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More than $400,000 has been spent since 2016 as a result of Title IX lawsuits against Iowa State. Students and taxpayers have helped foot the bill.

Iowa State had four Title IX suits filed against them by two former students and the former Title IX coordinator, since 2016. Iowa State retained services from Husch Blackwell, a law firm operating out of Kansas City, Missouri.

University counsel Michael Norton was a partner at Husch Blackwell for 12 years before starting at Iowa State. As of Oct. 25, 2018, $416,016.88 has been spent on the four Title IX suits.

The money going to Husch Blackwell is paid out from the general university budget, which in 2016 was composed of 58.9 percent tuition. The settlements paid to Niesen and Kelley come from the state litigation fund, paid for by an Iowa General Fund appropriation. The fund was composed of 91.9 percent tax dollars.

Niesen received $47,500 in May 2018. The firm representing Niesen received $32,500 of the settlement, and she received $15,000. Kelley received $125,000 in August 2018. Kelley received $75,000 of the settlement and the firm representing her received $50,000.

Maher v. Iowa State Ez Al, the only case that has not ended in a settlement, was dismissed by the Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge Helen Adams on Feb. 14, 2018. Maher and her attorney Andrew Zbaracki have since appealed the dismissal.

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

Editors' Note: This is part three of an investigation to track the amount of money spent charged in recent Title IX cases against Iowa State. Part one was published Feb. 16, 2018, part two was published May 29, 2018.

Iowa State receives $2.5 million grant to help molecule research

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Iowa State received a $2.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy’s Bioenergy Technologies Office. This three-year grant will be used to research what scientists call "biosynthetic molecules."

Biosynthetic molecules create a library of compounds used to make green chemicals, said Brent Shank, engineering professor and director of the Center of Bio-renewable Chemicals (CBiRC) at Iowa State.

“We call [them] biosynthetic because the biological sourcing of it creates unique opportunities to make molecules that we can’t make any other way,” Shank said.

“When we started this center, a lot of the focus was really on trying to make the same chemicals that we are already making from petroleum and making those from biomass so that they are renewable carbon instead of one-use carbon,” Shank said.

Right now, carbon is coming from oils and gases. Carbon is extremely cheap from crude oil, Shank said. After looking at environmental impact, renewable carbon from biological molecules is the best answer.

Renewable carbon would make existing chemicals that are used everyday safer to use and better for the Earth. The problem though, is finding the right kind of molecule that would create the chemical they want.

“There’s hundreds of chemicals, so how do we possibly trip upon the right ones?” Shank said. To start, scientists work backwards.

Scientists start with a molecule that worked to create a chemical, and then work backwards to find the process of how they got there. Shank said this is where the grant comes into play.

This grant is part of the three-step system that narrows down this vast amount of biological molecules to find what they need.

The end goal is to “develop a computer code that can go in and essentially crawl through the literature and find performance of certain molecules and application,” Shank said.

The first of three steps takes place at the University of Washington, where researchers are mining data to find the biosynthetic molecules that can be diversified to create a compound with useful properties for a specific chemical.

The second step takes place at Northwestern University where researchers are finding the molecular structures that will be useful in the production of the chemicals.

The third step is where Iowa State leads the research.

“We lead the grant in doing the synthesis and testing of the actual molecule,” Shank said.

This grant and three-step system is helping to create the stepping stones to finding new molecules that scientists otherwise would not know about.

“One of the things I am excited about is we grow a lot of biomass in Iowa… I think we have the opportunity for Iowa to be one of the leaders in producing these kind of compounds,” Shank said.

Iowa State ranked 18th, two games from Big 12 Championship game

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Following Iowa State’s fifth-straight win, the Cyclones found themselves in the AP Top 25 poll again Sunday. Iowa State was ranked 23rd in the AP poll last Sunday after defeating Kansas. The win over Baylor moved the Cyclones up to No. 18. Around the Big 12, Oklahoma, West Virginia and Texas also found themselves in the poll.

