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Robert Wallace speaks in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union on Jan. 20, 2015.

Faculty Senate discusses merger

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Faculty Senate went over business that moved to elect the new president-elect during a meeting Tuesday afternoon, along with a special order given by Sarah Nusser, vice president for research.

Nusser overviewed its plans in her PowerPoint, "Plans for the Research Mission."

Its vision, she outlined, recognizes and respects Iowa State for its "research excellence and contributions to solving challenges faced by society," how ISU researchers "are engaged and well supported in pursuing novel ideas throughout their careers," along with promoting the university's strengths to sponsors and stakeholders.

Nusser's plans include work within the arts and humanities department through seed funding and publication subvention grants.

"We also have begun working with liberal arts and sciences to approve a process for publication subvention grants — these

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Lani Tons/Iowa State Daily
Luis CdeBaca speaks about modern-day slavery and human trafficking Tuesday.

Lecturer discusses trafficking

By Ellen Bombela
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In honor of human trafficking awareness month, an alumnus spoke to Iowa State's campus on how to make a difference.

Luis CdeBaca, who leads the Department of Justice Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART), spoke to an audience Tuesday night in the Sun Room of the Memorial Union about many different issues including human trafficking, slavery, abuse and exploitation.

CdeBaca started the lecture by talking about sex offenders. Instead of focusing solely on the crimes that the sex offenders committed, he also talked about the sex offender registry.

CdeBaca said a lot of crimes could be, and have been, prevented by being able to know where those offenders are.

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Max Goldberg/Iowa State Daily
Republican presidential hopeful Donald Trump looks out on the crowd during a rally Tuesday evening at the Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center.

Palin endorses Trump at rally

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Sarah Palin — former governor of Alaska and loved by the right-wing of the Republican Party — threw her support behind Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump on Tuesday during a campaign rally at Iowa State University.

Palin, who served as governor from 2006 until 2009, and was the GOP's 2008 vice-presidential nominee, appeared alongside Trump on Tuesday at the Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center on Iowa State's campus to endorse the business mogul who has topped almost every poll since the summer.

"I am proud to endorse Donald J. Trump for president of the United States of America," Palin said in a campaign statement released shortly before the event at Iowa State.

Trump's campaign was silent all day about the possible endorsement, but rumors swirled online.

After her endorsement earlier in the day and an announcement from Trump's campaign, Palin kicked off her speech in Ames by congratulating those gathered at the event for supporting the presidential hopeful who has been known to stir controversy.

"You're putting your effort and reputation on the line to make America great again," she said.

Palin also referred to her own choice to support Trump.

"Why would I jump into a primary and chose one over friends who are running?" Palin said. "I am here because I know it is now or never. I am in it to win it."

The former governor of Alaska touched on several issues Trump, as well as other presidential hopefuls, had addressed throughout the current campaign system. This included the country's current national debt, stating that Trump was more qualified to handle finances due to his success in creating his own wealth.



Max Goldberg/Iowa State Daily
Sarah Palin, former Alaska governor, shows her support for Donald Trump on Tuesday.

"This self-made success of his, he doesn't get his high from the opium of other people's money," she said.

A major theme in Palin's endorsement included the military's interests, a topic she has always heavily campaigned on during her political career. Palin bashed President Obama as an inefficient commander in chief.

"Are you ready for a commander in chief who will let our warriors do their job and kick ISIS's ass?" Palin said, to the

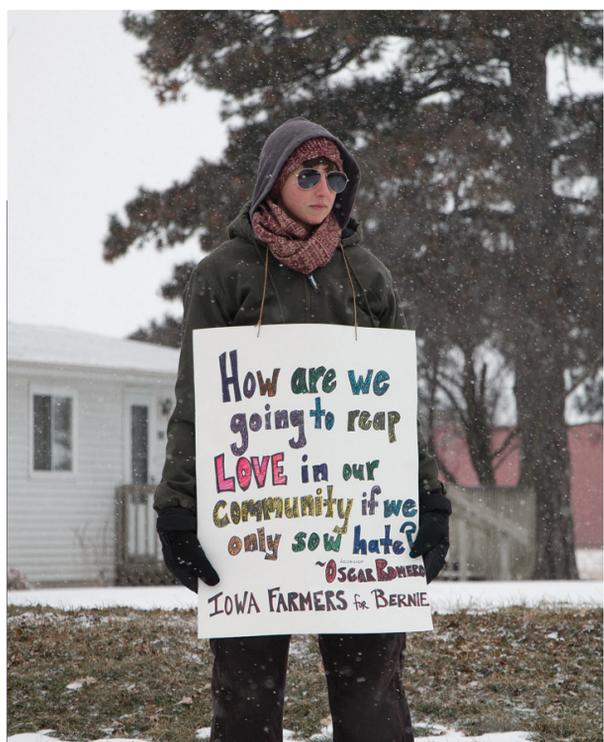
loudest cheers of the night.

Palin also said Trump has torn "the veil off of the establishment of how the system works," and claimed other Republicans have attacked Trump and his supporters.

"Some people are whispering they're willing to throw in for Hillary in order to keep the establishment," she said.

Palin said she believed Trump would "throw out the

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Emily Blobaum/Iowa State Daily
Julia Slocum, a Bernie Sanders supporter, stands outside the Hansen Ag Center Tuesday.

Protesters removed from Trump event

By Shannon McCarty
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When Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump holds events, he always draws a crowd, but it isn't always a supporting one.

"A lot of potential protesters didn't get in," said Markus Flynn, president of the Black Student Alliance and senior in kinesiology and health.

Some protesters wore white T-shirts resembling the ones Rose Hamid wore at a rally in Rock Hill, S.C. Hamid, a muslim woman, wore a shirt that read, "Salam, I come in peace."

Protesters in Ames had shirts that read numerous different greetings from other cultures followed by "I come in peace."

Ricky Corona was one of the protesters who didn't get in.

While Corona and a friend were going through security, one of the campaign workers noticed their shirts and asked to have a word with them.

Corona said the campaign worker said to them, "Unfortunately you can't come in. This is a private event."

But protesters say there were other reasons why some people didn't make it into the rally.

"There was definitely some profiling out during the rally," said Jazmin Murguia, member of the Latinos United for Change (LUCHA) and senior in journalism and mass communication.

Flynn and Murguia both said the majority of people not allowed into the rally were of color. "We were all brown, so they were like, 'oh, maybe all these people are together,'" Corona said. "It was kinda racial profiling — that's how I felt."

The campaign security workers then proceeded to check all of their shirts and throw them out.

"It was a very different experience for me," Murguia said.

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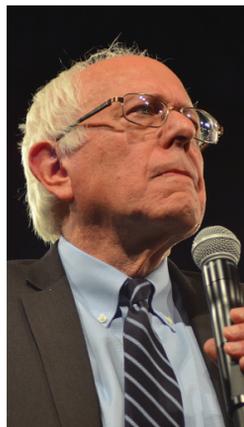
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Christopher Harrison gets AMOI of year

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A blaring ringtone goes off on the desk of Gunnery Sgt. Christopher Harrison, the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor (AMOI) and senior enlisted adviser for the NRTOC unit.

It's lunchtime and Jimmy John's is calling for him and his most immediate boss, Capt. Suzanne Mulet, the Marine Officer Instructor (MOI).

He runs out to meet them, as the Armory can be tricky to navigate.

