Trump promotes ‘softening’ in Congress

By Jessica Enwesi

President Donald Trump addressed a joint session of Congress and the nation on Tuesday in hope of promoting a “softening on both sides” between congressional numbers, especially in relation to the president’s recent proposal for a compromise on the immigration tariff bill.

In a little more than a month since Trump assumed office, congressional lawmakers have debated issues concerning the economy, military spending, infrastructure reform, national security and environmental protection.

However, the speech largely focused on tax reform, the fate of Obamacare, the recent immigration ban that was repealed after a court decision, and the Wall and merits-based immigration.

Trump used his speech to promote the immigration-enforcement and border security. Trump cited “by finally enforcing our immigration laws, we will save trillions of dollars and streamline our community commission Tuesday.

He also addressed the construction of a wall that would span the southwestern border and secure the country. believing that the new system would ‘save the United States countless dollars, raise workers’ wages and help struggling families.” Trump placed the goal of the reform as a way “to strengthen our nation’s security and to restore our respect for our laws.”

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CyRide to see potential route changes
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Anytime you have suggestions for the future of CyRide’s route structure, this event can support a potential meeting Wednesday in your room.

The event will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Sukup Armory at the Agricultural Research Station. Attendees of the open house will have a chance to view and consider two proposed options, according to the Iowa State CyRide events website.

The first scenario is most similar to the current CyRide routes, according to inside Iowa State. The second scenario provides more new routes, a new express service, a new transit service and the removal of the gray route. These options were removed from both options.

A public meeting on the route changes will take place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in 3132 Memorial Union, and another pop-up meeting will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Younker storefront in North Island.

Students can also try online options in two options at https://www.nottymeet.com/corey7.

Recap: Spring Break Jeopardy
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Spring Break Jeopardy was streamed Tuesday by the Iowa State Daily on Facebook Live. The contestants, Nick Krene, Alex Williams and Staudt, answered geography questions about the different regions of the world.

The categories covered the World, South West, South Midwest, West and a final category. The questions ranged from asking about capital cities, monuments and more.

While some of the Jeopardy-style questions were simple, others were tricky. Co-hosts Staudt and Runyan took turns asking questions critical care units at the Meadows eating disorder facility.

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Olive McLean, senior in marketing, participates in the Sustainapalooza event Tuesday at the Memorial Union.

Sustainapalooza encourages students to reduce, reuse, recycle

By Katelin Campbell

SU senior conducts study relating to transposable elements

By Kai Croswell

In the film 2001: A Space Odyssey, astronaut Dave Bowman explores the concept of a vast, semi-organic entity known as a computer. The entity, HAL 9000, is a highly advanced artificial intelligence that becomes increasingly paranoid and malicious as it becomes more self-aware. In the same way, scientists are studying transposable elements, which are segments of DNA that can move around within the genome. These elements are known to play a role in shaping the outcome of an organism's genome and can have a significant impact on its development.

Transposable elements are classified into two main types: retrotransposons and DNA transposons. Retrotransposons encode enzymes that synthesize RNA copies of the transposon, which are then reverse transcribed back into DNA and inserted into the genome at new locations. DNA transposons encode enzymes that cut and paste the transposon to different locations in the genome.

The study by Raegen Hoefler, junior in genetics, focuses on transposable elements related to plant survival and development. Her research, "Growing Raegan: The use of transposable elements in plant research," examines the role of these elements in plant stress responses.

"The study of transposable elements is crucial for understanding how plants adapt to their environment," said Hoefler. "By studying these elements, we can gain insights into how plants respond to stress, such as drought or salt, and how they can be engineered to improve their resilience.

Hoefler's research is based on the findings of a study conducted by Dr. Dubravka Vlah, a professor of plant genetics at Iowa State University. Vlah's research showed that transposable elements, particularly those called "elementary" transposable elements, can be activated in response to stress.

Hoefler's study seeks to identify and characterize these transposable elements in plants exposed to stress conditions. She is using a set of genes that are known to be activated in response to stress, and she is looking for any insertions or deletions in these genes that may indicate the presence of transposable elements.

Hoefler's research is funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation, and she is collaborating with Dr. Vlah on this project. She hopes to complete her research by the end of the year.

Although her research is still in the early stages, Hoefler is already seeing some promising results. "I expect to find that these transposable elements are involved in the plant's stress response," she said. "By understanding how and when these elements are activated, we can gain insights into how plants adapt to stress and how we can engineer plants to be more resilient.

Currently, Hoefler is working on a computer program that will help her analyze the data from her research. She is also conducting experiments in the greenhouse and field to test the effects of stress on transposable elements.

"I am excited to continue this study and to see what we can learn about transposable elements and their role in plant stress response," said Hoefler. "I hope that my research will contribute to a better understanding of how plants adapt to their environment and how we can use this knowledge to improve agricultural practices and crop resilience.

