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Lt. Sean Brophy, a spokesman for NROTC, said "appropriate administrative actions" have been taken against the midshipmen who posted inappropriate photos on Facebook.

NROTC cancels event after photo incident

By Tristan.Wade
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Iowa State's NROTC unit canceled its dining-in event scheduled for Saturday night in response to news that several midshipmen posted inappropriate photos on a private Facebook group March 4.

"The social media issue from early March has garnered national media attention," Capt. Scott Curtis, commanding officer of Iowa State's NROTC, wrote in an email to the unit later obtained by the Iowa State Daily.

"My overarching goal is to ensure that all of you personally, as well as the reputation of the Cyclone Battalion as a whole, is

protected to the maximum extent possible given the current media attention," Curtis wrote in the email. "As part of that goal, I've reluctantly come to the conclusion that we cannot conduct the Dining in tomorrow night."

This decision came on the heels of an article published Thursday detailing seven midshipmen who were punished after posting ex-

plicit photos on Facebook in a private group related to the Sextant Society.

According to Iowa State's student organization database, the Sextant Society "promotes prestige of the US Naval activities at the ISU NROTC."

Michael Tallon, president of

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Greek councils react to Vespers

Presidents release letter of discontent

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The presidents of Iowa State's Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) released a letter of discontent Friday afternoon in reference to reactions at the Vespers greek award ceremony on April 2.

During the ceremony, members of the Iowa State greek community booed, mocked and made racial remarks at individuals representing the MGC and NPHC as they received their awards, according to witness accounts and letters released by Rachel Ramirez, president of the MGC, and Billy Boulden, assistant dean of students and director of greek affairs.

Ramirez said she collaborated with Chandler Wilkins, president of the NPHC, to produce the letter of discontent. It was released to "a large portion of the greek community," Ramirez said.

The beginning of the letter summarized the purpose of Vespers, stating that it marked the end of Greek Week.

"Vespers is an annual awards ceremony commemorating the end of a fun and busy week for many of us," the letter said. "It is a time to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of all the unique chapters within our community and to celebrate everyone's accomplishments."

Following this assessment, the letter rehashed the booing, mocking and making of racial slurs that occurred during the event. The letter said that these actions were carried out by members of the Iowa State greek community, stating that the actions were aimed at members of the MGC and NPHC.

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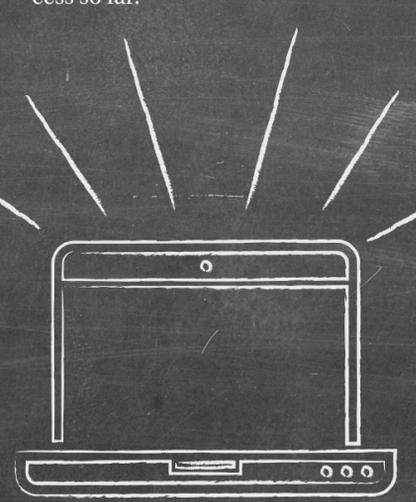
THE FUTURE OF BLACKBOARD

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Students not graduating by the end of the fall 2017 semester might be seeing a new learning management system (LMS) next spring as Iowa State's contract with BlackBoard Learn expires in December.

Ann Marie VanDerZanden, director of the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) and Mike Lohrbach, director of Information Technology Services, are leading the efforts to find the optimal LMS for the university to adopt, whether that means staying with BlackBoard Learn or switching to another LMS.

Here's what VanDerZanden and Lohrbach had to say about the process so far.



Q: What are your roles?

A: VanDerZanden

My role, and Mike's role, is we're co-leading the overall review across campus. CELT provides support to faculty on how they use the LMS, currently BlackBoard, from a teaching standpoint. So wanting to have class discussions, or something like that in there, or setting up quizzes or exams or however they're going to use it from a teaching standpoint.

Lohrbach

And the information technology team supports the existing system via the servers and storage infrastructure, as well as integrations with the other technologies across campus, our student information system and our authentication systems.

Q: So you are deciding if you want to change the system?

A: Lohrbach

Exactly. We're deciding. Our existing solution, the contract is up for that in December of '17, so we've been performing a review, meeting with several departments and units and groups across campus since November to solicit feedback on what is the best course to proceed on for campus. Knowing that the learning management space changed a lot in the last several years and looking at it is an opportunity to investigate what options Iowa State would have going forward.

Q: What is the feedback that you've received so far?

A: VanDerZanden

I would say that, as we have spoken to the different stakeholder groups - faculty, instructional designers, students, graduate students, administrators - the interest is there to look at our current product, see what new opportunities are available with a new LMS. The timing is good because our current contract is up, so we need to make a decision. Either we renew or we go to a different product. There's been some real interest in looking at what the new opportunities are. Along with that, there's always some concern about change, not only from the faculty members standpoint but also the students and graduate students.

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Pride Week generates unity

Iowa State celebrates, embraces LGBTQIA+ community

By Alli.Weaver
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Iowa State's Pride Summit is kicking Pride Week off with a call for unity and inclusion.

Various clubs and campus organizations will host events Monday through Friday to inform and express what Pride Week is all about.

"It gives us an opportunity to create intentional spaces and gather in community with each other," said Joel Hochstein, hearing officer for the Office of Student Conduct.

Hochstein said Pride Week is about forming a local community and connecting with other local communities to join

together on a national scale.

All students, faculty and staff are welcome to participate in the 10 official panels, activities and political call-to-action events outlined in the LGBTSS Pride Week events webpage.

The Pride Alliance, College of Business, Pride Summit, LGBT Student Services (LGBTSS), Office for Diversity and Inclusion, Gamma Rho Lambda, the Queer Graduate Association and Iowa State oSTEM will host these various events this week.

"The events that the organizations are doing are meaningful in different ways for different people," Hochstein said.

With events varying from political action sessions, such as Contact Your Representatives!

in the Agora at 11 a.m. Thursday to an open campus event for information on sex topics at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Carver, Hochstein said there's bound to be something for just about everyone.

At 5:30 p.m. Monday, the Pride Summit will host Making Workday Work for You in the lobby of the Student Services Building. The event will include a town hall on the new ISU student information system, allowing students to ask questions about how they fit into this system's plan.

The Office of the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion will also host an event at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Beardshear to discuss the founding of



Brian Achenbach/Iowa State Daily
Ben Duran and Angela Dunkin draw a rainbow-colored kite on the sidewalk by the Campanile as part of Pride Week on April 20, 2014.

Ames' first-ever Pride Fest. Students can stop by Beardshear to share their thoughts and opinions, and meet those who are trying to make Ames Pride 2017 a reality.

To get involved in Pride Week, students can attend events, become a part of one of the organizations that host the events or contact the Pride Summit for more information.




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2 Fer Wells (9pm-1am)

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POLICE BLOTTER

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

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

April 5

Nolan Schmidt, 21, of 1425 Coconino Rd Unit 103, Ames, Iowa, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and driving on wrong side of two way highway at 3915 Mortensen Road at 2:06 a.m.

An officer investigated a property damage collision at Lot 79 at 12:34 p.m.

