Almost everyone has seen or heard of the Horse Barn on the north side of campus, however many people don’t know what goes into running it.

They have both mares and stallions as well as multiple foals at the barn. Many workers have to come in at 6 a.m. to start their chores or come in late at night to help the mares go through labor.

Some of the horses that are kept at the barn are not owned by Iowa State itself but by others who want their horses cared for temporarily. “Lots of owners like to bring their pregnant mares in so that we can see them through the labor and the aftercare,” said Nikki Ferwerda who is a lecturer, an adviser and manager of the barn. “We have been doing this for a while so the owners tend to trust us to take care of them.”

Ferwerda manages the barn and also teaches classes in the barn with AnS 332E starting at 7:30 a.m.

Each of the horses at the barn require different attention including medicine and food, especially newborn babies. Ashlyn Grogan, senior in animal science, started off the morning by preparing various medications for the different horses at the barn. For horses that need to take pills, they were ground down using a coffee grinder. Syrup is added to the ground up pills to attempt to make it easier to get the horses to take them.

Students in AnS 332E listen and helps calm down the mares as Nikki Ferwerda, lecturer in animal science, leads them through their horses inspection for the day. As a part of the class, students inspect various horses for various things. During this particular class, they were checking the mare’s reproductive cycles to see the likelihood of them being able to have another baby next spring.

Megan Jackson, junior in animal science, brings in a foal while Holly Jeanne, junior in animal science, brings in its mother right behind her. Some of the mares were a little anxious during the class so most of the students had to stand by them and calm them down through most of the class. The mares that were mothers already had their babies brought in to help calm them down, such as the one pictured.
Greek Week: a Cyclone of events

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In its 66th year, Greek Week continues to bring celebration and unity to the sorority and fraternity community. From the Polar Bear Plunge to Lip Sync, chapter teams bring their A-game and a friendly sense of competition to the week’s events.

As Greek Week has become a large part of the rich history of the sorority and fraternity community. Every spring semester, fraternities and sororities are grouped together, similar to homecoming, to compete against other chapter teams for the title of “Greek Week champions.” These events include a team banner display, Show Me the Greek, karaoke, sports tournaments, food on campus, Polar Bear Plunge, LARPing, Lip Sync performances and awards ceremonies to end the busy week.

This year’s Greek Week Central co-chairs, Grace Perrin and Hannah Meador, believe Greek Week has been such a long-running tradition because of the special place it holds in the hearts of sorority and fraternity members.

“It’s really special for people because this is their time to be within the sorority and fraternity community in competition within different chapters,” Meador said. “I think that’s what makes it really exciting because it’s something special to our community.”

Meador has been on the Greek Week committee for all four years of her time at Iowa State.

“I’ve always just really loved Greek Week and I can’t imagine not being a part of it,” she said.

During the school year, chapters have little time to network with each other, due to having their own philanthropies and events within their organizations.

“Throughout the year there is division between the chapters,” Perrin said, “but it’s really good and healthy to come together as a community.”

Chapters draw for their teams in the fall semester and start preparing for Greek Week as early as February. Their intricate Lip Sync routines and sets take weeks to complete.

“They create amazing sets and do amazing skits,” Meador said.

Along with recognizing the fun that comes from participating in events, students like Kendall Mull, member of Kappa Alpha Theta, see the value in gaining a sense of fulfillment through Greek Week.

“It builds a sense of camaraderie within the greek community,” Mull said. “Having people come together and work together as a team to raise money for Polar Bear Plunge or have practices weekly for Lip Sync, and then to have the Greek Week awards at the end and to have a sense of fulfillment of all the hard work you’ve put in throughout the year is one reason Greek Week is important for our community.”

The theme for this year’s Greek Week 2018 is “A Cyclone of Opportunities,” and Sigma Kappa member Morgan Sacia feels the week will live up to expectations.

“It’s just so fun to see everyone from different chapters and even people from your own chapter...”

Greek Week awards will be held on April 8 and the Ceremony Highlighting the Fraternal Awards of Excellence will take place on April 15.

Using Technology to Help Refugees

Derek Smith

Derek Smith is a caseworker at the International Rescue Committee in Dallas, Texas, who developed a multilingual, community-sourced app for helping refugees once they have arrived in the US.

“[The app] gives them access to resources,” Smith said. “We have everything from basic health care providers and social workers to banks.”

This year, Smith helped to develop a Spanish version of the app to help refugees in Mexico.

“I’m interested in the immigrant community and in finding the way to help them,” he said. “It’s important to me.”

Smith hopes to continue developing the app and helping refugees in the future.

