Tuesday is the first day in the lunar calendar, which means the year of pig is here, and the celebration of Chinese New Year has officially started.

The Pig is the 12th and final animal of all zodiac animals. According to a Chinese myth, a long time ago, there was no calendar. No one knew how to calculate the year. So people went to the temple to worship and asked the Jade Emperor to help.

The Jade Emperor thought for a long time and finally came up with a good idea. He said animals and humans get along quite well. If animals were used to represent the changing of the year, it would be easy for everyone to remember. The Jade Emperor then hosted a race for all the animals in the world. The top 12 animals that finished the race won the honor to represent the Lunar Year.

The Chinese New Year is also known as the Year of the Pig. This year, the Year of the Pig begins on Tuesday, which is January 29th. The month-long celebration will start with the New Year's Eve fireworks and end with the Lantern Festival on February 19th.

BORDER SECURITY

With the address being delivered on the heels of the longest government shutdown in U.S. history, it’s likely Trump will talk about the issue at the core of the shutdown conflict: his plan for a southern border wall.

Throughout his standoff with congressional Democrats, Trump has alluded to his power to declare a national emergency to direct funds to a wall but has yet to actually do it. Political science Department Chair Mack Shelley said he thinks this pattern will continue in Tuesday’s address.

“I would think he’s probably going to not announce an emergency, but say the kind of obvious thing, that if the committee can’t come to an agreement that includes a wall, he will not take the declaration of an emergency of the table,” Shelley said.

THE ECONOMY

Trump has touted job numbers as a point of economic prosperity since the first Bureau of Labor Statistics’ jobs report of 2019 was released Friday. According to the report, “Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 304,000 in January, compared with an average monthly gain of 223,000 in 2018.”

The report also details a slight uptick in unemployment numbers in January but credits the increase to the government shutdown, opening an opportunity for Trump to blame political gridlock for a stain on his economic record. Shelley said Trump is also likely to talk about trade, an issue affecting many Iowa farmers.

Folks here in Iowa aren’t overly happy because of what’s happened with grain exports markets particularly to China,” Shelley said. “So my guess is he’ll take at least one good shot at China.”

THE USUAL

Along with addressing policy issues, there are several standard talking points, such as the idea of “fake news,” in Trump rallies and speeches that Shelley said he expects to make appearances in the address. Trump is also expected to make general appeals to his conservative base on issues such as abortion, religious rights and health care.

Shelley said Trump also has a tendency to be insulting, and he would be surprised if he didn’t “come up with a few zingers.”

“He’s just very difficult to train, I guess is the polite way to say this,” Shelley said. “He seems to do kind of okay reading from a teleprompter, but I would imagine he would go off script, not read verbatim what’s on the teleprompter if he has kind of a juicy opportunity.”
2019
Lecture: Ames Connection to WW2's
Manhattan Project, 2019 Moncrief Hall at 4 p.m.
The desperate, top-secret race during World War II for the allies to master the military application of nuclear fission before Nazi Germany played out in 32 sites across the U.S. and Canada. The story of how Ames became one of these sites will be told by the speaker, whose father, Harry J. Svec, was pulled into the research while a graduate student in chemistry at Iowa State.

Films: Major, Conner 101 at 7 p.m. The docu-
mentary MAJOR explores the life of Miss Major
Griffin-Garay, a black transgender elder and activist
who has been fighting for the rights of trans wom-
men of color for over 40 years.

All events courtesy of event.iastate.edu.

POLICE BLOTTER

2.1.19
An officer assisted an individual who was experi-
cencing medical difficulties at Lynch Hall (reported
at 12:06 a.m.).

An officer investigated a property damage collision
from a hit and run in Lot 1 (reported at 3:43 p.m.).

Jackson Thomas Walker, age 21, of 2110 Lincoln
Way in Ames, Iowa, was cited for possession of a drug paraphernalia in Lot 63 (reported at 9:29 p.m.).

2.2.19
An individual reported being harassed at Buchan-
an Hall (reported at 11:05 p.m.).

Officers responded to a fire alarm that was caused
by a broken water pipe in Gilman Hall (reported at
11:53 p.m.).

2.3.19
Dylan Thomas Powell, age 20, of 110 McDonald
Drive Unit 110 in Ames, Iowa, was arrested and
charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia on 13th Street and Hyland Avenue (reported at 1:32 a.m.).

