When & why does ISU cancel class?

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All classes were canceled at Iowa State Tuesday and Wednesday, the first time since 2014. The university met the weather criteria to do so, but many students don’t know, or understand, what those criteria are.

Class cancellations were originally implemented from 5 p.m. Tuesday to noon Thursday due to a wind chill advisory in effect during those times. When the wind chill advisory was extended through 6 a.m. Tuesday, the university made the decision to cancel classes for all of Tuesday.

“We based our decision on when to close campus on the National Weather Service notice that a wind chill warning would begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday,” according to an email to students from Pam Cain, interim senior vice president for Finance and University Services. “This morning the National Weather Service announced that a wind chill warning for central Iowa would begin at 6 a.m. today instead of 6 p.m."

The National Weather Service forecasts did not change between the time of their first and second cancellation decisions, National Weather Service meteorologist Andrew Ansorge said.

“Our forecasts have stayed the same since Sunday,” Ansorge said. “They have been accurate and up to date as of now.”

While there were no changes in temperature forecasts, National Weather Service meteorologist Allan Curtiss said the wind chill advisory might have been extended to reflect temperatures falling slightly faster than expected.

Basketball may be an American-based sport, but it’s long since become an international game of choice.

That’s never been more evident than with the growth of basketball around the world. Thanks in large part to the internet and social media, basketball, particularly the NBA and WNBA, has experienced a major surge in popularity. Among those benefiting from that surge are American college basketball teams, including the Iowa State Cyclones.

Higher interest in basketball internationally has meant more players, and more players has meant a wider talent pool, which Iowa State is certainly benefiting from.

As it stands, there are currently four players from international backgrounds on Iowa State’s roster: seniors Bridget Carleton of Canada and Inès Nezerwa of Burundi, junior Adriana Camber of Sweden and sophomore Lauren Mills of Australia.

The Cyclones have benefited from international recruiting and the increased global popularity of basketball. But, how does an international player end up in Ames?

FIRST CONTACT

As it turns out, the coaching staff doesn’t really have a set strategy when it comes to international recruitment.

Actually, according to the staff, the fact that there are so many international players on the team right now is by pure coincidence. You won’t find staff members scouring the globe trying to have the next big prospect to Ames, and you won’t find them looking for hidden gems around the world.

With methods of communication becoming more advanced and basketball becoming a more international sport, however, the pool of players that could be a potential fit with the team has never been wider. And like any other team trying to win and build a culture, the Cyclones are more than happy to do their due diligence.

“I think there’s more (international players) that want to come to the states. It used to be that a lot of
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Data-driven decisions

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The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) and Iowa State researchers are working together to make traveling more safe for drivers on the road.

By combining resources, technology and brain power, the group has made efforts to make drivers aware of what is to come on their journeys.

Iowa State researchers involved in this work are led by Neal Hawkins, associate director of the Institute for Transportation; Anuj Sharma, an associate professor of civil, construction and environmental engineering and a research scientist for InTrans; and Skylar Knickerbocker, a research engineer for InTrans. They are working with the DOT to develop the following ideas.

Traffic Incident Management

Enabled by large data innovations, also known as TIMELI, involves Iowa State researchers who use computers to scan camera feeds and sensor data. By doing so, they can identify traffic problems and quickly alert DOT staff.

This project will help find better ways to identify traffic problems.

“We receive a lot of data; this requires using machine learning and other high-performance machines,” Sharma said. “We find out what different things can be done for safety applications to essentially put out good messages on the road so that people are aware of any slow downs happening in front of them. We essentially are in control of not just purely informing drivers but also making policies at the DOT.”

DOT and ISU research to benefit drivers

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Student Government canceled their weekly meeting due to the unsafe weather conditions Wednesday.

Due to the university-wide cancellation of classes, the meeting scheduled for Wednesday was canceled Monday evening. Speaker Cody Woodruff said this is the first time he can remember a Student Government meeting being canceled for any reason, weather or otherwise.

“I’d guess it’s been years since it was canceled previously, regardless of cause,” Woodruff said.

On the agenda for the meeting was a bylaw change to clarify the impeachment process for the Election Commission and a funding bill for Chabad on Campus, a student organization that provides a traditional Jewish experience and a home away from home for Jewish students and the student body as a whole, to bring a Holocaust survivor to campus March 4.

Though the cancellation will push bills and funding requests back a week, Woodruff said there are no items on the agenda that are time sensitive, and if a time sensitive item does come up, Student Government will work on a contingency to be certain students are not affected.

