems like a

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Swimming and Diving

Coach: Cyclones look strong for meet

By Dean.Berhow-Goll
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The Cy-Hawk series continues this Friday with the ISU swimming and diving team heading to Iowa City, but Iowa State has something else to be excited for — recruiting.

“We really wanted to hit the recruiting scene hard this year,” said coach Duane Sorenson. “We’ve got 11 seniors graduating, and have a lot of people to replace.”

The top recruit coming in is Amanda Paulson from Monticello High School in Minnesota. Paulson is the current 50-meter freestyle record holder, and also took the top spot in the 100-meter freestyle at last season’s Minnesota State Championships.

“She may have been a small-school champion,” Sorenson said, “but her time would beat the big-school champion time. She is one of the top-five swimmers in the country at the 50 free, so we’re very excited for her.”

The Cyclones also added three-time state champion Kristy Kunkel. Kunkel won state in the 200 and 500 freestyle, and can help Iowa State in freestyle areas as well as in the individual medley.

“She’s a three-time state champion in Nebraska, and she will contribute a lot,” Sorenson said. “It’s a very strong class depth-wise, and it should help us fill our needs.”

Some other swimming recruits Iowa State landed that Sorenson didn’t mention are Sarah Deis, Elizabeth Kleiner, Britta Sortland and Breanna Loeschke.

Deis is a Minnesota native, who competes well in all freestyles, and is also a strong breaststroke swimmer. She specifically excels in the 100 and 200 breaststroke.

Kleiner is also a freestyler. As of right now,

the coaching staff hasn’t decided to push her in the direction of long or short distances, but believes she will be successful with either.

Sortland is a strong 50 freestyle swimmer from Woodbury, Minn. Last year she finished third in the 50 free at the Minnesota State Championships, and also is the champion at the club level for the 50 free.

Loeschke is the last swimmer from Minnesota, coming from Irondale High School. She is a strong 100 backstroker, and holds her school records in that race also.

The Cyclones have hit the recruiting spot hard and early, which is exactly what Sorenson says they need to do losing all 11 of those seniors after this season. This strong recruiting class should help build a solid foundation for next year’s team.

“It’s a very strong class depth-wise,” Sorenson said, “and it should help us fill our needs going into next year.”

Cy-Hawk takes to the pool

At his press conference Monday, Sorenson tried to silence any doubters by saying that the swimming meet between the Hawkeyes and Cyclones is actually more intense than football or basketball.

“We know that this meet is going to be important,” Sorenson said, “not just for our team, but for the entire Cyclone nation.”

The meets between the two schools have been extremely close as of late, and the home team has won the meet the past four years. Last year in Ames, the Cyclones came away with the 167-133 victory, while the Hawkeyes lead the all-time series 21-14.

Sorenson specifically stated that his senior swimmers are excited to face the Hawkeyes



The Iowa State swimming and diving team dive in to take part in the women’s 100-yard freestyle competition Oct. 30 at Beyer Hall. Iowa State beat South Dakota State 152-83, as well as Western Illinois BY a score of 161-48. File photo: Tim Reuter/Iowa State Daily

again.

“The seniors have won twice against the Hawkeyes and lost once, so they want to walk out of here 3-1,” Sorenson said. “Our girls will be fired up, and so will the Hawkeyes.”

Dani Harris healthy

So far this year, the Cyclones have been led by Dani Harris. Harris has struggled to stay healthy, but things are looking up as of late.

“Dani Harris has really been coming around,” Sorenson said. “She’s been sick off and on all

fall, and she’s been healthy the last three weeks. She’s looked outstanding lately, and we hope she stays that way.”

Harris, a Clive native, has 14 combined victories this year, 10 of them being individual and four being relays.

Emily Wiltsie, a strong freshman from Mason City, has performed tremendously as a newcomer, and has come on strong as of late.

“Emily has been swimming lifetime bests,” Sorenson said. “It seems like every time she gets in the water she looks very strong.”

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10. Texas Longhorns [5-7, 2-6]
Last time: No. 10

MVP: LB Keenan Robinson — 113 tackles, 8 TFL, 2 INT, 2 FR

Recap: To call this season a disappointment in Austin is like saying Akron is ready to contend for a national title. Mack Brown had his worst year, and Garrett Gilbert proved he’s not ready for the spotlight.

Outlook: With all the money and facilities, the Longhorns have got to get better. Finding a running game and some toughness would be a great start.