Looking ahead
At 6-3, Iowa State is now bowl-eligible. Jack Trice Stadium hosted a representative from the Alamo Bowl on Saturday. The Alamo Bowl, hosted in San Antonio, Texas, features the second-place Pac-12 team and the second-place Big 12 team.

Current projections, according to the Alamo Bowl media information, have Texas playing in the Alamo Bowl. Iowa State could play into that range with a strong finish.

If Iowa State wins its final two Big 12 games (at Texas on Nov. 17 and against Kansas State on Nov. 24) the Cyclones will place third, at worst, in the league. If the Cyclones win both and West Virginia loses at least one game, the Cyclones would then jump into second place and play in the Big 12 Championship game.

If Iowa State loses one game, it would need help from teams to beat Texas one more time. West Virginia would also have to lose both of its final games.
POLICE BLOTTER

11.9.18
An individual reported a sus- picious male in the hallway at Wallace Hall (reported at 7:39 a.m.).

Garrett Marcus Howe, age 33, of 2701 Country Side Dr, West Des Moines, Iowa, was arrested and charged with public intoxication. Officers checked on the wel- fare of an individual at 151 University Village (reported at 11:51 p.m.).

CALENDAR

Monday, Nov. 12
Gold Star Hall Ceremony
11:30 a.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union A ceremony will be held to honor Iowa State students who have enlisted in the U.S. military.

ISU Jazz Combo
7 to 9 p.m. at Hilton Coliseum Iowa State will play Texas Southern University.

Tuesday, Nov. 13
Meeting: Faculty Senate
3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Sun Room of the Memorial Union The Faculty Senate will meet.

Women’s basketball
6:30 p.m. at Hilton Coliseum The Cyclones will play in the preseason WNNT semifinals. SAI Toys for Tots Benefit Concert
7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Mar- tha Ellen Tye Rec Hall Students will perform to benefit the Sigma Alpha iota international music fraternity. Cost of entry is a donation or a new toy.

Wednesday, Nov. 14
Training: CPR, AED and First Aid
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 1230 Environmental Health and Safety Services Building participants will get training on adult and pediatric CPR, first aid and AED.

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Beat Baylor
Iowa State fans cheer on the Cyclones during the game against Baylor on Saturday at Jack Trice Stadium. The Cyclones beat the Bears 28-14.
Committee bring inclusion to ISU rec services

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Even with the implementation of unisex bath-rooms and locker rooms at State Gym, some trans-gender students continue to feel unsafe and intimitated. The Recreation Services Equity and Inclusion committee, aims to turn fear into confidence by eliminating disparities faced by marginalized groups.

Started in the spring of 2018, Recreation Services Equity and Inclusion committee collaborates with marginalized-based student organizations to close disparities in wellness. By collecting data and feedback, Recreation Services Equity and Inclusion committee addresses social barriers that could potentially prevent students from utilizing the Recreation Service's offerings. Recreation Services Equity and Inclusion committee also provides equity training to student staff for exposure to diversity.

Branden Arends, a senior in kinesiology and founder of Recreation Services Equity and Inclusion committee, said he first experienced discrimination when he was kicked out of the Boy Scouts for being gay. Through his major, he realized it wasn't uncommon to see discrimination in fitness and wellness. Arends said with a disparity in wellness, marginalized groups could experience shortened lifespans due to chronic heart disease, partially linked to activity. 

“The [RESE] is leading the way in creating an infrastructure that can appropriately support programming and initiatives that aid those facing disparities in wellness due to their identity,” Arends said.

Recently, Recreation Services hosted an LGBTQ+A+ Stonewall climbing and restor-ative yoga on Oct. 27, partnering with the Queer Gauyz student group, the Gender Alliance and the Center for LGBTQ+’s. It gave LGBTQ+’s an opportunity to use Recreation Services in an inclusive environment, allowing students to be themselves without fear. William Walker, co-founder of Queer Gauyz and senior in history and classical studies, recalled several times where he was harassed in the locker rooms about his identity. Walker said it isn’t a rarity for trans students to be approached, caus-ing feelings of wariness and unsafe. Walker partnered with Arends for the event, advising him on the physical limitations trans students may encounter during stonewall climbing and the yoga session. “I like people who, in health and fitness in general, are dedicated to inclusivity and who care about it,” Walker said.