“What will likely happen is that everything will just get delayed by a week,” Woodruff said. “We’ll probably wait until the next meeting on Feb. 6 to vote on the bills we would’ve this week.”

For more information or to contact your senator, visit stugov.iastate.edu. The senate meetings are open to the public at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the Campanile Room of the Memorial Union.

Discovering the magic behind ‘Disney magic’

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Lee Cockerell, former executive vice president of Operations for the Walt Disney World Resort, was speaking about hospitality and management Thursday in the Memorial Union.

Cockerell’s lecture titled, “Creating Disney Magic: Lessons in Leadership, Management, and Customer Service,” will be at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall.

Cockerell has had several executive positions in hospitality, management, entertainment and customer service excellence.

Before becoming the executive vice president of operations for the Walt Disney World Resort, Cockerell was a college drop out and climbed up the ranks for Hilton Hotels for eight years and the Marriott Corporation for 17 years, according to his website.

While working for Walt Disney World Resort for about a decade, Cockerell managed 40,000 cast members.

Cockerell’s most lasting impact on the Walt Disney World Resort was his creation of Disney Great Leader Strategies and is used to train nearly 7,000 leaders at the resort, according to his website.

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Cockerell is also the author of many books, his titles include, “Creating Magic,” “Career Magic,” “Time Management Magic” and “The Customer Rules.”

The Golden Chain Award and the Excellence in Production Operations Management and Leadership are a select few of the awards Cockerell has received, according to his website.

The lecture is part of the 2018-19 Helen LeBaron Endowed Chair Lecture Series and is hosted by the Department of Apparel, Events and Hospitality Management.

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StuGov Senate bills delayed due to inclement weather

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COURTESY OF CHRISTOPHER GANNON/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

The Iowa DOT does research with Iowa State to evaluate road conditions and the most efficient ways to plow and maintain roads during the winter weather.

COURTESY OF GETTY IMAGES

The Iowa DOT has plow camera photos that show the roads every few minutes from the plow drivers front window.
The government shutdown, though temporarily ended, postponed President Trump’s State of the Union address from Tuesday to Feb. 5. Trump agreed to move the address after he and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi exchanged a series of letters, in which Pelosi cited security concerns and unpaid security workers as reasons for postponement.

In the absence of Trump’s originally scheduled address, the Daily reached out to members of Iowa State’s political science faculty to get their assessment of the current state of the union.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

After the recent events that led up to a 35-day partial government shutdown—the longest in U.S. history—Trump has seen his approval ratings reach 37 percent in the most recent Gallup poll, their lowest point in nearly a year.

The government shutdown, fueled by disagreement behind funding for a proposed $5.7 billion border wall, left 800,000 federal workers without a paycheck for the duration of the shutdown, and nearly a million federal contractors will not receive back-pay, even after the shutdown ended.

The shutdowns could continue if no funding deal is met by Feb. 15, the date the current funding measure has opened the government until.

U.S. ECONOMY

The Trump Administration boasts a record-low unemployment according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, continuing the downward trend since 2010.

“This is consistent with what Trump said he would do,” said Mack Shelley, the Iowa State political science chair. “[However,] some things he promised aren’t really achievable, like bringing back all the jobs in coal. That’s something our economy isn’t going to successfully incorporate.”

Shelley commented on the increasing federal deficit, which is projected to take on an additional $985 billion in debt for the current fiscal year. He said primarily cutting taxes for the higher classes contributed to the inflated deficit.

“The Trump tax cuts were sort of a bait for decreasing the deficit,” Shelley said. “The highest-earning recipients of the tax plan don’t necessarily contribute that money back into the economy.”

Shelley pointed out the United States saw a higher gross domestic product (GDP) under the Trump Administration, around 3.5 percent.

“The annual growth rate is relatively high,” Shelley said. “But it’s still lower than other countries. China’s GDP is slowing, but it’s still around 6 percent.”

U.S. TRADE RELATIONS

However, an ongoing “trade war” between China and the U.S. has hurt the Chinese economy. “The Chinese economy is doing pretty poorly,” said Jonathan Hashid, a China policy expert at Iowa State. “Its banking system is a mess and they’ve been taking on a lot of debt.”