11. Colorado Buffaloes [5-7, 2-6]
Last time: No. 11

MVP: OT Nate Solder — 12 starts, 847 plays, 1 sack allowed, 1 penalty

Recap: Brian Cabral might not get to keep his job, but the Buffs did play well late in the year. The offense showed flashes of potential late in the year, unfortunately...

Outlook: It will be a new-look program next season, as the Buffs head to the Pac-10 and have a new roster and coaching staff. The Big 12 was not kind to Boulder.



12. Kansas Jayhawks [3-9, 1-7]
Last time: No. 12

MVP: P Alonso Rojas — 64 punts, 42.4 avg, long 77, 14 inside the 20

Recap: Mark Mangino took a lot of baggage with him when he left, and some of that may have been the talent in Lawrence. Jayhawk fans started counting down to basketball season even earlier this season.

Outlook: This was one of the least competitive teams in the country, and they’ll need all sorts of growth to move up in an even tighter conference next year.



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muttered “wow” or “incredible” under my breath as they did things unlike anything else I’ve seen on the court in 15 years of watching volleyball.

Thanks to players like and exceptional coaches like Christy Johnson-Lynch and women’s basketball coach Bill Fennelly, I have been absolutely spoiled rotten as a sports reporter at Iowa State.

Being able to observe the growth of this volleyball program and the extraordinary spectacle that is the ISU women’s basketball program from a front-row seat has made my last nine semesters at the Daily soar far beyond my original expectations.

Come to think of it, I may very well be the luckiest sports reporter to ever write for this wonderful newspaper.

It’s abundantly obvious that neither the volleyball nor women’s basketball programs get the amount of credit and respect they deserve, but it’s the special qualities that I saw in them that made me never want to cover anything else.

While following these two spectacular programs, I had the chance to be in the audience for nine different NCAA tournaments in college, seven of which I attended while working for the Daily.

I witnessed some defining moments in ISU athletics, as Alison Lacey’s game-winning 3-pointer against Michigan State in Berkeley and Mass’ match-ending ace against Oregon in Austin are now forever etched in my memory.



Libero Ashley Mass receives a ball during the match against Creighton on Friday at the Minneapolis Sports Pavilion. Photo: Bryan Langfeldt/Iowa State Daily

I had the rare opportunity to cover an NCAA Elite Eight game in two different sports, and was sent to cover events in places like California, Oklahoma, Ohio, Wisconsin and Texas. Some amazing job, huh?



Johnson-Lynch

Before I step down from my soapbox for the final time, I want to thank everybody I have worked closely with during my tenure at the Daily. You’re fantastic at what you do and are also some of



Fennelly

the best friends anybody could ask for. And last but not least, I can’t give enough thanks to every editor and assistant editor I’ve ever had — I think there have been at least 11 — for giving me these fantastic opportunities. I’ll see you in another life, Ames. It’s been real, it’s been fun, and boy, has it been real fun.

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bers of the club began once the semester got going and it wasn’t a problem.

“Beginning is better because at the beginning of the class it’s geared toward beginner,” Zawack said. “As the semester moves on, we assume that everybody is advancing at the same level, so if you start at mid-semester then you have to play catch up, which can be done.”

Practices for the Iowa State Judo Club are Tuesday and Thursday nights in the Forker Gym.

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failure.

Last weekend’s five-set loss to Creighton marked the end of an era highlighted by a pair

of these outstanding players that will go down as the best players at their position in program history.

And no, that argument isn’t open for debate.

Libero Ashley Mass and outside hitter Victoria Henson played their final matches in cardinal and gold in Minneapolis, ending two phenomenal careers which left impacts that are unlikely to be matched anytime soon.

“I think they’re two of the best players in the country,” Johnson-Lynch said. “And we’re only disappointed in this match because they’ve raised the bar so high.

Over the last few years anything less than what we’ve already done is disappointing. They’re the players that brought us to this point in the first place.”

Mass, who leaves Ames with more digs than any other player in the 15-year history

of the Big 12 (2,294), was the winner of three consecutive Big 12 Libero of the Year Awards, and last season was the first Cyclone named to the All-America First Team after being a member of the Third Team the previous year.

In November, Henson climbed to the top of the charts as the most prolific hitter in ISU history, setting the program’s all-time career kills record with 1,726.

The redshirt senior has been a three-time All-Big 12 First Team member, was the first player in program history to earn the CVU.com National Player of the Week award as a sophomore, and was named All-America Honorable Mention her sophomore year

before being named to the Third Team last season.

Another spot on the All-American roster is all but certain for the duo this season thanks to their exceptional performances over the past four months.

“We’re really going to miss them a lot,” said junior outside hitter Carly Jenson. “They’ve both been playing since their freshman year, and I’m hoping we can come back from losing them, and I think they will, but they’re going to be tough to replace.”