An individual reported the theft of a catalytic converter at Lot S6 at 2:58 p.m.

An officer met with an individual to provide resources regarding sexual assault at Thielen Student Health Center at 2:32 p.m.

An officer investigated a property damage collision at Lot 21 at 5:51 p.m.

An officer investigated a property damage collision at Lot 72A at 8:01 p.m.

Jinghao Wang, 21, of 2155 Hawthorn Court Drive Unit 1224, Ames, Iowa, was arrested on a warrant for assault at 12 Frederiksen Court at 9:52 p.m.

An officer initiated an assault related investigation between two individuals at 24 Frederiksen Court at 10:12 p.m.

April 6

Bradley Hobbs, 23, of 1407 S. Grand Ave Unit 202, Ames, Iowa, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and failure to use headlamps when required at Ashmore Drive and Gaskill Drive at 12:34 a.m.

Paige Spowart, 21, of 1224 Walton Drive Unit 205, Ames, Iowa, was arrested and charged with public intoxication at Mortensen Rd and State Avenue at 1:40 a.m.

Michelle Fagerlind, 22, of 9480 Ginger Drive Peosta, Iowa, was arrested and charged with public intoxication at Lincoln Way and State Avenue at 1:32 a.m.

An officer investigated a property damage collision at Lot 35 at 9:56 a.m.

An individual reported being the victim of fraud at 2138 Vet Med at 2:23 p.m.

Gaylean Byrd, 42, of 143 North Sheldon, Ames, Iowa, was arrested and charged with public intoxication - 3rd or subsequent offense at State Gymnasium at 4:13 p.m.

An officer met with an individual to provide resources regarding sexual assault at Helser Hall at 4:33 p.m.

CALENDAR

April 10

Pride Week: T-shirt, button sales: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Parks Library south lawn Look for sales at a location in the free speech area west of The Hub and south of Parks Library.

Public forum: Student Counseling Service director finalist: 11 a.m. 12 p.m. at Gold Room, Memorial Union. Thomas Berry, director of the Counseling and Counseling Psychology Clinic, Oklahoma State University, is one of two finalists for the director's post.

Award-Winning Faculty Series: Funding Online Course Development: Finding and Filling a Need (Jim Roth): 12:10 p.m. t 1 p.m. at 2532 College of Vet Med (in-person), 2015 Morrill Hall (webcast), or view on your own via Zoom. Distinguished Professor Jim Roth, member of the National Academy of Medicine, Veterinary Microbiology & Preventive Medicine, Center for Food Security and Public Health, will share the story of how he and his team grew online veterinary training from one online course to multiple funded projects and course offerings.

Pride Week: Panel discussion: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 1148 Gerdin Business Building. "Inclusion in the Workplace," with panelists from Union Pacific, John Deere, Principal and Caterpillar Inc. Moderated by Raisbeck Endowed

Dean David Spalding. A reception will follow in Gerdin's Bergstrom Commons.

Lecture: The Geopolitics and Economics of BRICS Resource and Market Access in Southern Africa: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Kocimski Auditorium, 101 Design. Paidraig Carmody, Trinity College, Dublin, and editor of "GeoForum," will talk about the impact of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) on African states' development policy, practice and outcomes through the lens of the geopolitics of market and investment access in Zambia.

Lecture: A Doctor to Her Tribe and a Warrior for Her People: 7 p.m. at Dolezal Auditorium, 127 Curtiss Hall. Joe Starita, professor of journalism at the University of Nebraska, will discuss his latest book, "A Warrior of the People: How Susan La Flesche Overcame Racial and Gender Inequality to Become America's First Indian Doctor."

Public forum: Student Counseling Service director finalist: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Soult's Family Visitor Center, Memorial Union. Joyce Davidson, associate director and current interim director of Student Counseling Service, is one of two finalists for the director's post.

All events and descriptions courtesy of the Iowa State events page at events.iastate.edu.

SNAPSHOT



Hannah Olson/Iowa State Daily

REACHING THE TOP OF THE WALL

Lucas Fleissner, freshman in mechanical engineering, prepares to grab his final handhold during the Boulder Bash event on Saturday at Lied Recreation Athletic Center. The Boulder Bash offered four levels of difficulty: beginner, intermediate, advanced and open.

Cuisine, culture meet at food fair

International students share unique meals from home

By Mary Pautsch
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Iowa State's International Student Council spread culture on Sunday by feeding into every college student's weakness – food.

Fourteen multicultural groups filled the Memorial Union with a wide variety of international dishes for students to try out.

Hannah Ridzuan, vice president of the International Student Council, said the event was a great way for the Ames community to experience different cultures in a fun, interactive way.

"You can actually taste and smell culture here," Ridzuan said. "It's a more hands-on way of seeing culture, rather than sitting and watching performances or something like that."

The International Food Fair was originally part of Veishea before the week-long celebration was discontinued. The fair was then continued during Iowa State's International Week, and International Student Council has vowed to continue the event as a spring-time tradition ever since.

"Everyone likes food, so why not?" Ridzuan said.

Ridzuan said she was most looking forward to trying the different types of tea being offered. Four of the 14 stations set up had different types of teas, all prepared in different ways.

"I just think that it's so cool that even though it's all technically tea, they're all really different," she said. "It just goes to show how culture plays a big part in food."



Dineh Bohan/Iowa State Daily

The Indian Students Association serves Vada Pav during the International Food Fair on Sunday in the Memorial Union.

Like there's bubble tea, a Thai tea, iced tea ... it all sounds so good."

Students and members of the Ames community of different backgrounds and nationalities attended the event.

SNAPSHOT



Max Goldberg/Iowa State Daily

READY FOR TAKEOFF

A Black Hawk helicopter, one of the major attractions at this year's Flying Cyclone Fly-In, sits on the tarmac for community members to tour on Saturday at the Ames airport.

DIGITAL CONTENT

NEWS

TOP 5 STORIES FROM THE WEEKEND

Turn off your phone this weekend? We have you covered. Go online to iowastatedaily.com for the top five stories this weekend.

LIFESTYLE

IOWA STATE FASHION SHOW '17

After the annual Iowa State fashion show this weekend, go online to iowastatedaily.com for complete coverage. Follow @isdselfstyle for results.

MULTIMEDIA

PHOTOS: BOULDER BASH

Climbing enthusiasts participated in the fifth annual Boulder Bash on Saturday at Lied Recreation Athletic Center. Find the gallery online.

MULTIMEDIA

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR

The annual International Food Fair was held Sunday in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union. For photos, go online to iowastatedaily.com.

MULTIMEDIA

PHOTOS: DOUGHNUT RUN

Ames community members participated in the Doughnut Run, a 5K held in Brookside Park on Saturday. Check out the gallery online.

SPORTS

PHOTOS: SPRING FOOTBALL GAME

The Iowa State football team held its annual spring game on Saturday. The offense won 50-44. Check out the photos online at iowastatedaily.com.

NEWS

PRIDE WEEK PREVIEW

Monday is the start of Pride Week, where people come together to represent gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students. For a list of events and descriptions, go online to iowastatedaily.com or on Twitter @iowastatedaily.com. Watch out for coverage as the week continues.

