The current charges accrued by Iowa State on Title IX cases since 2016

* $47,500 in the Niesen settlement paid from state litigation fund.

State on Title IX cases since 2016

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Complaint Summaries

Niesen v. ISU
Taylor Niesen, a former Iowa State student, alleges that Iowa State violated Title IX by displaying deliberate indifference to the amount of sexual assaults in Greek residences after Niesen was sexually assaulted in a fraternity house in January 2015. Niesen took a rape kit the following day, which came back positive in the early months of 2016. The university was notified of the results and elected not to remove her assailant, according to court documents. She also claims she was subjected to extensive harassment and humiliation from the Greek community following her reporting of the assault. Iowa State settled the case for $47,500 on May 7, 2018.

Maher v. ISU
Melissa Maher, a former Iowa State student, alleges that Iowa State violated Title IX by displaying deliberate indifference in response to her sexual assault by Patrick Whetstone and that the response was unreasonable. Maher found after reporting the sexual assault, before Whetstone was convicted, that her apartment entrance was 150 feet from Whetstone's in Frederiksen Court. According to the lawsuit, Maher frequently saw her attacker, even unintentionally riding the same bus to class as Whetstone. Maher asked the university that Whetstone be removed, or she be provided with alternative housing. Maher said the university offered her temporary housing in a hotel above the MU — which she would have for approximately two weeks — emergency solo housing or space in a converted den with several students she did not know. Maher said she felt unsafe about sharing living space with strangers after she had been assaulted. The case was dismissed on Feb. 13, 2018.

Kelley v. ISU
Robinette Kelley, the former Equal Opportunity Director and Title IX Coordinator, alleges that Iowa State did not give Kelley the authority that Title IX dictates to investigate sex discrimination and sexual misconduct at Iowa State. Kelley said that Iowa State did not properly fund or staff her office, according to court documents. Kelley alleges that Iowa State limited her access to information regarding sexual assaults in Greek houses and the Greek Life student population. Kelley said she was not allowed to properly respond to instances of sexual misconduct and provide adequate resources to victims. Kelley's lawsuit alleges that she immediately noticed Title IX violations after being hired by Iowa State. Kelley said she was told to reduce her efforts to comply with Title IX. Kelley also said she faced retaliation from the university when she attempted to point out Title IX violations. Kelley was treated differently and discriminated against because she is a woman of color, adding that women of color were often hired to be seen and not heard as leaders. Kelley alleged in the court documents. Kelley is claiming wrongful termination on the grounds of retaliation, while white male colleagues who perpetrated sexual discrimination were offered buyouts and large severance packages.

That's a wrap for this week's round-up of Iowa State litigation. Stay tuned for next week's installment. Send your tips and story ideas to krambo@iowastatedaily.com.
A goat looks on as other goats graze on invasive plant species at Ada Hayden Heritage Park. The goats are form Goats on the Go, and are brought to the park to eliminate invasive plant species.
City Council votes for rental cap

BY DEVYN.LEESEON
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Ames City Council discussed a controversial rental cap proposal for neighborhoods surrounding campus and numerous zoning issues at their May 22 meeting.

The six council members passed the proposal on a 5-1 vote; At-Large Representative Amber Corrieri was the sole vote against it.

The rental cap, which limits the number of homes that can be rented out in a specific neighborhood, will affect seven neighborhoods as defined by the City of Ames: South Campus Area North (SCAN), College Creek/Old Ames Middle School, Oak-Wood-Forest, Colonial Village, Oak-Riverside, Old Edwards and Westside.

In October 2017, the City Council put a moratorium on new rental properties to preempt their decision on a later rental cap. According to the council, 42 people got their letter of compliance, the license that allows people to rent their home, before the moratorium could pass.

This moratorium was put in place with the intent of making a decision on the rental cap at a later time after public input had been given.

The Council attorney advised members to not postpone a vote on the rental cap or else they would have to extend the moratorium deadline.

Gloria Betcher, one city council member who supports the cap, said that rental properties are hurting homeowners.