His office is decorated head to toe with awards and pictures, all commemorating certain aspects of his life.

His most recent award hangs above his desk: a plaque that extends about a foot.

For the second year in a row, Harrison won an award that he couldn't really talk about, mainly because he didn't understand what he did to get it.

He pulls out four cards, two reading "Assistant Marine Officer Instructor of the Year, Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps, North central Region," the other two reading "USAA National Award."

Harrison enlisted in the Marine Corps in August 2001, a couple of months after his 18th birthday. Completing his recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island in South Carolina, Harrison was promoted to Private First Class in December 2001.

From there, he would receive orders to go to Aviation Structural Mechanic School in Pensacola, Fla., graduating on June 19, 2002.

After being assigned to a Marine aircraft group, Heavy Marine Helicopter Squadron 464, or HMH-464, Harrison would go on to be promoted to lance

corporal.

His promotion to corporal was during his deployment with HMH-464 for eight months during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Harrison's career in the Marines would continue on after his deployment as he attended the resident Corporal's Leadership Course, where he would graduate fourth in his class along with receiving a Gung Ho award that was designed to acknowledge those who showed motivation above and beyond that of their peers.

His second deployment would be with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, where he gained the qualification of collateral duty inspector and was promoted to sergeant.

In 2005, Harrison went on to Drill Instructor School at Parris Island.

After being promoted to staff sergeant and serving as a senior drill instructor until 2010, Harrison would be reassigned to HMH-464, where he became appointed the airframes division chief.

In 2011, Harrison deployed with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

He led his division aboard both the USS New York and USS Iwo Jima, along with various land-based operations.

In January 2013, after completing his fourth deployment, Harrison requested and accepted orders at Iowa State to head his current position.

Harrison described his role of Assistant Marine Officer Instructor as being the "go-to guy."

Being the only enlisted member in the unit, Harrison can offer up a different mindset or outlook to situations compared to his fellow officers.

Being in charge of ceremonies, the drill team, drug testing, paperwork, government vehicles — the list goes on and on. Harrison acts as the liaison for the university to the Marine Corps.

Part of the reason Harrison is accredited his success, especially by Mulet



Gunnery Sgt. Christopher Harrison, Assistant Marine Officer Instructor, stands in front of the plaque that he won for being awarded the AMOI of the year. This was the second year in a row Harrison has received the award.

and his executive officer Cmdr. Daniel Buhr, as well as commanding officer Capt. Ricks Polk, is because he stepped up in his position when the unit especially needed his help.

At the beginning of the year, the previous MOI left the position with no one next in line to fill it.

Harrison did the jobs of both the MOI and AMOI until Mulet joined their unit in November.

"There's nothing that he can't do," Polk said. "It doesn't matter if he's done it in the past or not, he finds a way to get it done."

Polk, who joked that he could talk about Harrison forever, acknowledged a few other points as to why he felt Harrison deserved the award.

"He establishes a military bearing with [the midshipmen] that allows them to be sharp and crisp and orderly in all they do, and it's hard to put a price on that," Polk said. "We don't get to pay him more, so the way he's recognized for his hard work is to find an award that's appropriate for him."

Polk said that the fact Harrison was able to win the award two years in a row, against 65 of his counterparts, is pretty impressive.

Buhr spoke a little on why they decided to nominate Harrison two years in a row.

"When it came up again, the AMOI of the Year submissions, we thought, 'is there anyone who can hold a candle to what he does around here?'" Buhr said. "We felt that he has so much what we call 'superior sustained service,' and [he's] just great at everything he does."

Buhr mentioned that to receive the award for the second year in a row, the candidate has to be head and shoulders above the next in line, which Buhr feels speaks for who Harrison is, his character and how he helps the unit day in and day out.

Outside of work, Harrison is a father, husband and student, and as described in stories by Polk, a good neighbor.

"Probably to give you the best example of Gun-

nery Sgt. Harrison is that one day he found a laptop, and it was on a weekend," Polk said.

He then said Harrison looked up the laptop online, did some research, found out where the guy lived and returned him his laptop.

"That's the kind of guy that he is," Polk continued. "The guy who lives across from [Harrison] is disabled, and he arranged for the midshipmen, well invited them, and they rebuilt the guy's bathroom so he can get in and out with a wheelchair."

"[They also] reorganized his garage and just helped the guy out."

Midshipmen Adam Pollard and Dillon Hansen described Harrison as an approachable man and one who "loves his drill," referring to the NRTOC's drill team.

"He's very understanding of your situation and what needs to get done and what has to get done," Hansen said.

"He'll let you do your thing, but he's not shy, he'll

tell you if you mess up," Pollard agreed. "He'll hold you to a standard and he expects you to keep that standard or push even higher."

One of the biggest lessons they have learned from Harrison is one that deals with respect.

"If you set the standard high, people may not like you at first, but as long as it's a doable standard, people will come to respect you," Pollard said.

Hansen remembers something Harrison said specifically.

"One quote that I'll always remember is, 'you may hate me now but you'll respect me later,'" Hansen said.

As Harrison stood by his USAA plaque for a picture, no smile breached his face — except that of a Marine smile: one that is straight-faced, orderly and ready for whatever is thrown at them next.

Harrison said he doesn't do it to get recognized and that he enjoys taking care of his people.

"I like to get s--- done."

CyRide budget discussed

Council meeting reveals new goals

By Christie Smith
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City Council discussed budgeting for CyRide during its review of the Capital Improvement Plan at an Ames City Council meeting Tuesday night.

The Capital Improvement Plan is a five-year plan to improve infrastructure in Ames.

City manager Steve Schainker presented his recommendations for the 2016-2021 plan during the meeting.

The City Council will have a public hearing on the plan at its meeting Tuesday and vote on the Capital Improvement Plan on Feb. 9.

Ames has experienced unprecedented growth in the past five years, accord-

ing to the city manager's letter to the council.

Iowa State has contributed to the city of Ames's growth with this year's record enrollment and years of enrollment growth prior to 2015.

Since 2011, Ames has expanded its city limits by more than 600 acres.

"We have a daunting task before us to meet the obligation to extend city infrastructure into newly-developed areas," Schainker said in the presentation, "as well as maintain the existing infrastructure where age has taken its toll on these facilities."

The plan is organized in four categories: public safety, utilities, transportation and community betterment.

The presentation included budgets for projects to improve fire stations; assist in water treatment; create shared-use paths for bicyclists, runners and

walkers; and to create handicap accessible parks, to name a few.

One of the projects outlined in the plan that directly affects ISU students is the CyRide Vehicle Replacement Program.

At current record enrollment, the demand on CyRide has never been higher, according to Schainker's proposal.

"With more students at Iowa State, and with students accounting for 93 percent of all CyRide ridership, there are obviously more students on the buses than in years past," said Sam Schulte, senior in biochemistry and ex-officio City Council representative at a meeting of the CyRide Board in October.

CyRide provides as many rides per capita as transportation systems in cities as large as Boston, according to the Transit Board of Trustees.

Federal funding for



Ames City Council members meet Feb. 24, 2015. The Council had its review of the Capital Improvement Plan, which is a five-year plan to improve infrastructure in Ames, during its meeting Tuesday night.

CyRide has decreased, leaving the burden of CyRide funding on the city and the university.

ISU students currently pay 66 percent of local funding for CyRide, and the university pays an additional 10 percent.

