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GSB:

Hoben issues executive veto of funding bill

By Charles O'Brien
Daily staff writer

In its last meeting of the semester, the Government of the Student Body will meet with the Ames City Council and vote on 11 bills Wednesday. An executive veto was also issued Tuesday.

GSB President Dakota Hoben has issued a veto of the bill "Funding Helmets for ISU Recreational Hockey Club," which gave \$500 in funding to the Iowa State Recreational Hockey Club for helmets. The bill was approved Nov. 16. In order to overturn Hoben's veto, it must have a two-thirds majority vote in favor of overturning the veto.

"It is my strong belief that GSB has rules in place for a reason, and exerting those efficiently and effectively is in the best interest of students," said Hoben, speaking in accordance to the rule about funding first-year clubs. "I do not believe that it is beneficial for Senate to decide when and under what circumstances the rules should apply to one particular group but not another."

Hoben went on to say he was putting consistency and legitimacy back into the GSB funding process with the veto. Under GSB funding rules, GSB does not fund first-year clubs.

ISUtv:

Club's website wins national recognition

By John Lonsdale
Daily staff writer

In a time when website redesign was on the brain, ISUtv won Best Student Media Website at the 2011 National College Media Convention in October.

The day the club decided to revamp the website was the day members found out they had won the award.

ISUtv applied for the award last spring. The student production awards received approximately 580 submissions for the various awards — 47 were chosen as finalists. ISUtv competed against three other schools for the award. Judges' criteria for the award ISUtv received were: navigability of the site, if the site is first-user-friendly and if it is a destination or resource for viewers.

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Politics



Charlie Cook, political analyst for NBC, is broadcast while giving the inaugural lecture for the Harkin Institute of Public Policy. Cook discussed the Iowa caucuses and the 2012 election.

Colors of America

Analyst discusses U.S. political parties

By Paige Godden
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A political analyst for NBC and the founder of Cook Political Report was brought to campus to discuss the Iowa caucuses and the 2012 election.

Charlie Cook began his lecture Tuesday by explaining his thoughts on how America has become separated.

"To me, John Edwards, when he was running for president, he was talking about how we had two Americas," Cook said.

Cook said Edwards wasn't referring to the 99 percent and the 1 percent from the Occupy movement.

"To me, we have three Americas," Cook said.

He explained there is the blue left, the red right and the independent voters, who he called purple.

"Each of these groups is so incred-

ibly different from one another, if they aren't speaking a different language, they are speaking a different dialect," Cook said.

Cook said 91 percent of the red voters voted for Bush over Gore and 93 percent voted for Bush over Kerry.

"There is no ambiguity there whatsoever. We know what they look like. We know how they feel," he said.

Cook said 89 percent of blue Democrats voted for Kerry, 89 percent voted for Obama over McCain, 93 percent voted Democratic in 2006 and 92 percent voted Democratic in 2010.

"But then you get to the purple middle America and those are the people between those 40-yard lines in American politics," Cook said.

He said 45 percent of those voters voted for Gore, 49 percent voted for Kerry, 44 percent voted for McCain and said in 2006, those independent

voters voted by an 18-point margin.

"You get your mojo from the independent voters in the middle," he said.

Cook said the middle voters are different from Democrats or Republicans in a big way.

"They don't particularly like politics or politicians," Cook said.

He said they don't really watch MSNBC or Fox News.

"You know what the No. 1 rated network in the country is? It's the USA Network," Cook said. "It's where you see the reruns of 'Law and Order,' 'SVU' and 'Monk' and 'House' ... They're watching things that have absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with politics."

He said independent voters are not always clear about what they want, but they are very articulate when they are upset with one side or the other.

Cook said in 2006 the independent voters "kicked the daylights" out of Republicans because of the war



Cook

Harkin Institute officially opens

By Paige Godden
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The Harkin Institute of Public Policy was officially launched just before the first speech sponsored by the institute was given.

I S U President Gregory Geoffroy said he is honored to have the Harkin Institute at Iowa State.

"[Tom Harkin] is a long-serving senator and is an Iowa State University graduate of 1962 in government and economics," Geoffroy said. "The Harkin Institute is a tribute to Sen. Harkin's outstanding leadership, but more importantly it's a valuable institute for Iowa State and the people of Iowa."

Geoffroy compared the event to other lectures that have taken place at Iowa State, including the Norman Borlaug lecture series. "Like other campus events ... it's an event that is as much for the broader university community, as is any other lecture," Geoffroy said.

David Peterson, interim director of the Harkin Institute, introduced Charlie Cook, the founder of the Cook Political Report, to the podium.

"If you're like me, you knew a little while ago who Charlie Cook was. He is the preeminent political analyst in the country," Peterson said.

To that, Cook replied, "I don't know about top political analyst in the country, but what about top political analyst standing on this stage right now?"

Cook then praised Iowa State for being the home of the first



Harkin



Geoffroy

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Landscape architecture

Exhibition brings new look to issues



Photo: Huiling Wu/Iowa State Daily
Luke Ness and Lauren Clark wrap Tyler Arndt — all seniors in landscape architecture — for their exhibition Tuesday at the College of Design.

By Katelynn McCollough
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The hard work of a class of fifth-year landscape architecture students is about to be displayed in Reiman Gardens via an exhibition they have been working on throughout this semester.

The exhibition, "Barriers: An artistic exploration of the issues regarding hunger and habitat loss in Iowa," will be on display in the Mahlstede Center at Reiman Gardens on Dec. 5 through Dec. 11.

The exhibit's focus is based on issues of habitat loss and food scarcity in Iowa. Visitors will be able to learn about these issues with the use of informational and interactive art displays and graphics.

"We are taking a non-real thing and making it something you can see and hear and touch," said Luke Ness, senior in landscape architecture. "It's more about an emotional response."

Before the exhibit could be created, the group of classmates had to first learn more



Photo: Huiling Wu/Iowa State Daily
A group of landscape architecture students work on their exhibit Tuesday at the College of Design. Their artwork will be displayed Dec. 5 through Dec. 11 at Reiman Gardens.

about these issues. To do this, the class of 35 students was split into three groups.

Two of the groups visited area organizations involved in helping to solve these issues. One group traveled to Boone to work with the Iowa Wildlife Center. The other group visited the Des Moines Area Religious Council, an organization that helps provide food through the use of food pantries.

The last group, consisting of 11 students, used the infor-

mation the other groups had gathered to create the exhibit. The project opened the students up to two issues that often can be overlooked.

For Tyler Arndt, senior in landscape architecture who worked on the exhibit, the issue of food and hunger caught his attention.

"It's the fact that there is hunger in Iowa," Arndt said.

Lauren Clark, senior in

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Weather | Provided by ISU Meteorology Club



WED
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Sunny with a high temperature in the mid 40s. Winds out of the southwest at 10 mph.



THUR
26|40

Chilly start followed by mostly cloudy skies and a high temperatures in the low 40s.



FRI
19|32

A little cooler, sunny with a high in the low 30s.

Police Blotter:

Ames, ISU Police Departments

The information in the log comes from the ISU and City of Ames police departments' records. All those accused of violating the law are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Nov. 18
Nathaniel Welch, 31, of Grimes, Iowa, was arrested and charged with public intoxication in Lot S5; he was transported to the Story County Justice Center. (reported at 7:48 p.m.)
Jeffrey Bell, 25, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was arrested and charged with public intoxication in Lot G3; he was transported to the Story County Justice Center. (reported at 7:58 p.m.)
Trevor Hall, 18, 5436 Wilson Hall, was cited for underage possession of alcohol in Lot G3.

(reported at 8 p.m.)
Luke Elder, 18, of Dunlap, Iowa, was cited for underage possession of alcohol in Lot G3. (reported at 8:15 p.m.)
An individual reported the theft of a bike at Jack Trice Stadium; the item was later located. (reported at 11:38 p.m.)

Nov. 19
Carl Hanson, 20, 201 Gray Ave., was cited for underage possession of alcohol at Curtiss Hall (reported at 12:07 a.m.)
Nicholas Greif, 22, of Monticello, Iowa, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated on the 400 block of Stanton Avenue; he was transported to the Story County Justice Center (reported at 1:03 a.m.)