Another recent feat of Recreation Services Equity and Inclusion committee was the training of student staff on the importance of providing equality at Recreation Services. In the future, Arends hopes to expand training to cover more topics as the committee’s participation grows. Ryan True, a senior in kinesiology and the chair of rec services department for the stu-dent health and wellness ambassadors, said Recreation Services Equity and Inclusion committee gave him more exposure to diversity. Before Recreation Services Equity and Inclusion committee, True said Recreation Services had good intentions to create an inclusive environ-ment, but no real tangible action was taken. Now, True finally sees action being taken. “I think the formation of this committee, the endorsement of this committee and the ambas-sadors as well, I think it really shows that we’re really getting serious about it,” True said. “We do want to be innovative, inclusive and welcoming to all students.”

The committee is not limited to one student group. Arends said Recreation Services Equity and Inclusion committee plans to partner with other student organizations in the future. For now, Arends and True hope to collect more data and feedback from students who have experi-ences, concerns or comments about Recreation Services.

Students interested in providing feedback can click on the student health and wellness ambas-sadors link under the student organization web-page. Students can also join the Gender Alliance under the student organization webpage.
International Week is an annual celebration of Iowa State’s diversity hosted by the International Student Council. This year’s international week featured five nights of events.

These events included a world cuisine fair, an international dance night, an international game night, bazaar night and an international night. All of these events allowed international students at Iowa State to bring their diverse cultures to campus in a number of ways.

Here are a few of the events of the week:

International Game Night

During the International Game Night, students were able to learn and play a variety of board and card games from different countries. Each of the games included instructions on how to play and background information on the games. Some games also included history and facts about the games. For instance, the Chinese Checkers table’s sheet included the fact that the game was not originally from China and originated in Germany.

Yong Yi Lim, a junior in electrical engineering, enjoyed the social aspect of the event and being able to meet people outside of his major.

“For me, it’s more [of] a socializing experience,” Lim said. “It’s not about the games, it’s more about how you socialize with other people.”

Bazaar Night

Bazaar night was put on by the International Students Council to “showcase golden eras of different countries to make it a fun way for students to experience different countries,” said Gwow Thiratrakoolchai, a student member of the council.

The objective of the Council is to enhance communication between Iowa State, Ames and the International Community, according to the International Students Council.

The event had clothing displays to portray the differences in fashion norms across the world. They also had games and food from different countries, as well as a photobooth.

“In the U.S. people are probably only familiar with things concerning the US, not other places in the world,” Thiratrakoolchai said. “So instead of having to go to all those countries, we have them here for them already.”

International Night

International Week ended with a finale of color, dance, song and food Friday night. Held in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union, International Night attracted families and students alike to witness the array of events displaying the diverse cultures represented at Iowa State.

The night included various performances from international student organizations, including the ISC Kpop dance club, Russian Club and the Bhangra Dance Club, among others.

Various games were played to test the audience’s knowledge of the cultures being showcased, including Who Wants to Be a Winner, in which select audience members were chosen to take the stage and answer trivia questions to win prizes.

A more inclusive, audience-wide game of Kahoot took place during the event, asking similar trivia questions related to international customs, symbols and words.

Students also donned clothing from their respective countries to showcase during the international fashion show. Represented countries included Indonesia, Malaysia, Somalia, Thailand, Pakistan, Vietnam, Hmong, Jordan and Russia.

Attendees got a taste of a few different cultures from the complimentary dinner, which included Thai Drunken noodles, Egyptian Koshari, chickpea salad and fried onions.
**COLUMN**

**Code words could prevent abduction**

BY MEGAN PETZOLD

Our parents grew up in a world where children were rarely abducted. They lived in a world where playing outside was something they did every day until the sun went down, riding bikes up and down the street, etc. Now, children are taken all the time, even if they are just playing in front yard or walking home from school. An Anderson Cooper 360 blog states every year, there is 800,000 children that are reported missing. From that $800,000, “The NCMEC says 201,000 children are kidnapped each year by family members. Another 58,200 are abducted by non-family members. Many others are runaway or pushed out of the home by parents.” This data was taken in 2007 but those numbers probably have not decreased since then.