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PERIODICALS POSTAGE



Left: A model wearing Emily Koppang's "Demon of Bald Mountain" design walks down the runway at Stephens Auditorium. Right: Models wearing Basilia Koster's "INCA" designs pose during the 2017 Fashion Show. Katlyn Campbell and Maddie Leopardo/Iowa State Daily

A NIGHT OF FASHION

Iowa State celebrates 35th anniversary of student-run show

By Abby Patterson
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BEFORE THE SHOW

Students of many majors worked tirelessly to ensure that the 2017 Fashion Show would run seamlessly from curtain open to curtain close. Opening day, backstage of Stephens Auditorium was filled with anticipation from those who committed most of this school year to preparing for the show.

Everyone from stage tech to modeling directors have pre-show duties to make sure the entire show runs as smoothly as possible.

"I'm actually not nervous at all," said Ashlynn Boerhave, fashion show design committee member and senior in apparel, merchandising and design. "We have had several dress rehearsals before today and they have all gone very smoothly. So we're just kind of excited in anticipation for how it

will go." When asking if they were nervous, the modeling directors shouted, "Yes!" in unison.

"There's a lot of moving parts and a lot of quick changes," Katie Hamilton, senior in apparel, merchandising and design.

"I'm a little nervous," Alli Levis, model and sophomore in apparel, merchandising and design. "I'm excited just to go out there and show off the garments that the students have been working so hard on all year."

ON THE RUNWAY

With "Altered Aspects" being the theme for the 2017 show, the stage was a mix of white geometrical shapes hanging from the ceiling, transparent backdrops for models to walk behind for extra crowd anticipation, and neon lighting illuminating the stage backdrops. The music was that of a futuristic vibe that complemented the bold model walk choreography and the

alternative aesthetic of "Altered Aspects."

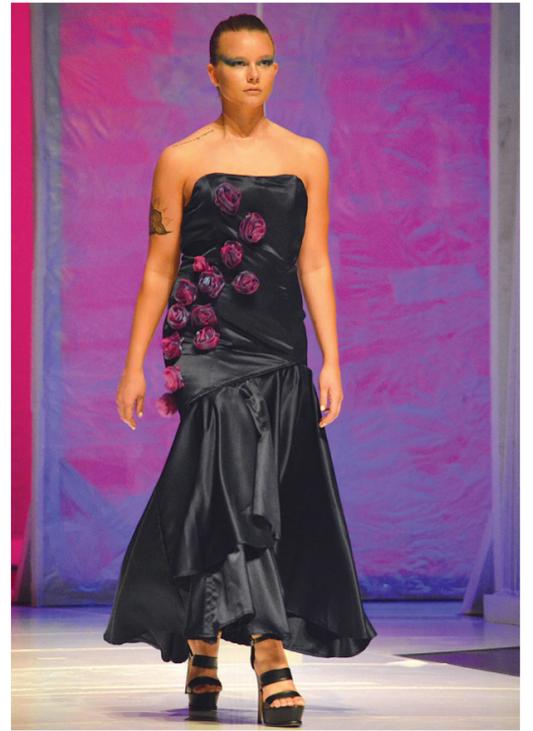
AFTER THE SHOW

Backstage after the show, faces were filled with joy and relief.

"I think it went really well," model Madeleine Bretey said. "We practiced really hard and it was really hard to visualize what it was going to be like until we got to practice on stage and then we hit it really hard."

The Altered Aspects design was the responsibility of the design committee.

"Set did a really great job on getting everything ready on the stage and it looked phenomenal," Boerhave said. "Tech worked so hard to get all the music and lights worked out. It all came together so smoothly. I think this went above the crowd's expectations that they had. Every year we put on such a phenomenal show, but this year we've had so many great new improvements and innovative ideas for this show."



A model wearing Yu-Ching Lin's "Roses In the Dark" design walks down the runway at Stephens Auditorium on Saturday. Katlyn Campbell/Iowa State Daily

Greeks come together for Autism Awareness Month

By Emily Hammer
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If you're wondering why the Campanile, Memorial Union and several greek houses were lit with blue lights last week, ask any member of Theta Delta Chi and they'll tell you about Light It Up Blue.

Some have personal reasons and others are involved simply because they belong to the fraternity, but each year, Theta Delta Chi works to get as many greek houses as possible decorated in blue lights for Autism Awareness Month.

This year was the first time it was able to get the Campanile lit up with a blue light as well. Leading the charge on this was Thomas Bombeck, philanthropy chair of Theta Delta Chi.

Along with asking houses to supply their own lights, Theta Delta Chi pro-



Theta Delta Chi illuminates its house with blue lights to support Autism Awareness Month. Thomas Bombeck, philanthropy chair of Theta Delta Chi, estimated that about 20 greek houses hung up lights this year. Jack MacDonald/Iowa State Daily

vided each house with a set of blue lights to hang up. Bombeck estimated that about 20 houses hung up the lights.

"I think [Light It Up Blue] is very important because it's a great way to get the whole community thinking about [autism],"

Bombeck said. "It's pretty visual; when you walk around at night you can see all the lights."

Most houses didn't buy

their own lights, Bombeck said, making the week a little less successful than he had hoped it would be.

Josh Lozano, member of Theta Delta Chi, said his favorite part of Light It Up Blue is seeing the greek community come together and get involved in support of Autism Awareness Month.

Lozano has three cousins with autism and has worked on autism awareness campaigns before, so Theta Delta Chi's national philanthropy being Autism Speaks "was perfect," he said.

"It's just great to see the Iowa State community, when one day I'm walking around Central Campus and I see the Campanile lit up blue, it definitely brings awareness about Autism Awareness Month," Lozano said.

When everything is dying down at night, Lozano said "it's wonderful" to see blue lights shining on

every house. He believes that Light It Up Blue brings awareness to autism and how prevalent it is.

While participation from greek houses has varied in past years, supplying the lights raises the chance of houses participating.

"This year, instead of relying on other houses doing it themselves, we've just kind of done it for them," Wes Ruby, member of Theta Delta Chi, said. "As bad as that sounds, it has a much better participation rate doing it."

For Ruby, having everyone in the greek and Iowa State communities come together for Light It Up Blue and Autism Awareness Month is one of the best parts of hosting the event.

"The event is strictly for autism awareness," he said. "It's a great representation of everyone being aware of our common goal and that's creating autism awareness."

