Thousands of high school athletes dream of playing at a Division I school, but only a fraction of those athletes get the offer to. Ames native Tamin Lipsey has done that with Ames playing a high school basketball game.

Lipsey, a 6-foot-1 guard for Ames High in the class of 2022, announced on his Twitter account on June 16 that he had received a scholarship offer from the Cyclones.

“Lipsey is only 14-years-old and because of that, Iowa State couldn’t offer him a scholarship until now because of the NCAA rules,” said Ames High head coach Vance Downs. “For me, the recruiting process is just getting started, but I’m excited about it,” Lipsey said.

This is not the first time an Ames prospect has gained attention excelling at basketball at a young age. Ames High alums Harrison Barnes, an NBA Champion with the Golden State Warriors and now Dallas Mavericks forward, also gained a lot of attention while playing basketball in Ames.

Both Harrison and Tamin played for the All-Iowa Attack, an AAU Basketball team that travels around the country to play some of the best travel teams in the country in AAU tournaments.

“He is a fantastic athlete, can score against much bigger and faster athletes, and possesses an outstanding basketball IQ,” said Ames High head coach Vance Downs.

Downs believes that there are some good things about athletes playing AAU Basketball at a young age, apart from simply getting noticed by college teams.

“Players like Tamin who have more experience playing AAU tend to be more prepared to play varsity basketball,” Downs said.

While coach Downs does recognize how talented of a player Lipsey is, he will not be giving him any special treatment because he recognizes how talented of a player he is. Lipsey is, he will not be giving him any special treatment because he recognizes him as a player.

“Downs believes that there are some good things about athletes playing AAU Basketball at a young age, apart from simply getting noticed by college teams. He has shown a great work ethic and plays with a great deal of intensity; however, hiking enthusiasts struggle this week due to flood warning.

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Team recruitment analysis of Big 12 schools

BY TREVOR HOLBROOK
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Editor’s notes: All data retrieved for this story comes from 247Sports. The results from the data come from the current head coach’s first recruiting class to the class of 2018. TCU and West Virginia’s results include when both teams were in conferences other than the Big 12. The results include athletes who signed but didn’t make it on campus due to academic or other reasons. Kansas State and Bill Snyder’s results only include Snyder’s second stint at Kansas State.

With a majority of the Big 12 in or bordering Texas, the Iowa State Daily took a look into how those teams compare in geographic recruiting strategies.

Baylor

Since Matt Rhule’s arrival to Waco, the Bears have recruited heavily in Texas. A large chunk of his staff have been embedded in Texas for awhile

Hindu YUVA hosts Day of Yoga

BY TALON DELANEY
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On International Yoga Day, around 30 people participated in a yoga lesson sponsored by the Iowa State student group Hindu YUVA, and they learned that yoga is much more than controlled breathing and flow-yogi stretches.

“The very meaning of the word ‘yoga’ is ‘to unite,’” said Viraj Shah, the newly appointed president of Hindu YUVA.

Yoga has been a part of Shah’s life ever since he was a child in India. He currently is a graduate student at Iowa State, pursuing a degree in computer engineering.

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For this yoga session, Padmanabhan led the class with help from others from Hindu YUVA, as well as Nora Hudson, assistant director of fitness at Iowa State.

‘Yoga has a mission to connect health and fitness to everybody, not just Hindus,’ Hudson said.

Whether it was their first yoga lesson or their 100th, people walked away from the session feeling they learned something.

‘At first I was unsure, I had never tried yoga before,’ said Stacie Mallon. ‘Now I’m hooked.’

Mallon was introduced to the Hindu YUVA yoga session by her daughter, Brook Mallon, senior in architecture.

According to Padmanabhan, postures get attention in the main-stream for a very simple reason.

“This is what you can see,” Padmanabhan said. “But that’s not what yoga is. The core value of yoga is unity with nature, it’s about achieving peace.”

