Global markets face massive uncertainty

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Crop prices, the Iowa economy and global markets face massive uncertainty as trade negotiations between China and the United States have reached their deadline, kicking off a trade war that currently has no end in sight.

The United States has put a 25 percent tariff on $34 billion of goods from China because of a perceived trade imbalance between the two nations. Tariffs are essentially taxes on goods sold or manufactured from another country, and, as a result, tariffs make those goods more expensive and decreasing consumer demand.

President Donald Trump has also implemented aluminum and steel tariffs on Canada, the European Union and Mexico, a move that could have ripple effects on trade in other areas.

As a result, Canada imposed retaliatory tariffs on over 80 U.S. goods worth CADB 16.6 billion and, Mexico imposed $8 billion in tariffs on pork, apples, potatoes, bourbon and various cheeses.

Chad Hart, associate professor of economics for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Iowa State, said the talk of tariffs began in January of this year, and since then, the markets have been preparing for potential damages.

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A recent initiative from the Iowa State student government to create a “Tree of Oppression,” which represents the macro and micro aggressions against marginalized students on campus, has garnered mixed reactions from the community.

Iowa State student body president Julian Neely says the tree will increase awareness of students being marginalized.

“The Tree of Oppression project started last year as an idea from diversity and inclusion,” Neely said. “We wanted to talk about the groups and identities that are still being marginalized today. We usually host town halls with people who are already aware of these issues but this tree will bring the conversation to everyone.”

The tree features multicolored chains as well as a sign posted in front of it explaining the chains significance.

“This tree represents the countless identities that face oppression on campus each day. Each color represents a different identity waiting to break the chains of bondage,” according to the sign.

Neely said the sign contains contact information for students to give their feedback in addition to the opportunity to meet with members of student government diversity and inclusion to talk about campus improvements.

While many are seeing the tree as a welcome addition to campus, the initiative has had some negative feedback too.

“The Student Government, Iowa State University allocated $1,000 of student/taxpayer money to the Diversity and Inclusion Committee to go towards a “Tree of Oppression,” said the The Iowa Federation of College Republicans said in a Facebook post. “This tree is supposed to help students understand and internalize the oppressive acts experienced by various marginalized groups on campus.”

How much longer will taxpayers allow our public universities to teach an entire generation that we’re victims?”

Iowa State College Republicans added their thoughts on the tree in their own facebook post, “the only oppressed groups on campus are those who are conservative; everything else is #FakeNews!”

These comments come after a recent study was completed on campus to gauge the campus climate. In the survey, 19 percent of respondents reported experiencing exclusionary, intimidating, offensive or hostile conduct on campus.

Thirty percent of those respondents who experienced this conduct believed it was because of their gender identity. Twenty-one percent felt it was based on their race or ethnicity.

Twenty-nine percent of survey respondents observed conduct directed toward a person or group of people on campus which they believe created an exclusionary, intimidating, offensive and/or hostile working or learning environment at Iowa State within the last year.

The report showed some of these sentiments were felt towards conservatives on campus with one respondent saying, “Politically conservative students are often afraid to speak about their views because liberal students often call us ‘racist, sexist, etc.’ for simply disagreeing with their ideas.”

When reached out to for comment, the Iowa State College Republicans said they “stand by the statements made by the Iowa Federation of College Republicans.”

Neely said he has heard people telling him to stop playing the victim but has also seen people “very happy it is on campus.”

“At the end of the day it is there to create a conversation, and people are happy about that,” Neely said. “People realize it isn’t okay to keep shoving these things under the rug. We have had people disagree with it, and we expected to see that. I have a feeling we will hear a lot more feedback when students come back to campus.”

When it comes to the comment from College Republicans, Neely said student government is a non-partisan group and is focused on serving and representing students rather than a political entity.

“People from all backgrounds, political beliefs and socioeconomic status voted on this, we do not discriminate regarding anyone’s political belief,” Neely said.

Despite these different backgrounds, Neely said the legislation was able to pass student government on a 20-1-1 vote.
Homeowners may see relief from negative impacts resulting from a recent rental cap ordinance as the City Council has its second passage of a list of exemptions.

The Tuesday meeting starts at 6 p.m. at Ames City Hall.

The rental cap that was passed limits the number of rental properties in neighborhoods near campus to 25 percent. On October 27, 2017, City Council created a moratorium on all new rental properties close to the Iowa State campus to prevent people from starting rental properties in anticipation of the cap.