The Capital Improvement Plan includes city budgeting for the purchase of 13 new buses and 25 used buses by 2021.

The city manager also recommends dedicating

more than \$2.3 million to update the CyRide storage building.

The proposed improvement plan suggests improving bus stops by installing up to three new shelters each year, during the next five years.

Schainker said that many of the projects in the plan focus on utilities that are important to the quality of life in Ames such as flood mitigation and water treatment.

While these projects are important, Schainker said they are less visible to the public than others, like those dedicated to public parks, swimming pools and CyRide.

The full plan can be viewed on the city of Ames website.

An abridged version of the city manager's recommendations in his letter to the council can be found in the online version of the story.

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- 17 *Genealogist's tool
- 19 Political syst.
- 20 Priestly robes
- 21 Suffix with Capri
- 22 Door sign
- 23 ___ Fail: Irish coronation stone
- 24 *Top Hat" leading man
- 27 Abandon
- 29 British throne?
- 30 Churchillian sign
- 31 Compound conjunction
- 32 Uppercut target
- 33 Take a break
- 34 *Stewed chicken dish
- 38 First Greek consonant
- 41 Go a few rounds
- 42 Petting zoo critter
- 46 Pulitzer poet Lowell
- 47 Gloss target
- 48 Concession speech deliverer
- 50 *Most serious or least serious
- 53 Former telecom co.

Down

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- 55 HDTV brand
- 56 Amazed sounds
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- 58 Escapes, and, literally, what each of the answers to starred clues does
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- 62 Carded at a club
- 63 Catorce - dos
- 64 Work station
- 65 Billy of "Titanic"
- 66 Extra

Across

- 24 Klinger portrayer on "M*A*S*H"
- 25 "Ah, me!"
- 26 Porcine moms
- 28 Cushioned seat
- 32 Fla. NFL team, on scoreboards
- 33 Move for the job, briefly
- 35 Abbr. referring to a previous citation
- 36 Make do
- 37 "What ___ can I say?"
- 38 Bewildered
- 39 Kuwait or Qatar
- 40 Ruthless rulers
- 43 Like a Brink's truck
- 44 Jungle explorer's tool
- 45 Ouzo flavoring
- 47 Capt's underlings
- 48 Game venue
- 49 Pipe problem
- 51 Porterhouse, e.g.
- 52 Putting spot
- 56 "The Wizard ___"
- 58 Line of work, for short
- 59 Nutritionist's abbr.
- 60 Fed. retirement org.

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race-baiting argument" and instead talk about unifying issues like the Second Amendment and the right to life.

Trump's speech was not angled toward students, despite the large population of ISU students present at the event. His speech focused on issues he usually talks about, particularly the national debt, the economy, veterans, foreign policy and trade.

The Republican presidential hopeful remembered his announcement for his intention in June to run for president.

"It all started June 16 when we came down that escalator and said, 'Let's go. Let's make America great again,'" he said.

If elected, Trump said Iowa and New Hampshire will not lose its first-in-the-nation status for the presidential election.

"If I win, they're not touching Iowa," he said. "This is an amazing tradition. They're not touching New Hampshire."

Some have said Iowa specifically does not deserve its position as the first voting state because it is not diverse enough.

There were also protesters who had entered the Hansen Agriculture Center and began chanting "A vote for Trump is a vote for hate!" early in Trump's speech. Several other attendees of the event began chanting "Trump!" and "U.S.A." in an attempt to drown out opposition.

U.S. Secret Service



Alex Connor/Iowa State Daily
A Donald Trump supporter tries to talk to protesters after their removal from the event Tuesday night.

and Trump campaign officials escorted the group of protesters out. Later in the event, a person in the back shouted, "You guys are a joke!" while Palin was speaking.

He was also quickly escorted out.

The protesters were escorted from the venue, with Trump telling a shouting woman to "be quiet while they escort you out."

While feelings were mixed during the event with protesters, several students in attendance said they were at least willing to give Trump a chance at their support.

Aaron Still, sophomore in mechanical engineering, said he is undecided at this point, but wanted to see Trump and listen to what he had to say.

"He says what he thinks," Still said. "And he stays away from [politically

correct] stuff."

Still said he is not planning to caucus since he is registered to vote in his home state of Wisconsin, although Iowa law does allow college students to re-register in the state.

He also said he had mixed thoughts on the Palin endorsement, saying he thinks it will probably hurt fellow Republican Ted Cruz and help Trump, and he thought Palin brought a lot of "energy" to the crowd.

Palin endorsed Cruz during his 2012 Senate campaign, and Cruz has noted that without Palin's endorsement, he may not have been elected to Washington.

Grant Beeler, senior in animal science, said he has caucused before and plans to again this cycle.

While he would consider Trump, he also said he likes Cruz and Rand

Paul.

"It was a great surprise to see Palin after her endorsement this morning," Beeler said. He said he thinks the endorsement will help Trump, but Palin only carries the support of a specific crowd that may already like Trump.

Cole Krynicki, junior in marketing, said he "absolutely" likes Trump, but he may not caucus because he is not registered to vote.

He said that both Trump and Palin had lots of great things to say, and he likes how Trump takes on political correctness.

Cody Walker, senior in kinesiology and health, said he also likes Trump, especially as a veteran. Walker pointed to Trump's positions on veterans care and foreign policy as a reason to support him.

Walker is planning to caucus for the first time this year, and he thinks the endorsement from Palin "hit hard" and fired up the crowd.

Trump also shook hands and signed autographs for everyone along the rope line at the end of the event.

Also at the event, Aissa Wayne, daughter of John Wayne, spoke highly of Trump, saying the United States needs a "strong leader" like John Wayne who would tell it like it is.

State Sen. Brad Zaun, R-Urbandale, also said he is ready to have Trump elected and commented how refreshing it would be to have someone who is not part of the establishment as president.

Horoscopes by Linda Black

Today's Birthday (1/20/16)

Maximum personal and financial success this year comes from infusing passion at work and at home. Consider what you enjoy and love. Balance freedom and commitment, especially with young people. Around the June 10 eclipse, a new romantic door opens. Your health grows stronger with care. Act to realize a dream. Follow your heart and spirit. Inspire others.

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

Aries - 7
(March 21-April 19)
Don't start more work yet, or take romantic risks. Victory is uncertain at best. Revise the plan. You're attracting attention. Passion lies around the corner. Check orders for changes. Only focus rush in.

Libra - 8
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Keep costs low, as you may need to put in more time than budgeted. Coordinate schedules and tasks with the team. Repair something neglected. Watch out for surprises. Move slowly to avoid accidents.

Taurus - 8
(April 20-May 20)
Keep your objective in mind. Emotions guide your decisions. Work with a dream image for a flash of insight. You're the one with good sense. Others agree. Reward yourself with simple home-cooked pleasures.

Scorpio - 6
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Sudden insight impacts creative activities. A proposition could get expensive. It's an awkward time for travel, risks or negotiations. Save that visit to a romantic destination for later. Don't flash your money.

Gemini - 8
(May 21-June 20)
Bring your partner along. Steer your companion away from an overpriced purchase. Listen carefully. Don't be intimidated. You get unusual results. If serenity gets disrupted, take time out.

Sagittarius - 7
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Take on more responsibility. Change your environment and wardrobe to reflect the new you. A rude awakening could occur when complications arise. A party ensues after you work things out.