For this yoga session, Padmanabhan, Hudson and others led the class through “Sun Salutations,” something that Shah has life-long experience with.

“When we salute the sun, we acknowledge its qualities,” Shah said. “The sun differentiates between people and animals; it is the largest source of life we know. We aspire that these values come to us.”

A majority of the Big 12 schools are located in or border around Texas, the Daily compares geographic recruiting strategies.

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The 14-year-old with an Iowa State offer

Hiking in Ames became a muddy struggle this week due to flooding; however, hiking enthusiasts can enjoy a summer trek to Inis Grove Park, offering sand volleyball court, tennis court, covered shelters and hiking trails.

Mental Health

The dangers of walking alone at night or maintaining a poor diet are expressed regularly, however, the dangers of mental health often slip between the cracks.

Seeking help for mental health is important.

Free Parking

All metered parking in Ames will be free this week, as the City of Ames adjusts the costs of meters. The prices will be raised for the first time in 20 years.
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Friday, June 22, 4 p.m.
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Saturday, June 23, 8 a.m.
5th Annual Iowa Aible Run, Ada Hayden Park

Saturday, June 23, 8 a.m.
Main Street Farmers’ Market, Main Street, Blocks 300 and 400

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Flooding in the City of Ames has been a concern over the last week as Gov. Kim Reynolds has signed a disaster proclamation for Story County, but weather forecasters and Ames officials say it is unlikely to get worse.

“After last Thursday, at around three or four in the morning, Ames had people all around assessing the situation,” said Susan Gwiasda, Ames public relations officer. “The Ames [Police Department], Fire Department and Parks and Recreation were all out in the low-lying flood plain areas.”

Heavy rains between five and six inches and across nine counties including Story, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, Lyon, Olesca, Palo Alto and Scott led Reynolds to sign a disaster proclamation.

Gwiasda said this proclamation will be used to help private property owners who were affected by floods.

“You have to have at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level to apply for reimbursement for flood damage,” Gwiasda said. “So whether emergency funds get used all depends on if people qualify for reimbursement.”

Residents will have until Aug. 5 to file their claims to Mid-Iowa Community Action, the group in charge of all flood claims. For more information on the proclamation visit the Iowa Homeland Security website.

“The City of Ames will probably not require assistance, Gwiasda said.

“From a city perspective we didn’t have a tremendous amount of damage,” Gwiasda said. “We had a bridge wash out. We don’t know the cost estimate of that, but bridges tend to be a more expensive item.”

According to Gwiasda, the city also had issues with silt washing over hard surfaces and public tree limbs being broken, but that can all be covered by the general maintenance fund.

Joshua Thompson, parks and facilities superintendent for the Ames Parks and Recreation Department had similar sentiments in relation to Gwiasda.

“We had slight damage in Brookside Park, Smart South Park and Emma McCarthy Lee Park,” Thompson said.

As of right now, Thompson and the rest of the Parks and Recreation Department are in the process of cleaning up hard surfaces and shelters that were affected by the floods as well as doing general maintenance and safety checks on playground/park equipment.

“As far as flooding in Ames is concerned, residents should be vigilant but unconcerned,” Thompson said.

“At this point I have not heard of any threat of floods going into next week,” Thompson said. “But then again, I didn’t think it was going to flood last week either.”

Gwiasda shared similar thoughts and said residents should be proactive.

“We watch the rain gauges and tell the residents to always be aware,” Gwiasda said. “Sometimes systems come out of nowhere, we have tornadoes in November and we have weather incidents that aren’t forecasted. Next week looks fine now, but we are always always watching, and we recommend others do as well.”

John Dunn, director of Ames water and pollution control, voiced optimism about the coming weeks.

“After the initial flooding last Thursday, we had a couple of days where the water was able to crest and then fall again, Dunn said. “Rain for the next week is not expected to surpass one-to-two inches and that allows us a little bit more breathing room.”

According to Dunn these floods were typical for the Ames area.