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- 17 Falk and Fonda after mud wrestling?
- 19 Since
- 20 Overhead views
- 21 "You got me"
- 23 Hawaiian coffee
- 24 Overzealous peach eaters?
- 26 Treated, as a patient
- 28 Midwinter Asian holiday
- 29 Tin __
- 32 Packs in a hold
- 35 End notes?
- 39 Oils a deck of cards?
- 43 Office specialist
- 44 Lost, as a tail
- 45 Storm maker of yore
- 46 CIA predecessor
- 49 Falls back
- 51 Security images of an armed robbery?
- 56 Salon choice
- 60 Nine to three, say
- 61 Heart conditions?
- 62 Inter __

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- 63 Gal idolizing actor Matthew?
- 66 Scratch
- 67 Pathetic to the max
- 68 Mauna __
- 69 Wolverine sneaker brand
- 70 '50s tankers?
- 71 Bungle

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- 30 Bar supply
- 31 "Coney Island" documentary
- Burns
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- 34 Gimlet spec
- 36 Snare
- 37 Bar supply
- 38 Ring decision
- 40 Southeast natives
- 41 Bamum's Fiji mermaid, for one
- 42 Hosp. readout
- 47 Cross-country need, perhaps
- 48 Lithe
- 50 Similar things
- 51 Act of love, or hostility
- 52 Veil material
- 53 Epic with more than 15,000 lines
- 54 Respond to a charge
- 55 Salon choices
- 57 Franco finale?
- 58 Designer's concern
- 59 Schindler of "Schindler's List"
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- 65 Designer monogram

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Sextant Society, declined to comment Friday about the organization and referred all questions to his commanding officers, Curtis and Cmdr. Daniel Buhr. In a separate email received by the Daily from a NROTC student, the midshipmen were instructed that if they were approached by media about this incident, to say "I am not authorized to comment," and to then inform Curtis or Buhr. The Iowa State Daily contacted five midshipmen Fri-

day afternoon, all of whom refused to comment, saying, "I am not authorized to comment." Lt. Sean Brophy, a spokesman for the Naval Service Training Command, told The Associated Press that the NROTC leaders were informed of the explicit photographs the day after they were posted March 4, and then took immediate action to ensure the photos were taken down from Facebook. Brophy also said that "appropriate administrative actions" had been taken against the midshipmen.

Brophy said due to federal law, he could not comment on the specific disciplinary action, but the midshipmen will remain part of the NROTC program. The explicit nature of the photos has not been released or reported, but an anonymous source told the Daily that the photos posted to the Facebook group were of genitalia. Iowa State's Student Conduct Policy 4.2.4 Indecent Exposure states: "Indecent exposure, defined as intentionally, in a public place where other persons are present, exposing your

genitals or other intimate parts of your body under circumstances where the exposure is reasonably likely to offend, annoy or alarm another person is prohibited." Brophy said the photos featured some of the cadets in various location on Iowa State's campus. In Curtis' email, he said, "I don't believe the media response is proportional to the event itself," but the unit must still react appropriately. Curtis and Buhr did not return multiple phone calls Friday afternoon.



Chandler Wilkins (left), Mike Poggemiller, Kara Rasmusson and Rachel Ramirez present awards to Iowa State's fraternities and sororities during Vespers. Emily Hammer/Iowa State Daily

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The first instance of racism or disrespect toward the Multicultural and National Pan-Hellenic Councils that you have heard of, but for us this is our everyday experience as members of the Iowa State Greek "Community," the letter said. The letter also addressed individuals who have defended College Panhellenic (CPC) and Interfraternity (IFC) councils by stating that "the actions committed by a handful of individuals ... does not represent the entire Greek community." The statement can be found on the review section of the Iowa State greek community's Facebook page.

members of both the MGC and NPHC on how to best apologize for the actions of their members. The IFC and CPC have also been wanting to release statements of support for the MGC and NPHC, according to the letter. "If you want to call out individuals in your chapters, don't bother," the letter said. "Racism is an act of violence and remaining silent and neutral in the face of it is equally as violent. All those who failed to take action when their siblings actively engaged in racism are at fault in this situation as well. So call out your entire community." Ramirez and Wilkins provided a list of events in the letter that have left their organizations "... with feelings of disappointment, isolation, anger and ex-

haustion." The list included: During Homecoming 2015, a greek pairing decided to appropriate Latinx culture by decorating its Halloween Town-themed apparel with cultural symbols belonging to Dia de los Muertos. In the fall of 2015, an IFC fraternity duplicated an event that an MGC chapter has hosted for years that serves not only as a philanthropy but also as a fundraiser for the MGC chapter. The event is vital to support members attending the national convention each year. At the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values Conference (AFLV) in 2016, members of IFC and CPC were disrespectful during a keynote address on racism in the greek community.

step and stroll at IFC and CPC sponsored events as entertainment. "It is our belief that the staff members in the Office of Greek Affairs are not capable of providing the same support for the MGC and NPHC communities as they do the CPC and IFC communities. This has been proven on multiple occasions when, because of the identities held by the members of our council, our concerns are dismissed and seen as overreactions," the letter said. The letter also addressed the absence of a public apology from the Office of Greek Affairs and the chapters involved in the reactions at Vespers. It also addressed the email sent Monday night to the Iowa State greek community by greek affairs in reference to Vespers. According to Ramirez's and Wilkins' letter, the email from greek affairs came "after heavy influence by both the MGC and NPHC presidents."

"By not holding your siblings accountable, entire chapters and councils remain complicit in the racist actions taken by that initial handful of individuals."
Greek councils' letter

Horoscopes by Linda Black

Today's Birthday (4/10/17)

Things are hopping, and the tempo is right. Communication ease facilitates advancement on many levels. Group and community efforts go farther. Your focus is at home. An inheritance or gift could arise. Personal change could include healthier diet and exercise, or career transformation.

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

Aries - 7 (March 21-April 19) Investigate a recurring dream. Changes lead to more changes. Don't overlook responsibilities. It's not a good time to gamble. Associates boost your morale. Reaffirm a commitment.

Libra - 9 (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Creativity still takes work (and financial backing). Turn down an expensive invitation. Thank them profusely. Invest in newer technology at home. Don't bend the rules. Let a partner do the talking. Relax.

Taurus - 9 (April 20-May 20) Get together with the gang. Make sure the others know their assignments. Optimism rules. It's a very good time for falling in love, despite any awkward moments.

Scorpio - 7 (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Keep a low profile. A loved one spurs you on to leap over fences. You gain insight. But don't take risks or travel just yet.

Gemini - 8 (May 21-June 20) Keep a secret. You may discover all is not as expected. Follow your heart. Put your ideas onstage now. Do it all for home and family.

Sagittarius - 8 (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Start by fixing something at home. Recycle old technology. Don't discuss finances or bet the rent. Others believe in you. Handle an easy task first.

Cancer - 9 (June 21-July 22) Delegate to perfectionists when the job gets irritating. Do the filing instead. Invest in home improvements. Find what you need nearby. Make time to chat with your associates.

Capricorn - 8 (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A timely phone call works magic now. Don't question authority to avoid a painful lesson. Protect your sources. You're learning fast.

Leo - 9 (July 23-Aug. 22) A secret gamble could pay off. Be willing to adapt. Hide away winnings or pay bills. Ask an older person to help manage your resources, and use your own good judgment.

Aquarius - 9 (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Change your routine. Work at home profits. This is a test: run a reality check. Make a big improvement. Provide team motivation. Accept a recreational offer.

Virgo - 9 (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're pushed to take action. It's appropriate to make a commitment. Buy it, if you come in under budget. Don't believe everything you read. Get something that travels well.