“It is a hard situation for homeowners who are surrounded by rentals,” said Betcher. “The studies I have read suggest that the closer you are as a homeowner to other rental homes, the lower your property value is.”

Others, like Corrieri, say the cap has too many unknown consequences.

“When several people have hardships as a result of what we are doing here, isn’t it the markets fault,” said Ward Four Representative Chris Nelson. “Due to the moratorium and what we are doing, many people can’t sell their house, and I really struggle with that.”

The majority of the meeting was spent talking about ways they could mitigate harms to people in financially tight situations who were planning on renting out their property.

The City Council discussed three options.

The first option was to allow people to rent out their property for two years if they had been trying to sell their home, before the moratorium could pass.

Homeowners would be able to qualify for this if they had lived in Ames for a minimum of five years, the house has to be appraised and on sale for a reasonable price and the house must be adjacent to at least three rental properties or two if the “geography is unusual.”

The second option would be the same as one option but it would only allow for nine months of renting and wouldn’t require any number of adjacent rental properties.

Between these two options, council members leaned more towards the first option but said they could consider reducing the amount of time allowed to rent out a residence.

The rental cap, which limits the number of homes that can be rented out in a specific area, will affect seven neighborhoods.

Council members Tim Gartin, Amber Corrieri and Chris Nelson supported an amendment that would allow a separate definition for fiscal hardship to include people who have had their houses on the market for a shorter period of time, and they had a recent life event that has caused them to face hardship.

Members Brownyn Beatty-Hansen, Gloria Betcher and David Martin did not support the “life event” part of the amendment arguing it would cause a lack of objectiveness, and the case by case basis would undermine the idea of the cap.

Betcher used this same reasoning when arguing against the exceptions as a whole.

“With any of those exceptions, we basically are giving people permanent [letters of consent] or as permanent as they can be,” Betcher said. “At that point why bother to have the cap, because every exception would undermine the cap.”

The third option was to allow a window for any property owner to get a letter of compliance within the next six months to help grandfather in homeowners and ease the transition process.

Gartin and Beatty-Hansen said they were wary of this plan as it could be abused. To solve this, Beatty-Hansen proposed a sunset clause, a requirement that the homeowner turn their residence into a rental property by the time the letter of compliance gets renewed at risk of losing the letter, to be heard at next City Council meeting.

Ames Mayor John Haila stated that the hardship exceptions would not be grouped with the full vote, and would have public comments and a vote at the June 12 meeting.

Members of the Ames community were given time to make comment on the neighborhoods that are subject to the cap.

Sarah Conaway, an Ames resident living on Baker Street, said the neighborhood west of Lynn Avenue has 76 percent of its residents against the cap with 8 percent for it.

She proposed splitting the SCAN neighborhood west of Lynn Avenue to ensure people are being represented.

The proposal to split the SCAN North neighborhood into two districts was voted down with four members of City Council saying the cap would be compromised by splitting the two apart.

In addition to the original six neighborhoods that are part of the cap, the City Council voted to add the neighborhood west of campus between neighborhoods two and three.

One member of the “West” neighborhood supported this situation telling the Council it was “ridiculous” that all neighborhoods near campus except the closest one would be part of the cap.

The city is also considering rezoning over a section of Lincoln Way.

The rezoning changes would require businesses to change their layout with the goal of increasing efficiency and allow for long term development of businesses.

Business and property owners in the area were opposed to the changes saying that new requirements could raise business costs higher than they already are for little benefit.

The changes passed on a 4-1 vote. Betcher voted no and Nelson abstained.

The city council will convene again on June 12 at City Hall.
SANDRA LOOFT: Stepping up, stepping in

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Runandra Looft believes the new director of the Margaret Sloss Women’s Center should serve as a director, educator, advocate and adviser. Her colleagues believe she’s right for the job.

Looft, known to students, faculty and staff as Sandra, has spent time doing all but as a director at Iowa State, although that is set to change as Looft will officially be the new director of the Margaret Sloss Women’s Center on June 18.