“It is certainly typical for parks and low-lying areas around Ames to flood,” Dunn said. “Typically these parks are built on low cost lands adjacent to rivers, so it isn’t a surprise we saw flooding there. Every two-to-three years, we see flood waters in the parks because those areas are the first to be affected.”

If forecasts change, Dunn’s office can use flood modeling tools to tell which areas and at what times a flood will affect them.

According to the City of Ames website, other tools like the Iowa Flood Information System allow users to access extra information including “Ames-based flood conditions, forecasts, and inundation maps.”

For more information on the Ames flood watch program, go to the flood watch program section of the City of Ames website.

Parking costs increase in Ames

BY DEVYN.LEESEON
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All metered parking in Ames will be free from Monday, June 25 through Sunday, July 1, as Ames parking staff adjust the costs of meters.

According to a press release from the City of Ames, the prices will be raised for the first time in 20 years to cover higher maintenance costs and will take effect Monday, July 2.

The 900 parking meters’ rates across Campus town and downtown Ames will be different depending on the time limit on the meter. The rates will be $1 per hour for two-hour limit meters, 75 cents an hour for four-hour limit meters, and 50 cents an hour for 10-hour limit meters.

Metered parking will continue to run on all days except sundays and city holidays.

The updated meters will take payments in the form of coins, prepaid “smart cards,” and the mobile parking app, ParkMobile. Smart cards can be purchased at Ames City Hall.

Motorists should be aware: Parking limits will still be enforced through July 1 as the meters are being updated.

According to the press release, “the Park Mobile app provides pay-by-phone services for the collection of the parking meter fees. In addition, the app will map the City’s parking zones to show customers where parking is available in Campus town and downtown areas. Once a customer selects a zone, the Park Mobile app will show users how much time is left on the meter and send notifications in advance of the time expiring, all remotely from their smartphone.”

Council to discuss cap exemptions

BY DEVYN.LEESEON
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Ames City Council will have a meeting this Tuesday focusing on the first passage of exemptions to a recent rental cap ordinance and the final passage of zoning laws that were tabled at the June 12 meeting.

The cap limits the percentage of rental homes in neighborhoods surrounding the Iowa State campus to 25 percent.

The City Council discussed three options that would give waivers to people undergoing hardships due to the rental cap.

The first option would allow people to request that they be left for two additional years if they were trying to sell their property.

The second option would allow people to rent their property for two additional years if they had lived in Ames for a minimum of five years, the house has to be appraised and on sale for a reasonable

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 smooth the transition process.

The Council was supposed to pass a zoning ordinance for the stretch of Lincoln Way near downtown but tabled it Monday. As a result, it could draft exemptions giving businesses who meet the criteria a pre-existing status rather than non-conforming.

This would apply for businesses in retail trade, wholesale trade, detention facilities, warehousing-mini storage, vehicle service stations and vehicle repair facilities.
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PETA’s efforts lack in the courtroom

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People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) takes great pride in its championing of animals’ rights in court. The organization has a team of 19 attorneys who zealously work to ensure animals’ rights are respected. However, PETA’s actions in the courtroom have been ineffective at best, and sinister in some cases. Indeed, its slogan of “Animals Are Not Ours” is downright hypocritical when some of the organization’s past arguments are considered.

Two cases, in particular, illustrate the magnitude of PETA’s impotency in front of a judge. The first is Tilikum et al v. SeaWorld Parks and Entertainment, Inc. et al. (2012). In the Tilikum case, PETA brought suit as the next friend of five orcas owned by SeaWorld in Orlando, Florida and San Diego, California. PETA alleged SeaWorld was holding the orcas as slaves as they were “held physically and psychologically captive; without the means of escape.” The organization sought declaratory and injunctive relief under the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which abolished the institution of slavery in most cases.

The case was correctly thrown out, as the historical context of the Thirteenth Amendment made it abundantly clear “only human beings, or persons, are afforded the protection of the Thirteenth Amendment.” However, there was another glaring flaw in PETA’s case.