Pisces - 8 (Feb. 19-March 20) Eclectic ideas work better. You accomplish more behind the scenes. Follow up on a stroke of genius. Everything seems possible. You're admired.

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GUEST ESSAY

Austism Awareness Month: UNDERSTANDING ABLEISM FOR WHAT IT IS

Misconceptions,
 clarifications of
 what autism means

Carissa Widseth,
 junior in aerospace engineering

I've been burned by being misquoted in less sensitive pieces I've contributed to. This is one of the reasons I was hesitant to be interviewed for Iowa State Daily's Monday centerpiece on autism awareness month. Diction and word choice is extremely important to me and the reason for this is the fact that I am autistic and I struggle with communication. You would think that would be respected, especially in an article about autism. Unfortunately, even given my precautionary measures, that is not what resulted.

I am extremely upset by Iowa State Daily's lack of professionalism and invasion of my privacy. I did NOT give them permission to use my photograph in the article due to the organization's plan to use a "puzzle-piece" themed graphic. I stated this at the time of my interview and followed up with an email within hours of the interview's conclusion.

The usage of puzzle pieces when depicting autism is offensive, juvenile and implies that we are something to be solved or fixed. This is not true. Each autistic individual is a unique person, on a diverse spectrum, and should be viewed as such. This sentiment is shared by many autistics in the community.

I included this information in a printout of educational material. I handed this printout to the interviewer. I talked about it during the interview. I sent it in an email. It included an audio recording of the interview as an attachment. The email also clearly expressed my exact sentiments, further information, as well as a written statement not giving the Iowa State Daily permission to use my photograph.

Furthermore, the article features other offensive and problematic elements. I warned against each of these possible issues in my interview combined with provided reasonings, and sources, in the educational material. Which, as I mentioned earlier, I literally handed to the author.

The article featured person-first language, which the autistic community views as offensive. The reason for this is the fact that our autism is not something that we carry with us. We are not a human person plus a terrible disorder. We are fundamentally different. Being autistic is an integral part of who we are as people, and interacts with every aspect of our lives. We can't be separated from our

autism, and this should be reflected in the language used while talking about us. This can be done by using identity-first language. That being said, I cannot speak for the wishes of the other interviewees regarding how they wished to be referred to as; I can only promote what can be observed from the community.

The article also features a statistic taken from Autism Speaks, an organization masquerading as a charity that has harmed autistic people and spread misinformation about autism for the last 10 years. When asked about what I wanted the article to emphasize, I stated that. Multiple times. Over every medium expressed previously. On the bright side, I will be writing an article on this topic later in the month, but there is additional information in the interim available on these subjects.

The information used in the article, as well as the way in which it is written, only covers the bare minimum of what autism is. Furthermore, it focuses on stories and information that read as "inspiration porn." This means it focuses on the interviewee's struggles regarding being autistic, and the successes in our lives written as being in opposition of our autism. These examples show autism as being a bad thing that must be overcome in order to be successful. That is not true.

Autism is a different way of experiencing the world and it is not our fault that society is built for neurotypical people and thus puts us at a disadvantage by default. The Huffington Post, and The Crimson White each offer more information on the issues involved in treating individuals with disabilities as "inspiration porn."

The most frustrating part is that everything expressed here was easily avoidable. I feared this outcome and took considerable precautionary measures in order to prevent it. Any of the problematic aspects discussed earlier can be found with a simple Google search. All of the sources I included were found this way. The Iowa State Daily also had the volunteering of autistic students through the Student Disability Resources Office (SDR) to utilize in order to make sure that its article was not offensive in any way. Whether or not there was an autistic staffer available to write a sensitive piece like this, they did not reach out to the community to see if any autistic individuals wanted to write something themselves and have their voice be published. All of these things could have helped prevent the issues expressed. Again, any amount of autistic-perspective-centric research would have also shown these problematic and offensive elements.

Another issue with this article is the fact that not even half of what I said during the interview, when specifically

asked about what I wanted to say, was actually published. I clearly stated during the interview that SDR has experienced a 458 percent increase in new students seeking assistance, as well as a 224 percent increase of all students that need resources and accommodation, since the office's establishment 10 years ago. Iowa State University has only hired one additional professional in those 10 years.

This academic year alone, there have been 765 new individuals seeking the assistance that the office provides. 765 new individuals represent 765 additional work hours required of SDR's professionals at a minimum. The number of new students seeking assistance is projected to be over 900 next semester. This increase in workload runs Iowa State the risk of losing the invaluable professionals it already has, which the students heavily rely on in order to be academically successful. The fact that this issue is being ignored by the university, as well as its official newspaper ignoring the voices of students with disabilities, all goes to prove that Iowa State as an institution does not care about students with disabilities.

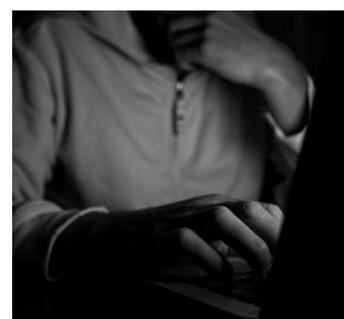
To continue, SDR's current situation is an Iowa State specific issue, and would have been a great thing to include in an article like this. Instead they chose to vaguely insinuate that we need to "be more proactive" and to have a more "inclusive campus" while actively choosing not to publish solutions or present issues not only affecting autistic students, but all disabled students on campus. I find this to be a huge flaw in Iowa State Daily's approach to journalism as a whole.

I took a chance and tried to educate, advocate for acceptance and hopefully make just a slight difference. My voice was not heard; It was actively ignored. I even warned about this across all of the mediums stated multiple times before. In fact, I emphasized on, and was quoted for, promoting a platform for autistic individuals to speak for themselves and for allistics not to speak over, or for, said autistics. The irony of this should not be lost on anyone.

All that being said, apart from the offensive elements, it is not a completely horrible article. However, it only barely covers topics that are vital to understanding and accepting autistic individuals and fighting prejudice and stereotypes regarding autism that are present in our society and that autistics, like myself, have dealt with our whole lives.

Editor's Note: The Daily met with Widseth, Thursday, April 6, to discuss the issues she talks about in this essay. She will be writing guest essays throughout the rest of April, which is Autism Awareness Month, about autism.

EDITORIAL



Courtesy of Getty Images
 For effective, meaningful discourse, rhetoric used to put down or disempower others is unhelpful.

Internet trolling is unproductive

It's easy to sit behind a screen and bash someone you don't agree with. In the age of the internet, it seems that many use screens as a shield to type inappropriate, hurtful or counterproductive messages in response to people with differing views or perspectives than their own.

It is hard to fathom what justification such people, often referred to as trolls, might have that makes them feel OK saying such horrible things. But nonetheless, these trolls are people and the ISD Editorial Board has a respectful request for them: Stop.

Disagreement is perfectly normal. A good debate is perfectly healthy. Differing perspectives are inevitable.

The problem is not disagreement, but rather reaction to disagreement. Reaction that is often uncalled for.

Rhetoric is used to put down others, to disempower them or to shut down any chance at effective dialogue is harmful.

