For most college students, a residence hall is the first place they call home. It’s where students stay up until 2 a.m. studying for their exams, meet their lifelong friends and gain new insight and perspectives on what home means to others. This year in Geoffroy Hall, an new art piece depicts the diverse perspectives of “home” for Iowa State University students.

The untitled work, which was installed in early August before students moved in, was created by Mickalene Thomas, an artist based in Brooklyn, New York. Thomas is nationally and internationally recognized in the art world, and her popularity has steadily risen since being commissioned nearly 2 years ago. Thomas’ work focuses on beauty and womanhood, and has been featured on the FOX television show “Empire”.

“She wasn’t as well-known as she is now, and her art has really grown,” said Erin O’Malley, campus outreach coordinator for University Museums.

“[Thomas] was a very forward thinking selection,” said Brittney Rutherford, marketing coordinator for the Department of Residence. “It’s exciting to have gallery-quality pieces that students can interact with whenever they want.”

Evan Harrison, a senior in architecture at Iowa State, was selected to intern at Thomas’ studio in Brooklyn, New York for one week this summer to help with the project. As an architecture major with the College of Design, Harrison knew he was interested in the art project.

“I worked as a CA for two years and they wanted a community aspect, so it was like the two worlds of mine were colliding,” Harrison said.

When he met Thomas for the first time, he described her as, “one of the most fun, outgoing, eccentric people I’ve ever met.”

“She was in the zone, pulling things apart and together in a collaged way. Everything had a backstory,” Harrison said.

While Harrison was in Brooklyn, he worked with Thomas’ team of artists on screen printing, Photoshop, synthetic clay, and acrylic painting. He will speak on his experiences in a lecture at a later date this year.

The piece depicts five different interior living rooms, and each living space is a collage of different visual mediums.

Some pieces of the art are screen printed, gemstones and rhinestones outline other elements, and enamel and clay create different textures. The design is based on 1970s catalogs and portrays a vintage, idealized version of an urban living space.

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Iowa State University was voted the #1 happiest college and university workplace in America by online company CareerBliss.

The official list was posted on Aug. 22 with Iowa State finishing with the highest “BlissScore” of 3.844. Started in 2008, CareerBliss’s main goal is to help everyone find happiness in the workplace. Additionally, the website contains millions of job listings and salary comparisons.

According to their website, this score is based on employees’ voluntary reviews in which they evaluate their experience working at their university. The website allows them to rate their working environment on company culture, growth opportunities, coworkers and reward opportunities on a scale from 1-5.

All of the reviews on the website are submitted by real employees who are either currently working at the workplace or who have worked there in the past. However, the overall happiness of Iowa State’s campus goes beyond just those numbers present in the survey, as faculty cite reasons why they believe Iowa State is their ‘happy place.’

Samantha Cross is an associate professor of marketing in the College of Business. After eight years, Cross was promoted to the position of associate professor of marketing with tenure, won awards at various conferences and symposiums and has published research in academic journals regarding the effects that culture has on consumer behavior, according to the College of Business’s website.

Cross cited “the research focus and flexibility, my colleagues, my students and the ease of living in Ames” as the standout qualities of being a professor at Iowa State.

Looking back to past reviews on CareerBliss, only 7 percent of reviewers gave Iowa State three stars, and none rated Iowa State with less than that overall. 51 percent of workers rated Iowa State at four stars, and 42 percent rated it with the full five stars.

Additionally, Iowa State’s average review score is 12 percent higher than CareerBliss’ average.

The highest rated reviews come from research associates and assistants, whose average “BlissScores” are 4.9 and 4.4 respectively.

Faculty members cite the students, campus atmosphere and excitement of living in a college town as the factors that contribute to their happiness in the workplace.
Women Leaders
Building Bridges to Get the Job Done
Amy Klobuchar became the first woman elected to represent Minnesota in the U.S. Senate in 2006 and is currently serving her second term in office.

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STUGOV

StuGov’s plans for fall semester

BY MAGGIE CURRY
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POLICE BLOTTER

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Officers assisted another agency with a criminal investigation at Mortensen Rd and Pinon Dr (reported at 12:15 a.m.).

An officer initiated a driving violation investigation at 200 2nd Ave (reported at 5:40 a.m.).

An individual reported the theft of a backpack at Lied Recreation at Armory Building (reported at 7:47 p.m.).

CORRECTIONS

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**OPINION**

**Greeks: focus on positive**

BY MEGAN SALO

The greek community has attracted attention from both national and local news organizations. A simple Google search of “college greek life news” brings up a plethora of stories covering cases regarding hazing, excessive drinking and even some fraternity or sorority related deaths.