PETA had no standing to sue on behalf of the orcas as their next friend. To establish new friend standing, the purported friend must show they hold “some significant relationship with, and [are] truly dedicated to the best interests of, the petitioner,” according to Coalition of Clergy v. Bush (2002).

The organization showed no special interest in the plaintiffs — that is to say, it did not claim to have a relationship with the plaintiffs which was more significant than its relationships with any other animals. Three of their fellow next friends were equally distant from the orcas. Ingrid Visser is the founder of Orca Research Trust, but she cannot claim to have had a relationship with those particular orcas before this case began. The same can be said for Howard Garrett, who launched the Orca Network, and Richard O’Barry, the founder of the Dolphin Project.

Fellow next friends Samantha Berg and Carol Ray are, at least, closer to the plaintiffs. They worked at SeaWorld during the same timeframe the plaintiffs were held there. However, the complaint only alleges two of the five plaintiffs worked with Berg and Ray. Berg and Ray could make an attempt to sue for the two orcas they interacted with. However, they did not have standing to sue for all five without a direct relationship, and PETA certainly had no right to sue for any of them.

This, of course, assuming the court would accept the expansion of next friend standing to suits filed on behalf of non-humans. The case of Naruto v. Slater (2018) indicated such an expansion would not take place.

In the Naruto case, the Ninth Circuit Court declined to recognize the right of next friends to sue on behalf of animals, “absent express authorization of Congress.” Judge Carlos Bea, who wrote the opinion, cited Whitmore v. Arkansas (1990), where the Supreme Court ruled “the scope of any federal ‘next friend’ standing doctrine, assuming that one exists absent congressional authorization, is no broader than the next friend standing permitted under the federal habeas corpus statute.”

The Tilikum case was decided in the District Court for the Southern District of California, and the Naruto case was decided in the Ninth Circuit — the direct appellate court for the Southern District of California. Thus, it is very probable that, if the district court had relied on Tilikum and his fellow orcas, the decision would have been overturned on appeal with this same rationale.

However, as stated in Judge Bea’s opinion, “Naruto was not a party to the suit.” To establish a significant relationship with Naruto, PETA attempted to settle the case with Slater, reaching an agreement where Slater would donate “25 percent of any future revenue derived from using or selling the monkey to charities that protect the habitat of Naruto and other crested macaques in Indonesia.”

Indeed, PETA hailed the settlement as “groundbreaking,” which is a patina face lie. It is unclear what claims PETA was apparently settling. As the organization was suing as a next friend, all claims and disputes were Naruto’s. As stated in the Ninth Circuit’s opinion, “Naruto was not a party to the settlement, nor were Naruto’s claims settled therein.” Due to this settlement, Naruto was left without an advocate or any way to seek relief.

PETA states to the world “animals are not ours to eat, wear, experiment on, use for entertainment, or abuse in any other way.” There is quite a disconnect between this platitudinous and the organization’s substantive actions in court. Abandoning the interests of the helpless animals it represents to pursue its own interests.

Take care of your mental health

BY DANIELA RIVERA
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Why is there such a stigma around struggling with mental health?

Working over the summer at Iowa State with incoming students, we gave them some time to get in a small group and ask any questions about coming here in the fall. This is one of my favorite sessions. The parents are in another room, so the students feel like they can ask me anything.

One question that really made me think was, “What was your biggest regret during your first year at Iowa State?” I had never been asked a question that made me reflect like that.

I could have been answered really simply with a flippant response about not bringing enough hangovers or having a lower grade-point average than I expected. Instead, I looked around my group and told them, “My biggest regret during my first semester was not taking care of my mental health.”

In college, you have the chance to have new and exciting experiences. Some are amazing, but some can hurt you.

Everyone talks about the dangers of walking alone at night or going to a party. However, the dangers of not getting help if you are feeling overwhelmed or alone is not stressed as much.