An officer assisted an individual who was experi-
cencing medical difficulties at Birth Hall (reported
at 1:58 a.m.).

An officer checked on the welfare of an individual
at Folley Hall (reported at 3:25 a.m.).

In the Monday edition of the Iowa State Daily,
there was an error in the article titled “Fyre Festival
debacle reveals power of social media.” The Daily misquoted Beatriz Pereira by writing “anxious about me” as opposed to “envious about me.” The quote should have read “There’s a lot of competition in social media,” Pereira said. “It’s the ‘I want everyone else to be envious about me’ feeling. They made it successful by making it very exclusive and scarce. People just overvalued it.” The Daily regrets this error.

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Bill eliminating tenure moves through Iowa Senate

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A bill to abolish tenure at public universities has made its way back to the Iowa Legislature after passing subcommittee.

The bill, which would eliminate tenure at the University of Iowa, University of Northern Iowa and Iowa State, passed with two votes from Sen. Brad Zaun, R-Urbandale, and Jerry Behn, R-Boone.

“I’m a business person,” Zaun told the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier. “We reward people based on their job performance…. I don’t think any professor should have a guaranteed job. That’s my philosophical difference.”

An identical bill sponsored by Zaun in 2018 passed a subcommittee but never got a vote in the education committee, but the makeup of the Iowa Senate changed at the midterm elections, with Republicans gaining four seats.

Iowa State currently has 929 tenured faculty and 383 faculty members on a tenure track, according to the Board of Regents annual faculty tenure report.

Academic tenure gives employees of a university some defense against firing unless for specific causes or under extraordinary circumstances. Generally, tenure is given to eligible faculty members to promote academic freedom. By eliminating tenure, the number of reasons to fire a faculty member would be expanded.

“The bill provides that acceptable grounds for termination of employment of any member of a regents university’s faculty shall include but not be limited to just cause, program discontinuance and financial exigency,” according to the bill.

What does a scam look like?

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Emails, phone calls, direct messages on social media. Frauds, or scammers, use them in attempts to steal money or personal information from people.

In Ames and at Iowa State, scams through these mediums are often dealt with by public safety departments, including the Iowa State University Police and Ames Police departments and the Iowa State Information Technology Services Security Team.

Scam attempts are unsuccessful efforts by a person to steal someone’s personal information or money. Successful scams are those where a person has obtained money or personal information, Geoff Huff, a commander with the Ames Police Department, said.

“It’s at least weekly that we talk to an actual victim of a scam where they are out money or information to vying levels. [Some] lose a few dollars…. and we’ve had some that have been out thousands of dollars,” Huff said.

Both the Ames and ISU police departments document successful scam cases, which are usually filed as fraud or identity theft.

ISU Police does not, however, routinely keep track of general attempts, although they will take the calls and refer people to report attempts to the Federal Communication Commission, said Anthony Greiter, an officer with ISU Police.

ISU Police filed 30 successful fraud cases in 2017, the most filed in the last four years, according to data from ISU Police.

ISU Police and Ames Police get the most calls for scam attempts made over phone calls and emails, also known as “phishing” emails, Huff and Greiter said.

Methods for obtaining information or money across those and other platforms, however, vary.

Scammers most often aim to inspire fear or urgency by impersonating trusted sources in an effort to trick information out of people, Greiter said.

“Big [phone impersonations] are [of] the IRS and any law enforcement agency saying that [they] have a warrant …. [and you need] to pay money now or you will be arrested,” Huff said.

ISU Police received reports of similar phone scam attempts, Greiter said.

“[Impersonators use] the fear-inducing threat of legal action,” Greiter said. “They typically go for money and they say you have unpaid this or that …. then they ask for payment on an iTunes gift card.”

iTunes and other gift cards have been a common tool used by scammers in their attempts to steal money. Typically, scammers ask a person to purchase a gift card and tell them the number on the back of the gift card, Huff and Greiter said.

Request for payment through a gift card should be a sure sign of a scam, Huff said, because no government agency will ask for gift-card payments.

The fact that gift cards are easy to access and nearly impossible to trace is what makes them so appealing to scammers, Greiter said.

“It’s almost like giving cash. Once the money’s gone, the money’s gone,” Huff said.