Christopher Avery, 19, of Des Moines, was cited for underage possession of alcohol on the 300 block of Stanton Avenue (reported at 1:36 a.m.)
Tyler Belling, 20, 302 Hickory Drive unit 3, was cited for underage possession of alcohol at Hyland Avenue and Lincoln Way (reported at 1:44 a.m.)
Joshua Wiseman, 21, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, was arrested and charged with interference with official acts on the 100 block of Hayward Avenue; he was transported to the Story County Justice Center (reported at 1:54 a.m.)

Brittany Jass, 21, 1415 Coconino Road unit 309, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated (second offense) at Mortensen Road and Seagrave Avenue; she was transported to the Story County Justice Center (reported at 2:18 a.m.)
Luke VanRoekel, 21, 247 Sheldon Ave. unit 25, was arrested and charged with public intoxication on the 200 block of Sheldon Avenue; he was transported to the Story County Justice Center (reported at 2:30 a.m.)

Christopher Ahrends, 21, of Clarion, Iowa, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated at Highway 30 and S. Dayton Avenue; he was

transported to the Story County Justice Center (reported at 3:30 a.m.)
Seaton Sandbulte, 20, of Hull, Iowa, was cited for underage possession of alcohol at Hyland Avenue and Lincoln Way (reported at 3:32 a.m.)

A patron reported the theft of a jacket, keys and a phone at Beyer Hall (reported at 6:34 p.m.)

Nov. 20
Brock Hunt, 22, 522 Hayward Ave., was arrested and charged with public intoxication on the 400 block of Welch Avenue; he was transported to the Story County Justice Center (reported at 12:22 a.m.)

Rachel Cramer, 4224 Frederiksen Court, reported the theft of a bike at the Memorial Union (reported at 12:48 p.m.)
Angie Bunde reported damage to a vehicle in Lot 74 (reported at 4:39 p.m.)

Nov. 21
Sudhanshu Vyas, 142 University Village unit A, reported the theft of a bike at Durham Center (reported at 12:31 p.m.)
Scott McDonough reported the theft of a camera at the Jacobson Building (reported at 4:53 p.m.)

Nov. 22
Scott McDonough reported the theft of a camera at the Jacobson Building (reported at 12:12 p.m.)
John Almata, 27, of Des Moines, was arrested and charged with theft (second) (reported at 7:27 p.m.)

Tiffany Robinson, 37, of Des Moines, was arrested and charged with theft (fourth) (reported at 7:27 p.m.)
Eugenio Matibag, 56, 1005 Jarret Circle, was arrested and charged with domestic abuse (simple) (reported at 8:48 p.m.)

Nov. 23
Carly Hingeley, 21, of Pomeroy, Iowa, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated

at Lincoln Way and Sheldon Avenue. She was transported to the Story County Justice Center (reported at 1:09 a.m.)

Matthew Kirby, 22, of Keokuk, Iowa, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated (reported at 2:27 a.m.)

A staff member reported someone had possibly placed a stink bomb near an air vent at the Memorial Union (reported at 7:09 p.m.)

Keith White, 20, 217 Welch Ave. unit 410, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver (Class D felony), failure to purchase and affix a drug tax stamp (Class D felony), and unlawful possession of a driver's license at Highway 30 and University Boulevard. He was transported to the Story County Justice Center (reported at 8:32 p.m.)

Nov. 24
Rodolfo Quintana-Bencomo, 29, 116 Campus Ave. unit 4, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and no driver's license (reported at 2:20 a.m.)

William Weathersby, 22, 919 S. 16th St. unit 202, was arrested and charged with domestic abuse (aggravated) (reported at 9:45 a.m.)

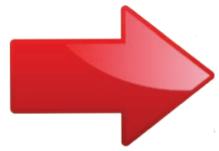
A resident reported being assaulted by a roommate. The incident remains under investigation at Schilleter Village (reported at 12:12 p.m.)

Nov. 25
A resident reported the theft of license plates from a vehicle in Lot 112 (reported at 2:08 a.m.)

An individual reported damage to several vending machines in Healy Hall (reported at 9:27 a.m.)

Zachary Hagert, 23, 615 Ken Maril Road, was arrested and charged with driving under suspension on the 2700 block of Lincoln Way; he was subsequently released on citation (reported at 9:08 p.m.)

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in Iraq, then in 2010 the independent voters did the same to Obama and Speaker Nancy Pelosi because of the health care bill. Cook said that among Democrats, Obama's approval rating was 19 percent while 10 percent of the Republicans approve of what he's doing.

He said the independents' approval rating was 39 percent. "You don't get re-elected if your approval rating with independents is 39 percent," Cook said.

Cook said the reason Bush was re-elected is because it was the first vote after Sept. 11.

He said there was such a concern about terrorism and national security that keeping the U.S. safe was a very strong consideration, but at the same time the Iraq War was controversial.

Cook said if the election would have been decided by an up or down referendum on Iraq, Bush may have lost that election.



Read the rest:
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landscape architecture, is also involved in the project.

"One in five kids are hungry," Clark said.

Clark and her classmates hope to promote awareness on the issues, but in a more unique way with the use of the exhibition. "We are trying to create an emotional experience ... make more of a connection," said Jason Brill, senior in landscape architecture, who assisted Ness with communication and adver-

tising for the exhibition.

The group has struggled with the exhibit's design for the past several months, but they will begin to set up the completed project at Reiman Gardens this weekend. They also said they were having issues describing what the exhibition will be like.

"It was something new that we've never tried before ... it was fun," Brill said.

This was the first time that this project had been tried, and also the last studio project of the semester for

this group of landscape architecture students.

"We definitely learned a lot, but we're excited to teach a lot too," Ness said.

The exhibition will be free for any ISU student and will be \$8 for public admission. Visitors will be able to leave donations at the exhibit for habitat loss and food scarcity organizations in Iowa.

Tim Keller, professor of landscape architecture, and Julia Badenhope, associate professor of landscape architecture, teach the course.

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digital computer, a 2012 Nobel Prize winner and the place where the Rice Krispies Treat was invented.

"What greater contribution to society could a university do than that?" Cook joked.

Cook took some time to comment on the Harkin Institute as well.

"The papers, the exhibits and the lessons to be claimed from Tom Harkin's service in the House will be an enormous benefit to the people at Iowa State," Cook said.

Cook told a story about how 36 years ago, Ronald Reagan gave a speech in which he called for the need to raise a flag with bold colors instead of one with pale pastels.

"The Harkin Institute is no pale pastel. You can agree or disagree with Harkin on a few issues ... or a lot of issues, but you can't deny his tenacity and dedication to public service," Cook said.

Cook said he moved to Washington in 1972 and dur-

ing that time he had a chance to meet with some great politicians of that time.

"In those 39 years, I've never come across a crusader like Harkin," Cook said.

Cook said a few weeks ago he was visiting the University of Arkansas because it's where his dad, sister and her wife attended college.

He said every graduate from the University of Arkansas has his or her name etched into a sidewalk on campus.

"Needless to say, there are sidewalks to nowhere," Cook said.

Cook said it's a great way to commemorate those who have gone through the university.

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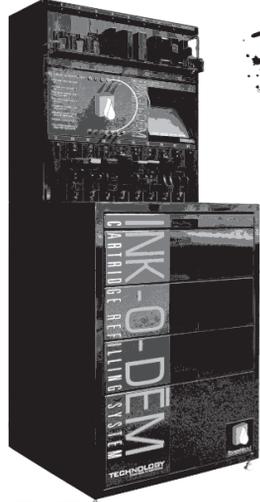
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Editorial

Ignore labels in considering new ideas

Newt Gingrich's, R-Ga., pragmatic approach to immigration policy, articulated in the most recent debate among the Republican candidates, quickly drew sharp criticism from other members of the field.

