Children’s Hospital.

Dillyn Mumme, senior in aerospace engineering, has been cancer free for over five years. When he was 13, doctors diagnosed him with leukemia, and was then treated at the University of Iowa Children’s Hospital.

The procedure wasn’t even the worst part of that day. As a male nurse pushed Dillyn in a wheelchair, the spongy tissue product in 13-year-old Dillyn’s back was about to be removed with a cork-screw-type instrument. Due to Dillyn’s muscular frame, the anesthetic was not taking to numbing his body. As soon as the tip of the cork-screw scrape the skin on his lower back, he felt everything.

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**Editor’s note**

“Ask Adonijah” is a contributed piece from the Iowa State University Library Special Collections and University Archives. The piece is named after Adonijah Welch, who was Iowa State’s first president, and seeks to answer community members’ questions about the history of Iowa State. Have a question you’d like answered? Email askadonijah@iowastatedaily.com.

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**Why do people avoid the Zodiac?**

Ben asks, “Why do people avoid walking on the Zodiac? That is a good question, Ben. Everyone who has entered or exited the Memorial Union from the north entrance has noticed the raised symbols and letters on the floor just inside the doors. For some reason, most people avoid walking across them.

According to tradition, it is bad luck to walk across the Zodiac and that a student who does will fail their next examination. One can lift the curse by tossing a penny into the fountain just north of the Union.

I think this is nonsense. The designer intended for students to walk across the symbols and thus both polish them and wear them down to the level of the surrounding floor. It is high time that the Iowa State student body realize this poor man’s vision.

For a student body dedicated to understanding the world through scientific inquiry, this superstition seems entirely out of place. Has anyone done research to determine if this “curse” has any validity? I imagine the results of such a study would entirely dispel the notion that the Zodiac transmits bad luck. We just need to find some volunteers to participate in the study. Would you, brave reader, be willing to walk across the Zodiac in the name of science?
Trump’s efforts to rescind DACA blocked

A federal judge blocked efforts by the Trump administration to rescind the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program earlier this week.

A case where the plaintiff, the regents and president of the University of California, suing the Department of Homeland Security, who administers the DACA program, asked for provisional relief and protection for DACA recipients, was heard by U.S. District Judge William Alsup in a District Court.

Alsup ruled the plaintiffs demonstrated that DACA recipients as well as their families, schools, employers and communities are likely to suffer irreparable harm as a result of the rescission. He also noted that limiting the relief to the individual plaintiffs in the state of California would lead to administrative confusion, thus the ruling applies nationwide.

"The most practical relief is to maintain DACA in the same manner to which the agency and recipients are accustomed," Alsup wrote.

Alsup also questioned the integrity of the Trump administration’s decision to rescind DACA, and said Attorney General Jeff Sessions’ conclusion of the program being an illegal act, and allegedly hopes to resolve immigration issues through congressional action.

"An issue of this magnitude must go through the normal legislative process," Sanders said in a statement. "President Trump is committed to the rule of law, and will work with members of both parties to reach a permanent solution that corrects the unconstitutional actions taken by the last administration."

Iowa State political science professor Steffen Schmidt calls the decision an "inconvenience" for the Trump administration. Schmidt believes the real impact of this will be seen in the days ahead.

Schmidt noted district court rulings are not often the final decision in issues like these. The case could eventually make it to the Supreme Court. Another option, however, is the issue of immigration being settled through Congress.

"Congress may want to take this up as part of that lingering and unfinished promise to fix immigration with a comprehensive policy," Schmidt said.

President Trump recently met with Republican and Democratic lawmakers in a meeting Tuesday which may have sought to provide an immigration reform plan that seeks to grant undocumented immigrants a path to citizenship. In the meantime, Schmidt feels this is a "cruel and heartless" delay for the 800,000+ DACA recipients and their families left in limbo.

The Latinx Student Leader Council put out a written statement assuring students affected by the decision to rescind DACA that administrators at Iowa State will support them.