Data in an article from the Federal Trade Commission’s website shows that of successful scams reported to the FTC, 26 percent of scammed people now pay with a gift card or reload card, up from the 7 percent reported in 2015.

Phishing email scam reports that the Ames Police and ISU Police receive often include descriptions of emails that impersonate trusted agencies or service providers and include links to requests for personal information, including financial information. This information can be used to outright steal money or to access people’s personal accounts and can even be sold to scammers Huff said.

“If they can get bank or credit card numbers, or emails and passwords they can sell it on the ‘dark web,’” Huff said. “My wife had an email address that was bought and sold on the dark web that we had to get rid of….we can never use that email again.”

The ISU ITS Security Team, a group of technology professionals who monitor phishing reports from the university community, help to identify and ‘blacklist’ scam websites and assist with technology forensics.

Film screening highlights life of black transgender activist

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The Center for LGBTQIA+ Student Success will be hosting a screening of the film “MAJOR!” The film screening will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday in 101 Curver Hall and will last 90 minutes.

“MAJOR!” explores the life of Miss Major Griffin-Gracy, a black transgender activist who has been fighting for the rights of trans women of color for more than 40 years.

“Miss Major is a veteran of the Stonewall Rebellion and a survivor of Attica State Prison, a former sex worker, an elder and a community leader and human rights activist,” according to the MAJOR! Website.

Griffin-Gracy, 78, serves as the executive director for the Transgender Gender Variant Interests Justice Project.

The project aims to assist transgender persons who are disproportionately incarcerated under the prison-industrial complex.

In an interview with Them magazine, Griffin-Gracy talked about how her age has affected her view on activism.

“There’s still the stigma of being a trans person, but the world is changing and we are more prominent than we’ve ever been, in a semi-positive light,” Griffin-Gracy said in the interview. “They’re still killing us, they’re still throwing us underneath the jail, but there are people that are not a part of our community who are bitching about the injustices that they are doing to us. That’s a major step.”

Brad Freihoefer, director of the Center for LGBTQIA+ Student Success, spoke about the importance of Iowa State showing the film to students.

“The film does a wonderful job of taking folks through a journey of the work, the campaigns, the history, the community, the brilliance, the joy, the heartbeat, the challenges, and the pain that Miss Major went through,” Freihoefer said.

The Center’s website says all are welcome for the screening, which is free of charge.

The screening will include closed captions.

“Miss Major is an icon, through Stonewall to today and has earned that title in a many ways,” Freihoefer said.

“MAJOR!” has been shown at over sixty film festivals and has received over twenty awards including Audience Award Best Documentary at TransScreen Film Festival, Best Documentary Feature at TRANSITIONS Transgender Film Festival, Best Social Impact Film at TransFining Cinema and the Audience Award Best Documentary at Rainbow Visions Film Festival.
The spring career fair is a great second chance for students as well as employers for internships, jobs, or even potential offers down the road,” said Mike Gaul, director of agriculture and life sciences career services. “Many companies are there hiring interns and full-time employees; others are there to continue garnering their campus presence.”

According to a press release, job placement within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has been 97 percent or higher for 20 consecutive years, and about 65 percent of graduates stay in Iowa for their first jobs.

“Many companies will stick around and interview the next day so you want to find out what companies these are ahead of time,” Gaul said. “At the fair, move action rather than just walk away from the booth, such as setting up an interview time.” Gaul also said that agriculture is a very close-knit industry, and it is important to learn the art of networking. Career fairs are the perfect opportunity to master one’s skills.

“I'm looking forward to speaking with Corteva Agrisciences and Key Cooperative,” Tion said. “There is a multitude of resources provided by Iowa State to help prepare for the career fair.”

“Do your research on the companies, look over Cy Hire to see available opportunities,” Gaul said. “Doing your homework and knowing about who you are speaking to is a strong reflection of yourself. Develop your business acumen, including your story, and tie in your research on the company you are speaking with.”

Thursday will be devoted to interviews on campus at the Memorial Union.

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“Iowa State is unique in having a spring career fair, and you don’t want to waste a single summer while you are here, so don’t pass up these great opportunities that are coming your way,” Gaul said.

Internship and career opportunities will be available to students at the annual CALS spring career fair on Wednesday.

Iowa State students are no exception to the illnesses wreaking havoc on the immune system during the winter months, which often lead to students missing classes and falling behind in school.