Rule of law and order are two important parts of any brand of conservatism, but tradition, religion and family also play highly important roles. And it's there that Gingrich's reasoning makes sense. Instead of rigidly clinging to a set of ideals that sees residents of America who are either in the United States legally or illegally, he considers whether they have a vested interest in their communities.

Last Tuesday, Gingrich staked out his position: "If you've been here 25 years and you got three kids and two grandkids, you've been paying taxes and obeying the law, you belong to a local church, I don't think we're going to separate you from your family, uproot you forcefully and kick you out."

The kind of immigrants Gingrich wants to keep here, illegal or not, are the kind of immigrants who built the foundations of United States and who kept building on that foundation, raising it to new heights. Peaceful, temperate, hard workers who raised families here and paid their taxes are the ones who deserve to be here most.

Now contrast Gingrich's apparent valuing of family and community with Bachmann's criticism of that position: It's the most liberal of any Republican candidate.

So? "Liberal" is not a dirty word. Ideas should not be excluded from public debate simply because they don't match a party's stated positions.

Elected assemblies exist so that representatives can debate and decide the best solution, not state their own talking points and ignore everyone else's. Our first president, who put his fortune at his country's disposal, urged us to dispense with factional labels. The author of our Declaration of Independence said in his inauguration speech that we are all members of one party, not members of factions.

Neither party seems interested in working toward a solution, sacrificing some of what it wants to what is best for the United States. Over the past year we have lurched from one debt ceiling crisis to another. Now we seem content abdicating our power to spend money to a time now that the supercommittee members have failed to reach an agreement, \$1.2 billion in cuts will go into effect as soon as January 2013.

Considering ideas that fall outside our own labels is part of our political tradition. If the allegedly conservative candidates truly want to restore the America of the founding generation, they will debate the idea on its merits, not its label.

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Education

How much is a degree worth today?

Classic liberal education is necessary to maintain integrity of our republic

Once upon a time in America, primary schools tended to offer a wide variety of subjects, from mathematics to physics, from philosophy to literature, from history to civics. Practical education was there, with things such as farming and economics being covered too. It was not uncommon 100 years ago to find a 15-year-old learning about meteorology for planting crops while also reading John Locke.

Curricula way back when often offered a broad range of knowledge so youth could essentially go do anything they wanted. And if a young person did not know how to do something, they had the skills necessary to learn themselves without being spoon-fed by a teacher.

As time went on, though, less and less was taught in primary schools. Lessons were, and still are, condensed. For example, instead of actually reading the Constitution and analyzing it in-depth, your government class in high school probably just told you the gist of what it was about and made you take it for granted. Other examples are legion.

Once students began getting these smaller, simplified lessons, higher education became more necessary. But then the problem spread to universities. The trend continued until we arrived where we are today.

Why this has happened is another huge subject, but now a high school diploma is meaningless, a Bachelor of Science degree is a basic job requirement for many menial and entry-level jobs, and graduates of either level of schooling are still clueless.

What we've done is turn high schools into preschools and universities into expensive vocational high schools. Ask yourself, what are you missing if professors here have to teach you what was formerly covered in high school?

Chances are you came to Iowa State University to get a job — a specific job probably — such as an engineer. Engineering is great, but that's vocational schooling, not true education, and a crime has been committed against your intellect without your knowledge.

Two hundred years ago, if you wanted to be an engineer, you went to college, explored a liberal education until you felt you were educated, then you left school and got a job as an apprentice with a respected engineer.

Degrees as we understand them now didn't exist in many institutions. Perhaps that same informality wouldn't work today, but at least the goal back then was not a money-for-degree transaction.

The understanding at that time was if you had made it through all your schooling, you could do or learn whatever your job required because you were a well-rounded, broadly

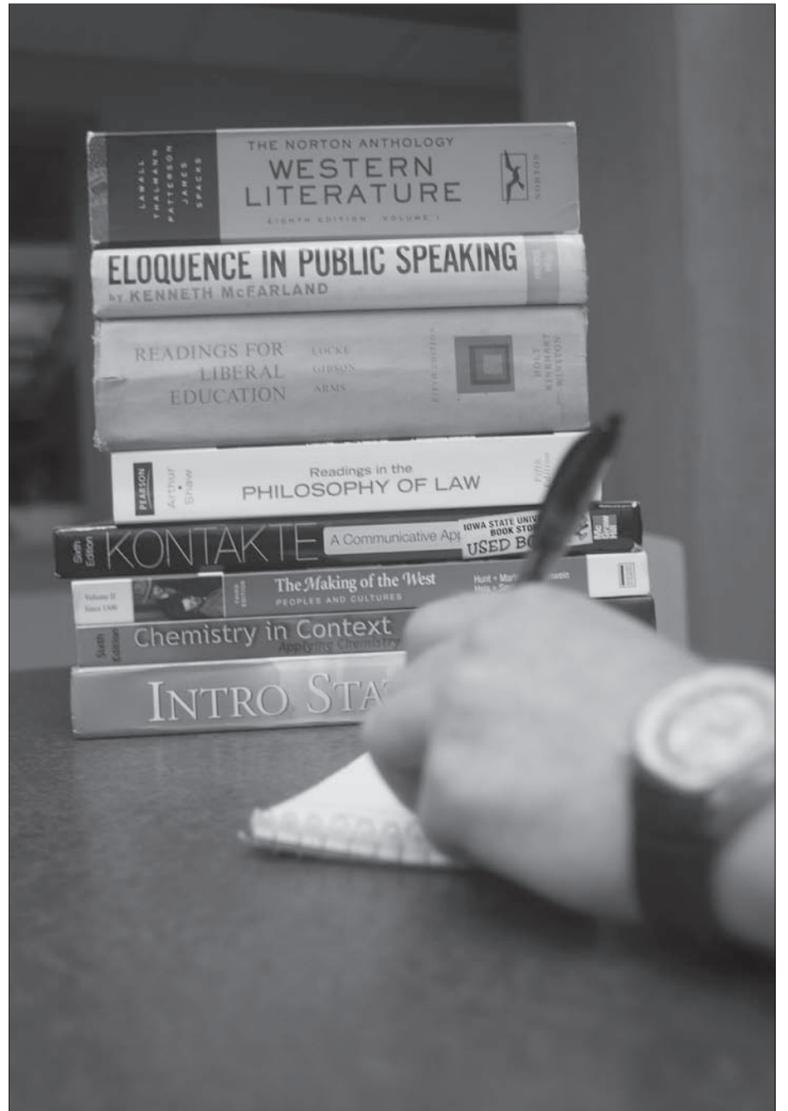


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 Variety in educational material is dwindling. Bachelor's degrees have become necessary for a career while high school diplomas have become a mere piece of paper.



By **Barry Snell**
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educated individual.

There was no need to specialize so much in school as you had your whole life to specialize out in the world. Universities gave you the basic tools to do anything.

The last vestiges of the concept of classical liberal education can still be seen. Iowa State has categories called "Humanities," "Social Sciences," "U.S. Diversity" and "International Perspectives." That such special class requirements exist ought to hint to a thinking person that something is amiss. They used to be standard topics of study, not unique classifications you are forced to take — common knowledge stuff, even.

Thomas Jefferson said, "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be." He believed that the only way freedom could continue was if Americans were broadly educated. A well-educated person, after all, cannot be tyrannized because they are wise enough to recognize bad ideas when confronted by them.

Coming to the university is supposed to be about educating the whole of your person, not only teaching you stuff just to make you a tax-revenue-generating drone in society. Our current hyper-focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields, to the

exclusion of classical liberal studies, creates socially naive, politically ignorant and mindless law-abiding subjects of a self-created tyranny by the idiotic masses.

That America is slipping in the world is no mystery when our youth learn little bits of things in college that they used to learn completely in seventh grade and know nothing beyond what is necessary to get a job and pay taxes.

How can an American participate in their governance properly if they were taught just enough for a career and don't know enough history, economics and philosophy to fundamentally understand the problems America faces? A person can be a brilliant scientist but a horrifically incompetent citizen and voter.