Bad Feminist

Thursday, April 5, 2018 ~ 8 pm
Great Hall, Memorial Union


Roxane Gay: a Cyclone of events

KYLIE KOST/IOWA STATE DAILY
Bed race contestants compete to be the fastest bed during the Greek Olympics April 1, 2017. The fraternity members push the beds all the way around sorority circle hoping to get first place that maybe you don’t get to hang out with as much just come together and celebrate the bond that we all have,” Sacia said. “It really does build good friendships.”

Although Greek Week is a celebration focused on the sorority and fraternity community, there are also ways for all Iowa State students to get involved. Buttons will be sold for $5 on Central Campus and can be used at the food on campus events taking place all week long.

All students are also welcome to come and watch any of the events taking place throughout the week.

Perrin and Meador recommend going to the Polar Bear Plunge on Friday and the Greek Olympics and Lip Sync performances taking place on Saturday.

In the past, Greek Week has concluded with an awards ceremony called Vespers. This year, the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Engagement has decided to split up that ceremony into two separate events.

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Two fraternity brothers dive into the freezing cold water during the Polar Bear Plunge to benefit the Special Olympics outside of the Memorial Union on April 1.
Graduate students still looking for somewhere to live next year can now take up an opportunity to live in a community of upper division students just like them in Wallace Hall this coming fall.

Wallace Hall is welcoming a graduate and upper division student community to its building once again to better serve graduate populations.

Pete Englin, director of residence, said this is a great opportunity for the university to better serve graduate students. “We’re excited about it,” Englin said. “It never feels good when we can’t serve part of our student population. That’s what we’re here for.”

Contracts are available starting from August to May — however students can be let out of their contract at any time if they receive another internship, graduate early, or for other academic purposes. Contracts will be about $5,694 for the academic year, with all utilities included.

When Englin signed on as director of residence in 2005, residence halls Wallace and Wilson were both empty, and Englin recognized a need to provide graduate and professional students with an environment focused on students who have been at the university awhile.

“We made the decision to re-open one of the houses out there for grad students,” Englin said. “The first year we had 128, the following year we had 300 and after that 600. It was a great success.”

After that however, then the freshman classes took off in enrollment rates, resulting in Wallace and Wilson being converted back to undergraduate housing.

Englin said it was unfortunate that the university had to go back to underserving the graduate population.

“In the past seven years we served 300-325 graduate students out of 5,000,” Englin said. “We used to house well over 1,000.”

Recently there has been a decrease in undergraduate numbers, and Englin says for the 2018-19 school year, the university is anticipating to have under 360 students enrolled.

With this decline, the decision was made to take Wallace Hall with 300 single rooms to provide housing to graduate students once again.

Englin said he spent a lot of time at Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) meetings during the previous transition, and many students were unhappy with losing the space.

Similarly, he met with undergraduate students currently living in Wallace who were unhappy about losing the space.

However, Englin said after meeting and discussing their reasoning for converting Wallace back to graduate housing, students understood the necessity for this service, and he appreciated their cooperation.

“We’re thankful to the students who advocated for their space,” Englin said. “We’re also thankful to the students who came to an understanding of why we’re making this change.”

For undergraduate students who might be wanting to live in Wallace next fall, this still leaves available space for them to live.

The spaces designated for graduate students are single person living spaces complete with a lofted bed, desk, desk chair, two wardrobes, dresser and mini fridge. The rooms are scheduled to be renovated with new flooring, paint, lighting and windows this summer. Each floor has common space and a kitchenette, and the community has a fitness center, convenience store and additional common space.

Wallace graduate housing is officially available for graduate students who are interested to move in this fall, and can register on AccessPlus.

“Hopefully this fits a specific need for them and we’re able to better serve our graduate population,” Englin said.

Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Vice President George Michal Weston commented on the development saying this can be positive for graduate students — particularly for students who are new to Iowa State, that he be transfer students, first-year students or anyone new to Iowa State.

“I think it would depend on the people getting into the housing,” Weston said. “This could be really great for students first coming to Iowa State.”

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POLICE BLOTTER

3.29.18

Austin Robert Carlson, age 20, of 3238 S Riverway - Stratford, IA, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and misuse of license or ID card to acquire alcohol at South Dakota Ave and US Highway 30 Ramp (reported at 3.29.18).
Iowa is better than Rep. Steve King

U.S. Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, doesn’t represent Iowa values. Actually, he might not even represent basic human values. It’s way beyond time we make a concerted effort to make sure he’s not re-elected.

Known for his controversial comments, King isn’t who we should want representing us. Most recently, King made fun of Emma Gonzalez, one of the most well-known survivors of the Parkland shooting. It seems he — or his staff members who crafted the post — have no sense of respect.

This isn’t the first time he’s made controversial comments. He is also well known for racist and anti-immigrant dialogue. He’s even said things like “diversity is not our strength” and “assimilation, not diversity, is our American strength.” These comments are ironic because Iowa’s population would be declining if it wasn’t for international migration.