I have a strong feeling that this problem will not be solved overnight, in the next decade or maybe ever. By the time current Cyclone students have children, they will need to keep an eye on them. Current parents have found a great way to avoid some of the less aggressive abductions by giving their whole family and trusted friends “code words”, to be used when that child is being picked up from school or other situations.

“Code words” are key phrases that a family agrees on, like a password, and ask anyone they don’t know as well as their parents what the password is to make sure they are parent approved. This has been useful and effective.

Yesterday, an 11-year-old from Arizona and her friend were approached by a man in his 40’s driving an SUV who asked them to get into his car. He asked him for their families code word. Her mother told Fox10 Phoenix, “We came up with a code-word, and this one time, it saved my daughter’s life. She told me that a guy tried to take her.”

It is time like these where doing something as simple as making up a code word and occasionally changing it can save your child from being abducted.

As scary as it is to be a parent during any time frame, it is way scarier to be a parent now. The amount of children that are abducted is extreme. There is no reason 800,000 children should be reported missing every year.

When I was young, my mother would tell my brother and I that if we were ever in a dangerous situation, such as being abducted, we should yell “fire!” She told us that this is because the general public would more likely look toward a child in distress yelling “fire!” then if that child was just yelling. If we were just to yell, it could be taken as a child throwing a temper tantrum and everyone would ignore that child.

Words such as these are great for alarming whoever is around your child that they are in danger. Code words, however, should be something relatively easy to remember that cannot be guessed by a stranger. In such a way, your child should be prepared if something were to happen.

Even though the world is full of sadness, we should not keep our children forever inside and prevent them from playing outside because we are afraid of the unthinkable, but we should just prepare them for anything that might happen while they are away from us.

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**EDITORIAL**

**Free press is integral in U.S.**

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; and abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

Our founding fathers valued a free press so much as to include it in the First Amendment.

Arguments exist about exactly what a free press is, and why it’s deemed important enough to be included in the Bill of Rights, but a free press is undeniably a good thing for the United States.

Regardless of which news station you watch, what paper you read or who you listen to on the radio, the press is providing you a service, one not too many people pass on either. The ease that Americans can tune in to any news is unparalleled.

However, the news media is not perfect — they make mistakes, they fall short of their goals and they can mislead their readership.

It is impossible for the news media to be completely objective. Anyone who says otherwise is wrong. The news media is comprised of people, not robots. People have opinions; they like to share them, and as hard as they try to keep them out of their work, it’s impossible to write without bias as each source, each quote, each topic covered is based on choice, not science.

That’s not to say that consuming news media is a bad thing. As a consumer, you aren’t being fed intentionally false or misleading news whenever you tune in. American news agencies do an incredible job vetting the information that they publish. Their goal is to provide accurate information to their subscribers as their credibility and existence depends on it.

So say what you want about the news media, you’re guilty of using it.

That’s why recent happenings should be concerning to you regardless of whether it has impacted the news media you consume or not.

President Donald Trump recently revoked CNN’s Jim Acosta’s press pass to the White House. Acosta was questioning Trump when he prevented an intern from taking the microphone away.

The White House claims Trump revoked Acosta’s pass because of his treatment of that intern. White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders even tweeted a video showing the specific behavior they deemed unacceptable.

That video, however, has been suggested to be doctored to display a scene much more intense and aggressive than what actually happened. Perhaps, the Trump administration really does believe Acosta’s behavior toward the intern was uncalled for. Or perhaps, Trump was just tired of being badgered by Acosta’s questions.

Congressman Steve King pulled a similar move Tuesday when his campaign barred the Des Moines Register from his election night event. The King campaign’s reasoning aside, denying the largest newspaper in Iowa access to your event means one of two things:

Either, King planned on doing absolutely nothing newsworthy Tuesday night — like winning an election (which he did). Or, he chose to deny access as a tool to foster a hatred by his supporters against the press and its purpose.