Citizenship is a duty, not a right, and fulfillment of that duty requires a classical liberal education. It is no coincidence that America's current miserable state of political, economic and social affairs exists concurrently with our lack of proper education. Our government sucks because we're getting the government we earned.

Do you think you're being educated the way the founders envisioned future enlightened Americans to be, in order to maintain the republic and ensure that America is forever the shining city on the hill? Or are you the unwitting victim of a corporate, consumer-driven, vocational-based, pseudo-education?

Iowa State is a wonderful place, and I love it dearly. But can we do better? Mustn't we do better for the sake of our nation?

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Trends

Show who you are through clothes

Create diversity on campus by dressing like your major

"Are you going to wear your uniform to school today?" I asked my roommate this teasing question as I saw him making coffee this morning. He laughed as it was from a conversation we've had before about all of the computer engineering students wearing the same outfit wherever they go. That outfit was a pair of jeans and the black shirt with the yellow ECpE lettering that you've all probably seen around campus at least once. Apparently he's got at least six of those shirts.

Although somewhat funny, there's some truth to this profiling as it exists all around us.

It's somewhat amazing to see that on a campus with a student body that's almost 83 percent Caucasian, we can have stereotypes, profiling and a sometimes bland, yet still existent diversity



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all around us.

"I can spot a computer engineering student from 300 yards away, and can start to differentiate between mechanical/electrical/chemical engineering students at about 200 yards," I teased further as my roommate and I continued to talk about profiling by major on campus. The following conclusions, although sometimes obvious, were drawn: Probably the easiest student to pick out is someone from the College of Design, because who else is carrying around a huge portfolio bag on campus?

Being from the city, it gets tricky when trying to decipher between the different agriculture students and their respective ma-

nor, but the boots, belt buckles and cowboy hats seem to drop some pretty big hints as to what their interests might be.

It's always good to see a few ROTC students on campus, sometimes in their clean-cut regulation uniforms too.

And how can we forget Tapout bro, whose major still escapes me entirely.

I think the longer you attend Iowa State, the easier the profiling becomes.

Personally I've been in the College of Business for close to three-and-a-half years and I can usually point out someone from MIS or supply chain from the sea of management/accounting/finance majors. And if you're still undeclared, or are a freshman wondering which category you fit into, no worries, juniors and seniors can point you out from a mile away.

It's interesting how people's fashion, mannerisms and personality can be so similar based just upon their choice of study. I'm sure you could do a nature vs. nur-

ture study to discover what type of people end up in certain careers or fields of study.

I personally think it's great to see some differentiation on our campus. I feel like peer pressure from your friends and multi-billion dollar marketing campaigns would have us all wearing the same Nike shoes, Abercrombie jeans, Ralph Lauren polos and similar North Face Jackets every day.

So go ahead, wear what you are. Have no shame as you're bringing more diversity to the table and creating a better community for us all.

There is one exception, however, to this diversity rule, that being if you wanted to wear any form of ISU apparel. Because as far as I'm concerned, a "Beat Iowa" shirt and jeans should really be the official ISU uniform, for all majors of all years.

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Culture

7 Deadly Sins of the holidays

Black Friday tradition ignores 'true meaning' of Thanksgiving Day

Yet another Thanksgiving has come and gone and in its wake, the Black Friday madness swept people into frenzied buying of goods they likely did not need.

What a fitting holiday Thanksgiving is, to only be celebrated by Americans. It is a day of being fat and lazy, overeating to the point of inability to move. Then the following day embarking on a spending spree where folks trample their fellow man in order to get what they want.

The way I see it, we might as well label Thanksgiving as "Gluttony," and Black Friday "Greed."

Yes, some families do partake in the "true meaning" behind Thanksgiving — coming together with family and friends to give thanks that you have each other — but many folks across the United States see Turkey Day as an excuse to devour more food than is healthy, and then lay down to nap for hours because they have a tummy ache.

The Thanksgiving holiday could almost be renamed today to accommodate the clear involvement in those two Deadly Sins, and we can add in the rest of the Deadly Sins with just a little insight into the holiday.

"Sloth" is an easy inclusion due to the lack of ability to move from the overeating and laying about watching TV.

"Wrath" and "Envy" are almost too obvious when you examine the crimes people commit against one another during the Black Friday insanity, as they



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become angry due to someone grabbing the last item they wanted or wishing they were like so-and-so because that person got such-and-such item.

This year alone, a man died after collapsing to the ground at a shopping center in West Virginia, and people simply stepped over and ignored him to continue dashing about to find the best bargains. Sickening, isn't it?

"Lust" is generally associated with desires of a sexual nature, but lust encompasses all sorts of physical pleasure; among which it would not be a stretch of the mind to include the want for succulent sensations of devouring mouth-watering pumpkin pies with whipped cream or other such pies accompanying the massive feast of turkey.

That leaves only "Pride." Pride can stem heavily from losing sight of a goal and becoming wrapped up in personal accomplishment. Find me a family that doesn't claim Aunt Something-or-another makes the "best" (insert food item), or that isn't excessively proud when their Thanksgiving spread could be compared to the meals of royalty from days of yore.

Many of the sins can be mixed and matched with some of the other activities and events that encompass many Thanksgiving/Black Friday plans: arguing or even physically fighting with rel-

“Try to make this holiday season into something more than excuses to overdo things, and try to appreciate your family and friends over the food and frivolities you might be surrounded with.”

atives, drinking to excess, pepper-spraying fellow shoppers to keep them from buying something you want, conservative pundits shaking a finger at the president because he chose not to thank God during a speech and other such acts.

Really, all the Deadly Sins overlap when considering the sorry state so many Thanksgiving celebrations entail.

The list of sins can be attributed to any holiday really, so what is to be taken away from all of this is mostly to evoke the idea that maybe next year you should take a step back and consider whether you are taking part in a holiday for "good" reasons, or if you find yourself too often acting a little "bad."

Christmas is coming, and then those wonderfully whimsical New Year's resolutions follow.

All the selfish or morally reprehensible activities of Thanksgiving resurface soon, so try to make this holiday season into something more than excuses to overdo things, and try to appreciate your family and friends over the food and frivolities you might be surrounded with.

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Letter

Budget allocations are not unfair

Intellectually vacuous, needlessly antagonistic and poorly organized are the marks of an opinion writer who thinks the piece written Monday on the ISU budget distribution was of any value.

Beyond the overtly anti-science theme running through the entire piece, the author exposes his own serious misunderstanding of what science is and how science (and scientists) contributes to society.

I know innumerable scientists who are not, to quote the article, "machines who are unable to appreciate grace, elegance and beauty." Such gross generalizations merely serve to reinforce the anti-intellectual viewpoint held by so many Americans.

The primary arguments put forth in the article seem to be that: 1. the arts and humanities are the best way to know about the human condition; 2. that the budget is not fairly distributed at Iowa State; 3. that science is evil and does evil; and 4. that all knowledge is equal. The author makes many other factually questionable statements, but I shall limit my remarks to the main claims. I will address each of these claims in turn. Heretofore I will use the term "art" to refer to the arts and humanities and "science" to refer to scientific fields.

First, which is better for answering life's many questions? Well, it entirely de-

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pend on which question you are asking. If you are asking: "What is the best way to treat this disease?" then you should use science. If you are asking whether the "Mona Lisa" is a better painting than "The Scream of Nature," then you ought to consider it using art.

Is the current budget distribution unfair? Unfortunately the data presented in the article does not show the entire picture.

The data only tells us the overall budget distribution, but a great deal of vital information that needs to be considered is missing. For example, what share of each budget is actually spent on teaching? Where did the money initially come from? It seems that the author is assuming that the entire budget comes from tuition. I can tell him that is untrue.

A great deal of the ISU budget comes from state, federal, and private grants. You might say that grants should be evenly distributed across Iowa State, and sometimes they are, but some of that larger budget slice may be a result of successful grantsmanship. I would imagine that if the author had asked the administration about the budget, he would have heard a different side of the story.

Regarding the question: Is science evil? The unequivocal answer to that is no. Can humans use the results of science to do evil? Yes. The development of various technologies such as poison gas, submarines and mines are not inherently evil. It is the actions that humans use them for that are evil. If you want to lay blame for an evil event, blame the humans that caused it.