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, more than 75 percent of all mental health conditions begin before the age of 24. In high school, students might begin to experience conditions like depression and anxiety. However, many students have more support to rely on.

In college, on the other hand, you must essentially get used to a new life. It’s easy to find yourself overwhelmed, and there is an unfair stigma around seeking help for your mental health.

When you get an injury, you go to a doctor or to the hospital and don’t even think twice (if you have insurance and money for the copay). People see going to therapy as a sign of weakness, but you should never feel ashamed of it.

With how focused I’ve been on my studies, I saw every free moment as an opportunity to get ahead. I put school before my family, my friends and my mental health. You don’t realize the harm you are causing yourself until you reach your breaking point.

I told my group that they should care about school while also finding the balance that is right for them. You can be a great student and also have a social life through being involved in clubs and organizations you enjoy.

College students will often find themselves putting masks on when they go out to talk to friends and family. You don’t want to be seen as the downer friend or have your parents worry, and that is the biggest issue — the fear that once you change even a little from the first impressions you make, people will always comment about it.

Growing up, I was always known as happy and filled with energy. I was so afraid to break that impression, I was convinced that was my true self. However, that fear of negative perception can sow even more doubt and distress in your mind, increasing the magnitude of your struggles and creating a vicious cycle.

In reality, it is completely normal to feel blue on some days, or to avoid interacting with people on others. I encourage you to talk to your families and friends about these topics to foster more awareness. You might help them change their attitudes and perhaps even help them open up about any of their own mental struggles.
Along with playing basketball, Lipsey also plays football in the fall and runs track and field in the spring and summer. Lipsey is a three-sport athlete that has shown massive promise in each sport he plays at a young age. He excelled in track and field during middle school, and in the 2017 outdoor track season, Lipsey won six UAATF Iowa Association Junior Track and Field Championships, four Region eight Junior Olympic Championship and three National Junior Olympics Championships.

Already this season, Lipsey has won an Iowa Association Junior Track and Field Championship in the high jump with a leap of 21-feet, 7-and-1/2-inches, a personal best for the 14-year-old.

Lipsey's parents were very excited about this and proud of him for getting this far at his age. “Great job son, the hard work is paying off, with an offer from one of your dream schools,” Lipsey's father, Rob, said to him after he received the offer.

His athletic prowess runs in the family. Lipsey has three sister: Phaedra, Amara and Teagan. Amara and Teagan have played for or are playing for the Little Cyclones’ girls’ basketball team. Amara graduated in May and will be playing basketball at Kirkwood in the fall, while Teagan will be a junior at Ames. Phaedra participated in track and volleyball.

With this scholarship offer and the widespread interest from major conference teams that Lipsey is likely to receive, his family will be guiding him along the way to decide what can be in the best possible position to succeed.

“We’ve had many conversations about academics, career goals, level of competition, and fit. As the process goes on I want to keep these in mind,” Lipsey said.

The next step for Tamin is to play high school basketball this winter for the Ames High Little Cyclones.

Downs believes that Tamin has a lot of room to grow as a player, but that he won’t single him out, saying that each of his teammates have something they need to improve on as well. Lipsey isn’t close to his ceiling, according to Downs.

‘I’ve coached him in AAU before, so I’ve had an up-close look at him. We are still learning about him but I think he needs to mature all parts of his game,’ Downs said.

Lipsey plans on using the scholarship offer as motivation in the years to come.

Tamin Lipsey has been offered a scholarship from Iowa State, without playing a single high school basketball game. His next step is to play for the Ames High Little Cyclones in the winter.

“It’s a big confidence builder, but it doesn’t mean I can just stop working on what has got me here,” Lipsey said. “It makes me want to work harder.”