THE STATE OF OUR UNION

Trade, economy among defining issues in U.S.
Shutdown not an abuse of power
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As of writing this, the government has been shutdown for a total of 35 days — the longest government shutdown in history, trumping the 1995 to 1996 shutdown when then-president Bill Clinton shut down the government for 21 days over a budget dispute. Many people around the country have been asking themselves: Did President Donald Trump abuse his power to attempt to get what he wants, which is a $5.7 billion to begin construction on a border wall between America and Mexico? Was Trump justified in his action and at the end of the 35 days, and who should concede?

On the one hand, this is not uncommon practice for presidents. For example, Jimmy Carter shutdown the government five times during the span of 1977-79 and Ronald Reagan shut down the government eight times during his presidency.

It’s completely reasonable for the president to shut down the government due to a disagreement between Congress and himself because, as POTUS, the will of the president is the will of the people. What he fights for should represent what the majority of Americans desire, and therefore is perfectly justified in doing whatever it takes to get his way.

On the other hand, the shutdown undoubtedly had a negative effect on America as a whole, especially as it prolonged.

For federal workers, the negative effects manifest in furloughs, which impacted 900,000 workers.

If the workers are considered necessary, such as the Secret Service, the TSA and the Department of Homeland Security, they work without pay throughout the duration of the shutdown.

They then get paid retroactively when the shutdown is resolved. National parks are at great risk of vandalism, illegal camping and damage to park resources with most of the staff being furloughed. On the national scale, the U.S. lost $11 billion dollars.

President Trump had every right and reason to shut down the government and is not abusing his power, simply exploiting a political loophole. From the facts, however, it is clear the partial government shutdown harmed federal workers and the nation.

Trump stated he will not reopen the government simply to discuss border wall funding.

“If I'm not interested, Trump said in response to Lindsey Graham. "I want to get it solved, I don't want to just delay it. I want to get it solved.”

From this, we can infer that when the temporary opening ends, he will be expecting his money. The Democrats in the house were also not budging when it came to funding the border wall. This stalemate is only going to end one way, someone is going to have to have to give in. I believe the party to cave should be Congress.

Trump sees illegal immigration as a crisis and, according to a poll conducted by Quinnipiac University, 54 percent of voters would agree with Trump, meaning that it should not only be Trump’s right, but his duty, to do whatever it takes to attempt a solution to the problem.

Campus closure prioritizes safety

In advance of Iowa State’s decision to cancel classes both Tuesday and Wednesday, many students were checking their phones or watching the news dreading the upcoming week.

Temperatures were predicted to be so low that students were to stay outside for more than a few minutes — like having to trek across campus — frostbite would set in.

On Monday, the University of Iowa was the first to cancel classes beginning 5 p.m. Tuesday to noon Thursday. Iowa State soon followed suit in closing campus, except for essential departments such as snow and ice removal, food services and maintenance, from 5 p.m. Tuesday to noon on Thursday.

Tuesday morning, many students woke up to discover that Iowa State had also canceled classes entirely for that day.

Iowa State was right to cancel classes. If they had not, many students would have likely skipped their classes or risked the cold for the sake of attendance and therefore putting themselves in danger of frostbite and severe cold.

While it is huge for the university to cancel classes — the last time recorded being 2014 — Iowa State should build in more ability for professors and students to opt out of classes when the weather is severe. Why is it that it took many inches of snow, icy roads and negative degree temperatures for weeks to finally cancel classes?

While the weather hasn’t been as bad this week, there still have been days where 8 a.m. classes or late labs were hard to get to and leave from, especially for those who drive, ride the bus, walk or bike. Being in Iowa, the profs should build in excused absence policies especially for students who have a long commute to campus or would have to put themselves at risk to go to class.

That being said, students, “snow days” should not be treated like a weekend or a day full of drinking. Use this opportunity to catch up on schoolwork and relax, rather than putting yourself at risk by going out or ignoring the work that got pushed back due to the inclement weather.

Thank you, Iowa State, for prioritizing student and faculty safety. However, the ISD Editorial Board encourages you to use this opportunity to re-evaluate inclement weather policies as a polar vortex so severe it shuts down campus should not be the only thing standing between attendance and student and faculty safety.
Cyclones break 100 points again

Carleton breaks records, Scott continues to excel

BY JACK SHOVER
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No. 23 Iowa State defeated Texas Tech 105-66 Tuesday. With the win, Iowa State sits at third in the Big 12 with a 6-3 record.

Against Texas Tech, Iowa State eclipsed 100 points for the second time this season, Bridget Carleton continued to climb up the record books and Kristi Scott continued her efficient offensive scoring.