Flu season typically begins in October and lasts until late April or early May. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), common colds are the main reason that children miss school.

Olivia Benjamin, a sophomore in public relations, says she is usually sick at least twice during the winter.

“I don’t like to miss class, but when I do it’s because I can’t get out of my bed,” Benjamin said. “What goes through my head is whether or not I will be missing a class that has in class participation points.”

According to the CDC, adults have an average of two to three colds each year and children have even more.

Holly Lipsey, a professor of kinesiology, said that during the winter months, one to two students are usually missing from her classes due to illness. She typically sees common colds, respiratory illnesses and the flu from her students.

Katie Drewlow, a junior in architecture, said she is generally sick for about two weeks during the cold and flu season.

“It needed to be really serious for me not to go to class,” Drewlow said. “I decided not to go to class because I had bronchitis and could barely breathe. I had to make up a few assignments, but I notified the teachers so I wasn’t counted absent.”

“As the signs plastered throughout the bathrooms at Iowa State advise, to better prepare for cold and flu season, students should wash their hands often and cover their mouth when coughing to avoid spreading germs to their classmates.”

The CDC website recommends staying home and resting when sick with the cold or flu. It advises that a doctor should be seen if the symptoms last more than 10 days or if symptoms are severe and unusual.

Thielten Health Center also advises cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces with antibacterial products, avoiding close contact with persons who are ill and getting the flu shot annually.

Benjamin admitted this was the first year as a college student she has received a flu shot.

“My first year on campus, I didn’t get the flu shot, and I felt as though I was always sick,” Benjamin said. “This year, I have felt a lot better.”

Students can get their flu shots updated by making an appointment or walking into Thielten Health Center on campus. The flu shot is available for $25 through injection or nasal spray.

“Students can get their flu shots updated by making an appointment or walking into Thielten Health Center on campus. The flu shot is available for $25 through injection or nasal spray. If they aren’t feeling well to be able to function or have a fever, sneezing/coughing a lot or throwing up — stay home,” Lipsey said.

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Submissions close Thursday, Feb. 7.
Excess violence needs to end

Recent horrors highlight systematic, aggressive behavior plaguing the U.S.

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There is no way to escape violence. It seems as though violence is everywhere and unavoidable. This past week alone, there has been a numerous amount of terrible acts that have left me shocked.

For instance, a woman driving for Lyft was brutally-stabbed Jan. 27. She was stabbed inside her vehicle and continued to be attacked outside of her car. She and her unborn child died while suspect Fabian Darazo, 20, stole her vehicle and drove from Phoenix, Arizona to the California border.

Then, on Jan. 31, Francisco Diaz was arrested for allegedly slitting the throat of an Arizona Uber driver. A Fox News article states that, “the unidentified Uber driver told police that Diaz was picked up from a Buffalo Wild Wings in Goodyear, Arizona Wednesday night. During the ride, the 45-year-old produced a ‘large knife’ he later used in an unprovoked attack to stab and stab the driver before he fled from the vehicle.” The driver called 911 as soon as Diaz fled and was rushed to the hospital immediately. He told 12 News that he received more than 20 staples to his throat.

While yes, driving for Uber or Lyft can be risky due to the fact you could be driving anyone who could be capable of anything, they were just doing their jobs. They did not deserve the treatment they received.

Another example of innocent lives who were greatly affected by violence was an incident in which a pregnant woman was stabbed repeatedly and dragged into the vestibule of her New York apartment, where she was left screaming in vain for help. The New York Police Department stated that she received multiple stab wounds to the neck and chest. The article then states that the police are looking for the woman’s boyfriend.

Now, this incident being as recent as it is, no one knows why exactly this woman was dragged out of her apartment and treated as horribly as she was. But one thing is for certain, no one deserves to die this way, especially while pregnant.

Lastly, a high school football player and honor roll student was killed in what seems to have been a drug deal gone bad. Joshua Meeks, an eleventh grader from Mauldin High School in Greenville, South Carolina was shot and killed Tuesday. However, Greenville County deputies stated they found his body dumped in a different county Thursday.

According to an article on the incident, “On Friday, deputies charged Lyric Lawson, 18, of Greenville, with helping Croft dispose of the body... Lawson, Croft and the juvenile were all behind bars. Some students stated during police interviews that Joshua was going to meet a new drug dealer. They then state that there was ‘copious amounts of blood covered the passenger seat in Joshua’s car when police found it.”

