This scripture inspired the Christian tradition of Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lenten in many Christian faiths. Lenten, or Lent, is a 40 day long celebration of fasting with deep roots in Biblical literature.

The number 40 bears significance in the Bible: 'The Jews walked 40 years through the desert from Egypt to Israel. It was 40 days Jesus fasted in the desert and faced temptation from Satan, according to the gospels. It is in this respect certain Christian traditions observe Lent, but not every tradition does it the same way.

Today is Ash Wednesday, when Catholics and Lutherans mark a cross in ash upon their foreheads to symbolize their mortality. It references Genesis 3:19, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return" in the King James Bible.

In many faiths the fast lasts from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday. Not all Christians who celebrate Lent recognize Ash Wednesday. Eastern Orthodox Christians still fast, but they begin and end on different days, and have different fasting conditions than Catholic or Protestant traditions.

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Music hall in need of expansion

When the full ISU Symphony Orchestra practices in the Martha-Ellen Tye Recital Hall, they fit over 100 performers on a stage originally designed to fit 40 people.

This is characteristic of the large ensembles that practice and perform there. With the popularity of ISU’s multiple ensembles, they have outgrown not only the recital hall, but the entire Music Hall.

There are currently around 1,800 Iowa State students enrolled in music classes and/or participating in the various music ensembles. This number has grown in recent years, largely because of the university’s increased enrollment over the last ten years. This growth has forced the music department to the point where it cannot meet the demand of the number of students wanting to take music courses as well as participate in ensembles. According to Curry, it has made spaces in the Music Hall overcrowded.

Lawrence Curry is the music department’s facilities technical director. Part of his job involves organizing the schedule for the rehearsal and practice spaces throughout the building. “We have a couple bands that rehearse at night because they can’t get a space during the daytime,” Curry said.

Curry explained that the overcrowding extends to the faculty offices and classrooms. “Three people are sharing a dressing room across the hall for an office,” Curry said. “Two of our recent faculty hires are in what used to be secretary offices because they just were out of offices for faculty to teach in. Like everyone else, we’re busting at the seams.”

Due to the lack of an available budget, it would be difficult to fund a Music Hall expansion project to alleviate the cramped conditions. Because of this, Curry said he doesn’t believe expansion is possible soon, but said it’s important for them to be prepared for when money does become available.

“[Expansion] is a dream, and we want to be ready when someone is available to help support that dream,” Curry said.

Last semester, the music department took a step toward being prepared for when the money is available. By working with an architecture class, they undertook a design project addressing the issue of the Music Hall’s limited space. The goal of this project was to discover the feasibility of expanding the Music Hall.

Architecture students met with music faculty at the beginning of this process to determine the department’s “wish-list” of additions they would build if given the necessary budget.

The architecture students created expansion designs for the potential new music hall.

The most ambitious addition to the Music Hall that faculty want built is a 1,000-seat concert hall. According to Curry, they have outgrown the Martha-Ellen Tye Recital Hall, the largest performance space in the Music Hall. The large ensembles such as the bands, choirs and orchestras draw an attendance of around 1,000 for their major performances. The Martha-Ellen Tye Recital Hall has a capacity of just over 300. For the larger shows, they often rent out Stephens Auditorium. However, Curry said renting out Stephens Auditorium isn’t ideal.

“It’s several thousand dollars to present an event [at Stephens Auditorium]. You have to rent the space. You have to pay for stage hands, ushers, ticket sellers and set up,” Curry said. “It would be tremendous financial saving to our department if we had a thousand-seat concert hall.”

In addition to the concert hall, the music department would like to build additional practice and rehearsal spaces for all the music and theater groups. Music Hall currently has two large rehearsal rooms and the recital hall. Curry said these spaces are not enough for all the groups.

“Everyone wants to get into the recital hall and rehearse,” Curry said. “We present about 125 concerts a year. That doesn’t include the rehearsals that lead up to the concerts. We’re booked pretty much seven days a week school year-round.”

Curry said they are also unable to accommodate the number of students wanting to participate in the different ensembles. They do not have enough rehearsal and practice spaces to create additional ensembles to meet the student demand.

Additionally, Curry stressed the need for more storage spaces for the instruments of the bands and ensembles. The marching band is forced to store their instruments and equipment in multiple places on campus because there isn’t enough room in the Music Hall.

It is another goal of the music department to expand the undergraduate music education program to a master’s program.