The exemptions were proposed as a result of concerns on the council that the rental cap could cause financial harms to Ames residents who had wanted to rent out their property but hadn’t gone through with it by the time the moratorium had passed.

The first pathway would allow for people to obtain a Letter of Compliance, the document required to rent out your property, within six months following an initial inspection to check if the property is compliant with housing codes.

If a property owner has not obtained an LoC within six months, the property registration shall expire and may not be renewed or reapplied. If a property owner makes their home compliant within six months, they will be given 12 months to show proof that they are renting it out.

The property owner must have owned the property as of October 27, 2017 and the property must be the primary residence of the property owner as of the date of application. These application must be filed by September 1, 2018.

There was an additional qualification for exemption that was criticized by some on the council.

At the June 26 City Council meeting, Ward one representative Gloria Betcher proposed an amendment that would have let people who wanted to rent out their homes for extended periods of time. Betcher said, “I do not feel confident we know what we are actually asking for. It is all too ambiguous.”

Ward Three representative David Martin agreed, saying it would open up a box and allow for a very specific set of people to be exempt. Martin also noted that the council didn’t know the complete impacts as the council only knew the number of open building permits but the ordinance would also apply to closed building permits which the council did not have information on.

Despite these concerns, the council decided to move forward with the ordinance unchanged and told staff to find the number of closed and open building permits that were given between the dates of Oct. 28, 2016, and Oct. 27, 2017.

The second pathway to exemption was aimed at helping people who had a financial hardship as a result of trying to sell their homes for extended periods of time. The requirements for this exemption are as follows:

The property must be adjacent to rental properties on three sides, or the equivalent of three sides. The property can also qualify if it is adjacent to two rental properties in case of “unusual geography.” The property must have been purchased or under a purchase agreement by the current owner prior to October 27, 2017. The property has been offered and advertised for a minimum nine consecutive months with a licensed realtor prior to the application for hardship. Offers to purchase the property which have been declined must be disclosed, and an appraisal prepared by a licensed appraiser for the value of the dwelling that also includes comparable sales within the appraisal.

The original purchase price and date of purchase. The ordinance originally included the disclosure of the current mortgage balance but this was stricken with a motion from Martin as it would be “addressing the individual rather than the situation.”

A home inspection report describing the condition of the property must be provided as well as Rental Housing Code pre-inspection and cost estimate for compliance with the Rental Housing code.

City Council discusses Rental Cap exemptions. At-Large representative Amber Corrieri is not present.

**April 21, 2017:** Governor signs bill that restricts cities from limiting making rental laws based “upon the existence of familial or nonfamilial relationships between the occupants of such rental property.”

**Jan., 9 2018:** City council approves new rental occupancy ordinance, restricting the number of people in a rental property. This ordinance was specifically drafted to avoid conflict with the Iowa legislature’s decision.

**July 10, 2018:** Second passage of rental cap exemptions that reduce stress on those negatively impacted by the May 22 rental ordinance.

**Oct. 27, 2017:** City of Ames places a moratorium to stop all new rental properties in neighborhoods near campus.

**May 22, 2018:** Rental cap ordinance passes, limiting the number of rental properties in neighborhoods near campus to 25 percent.
Space Force is overzealous solution

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Over half a century after the United States sent its first man into space, President Donald Trump wants a more powerful, and overzealous, military presence in the starry skies. On June 18, he directed the Pentagon to establish a sixth military branch, the so-called Space Force, to ensure American dominance past our atmosphere.

The Space Force would be carved out of the Air Force and would be “separate but equal,” according to President Trump. Talking numbers, this new force would require more than 300,000 people and a budget of about $150 billion.

Hold your galactic horses, though. An executive order won’t be carried out without authorization from Congress, therefore, it may be a while before any formal decision is made.

This Space Force may not be what you’re thinking of. There are no plans to send a horde of space infantry to fight alongside Elon Musk’s Tesla Riders.

However, our current dependence on space to house our vulnerable satellites is a real issue. The U.S. military depends on satellites including intelligence, communications, surveillance, navigation and even homing technology. That is a lot of dependence on objects floating around without much protection.

Satellites’ vulnerability can be showcased by the success of anti-satellite weapons (ASATs) tested by China, the United States and Russia. Each of these countries has destroyed one of its own orbiting satellites with these new weapons. While not an immediate threat, it may be important if the Space Force takes off (literally).

Just because we can implement weapons in space to flex our dominance does not mean we should.