Cancer - 7
(June 21-July 22)
Insight comes gradually. Put in a correction. After a disagreement about household matters, get the new agreement in writing; it doesn't require frills. Test your routines.

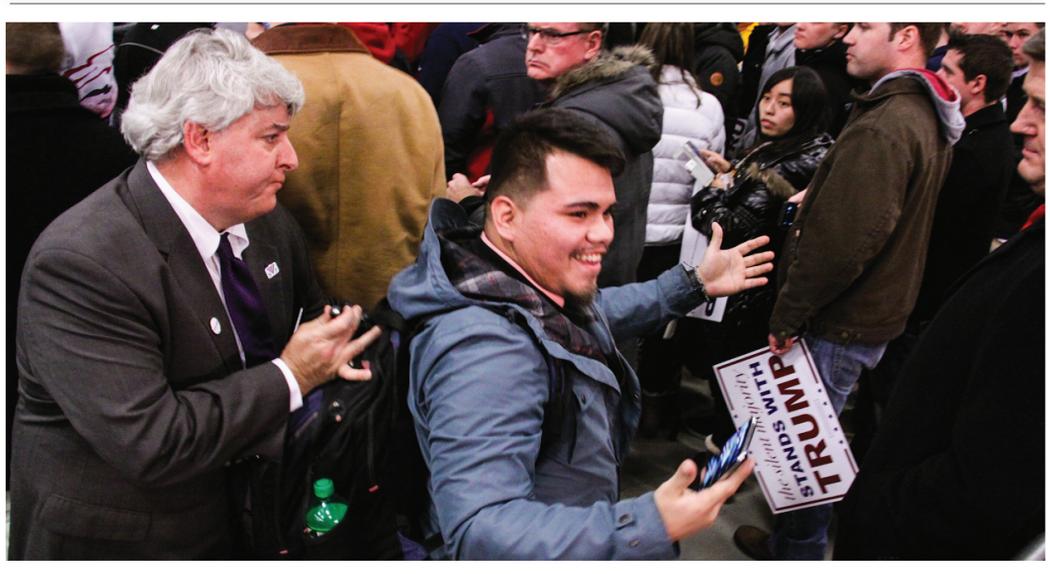
Capricorn - 8
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Jump-start an event. Travel looks adventuresome today and tomorrow, but the possibility of error is high. Share secrets behind closed doors. Consider the consequences.

Leo - 8
(July 23-Aug. 22)
Increase your savings initiative. Small steps add up. Consider the future, and set inspiring goals. Don't try a new trick yet, or make foolish promises. You don't have to be the big spender.

Aquarius - 7
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Don't over-extend, or throw your money around. Provide compassion and listening more than funding. Don't try out a new idea yet. Take time to care for yourself; others can handle themselves.

Virgo - 8
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Stand up for what's right. You can afford to be generous. Take on a new creative challenge. Invest in your home. Do all the factors balance? Don't be hasty. Consider all options.

Pisces - 7
(Feb. 19-March 20)
Watch out for conflicting orders. Work interferes with travel plans. Stay skeptical of a hard-sell. Adjustments are required. Think fast and solve the problem. Let the chips fall where they may.



Max Goldberg/Iowa State Daily
A protester is escorted from Donald Trump's rally Tuesday evening. After getting kicked out of the rally for protesting, students and others against Trump remained outside and yelled, "Love trumps hate" and "A vote for Trump is a vote for hate."

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knew who had the same ideals as Trump was nerve-racking.

"Just to be in the same room with them was ... different I guess," Murguia said.

When Trump made a comment about immigration and how those who come to the United States from Mexico are not committing an act of love pro-

testers started to chant "A vote for Trump is a vote for hate."

Corona said it was intended to be a silent protest with everyone showing their shirts, but plans changed when some got kicked out.

"We were pushed out basically," Murguia said.

Murguia said the protesters were trying to walk out on their own, but felt force from those escorting them.

Many of the protesters then stayed outside for quite some time, Murguia said.

Murguia said one protester was going to be arrested, but was only held by police for a small amount of time at the site of the rally.

Many of the protesters gathered back together to debrief the situation once they left.

"Just taking care of ourselves basically, and showing love," Murguia said.

Members of the group were asked whether any of them had not been touched by Trump's rally workers.

"There were a few hands that did go up," Murguia said. "The majority was white, and there were about five people who were not touched."

"I think everyone there was more protesting for themselves more than any student organization," Flynn said.

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CdeBaca said the registries need to be kept track of better so that they can continue to monitor those individuals.

CdeBaca also spoke about how sex offenders should be treated when they are entering a community.

"We have to confront

the fact that it's time for some of these people to get out [of prison]," CdeBaca said, as he shared an example of an offender who was being released from prison and re-entering his community. "We can either just shun that person, or we can come up with a way to bring them back in, maybe even welcome them back in."

CdeBaca went on to talk about human trafficking and how it is a hidden crime.

"It is there, if we only start listening for the voices of its victims, for the voices of survivors," CdeBaca said.

CdeBaca quoted Secretary of State John Kerry, saying, "If the cries of those enslaved around the world were an earthquake, the tremors would be felt in every single nation on every continent simultaneously."

CdeBaca concluded the lecture by talking about abuse and exploitation and shared examples of different instances where young women had been sold to

wealthy people as maids and had been abused and treated very poorly.

"It is not enough to merely raise awareness of human trafficking, if that awareness is not harnessed to link those who need help with those who report to help them," CdeBaca said.

Kate Stewart, freshman in global resource systems, said the event was interesting.

"I thought it was interesting how he shared a lot of examples and referenced other people that he has worked with along the way in their effort to end human trafficking," Stewart said.

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 While columnist Moran doesn't say whether he leans left or right, he does support stricter gun control laws and believes the United States would benefit from adopting similar gun reform to what Australia put in place. Australia banned automatic rifles, semi-automatic rifles and pump action shotguns.

Mirror Australia's gun reform

United States needs to develop stricter gun control laws

By Ben Moran
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With the presidential campaign season in full swing and President Obama's second term coming to a close, one of the biggest topics of discussion is gun control.

Should we have tighter laws on gun control? Should we have better background checks and owner screenings? Is the government trying to take away our Second Amendment right? I've heard all of these arguments and many, many more.

Now, I'm not going to tell you whether I lean right or left. What I will tell you is that I have political ideologies from both major political parties. Regardless, I believe that we should have stricter gun control laws.

There have been 2,382 incidents of gun violence since the beginning of 2016 as of Tuesday afternoon, according to Gun Violence Archive.

On top of that, there have been five mass shootings, 227 officer-involved incidents and 609 deaths. These numbers were continue to increase every day.

Let those numbers sink in because it's been less than three weeks since the year started.

So what should be done with gun control? Let's look to Australia.

A man named Martin Bryant entered a café in Port Arthur, Tasmania, two decades ago and murdered 35 people and injured an additional 22.

Equipped with an AR-10 and an AR-15, both being semi-automatic assault weapons, Bryant became the biggest mass murderer in Australian history.

What did Australia do after this horrific event? It would have been very easy to say it was just a tragedy. It would have been even easier to say it would put in place more security or stricter police forces. The crazy thing is, it didn't do any of these things.

Instead of making numerous and empty promises, Australia enacted one of the biggest gun reforms in history.