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Iowa State

In Campbell’s 2016 class, Matt Campbell signed two players from Texas, followed by none in the 2017 class and two more in the 2018 class. Campbell and his staff haven’t stockpiled the Texas players, but they’ve sigagged to a handful of states. In the class of 2016, Iowa State signed players from 16 different states and one from Washington D.C. (D’Andre Payne). In Campbell’s second class, Iowa State cut to 10 states and honed in on Iowa, more, signing seven Iowans.

Currently, the class of 2019 sits at 11 commitments with Iowa and Missouri leading with three commits each.

Iowa State’s new running backs coach Nate Scheelhaase is the latest to show geographic recruiting diversity, receiving commitments as the primary recruiter with Leonard Glass from California, Na- thaniel Beal III from Texas and Vonzell Kelley from Missouri.

KANSAS

In David Beaty’s initial recruiting class at Kansas, he went all-in on prospects from Texas. Beaty signed 19 players from Texas, two from Kansas and five from other states. The class of 2016 dropped from 19 Texans to 10.

The numbers from Texas plummeted to three in the 2017 class and two in the 2018 class. While the Jayhawks cooled off in Texas, Louisiana maintained consistent results.

No players from Louisiana were signed in 2015; three signed in 2016, two signed in 2017 and four were signed in 2018. Kansas has one commitment from Louisiana for the 2019 class — four-star quarterback Lance LeGendre.

The early attention to the state of Texas likely stems from Beaty’s job prior to coaching Kansas and the depth of talent in the state. Before taking the Kansas head coaching position, Beaty was the wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator at Texas A&M.

KANSAS STATE

The previous three schools have a relatively small sample size to analyze from due to recent coaching hires. With Kansas State’s Bill Snyder, the Wildcats provide a decade’s worth of data to dissect. Only one class tallied double-digit signees from Texas or Kansas (in 2010 Kansas State signed 11 players from Kansas). It took until the class of 2015 for Kansas State to sign its first Iowans in Snyder’s second tenure, but the long wait paid off. Iowa Western Community College quarterback Jake Waters signed with the Wildcats and finished his Kansas State career with 55 total touchdowns and 5,970 passing yards.

After signing Waters and another Iowan in the 2013 class, Kansas State has only signed one Iowan from 2014-2018.

OKLAHOMA

After the odd timing of Bob Stoops’ retirement, Lincoln Riley took the reins of Oklahoma in 2017. With only one recruiting class as a head coach under his belt, Riley and his staff primarily added talent from Texas and Oklahoma, while rounding out the class with players from Florida, California, Missouri, Ohio and Tennessee.

Oklahoma’s class of 2019 looks to be shaping up with a Texas-heavy approach. Oklahoma has eight commitments from Texas and five other commitments — each from a different state.

Riley — a Muldrow, Texas native — has Texas roots, graduating from Texas Tech and coaching in Lubbock for seven seasons.

OKLAHOMA STATE

Mike Gundy has spent the last 14 years recruiting in the Big 12. Oklahoma State’s recruiting results reflect the importance that Gundy has put on the state of Texas, with over half of his recruits coming from the Lone Star State.

When Gundy took over as the head coach of the Cowboys in January 2005, he had a quick turnaround to sign his recruiting class. In a press release, Gundy noted the importance of his staff working quickly and highlighted this tie to Texas.

“I was able to see how quickly they worked, and the relationships they had in the Texas area,” Gundy said in the release. “I thought we did very well for how far behind we were.”

TCU

It’s safe to say Gary Patterson likes Texas recruiting. Over 75 percent of Patterson’s signees since his hire back in 2000 have been Texans. Fast-forward to the last five years, and Patterson’s geographic diversity has expanded. Illinois, Washington, Alaska, Connecticut and other states have popped up on TCU’s signing days, but Texas has still been the heavy-hitter in the Horned Frogs’ classes.

Another newly unatched state for Patterson in the past has been Iowa. The class of 2019 received a commitment from Lewis Central prospect Max Duggan — the second-best player in Iowa and the 12th-best quarterback according to 247Sports.