The Cold War between Russia and the United States was a prime example of weaponization creating world tension. If a Space Force is implemented, we can anticipate Russian and Chinese countermeasures to show off their firepower.

Who exactly are we attempting to protect? The United States does not own space, and other countries make just as much use of it as we do. Space is a neutral territory, and there is no urgency to prove dominance in space just because we can.

It is also essential to address U.S. Defense Secretary James Mattis and his thoughts on the formation of a Space Force in an official memo to the Committee on Armed Services.

"I propose creation of a new military service and additional organizational layers at a time when we are focused on reducing overhead and integrating joint warfighting functions," Mattis said.

Rather than integrating our military into space, we should continue to integrate space into our military.

But in the end, it isn’t hard to believe that a space military will be developed in the future. The world’s interest in space exploration has become hungrier than ever, and the Space Force will be there to protect it.

But what is next in space exploration? NASA is planning to add to its own army of robots on the Mars as they send machines to study the planet’s interior and look for signs to investigate resources that may someday allow astronauts to set foot on the fourth planet in our solar system.

The future of humankind may be drastically affected if Mars can sustain humans other than the Matt Damon. Our information and knowledge of space are rapidly increasing, and a new phase of exploration is on the rise. As matters in space become more competitive, precautionary measures become increasingly necessary.

A U.S. Space Force is an overzealous solution to a real problem. It is time, however, to start thinking about considerations in space. It is neutral now, but time will tell who rules it in the future.

Single sport specialization is risky

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Getting kids involved in sports at an early age is a great way to help them burn off some energy and learn some valuable life lessons.

Sports can help kids understand the value of hard work through practice and perseverance. Many sports also help kids learn how to be team players, which can help them immensely in the real world.

Playing sports also has its drawbacks, though; injuries are often a part of any athlete’s experience. Additionally, sports are costly and can be too much of a financial burden for some families.

Kids often grow up hearing that pro athletes specialize in one sport the entire year. However, kids don’t realize how risky sports specialization is.

Athletes specializing in single sports from an early age are especially wracked with injuries and increased financial burdens with highly skilled competition, in addition to a high risk of burnout.

From an early age, I started playing tennis and that was what my entire childhood was focused on. There were also two other kids I grew up playing tennis with and we happened to end up playing on the same high school tennis team together.

We all started on the varsity team during our freshman year and our team had a successful season due to the depth we had. It was not common for freshmen to make the varsity team. The fact we had three of us make varsity spoke volumes to the coaches about the heights we could achieve, or so they told us.

I looked forward to the day we became seniors and reached our full potential.

Unfortunately, that day never came. None of us ended up playing tennis during our senior year.

My friends that I grew up playing tennis with got burned out and quit before their junior year. I sustained an overuse injury that prevented me from playing for the last half of my junior year and made me decide not to play my senior year.

We all had similar backgrounds: We only played tennis, our parents both played tennis and we started at an early age.

Some might see that as a recipe for success, however, it proved to be more of a recipe for disaster.

“Athletes who specialized in one sport were twice as likely to report previously sustaining a lower-extremity injury while participating in sports (46 percent) than athletes who did not specialize (24 percent),” according to a 2015-2016 National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) study.

I understand the desire to be exceptional at something. In the short term, it makes sense to devote all of your attention to that one activity. However, in the long run it’s important to take breaks to avoid some of those potential drawbacks.

An alternative to single sport specialization is getting involved in multiple sports. When playing multiple sports, you add variety to your routine and no need for the overuse injuries and burnout that comes with.

We need to promote the benefits of playing multiple sports and taking breaks from sports training so that kids won’t have to suffer through the potential physical and or mental breakdowns that come with single sport specialization from an early age.

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Iowa State wrestling preview: 197 pounds

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Iowa State boosted its 197-pound weight with the addition of Willie Miklus this summer. Outside of Miklus, though, the Cyclones are fairly inexperienced.

Willie Miklus

Miklus, a Missouri transfer and Southeast Polk graduate, instantly improved the Iowa State roster with his presence.

Miklus finished 25-6 last season for Missouri, was a Junior World Team member, a Fargo All-American, a Pan-Am gold medalist and has two national championships to his name. The Iowa native is a two-time state champion and 2016 state champion should see more action in duals this season.

Joe Teague

Teague was 7-8 last year with a 1-2 dual record. Teague’s lone dual win came via a 5-1 decision over Arizona State’s Connor Small.