Automatic rifles, semi-automatic rifles and pump action shotguns were banned. Licensing rules were tightened and a 28-day waiting period was created. Additionally, a national gun registry was created and a temporary buyback program was instituted.

The outcome? A study by Christine Neill of Wilfrid Laurier University and Andrew Leigh of Australian National University found that in the decade after the law was enacted, firearm homicide decreased by 59 percent and firearm suicide decreased by 65 percent.

So why doesn't America introduce a gun reform like Australia's? Well, it's not that simple.

Overall, the main reason I hear why people want to keep their guns is for protection. They need guns to protect themselves, their family and their friends. For the purpose of protection I understand the desire of a hand gun or something simple that is used for protection. However, one does not need an assault rifle for protection; they aren't called protection rifles.

I have nothing wrong with people wanting firearms for protection, but do you really need something

that fires 500 rounds per minute? Is a handgun not protection enough?

Assault rifles, semi-automatics, shotguns shouldn't be available to the general public, at least not anymore.

We need to eradicate this facade that we have a right to every gun possible because we shouldn't. Sandy Hook, Virginia Tech, Columbine; how many more have to die before we realize that our gun laws are flawed?

There's also the argument that banning guns won't work. You're right, it most likely isn't going to stop gun violence completely, but why shouldn't we prevent some or a majority? And why shouldn't we take steps to at least try and lower the casualties?

No, we are not going to prevent every crime or murder, but we can try to cut down the growing statistics.

We can't just keep standing around and debating on what to do; we need a change, and the hardest part about this is that it's coming at one of the most controversial times in American history.

The argument of more gun control vs. more gun rights has become much closer in the last decade, according to Pew Research Center.

In the survey, support for gun control was more prominent than support for gun rights in 1995, leading 57 percent to 35 percent. As of 2015, gun control only leads by 3 percent against gun rights, 50 percent to 47 percent.

We need to update gun laws and we need to do it now. It may not be easy, it may not be popular, but it needs to be done. Standing around and making empty promises in a campaign or debate won't prevent more people from losing their lives.

It's time for action.

EDITORIAL

Make sure to avoid recreating Veishea

Students spent a Tuesday night drinking too much alcohol, flipping over cars and knocking down a light pole and the cost was the banishment of a tradition held incredibly valuable, both emotionally and economically, to the university community.

The loss of Iowa State's nearly 100-year Veishea tradition in April 2014 still lingers on campus, and administrators have been racking their brains in attempt to fill the Veishea void with some sort of event in the spring.

ISU President Steven Leath on Friday told the Iowa State Daily that the Spring Event Planning Committee wanted to create events that "still showcased the university."

These events include:

- Celebration in February featuring the sale of cherry pies integrated with other Valentine's Day activities
- Celebration of arts in April in conjunction with Cyclone Market

There will also be events implemented the next academic year:

- Student-led community service project
- Parade and college showcase
- Event to welcome students back to campus for the start of the spring semester

Leath made it clear he did not want a weekend in April where multiple nighttime events took place.

It's a tough mission to replace such a cherished tradition. The administration was charged with a difficult task in adapting to the situation. Veishea had such a longstanding grip on the community. Those who were first-year ISU students in spring 2013 are now the last to have experienced a full, real Veishea. The next year, the celebration was cut early in the week when a small proportion of ISU students took the after-hours events of Veishea too far.

But that wasn't the first time.

The first Veishea of 1922 included a horse show, a parade and Veishea queens. A nighttime celebration wasn't added until the second year of the tradition, an event that was questioned in 1941 because of a lack of student interest, a vote that was quickly withdrawn.

Just more than 40 years later, the first major uproar took place in 1988 when students led a two-night rampage that caused 50 arrests and about 20 injuries.

Not long after, in May 1992, another riot ensues, where upward of 8,000 people, loitered around what used to be called Alumni Hall. Officers used tear gas and people were cleared by around 4 a.m. and then-ISU President Martin Jischke threatened to end Veishea if "we can't get a pretty clear assurance that these types of incidents will not happen again in the future."

Five years later, a man died after being stabbed in front of an ISU fraternity during Veishea week and President Jischke says ban alcohol or end Veishea. Students choose to make Veishea dry.

In 2004, about 40 people were arrested after about 100 police officers and state troopers broke up an off-campus party. Then president Gregory Geoffroy banned 2005's Veishea, but allowed its return in 2006.

2014 was the final straw.

We encourage and support the idea of creating events to attempt to fill the Veishea void, and we realize doing so was not an easy task. The projected events include treasured portions of Veishea past, an admirable, yet risky decision. Maintaining such similar events provides the opportunity to again enjoy those lost loves, but could also bring back angst to reboot the non-university related activities that ruined the celebration in years past.

But current and future administration should be wary of creating a reflection of the celebration so that history doesn't repeat itself.

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United States overdiagnoses ADHD

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U.S. News recently reported that attention deficit hyperactivity disorder diagnosis rates have climbed to 11 percent in American children. Because of these climbing rates, many professionals are concerned that many of these cases are misdiagnosed and overtreated.

In order for a child or adult to be diagnosed with ADHD they have to meet certain requirements. A child must meet six of these specified "symptoms" to be considered afflicted with the condition, according to Mayo Clinic. Some ADHD symptoms include difficulty staying organized, forgetfulness and reluctance to do school work. Several more of these traits are extremely broad such as often fidgeting or being easily distracted.

After looking at these symptoms, I, an 18 year old and never diagnosed with ADHD, had 11 of the characteristics. This means that if I had gone to a medical facility the chances of me being diagnosed with ADHD would have been extremely high, despite my ability to function without any ADHD treatments.

The British Medical Journal (BMJ) showed concern with the broad terms used to diagnose ADHD, as well. The journal study

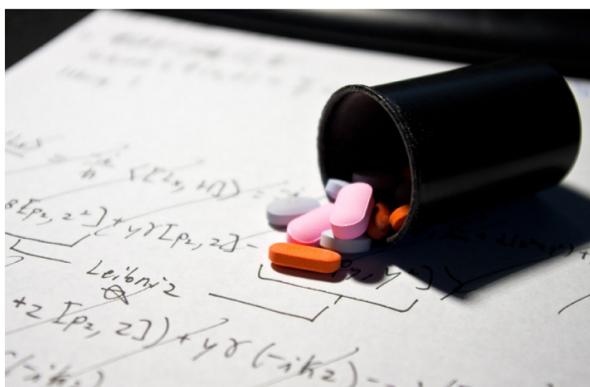


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 Columnist Woodruff believes that ADHD is overdiagnosed. Many people diagnosed with ADHD are prescribed pills such as adderall to help with their condition.

The National Center for Biotechnology Information agreed that some children could be misdiagnosed based on their age. Its study found that 8.4 percent of kids who were born in the month before their state's kindergarten cutoff date, and were thus the youngest in the grade, were diagnosed with ADHD.

Only 5.1 percent of the older kids in the grade received an ADHD diagnosis and treatment. This shows that the younger kids could have been suggested for ADHD treatment only because they were less mature than their slightly older counterparts, possibly making ADHD diagnosis based on relative maturity instead of true disorders.

While many people live with the hardships of ADHD, some of them may be living with a misdiagnosed problem. I too should be afflicted with ADHD, according to renowned medical facilities such as Mayo Clinic. Yet, I have gone my entire life without prescriptions and therapies, and I feel many Americans could also live a normal life without an unnecessary medical label.