The author makes the point at the end that "No one discipline is more important than another. Each is valuable in its own right." While I agree that one discipline is not more "important" than another, it does not logically follow that therefore they must get equal funding.

To reiterate my earlier point, different disciplines are useful to different degrees in different circumstances.

No matter how many paintings you paint, no matter how many history books you read, you're never going to cure lung cancer. Conversely, no matter how many experiments you do, no matter how much data you collect, you're never going to produce "Macbeth."

Finally, regarding that claim that "Science does nothing to alleviate the natural condition of man," I could not possibly disagree more.

Take a few seconds to look around you at the myriad of things in your life that you have thanks to the advance-

ment of science. I would have a much lower quality of life if we were not for things like eyeglasses, antibiotics, modern plumbing, microwaves, refrigerators, etc.

Science can help alleviate our "solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, short existence." Well, at least it did mine.

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NFL:

Lions' Suh
suspended
two games

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Ndamukong Suh is going back to the NFL, this time hoping for some leniency.

The league suspended Detroit's All-Pro defensive tackle without pay for two games Tuesday, punishing the second-year player for roughing up a Green Bay Packers offensive lineman last week. Suh promptly appealed his suspension, hoping his stomp doesn't keep him away from his playoff-hopeful teammates when they need him.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Suh's hearing will be with Art Shell, an appointed appeal officer who is paid by the league and NFLPA. As of late Tuesday, the hearing hadn't been scheduled, but the league has said it will expedite the procedure to give Suh and Lions an answer before Sunday's game.

If Suh doesn't win the appeal, he won't play against the Saints or in the Dec. 11 home game against Minnesota. He would return Dec. 12 ahead of a road game against Oakland.

Suh is barred from practice and the team's facility while suspended. He did not return messages left with his agent.

"As a player, you have to appeal it," said Detroit defensive end Kyle Vanden Bosch, the team's union rep. "I'm sure the NFLPA will be on his side to make sure that he gets a fair hearing."

If the NFL turns rejects the appeal, Suh will be watching the Lions (7-4) scramble to keep up in the NFC wild-card race.

The Associated Press

NCAA:

Washington
State fires
football coach

By Nicholas K. Geranios
The Associated Press

PULLMAN, Wash. — Washington State football coach Paul Wulff was fired Tuesday after four years during which his teams won only nine games.

"I appreciate all that Paul has done for Washington State football," athletic director Bill Moos said in a statement announcing the firing. "He was hired with the objective of rebuilding this program and establishing a solid foundation. For that I thank him."

Moos said he hoped to hire Wulff's successor in two or three weeks.

He said he had a list with a half-dozen names, including former Texas Tech coach Mike Leach and former Oregon coach Mike Bellotti. He declined to reveal the other names.

Wulff was 9-40 in his four seasons at Washington State, the worst winning percentage of any coach in the program's history. The Cougars went 4-8 this season, doubling their win total from 2010. They were just 4-32 in conference play under Wulff.

Wulff said he was leaving with a heavy heart.

"The great thing about Washington State University and being a Cougar is we don't do it like everybody else," Wulff said, his voice thick with emotion. "We stick together and don't eat our own."

SPORTS JARGON:

Tempo

SPORT:

Basketball

DEFINITION:

The pace at which the game is played that can either ultimately help or hinder a team's performance.

USE:

The Panthers controlled the tempo of the game, giving the Cyclones limited offensive possessions.

Men's basketball



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ISU guard Chris Allen defends his man during the Cyclones' game against Northern Colorado on Nov. 22 at Hilton Coliseum. Allen led all scorers with 23 points. Iowa State plays host to Northern Iowa at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Hilton Coliseum. The Panthers are 20th in the nation in scoring defense, allowing only 55.5 points a game.

Cyclones host in-state foe

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In the first of its three in-state rivalry games this season, the ISU men's basketball team paid the price for a self-described lack of preparation.

With Northern Iowa coming to town Wednesday, coach Fred Hoiberg was singing his usual chorus of his team needing to come out mentally prepared, especially with the foe it is set to face.

"This is one of the best-coached teams in the country," Hoiberg said of Northern Iowa. "Ben [Jacobson] does such a good job with these guys as far as preparing them, getting them ready. They don't make mistakes, they don't beat themselves."

The calling card for Jacobson-led teams is defense. Through six games this season, the Panthers (5-1) are allowing 55.5 points per game — putting them at No. 20 in the nation in scoring defense.

One of the things both Hoiberg

and his players have said about Northern Iowa is that the team likes to control tempo and often times force opponents to play throughout the entirety of the shot clock.

"They just do what they do really, really well," said guard Scott Christopherson. "They're not overwhelming, but they make you play so disciplined."

"They do a good job of making you take contested shots. They're solid. They're good with their help defense, they're good with their rotations, they cover for each other well. They're just a really mature team."

Coaches from both Northern Iowa and Iowa State got a good look at each other over the teams' last two games. Both squads were in South Padre



Christopherson



Allen

Island, Texas, last week and faced the same opponents at the tournament there, beating both Providence and Rice.

Hoiberg said he got a chance to watch Northern Iowa, but both Christopherson and guard Chris Allen said it was mainly coaches who were scouting.

Allen — who faced Northern Iowa while at Michigan State in the Sweet 16 game following the Panthers' upset of Kansas in the 2010 NCAA tournament — said he still doesn't know a lot about the scrappy team from Cedar Falls, but does know a win won't come easily.

"I haven't really watched a lot of their games, but just from playing them when I was at Michigan State, they're a tough team," Allen said. "They're not going to give up, no matter how much they're losing; they're gonna keep coming at you hard."

In the Cyclones' loss last season to Northern Iowa, as well as their loss this season to Drake, Hoiberg said shot selection and tempo were things

that played to their downfall.

Much of that, he said, has to do with the Panthers' defensive ability. He said working within the Cyclone offense is going to be the goal.

"We're certainly going to come out and try to get good shots early," Hoiberg said. "That doesn't mean we're going to come out and jack up the first shot that we get. It takes patience. If it takes 25 to 30 seconds, we'll do that."

Armed with more and more experience playing together — and one poor outing in particular — Allen said the team is starting to come together and communicate better.

They also are looking forward to the vibe that comes from playing an in-state rival at home this time instead of on the road.

"I'm excited," Allen said. "It's going to be the first time to really see what Hilton Magic is all about for me on the court."

Tipoff for Iowa State and Northern Iowa is set for 7 p.m. at Hilton Coliseum.

Wrestling

Rivalry dual plays
out on large stage

By Jake Calhoun
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Andrew Sorenson remembers his first time under the lights of Hilton Coliseum two years ago with the weight of the team seemingly on his shoulders.

The then-sophomore 157-pounder lost an 8-6 decision to Aaron Janssen that shifted three coveted team points to rival Iowa as Iowa State, ranked No. 2 at the time, lost to its top-ranked intrastate rival 18-16.

"It was the first time I stepped on the mat as a varsity wrestler at Iowa State and it was in front of 14,000, 15,000 people in Hilton and it was up on the stage, the lights were all turned off, it was spotlighted and it got to me," Sorenson said.

"I couldn't breathe, got tired super fast and I didn't wrestle like myself. I gave up a reversal, gave up some riding time. It was a learning experience, that's for sure."

This Sunday, intrastate rival Iowa travels to Hilton — ranked No. 1 in the nation as it was in the 2009 dual — to take on a young ISU team that has lost five straight duals to open the season.

The bleak start to the season, however, will not put a damper on the Cyclones' attempt at knocking off the Hawkeyes for the first time since 2004.

"It'll give the guys who have really trained hard an opportunity to show off what skills they do have," said 174-pounder Chris Spangler. "It will give an opportunity for our up-and-comers to really shock people and really show everybody what they've got."

Even though the ISU-Iowa rivalry is ingrained into the culture of the state, some of ISU coach Kevin Jackson's out-of-state recruits who will be competing in it for the first time have not had the same feel for it until coming to Iowa State.