Looft has been with Iowa State since 2010, as a lecturer of German and international studies and an academic advising coordinator in the world languages and cultures department starting in 2013, though she began with the department as an adviser in 2010. While Looft’s doctorate is in German and comparative literature, she said gender has always been a central theme of her published work.

“My own research and writing in publications are all focused on gender studies,” Looft said. “Naturally, my scholarship factored heavily into what I teach, it also factors highly into my involvement on campus.”

While Looft’s professional body of work has had a focus on gender studies, she developed her attachment to the academic segments of feminism later in her academic career, when she was in college.

“I was originally from Romania and I grew up under communist dictatorship during my childhood there and my family essentially left when the former-East Bloc collapsed,” Looft said. “So mine is, in many ways, a classic immigration story; my parents wanted a better life for us and for me, so we left at the first opportunity and ended up in Germany.”

Looft learned to speak German while living in Germany and credits her time there with her decision to pursue German cultural studies.

“For a variety of reasons, Germany, at the time, wasn’t very immigrant friendly and we couldn’t stay so my parents applied [for refugee status in Canada and New Zealand],” Looft said. “It’s very much like you apply for college acceptance, you can apply as a refugee family for countries to accept you for immigration.”

Looft, whose parents are scientists, moved to Canada with her family before finally moving to the United States when she was 16. Looft learned English while living in Canada at 10-years-old.

“I learned English the way I learned German, just by going to a regular class and not speaking English at all at first, and learning it by just being in the school system, doing ESL classes,” Looft said.

It wasn’t until Looft was attending college at Bowling Green State University in Ohio that her interest in gender studies was sparked.

“Once I started reading feminist critical theory and learning about gender theory, queer theory, all of these things that talk about identity formation and development, they also really helped me make sense of my own identity as an immigrant,” Looft said. “Once you learn about one ‘ism,’ you start to make sense of many ‘isms’ or you start to see them — they become visible to you, right?”

Looft said learning about gender equity, she began to see how national identity played such a prominent role in identity formation.

Looft lectures on women and gender studies department and leads a study abroad program in Germany for the college of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Alissa Stoehr, a sociology and women’s and gender studies professor and interim director of the Margaret Sloss Women’s Center, said she’s looking forward to working with Looft.

“I am very excited that Dr. Looft has joined the staff at the MSRWC,” Stoehr said. “She has a wide range of knowledge and experience that will lend well to the mission and values of the MSRWC.”

Stoehr moved into the role as interim director in February, 2018 after the departure of Lorraine Acker.

Looft believes her experience as an adviser in the world languages and cultures department will benefit her in her new role in which she believes listening to the needs of students is paramount.

Looft said she has goals and ideas but is deeply interested in hearing input from students, faculty and staff. She said she wants to continue the trend of the Women’s Center being open to all on campus.

The openness, intelligence and care Looft demonstrated was a common thread discussed by those who work with her.

Mark Looney, senior lecturer in German and international studies, leads the study abroad program with Looft. Looney said they are constantly shifting between helping students one-on-one with intellectual and emotional needs while also filling in educational gaps.

“I think Sandra has just excelled at that sort of multivalent, the kind of mixed bag of skills that it takes to do well in an academic setting that is really focused on students,” Looney said. “It’s not something she’s having to think about, it’s so natural for her to move from intellectual argument to compassionate understanding.”

Looney added that Looft thrives in similar situations and said her skill set will be invaluable to her new position. Looney, like many who interact with her closely, has noted her work ethic and desire to improve.

“Her goal is to do better and she’s really open to saying ‘okay, I’ve reached a place of proficiency but really what I want is mastery,’” Looney said.

Jui Larson, a community adviser and student ambassador in world languages and cultures, said she has known Looft for approximately two years.

“I ended up changing advisers within the department but I still feel I could come talk to her about anything,” Larson said. “I work in the world languages and cultures department and every time I go into work, I always pass by her office and just passing by, I’m always able to go and just kind of talk to her about things outside of academics.”

Larson said she frequently goes to Loof to book recommendations because of how avid a reader Looft is.

“She does so much more than … advising, she’s kind of just there as like a mentor and just someone that you’re able to talk to,” Larson said.