As a human being, you should care about people of all kinds and judge them by who they are, not what they look like. As an elected representative, you should care about your state’s economy doing well. His stances and comments on immigration don’t align with either of those. In four years, $118,000 of taxpayer money funded trips in Europe and the Middle East essentially to support anti-immigration policies. That’s something fiscal conservatives should be pretty concerned about (if they find nothing else about King to be wary of).

Supporters of King say he is strong on agriculture issues, but by what measures? While he often sponsors legislation, he talks about the topic, but talk is about as far as it goes. Even if you supported those issues, King would be the wrong person.

There are so many people who could do a better job. This is something Iowa Republicans and Democrats should want, so let’s do it.

By Joshua Holst
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Senate should not confirm Haspel

Torture makes US look bad

The Trump administration has been experiencing a large amount of turnover. Whether or not that is simply aggressively pursuing the right staff for long-term success or a sign of chaotic and impulsive leadership, I won’t speculate.

But due to the recent departure of Rex Tillerson, President Trump has decided to nominate CIA head Mike Pompeo for secretary of state. To fill Pompeo’s place, President Trump has nominated Gina Haspel, who has been serving as deputy director of the CIA.

However, neither nominee’s confirmation is ensured, and there is very good reason for this. The CIA’s recent history of torture and allegations from Haspel’s time running a black site in Thailand are excellent reasons that the Senate should refuse to confirm Haspel as the next head of the CIA.

First of all, this shouldn’t be viewed as a partisan political issue, although the media is likely to paint it that way. Prominent Republican senators such as John McCain and Rand Paul have voiced their opposition to so-called “enhanced interrogation” techniques, with Paul going as far as saying he will filibuster the nominations of Pompeo and Haspel.

The Democratic party has its failings on the issue, such as President Obama deciding not to hold people accountable for torture. Neither party is wholly bad on the issue of torture, but neither political party is innocent either. To pretend otherwise would be incredibly dishonest.

There is also logic to the argument that when the United States does something as morally reprehensible as torture, anti-American sentiment around the world becomes more widespread. In other words, far from helping America in the War on Terror, torture might hurt America’s cause.

However, this is not even the most important critique of torture. The most important critique of torture is that it is illegal under both American and international law.

President Trump has nominated Mike Pompeo, CIA head, to replace Rex Tillerson as secretary of state and Gina Haspel, deputy director of the CIA, to replace Pompeo. Columnist Joshua Holst argues Haspel is not fit for the position because of her ties to torture.

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Cyclones to play in the sand

BY SPENCER SUCKOW
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For Jess Schaben, it all came together on her visit.

After a process that lasted roughly a year-and-a-half, Iowa State’s soon-to-be senior outside hitter finally figured out how she wanted to keep playing the sport she loves. Schaben knew she wouldn’t be ready to hang it up at the end of the 2018 season, so she set out to find the best way for her to extend her volleyball career.

Her choices came down to either trying to play professionally overseas, or graduate transferring to play beach volleyball. Ultimately, the final decision was made when Schaben took her visit to Louisiana State University (LSU), where Schaben said she felt right at home with the beach volleyball team and knew immediately it was where she wanted to be.

“The (LSU) coaches were great and the team has such a family atmosphere,” Schaben said. “If I’m going to be that far from home, that’s what I want to have.”

That desire for a family environment is made even more important to Schaben by the fact that next spring will be her first time ever living outside the state of Iowa. A native of Defiance, Iowa, and a graduate of Harlan High School, Schaben is an Iowaan through and through and has always had her immediate family close by.

With that in mind, Schaben acknowledges there will probably be some homesickness when she eventually makes her transition to the Tigers.

However, she also says the encouragement from her family to continue her career has helped to reassure her that the decision to play beach volleyball over 1,000 miles away is the right one.

“They’ve all been really supportive and helped me through the entire process,” Schaben said.

There will be some significant differences between beach and indoor volleyball that Schaben will have to adjust to when she does transfer. Aside from being played outdoors and in sand, beach volleyball is played with only two players, as opposed to six.

This makes the training for beach volleyball considerably different. It should come as no surprise, then, that the NCAA recognizes indoor volleyball and beach volleyball as completely different sports, meaning Schaben is allowed to transfer to another school with eligibility and without having to sit out.

With that in mind, beach volleyball has become an appealing option to those, like Schaben, who want to continue playing the sport after their eligibility expires.

As a result, Schaben is not the only one of the Cyclones who’ll be transferring after the 2018 season. Fellow senior Grace Lazard said she too wants to continue playing following her final season at Iowa State. Though she hasn’t yet decided on a school, Lazard hopes the extra time spent at the collegiate level can eventually lead to something bigger.