ISO BREAKS 100 FOR 2ND TIME

Earlier in the Big 12 slate, Iowa State was able to defeat Oklahoma at home 104-78 for the first time Iowa State scored 100-plus points for the season.

Against Texas Tech, Iowa State’s 105 point effort is tied for seventh for the most ever scored by the Cyclones. The most and Iowa State team has ever scored was in 1976 when the Cyclones were able to score 115 points versus Central. With the amount of points Iowa State scored, the team’s season scoring average moved from 80.9 to 82.0 points per game average.

The jump moves Iowa State from No. 13 nationally in scoring average to No. 10.

The Iowa State record for points scored average in a season is 79.9, which was set in 2000.

RECRUITMENT

No player ever has the exact same recruit, but Iowa State’s coaches generally follow a similar script when they begin the recruiting process with international players.

“You start on Facebook or any other social media platform when you talk to a foreign player, said assistant coach Billy Fennelly. ‘And then you start exchanging film because it costs so much money to go over there.’

Such was the case when it came to the recruitment of players like Adriana Camber and Mills who were both initially contacted by Iowa State via Facebook.

Camber’s recruitment in Sweden actually began because of a relationship with her high school coach, who previously worked with Billy Fennelly at the University of Maryland.

Camber was an accomplished player in Sweden before Iowa State, winning several accolades with multiple different club teams. She parlayed this into becoming a member of Sweden’s national team, and ultimately earned a five-star rating from one of Europe’s top-rated recruiting services.

Though Camber had been to the United States on a vacation to the east coast, she knew nothing about the place she’d soon call home.

“I had no clue about Ames,” Camber said.

“I didn’t know Iowa State was a school, and I couldn’t point out Iowa on a map.”

Mills was in that same boat, but she too aspired to come to America for collegiate basketball, especially after hearing from past teammates about what a good experience it was.

What specifically made Mills unique was the fact that she excelled in not just basketball, but also another sport called netball, which shares similarities to basketball and has traditional similarities, but is ultimately much different in style.

“It’s definitely a bit more stagnant compared to basketball,” Mills said.

“My position was due in large part because of the relationship that she established with Billy Fennelly and the staff. Sometimes, prospects never even visit at all, essentially making a life-changing decision based solely on their own research, in addition to what they’ve heard from coaches. If a school is fortunate enough to get a visit, a good-first impression is critical, because they likely won’t get another opportunity.

“The initial thing is getting them and their families to a point where they’re comfortable,” Bill Fennelly said.

“This is especially important, because coaches and players know that most international prospects, at least those not from North America anyway, won’t get many chances to go home once they’re enrolled in college.

A SECOND HOME

The coaching staff’s main focus throughout the visit is ensuring family members that their daughter will be in good hands at Iowa State. Sure, they emphasize the program’s points of pride: the Sukup Basketball complex, the weight-facility, the tradition of success, etc., but the crux of the visit usually comes down to the same basic tenants:

“A player will get a chance to play high-level basketball, they’ll get a quality education, and they’ll feel safe and welcome on the team and on the campus,” Fennelly said of his kids that are already here,” Billy Fennelly said.

“We ask a lot of our kids that are here and we recruit a certain type of kid. All of our kids are great and come from great families, and it’s comforting to know the kind of girls that (international recruits) are going to be around.”

What also helps matters for recruiting international kids, according to Bill Fennelly, is the fact that those types of players don’t have any preconceived notions when it comes to college basketball.

Where top U.S. prospects may feel obligated to go to a traditional powerhouse program, such as UConn, Notre Dame or Stanford, Bill Fennelly said international prospects tend to be more grateful just for the opportunity to play college basketball.

When no bias exists, it puts Iowa State in an even playing field and gives them a foot in the door they may not have otherwise had.

From there, it’s all about outstanding other schools when it comes to maintaining relationships, which Billy Fennelly and the staff have certainly done with their recruits.

“Things were different from (Iowa State),” said Nezerwa. “From the first time they talked to me, they worked hard. I came to visit and I loved the place.”

Carleton and Camber also committed after visiting the campus and getting a tour of the facility, with Camber actually committing during her visit on the spot. Some don’t even need that much, as was the case with Mills, who committed before ever actually seeing the campus in person.

What it all comes back to is those relationships.

“There’s a comfort level for (international players) and their families,” Bill Fennelly said.

“Personally and academically, you’re going to be taken care of.”

