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“Leader McCarthy’s decision to remove me from committees is a political decision that ignores the truth,” King said in a statement after his removal.

House Democrats announced a plan Monday to introduce a censure resolution on King’s remarks.

Despite a trend of lagging state appropriations to the Iowa Board of Regents in years past, Gov. Kim Reynolds recommended to fully fund the universities’ general operating request of $499 million, in her fiscal budget for FY2020.

In September 2018, the Regents requested $628.4 million from the state legislature for the 2020 fiscal year between the three regent universities, with $499 million dedicated solely for higher education use.

The request, which was $18 million more than the budget approved for the current fiscal year, was matched in full through Gov. Reynolds recommendations, according to her budget report.

A “no room for white supremacy” attitude led House leaders to remove Iowa Republican Rep. Steve King from his committees Monday in response to remarks made last Thursday by the nine-term congressman.

“White nationalist, white supremacist, Western civilization — how did that language become offensive?” King said in an interview published with in The New York Times Thursday.

Reports said the Republican Steering Committee unanimously decided to remove King from the judiciary, agriculture and small business committees upon House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy’s recommendations.

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Wintersteen talks tuition, campus safety

Iowa State Daily editors sat down with Iowa State President Wendy Wintersteen on Jan. 9 to discuss her administrative priorities, campus initiatives and tuition. This interview has been edited for clarity.

You’ve been at Iowa State for the majority of your career, meaning you probably know a lot about the institution. Is there anything this past year that you’ve learned that has surprised you?

For me, it’s been a year of listening, hearing what students, faculty and staff have to share with me and what community members around the state have to share as well. So, I think listening will always be a part of what I do as president because I learn so much when I ask students about their experience, or I ask community members around the state, “What would they like to see Iowa State University be leading on, be involved in?”

There have been two dean searches this semester (College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the College of Engineering). What has your involvement in these processes been like?

We go through a very prescribed search process for these positions, for all positions at Iowa State, and the provost is the individual who deans report to, so he leads that process in terms of a search committee and working with the candidates when they do the airport interviews and when they come and do interview on campus, and then he keeps me informed every step of the way, so we talk about who has applied for the position, we talk about what the committee’s recommendations are, in terms of bringing individuals to an airport interview, so I am very briefly and have an opportunity to discuss with the provost and provide my input to the process.

This semester, graduate students have expressed concerns regarding child care. What is the university currently doing to address this issue?

Child care is an important issue, and not just for students but also for faculty and staff. We have issues related to access, issues related to costs that are really very significant, and unfortunately it’s not just an Iowa State issue, it’s an Ames, Iowa issue, it’s a Story County issue. Really, it’s an issue throughout Iowa and probably the nation. So what do we need to be doing differently? So we’re going to be looking at what other universities are doing, what are businesses and the industry doing to address this issue? We’re going to have many conversations about child care and try to figure out how we can make a difference.

O&A

Student Government starts spring semester with funding bills and elections

BY MADELYN OSTENDORF
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Student Government will kick off the spring semester Wednesday by electing a new chair for the Civic Engagement Committee, as well as debating funding bills for four student organizations. Student Government’s previous Civic Engagement Chair, Sen. Caroline Warmuth, has resigned, and members of Student Government will nominate senators to fill the vacancy. Once elected, that senator will immediately assume all responsibilities of the chair.

The C-Nettes, a dance team that focuses on team endurance, sisterhood and body positivity, is asking for $2,527.80 to offset the cost of uniforms, shoes, registration and transportation for a conference on June 1 in Alabama. The Iranian Students’ and Scholars’ Association (ISSA) is looking to decrease the cost of food, venue, flowers and other supplies for the 300 projected guests.

The Peterson Squadron seeks a grant $1,211.76 to bring three teams to a competitive event on Feb. 1 in Indiana. The funding would cover the $130 per team registration cost as well as transportation for the teams. The Pride Alliance, a student organization whose mission is to provide a safe space where students and guests can discuss and learn about the LGBTQIA+ community, is requesting $1,511 to hold a Pride Prom. The Pride Alliance plans to partner with Gamma Rho Lambda, and the funding would help offset the cost of advertising and food for the event.

Student Government meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Campanile Room of the Memorial Union.

For more information or to contact your senator, visit Student Government’s website.

Reynolds outlines condition of state in annual address

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Gov. Kim Reynolds issued her annual Condition of the State address Tuesday, focusing on education, mental health, criminal reforms and issues facing rural Iowa.