There has been so many tragic incidents that have occurred this last week.

And while yes, it seems as though some of these people might have put themselves into a more dangerous situation than they should have been in, none deserved to be taken from this Earth in utero, while young and vulnerable or in the violent manner that seems to have occurred with the stories above.

There is no one thing that has caused all these people to act so aggressively towards innocent citizens.

However, one thing is certain. We all need to find a way to prevent these instances from continuing to occur.

Legislative efforts to abolish tenure irresponsible

Similar to efforts in years’ past, Iowa Sen. Brad Zaun has introduced legislation that would end tenure at Iowa’s regent institutions.

Zaun, who resurfaces the issue of tenure on a nearly annual basis, has spoken openly about his discontent about the higher education practice. As of last week, the proposal was approved by a Senate subcommittee with the support of Sen. Terry Bran, R-Boone.

Tenure allows for an indefinite academic appointment that can be terminated only under extraordinary circumstances. For many professors, tenure allows for academic freedom and is a hiring philosophy adopted by many colleges and universities across the nation.

If this bill were to be passed by the Iowa legislature, it would be a disaster.

By ridding the hiring practice from Iowa’s public institutions, it would result in a financial strain due to a loss of research funding and result in the inability to raise salaries to a competitive rate with other schools.

According to an annual governance report on faculty tenure for 2017-18, there are a total of 979 tenured faculty members with 383 on the tenure track. This is a decrease of 41 tenured employees from the 2015-16 academic year, despite there being a difference of just 6 employees between the academic years.

The University of Northern Iowa has the highest rate of tenure employees - 53 percent of faculty members having obtained the prestigious position.

In previous interviews, Zaun has said that he opposes the hiring of tenure professors because he doesn’t think that “bad professors should have a lifetime position guaranteed at colleges.”

Yet, in many cases, it’s not the bad professors who are securing a lifetime position. While the ISD Editorial Board believes there should always be a check-and-balances system for the process of reviewing and selecting tenured professors, a bill to eliminate the position entirely cannot be chalked up to a fear of one or two bad professors.

Currently, all tenure-eligible faculty hired as an assistant professor at Iowa State have to undergo a preliminary peer review in the third year of a seven-year probationary period.

This seven-year period allows for what should be a sufficient time for the faculty member in question to demonstrate their qualifications and ability to achieve what will become a lifetime role. It also guarantees security not just for the faculty in question, but all the university.

And for an institution like Iowa State, where 1.9% of the faculty members have obtained tenure in the last three years, there is no way to escape this issue.

And while the University of Northern Iowa has the highest rate of tenured employees, this rate is the lowest in terms of paying faculty members in its higher education peer group, security is essential.

“We exist in a competitive environment to hire the very best faculty,” Iowa State President Wendy Wintersteen said during an Education Appropriations subcommittee meeting Tuesday. “That means we have to have competitive salaries. We have to have competitive facilities. We have to have availability for them to work with undergraduate and graduate students, to engage in public-private partnerships.”

If Zaun’s bill to eliminate tenure passes, Iowa’s universities will suffer and so will Iowa.
The regular season for Iowa State softball is drawing closer. The season begins Thursday.

“This offseason was about growing in our skills, challenging different skills that we have, different things that we need to work on and getting stronger mentally and pushing ourselves harder than we have in the past,” said junior shortstop Sami Williams.

Last season, the Cyclones finished with a record of 23-33 and a 4-14 record in Big 12 play. The Cyclones finished sixth out of seven teams in the Big 12.

“On the surface last season looked the same to a lot of people based on the record, but as the year went on we improved quite a bit,” said coach Jamie Pinkerton.

Among of those returning starters is Williams who earned a spot on the All-Big 12 first team in the 2017 season and led the Cyclones last season in home runs hit with 12, runs batted in with 27, an on-base percentage of .415 and batting average with an average of .388.

The Cyclones gave up an ERA [earned run average] of 4.17 which was last in the Big 12. With seven returning starters in the field as well as senior pitchers Emma Hylen and Savannah Sanders the Cyclones have the potential to improve their earned run average from a season ago.

Six of the returning starters from last season are now seniors and will provide the Cyclones with some valuable experience and leadership. However, the Cyclones still have a good amount of players that are inexperienced.