But replace them they must, and all thoughts are now geared toward next season as the team is fueled by the gut-wrenching sensation they experienced on Friday night.

It almost seemed like a fitting end to an already tumultuous season, one that was packed with adversity and its fair share of disappointment.

From the August floods evicting the team from Hilton Coliseum to the loss of team captain Rachel Hockaday for the season due to injury, the Cyclones can only learn and put this rough season behind them with eight months ahead to get things in back order for next year.

The players know it will be a difficult, anxious eight months, but you can be sure that extra motivation is accumulating for all of those returning for next season.

Because none of them ever wants to feel this again

Cyclone Hockey Player of the Week



#17 Marcus Malmsten

Cyclone Hockey is pleased to announce Marcus Malmsten as Player of the Week. Malmsten’s hard-working positive attitude earns him the title. Marcus has played 19 games for the Cyclones in his debut season with the team. Malmsten has contributed 9 points, six goals and three assists, including one power play and one game winning goal. Marcus is working very hard for the Cyclones and is a two-way

player on the ice. Malmsten hails originally from Torshanda, Sweden, where he played for the HC TPS / J20 Elit. Marcus is currently a freshman majoring in business at Iowa State University. Head Coach Dr. Al Murdoch is very satisfied with Malmsten’s performance. “Marcus is adapting well to life in America. He works hard and leaves it all on the ice.”

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Culture

Some movies make us dumber



By Sean Flack @iowastatedaily.com

There's a scene in Mike Judge's 2006 film, "Idiocracy," where the character Frito is watching the most popular show in the nation: a show called "Ow, My Balls." You see, the premise of the film is that 500 years into the future, society has become so stupid that shows like "Ow, My Balls" — consisting only of a guy getting hit in the nuts with various items — become insanely popular with the public.

The idea might sound silly, but take a look around at our culture. Think all of us are slowly slipping into an idiocracy of our own. Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer are the black plague of cinema. You might know them from films such as "Date Movie," and "Meet the Spartans." There is no talent at all in their directing, and their writing and humor feels like something a monkey banged out on a typewriter.

So what kind of money do these films make? With the exception of

"Disaster Movie," all of their films have made between \$84 and \$86 million dollars in the box office. Those aren't just little teenager numbers. Those are college student and adult numbers as well. And before you take me to task for judging them unfairly, I actually have seen three of their films, so I know what their jokes are about. Really the films follow this simple formula: Painfully obvious pop culture reference + someone getting hit with something = movie. I know the parody genre has never been the most refined, but these two are producing complete piles of trash.

But you know, maybe I shouldn't blame them. Maybe I should blame all the people who constantly buy tickets to their films. Have we become that dense of a society that we find a random cow falling on Iron Man funny? Have we become that shallow that seeing a bunch of girls in bikinis is just cause to spend \$7 or more on a film?

When I take off my movie snob hat and look at it from a purely objective viewpoint, these films are simply not funny, yet so many people think they are, and that's partly why I think we're becoming dumber as a society.

Also worth noting is "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen," a film that made \$836 million in the box office. It's also a film that consists of explosions, destruction and Megan Fox. That's pretty much it. I know that these films have a certain niche audience, but if intellectually devoid films become popular, then they become the norm. This results in a lot of the general public are going to get their idea of entertainment from Michael Bay. In my opinion, what you're entertained by says volumes about your character. If a person is brought up on "Transformers" and Miley Cyrus jokes, then do you think they're going to want to sit down and read a book, one that isn't "Twilight"? Highly



Columnist Sean Flack fears a future similar to that presented in Mike Judge's 2006 film "Idiocracy," in which extremely low-quality movies and shows have become the norm. Courtesy photo: Twentieth Century Fox

unlikely. I've never heard a person say they enjoy George Orwell and "What Happens in Vegas."

It's just unfortunate to me that we live in a society that doesn't really value a good film. Yeah I know Oscar-winning films can become popular and such, but there is a whole world

of amazing films out there that can invoke such strong emotions. Instead we're subjected to seven sequels of "Saw" and formulaic romantic comedies in our movie theaters.

Well, on the bright side, at least I'll be dead before "Ow, My Balls" becomes a regular TV staple.

Letter

Student behavior unacceptable

Opponents at Hilton deserve better treatment

It's time for Cyclone fans to hold themselves to a higher standard.

At the men's basketball game this past weekend against California, I was extremely disappointed and embarrassed by the behavior of Iowa State fans.