Reynolds emphasized bipartisanship in her address, telling lawmakers that putting Iowans first should be a priority ahead of party goals.

“For those of us who have the honor to represent these Iowans, it’s our job to live up to the example they set,” Reynolds said. “And there’s no better time than the Condition of the State and the days that follow to set aside our differences and forge a common vision. Iowans expect no less. Working across the aisle isn’t an impossible task. We’ve done it.”

EDUCATION

Reynolds dedicated much of the first half of her speech to her commitment to education, touting K-12 STEM programs throughout the state and calling for even more funding.

“The budget I’m submitting today proposes over $93 million in additional funding for Pre-K education, which includes a 2.3 percent increase in per pupil funding,” Reynolds said. “And there’s no better time than the Condition of the State and the days that follow to set aside our differences and forge a common vision. Iowans expect no less. Working across the aisle isn’t an impossible task. We’ve done it.”

Jacob Minock, president of the College Republicans, commended Reynolds on her efforts to close what he referred to as the “Skills Gap,” a lack of skilled workers in a given trade.

“She mentioned apprenticeships and programs to give convicted felons the skills they need to start a successful career,” Minock said. “In addition, she is placing an emphasis on STEM in education, which will pay off tremendously in the future.”

Lucy Dougerty, the president of the Iowa State chapter of Save the Children Action,
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Commission to focus on inclusivity

In upcoming dual retreat, council to offer commission direction

BY TALON DELANEY  iowastatedaily.com

The Ames City Council commissioned a group of specialized personnel to improve the discussions of common interest between the council and different Ames communities in 2017, and their current task is to help Ames to continue to be fully implemented among students.

"I think we’re making good progress. It’s been a big job and it’s really impacted everybody’s middle ground that will allow the Legislature to make the different inclusivity efforts more unified. "There’s always more we can do," Chitty said. “Maybe the best thing for the city to do is offer supplemental support to all these different efforts.”

Kristen Constant, who is our interim CIO and administration appointee. Englin began working at Iowa State in 1989 after getting his doctorate in education and hospitality management. He initially worked for the Department of Residence before serving as dean of students for six years. He now works as the assistant vice president for the Department of Residence. "Basically, the focus is on getting into the middle ground between the Legislature and the people and really try to find out what the community really wanted."

The Campus and Community Commission was first given to gather community input on a place-type gathering space in the Campusview area. Students and other community members were welcomed to come in commerce around Campusview in a way more friendly to foot traffic. "Conversations about that kind of thing had been going on for years," said Karis Chitty, a Campus and Community Commission member and executive director of the Campusview Action Committee. "[When we were brought in], we explored what people would want in a project like that. We met with the Ames Fire Department, Ames [Police], the Student Government and we hosted multiple public meetings and focus groups to see what the community really wanted."

"Basically, we do investigations and fact-finding on behalf of the city council," Englin said. "We utilize the resources that we have with all our unique positions … and really try to find out what the community wants in a project like that. We met with the Ames Fire Department, Ames [Police], the Student Government and we hosted multiple public meetings and focus groups to see what the community really wanted.""Peter Englin, director of residence at Iowa State "There’s always more we can do. Maybe the best thing for the city to do is offer supplemental support to all these different efforts.”

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One such project the Campus and Community Commission is a priority and it is clearly one that we saw in the climate survey. [Work Cyte] is slowly being implemented across the university. How do you believe that faculty and staff have adapted to the change and what are you hopeful for once it begins to be fully implemented among students?

"I think we’re making good progress. It’s been a big job and it’s really impacted everybody’s lives on campus. But we’re going to get it done. Kristen Constant, who is our interim CIO and vice president, shared the story one day about back in the 70’s at Iowa State University, we were the first institution in Iowa that had a computer automatic payroll system and that was because of our great computer science department. Unfortunately, while we did that and a few other things, then we never improved them. So we’re putting in a new set of enterprise management systems that are going to replace systems from the early 70s. It’s a critical need and we’re going to get it done. It’s a huge effort.

Student leaders have been vocal this semester about how the updated trademark policy has impacted them. Can you give any insight on how students and student organizations benefit from this policy alongside the university?

"It’s changes to the trademark policy, as it relates to our student clubs, was something that we had talked about with the past president and vice president of the Student Government. We’re communicating and listening to the students about their concerns. When you do a comparison of what a logo would have looked like under the old [versus] versus the new [version], under the new rules, they look pretty good. I think the students are still able to achieve what they want to achieve, in terms of having the right logo, I think those conversations have gone very well.