Maybe you support Trump and King, but they won’t hold office forever. What happens when someone you do not support assumes office? Wouldn’t you want your favorite news station to be able to cover them? Would you want to know if they plan on changing something or taking a new stance?

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Evaluating ISU’s wild night
Cyclones become bowl eligible with 6th win

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Appropriately Iowa State and Baylor took the Stone Cold Steve Austin theme song a little too literally before Saturday night’s game. The Cyclones won, 28-14 and moved to 6-3 on the season (5-2 Big 12), but postgame, all attention was on a wild sequence in the third quarter.

Near the beginning of the third quarter, Iowa State junior running back David Montgomery sprinted to Iowa State's sideline after he shoved Montgomery into Iowa State’s water coolers about 10 yards out of bounds. Miller deserved the penalty he got, but it didn’t stop there.

With emotions high, several players from each team escalated things in a scuffle on the sideline. There’s nothing too crazy about a personal foul penalty and some exchanging of words. The problem is what came next. Two plays later, Montgomery rushed again for one yard. Hakeem Butler was involved in another scuffle opposite the play, and the teams converged again.

“It happened pretty quick,” Butler said. Punches were thrown. Players were ejected, then reinstated, then more were ejected. It was pure chaos.

You’d never believe this, but fans of both teams were adamantly defending their players.

Baylor fans called for Butler and Baylor to get tossed, while Cyclones fans fired back about the Bears.

With that said, here’s my rundown.

- Chris Miller of Baylor absolutely deserved the 15-yard penalty he was assessed for the late hit on Montgomery. That was the play that started Saturday night’s fiasco.
- Hakeem Butler and Baylor’s Blake Lynch should have received penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- David Montgomery and Greg Roberts got thrown out, and that was the right call. Roberts reached over a referee to put his hands on Montgomery, which should be an automatic ejection. Montgomery’s return to the game also returned some normalcy to what had been an incred- ibly chaotic third quarter.
- Josh Knipfel’s reinstatement after being wrongly ejected was hilarious.
- Baylor quarterback Charlie Brewer was ejected later for apparently saying something to a referee after disagreeing with a call. It’s hard to pass judgment without a call. It’s hard to pass judgment without a call.
- Baylor linebacker Stone Cold Steve Austin theme song a little ridiculous before Saturday night’s game.

The third quarter, though, is where everything went off the rails. With all of the fights, the personal fouls and the randomness of the situation, the third quarter dragged on, but the Bears scored a touchdown on a catch by Demond Mims late in the period to bring the score back to 20-7. It was a signal that the Bears weren’t going away, and Iowa State needed to respond.

Butterfield said they did, coming right back, with a quick touchdown drive capped by an 8-yard run from Johnnie Lang Jr. A talk from Campbell after the skirmish got the Cyclones back on track, redshirt junior wideout Hakeem Butler said.

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Cyclones overcome chaos to get past Baylor

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Unsportsmanlike penalties for every player on the field, a fight resulting in ejections, a quarterback getting tossed for arguing with a ref and the scoreboard going out?

Saturday's game between Baylor and Iowa State was flat-out weird. But it may not have seemed like it looking just at the score.

After four drives, the Cyclones were cruising, up 14-0 and capitalizing on two stalled Baylor drives to grab command of the game. They led 17-0 at the half. The 28-14 final score may seem pretty standard, too. Digging into the stats is where the wackiness begins.

Baylor outgained Iowa State by more than 100 yards, carrying what was the best defense in the Big 12 heading into Saturday’s game to the tune of 505 yards. All game long, the Bears gashed the Cyclones through the air and the ground, finding the red zone on seven of their nine drives. Charlie Brewer excelled for the Bears, throwing for 288 yards and two touchdowns and rushing for 80 yards on 12 carries.

Yet, Baylor was limited to 14 points. The 92-yard was the most the Cyclones’ defense has given up since the Oklahoma game on Sept. 15. Oklahoma had five total yards of offense and 37 points.

Campbell said the defense was off, but held firm when it needed to.

“We struggled to sustain any consistency tonight,” Campbell said. “Our red zone defense certainly was the difference in the football game, at least early in the game.”