Looft is always available for advice when applying for scholarships and internships, Larson said, remarking at Loof’s ability to remember when a student had applied for something and the initiative she takes to check on the process with the student.
Minority women often face oversexualization and objectification in the media and are often typecast into roles that fit stereotypes.

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Time and time again, minority women, especially of Latina or Asian descent, are objectified and stereotyped both in the media and through direct harassment. The suffering of Asian women is especially prevalent in times of war, when they would be forced into prostitution and offered to foreign soldiers. During World War II, the term “comfort women” was used to describe the women subjected to forced prostitution under the Imperial Japanese army.

Historic events, such as the Rape of Nanking, are testimony to how brutal these Japanese soldiers were in dehumanizing women in other Asian countries.

This pattern of abuse by the Japanese during World War II was continued by Americans during the Korean War, when Korean women were often forced into prostitution — by their own government — to service American soldiers. This resulted in a large amount of orphaned, interracial children born on the Korean peninsula when America ceased active ground support.

Each and every one of these orphaned children serves to illustrate how American soldiers objectified Korean women, expressing little to no care or responsibility for the results of their actions. Many of these orphaned children grew up not knowing their fathers, and might not have had any hope of finding them if not for contemporary innovations, like DNA testing. However, the problem during the Korean War was not solely the over-sexualization of Korean women by American soldiers. It was also the betrayal of Korean women by their government. The Korean government understood that the American soldiers had a penchant for Korean women; rather than protecting their women, though, they sold them off to the Americans like slaves.

Yet neither the Korean or Japanese governments admitted to the large role they played in the dehumanization of their women — ranging from complicity to active human trafficking.

Latinas also struggle with objectification; the media has unfairly distorted the way they are seen in America, constantly sexualized in movies, magazines, advertisements and more. Rather than portraying them as regular people, they are often typecast into roles that fit stereotypes.

For example, Ugly Betty star America Ferrera revealed that she felt typecast as a Latina woman, asserting that Latinas are “relegated to hyper-sexualized objects, just to fit in...completely misrepresent[ing] her career and [herself] as a human being.”

While this problem is certainly prevalent at the celebrity level, it often alters public perception of Latinas — causing the issue to trickle down to others.

A guest contributor of The Feminist Wire, Shantyana Lledin, talks about her experience with this phenomenon in her article, “I’m Not Your Spicy Latina.” She states that she had no part in creating the image of the “spicy Latina,” but “she’s” told to fit into this subordinate role.

It’s clear that the stereotypes supported by media and other outlets had adverse effects on both Ferrera and Lledin.

The oversexualization of minority women is by no means limited to Asian and Latin women, though. Female African-American women were often raped by their masters. Native American women were often raped by European colonists. The dehumanization of minority women is historically ubiquitous.

It is the media’s responsibility to accurately represent minority groups — thus preventing these stereotypes from further developing in popular culture.

While these topics are certainly difficult to bring up, they are crucial to be aware of and understand, in order to create a future that is inclusive and fair.

Common racial fetishes in our society, such as yellow fever, are not harmless; they have often close ties to racism and dehumanization.

Oversexualization of minority women is not flattering; it is sickening.
By Spencer Suckow
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Eleven members of the Iowa State women’s track and field team competed at the NCAA West Preliminary in Sacramento, Calif., this past weekend.

When it was all said and done, two of those Cyclones punched their ticket to the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Ore., next week.

Senior Johanny Luque and junior Jasmine Staebler, each no stranger to advancing to Eugene, also earned spots in their respective fields with some impressive performances this weekend.

For Luque, this year will mark her fourth-straight NCAA Championships appearance, while Staebler advances for the second-straight year.

Luque was the first Cyclone, man or woman, to qualify for the championships this weekend with her performance in the long jump Thursday. Luque finished seventh with a wind-aided jump of 20-feet, one-inch, which she earned on her first jump of the night.

Two days later, Luque also earned the right to compete in the triple jump at nationals with a fifth-place finish in that event.

She had a big jump of 43.7 and 3-3/4-inches, which makes it the third-straight year that Luque will compete in two events at the outdoor nationals.