That’s the heart of the coaching staff pitch to their kids. And following through on that promise is why when an international recruit commits to the Cyclones, it’s rare to ever see them leave.
The concept is a sign of the times. Schedules have only become more frenzied and every part of life has become planned. The industry has shifted to releasing music in the forms of extended playlists or singles. It is more efficient and economically fruitful for these artists to release a few songs every year and have fans listen to them religiously than to release a full-length album and have half of the songs ignored in favor of the singles.

Long gone are the days of buying a compact disc and listening to a full album. In the digital age where streaming is king, short, well-timed releases of a few songs are more beneficial for artists in creating interest.

Smallpools, who recently visited Ames in October for KURE Fest, have mastered the art of releasing their music in small batches. In the days of vinyl records and Sony’s Walkman, this would have spelled commercial disaster for a band. But in today’s world, bands can still retain a loyal fanbase that will always be hungry for more by releasing 4–8 song EPs. Smallpools, despite only having one album, has garnered an insatiable fanbase simply by keeping a steady stream of releases going.

Looking back, bands and artists have taken a variety of avenues in releasing their music. The most memorable of the 21st century come from the form of Wu-Tang Clan’s “Once Upon A Time in Shaolin,” and Radiohead’s pay-what-you-want model for their 2007 album “In Rainbows.”

Wu-Tang Clan made headlines in 2015 for secretly recording a double album that would be sold to the highest bidder. Radiohead’s “In Rainbows” campaign paid dividends for the band when they announced fans would be able to buy their album for whatever they wanted pay. The strategy led to “In Rainbows” being their most successful album at the time.
Hassid noted the trade war began at an opportune time for the United States.

"A lot of people, including myself, have been predicting the fall of the China-led export economy," Hassid said. "Tactically, it was a clever idea to go at [China] during this time, but alienating China could lead to some negative effects."

Hassid also said that the tariffs were having mixed effects in the United States. They benefit domestic steel companies, but hurt companies who relied on cheaper imported steel for their products.

"[U.S.] Steel makers are happy with this deal," Hassid said, "but it’s a loss for everyone who uses steel [and must produce at higher costs]. We can keep squeezing China, but they could retaliate in many ways."

Hassid says we’re already seeing this among American soybean farmers, who relied on exporting their yields to China for profit. China is relying on Canada, Argentina and other countries for soybeans instead. However, Hassid said that the tariffs are hurting China’s economy more than the United States.

Hassid said that even though the U.S. is winning the trade war, it would still be in our best interest to work cooperatively with China.

NEW INTERVENTIONS

China isn’t the only country the U.S. has mixed trade relations with. Venezuela is one of the United States’ leading oil suppliers, and they continue to be encumbered by U.S. sanctions. The Trump Administration and nearly every country in the western hemisphere don’t recognize Nicolas Maduro as the rightful President of Venezuela.

"Venezuela has been gradually moving towards an authoritarian regime," said Amy Erica Smith, an associate professor of political science and Latin America expert at Iowa State. “Maduro’s re-election was widely perceived as fraudulent."

Mexico, Uruguay and Bolivia are the only countries in the western hemisphere that don’t recognize Juan Guaido as the rightful interim President. Mexico, Uruguay and most of Europe support further diplomatic actions. Bolivia joins Russia, China and Turkey in supporting Maduro.

Guaido is the President of the Venezuela National Assembly, a position akin to Pelosi as America’s Speaker of the House. Smith said that Guaido is next in line for the presidency since most of the world views Maduro’s re-election as a sham.

"Venezuela is very close to becoming a failed state," Smith said. "The economy has completely collapsed in the last 20 years. Around 10 percent or more of its population have become refugees and people are starving there."

Smith said that the U.S. could not stand idly by and not condemn Maduro’s atrocities, but she doesn’t think the U.S. should play a hand in regime change.

"The U.S. is accompanied by the most pro-democracy countries in the world in condemning Maduro," Smith said. "But it would not be acceptable for the U.S. to intervene militarily. That would really hurt the people of Venezuela."

The U.S. has a long history of intervention in South America, which includes backing coups in countries like El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala and practically every country in the region.

"The U.S. has a history of foreign policy meddling in South America, including in Venezuela," Smith said.

Because of this violent history, Smith doesn’t think the U.S. should back an armed opposition to Maduro.

"Nobody wants a military intervention," Smith said. "Most people are hoping the military will pull support from Maduro. There’s already cracks forming, but the upper ranks are still on Maduro’s side."

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