The council called immigrants "integral members of our communities" and the foundation of America. They shared DACA recipients are parents and family members to around 193,000 U.S. citizen children, and they feel this decision will have the result of tearing families apart. They also stressed the economic, cultural and social contributions immigrants make to the United States.

In an email sent to the Daily, a group identified as the Latinx Student Leader Council and the Office of the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion urged students to take action by calling legislators.

View the story online to see the full statement.
POLICE BLOTTER

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Harmony Hope Kennis, age 23, of 1006 Dayton Ave Unit 22 - Ames, IA, was cited for driving under suspension at 5 Franklin Ave and Coy St (reported at 1:19 a.m.).

An officer investigated a property damage collision at Lot B6 (reported at 3:29 p.m.).

Officers assisted an individual who was experiencing medical difficulties at Linden Hall (reported at 3:05 p.m.).

Nathan Cole Woodard, age 19, of 3404 West St - Ames, IA, was arrested and charged with driving under suspension at Lot 79 (reported at 4:16 p.m.).

A 17 year old female was referred to juvenile court services for a drug violation at Lot 79 (reported at 4:16 p.m.).

Olivia Marie Anderson, age 18, of 435 Richardson Ct - Ames, IA, was arrested on a warrant for public intoxication and possession of alcohol under the legal age at Linden Hall (reported at 11:12 p.m.).

In yesterday’s paper, the data was incorrectly listed that 69.7% of university expenses were covered by tuition in 2000. The accurate year is 2018. The years on the x-axis were also listed out of order. The Daily regrets these errors.

The Iowa State Daily welcomes comments and suggestions or complaints about errors that warrant correction. To submit a correction, please contact our editor at 515-294-5688 or via email at editor@iowastatedaily.com.
Stalking is often thought of as someone following another person around against their will. But this is just one form of stalking. It’s time we understand the various types of stalking — especially in today’s digital age — that are considered inappropriate behavior.

Constantly checking up on someone, leaving them unwanted things or consistently checking their social media may to some seem harmless or even healthy. But often these behaviors are not healthy and are a form of abuse.

Everyone — friends, significant others, family members and strangers — should be granted their wishes for space and privacy. Communicating with someone who has expressed they don’t want you to communicate with them is not OK, period.

In the digital age, these lines can be blurry. As a good rule of thumb, continuously looking to see where someone is at or what they are up to without their consent is not healthy behavior. Social media was meant to keep in touch with people, not to track people.

Stalking can make someone fear for their well-being and may occur within relationships. In fact, nearly 75 percent of stalking victims know their stalker, according to the Bureau of Justice.

Some survivors of abuse and stalking may not even recognize what is happening as inappropriate or unhealthy behavior. Women are more likely to be stalked; however, this crime affects all genders and a variety of age groups, according to the Bureau of Justice.

The U.S. Office on Women’s Health lists the following examples of stalking, though these are not the only cases: Following or spying on someone, sending someone unwanted electronic or written messages, calling someone frequently when they don’t want you to, showing up uninvited at someone’s house or work, leaving someone unwanted gifts, damaging someone’s things, threatening someone and/or their loved ones with violence.

Stalking laws vary by state — Iowa’s law can be found here.

As January is Stalking Awareness Month, we hope you’ll better recognize stalking and call the inappropriate behavior what it is.
While the Iowa State men’s basketball team fights for wins in the Big 12, its 2018 recruiting class has been tallying wins left and right in the high school ranks.

Zion Griffin, one of Iowa State’s 2018 commits, caught up with the Daily recently and gave his thoughts on his senior season of high school and Iowa State’s season, among other things.

At 6-foot-6 and just over 200 pounds, Griffin already has a Big 12-ready body. When Griffin signed with Iowa State in November, Iowa State coach Steve Prohm had a lot of good things to say.

“He’s a lefty, real skilled three/four,” Prohm said. “He’s probably going to end up being a big wing as he matures in college. He can score at all different phases. Zion has got a college body right now and has a chance to do some good things.”

A Hinsdale South (Illinois) product, Griffin chose Iowa State over reported offers from Pittsburgh, home-state school Illinois and — most notably — Big 12 rival Kansas.