Texas

Texas is back!

Well, recruiting is anyway. Tom Herman signed the third-best class in the country in 2018, a class that included 19 Texans. While the Longhorns stayed in-state for most of the class, Herman snugged players from five other states, just like in his first class with Texas.

The 2019 class has kicked off with six Texans, a pair of Arizonaans, a Georgian and a Californian.

Texas Tech

It’s clear that Kliff Kingsbury knows a thing or two about the state of Texas after attending college at Texas Tech, and it shows in his recruiting.

The fewest Texas signers Kingsbury has had in one class is 13. The most not: Texas signers in a single class is five. In the 2018 class, Kingsbury and his staff has leaned even more into the Texas pipeline. Texas Tech signed 16 players from Texas and one from Oklahoma in the 2018 class. Right now, the class of 2019 has 11 commitments — all from Texas.

West Virginia

West Virginia is in the same boat as Iowa State in the sense that it doesn’t have close proximity to Texas. As a result, Dana Holgorsen and his staff have signed players from all over the map.

While the state of Texas has been limited to 11 signers for West Virginia under Holgorsen, Florida has stepped in as the top dog in Mountaineer recruiting.

The Sunshine State leads the way with 39 signers. Ohio and West Virginia account for 30 players each, and Pennsylvania adds 29 more signers.

West Virginia is the most diverse (geographically speaking) in the Big 12 for recruiting, utilizing 26 states and Washington D.C. to find players.
The next two weeks are critical for the future of tariffs between China and the United States, according to an Iowa State Agricultural Economics professor.

Talks about tariffs, which could hurt Iowa farmers, between the United States and China have grown recently as President Donald Trump has begun making what he sees as a viable trade a priority of his administration.

“All of this tariff talk really started at the first of the year,” said Chad Hart, associate professor of economic sciences for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Iowa State.

A tariff is a tax on foreign goods sold in the United States. For example, a 25 percent tariff on a $10 good would be $2.50. This can influence people to buy domestic goods rather than goods from a foreign country a tariff has been placed on.

There are really two trade issues that involve the U.S. and China, Hart said.

The first issue, Hart said, involves China’s handling of intellectual property rights of U.S. goods.

“Every president since [Richard] Nixon and [Gerald] Ford have had an issue with intellectual property and China,” Hart said. “Let’s say you want to sell a product in China, the way the laws are written now for the most part, you have to take on a Chinese partner. You would have to share your technology information with them, and then they could start their own company if they wanted to.”

“That just isn’t the way we play here. In the U.S. you own the intellectual property of your technology, and you have certain rights over that technology for a time before other people can develop it.”

Hart said the other issue Trump is addressing with tariffs includes the trade deficits.

According to Hart, there is about $130-140 billion worth of goods shipped to China from the United States, while the United States receives over $50 billion in Chinese goods.

However, this trade deficit isn’t necessarily a bad thing, according to Hart.

“When you break it down, it really isn’t good or bad,” Hart said. “The U.S. mainly exports life sustaining goods like ag, energy and transportation. The U.S. markets are more consumer driven, so China exports a lot of our fashion, furniture and manufacturing goods.”

Despite the monetary trade deficit in those areas, Hart says the United States runs a surplus in other ways. For instance, the United States receives a large amount of money from China when they buy debt, and the United States has a lot of “the best and the brightest minds” at universities and institutions.

Concerns over intellectual property and trade deficits have led the United States to put tariffs on over 1,300 Chinese goods amounting to over $50 billion. The Chinese, in return, have started putting tariffs on 128 U.S. goods, namely soybeans.

The back-and-forth implementation of trade barriers is what is known as a trade war and something Trump has said is “easy to win.”

Hart thinks Trump’s rhetoric in this case is centered on a long-term solution.

“When you look at the short term, there is no real winner in a trade war,” Hart said. “It is more about minimizing your losses. What I think he means, is that if you want to win a trade war or trade disputes, it is best to move to fairer, free trade.”