Rarely do these stories cover the positives of greek life such as philanthropy efforts and greek leadership. The topic of greek life tends to come up only after something has gone wrong (even in the Daily). Why is this?

If you’ve taken a journalism course, you know that one of the first things taught is what makes a good story.

For those of you who haven’t, some of these aspects include timeliness, impact on the audience and if it is a unique event. Another aspect that makes a good story is conflict. People love drama and prefer to read about people not getting along rather than hearing that everything is good.

So although many organizations in the greek community are giving their members great experiences with leadership, networking opportunities and holding successful philanthropy events, the media would rather cover how many times we’ve received consequences for drinking.

It’s not because all media hates the greeks — it’s because the media’s audience would rather read about the conflict between greeks and the law than different leadership positions within a chapter.

So greeks, what can we do to get some positive coverage? Do something to grant us this coverage.

**Philanthropy**

It’s not enough to hold philanthropy events. In a greek community with over 60 chapters, there are many philanthropy events during the year. These events are not news unless they are unique. A new approach to raising money, a new cause, a joint philanthropy or a philanthropy that raises an annually large amount of money are examples of how these events could receive positive media coverage.

**Diversity**

Greek Week is a great opportunity for greeks to celebrate our organizations and represent ourselves positively. Last year, the Iowa State greek community raised over $370,000 for Iowa Special Olympics, which set the record for the largest amount donated by one organization. This resulted in positive media coverage.

But the positives were soon forgotten after members of the greek community bobbled, mocked and made racial remarks during the Vespers ceremony, an event that is meant to celebrate the entire greek community during Greek Week.

Comparing the page views of a story on record breaking fundraising versus a story on racial slurs, only 234 people read the Polar Bear Plunge story, while 3,896 people viewed the Vespers story.

**Lawfulness**

It’s not groundbreaking for me to tell you that if you don’t want negative coverage of greeks breaking laws, we should stop breaking laws.

Greeks are obviously not the only college students who drink or get in trouble, but when unaffiliated students get caught, they are usually the only ones to face consequences, unlike greeks whose chapters could also be held responsible.

It’s more newsworthy to cover when greeks get in trouble for drinking, but when the media covers the fact that we broke a law, we should respond in a remorseful fashion — acknowledge the mistake and make a plan to move past it.

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**COLUMN**

**Being healthy is a lifestyle**

When we think about success in college, we typically think about good grades, getting internships, landing a leadership role or even graduating. Sometimes, we get so concentrated on these goals that we compromise our personal well-being.

The fact is, it’s hard to accomplish any of those achievements if we don’t take care of ourselves. Our current health care system teaches us that being healthy is a simple fix, often medication. But a true healthy lifestyle is just that, a lifestyle. It takes a consistent conscious effort — and it’s necessary for overall wellness.

Not only will this improve health, but the American Public Health Association reports that focusing on prevention can help reduce rising health care costs.

Now is the time to develop your own healthy routine as you begin to live an independent life. The Student Wellness office at Iowa State focuses on these measures. The Green Dot program, peer wellness educators and healthy recipes are just a few ways the office helps students find a way to live a better life. By focusing on good physical health, mental health and balance, students can have an enhanced Iowa State experience.

**Physical health**

Rec Services provides plenty of ways for students to stay in shape. You can work out on your own — weightlifting, cardio or checking out equipment. You can also try a fitness class or join an intramural sport. Exercise can also be as simple as walking to class rather than riding the bus or taking the stairs if you are able.

**Mental health**

Find healthy ways to relieve stress and stay focused during the school year. Biofeedback Services provides a unique and personalized plan for reducing stress.

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Iowa State volleyball coach Christy Johnson-Lynch likes to keep her practices on schedule. However, sometimes a drill goes over the 10 minute marker she sets and players like to remind her that it's been more than 10 minutes. Her husband, Joe Lynch, a volunteer coach on the Iowa State staff, likes to give her some grief when that happens. "Joe is like 'come on Christy, 10, come on Christy, 10," said libero Hali Hillegas. "He is just holding up five fingers on each hand flashing them at her."

While Lynch's title might read "volunteer coach," he is much more than that to the Iowa State volleyball program. He is the man behind the "Libero U" reputation Iowa State has earned over the years.

Lynch is in his 13th year as an Iowa State coach. He came to Ames the same year Johnson-Lynch did. His primary responsibility is defensive training, which encapsulates the libero position.

From 2008-2015, the Cyclones captured the Big 12 Libero of the Year award each season. During those eight consecutive seasons, Iowa State won 47 Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week honors.