“In some key positions we’re very young, but we also we have a lot of seniors,” Pinkerton said. “They’re [the seniors] have grown and become confident women, now we’ve got to translate that to the field.”

While the Cyclones do have a good amount of senior leadership, the Cyclones also have five freshmen that have the opportunity to learn from this year’s seniors.

“They [the freshmen] blended in really well,” Hylen said. “They have so much personality and their going to make an impact in the years to come.”

Going into Pinkerton’s first season, the Cyclones had three coaches in four seasons.

“When you take over, and the players have had three coaches in four years you have to try to change the culture, and you have to try to put in your system,” Pinkerton said. “I think they [the players] did a great job of buying in and we made strides, but we still have a long ways to go, they know that, and we as a staff know that.”

While the team’s record last season was similar to previous seasons, that does not mean that the team culture hasn’t changed.

“There was a lot of subtle changes in the program last year that may be beneath the surface that we in the room know, but maybe the fans don’t know,” Pinkerton said. “There was a shift in the right direction.”

The Cyclones’ first game this season is against the University of North Carolina-Greensboro Spartans at 9 a.m. Thursday, followed by a game against the defending national champions at 4:30 p.m. at Florida State.
Swap the corporate stores like Target and T.J. Maxx for sidewalk shops of consignment, vintage and boutique styles by shopping small and supporting the local shops in Campus town and downtown Ames.

“I shop small because often times it is more affordable, you find more unique prices and it is more of a fun experience,” said Kyndal Reimer, a surrounding area photographer for kyndalelisephotography. “It makes me feel like I am actually helping someone make a living doing what they love.”

Here is a guide to a few small shops near Iowa State’s campus.

PORTOBELLO ROAD
Portobello Road has up-to-date trends so anyone can turn a fresh, fashionable look into a chic outfit to strut on campus. The items in the store are endless with jewelry, purses, candles and a wide variety of clothes such as graphic tees, oversized sweaters, mom jeans and more.

“Portobello Road stands out to me because of the online presence it has, and the thought put into all of the items in the store,” said Tess Doherty, a junior in advertising. “You can tell they really listen to customers wants and set the store up for us.”

Customers can purchase goods through Portobello Road by commenting on the post, sending a direct message on Instagram or sending an email and it will be shipped to their doorstep.

THE LOFT
College students who are on a budget can stop by The Loft, a consignment store offering a large selection of name-brand men’s and women’s clothing at a discounted price.

“When I lived in Ames, I would go to the Loft about every week,” said Serena Schmidt, an Iowa State alumna. “They always had new items, in good condition, so shopping there was like shopping full price, but my wallet was not crying.”

Hannah Mauser, a junior in apparel, merchandising and design said The Loft prices and quality are exactly the kind of second-hand shopping college students can easily afford without spending a fortune on new items they may only wear once or twice.

“My overall experience at The Loft has been amazing every time I step in,” Mauser said. “The staff is always really helpful and easy to talk to. It is one of those places I find myself on days with nothing to do.”

There are resale items of name brands such as Nike, Kate Spade and New Balance.

“The Loft offers just about everything from Iowa State apparel, tees, jeans, dresses, shoes and jewelry,” Mauser said. “I never fail to pick up a good find when I step in.”

If you are looking to make some extra change for this weekend without working, you can consign some of your own clothing.

“thrifting has become a trend among college students,” Mauser said. “It stands out by offering affordable second-hand clothing and an opportunity to make money off of your old clothes you bring in to resell.”

All it takes is reselling high quality clothing, shoes, accessories and more from your closet and trading in your goods, which are no more than four years old, for 40 percent of the sale price once the good is sold.

“Unlike Goodwill or Salvation Army, The Loft is organized, and the merchandise is fashionable,” Schmidt said. “I am a huge supporter of second-hand shopping in order to prevent clothing from ending up in the dump.”

RANDOM GOODS
Random Goods is located just off Main Street, and anyone can find vintage clothing and accessories inside.

“They have a very intentional selection, so you do not have to sift through things endlessly like most massie antique stores,” Elise said. “The ambiance of the whole store is very relaxed, but surrounded by all kinds of fun, lively things.”

Some of the unique items they have are some of the unique items they have are a vintage Polaroid model 95 land camera from 1940 and a selection of old-fashioned Iowa State apparel, which you could rep at the next sporting event.