Further, it limits our understanding of others and therefore our understanding of how we can improve our society.

Worst of all, some people create fake accounts to say horrible things. Anonymity is rarely ever a driver of effective conversation. Beyond this, it would appear that anonymity is often used so that people don't have to be held accountable for their words.

Effective sharing of opinion means presenting logical reasoning to support a particular perspective — it doesn't mean putting down others. As opinion writers for the media, we will be the first to say that sharing opinions without putting down people who hold other opinions is challenging, and we've certainly fallen short as well. But this doesn't mean we shouldn't continuously try to be catalysts for respectful public discourse.

This is by no means an argument against free speech, but rather an argument to use free speech to add value to our society instead of detracting from it. Work to share your opinions while also understanding the opinions of others. While you may have the legal right to say certain hateful things, you do not have the moral right to do so.

Speak, but also listen. Hold true to your values, but be willing to understand why they might differ from someone else's. This means that, though you may seriously disagree with someone, you should still try to understand where they are coming from.

To show you all that we truly believe this, we are asking to have an effective conversation with those who regularly disagree with our views. In particular, Steve Gregg is a notorious commenter on our editorials with differing perspectives — please see this editorial as an invitation to have an effective conversation with us. The newsroom phone number is 515-294-2003 or you can reach the ISD Editorial Board through the Daily's editor-in-chief by email at emily.barske@iowastatedaily.com.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you to S.H.R.A. and Pi Kappa Alpha

By Sue McCaskey,
 Alumnus 1979, Director, Story
 County Animal Shelter and
 Control, Nevada, Iowa

A special thank-you!
 We are writing this letter to acknowledge two groups of people at Iowa State who have helped our animal shelter so much! S.H.R.A., or Students Helping Rescue Animals, and Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.
 S.H.R.A. sends many volunteer dog walkers and cat socializers to our shelter every school year!

The people who give up their time to come and do this on a

purely volunteer basis need to know that you are appreciated and help make many of our animals ready to step from the transition of coming into the shelter, oftentimes neglected, abused or strayed, ready to finally find their forever home!

You bring us needed supplies, and are always willing to help when asked! For that, the animals and staff at the shelter are indebted to you for your kindness and willingness to help!

Pi Kappa Alpha: Your "Pikes Puppies" event in October raises the money we need to help the animals who might have health issues or need

special care.

Sadly, these days, there are so many of them! Your event gives these animals the needed funds to continue getting ready for adoption! Your event means so much to the animal shelter!

With both of these wonderful organizations, you have helped us maintain our 99 percent adoption rate of all animals, which is not an easy task.

It is clear from both S.H.R.A. and Pi Kappa Alpha that the commitment to help these animals runs deep.

It is also fun to watch the camaraderie that takes place

between these two organizations when they do the wonderful things they do!

Both of the organizations work as a well-oiled machine that help the animals in critical ways. Without either of these groups, the animals could suffer the consequences.

Thanks to you all for giving your time and energy to save the animals here at the shelter!

You all provide an unmeasurable amount of service that will move you forward as you find the careers of your dreams!

Sincerely, Sue McCaskey, Director of Story County Animal Shelter and Control



Redshirt junior Mike Warren runs upfield during the spring football game at Jack Trice Stadium on Saturday.

Jack MacDonald/Iowa State Daily



Chris Jorgensen/Iowa State Daily
Iowa State linebacker Joel Lanning celebrates after returning an interception for a touchdown during the spring game on Saturday.

Lanning's big play caps spring

Quarterback-turned-linebacker grabs interception Saturday

By Aaron Marnier
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For the past three years, Joel Lanning has done everything to avoid interceptions.

Now, playing on the defensive side of the ball, interceptions are something Lanning seeks out, and it paid off Saturday. After spending the whole spring season adjusting to his move to linebacker, Lanning got his first interception — a pick six — of the spring on Saturday during the spring game.

On the first play of a possession, Jacob Park fired a pass across the middle to Trevor Ryan, who couldn't hang on to complete the catch. The ball sailed toward Lanning, who picked off the pass and returned the interception 37 yards for a touchdown.

"I like the end zone," Lanning said. "So I'm trying to score whenever I can."

The touchdown was a culmination of sorts for Lanning.

From battling for the No. 1 quarterback spot to simply trying to get as much experience at linebacker as possible, Lanning's spring season has been up and down.

"I really don't even know if I was in the right spot or whatever," Lanning said of his interception.

Capping it off with an interception was about as perfect as it could have been.

"I had one probably like that the first week of spring ball and I dropped it," Lanning said. "It looked like a

beach ball to me, just too easy. So I had to get one back and that was a good way to end the spring."

Lanning said that even if he hadn't gotten the interception, he felt confident that he was making the right plays Saturday.

Coach Matt Campbell was pleased with Lanning's play as well.

"That was pretty good, no?" Campbell said. "I think Joel's a guy that got better every day. I told one of my trusted friends a couple months ago that this guy had the chance to be pretty special."

"The reality of it is the guy is a great athlete. I wouldn't have ever put Joel in a position to fail."

Still, one interception in a spring game does not mean a whole lot in the grand scheme.

The focus is on next fall and making sure Lanning is able to contribute on gamedays in September and beyond.

"Lot of work to do, though," Campbell said. "That's a hard transition to make and I'm not silly. I know what the work ethic is that it's going to take ... to get to that rate consistently."

Lanning, who finished the game with four tackles, said he's felt a little banged up after practices this spring and knows the regular season will be the same.

"When you're in the season and you're going 12 weeks in a row, you've got to take care of your body," Lanning said. "It's going to be huge for me to take care of my body this summer, too."

TAKEAWAYS FROM THE SPRING GAME

Warren impresses; offense shows potential; No. 3 RB update

By Austin Anderson
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The Iowa State football team held its annual spring game on Saturday. The offense won 50-44.

Here are three takeaways from the action.

Mike Warren looked to be back to form
Warren's drop-off from his spectacular first year to his second year in the Iowa State offense is undeniable.

He had fewer than half of his freshman amount of yards in his sophomore season. But a common theme among coaches is Warren's work ethic to bounce back from his struggling season.

"As a coach, my job is to get every one of our kids to play to their full potential," coach Matt Campbell said. "The reality of it is you have to do a great job of doing what makes each guy tick and be honest. I think, to a fault sometimes maybe, I'm honest with everybody. Mike's just a guy who has responded so well."

His response on Saturday was exactly what his coach was looking for. Warren found the end zone twice on just four carries for 28 yards.

His first touchdown was on a 20-yard run. He shifted directions on a play designed to go to the left side.

Warren cut back to the right side and found himself in the end zone on a carry that would have tied his longest run of last season.

"He had a really good day today," Campbell said. "It gives him self-confidence going into the summer and obviously into next fall. We're going to need Mike Warren to be playing at an elite level for us. He's a guy that's got that kind of ability."

Offense showed some of its potential explosiveness

On one series, quarterback Jacob Park connected with wide receiver Trevor Ryan for 27 yards. The next snap, redshirt freshman tight end Chase Allen got the Cyclones to the 20-yard line after a 15-yard catch from Park. Then Warren had his second touchdown of the game on the 20-yard run.