I heard a range of racist, homophobic and otherwise derogatory comments and chants — from both students and other attendees — directed at opposing players and referees that are too offensive to repeat.

A couple of ISU students

Luke Roling is the president of the Government of the Student Body.



Roling

were even engaging directly in such conversations eye-to-eye across the court with opposing players, who took the high road and didn't fire back.

This behavior is unacceptable. I fear we're developing quite a negative image as a university because of actions like this, and that can't happen.

I don't care who we're playing: Bears, Huskers or even Hawkeyes. Student-athletes at other universities deserve a level of respect they simply aren't receiving.

It doesn't matter how their fans may treat us when we're guests in their environ-

ments. In fact, I would hope that Cyclones being less negative toward other schools would lead to us treated better as we visit them.

We can create a great positive atmosphere without having to constantly heckle students on the court.

Players are students first, and that's something that people forget all too often.

No one deserves the treatment Cal players received at the last game.

Let me know if you disagree with me, because I'd be very interested in hearing opposing viewpoints.

With regard to officiating: Lighten up. We didn't even make it five minutes into the game before "Ref, you suck!" began to be heard in Hilton.

At least half the calls that anger fans are not bad calls.

Officiating decisions even out over time, so pay close attention to the questionable calls that go in our favor as well. A far better approach to interactions with officials has been taken by a small group of students over the years that chats with referees and befriends them rather than constantly berates them.

Next time you go in for work or class, try to imagine 15,000 people chanting at you while you do your job.

That should help put things in perspective.

I was impressed by the leadership of a Cyclone Alley executive member who stepped up and told fellow students that "Ref, you suck!" isn't acceptable for student section leaders to shout. I give props to the ISU Pep Band for starting supportive Cyclone cheers in the midst of anger from the rest of Hilton Coliseum.

I know there are other such fans out there who won't buy into the negativity. We can learn from the examples of these individuals.

I challenge all ISU fans, alumni, students and everyone else that takes time to attend the games to take a classier approach than we have been.

Hilton Coliseum has a great reputation as a tough place to play, and our teams are class acts.

Let's do our part as fans to make sure "Hilton Magic" still has a positive vibe.

Cell phone law

Nationwide ban is asinine idea



By Logan McDonald @iowastatedaily.com

A couple months ago, I read an article about how the Secretary of Transportation, Ray LaHood, was proposing a national ban on texting and talking on cell phones while driving. I thought it seemed pretty stupid to outright ban all cell phone use while driving, much preferring the sort of policy adopted by the Iowa legislature.

By Iowa law, talking on cell phones is a secondary offense for adults, which means that you can only be ticketed for it if you're pulled over for a separate offense. This just seems to make the most sense as your breaking of another law is evidence that you're distracted while driving.

And LaHood not only proposes a ban on handheld devices, but he also seeks to ban hands-free and in-car systems. By LaHood's logic, a person simply talking while they are driving is distracted so significantly that the Secretary of Transportation feels the government should ban it. Things seemed about as asinine as they could get until this month, LaHood said that the Department of Transportation is looking into technology that disables cell phones in cars. Any amount of thinking about this and you come to the conclusion disabling phones in cars is an awfully misguided effort to curtail distracted driving deaths and injuries. Any additional thinking beyond just a few seconds and you can come up with a myriad of situations when cell phones are needed in cars. Delivery drivers need to be able to use their cell phones while driving if they need help finding a house. I was a delivery driver for years and I know that new development areas filled with winding cul-de-sacs are nearly impos-

sible to navigate without help.

Smart phone apps, such as GPS and other navigation tools, are used all the time and it would be a waste if such useful tools would be banned.

Even for something as simple as getting caught in traffic and calling to tell someone that you're running late is extremely useful and courteous; and if you would be calling in to work to say you were going to be late could possibly even save your job.

Then, thinking beyond just the driver, all passengers' cell phones would be disabled.

That four-hour long trip in the back seat to your aunt's house would be that much longer if your cell phone was disabled. That trivial question that has everyone arguing wouldn't be able to be resolved until the trip is over because no one could Google it. The phone call saying you forgot something at your friend's house would be blocked until you were miles away and it would be a pain in the ass to go back and retrieve whatever you forgot.

Sure, some of these examples are purely matters of convenience — cell phones are used by many people as social networking tools, gaming devices and music players. These sort of uses push more into the distraction zone if used by drivers, but when a driver is simply making phone calls or receiving a text, or if a cell phone is used by any passenger of a vehicle, I see absolutely no harm and definitely no crime being committed.

I say let Ray LaHood worry more about his national high-speed rail system rather than people making phone calls while driving.

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