“From the beginning, when coaches are doing a lot of recruiting, the assistant coaches recruit you first and then the head coaches start to come in,” Griffin said. “It was kind of different. Prohm was [recruiting] me from the beginning … when I went and visited it had that home feeling, and I was sold.”

Griffin, of course, isn’t the only Illinois recruit in the 2018 class. Of Iowa State’s four signees, three — Griffin, Talen Horton-Tucker and George Conditt — are from Illinois’ neighbor to the east.

Griffin is currently rated No. 89 nationally in the class of 2018 by 247Sports’ composite rankings. Horton-Tucker sits at No. 111, but will likely move up soon since he rose to No. 31 in Rivals’ rankings. Conditt ranks No. 242 in the composite rankings.

“I knew Talen [before being recruited by Iowa State],” Griffin said. “I actually didn’t know George was from Illinois at first because I played him in AAU and we played them in Indiana, and I didn’t know where he was from.”

It’s pretty rare for a team like Iowa State to walk into another state and get three of the top players. Griffin, Horton-Tucker and Conditt are all among the top-five prospects in Illinois, per 247Sports.

The fourth signee in the class, guard Tyrone Haliburton is the No. 4 prospect in the state of Wisconsin.

That close proximity between the four signees may be a good sign for future team chemistry.

“We talk to each other every day,” Griffin said. “Even before we all committed there, we still all talked to each other outside of basketball. We all have that bond already. I just can’t wait to get on the court with them.”

Given his aforementioned size, Griffin has a chance to play right away when he gets to Ames.

Iowa State will likely return four starters from this year’s team, including guards Lindell Wigginton and Nick Weiler-Babb.

Griffin said he’s playing a lot of center for his high school team, which he said will help him prepare for guarding bigger forwards at the next level. His Hinsdale South team is currently 12-4 on the year.

“I feel like I bring in a lot of versatility,” Griffin said. “We can mix up the match-ups and mix up the lineups a lot more. Coach [Prohm] told me I can play where I can guard … I feel like I can play a stretch-four or a three, and once I get there we can do a lot with the match-ups.”
A Black-capped Chickadee grabs a bite to eat after Thursday’s snowfall.  

Iowa State students walk through a snowstorm to get to the College of Design on Jan. 11.

Iowa State students walk up to the College of Design during a lull in the snowfall Jan. 11.

A Black-capped Chickadee grabs a bite to eat after Thursday’s snowfall.

Snow covers the back of a 23 Orange CyRide bus on Jan. 11, 2018.

Lancelot and Elaine floating on the partially frozen Lake Laverne on Jan. 10. The original Lancelot and Elaine were introduced to Iowa State in 1936 but have changed several times over the years with the current Lancelot and Elaine being welcomed to campus in 2003.

Students walk between Curtiss and Beardshear halls during a snowstorm on Jan. 11, 2018. Despite a 12-hour winter weather advisory, the university remained open.

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“That’s when the worst came. They told the doctor’s mouth as a possible diagnosis. Dillyn turned to his mother, looked her in the eye, and asked, “What’s leukemia?”

“That was the hardest thing I ever had to do was to tell him they thought he had cancer,” Tammy said.

Meanwhile, Corey was on the road working in construction when he got the call from his wife, explaining their son’s diagnosis.

“It all changed,” Corey said. “Dillyn was confined to a bubble.”

On Saturday morning, Dillyn woke up more preoccupied about leaving his parents’ other bone and migraines, while others were more consequential, such as the three bones Dillyn broke and migraines if not done correctly.

The doses of others would be delivered with a 3- to 5-inch needle into his spine. In total, Dillyn received 20 lumbar punctures, or spinal taps, which would occasionally result in migraines if not done correctly.

Lumbar puncture (noun): performed in your lower back, in the lumbar region. During lumbar puncture, a needle is inserted between two lumbar bones (vertebrae) to remove a sample of cerebrospinal fluid — the fluid that surrounds your brain and spinal cord to protect them from injury. (Source: Mayo Clinic)

A majority of his doses came through an IV port. A port is an access tube that is put into a large vein located on the upper arm or chest in order to give doses of chemotherapy.