On the other hand, Iowa State only had 335 yards of offense, but scored points on five of their nine drives and capitalized on every red zone opportunity it created. Brock Purdy had his most efficient game as a Cyclone, completing 18-of-23 passes for 270 yards and a touchdown while carrying the ball 12 times for 65 yards.

But the Cyclones had two field goals and a touchdown with a “Philly Special”--esque two-point conversion toss on, as Purdy caught a pass from junior wideout Deshaunte Jones to put the Cyclones at 28 and put what felt at the time like a stamp on a big November win.

Jones said he was wanting to run that play for awhile.

“I was talking to coach Campbell about that in the tunnel throughout the whole season how I should throw the ball,” Jones said. “He finally let me do it.”

Despite the Cyclones’ offensive efficiency, the Bears felt they had a chance to win this game if they had taken advantage of their red zone chances.

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“His feel was off,” Rhule said. “He finally let me do it.”

“I don't think he realized how much pressure was on him,” Rhule said. “It was a signal that the Bears weren't going away, and Iowa State needed to respond.”

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This was a case of us beating ourselves and not taking advantage of opportunities, most importantly in the red zone,” Rhule said.

Three of those opportunities came in the first half when Baylor had the ball in the red zone its first three drives in the game. Those drives ended in a punt and two missed field goals. Even before halftime, the tone of the game was off.

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Muse's new album returns to roots

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Muse rides in on bombastic synthwave to completely reinvent their image with “Simulation Theory.”

Nearly 20 years after “Showbiz,” their debut album, Muse declares they’re not to be forgotten with their latest release. 2009’s “The Resistance” saw the English rock band lose their edge, shifting into a borderline-parody of Queen with only half the charm. The “2nd Law” only continued the downward trend as frontman Matt Bellamy spiraled into dubstep-laden experimental failure.

During this time, Muse received flak from critics and fans alike, as they lost sight of their space-themed, angst-driven roots as a more traditional rock band. 2015’s “Drones” tried to please new and old fans alike, but resulted in a mess of childish, politically-charged metal.

Of the five singles dropped prior to “Simulation Theory,” few inspired confidence that Muse would recover their reputation with their newest album. Surprisingly enough, they witheld their most exciting songs for its final release.

Muse jumps on the 80’s pop culture fad popularized by “Stranger Things,” and “Ready Player One,” taking their theatrical prog rock sound back to the future with retro synths backed by intense orchestral score. Muse’s already synth-heavy discography primed the synthwave genre as a natural progression for the band to explore.

Bellamy’s lyricism has the reserved intelligence and grace of a bull in a china shop, but has finally gained a twinge of self-awareness. “The vocalist unabashedly takes advantage of Daft Punk’s “Tron: Legacy” soundtrack. Regardless of the band’s concerns, “Simulation Theory” is their most tonally consistent album in years, showing Muse is still capable of putting together a cohesive effort. Muse has wiped the slate clean and completely refreshed their image. No longer can they simply be classified as a rock band, but as a music group fearless to produce exactly what they want.

The cover artwork for “Simulation Theory” was drawn by Kyle Lambert, best known for his work on Netflix’s Original Series, “Stranger Things.”

Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “Cinderella” is a musical adaptation of the classic tale of the pumpkin carriage, glass slipper and masked ball that has enchanted audiences everywhere for ages. Few are unfamiliar with the classic tale of the pumpkin carriage, glass slipper and masked ball that has taken on many different forms since it was first written.

Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “Cinderella,” a musical adaptation of the story, will be making its way to the Stephens Auditorium stage Tuesday and hopes to captivate audiences with a “hilarious and romantic experience for anyone who has ever had a dream.”

Though the show originated in 1957, Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “Cinderella” is a musical adaptation of the classic folk tale “The Little Glass Slipper” Rodgers and Hammerstein’s rendition made its way to Broadway in 2013. Since then, “Cinderella” has seen a successful run on Broadway and London’s Westend Theater and has been performed in countless community theaters and high school and college programs. The family-friendly story line and magical on stage transformations have made it a popular show for all ages.