While he made the three Iowa State liberos during that time span the best libero in the Big 12 (Ashley Mass, Kristen Hahn and Caitlin Nolan), he also made them into All-Americans. Under Lynch, Mass and Hahn were three-time All-Americans and Nolan was a two-time All-American.

"[Lynch] just has an elite understanding of the game and reading," Johnson-Lynch said. "So, he shares that with the liberos and they kind of gain that over the years listening to him talk, working with him in drills they kind of gain that knowledge."

Through his knowledge, Mass became the Big 12 record holder in career digs with 2,294. Not only that, but in 2012, the Cyclones were the only team in the conference to average more than 17 digs per set (17.53) thanks to Lynch's coaching.

Lynch's coaching helped build "Libero U." However, he was faced with his biggest challenge last year building a new Cyclone libero in redshirt freshman Hali Hillegas.

At the time, Hillegas never played libero in her life. She was a hitter in high school. Thanks to his coaching and caring attitude, Lynch helped guide Hillegas to All-Big 12 Freshman honors.

"Initially it was him saying alright Hali, 10 passes, let's go," Hillegas said. "We are going to go right back, middle back, left back here, get six out of 10. "It kind of went from there. Then, I felt like once I started to want to get better at that spot. I was like alright Joe, 10 here, 10 here and 30 here. I want to get eight out of 10."

Although Lynch has built up the Iowa State program, he would not be one of the Cyclone coaches if it were not for Johnson-Lynch.

"Well, he was with me. We were together," Johnson-Lynch said. "So there was not much negotiation going on."

The two met through mutual friends. Lynch was the coach of the top club volleyball team in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In fact, Lynch won the national championship for the 16 year olds a year before he arrived in Ames.

If it were not for their relationship, Lynch may not have left Milwaukee.

"It was hard for him to leave," Johnson-Lynch said. "There were kind of some people that were upset with me in particular, straining him away."

In Johnson-Lynch's mind, Iowa State is lucky to have a coach like Lynch on staff. She believes he could coach at any level: international, collegiate or high school. Lynch is that knowledgeable about volleyball. It's not surprising to see why with the amount of experience he has.

Before Iowa State, Lynch was an accomplished player and coach with over 20 seasons as head coach of several prominent high school and club teams in Wisconsin. He claimed two state titles and eight conference crowns as coach and earned several honors as a player.

In 2005, Lynch cemented his reputation as one of the best volleyball coaches in the nation.
A guide to impending parking madness

Many students have different forms of transportation to and from class, but if you drive, you may be wondering where you can park your car.

Between commuter lots, residence hall parking lots and the Jack Trice Stadium parking lot, students have many options when it comes to parking. Parking meters are also a hot spot, and allow students to park if they only need to do so for an hour or two.

The permits for Commuter Lots 119 and 68 will go on sale Friday, Sept. 1 at 7:30 a.m., according to the Parking Division's website. The Ames Intermodal facility parking lot has been sold out, according to Iowa State's Parking Division director, Mark Miller.

Students living in residence halls may purchase parking permits for their respective hall parking lots and, once those are filled, park in overflow parking at Jack Trice Stadium and the Towers. All permit purchases are on a first come, first serve basis, said Miller.

Students who live off campus may purchase permits for stadium and Towers parking Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 9 a.m. According to Miller, the city of Ames will be cracking down on cars that are parked on city streets for longer than the signage allows. This could push permit holders back to overflow parking on campus at the stadium and Towers, which could create future problems, said Miller.

Miller suggests students park at the Iowa State Center Commuter Lots. “Parking there is free, and we fund some of the CyRide Orange Route to encourage students to park there and take the bus onto campus,” Miller said.

For football games, students that normally park in the lots around Jack Trice Stadium and near the Iowa State Center must move their cars by midnight the day before games. This means that for Friday’s game against UNI, cars must be moved by midnight Sept. 2. Cars can be moved back Sunday after the game on Sept. 3.

Students can move their cars to lots on campus that open after 5:30 p.m. on Friday. The lots near the Vet Med building will be available as well.

More information on parking permits, locations of parking lots and even how to pay parking tickets can be found on the Iowa State Parking Division website.
Cody West is currently a senior in biology in hopes of eventually going to medical school. Cody Smith is majoring in agricultural communications and political science. As the Student Government representatives, they spent the summer giving input on tuition and the search for Iowa State’s next president.

“We’re always offered a seat at the table,” West said. “They really want to know how we think all the time because they want to know how students are going to react and how students are going to feel about it.”

Whether it’s how to contact your state legislators, an issue affecting Iowa State students or allocating student funds, Student Government does it all.

“Student Government is an untapped resource,” West said. “We have a lot of senators hungry for projects.”