“There is a need for a master’s program in music education,” Curry said. “We’ve been talking about it for several years. But until...
Dear Iowa State Community:

I want to update you on the status of potential midyear cuts to Iowa State’s budget and apprise you of the Board of Regents’ decision to postpone discussion on setting tuition rates. We understand the important impact both these issues have on our students, faculty, staff, and the university as a whole, which is why we want to be as open and transparent with you as possible.

You may recall the Iowa Senate proposed a bill Jan. 25 that would take back $19.3 million from the Regents institutions, including $6.9 million from Iowa State University for the current (FY18) fiscal year that ends June 30, 2018. The Senate has since amended its bill, reducing the total cut to the Regents institutions to $14.6 million and removing language that stipulates how these cuts would be distributed to Iowa State and the other institutions, instead leaving that decision to the Board of Regents. This revised bill has been approved by the full Senate and is now in the House for consideration.

The House has proposed its own bill that would take back a total of $8.1 million from the Regents institutions and leaves it to the Board of Regents to determine how those cuts would be distributed across the universities. The bill is now working its way through the normal committee and full House debate and voting process.

University leadership is continuing to inform the legislature of the devastating potential impacts these cuts may have on Iowa State. The Alliance for Iowa State deployed another call to action last Friday to more than 200,000 Iowa State faculty, staff, students, alumni, and stakeholders, asking them to contact their legislators to oppose midyear cuts. You can subscribe to Alliance for Iowa State updates here.

Given the uncertainty, the Board of Regents has decided to postpone discussion on tuition rates for the 18-19 academic year until its April meeting.

This is a very challenging situation. We understand the frustration this causes our students and their families who are struggling to plan and budget for their college education. We also recognize the angst faculty and staff may feel as they wonder how midyear budget reductions could impact them. We will continue to fight for funding for Iowa State University and convey that state resources should be regarded not as a cost, but as an investment in our students and the economic vitality of the state. We will continue to provide you with information on the budget and tuition processes as soon as it is available.

Sincerely,

Wendy Wintersteen
President

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Iowa Board of Regents delay tuition increase

Missing from the Iowa Board of Regents agenda released Tuesday is an anticipated tuition increase proposal for Iowa universities that was expected by some to be introduced this February.

Josh Lehman, Regents communications director, said via email to the Daily that because of the “considerable uncertainty about state appropriations,” both in terms of possible midyear cuts and lagging funds for fiscal year 2019, “the Board does not yet have enough information to be able to set tuition rates at the February meeting.”

Due to the delay, the Board will not hold a first reading of tuition until April with expected approval of those rates in June, Lehman said.

In October, the Regents postponed a first reading of tuition as a way to avoid multiple tuition increases during the year.

Board of Regents President Michael Richards said at the time, “We do not have a timetable for when we will do a first reading of tuition, but we will do it as soon as we have a proposal with which we are comfortable.”

Iowa State University President Wendy Wintersteen, in a statement to the university, said, “This is a very challenging situation. We understand the frustration this causes our students and their families who are struggling to plan and budget for their college education. “We also recognize the angst faculty and staff may feel as they wonder how midyear budget reductions could impact them.”

As noted by Lehman and Wintersteen, midyear budget cuts by the Iowa Legislature have added to the level of uncertainty to students and families in relation to tuition and proposed increases.

The Iowa Senate proposed a bill that would reduce funding to Iowa State by $6.9 million for this fiscal year on Jan. 25. The bill has since been amended to reflect a cut of $14.6 million for all Regent universities without a stipulation of how the reductions should be divided.

The Iowa House bill, which is still moving through committee, proposes cuts of $8.1 million to the Regents this year.

“The bill leaves it to the Board of Regents to determine how those cuts would be distributed across the universities,” Wintersteen said in the release.

Possible tuition increases have been ever present on student’s minds since August, with Interim Iowa State President Ben Allen proposing a five-year 7 percent tuition increase for all resident undergraduates to the Regents’ Tuition Task Force.

Wintersteen, in an interview with the Iowa State Daily Monday, said regarding the state budget and appropriations to the university, “We are continuing to discuss the proposals and to make plans, in general, about how we might move forward.”
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SUDOKU

BY THE MEPHAM GROUP

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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CORRECTIONS

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Fight for higher education funding

BY ASHTON AYERS,
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The Iowa Senate is considering a $6.9 million cut to Iowa State, along with $177 million in other cuts to Iowa’s higher education. With Iowa State’s budget strained as it is, we cannot afford more cuts to our university.

Our tuition is already scheduled to be raised 35 percent over the next few years due to a lack of funding from the state government, and if Iowa State is to remain an accessible institution to all people across the state this reckless midyear slash to our school’s funding cannot stand.