While moving towards his goals, Hart says, Trump’s tough talk and implementation of tariffs has already impacted Iowa farmers.

“The price of soybeans has fallen by about $1.50 since the talk on tariffs started,” Hart said.

This drop in soybean prices is largely due to the anticipation of future tariffs rather than current ones.

“When you look at what has been talked about and what has been done, you see that a whole lot hasn’t actually been done,” Hart said. “Right now, we are in the negotiation phase for most of these tariffs, meaning a large majority of the tariffs are just talk at this point.”

Hart said the deadline for these negotiations is July 6, 2018, but even if the negotiations go well, it is “almost certain” more tariffs will come.

“It will be interesting to look at over the next 2-3 weeks,” Hart said. “Those negotiations will be critical when it comes to soybeans.”

Soybeans are a large part of the Iowa economy, Hart explained.

“By area, they are the number one largest crop in the U.S., and China is the number one consumer of soybeans,” Hart said.

While the tariffs that were implemented will lower the consumption of U.S. grown soybeans overseas, it won’t eliminate it.

“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.

Outside of economic reasons, China may also have a political incentive to target U.S. exports of soybeans.

“$20 [billion] to $25 billion of U.S. exports to China are ag related,” Hart said. “For China to have the largest political impact with their tariffs, targeting the rural economies which typically lean conservatively, or who might have voted for Trump, is their best option.”

Hart said this pressure could push back on Trump enough for him to back down, but no matter the outcome of the negotiations, the impact on crop prices is likely to move into harvest season when most farmers sell their crops.

Net neutrality repealed: what that could mean for Ames

With net neutrality gone, most internet companies won’t change their policies in the short term, but over time, they could start changing more for less, says a former computer science professor with 35 years of experience.

“It has only been one week without net neutrality, so we haven’t felt the impacts yet, but that could change over the next few years,” said David Martin, who is now a computer software consultant and Ames City Council member.

“Right now, the internet is dominated by a few big names like Amazon, Netflix, Facebook, Twitter and they want to keep it that way.”

Net neutrality was a policy, implemented during President Barack Obama’s time in office, restricting internet service providers from slowing down or speeding up websites. It ended on June 11 after the Federal Communications Commission voted 3-2 in favor of doing so.

“Every time someone browses the internet, that data first goes through an internet service provider or ISP,” Martin said. “These ISPs can handle that data and choose to limit or speed up access to different websites.”

The practice of speeding up or slowing access, also known as throttling, was prevented by net neutrality. As these companies are allowed to throttle, Martin said, they stiffen competition on the internet and allow larger companies to stay on top in popularity.

“Large companies like Netflix could pay a little extra to limit access to other streaming services or make their services faster,” Martin said. “This would essentially choke out other companies.”

FCC Chairman Ajit Pai, who oversaw the removal of net neutrality, says the policy will actually increase competition.

“Net neutrality will protect competitors and promote better, faster internet access and more competition,” Pai told CBS News on June 11. “But at the FCC, we have a transparency rule today that every company in the U.S. has to disclose their business practices, and the Federal Trade Commission is empowered to take action against any company who engages in any anti-competitive conduct.”

Calling net neutrality a solution in search of a problem, Pai said ISPs will not throttle despite the regulations being removed.

“Do not believe hypothetical harms, unsupported by empirical data, economic theory, or even recent anecdotes, provide a basis for public utility regulation of ISPs,” Pai said in the proposal.

Pai has also argued the removal of net neutrality would improve competition by allowing ISPs to split up access to the internet like cable packages.

Instead of an all-inclusive internet plan, an ISP could restrict access to social media websites, streaming services, online games or email services unless customers buy those respective packages.

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Tariffs to impact future crop prices

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Soybeans near maturity in a soybean field south of the Cap Timm Field. The drop in soybean prices is largely due to the anticipation of future tariffs.

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