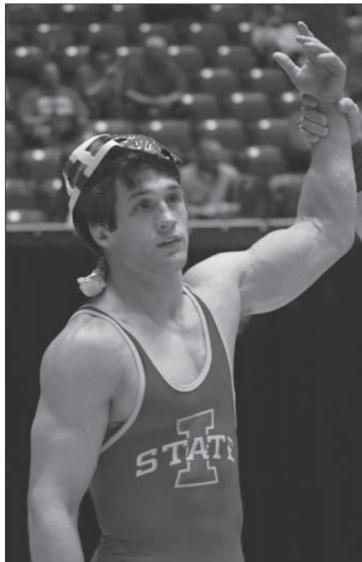


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165-pounder Andrew Sorenson's arm is raised in victory at the Harold Nichols Cyclone Open on Nov. 13. Sorenson and the Cyclones are preparing for Sunday's dual against No. 1 Iowa.

"I didn't know a lot about [the rivalry]," said redshirt freshman Ryak Finch. "I had heard about it when I was getting recruited, and the year after I had watched it on the Internet [in 2009] and it looked wild. Then last year I watched it in Iowa City, so I kind of have a feel for it."

Sorenson, who now competes at 165 pounds, said he's gotten used to the limelight since the dual in 2009, but still tries to advise younger wrestlers to be wary of getting too

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Football

'Special cat'
carries KSU
into matchup

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Ask an ISU coach or player about Kansas State's best offensive weapon and a likely description would involve one or more of these three words.

Tough. Durable. Hard-nosed.

Sounds like Kansas State has a pretty good running back, right? Well, sophomore John Hubert isn't bad with 813 yards rushing on the season, but the Cyclones aren't talking about Hubert. They have 6-foot-5-inch, 226-pound junior quarterback Collin Klein on their mind.

Klein, the Wildcats' leading rusher, even drew a comparison from ISU coach Paul Rhoads on Monday to former ISU running back Troy Davis, a former Heisman finalist and the only college running back to rush for 2,000 yards in back-to-back seasons.

"Troy was really special from a durability standpoint much like Kansas State's quarterback is very special from a durability standpoint," Rhoads said of Klein. "I think he's a spe-

cial cat, I think he's a really good football player and one tough kid."

While Klein likely won't eclipse Davis' ISU record of 402 carries in 1996, the junior from Loveland, Colo., has carried the ball 267 times this season, earning him the title of busiest ballcarrier in the Big 12 and placing him sixth among all runners in the country. In fact, Iowa State's stable of running backs have combined to carry the ball only 15 times more than Klein this season.

"[I'm] shocked that he's been able to last in this league with the carries he's got and the shots he's had to take and not only survive but flourish," Rhoads said. "His productivity is as good as anybody in this league."

In his first year as the Wildcats' starting signal caller, Klein is one of 41 players to eclipse the 1,000-yard rushing mark this season with 1,013, and his 25 rushing touchdowns is second in the NCAA only to Wisconsin running back Montee Ball's 29.

His 2,600 total yards

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Kansas State quarterback Collin Klein is stopped by Texas' Alex Okafor during the first quarter against the Longhorns on Nov. 19 in Austin, Texas. Klein has 25 rushing touchdowns and 2,600 total yards on the season.

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accounts for 69.1 percent of Kansas State's total offense this season and he's responsible for 19.6 of the Wildcats' 33.4 points per game.

"I think in this league, which has so many great quarterbacks, so many quarterbacks that are going to play in the National Football League, he's probably as valuable if not more valuable to his team than any of them," Rhoads said.

With Klein leading the KSU rushing attack, the ISU run defense will try to bounce back after allowing 293 yards rushing in its 26-6 loss to No. 9 Oklahoma in Norman on Saturday.

"It's a big challenge for us up front and we're going to take it personal because we pride ourselves on stopping the run," said

ISU defensive tackle Stephen Ruempolhamer. "We didn't against OU and I think that was one of our big falls and now we're going to get back to playing Cyclone defense and stopping the run first."



Ruempolhamer

OU freshman quarterback Blake Bell carried eight times for 14 yards and a pair of touchdowns to give the ISU defense a good glimpse at an offense that isn't afraid to call on its quarterback to tote the pigskin.

"That power stuff that they did, obviously we used a specialized defense for, we won't be able to just roll that same defense out to stop what they do with Collin Klein at quarterback but good preparation none-

theless," Rhoads said.

Senior defensive end Patrick Neal previewed Saturday's showdown in Manhattan, Kan., as a three-hour extension of Iowa State's inside run drill it goes through at practice.

"They're a hard-nosed, ground-and-pound team that will be different than what we've played in the previous weeks, but it will be a great challenge and a great opportunity for us," Neal said.

ISU quarterback Jared Barnett said he's impressed with Klein's durability throughout the Wildcats' 9-2 season, but also said he's confident in the ISU defense.

"He runs the ball a lot, takes a lot of shots and I admire him because he gets up," Barnett said. "He's definitely a really good runner, but I'm sure our defense is going to have something for him."

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caught up in the environment of that magnitude.

"The biggest thing is to stay relaxed," Sorenson said. "Every year we have new freshmen come in and wrestle and the first time they put on that singlet and get out there, they get all excited and it all gets to them."

"It's going to be the same for this dual, they're going to feel it a little bit. They've got to stay in the back and stay relaxed and know they've got to focus on themselves and to wrestle hard for seven minutes."

Former Cyclone set for MMA fight

Former ISU wrestler Phil Hawes is set to take the octagon in a mixed-martial arts event on Jan. 28 in Hy-Vee Hall, less than a year removed from donning a cardinal-and-gold singlet.

Hawes, who competed for Iowa State last year at 197 pounds in relief for Jerome Ward, said he told Jackson in late September that he would not return to the team this season.

"It was my senior year and there was only one more year left and I knew if I wasn't looking toward the Olympics to compete at the next level, there's really nothing you can do except be a wrestling coach," Hawes said.

"The years I've been wrestling would help my MMA career, a lot of people said. A lot of people said I'd have a good career in MMA so I decided to try it."

Hawes said Jackson was "taken back" by his departure from the team, especially since it came a little more than a month before the start of the season.

"It was a surprise, really," Jackson said. "We were counting on him and we'd assumed that if Kyven [Gadson] wasn't healthy and if Boaz [Beard] wasn't healthy, we'd also have him as an option and that was a pretty decent option."

For Hawes, the decision to leave wrestling for MMA was not an easy one to make.

"At first I didn't want to man up to the decision, it took a toll on me," Hawes said. "I took a while to adjust to making [my departure] official."

Hawes is still enrolled as a student at Iowa State, but Sorenson said after he left the team he somewhat avoided his former teammates because the decision affected him the way it did.

"I think he's regretting his decision because I really think that in the back of his mind, he kind of thought that

it was going to be tough to break the lineup with Boaz and Kyven," Jackson said of Hawes. "I just really wish he would have given himself a chance."

As for M M A , Hawes' teammates have experienced support for him on Twitter and even tried to come up with nicknames for him in the sport.

"He's only been doing it for a month and he's already got a sponsor," Sorenson said. "I think they'll see big things out of him."



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Featured nuptials

What makes a great wedding?

By Laura Bucklin
 @iowastatedaily.com

Full names: Danny & Brandi (Denne) Hocken
Hometowns: Danny, Marion, Iowa; Brandi, Omaha, Neb.
Degrees/Jobs: Danny attended Iowa State for four years in civil engineering and two years in business, and he now owns a wedding photography business, Daniel Carl Photography. Brandi is a senior at Iowa State, earning her Bachelor of Fine Arts in printmaking, minoring in psychology.
How they met: The couple met at Disney World during a national cheer competition through one of Danny's friends, who was also Brandi's coach. They met again at the ISU cheer squad tryouts in April 2001.
First dates: The couple's first unofficial date was at Taco Bell. Their second date was over dinner at Legends, when Danny asked Brandi not to date his roommate.
Engagement: Danny created a scavenger hunt for Brandi. She ended at Lake LaVerne, where the couple always fed the swans.
Wedding date: July 11, 2009
Wedding colors: Sage, ivory and chocolate
Wedding flowers: Lilies and roses
Guest count: 300 to 350 people
Reception: Dinner and dancing at the Quality Inn & Suites in Ames
Something "old, new, borrowed and blue": The cake-cutting knife was old, while Brandi's dress and other wedding attire were new. Her earrings were borrowed and the couple both wore blue underwear.
Special moments: The couple took pictures at Lake LaVerne, one of their favorite spots and the site where they got engaged.
Hardest parts of planning: The couple had difficulty finding a venue that was both pretty and large enough for their wedding. They also moved up their wedding date an entire year and were crunched on time.