The spike in diagnoses has caused alarm in many medical professionals, and hopefully parents. Many children who bear common qualities of ADHD may in fact just be normal children. Slightly restless, loud and defiant against homework does not always mean ADHD positive.

German researchers have also made a discovery concerning the possibility of overdiagnoses. The experiment used 473 child and adolescent psychotherapists, who were each given case studies and asked to give the "child" a diagnosis.

The results showed that boys were far more likely to receive an ADHD diagnosis than girls, even if their profiles showed the exact same symptoms. Boys were also overdiagnosed if they showed the "typical" symptoms such as restlessness and impulsiveness. Boys were often diagnosed even if their profiles lacked all of the required criteria to have a true diagnosis.

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ISU women seek bounce-back

Cyclones ready for defensive test Wednesday

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A team that prides itself on high-paced, high-scoring offense, the ISU women's basketball team will hit the court against defensive-minded Oklahoma State on Wednesday night.

It will be the second straight road game for the Cyclones as they travel to Stillwater, Okla. The Cowgirls have an ability to stop offenses, allowing an average of 54.5 points per game — third in the Big 12.

Iowa State ranks fifth in the Big 12 in scoring offense and 56th in the NCAA, putting up 72.4 points per game through 16 games this season.

Last time around, on Jan. 2, Iowa State pulled out a 49-42 victory against the Cowgirls.

It was a defensive battle throughout the game, and the Cyclones shot 22.6 percent from the field.

It was the worst offensive performance for the Cyclones of the season, but they were still able to pull out the win.

"It's tough," said ISU coach Bill Fennelly. "Almost every game they've played except for one, they've held teams under 50 points."

"We had a real struggle with them here. Luckily, our defense was good. We hung on and won here [in Ames]."

It'll be a tough matchup inside the paint, as Okla-

GAME INFO

Who: Iowa State (11-5, 3-2 Big 12) vs. Oklahoma State (13-4, 3-3 Big 12)

Where: Gallagher-IBA Arena, Stillwater, Okla.

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday

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homa State boasts 6-foot-4 forward Kaylee Jensen. Jensen averages 13.9 points and 8.8 rebounds per game. She also swats 1.5 blocks per game.

In Oklahoma State's loss against Oklahoma on Sunday, Jensen scored 17 points and recorded four rebounds.

"Jensen has always played well against us," Fennelly said. "There are certain kids when they see an Iowa State uniform, they play really well. She's a strong kid around the block. She gets a ton of rebounds."

Iowa State is coming off of a 69-66 overtime loss against Texas Tech on Sunday.

Fennelly has talked about avoiding any type of a losing streak in Big 12 play, even if it is just two games.

Fennelly said he will try to find any way possible to avoid back-to-back losses.

"Obviously, we lost yesterday, so we've got to come back and try to do it in a hard way, but those are the games that you've got to try to find a way to play better," Fennelly said. "Hopefully, we can do that."



Sam Greene/Iowa State Daily

Senior guard Nicole "Kidd" Blaskowsky blows by an Oklahoma defender to sink a layup Feb. 17, 2015 at Hilton Coliseum. After losing in overtime against Texas Tech on Sunday, Blaskowsky said the team needs to focus on what it has to do to get a win against Oklahoma State on Wednesday.

It has been just two weeks since the Cyclones took on the Cowgirls at Hilton Coliseum.

In the week-to-week

grind of the Big 12, teams come and go.

The mindset has to be focused on the next one.

"It's the Big 12," said

senior Kidd Blaskowsky. "You battle adversity. We go through it. It happens. We've got to focus on the next one."

"Texas Tech is done. We've just got to focus on what we have to do to go to Oklahoma State and get the win."

Basketball club relies on team chemistry

Team's ability to mesh has led to more wins

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Making a team mesh together is something that is easier said than done.

The ISU men's basketball club, which is just one year removed from a final four appearance at the National Club Basketball Association National Championships, is returning nearly every contributor from last year's team, and has increased in chemistry throughout last season and this one.

"I wasn't sure what to expect coming into the season," said freshman Dylan DiMatteo. "The age difference hasn't been as big of a factor as I thought it would be."

As the chemistry has started to increase so have the wins. Eight games into the season, the club has racked up a 6-2 record.

The club has also climbed up to No. 11 in the NCBBA rankings.



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Da'Zawn Davis, Johnny Castro and Cameron Woods go up for the rebound during an ISU men's basketball club scrimmage Nov. 19, 2014. The club has made team chemistry a focus for the 2015-16 season.

The experience that the club possesses has catapulted it into a position to

make a run at the national title.

The biggest departure

from last year's team was Brady Lamb.

Lamb was one of the

best shooters on the team, but the additions of DiMatteo and fellow freshman Walker Weiss have filled the void Lamb left behind.

"Dylan and Walker have been a nice addition to the team," said club president Da'Zawn Davis. "The returners have welcomed them with open arms."

The chemistry issue is nothing new to the club. The club had issues integrating everyone together last year, the players said. But as the season progressed, the chemistry level went through the roof.

By the time the team reached nationals last year, the players gained trust in each other and that resulted in them playing within the flow of the game. They knew where their teammates would be on the floor.

In hopes to gain chemistry quicker than last season, club members have taken measures into their own hands to get closer.

"It's the little stuff like hanging out and seeing each other off the court," said senior Steve Neylon. "It makes the mood on the court a lot lighter when people are loose and joking

around."

Without a true coach, Davis has taken it upon himself to lead the team.

As a leader, Davis makes it his job to make the mood at practice light, but still have a mindset to get better each time out on the floor.

"With no true coach, the guys on the team still take practice seriously and want to get better," Davis said.

The team has become more legitimate with actual practice plans and even has new uniforms.

The club has also been a mainstay in the top-15 of every ranking period put out by the NCBBA.

Davis feels this team is better than last year and is a legitimate threat to contend for a national title.

In order to do that, the chemistry will be at an all-time high.

Its style of play is unique, which will set it apart from the competition.

If it executes, the team feels that it can win it all.

"We don't have one guy that we rely on," DiMatteo said. "We have the experience and depth to go all the way."

ISU third-string running back departs

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ISU running back Tyler Brown has left the ISU football program, ISU spokesperson Mike Green confirmed Tuesday.

After entering the season as Iowa State's starting running back, Brown lost the job to freshman Mike Warren, who ended up leading all NCAA freshman backs with 1,339 rushing yards, early in the season.

Entering the 2015 season, Brown was the most experienced running back on the ISU football team, logging 24 college carries for 109 yards. The ISU football team received a lot of criticism for its inexperience in the back field.

"I love it," Brown said. "There isn't really any other way that I would have it. I always play better with a chip on my shoulder and this is something to prove. That's the best feeling you can have, when you prove

someone else wrong and prove yourself right."

Brown, a redshirt freshman in 2015, started against Northern Iowa in the team's season opener, but couldn't get anything going, gaining 68 yards — his highest mark as a Cyclone — on 11 carries. He also broke off his career-rush for 34 yards in the game.

He started second game of the season, against Iowa. Brown rushed nine times for 19 yards. The team had 63 yards on the ground in the

loss. There were rumblings that Brown had an aching knee after playing the Hawkeyes. The next week Warren took the starting job.