People will be sure to laugh along in their seats as they watch the goodness of the story unfold.

Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “Cinderella” starts at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Stephens Auditorium as a part of their Performing Arts Series. Tickets start at $35 and can be purchased online.
The Maher case is now listed as being in the Eighth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals. Zbaracki told the Daily the court has yet to set a date for oral arguments.

While the total paid to Husch Blackwell may be eye-popping in an era of increased tuition and decreased funding to higher education, Norton said the price and service provided by Husch Blackwell has been satisfactory.

Norton told the Iowa State Daily in February 2018 there is not a limit at which Iowa State will no longer contract Husch Blackwell for legal services.

Norton provided the Daily with a statement through John McCarroll, executive director of public relations at Iowa State.

“When sued, the University has a legal obligation to respond and to present a defense,” Norton said. “Even more importantly, the University defends itself in litigation to protect the assets of the University, which are public assets.”

Norton explained the costs of representation are due to hiring outside representation. In recent Title IX cases, Iowa State has hired Husch Blackwell, Norton’s former firm.

“In complex cases, as in the case of Title IX litigation, where the Attorney General’s office requires additional substantive support or where a conflict exists, such as in the Kelley office requires additional substantive support or where a conflict exists, such as in the Kelley case, outside litigation counsel must be hired,” Norton said. “There is no other alternative. In the Title IX cases, the University engaged nationally recognized experts in Title IX issues who have represented institutions of higher education across the country in complex litigation.”

The hourly rate of $305 Iowa State is paying Husch Blackwell is “extremely reasonable,” Norton said.

“Moreover, the University has received excellent value for the amount spent,” Norton said. “The partnership between the Office of University Counsel, the Attorney General’s Office, and [Husch Blackwell] has resulted in the favorable resolution (through judicial opinion or settlement) of all pending Title IX litigation.

“The University currently has no active Title IX litigation cases.”

Norton criticized the Daily’s reporting of the total spent. The Daily has included settlements paid to plaintiffs using the university in reporting.

“Reporting that the ‘total spent’ is $416,000 is misleading,” Norton said. “The University currently has no active Title IX litigation cases.”

Although Norton claims the Daily’s reporting of the total spent is misleading, in the story he is referencing, published May 29, 2018, the Daily accurately reported on where the settlement funds came from. The May 29 story contained the following excerpt as the first two paragraphs in the story:

“Iowa State has been charged $205,492.17 by Husch Blackwell to defend the university in three Title IX related lawsuits, a state discrimination lawsuit, and to provide general advising in Title IX litigation.

An additional $47,500 was spent from the state litigation fund approved by the state board of appeals to settle the Taylor Niesen vs. Iowa State case.”

**WHAT IS TITLE IX?**

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.”

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**Complaint Summaries**

**Niessen v. Iowa State University Et Al.**

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

**Maher v. Iowa State University Et Al.**

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

**Kelley v. Iowa State University Et Al.**

Robinette Kelley, the former Equal Opportunity Director and Title IX Coordinator, alleges that Iowa State did not give Kelley the authority that Title IX dictates to investigate sex discrimination and sexual misconduct at Iowa State. Kelley said that Iowa State did not properly fund or staff her office, according to court documents. Kelley alleges that Iowa State limited her access to information regarding sexual assaults in Greek residences and the Greek Life student population. Kelley said she was not allowed to properly respond to instances of sexual misconduct and provide adequate resources to victims. Kelley’s lawsuit alleges that she immediately noticed Title IX violations after being hired by Iowa State. Kelley said she was told to reduce her efforts to comply with Title IX. Kelley also said she faced retaliation from the university when she attempted to point out Title IX violations. Kelley was treated differently and discriminated against that women of color were often hired to be seen and not heard as leaders, Kelley alleged in the court documents. Kelley is claiming wrongful termination on the grounds of retaliation, while white male colleagues who perpetrated sexual discrimination were offered buyouts and large severance packages. Kelley sued Iowa State both in federal and state court. Iowa State settled the cases for $125,000 in August 2018.

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**TITLE IX LITIGATION CHARGES**

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