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Announcements



Gleason/Vanderwiel

Kristine Gleason, daughter of Michael and Renee Gleason, and Allen Vanderwiel, son of Mark and Cecile Vanderwiel, are pleased to announce their engagement.

Gleason, of Solon, will graduate this December with a bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering with an emphasis in food and biosystems.

Vanderwiel, of Rochester, Minn., will graduate in May 2012 with a bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering, emphasizing in the power and machinery option.

The couple met at Iowa State in 2007 and plans to exchange vows on May 19, 2012, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Solon.



Ryan/Zimmerman

Katelyn Ryan, daughter of Michael & Cynthia Ryan, and Andrew Zimmerman, son of Brian & Laurel Zimmerman, are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Ryan, a sophomore in advertising, will graduate from Iowa State in spring 2014. Zimmerman studies kinesiology and will graduate from Iowa State University in spring 2014 and pursue a doctorate in physical therapy.

The couple plans to exchange vows on June 2, 2012. The ceremony will take place at Jesus Christ Prince of Peace Church in Clinton.

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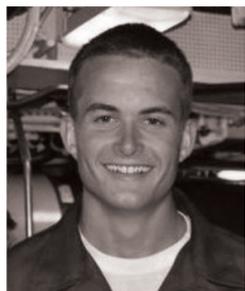
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Jackie Sorensen, senior in marketing
"I was at a lake wedding and there was a canoe full of beer."



Brian Mike, senior in agricultural business
"I was at a wedding in Brazil, and the couple ran out to sea together and jumped seven waves for good luck."



Amanda Hughes, senior in marketing
"I really like when weddings have photo booths. Those are always really fun."

Booking

Rent from the professionals

By Lindsey Schwarck
@iowastatedaily.com

While do-it-yourself invitations, cakes and wedding favors are all the rage, some things are best left to rent for the big day.

Reception hall

Booking a reception venue should be at the top of your wedding checklist, as open dates often fill up quickly.

Spacious and convenient, hotel reception rooms accommodate out-of-town guests and often do much of the decorating and cleanup.

For more decor possibilities, go with a reception hall or local community center that can be adorned the week prior to the wedding. These venues usually come equipped with a full kitchen, stage and dance floor.

Other romantic locations for your reception include local parks, vineyards or the personal backyard of a family member or friend.



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Transportation

Whether your wedding calls for a horse-drawn carriage or classic Mustang, there are several transportation options for both the wedding party and guests to ride in style.

Limousines and party buses are always popular choices, but new ideas that create a more modern feel include vespas, trolleys or a stretch Hummer.

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Decorations

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"We usually set up two or three days before the wedding to allow for plenty of time to decorate and prepare for catering and music," Randall said. "Then we take down the site at the beginning of the next week."

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How-to

Yarn spheres perfect party decorations

By **Hanna Johansen**
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Supplies needed:

- Yarn
- Balloons
- Liquid fabric stiffener
- Flour
- Clear acrylic spray



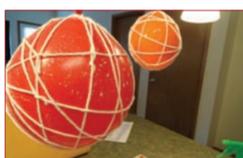
Step 1:
Blow up balloons to various sizes. Mix 1 cup fabric stiffener with 1/4 cup flour.



Step 2:
Cut yarn into 6-foot strands and cover with flour/stiffener mixture. Smooth between fingers to remove excess mixture.



Step 3:
Wrap yarn around the balloon in various patterns. The more yarn, the stiffer the sphere will be.



Step 4:
Hang the balloons overnight to dry.

Step 5:
Make sure yarn is completely dry, then pop the balloons and spray with clear acrylic spray paint.



Step 6:
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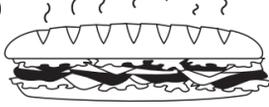
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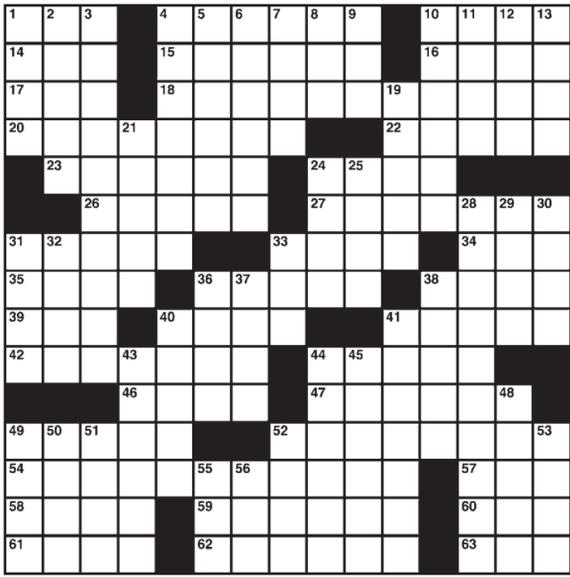
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- 21 Gets the consolation prize
- 24 Creep
- 25 Snappy dresser
- 28 1996 Madonna role
- 29 Increase
- 30 Wine bottle datum
- 31 Colon's pair
- 32 Abrasion, to a tot
- 33 Inc. abroad
- 36 Golfer's selection
- 37 Thing to avoid
- 38 2011 TV show with multiple pilots
- 40 Calendar girl
- 41 Traffic cop's request
- 43 Jungle journey
- 44 Working (with)
- 45 Lash out at
- 48 World-weariness
- 49 PC monitors
- 50 River formed at Pittsburgh
- 51 Lively dance
- 52 L.A.'s Sunset, e.g.
- 53 Bakery offering
- 55 Stately tree
- 56 Louis XIV, par exemple

- Across**
- 1 Trespass
 - 4 With 36- and 62-Across, kids' ball game, and something this puzzle's four longest answers have in common
 - 10 Collar or jacket
 - 14 TNT element?
 - 15 Ring of color
 - 16 Powerful TV princess
 - 17 One of the Gershwins
 - 18 Early Mary Tyler Moore role
 - 20 Puts in a fresh pot
 - 22 Habeas corpus et al.
 - 23 Name of three presidents
 - 24 Noodle product?
 - 26 Glacial ridge
 - 27 Horticulturist's hangout
 - 31 Happy co-worker?

- 33 Some TV screens
- 34 Go for, as a prize
- 35 Hogwarts messengers
- 36 See 4-Across
- 38 Tower city
- 39 Bolo, for one
- 40 Nudge
- 41 "I'm outta here!"
- 42 Meeting of Congress
- 44 "Les Girls" actress Elg
- 46 Latin word on a cornerstone
- 47 Getaway
- 49 Ionian Sea island
- 52 Place for a bargain?
- 54 She played Carla Tortelli on "Cheers"
- 57 Genetic carrier
- 58 Arena level
- 59 2009 Ruben Studdard album
- 60 Held by us
- 61 Numbers for one

- Down**
- 1 Recipe direction
 - 2 Discount rack abbr.
 - 3 She played Nicole Chapman on "Fame"
 - 4 Trivia game that involves bluffing
 - 5 Autumn color
 - 6 Neither masculine nor feminine
 - 7 Fashion designer Michael
 - 8 She, in São Paulo
 - 9 Jabber
 - 10 Cast-of-thousands actors
 - 11 Actress Hatcher
 - 12 "Don't count _!"
 - 13 Rob Roy refusals
 - 19 Washstand vessels



Word of the Day:

appetence \AP-i-tuhns\ noun
 1: Intense desire; strong natural craving; appetite.
 2: Instinctive inclination or natural tendency.
 3: Material or chemical attraction or affinity.