Sixty-two yards in three plays, in one minute of real time.

"It's going to make everything so much easier having [Chase Allen], Hakeem [Butler], Allen [Lazard], Matt Eaton," Park said. "Y'all ain't seen Matt Eaton yet, but he's a freak too. We just got receivers and athletes that are going to make my job a lot easier this year."



Chris Jorgensen/Iowa State Daily
Iowa State quarterback Jacob Park warms up before the spring scrimmage game on Saturday at Jack Trice Stadium.

It was Allen's first time in a real game-type setting after sitting out last year due to getting hit by a car and being hospitalized with different illnesses.

"I've been yearning for this," Allen said. "All fall I had to sit out and then finally getting a chance to get on the field and compete, it was just like, 'Man.' Things finally started clicking, all that work we put in, everything I learned last year just from watching really paid off."

Sheldon Croney Jr. is making case to be No. 3 running back

After speedy running back and returner Kene Nwangwu went down before spring practices started with an Achilles injury, the No. 3 spot on the running back depth chart opened up, behind Warren and David Montgomery.

The competition has been between Croney, a redshirt sophomore, and Ethan Staskewicz, a redshirt freshman.

"Sheldon has been one of the great surprises in camp," Campbell said. "As much as I've challenged any player on our team, I challenged Sheldon Croney when he came back this offseason. What are you? What's your role?"

"How do you help us have success here? Sheldon has answered the bell."

On Saturday, Croney was the Cyclones' leading rusher with 10 carries for 39 yards.

"I think he's done a really good job," Campbell said. "He's got great talent and now he can see if he can continue this positivity that he had through the last couple weeks of spring and if he can springboard once fall camp rolls around."

"We're going to need Mike Warren to be playing at an elite level for us. He's a guy that's got that kind of ability"

-Matt Campbell
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Kyven Gadson from Iowa State lifts Minnesota's Scott Schiller off the ground for a four-point takedown at the Olympic Trials on April 10, 2016, in Iowa City, Iowa.

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Training center starts to take shape

By Ben Visser
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Dan Dresser, the brother of new Iowa State wrestling coach Kevin Dresser, trained wrestlers in Iowa City when he was in his late 20s.

During that time, two-time Iowa State All-American Willie Gadson was also down in Iowa City, in the Iowa wrestling room helping train wrestlers. When Dan wasn't available, he'd have Willie take over the workouts.

Dan eventually got out of the world of training wrestlers and got into the world of business.

Now, Dan is the director of the Cyclone Regional Training Center (CRTC), on top of his full-time job at a technology company managing accounts.

He has the opportunity to work with another Gadson, Willie's son, Kyven.

Kyven and Dan talked recently at an event.

"I got to know his father Willie very well because we were together in the room a lot," Dan said. "I had a great deal of respect for the guy, and as I told Kyven, 'I have to share a few stories with you about how infectious Willie's smile was and I really enjoyed getting to know and spend time around your father.'"

Willie died from cancer in 2013.

Other people's experiences are the only way Kyven gets to hear stories about his father.

"I always like hearing stories about my dad because he's not here to tell his anymore," Kyven said. "It's cool to know that so many people have fond and special memories of him."

Kyven is currently a part of the CRTC, and if it was up to Dan and Kevin, he'd stay part of it.

"Kyven is a great kid and I heard that from everybody," Dan said. "From the wrestling accolades, I would say it's very exciting because he's got a tremendous skillset, and I know he has a tremendous work ethic from what I understand. You couldn't ask for a better start in a guy that can work with the upper weights at Iowa State."

Right now, the CRTC has three guys in it, Kyven, Mike Moreno and Dom Bradley — holdovers from the Cyclone Wrestling Club. Kevin said his goal is to get five to six guys total

spread out through the weights.

To do that, the CRTC must have the funding available. That's where Dan's business acumen comes into play.

"I think the biggest thing that I envision and from what Kevin and I have talked about — this goes back to weeks and weeks before he took the job," Dan said. "One of the big things that comes into play when you're talking about the Regional Training Center is to bring in what we call the 'elite level athletes' to a training environment."

"And a lot of that is, can you attract them? A big part of that is being able to fund those individuals because that becomes their

"A big part of that is being able to fund those individuals because that becomes their full-time job. That means you have to be able to find the resources to be able to support the athletes."

-Dan Dresser
Director of Cyclone Regional Training Center

full-time job. That means you have to be able to find the resources to be able to support the athletes. A lot of that is fundraising and developing that financial wherewithal to support that financial effort."

At Virginia Tech, Kevin did all of that himself, starting with a grassroots fundraising campaign. But he realized that's too much to do on top of being a coach.

Dan has wrestled his whole life, and since he got out of college, his expertise was in the business realm. He told Kevin he could bring the two together with his connections and fund the athletes.

That's a big key for Moreno. He's on his own now, paying for things like his own insurance and paying back his student loans. He needs more than what the Cyclone Wrestling Club was able to provide him.

That's why he wants to go into coaching, whether that's following former Iowa State assistant coaches Travis and Trent Paulson or another opportunity. But if he's able to make a decent salary, he has no problem competing more and working with the CRTC.

"If the money is right,

then I can compete full time and not really have to even worry about it because I'm getting taken care of," Moreno said. "And that makes wrestling probably a lot easier. When you're fighting for scraps it's kind of hard."

"I'm just trying to keep it as open as possible, whether it's in a mentor role — obviously there are no coaching positions left — but if it's a mentoring role, great. If it's from an athlete role, even better."

Kyven also has to weigh his options. But he seems less on the fence about it.

"I haven't got to sit down with coach Dresser and map out what that looks like for me yet," Kyven said. "Right now I'm just letting

everything play out to see what's the best fit for me. If it's going to be in Ames — I've always been a Cyclone, always will be. We're going on 25 years in July of being a Cyclone. Looking at it from that perspective, born and bred I guess."

If they choose to compete with the CRTC, they'll be coached by former rival Brent Metcalf.

But Kyven wants to become an Olympic gold medalist, and if Metcalf can get him there, it doesn't matter what school he went to.

"I'm going to trust him to give the tools I need to be successful with the position that I'm in," Kyven said.

Kevin believes his three assistant coaches — Mike Zadick, Derek St. John and Metcalf — will help Kyven accomplish his goals.

"I think Kyven is kind of getting that hunger back like he had when he was a college competitor," Kevin said. "I see it in his eye a little bit. I think these guys will really pull it out."

If they can get Kyven to reach his full potential, which they've seen glimpses of, it will help every other part of the program. By enhancing the freestyle part of Iowa State with the CRTC, Kyven believes it will enhance the folkstyle and collegiate part of it as well.

"He's trying to get people talking about the program again, he's trying to get high school kids that will be some of the best in the state and in the nation in the room earlier," Kyven said. "The earlier, the better. When you do that, that gives you an opportunity when it comes time to recruit those young men because you already have a

relationship with them.