“They are like a typical antique shop, minus the clutter,” Elise said. “They stand out in my eyes because of their unique focus on old, quality clothing and costumes, as well as decor items for your home.”

“It is an amazing experience knowing there are quality options right around us like Portobello Road and the Loft,” Mauser said.

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Small rooms, shared bathrooms, walking five minutes to the nearest dining center and having to deal with annoying neighbors during the early hours of the morning—all of this and so much more comes with the price of living in a dorm.

To highlight this, Iowa State offers an interesting competition for those living in the 250 (or less) square foot rooms: the Best Room Campus Contest. Sponsored every year by residence halls, this competition is open from October through mid-January.

The competition is based on photos submitted by the occupant of the room and depends on how many “likes” they receive on Facebook. The room that receives the most likes wins the competition.

The grand prize? A $300 ISU Bookstore gift card for each member living in the room. Second place wins $200 and the third place winner earns $100.

Not only is this a good incentive for the students willing to enter, but their photo will be used by the residence halls for marketing purposes online, in brochures, and shown to incoming freshman, in order to convince them to live in the dorms their first year.

“I wasn’t sure about entering at first, but I decided to enter after having a great laugh moving more things into the scene to make an even bigger mess,” said Jared Kirsch, a freshman in pre-business, about his dorm in Fisher Hall.

Kirsch’s photo of his room provides an accurate description of a dorm room at its worst state: a garbage can filled to the rim, a hamper with the same look, dirty towels lining his desk chair and miscellaneous boxes of cleaning products unopened on the floor.

One of the dorm rooms entered into the contest put on by the residence halls.

Photos courtesy of Emily Purdy, Tess Doheny, Serena Schmidt

Hannah Mauser (left), Serena Schmidt (top right), Tess Doheny (bottom right) pose with articles of clothing purchased locally in Ames while thrifting at Portobello Road and the Loft.
amazing,” Kirsch said.

Two, so being able to completely change the scent of my room is something I would eat in my room tends to leave a smell for the next day or the next day or the next day. Scammers will reach out on social media through direct messaging and request nude photos or videos, Greiter said, and as soon as they have them, the scammer screenshots the images. Once captured, the scammer turns around to threaten blackmail the person by sending nude photos to her/his contacts, including close friends and family, if they are not paid a certain amount.

People have done their research on us. We recently had one where [a person] paid $5,000 dollars to have that [scammer] post the photo. Shortly after, they got another message saying ‘this was the boss’... and they asked for more money,” Greiter said.

Community members can avoid scams by questioning every email and message with a link or request for information, Huff said.

“Understand systems and always be suspicious when people are asking for payment... and always doing your research,” Huff said.

With phising emails specifically, caution can be exercised by checking sender addresses and link destinations, Almquist said.

“Whenever you see a link in an email, do not click it,” Almquist said. “Instead, hover your cursor over the link and look for a small box to appear in the bottom left of the window or directly above the link. The actual destination of the link will be visible. Any non-ISU domain should be treated with caution.”

If an Iowa State student, faculty or staff member does click on a scam email in their university email, they can reach out to the ITS Security Team by email at insecure@iastate.edu.

Victims of scam fraud or identity theft are encouraged to call the non-emergency numbers for ISU Police 515-264-4428 and Ames Police 515-239-5133, Greiter and Huff said.

People wanting to learn more about how to avoid phishing emails can visit the ISU ITS Security website.

Jamie Cook, a sophomore in genetics, and roommate Rachel Vallier, a sophomore in electrical engineering, wanted to create a space where people can feel comfortable and happy. They have been using the dorms as freshman because of all the opportunity it provides.

“Something that is overly stressed when first moving to college is knowing how accessible campus is from our dorm,” Cook said.

“Nothing is too far away. Additionally, Geoff rey has a small computer lab and numerous private study rooms.”

The three ottomans shown in the picture of the Geoff rey dorm have proved themselves to be the favorite between the two, providing more than what they intended to.

“They are super cute as decorations, but also function as storage and seating when we have friends over,” Cook said.

As a community adviser for Linden Hall, Lexi Stumpf, a junior in apparel, merchandising, and design, wanted to create a space that is comfortable for both she and her guests to be happy and relaxed.

“Something that is overly stressed when first moving to college is too long. We welcome everyone to come, whether you are a student or a guest of a student or a staff member,” Huff said.

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