“I have aspirations to go to the Olympics,” Lazard said. “I’m still talking to some coaches and I’ll probably figure something out before summer. [Schaben and I] are pretty much in the same boat, she just committed before I did.”

All of this is made possible due to the growth of beach volleyball as a whole in recent years. Cyclones head coach Christy Johnson-Lynch mentioned the opportunities to play beach volleyball, even at a club level, were limited as little as 10 years ago, and Johnson-Lynch adds she’s excited at how the sport’s popularity has taken off.

Even Johnson-Lynch’s alma mater, Nebraska, has a beach volleyball team.

Although the team isn’t nearly at the level of the Huskers’ indoor team, which won the national championship last season, the fact that the team exists in a cold-weather environment is a testament to the sport’s growing popularity.

Additionally, the Huskers and other teams with a beach program (especially those in colder climates) have the ability to use their beach teams as a recruiting tool, which adds further intrigue to the possibility of Iowa State one day adding a team itself.

“We’ve definitely done our homework on it to see what it would take,” Johnson-Lynch said. “There are challenges, of course, to having beach volleyball at Iowa State, but I have a folder sitting on my desk. “It’s gathering dust a little bit, but it’s there in case we’re ever in position to brush it off.”

The way Johnson-Lynch sees it, according to her, is that any opportunity for people to keep playing volleyball is beneficial for the sport as a whole.

With that being said, Johnson-Lynch also adds that she had very little say in either Schaben or Lazard’s decision to continue playing volleyball, and that everything to this point has been their doing.

To that, the two seniors could be setting a path for fellow Cyclones to potentially follow in the future.

Any player looking to do so would have the support of their head coach, and Schaben says she hopes her current teammates keep the idea of playing beach volleyball in the back of their minds because of her.

“It’s a sport that’s for sure up and coming,” Schaben said. “For girls that aren’t ready to be done playing yet, it’s a great opportunity to do that.”

VOLLEYBALL

All-Midwest Region Team (2016, 2017), All-Big 12 First Team (2016, 2017), Academic All-Big 12 First Season Awards (2016), Big 12 Commissioner’s Honor Roll (2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017)

Jess Schaben
Position: Outside Hitter
Height: 6-2
Class: Senior
High School: Harlan (Harlan, Iowa)
Hometown: Defiance, Iowa

Grace Lazard
Position: Middle Blocker
Height: 6-2
Class: Senior
High School: LeAF Academy (Bournemouth, England)
Hometown: London, England

Did You Know?
The NCAA began recognizing beach volleyball as a varsity sport in 2012. Since then, the NCAA has expanded from 16 varsity programs across all levels to 75, and up to 33 more schools are considering adding a team.

(Source: American Collegiate Volleyball Association)
Gamma Phi Beta’s Moonball is a coed volleyball tournament with teams ranging from six to 10 players. All of the proceeds go to Girls on the Run which teaches young girls life skills.

Girls on the Run is a transformational learning program for girls ages eight to 13 that teaches life skills through dynamic, conversation-based lessons and running games. The program culminates with the girls being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5k running event. The goal of the program is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun curriculum that integrates running.

The Iowa State chapter of Gamma Phi Beta started its own Girls on the Run chapter at Fellows Elementary School in Ames this past year.

“Our philanthropy is one of the reasons why I was drawn to Gamma Phi Beta. Our sorority can all relate to being young girls, and mentorship is so important. I’m proud to be a part of this organization, and what better way to raise some money than with a little healthy volleyball competition,” said Gamma Phi Beta President Elizabeth Sesker.

This year’s Moonball event raised over $2,000, and 100 percent of the funds raised go to Girls on The Run International. An investment in Girls on the Run supports curriculum enrichment & development so that lessons remain relevant to today’s girls and the issues they face. Additionally, the funds go towards training coaches and furthers a commitment to access & inclusion in order for all girls to have the opportunity to understand and activate their limitless potential.

“Our sorority mission statement is ‘Empowered women empowering women,’” Sesker said. “We believe that empowering women starts at a young age and that this program caters to girls at a vulnerable time in their lives where they get the skills and confidence to live as strong girls and foster healthy relationships. This helps us build strong girls that turn into wonderful women. We feel privileged to be able to support this cause and live out our values in a practical way and for a cause that each and every one of us women feels passionate about.”
Chores take up most of the mornings and afternoons for the workers. Ashlyn Grogan, senior in animal science, gives the mares food and fresh hay to start off the day. In addition, she gives medications to the horses that need it, puts hay in each stall, cleans out the stalls and gives them fresh food and water. Overall morning chores usually take around four hours.

Senior Ashlyn Grogan checks the monitor as the class does ultrasounds on mares. Grogan advises the class and works for the barn. “I’m not really sure what I’m doing after college,” says Grogan. “Working at a place like this would be pretty nice to start with, though.”

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