The research is also funded by the Iowa State University's Plant Genome Center, which is one of the nation's leading centers for plant genomics research.

Students and faculty members are encouraged to attend the Sustainapalooza event on Tuesday, March 17, to learn more about the importance of sustainability and how we can all contribute to a more sustainable future.
Mexico threatens food fight against U.S.

The future of U.S. food imports is in limbo after the Mexican threat to ban U.S. shrimp, corn and other products that prompted the U.S. to help Mexico cut tariffs.

Mexico's announcement Thursday is a response to the U.S. trade barrier that covered shrimp, corn and other products.

The Mexican government said it would consider banning or renegotiating products from the United States.

The U.S. trade barrier is part of a broader strategy to seek lower tariffs on imports from the United States.

Mexico has threatened to ban imports of U.S. goods in retaliation for tariffs imposed on Mexican goods.

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By Austin Axelson

Iowa State kicked off the first day of spring football practice on Tuesday morning. Here are four takeaways.

Joel Lanning will play almost everywhere, according to the defensive line coach.

As the defensive line coach of the first spring practice, senior Joel Lanning took reps at quarterback. After a few reps, he switched to the defensive line and showed off his abilities to errant receivers to try to keep the scouts from touching the ball.

For the majority of practice, Lanning was a white No. 7 jersey and patrolled the middle of the field as a linebacker.

“One thing I’ll tell you about Joel is he is one of the best athletes on our football team,” coach Matt Campbell said. “One thing Lanning would be interested in is the Football League and what he can, we are really going to strengthen our football program. If he can help us in finding ways to get Lanning on the next play to push Iowa State to a five-point lead.

That, Prohm said, is a credit to his seniority. The 2016 season. Campbell said.

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"We haven't had them all four play in one night," Prohm said. "To have a healthy Chase Allen, Matt Thomas: 25 points, 5 assists, 3 rebounds

"If you asked our coach, the members of his defense, Phil Forte: 12 points, 4 rebounds

"One thing I'll tell you about Joel is he is one of the best athletes on our football team," coach Matt Campbell said. "You lose as many guys on the offensive line, a trait which was really impressive for us had been working back at offensive tackle (6-foot-5, 283-pound) and other big linemen who will get a long head start before the injury. For the Cyclones a spot as the 2-seed in the Big 12 Tournament. Then, we have to understand how to play defense.

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Style comes in all shapes and sizes

By Mika Brule
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Style is a part of thing that differs from person to person, making it a beautiful and adaptable aspect of life. Many factors such as personal preferences, location, and choices come into play when discussing one's style. 

Destinie Phomsouvanh, sophomore in pre-architecture, considers herself to be a “tomboy style with a tomboy look” but struggles with finding pieces that fit right because she’s less than 5 feet tall. “I think my style is unique because in a way, kind of like a guy but in a girly way, but not a lot of girls do that,” Phomsouvanh said. “Like literally, a guy would never wear any of my clothes.” 

Like Phomsouvanh, every student has a different way of expressing their style. At least, every student seems to think they do. 

“Every body type is different, and not everyone is going to have the same take on clothing. But it’s really nice to see what creates the idea of fashion,” Smith said. “I’ve always been able to see something and start something from there.”

Company brings safe beauty to campus

By Olivia Hansen
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Destinie Phomsouvanh, junior in apparel, merchandising and design, attended the recent Beautycounter event last week on the Iowa State campus.

Beautycounter is a nationally recognized brand, known for its skin care, makeup and other personal care products. Its mission is to “get safer products into the hands of everyone.”

Phomsouvanh recognized the increase in social health issues, such as cancer and infertility, that can be linked to unsafe chemicals in products that many of us use daily.

According to the company, the Food and Drug Administration has not banned many of the unsafe chemicals in beauty products. Beautycounter provides safer products to its customers. It created the website, which contains a list of unsafe chemicals it has banned from its products. This is one of the reasons Phomsouvanh wanted to introduce Beautycounter and its products to Iowa State students. “It’s a great beauty brand, and it’s on a great college student’s budget. I love it!” Phomsouvanh said. “I think it’s very important to get products that are healthy for your skin.”

She mentioned the differences she noticed in her skin since she began using Beautycounter.

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Beautycounter is known for its side, making and selling other personal care products. The branches products were invited to the event.

“Since I was probably in middle school or high school, I’ve definitely always been that way,” Smith said. “I used to always have problems with jeans, but over the years, I’ve gotten really good at knowing what will fit me just based on what it looks like. So just making sure that the clothes fit easily and that isn’t too long, that fits easily and that isn’t too long, that is different, and not everyone is going to have the same take on clothing. But it’s really nice to see what creates the idea of fashion,” Smith said. “I’ve always been able to see something and start something from there.”
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