Luque will be looking to close out her Iowa State career with first-team All-America honors for the third-straight year.

On the track, Staebler set a personal best in the 800-meter dash en route to her second-straight appearance at the outdoor nationals. Staebler finished with a time of 2:03.71, which was good for seventh place in her event and automatically qualified her for nationals.

Staebler’s finish is made even more impressive by the fact that her heat featured four athletes who didn’t advance to the NCAA Championships.

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The Cyclones started off hot on Sunday, with nine ladies as a team on the front half, compared to four on the back nine.

Sophomore Tripp Kinney led the way for the Cyclones with an even-par 72 and finished three strokes at seven, and freshman Lachlan Barker ended his Championships run with a 2-over-par 74 and finished at 5.

Senior Denzel Ieremia ended his Iowa State career with a 3-over-par 75 to finish the Championships at 6.

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In fact, Logue’s time of 15:59.91 is only the seventh time in Iowa State history that someone finished the 5K in under 16 minutes.

Luque and Staebler will be in action next week when the NCAA Championships begin on Wednesday, June 6. Coverage of the championships will be on the ESPN family of networks.

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Men’s golf ends with 19th-place finish at NCAA Championships

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The Cyclones had started hot on Friday afternoon, at one point -3 as a team and finishing third in the first wave of 15 teams. Tied for 11th after one round, Iowa State was in a solid position to make the first cut. After a team round of 302 on Saturday, that job was made a lot tougher.

Dropping down to 23rd, Iowa State was on the outside looking in.

The Cyclones’ hot start on Sunday put them only two shots out of 15th place with nine holes to play. However, the team shot a combined 10-over-par on the back nine to fall nine shots out.

This is the second-straight season that Iowa State has finished in the top-20 of the NCAA Championships.

Through three rounds, four of the seven Big 12 teams that qualified for the Championships are in the final 15: Oklahoma State (second), Texas Tech (third), Oklahoma (fifth) and Texas (10th).

Monday’s round of stroke play determined the individual champion, and the top eight teams will move on to two days of match play, with the final match coming on Wednesday.

As for Iowa State, the Cyclones head into the offseason with high expectations for the 2018-19 season.

Iowa State will return seven players, including sophomores Tripp Kinney and Sam Vincent and freshmen Frank Lindwall and Lachlan Barker.

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CYCLONE PAIR ADVANCES TO FINALS

By Trevor Holbrook
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Iowa State assistant coach Neill Berry will join Shaka Smart and the Texas Longhorns basketball program. Texas announced Berry’s departure from Iowa State in a press release.

Berry joined in Prohm’s staff as a special assistant before being promoted to an assistant coach in May 2016.

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Tucked away about two miles down a dirt road in north Ames, McFarland Park is a 200-acre park that is home to a lake, 5.5 miles of trails and an observatory.

The park is open year round and offers different activities, depending on the season, from hiking and biking in the warmer months to ice fishing and cross country skiing in the wintertime, according to the official Story County website.

The park is also located near Peterson Park, an old mining area turned into a park and a 31-acre lake.

What do you want to do on your visit to McFarland Park?
Read up on what the park has to offer so you know what you want to do before you arrive:

• Stargazing Observatory: supervised by Ames Area Amateur Astronomers
• Hiking: 5.5 miles of trails
• Picnic area with grills
• Off-road biking
• 6.5 acre lake: stocked with bluegill, bass and catfish
• Winter activities: ice fishing and cross country skiing
• Handicap access to lake, picnic areas

Included in this list:

- Park hours: 5 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- Hiking: 5.5 miles of trails.
- Biking: Trails are open to off-road biking. Trails with stairs are closed to cyclists.
- Horseback riding: allowed at Peterson Park across the street.
- Fishing allowed: Yes
- Handicap accessible: Yes
- Pets allowed: Yes
- Open during winter: Yes

Year-round activities at McFarland Park

BY JILL O’BRIEN
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Interested in visiting McFarland Park?
Here are the do’s, don’ts and need-to-know’s before you make the trip out there:

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