Example:
 A sudden step and desire to reach back in time to change the circumstances, to re-write and re-route all those ferocious columns, an appetite to change what had been done and said.

Random Facts:

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When asked where he keeps his Oscars, Pixar's John Lasseter said, "We discovered that Barbie clothes actually fit pretty well."

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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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2	7	8	9	6	1	3	5	4
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Daily Horoscope: by Nancy Black

Libra: Poetry, anyone?

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Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Review the logical steps; define how you'd like it to play out; and prepare for that (in private). Roll out the promotional campaign to a receptive audience.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Others are saying nice things about you. Keep on providing great service. Put your package together, and sell it now. Accept a generous offer.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Talk leads to opportunities. You're a natural communicator, and you're interacting like a champ today. You've got powerful words to generate what you want. Use them.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Let a partner choose the color or location. Reaffirm the passions that you share. Write down your inspirations. Create together.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Keep all channels open, and good news comes rolling in. Take advantage of ease today to push your agenda forward faster. An older person offers a partnership.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- You can dive into a project now and be extremely productive, but don't forget about your health. Pace yourself so you don't lose sleep. It's a good time to sell.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Poetry, anyone? If not with words, then with actions, as in a slow walk under a gray sky, or friends and candlelight. Mix to your own measure.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Go over finances with an advisor, and get clear on the big picture. This provides power and freedom. Celebrate with a delicious meal, for your efforts.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Get in touch with family, and focus on the positive. There's so much to learn from one another. Your wits are especially appreciated (even if you don't think so).

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Let another person represent you. An accomplice helps you reach the next level. Use your imagination, and epic dreams result. Don't let your mind wander far.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Listen to different perspectives for a wider view. Do the math to see the bottom line. When you have that, you have power to create. Put what you want in writing.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- You can accomplish what you set your mind to with persistence. Expand your territory, a little at a time. Practicality is your guide.

Trivia

A solid spherical ball with radius of 3" is cut into 4 equal pieces each resembling an orange slice. Find the volume of the original ball.

ANSWER: 36 pi cu. in.

The center pivot method of this is used in flat terrain. The drip method is the most water-efficient. The surface method is often seen in rice basins. What is this technique of providing water to soil to help crops grow?

ANSWER: Irrigation

The Giant Panda is a member of what order despite its diet?

ANSWER: Carnivora(s) or Carnivora

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ANSWER: Diprodontia(s) or Diprodontia

This document would have meant paying \$120 million or starting war, and was written by Pierre Soulé, John Mason, and James Buchanan, What paper, named for the Belgian town where it was drafted, detailed an 1854 American plan to buy or conquer Cuba?

ANSWER: Ostend Manifesto

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So... I think I gave you the clap...

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to my roommate who was too sick to go to class ALL WEEK, I'm sure coming home drunk tonight really helped your throat. You're an idiot.

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I got matched up with my brother on a dating site...again...fml

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No sex November? Puh lease you weren't have sex w me before...

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Winter fruits

By **Steph Ferguson**
AmesEats Flavors writer

Though it is cold and dreary outside, produce is still in full swing in the winter. Fruits such as cranberries, pomegranates and pears are good additions to almost

any lunch or dinner. Eating these fruits also will help to kick your sweet tooth cravings and help you stay away from chocolate.

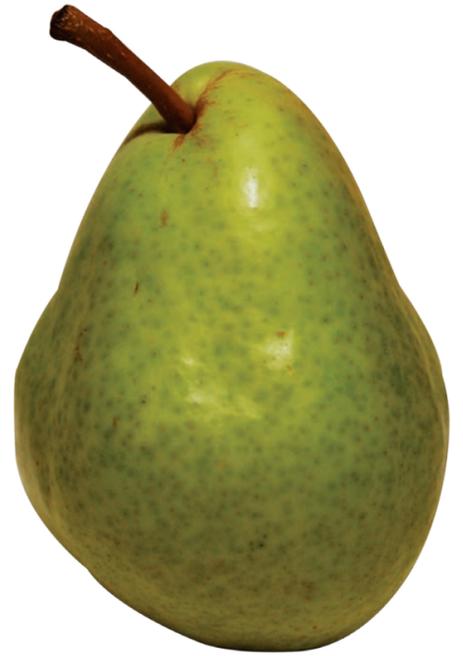


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Pears contain high amounts of fiber and vitamin C. They also contain potassium, which is an important nutrient that is easily overlooked. Try pairing pears with a salad with sliced almonds. They also can be made into jams and chutneys.



Photo: Claire Powell/AmesEats Flavors

Full of antioxidants, cranberries are a must for the winter season. This fruit can go way beyond just the canned jelly sauce you may have at your holiday meal. Try making a homemade sauce or even topping off a salad with some dried cranberries.



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Pomegranates are found in grocery stores in the winter months. They offer many antioxidants, fiber and potassium. Pomegranates can be difficult to eat, so some stores offer pomegranate seeds already removed from their shell. They can be used in many ways such as in soups, dips, desserts or even just eaten plain.

Cocoa vegan chili

- 1 medium sweet onion
- 5-6 garlic cloves
- 1 green bell pepper
- 1 large cayenne pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon crushed Mexican oregano leaves
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 2 15-ounce cans pinto beans
- 2 15-ounce cans kidney beans
- 1 28-ounce can fire-roasted tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon liquid smoke
- 4 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon cocoa powder
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar

1. Peel the onion and garlic cloves, wash and core the green bell pepper. Coarsely chop the onion. Crush each garlic clove with the flat of the knife and then slice thinly. Coarsely chop the bell pepper. Finely mince the cayenne pepper.
2. Put all of the vegetables into a large soup pot with the olive oil and saute over medium heat until the garlic is browned and the onion is translucent. Add the oregano and cumin, and mix well.
3. Drain all of the beans and add them to the pot. Put the juice from the tomatoes into the pot. Cut the tomatoes into bite-sized pieces and then add them as well. Add the salt and mix well.

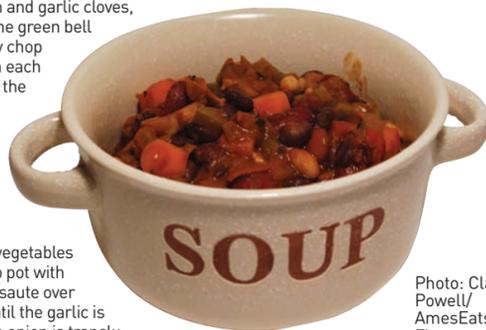


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4. Let simmer, covered, for 30 to 60 minutes, stirring occasionally.
5. After the beans have simmered sufficiently, add the liquid smoke, the red wine vinegar, cocoa powder and brown sugar. Mix well. Simmer for an additional 10 minutes and serve.



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Chili dip with avocado

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 teaspoons dried crushed oregano
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 2 14.5 ounce cans diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 15-ounce can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 15-ounce can pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 cup salsa
- 1 ripe avocado
- Cheddar cheese
- Fresh cilantro

Tortilla chips

1. In large saucepan, cook onion and oregano in hot oil over medium-high heat for about 3 minutes, or until tender.
2. Stir in undrained tomatoes, beans and salsa. Bring to boiling, then reduce heat.
3. Simmer, partially covered, for about 25 minutes.
4. To serve, top with diced avocado, cheddar cheese and snipped cilantro and serve with tortilla chips.



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Apple-pear-cranberry crisp

- 1 medium apple
- 1 medium pear
- 1 cup cranberries
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon cloves

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Remove the skins from the apple and pear, then slice them thinly. Wash the cranberries and combine with apple and pear slices in a large bowl.
2. Toss the fruit with the lemon juice and sugar. Divide among 4 ramekins.
3. Meanwhile, combine the flour, butter, cinnamon and cloves using a fork until it is a crumbly texture. Sprinkle on top of the fruit in the 4 ramekins.
4. Bake for about 45 minutes or until the topping is golden brown.

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Remove the skins

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