In the land grant charter for Iowa State, it states that the university should be established to provide an avenue to higher education for the working class people of Iowa. This promise is unattainable at the current rate of tuition growth due to a lack of funding from the state government.

Iowa State students need to call State Senators Bill Dix, Amy Sinclair and Tim Kraayenbrink at (515) 281-3371 and ask them to do the right thing by funding our universities and vote against Senate File 2117 and de-appropriation.

Students at Iowa State have been calling the Capitol to oppose these cuts, but we have to keep their feet to the fire. If we keep speaking up, we can stop these massive cuts.

Five tips to have a healthy relationship

Here are five things you need to know about healthy relationships:

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Furthermore, relationships are not just about giving each other material gifts. Relationships take compromise, commitment and care.

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Wis went scoreless in the first meeting between these two teams, but with two solid performances under her belt, the Cyclones will be looking to the Greensfeld, Indiana, native to be the third scoring option on Wednesday night.

Fennelly said that offensively, the Cyclones need to adjust to the aggressiveness of the TCU zone from the opening tip.

"Sometimes you gotta attack them," Fennelly said. "You gotta break pressure with pressure."

On the defensive side of the ball, the Cyclones have to improve their interior defense.

TCU took advantage of Kennedy-Hopoate’s absence in Hilton, with starting center Jordan Moore scoring 25 points on 14 shots. Every one of her eight made field goals was in the paint. The Cyclones gave up 35 points to Oklahoma State center Kaylee Jensen on Saturday, and without Kennedy-Hopoate’s physicality, the burden of defending Moore falls on senior forward Claire Ricketts and junior Meredith Burkhall.

Fennelly said that the Cyclones will use more zone defense this time around to combat Moore’s post presence, which is in line with the strategy the Cyclones used to pull off a road upset of then-No. 19 Oklahoma State in January.

Sophomore forward Adriana Camber thinks that Burkhall and Ricketts are performing well in Bride’s absence.

"I think Claire has a done a great job stepping up," Camber said. "Hopefully Bride can get back soon, but I think our post players are doing a great job."

The Cyclones are running out of opportunities to end a difficult season on a positive note. A fourth road win in conference play on Wednesday night would be a big step in the right direction.

IOWA STATE (10-14, 4-9 Big 12)

TCU Horned Frogs (16-8, 7-6 Big 12)

Fort Worth, Texas

Ed & Rae Schollmaier Arena

6:30PM Wednesday, Feb. 14

Watch: Fox Sports Southwest (TV), Cyclones.tv (Radio)

Cyclones leading scorers
1. Bridget Carleton, Junior, 18.1 points per game
2. Emily Durr, Senior, 10.7 PPG
3. Madison Wise, Freshman, 9.3 PPG
4. Meredith Burkhall, Junior, 6.7 PPG
5. Bride Kennedy-Hopoate, Junior, 6.7 PPG

Cyclones face “tough times”
Roses are red. Violets are blue. Here are 15 Valentine’s Day jokes about Iowa State U.

BY EMILY BARSKE
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Whether you have a Valentine or not, everyone enjoys jokes, love and seasonal candy. Without further ado:

1. You’re the Lancelot to my Elaine.
2. We go together like cardinal and gold.
3. No matter how many obstacles we face together, at least we’ll never be Hawkeye fans.
4. There’s no one else I’d rather go campaniling with.
5. You’re sweeter than a cherry pie.
6. I’d step on the Zodiac for you.
7. I love you from Curtiss to Beardshear and back.
8. My love for you is greater than the number of Cy statues in Ames.
9. Let’s stick together like a Rice Krispies treat.
10. [Sweet Caroline playing in the background] You’re “so good, so good, so good”’ to me.
11. You’re prettier than a fall day on Central Campus.
12. You’re the only one I’d share a Clone Cone with.
13. There are 36,321 fish in the Cyclone sea, but you’re the only one for me.
14. You’re more exciting than Hilton Magic.
15. With you in my life, my heart is fuller than UDCC over the noon hour.
**MADISON SMITH**

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**COURTIS RICHARDS**

“We fast as a community, and we’re all sharing an infinitesimal piece of Christ’s cross together.”

Richards, senior in mechanical engineering, calls himself a “cradle-Catholic,” which means he was baptized in the Catholic tradition as a child and has upheld the faith ever since.

He is also the president of ISU’s Catholic Student Community, an organization with more than 100 student members.

“What’s known about Lent is you give something up, but it’s more than that,” Richards said. “It’s like I’m in control of my choices and my relationship with God.”

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