"If you're going to recruit the best kids in the nation with the type of high school wrestling we have in the state of Iowa, I think starts with getting the best kids in your backyard."

Kevin, Dan and the assistants are trying to let everything play out just like everybody else.

"We're going to re-evaluate after some of these spring events and start looking for more guys — decide if these guys want to stay or go, but obviously, we want to try and keep them," Kevin said.



Kyven Gadson walks off the mat after beating Minnesota's Scott Schiller in the second round of the Olympic Trials on April 10 in Iowa City, Iowa.

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Q: If you go through with changing the LMS, is there one you have in mind?

A: Lohrbach: How this works is we develop a matrix of requirements and each vendor has to submit their ability to meet those requirements. It's very objective how we rate these. Based on that information, we'll bring vendors in for some additional feedback and engagement from faculty, students and others across campus to help us support that recommendation that we make to the provost. So it's a very objective process that we have to do as a public state institution.

Q: If there is a transition, what would be some of the challenges?

A: VanDerZanden: I think I'll speak to the teaching side of things and then Mike can speak to to the specifics on the technology. When it comes to any type of new technology, there's always the learning curve. So that learning curve will be present for students, for graduate students, for faculty, for anybody who's going to be involved with the LMS. The good news is that LMSs have been on the market now for a number of years and many of them have very similar features, kind of a similar look and layout. You can get in a Ford and it's going to drive similar to a Chevy, so it's not like we're doing something completely brand new on campus that nobody has experience with. I think where the challenge will be is just getting folks up to speed on it, so people feel comfortable in using it, so it can be as seamless as possible for faculty as well as for the students.

Q: What kind of enhancements are you hoping to see?

A: Lohrbach: Some of the feedback we got based on newer technologies obviously is mobile capabilities are a strong desire. The accessibility for students is something that we put a lot of consideration and value into for this project. This process is to make sure that whatever we end up going with is an accessible solution.

Q: What are some of the downsides of BlackBoard Learn?

A: VanDerZanden: Some of the things that we heard that people would like to see improved was the mobile capabilities. Accessibility, making sure that it was easy enough to get content in the website that was fully accessible to a range of learners with visual, audible, a range of potential needs that they would have. The other area that people would like to see some improvement on is the grade book. The functionality of it, I would say, is kind of a love-hate relationship. They like how you can get lots of information in there. Students like it because they can see where they are and keep track in a real time type of basis. But there's a lot of functionality that goes on behind the scenes that it can be a little cumbersome to work with though.

Lohrbach: That was another one that came up in a lot of discussions and obviously we have a wide range of users across campus but the overall user experience is something that is going to be very important going forward as we choose a solution.

Q: Are you going to look at what other schools use to make this decision?

A: Lohrbach: We do have a close relationship with our regent institutions here in Iowa as well as contacts in several other higher education peer institutions. And we have had discussions with several of them just to help us understand what challenges they went through as they transitioned, what did they do to handle migrations of course content, what training materials were developed. More than likely, we can borrow some of the content that has been created or learn from the process that they went through. So we do have discussions and have talked to the University of Iowa and the University of Northern Iowa. On the website, it actually gives the status of what Iowa and University of Northern Iowa are doing.

Q: Who will decide what LMS we use at the end of this contract?

A: VanDerZanden: It's not us making the decision. We are leading the review and the gathering of the information and the data analysis, but the decision is made by the Senior Vice President and Provost Wickert.

Lohrbach: We're kind of an advisory group, we're charged with going out and soliciting feedback from campus. As we go through that review process, there have been plenty of opportunities for students, faculty, staff to give feedback via surveys, via email, to weigh in on that. We've had pretty good participation up to this point.

VanDerZanden: It's been a combination of face-to-face meetings in the fall, the online survey we had quite a good response rate from. We also have a steering committee made up of faculty from across the campus with representation from the Faculty Senate as well who helped provide the initial feedback when we first got started. We'll bring them back into the review process now that we're a little bit farther along. They also will be providing input.

As of Thursday, two vendors had been selected for an LMS demonstration: Canvas and Desire2Learn. They will be coming to campus in the coming weeks for students, faculty and staff to provide input on Iowa State's future LMS.

Students protest prison labor, discrimination

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More than 40 students protested across Central Campus on Friday afternoon to voice their outrage over Iowa State's use of prison labor to acquire furniture.

ISU Student Action, a student organization focused on activism, organized the protest on the basis that prisoners may be paid as little as 15 cents per hour. It also protested the use of prison labor to build furnishings for residence halls and other buildings across campus.

"Iowa prison industries should be more interested in reform and community change but are instead interested in profiting off nearly-free labor," Apple Amos, a junior in biology who spoke at the protest, said.

Amos and other protesters called Iowa State's relationship with Iowa prisons "modern day slavery" and demanded that students "hold this institution accountable."

The protesters' charges broadened as they directed their attention to racial problems within Iowa Prison Industries. African-Americans make up about 3 percent of Iowa's population, but nearly 26 percent of all Iowa prisoners are black, according to participants in the protest.

"If we're really concerned with creating a better future, we need to start on college campuses by ending these injustices," David Karayof, vice president of the Iowa State Young Democratic Socialists said. Amos then led the group in a march to Beardshear Hall, chanting as they went.

"The people's rights are under attack! We stand up and we fight back!" the protesters chanted.

Once in Beardshear, protesters continued to follow Amos' lead. They began phoning Iowa State's Board of Regents, leaving dozens of messages voicing their disdain for present policies.



Katlyn Campbell/Iowa State Daily
Dozmen Lee, sophomore in political science, speaks to an audience of protesters Friday in Beardshear Hall during a protest against prison labor.



Katlyn Campbell/Iowa State Daily
Student protesters walk toward Beardshear Hall on Friday in protest against the use of prison labor to build furniture for residence halls.

Protesters moved outside to the Beardshear steps to hear some words from Sean Carlton-Appleton, a local Black Lives Matter affiliate and alumnus of Iowa State.

"The profit prison industry needs to be destroyed," Carlton-Appleton said. "They go after people who can't afford good lawyers; poor people, poor black people, poor brown people, trans people, people who society doesn't really care too much about."

"That ain't right," protesters said in response to Carlton-Appleton.

Carlton-Appleton discussed in detail the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), an organization he and other protesters say profit from the deliberate misfortune of America's disenfranchised.

Carlton-Appleton said ALEC combines the power of legislators and corporations to increase prison populations nationwide

for the sake of profits. Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad is a founding member of ALEC.

"They pay legislators ... and give them financial incentives to target certain demographics of people ... to police and incarcerate them at alarmingly high rates," Carlton-Appleton said.

Mihir Sathuvalli, freshman in mechanical engineering, spoke for ISU Student Action and brought the protest to a close.

"This is the first of many actions that ISU Student Action will be taking in a long-term effort to end the use of prison labor on our campus, and ... hopefully throughout the entire country," Sathuvalli said.

Sathuvalli also asked the students of Iowa State to join him and his cohort in a boycott against furniture made by prison labor. They will be standing or sitting on the floor during classes and avoiding prison-made goods.



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