In 2016-17, Teague also saw action in three duals, going 1-2. With Miklus holding down the 197-pound spot, Teague likely won’t see much action in duals.

Kaden Sauer

Sauer went 2-0 in his redshirt season. His two wins came in the Cyclone Open with a 1-2 technical fall over Grand View’s Zac Stork and a pin of Truman State’s Will Tieland in 4:38.

The Dowling Catholic graduate finished second at the state tournament in his senior year and seventh in his junior year. Sauer doesn’t have much mat time in college, but the redshirt freshman should have another season to build experience through tournaments.

Tyler Buesgens

Buesgens finished fifth in the 182-pound Minnesota state championship this spring after a third-place finish his junior year of high school. Buesgens also finished second at the USAW Folkstyle Nationals, bumping up to 195-pounds.

Buesgens will likely redshirt in the fall.

Hunter Dejong

Dejong enters Iowa State with a handful of accolades to his name. The Iowa native is a two-time Fargo All-American, a Pan-Am gold medalist and a Junior World Team member.

Dejong will be an important piece for Iowa State as a redshirt this season. With Andersen and Gremmel on the roster, Dejong can spend as many as 45 days with the Oklahoma City Blue for much of the season. The rest of the time must be spent in the G-League.

Heavyweight

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After news broke of Marcus Harrington’s decision to forgo his senior season of collegiate eligibility at Iowa State, the Cyclones were left with little depth at heavyweight.

Kevin Dresser added a heavyweight recruit in October and he plucked another Southeast Polk graduate in Oklahoma State transfer Ethan Andersen.

Gannon Gremmel

The two-time Fargo National Champion and 2016 state champion should see more action in duals this season.

As a redshirt freshman, Gremmel went 19-7 with a 0-1 record in his only dual match. Gremmel finished third at the Cyclone Open, won the UNI Open and added a pair of second-place finishes at the Sioux City Dave Edmonds Open and the Willie Myers Open.

In April, Gremmel made some noise in freestyle. After cruising to the finals at the U.S. Open, Gremmel fell behind 8-0, but rebounded, finishing the match with 16 unanswered points.

In May, Gremmel wrestled Minnesota’s Gable Stevenson in a best two-of-three format for a spot on the U.S. Junior World Team. Gremmel fell short, losing in two matches.

Looking ahead to the 2019-19 season, Gremmel will be a strong candidate to compete at Iowa State’s heavyweight spot.

ETHAN ANDERSEN

Andersen should compete with Gremmel for heavyweight. Last season, Andersen redshirted, finishing 10-4 in tournaments. Six of the 10 wins came through pins.

At Southeast Polk, Andersen finished with a 184-14 record with two state titles.

Francis Duggan

With Andersen and Gremmel on the roster, Duggan will likely redshirt. Duggan — an Iowa City West graduate — finished his high school career with a 3A 220-pound state title.

Duggan will benefit from a redshirt season behind Andersen and Gremmel.

Deonte Burton signs two-way deal with Oklahoma City Thunder

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Last year, four former Cyclones made NBA rosters. Three of them — Georges Niang and Naz Mitrou-Long of the Utah Jazz, and Monte Morris of the Denver Nuggets — spent time in the G-League as part of a two-way deal.

Now, a fourth Cyclone will join them in the NBA.

Deonte Burton, who played at Iowa State from 2015-17, agreed to a two-way contract with the Oklahoma City Thunder for the 2018-19 season.

This is only the second year since the NBA instituted the two-way contract, which is designed to give NBA teams up to two extra players. Those two players can spend up to 45 days with the NBA team, and the rest of the time must be spent in the G-League.

Burton will likely be with the Oklahoma City Blue for much of the season. The Thunder have one of the highest payrolls in the NBA for 2018-19 and currently have two former All-NBA forwards in Paul George and Carmelo Anthony, meaning competition at Burton’s position will likely be tough.

Burton came to Iowa State after playing two seasons at Marquette. He was part of the 2016-17 team that won the Big 12 Tournament. In his two seasons, Burton averaged 12.8 points and 5.2 rebounds per game. He started all 35 games of his senior year.

He showed up big when it mattered most, including Iowa State’s historic win at Kansas in February 2017. Burton dropped 29 points, eight rebounds and six steals in the overtime win.