Warren ran for 126 yards against Toledo in week three and eventually won the Big 12 Rookie of the Year award. Brown fell to third string behind Warren and another freshman, Joshua Thomas.

Brown finished the season with 24 carries for 94 yards. He played in six games, starting two.



Jenna Reeves/Iowa State Daily
Running back Tyler Brown is no longer a member of the ISU football team.

Tyler Brown Stats

2013: Redshirted

2014: 109 yards on 24 carries, 4.5 yards per carry, 9.9 yards per game, 0 TD's, 16-yard long

2015: 94 yards on 24 carries, 3.9 yards per carry, 15.7 yards per game, 0 TD's, 34-yard long

Now trending: The kettlebell

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Some may have heard of an up-and-coming workout trend called the kettlebell. If that name has not crossed your mind or computer screen, fear not.

The kettlebell has generally always been used as a strength and endurance tool, but its exact origin is still up for speculation.

Archaeological records show evidence of its use in Ancient Greece, according to kettlebellscience.com. Russia is another location in which we have seen the kettlebell pop up in history.

Workout professionals have used kettlebells for quite some time now, but they made their first peak debut to the mass public when "The Biggest Loser" began to take off. Since that time, they have made many more appearances in local gyms and fitness centers.

The biggest benefit that the kettlebell has to offer is the sheer amount of muscles it works in such a short time.

Although it is lifted by

hand and works the arms to a degree, it also engages the legs, buttocks, and abdominal muscles as well. It is a great way to engage a wide variety of muscles with few movements.

In modern western culture, the kettlebell has been referenced to be a very versatile and effective form of working out.

"Kettlebells provide a versatile form of resistance exercise involving iron weights equipped with rounded handles for easy manipulation by the exerciser," according to LIVestrong.com. "When lifting and swinging kettlebells, you strengthen all the muscles of the body."

In short, they can be extremely effective and utilized almost anywhere, with the proper amount of space. This makes them the ideal option for a college student who might not have time to run to the gym and would rather work out in their living space.

One thing to keep in mind at all times when handling and utilizing the kettlebell is form and lifting with your legs.



Kettlebells can be used for a variety of workouts as a substitute for dumbbells and medicine balls. They made their first big debut to the mass public when the TV show "The Biggest Loser" began.

When completing workouts, always remember to keep your back straight. If possible have a workout buddy monitoring your stance and posture.

This is important so one does not pull a muscle in their back or break anything.

While it has been compared to running, it has not

yet been proven that utilizing a kettlebell has more benefits, health or fitness wise. Both are extremely effective for slimming down and toning all aspects of

ones body.

Purchasing a relatively cheap kettlebell on an online retailer is an easy way to jump start that spring break body.

How to combat bitter Iowa winters

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Staying warm in the cold is very important this time of year.

Suffering through sub-zero temperatures can trigger frost bite and even hypothermia.

It is very important to know how to keep your body warm and withstand the below-zero wind chills.

Pack on the layers

Wearing multiple layers of clothing may seem like a pain but it is actually the easiest way to stay warm. Wearing leggings or long underwear underneath jeans and sweatpants will help keep one's body from losing its own body heat.

Wearing hats and



ISU students wait for CyRide during a cold winter day.

gloves will help keep your hands, face and head warm.

Those are the easiest places to lose body heat.

The three-foot rule

The three-foot rule pertains to hot objects such as space heaters and fire places.

It is important to make sure to keep flammable objects (ex. paper, curtains, clothing) at least three feet from the heat source. Don't forget to turn off the heat sources before you leave the room.

It's also important to remember to keep space

heaters out of the dorms. They are fire hazards. Never use a stove or kitchen top to heat your home.

Car safety

Driving a car in the winter is a risk in itself, but there are a few ways to lessen the risks.

Always drive with a full tank of gas. If the car were to go into the ditch, it is important to keep your car running while you wait for help.

In case of an emergency, it's smart to keep blankets, food and water, candles, matches, flashlights, a battery-powered radio and a first aid kit in the car.

Bring a cell phone

When going outside or traveling in a car, make sure to keep a cell phone somewhere handy in case

of an emergency.

Also, keep in mind that in severe cold temperatures cell phones sometimes don't work.

If you are traveling with a phone in the cold, keep the phone stored somewhere near your body to keep it warm.

Keep hydrated

It is extremely important to keep hydrated in the cold winter months. The dry air can cause dehydration. Keep a water bottle with you when walking to and from classes. Use thermal water bottles to keep your water from freezing.

Drinking warm liquids will both help with keeping hands warm and keeping the body hydrated.

Signs of frost bite and hypothermia

Frost bite can appear

in places on your body that have little-to-no cover from the cold.

Common areas include the ears, face, fingers and toes.

Signs of frost bite would be white/pale looking skin, blisters forming and joint and muscle stiffening.

With a less severe form of frost bite, treatment includes using heat and warm water to thaw frozen skin. More severe frost bite should be treated by a doctor.

Signs of hypothermia include shivering, clumsiness, lack of control, weak pulse, slow breathing, etc. Hypothermia is extreme and should be treated immediately by a doctor.

Hypothermia could result in death if not treated.

10 tips to make Pinterest account professional

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Pinterest is a beautiful thing. It provides a place to browse recipes, collect ideas for a dreamlike bedroom and acts ultimately as the walk-in closet of people's fantasies.

In the days of self-branding, Pinterest has become a place to express oneself and for recruiters from prestigious brands to recruit new talent.

Now is a better time than ever to style and organize your Pinterest boards. These tips will help start the ultimate overhaul.

1. Delete or move pins if they are in the wrong board. This will make things more cohesive.

2. Delete multiple pins of the same thing.

3. Move boards to group them close together, including all of the food-related boards on top and all of the fashion boards on bottom. Or alphabetically

order boards.

4. There are a few general categories that one might pin, including recipes, clothes, bedroom, et cetera. But don't be afraid to break it down into smaller categories to help organize and find pins easier. Try a board specifically for vegan recipes or a board specifically for winter clothes, but make sure they are properly labeled.

5. Rename any boards that need to be renamed.

6. Add a description to

every board to give it flare.

7. Upload original pins. Whether creative in food, fashion or beauty, showing a creative side through original content will draw attention to boards.

8. Don't just leave the same description that the original photo had; show some writing chops and type a different description, especially if it had a generic or even no description. Also tag the original creators to give credit.

9. If you are already a

creative person add a Pinterest follow button on personal websites/blogs.

10. Change the cover of the board. When going to the main profile, click on edit and there is a cover option. Choose an eye-catching photo.

Keep in mind that along with other social media platforms, future employers will look at all of the profiles associated with your name. Depending on the industry, they may even take into account how organized you

keep your Pinterest. Hopefully your personality shines brightly through and impresses the recruiter.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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Stem cells regenerate nerves

ISU professor hopes research will save lives

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A professor in chemical and biological engineering hopes one day to get her research FDA approved to help patients and improve lives.

Surya Mallapragada earned her graduate degree from the India Institute of Technology Bombay.

Mallapragada obtained her Ph.D. at Purdue University.

After that, Mallapragada had a short postdoc at MIT.

Mallapragada is now a chemical and biological engineering professor at Iowa State.

Mallapragada is currently working on neural tissue engineering with the long-term goal of getting technologies into the clinics to help patients.