Chemotherapy (noun): a drug treatment that uses powerful chemicals to kill fast-growing cancer cells in your body. (Source: Mayo Clinic)

Dillyn decided that his mother was the only person who was allowed to give him his chemotherapy on the days he was not at the hospital. At first, Tammy was too nervous to give Dillyn his treatment.

“This is a life or death situation,” the doctor told Tammy. “He has to have it two to three times a day. . . you’re going to have to mow up and do it.”

All the medicine had some type of side effect. Some were easier with sore muscles and other physical effects that sometimes could not be predicted.

“In that time, I did what I had to do,” Tammy said.

Picking up prescriptions could mean $5,000 worth of medicine for the Mumme family. While Corey was traveling, he noticed all of the parking receipts he was collecting from the parking ramp ranged from $10 to $20 per day.

During one of the first few days of the diagnosis, Tammy walked into the hospital room very quietly, with tears in her eyes after fetching her son’s prescriptions. Dillyn watched as his parents went into the bathroom to speak privately. An organization named Dance Marathon (DM) had paid for all of Dillyn’s prescription.

“As small as that seems, that was huge,” Dillyn said. “Just being diagnosed, emergency room visit, hospital stays, medicines, things like that, you have all these numbers going into your head about the financial things. That was one less thing they had to worry about.”

Dance Marathon (noun): The only children’s charity committed to having 100 percent of funds raised stay local to support local kids. (Source: Miracle Network)

While Tammy and Corey admit that DM’s financial help was extremely appreciated, they believe the emotional support was what really helped their family.

“It was great that they helped with copays on doctor and hospital visits, prescriptions and stuff. That was huge,” Tammy said. “But for us, they saved his life. I know they did.”

The 13th has always been a lucky day for Dillyn. He met his current girlfriend on June 13, 2013. He got an offer for his dream job on Nov. 13, 2017, to work in the Pathways Program at NASA after completing a summer internship with the space program developing tools for astronauts to use on mobile tools.

Pathways Program (noun): provides opportunities for students and recent graduates to be considered for Federal employment through NASA Pathways Internship Employment Program, NASA Pathways Recent Graduates Program and NASA Pathways Presidential Management Fellows Program.

May 13, 2012 was Dillyn’s last chemo treatment and Mother’s Day. He celebrated five years cancer free on May 13, 2017. “There’s excitement and nervousness [when it’s your last treatment],” Dillyn said. “You’re done, but it can come back whenever. It’s like walking down the street or a dark alley. You hear something behind you, so you look over your shoulder.”

His eyes glazed over as he recalled all the moments he had to face death, mentally and physically throughout his treatment.

“There were definitely times I didn’t know if I would make it through tonight,” Dillyn said. “There were weird circumstances. I mean if doctors can’t tell you what it is, then . . .” he trailed off.

Reversing the situation, Dillyn thinks of survival, and how the guilt can weigh on him as he asks questions such as: Why me? Why did I survive? Why was I chosen?

“It’s almost like your own personal post-traumatic stress disorder in a way,” Dillyn said. “Why didn’t they survive and I did? It’s not the same thing as the military, but it’s similar. It’s something that’s always on my mind.”

“Kiddos” is the only way Dillyn refers to the children who participate in DM. He has been a member of Iowa State’s DM since freshman year and continues to be involved in the families’ and “kiddos’ lives as much as possible.

He attended DM events around the Midwest, mainly at Iowa State and the University of Iowa. But, during the candle ceremony at Iowa State’s DM and the Dancing in Our Hearts video at University of Iowa, he is reminded that he was not alone in the struggles he endured.

“You start to cycle through why I survived and then I survived so then I need to do this, I need all my dreams to pursue these things,” Dillyn said. “DM is almost a rejuvenation every year, enacting what I’m striving to achieve those goals.”

As Dillyn ripped up his NASA slick jacket, he paused and stated, “Anything worth having in life is worth working for.”