Students who have come in, worked with the Trademark Office, have been able to find, I think, a resolution to their concerns and still achieve the kind of recognition they wanted to have. At the November Board of Regents meeting, it was outlined students may be facing three different tuition scenarios in the fall [semester], each involving an increase of one level. What was the thinking behind those different levels and how do you feel those options differ from previous years?

So the Board of Regents, as they sent out a tuition proposal for the governor, they wanted the state Legislature and the governor to understand that to have the quality education that is provided at the regent universities, that there has to be an appropriate investment and that they also realized that the governor and state Legislature do care about the high cost of education and so they wanted to combine the two issues of tuition and state investment so that the governor and the Legislature could have the opportunity to say that we can keep the tuition rates lower if the state made a greater investment. And so that was really the rationale, and not to finalize tuition until after the Legislature had made their decision so that the Legislature could see that it really is a partnership, it really is an opportunity to work with the Board of Regents on how we are going to do the best for the student.

Would you describe that as an effective middle ground between the Legislature and the Board of Regents?

I hope that this new strategy will find that middle ground that will allow the Legislature to see that there has to be the investment to maintain the quality and that it probably needs to come from the state and some increased costs from students. So hopefully they’ll see that and be able to respond in a very supportive way. One of my messages this year as I’ve been out and about in the state is that support for Iowa State University from the governor and the Legislature is an investment. It’s not a cost. This fall, you successfully reached the fund-raising goal for Forever True, for Iowa State. What led to meeting the goal in advance and why the decision to expand donations?

The ISU Foundation committee is the fund-raising arm for Iowa State University, just had an incredibly successful number of years in terms of raising funds to support our students, faculty and staff. We had two very significant gifts last year — the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences received, a gift that was valued at $160 million … that was, I’m sure, the largest gift the college has ever received and it is allowing them to do some very special programs. And then we received the gift to name the Ivy College of Business … a $50 million gift, so those gifts really contributed. There’s a tremendous amount of support out there. When we thought about should we stop the campaign or should we continue it, we had lots of conversations with the ISU Foundation board of directors, with individuals with the dinners… and one thing that resonated is that folks love the Forever True. For Iowa State campaign slogan and people didn’t want to give it up. It really speaks to what people feel about Iowa State. So the decision was made that we could be successful in increasing the goal to $1.5 billion, keep the great slogans and continue to help our students, faculty and staff.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

Iowa State University plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit No. 2 "Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities". The storm water discharge will be from construction of an addition to the Gerdin College of Business Building on the Iowa State University Central Campus, Ames, Iowa, 50011, located in SE 1/4 Section 4, TR 39 N, R299 W, Story County. Storm water will be discharged from one point source entering the ISU storm water sewer system and will be routed to College Creek before entering Squaw Creek.

Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the Department.
You do not support women if...

BY KELSEY CULBERTSON
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Somewhere along the way in their lives, men are taught to believe that their voices, opinions and lives are more important than those of women. They are wrong and I am disgusted with this antiquated point of view. I am tired of the men in my life, those who talk about women’s equality, but do not put their verbal support into practice. You do not support women, and here is a list of reasons why.

If you interrupt a woman, you do not support women.

If you talk over a woman, you do not support women.

If you do not listen to a woman when she tells you that she feels unsafe and you do not change your actions to make her feel safe, you do not support women.

If you believe that it is more important for women to learn how to prevent sexual harassment as opposed to it being for men to learn not to commit acts of sexual harassment/assault, you do not support women.

If you sit idly by and allow friends or family to mistreat a woman, you do not support women.

If you speak of, or allow those close to you to speak of, women as a prize or trophy, you do not support women.

If you base a woman’s credibility on her physical attributes and not her skills and experiences, you do not support women.

If you believe that leadership roles are unfit for women, you do not support women.

If you take a woman’s words, efforts or work and claim it as your own, you do not support women.

Do not think for a second that this list does not apply to you. You are not an exception. You may consider yourself a feminist, but your actions prove that you are not. You are guilty of not respecting women if you do not make purposeful efforts toward uplifting women, if you do not use your privilege as a man to help women move forward and if you do not put actions behind your words.

This list displays only a few of the many ways that men disrespect women on a regular basis. Day after day I hear men grumble when they are not simply given whatever they feel their manhood has entitled them to. I hear pitiful, pride-filled arguments that are ridden with the word “I,” fighting for self-interest behind the facade of caring about others. Enough is enough. Until you decide to listen to us, I am done hearing you.