In the second round of the 2017 NCAA Tournament against Purdue, Burton led all scorers with 25 points.
Sandstone cliffs one of the many beauties at Ledges

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Although Iowa is commonly thought of as flat, hidden away in Madrid lies magnificent canyons and bluffs, with sandstone ledges rising nearly 100 feet above creek beds. A 23-minute drive from Ames, Ledges State Park offers outdoor activities such as camping, boating and fishing. With four miles of steep trails, hiking is a popular activity, however access to low-lying areas is limited due to significant flooding and construction.

The DNR is working to restore the flooded areas for public use. Flooding at Ledges is common due to the nearby Des Moines River, which flows through the west side of the park. Current campground renovations are underway, and campsites will be closed for most, if not all, of 2018, according to the Iowa DNR website. Canyon Drive is also closed, but visitors are welcome to hike through the canyon. Ledges became one of Iowa’s first official state parks in 1924. Visitors can enjoy wildlife, as well as nearby bike trails.

AMENITIES:
- Boating
- Camping
- Cross-country skiing
- Equestrian Center
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Golfing
- Hiking
- Lodge
- Picnicking
- Playgrounds
- Playscape
- Shelters
- Snowmobiling
- Wildlife Exhibit

The Des Moines River is located on the western side of the park and provides opportunities for birdwatching, fishing and kayaking.

With over four miles of hiking trails, Ledges provides scenic views for amateurs and avid hikers.

Significant flooding has forced low-lying trails and parking lots be closed for motor vehicles.

With sandstone cliffs rising nearly 100 feet above creek beds, Ledges State Park is a popular hiking destination for outdoor enthusiasts, such as Nicole Kling, senior in pre-diet and exercise.

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of Chinese goods but it turned out to be closer to $55 billion," Hart said. "The other $45 billion will likely come at a later date, probably within the next month."

This slower implementation process might have been what the market needed to gain some confidence back, but Hart said the impacts might have been slightly overstated to begin with.

"The market assessed itself and said, ‘may be we pushed prices too far down,’" Hart said.

"Even trade economists who have been studying this very closely did not expect the prices to drop as much as they did earlier in the month. It seems there may have been an over-reaction, at least partially."

The $50 billion president Trump has committed to is not the full extent of what could come, in fact, Trump has proposed placing tariffs on as much as $500 billion in Chinese goods — nearly the entire sum of Chinese goods sold in the U.S.

"If we see the full $500 billion, we are talking major ramifications," Hart said. "Global consumers — not just U.S. and Chinese consumers — will feel the impacts. Basically all of the global markets, because you are talking about the two largest economies in the world, hitting each other with trade taxes that will disrupt trade flows throughout the globe. That will mean higher prices for consumers around the globe but also lower prices for producers."

Part of this global trade war, Mexico, a close agricultural trading partner and number one importer of U.S. corn and pork, could seriously impact the midwest agricultural markets.

While Mexico’s tariffs target just 1 percent of exports from the United States it is about who and where those tariffs are targeted at.

According to CNN money, 25 percent of U.S. pork exports went to Mexico last year and that has some farmers reeling.

"A lot of these negative impacts happen very quickly," Hart said. "If you are looking for positive impacts, those don’t typically come, very quickly," Hart said. "If you are looking for positive impacts, those don’t typically happen until much further down the line. The goal is for trade rules to be more equit- able."

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Here is a three month breakdown of corn commodity prices. A commodity is a raw material or agricultural product that can be bought or sold. The percentages, shown right, show the drop in price over the last three months.

Counter to this goal, China, Mexico and Canada’s motivations for targeting ag related products from the U.S. could be both political and economic, Hart said.

"By area, [soybeans] are the number one crop in the U.S., and China is the number one consumer of soybeans," Hart said.

It isn’t just about the crops, however, China could be targeting the people of the Midwest.

"China gets their soybeans from many other countries like Brazil, but the sheer amount of soybeans produced in the U.S. means China will still have to get some from the U.S.,” Hart said.

**Jan. 22, 2017:** Trump says he will begin renegotiating NAFTA with leaders of Mexico and Canada.

**May. 3, 2018:** United States demands a reduction in trade deficit by $200 billion with China.

**July 10, 2018:** Second passage of rental cap exemptions that reduce stress on those negatively impacted by the May 22 rental ordinance.

**Mar. 9, 2018:** Trump signs tariffs on all steel and aluminum imports from all countries around world.

**June 19, 2018:** Trump says United State is looking to put tariffs on $200 billion of Chinese exports and another $200 billion after that if China retaliates.