"Our lab mostly works on developing new materials for biological applications, or also we work on looking at biology for inspiration and developing new materials," Mallapragada said.

The research Mallapragada is working on

focuses mostly on polymers to see how they can be used in specific applications in the area of nerve regeneration and drug and vaccine delivery.

"[The research is aiming] to develop experimental strategies to repair the damaged nervous system using biomaterials and biodegradable polymers; bioactive molecules; and the patients' own stem cells," said collaborator Donald Sakaguchi, professor of genetics, development and cell biology.

Sakaguchi said that a large part of the research on is centered around regeneration.

"We are looking at peripheral nerve regeneration ... how we can use materials to help the regeneration process," Mallapragada said.

The research group of Mallapragada, Sakaguchi, a few postdocs, a couple of graduate students and several undergraduate students has tried to make a degradable polymer conduit that would guide cells to bridge the gap, thereby acting as a guide.

However, that wasn't sufficient enough, so additional agents such as growth factors and stem cells were added to help the process.

"Stem cells are at the forefront of regenerative medicine," Sakaguchi said.

Sakaguchi cites hav-

ing an interdisciplinary approach to be a positive aspect in their research project.

Sakaguchi said that having biologists, biochemists, chemical and biological engineers and mathematicians is an important aspect to their success.

Mallapragada is also working on a Nanovaccine Initiative that is developing new materials for vaccine delivery and focusing on how the materials made can be used to deliver proteins or DNA from pathogens, which can serve as vaccines.

Mallapragada is looking forward to the potential outcomes for her research.

Mallapragada says some of the studies in animal models have shown promising results.

While Mallapragada enjoys the research, she also enjoys her work as a professor.

She says seeing students evolve into scientists makes her proud.

"Research is only one part of my job, and then the mentoring of students," Mallapragada said. "Teaching students, not just in the classroom but also in the lab and mentoring them and seeing them grow as scientists ... that's a very rewarding part of my job."

"That's something I really enjoy."

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are grants that help offset the cost of publishing a book," Nusser said.

Nusser also touched on sponsored funding by proposing a departmental proposal and award system.

"We also have early indications that sponsored funding, maybe for research per se, may be increasing," Nusser said.

Nusser lastly touched on enabling infrastructure by improving research facilities and instrumentation on campus by beginning with bite-sized projects and hopefully working on what she called the "greenhouse project."

"The project that we're most active on right now is to look at building a new greenhouse at Iowa State," Nusser said.

Following the special order, Faculty Senate President Rob Wallace called for nominations for the new president-elect, and then asked current nominees to come and make their case as to why they should be elected.

Tim Day, biomedical

sciences professor, spoke first, beginning with a brief of his relations to Iowa State, particularly through his children, of whom one is currently enrolled and another is an alumnus.

"Now there has been some times where I've had some degree of anguish over the state of higher education in institutions like ours, but in fact I remain overly and overwhelming optimistic about the central endeavor that we're involved in here," Day said. "If you don't believe me I could show you my checkbook."

Day said that since a lot of issues, especially social issues go on here at Iowa State, he thinks it's important that they work together as a faculty in order to speak out on those issues and be leaders in the community and campus.

Vern Schaefer, professor in civil, construction and environmental engineering, then took the floor for his chance to speak about why he thought he should be elected.

"My vision as Faculty Senate [president-elect] would be quite simple," Schaefer said. "We talk of-

ten about student success, what I would like to focus on is faculty success."

Schaefer touched on several things that he feels need improved such as the large enrollment increases and the larger classes and asked, "How do we deal with those [things]?"

Ultimately, Day was elected the new president-elect.

Wallace then gave his president's report, which outlined a few goals for the semester, including reviewing the office of the senior vice president for business and finance and creating a task force on enrollment management, which will examine various scenarios of managing incoming students.

The new business, a merger between the department of anthropology and department of world languages and cultures for the Faculty Senate, was introduced and will be voted on within the next few meetings.

President Steven Leath will be at the next Faculty Senate meeting Feb. 9 and will provide an update on budgets and initiatives, along with other items.



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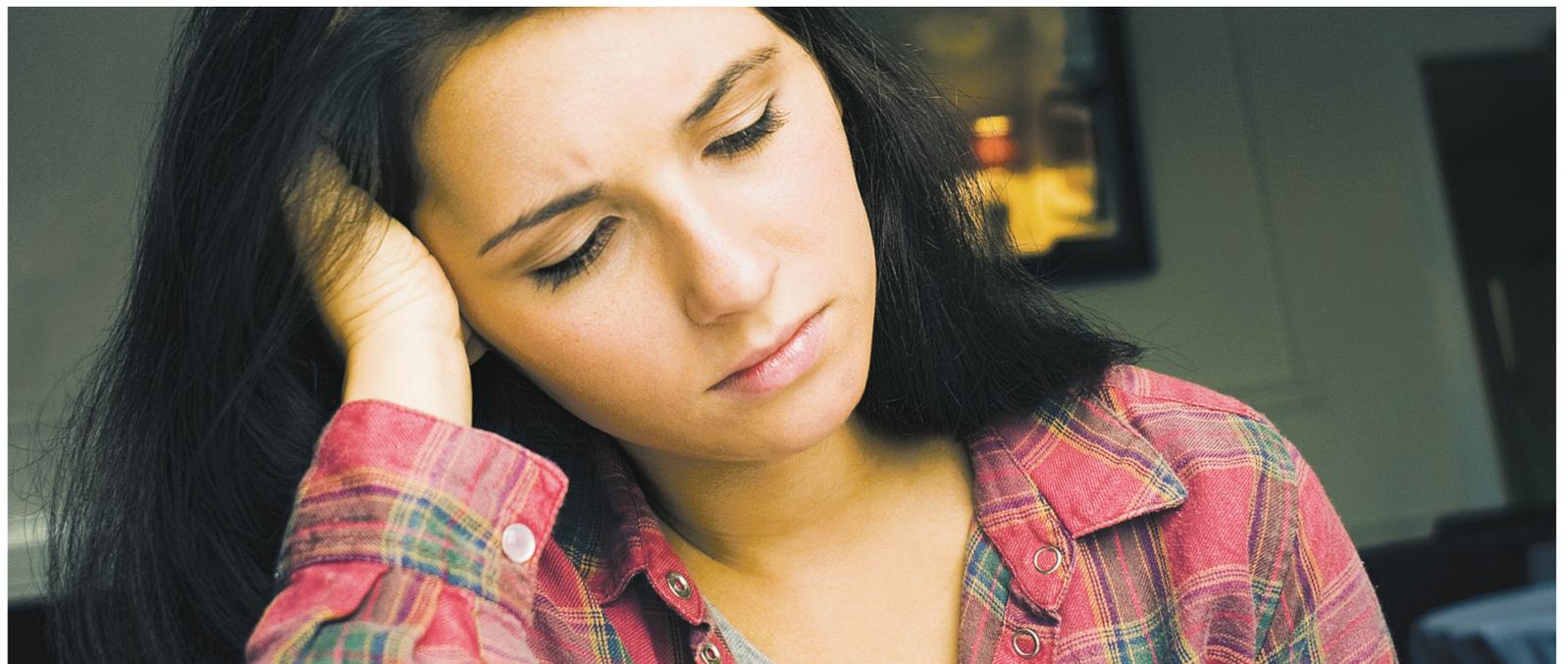
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