I am done feeling like it is not my time or it is not the time for women. We will make it our time and you would do well to join us while you can.

I want to thank Lillian Juma for all of the fantastic contributions that she made to this piece. Her words added exactly what this piece needed.

I also want to thank Zoey Shipley, Savannah Lane, Gabby Duncan and Isaiah Baker for their edits and support throughout my writing this.

Elected officials should prioritize people over party allegiance

Wednesday marks Day 26 of the partial government shutdown. While a serious matter on the first day, the shutdown is beginning to create serious ramifications for Americans.

President Trump has requested upwards of $5 billion for a wall along the southern border, but Democratic leaders in Congress are refusing to fund that barrier. The resulting shutdown has affected around 800,000 federal employees and left people asking how this whole ordeal is going to end.

Both Trump and Democrats in Congress blame each other for the impasse — Trump saying that he would be “proud to shut down the government for border security” and reiterating to Senate Minority leader Chuck Schumer and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, “I will take the mantle. I will be the one to shut it down. I’m not going to blame you for it.” He has since reversed his position, now blaming Democrats in Congress for the shutdown.

While an interesting position for both sides to take, “It’s my opponent’s fault, not mine,” the result has led to a clear breakdown in the legislative process — House Democrats won’t fund the barrier; Trump won’t sign a bill without border wall funding and the Senate won’t even vote on a bill unless it’s guaranteed to pass in the House and that Trump will sign it.

New idea: instead of Republicans versus Democrats, our elected officials should start playing legislative branch vs. executive branch. Throw the judicial branch in the mix and maybe we could get a good game going.

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Cyclone forward ready to lead

Kristin Scott will be key when Iowa State travels to Morgantown

BY JACK SHOVER

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No. 18 Iowa State will travel to Morgantown to face West Virginia at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

This season, West Virginia is 11-4 overall and 2-2 in conference play with losses coming against TCU and Texas. Against now-No. 11 Texas, the Mountaineers fell 70-58 at home. Iowa State is coming off a loss against Texas, but the Cyclones lost 64-62 in a game that came down to the final possession.

The loss against Texas was Iowa State’s first in the Big 12 and first home game the Cyclones have dropped all season. Overall, Iowa State is 13-3 and 3-1 in the Big 12.

Against West Virginia, coach Bill Fennelly said the Cyclones will be facing a team that plays hard and physical defense while forcing turnovers.

Offensively, Fennelly said West Virginia players Tyneica Martin and Naomi Davenport will be difficult for the Cyclones to handle.

Martin is averaging 16.2 points, 6.3 rebounds and is connecting on 43.8 percent of her 3-point attempts this season. Meanwhile, Davenport is averaging 14.8 points, 8.5 rebounds and 2.7 assists per game. In addition, Davenport is making 40.5 percent of her shots from the floor and 39.5 percent of her 3-point shots.

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In her last three games, Scott has been averaging 14.7 points, 6.7 rebounds, 1.3 blocks and a steal per game.

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So far this season, Burkhall, a senior, has been Iowa State’s starter at center while Scott has been the Cyclone’s first sub off the bench. Fennelly said the biggest reason for Scott’s growth in scoring from her freshman to sophomore season is her confidence when shooting.

In her freshman year, Scott averaged 4.8 points, 5.2 rebounds and shot 65 percent from the free throw line and 46 percent from three while playing 3.6 fewer minutes this season.

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Sophomore forward Kristin Scott takes a pass during the Iowa State vs. Oklahoma State basketball game Feb. 16, 2018, in Hilton Coliseum. The Cyclones were defeated by the Cowgirls 81-73.

Men’s Basketball

Struggling Cyclones face tough test at Texas Tech

BY NOAH ROHLFING

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Bouncing back is a difficult proposition in the Big 12.

With a double round-robin schedule and — for the most part — two games per week, teams don’t have the option of reflecting too much on what went wrong in previous games.

After an 0-2 week in which the Cyclones went from challengers to Kansas’ decade-plus Big 12 dominance to 300 in the conference, Iowa State’s first chance to get back on the winning side of things is against No. 8 Texas Tech on the road.

The Red Raiders are 15-1 on the year, 4-0 in Big 12 play and 10-0 on their home court this season. The Cyclones, meanwhile, have won just one of their three road games this season and are coming off two one-possession defeats.

The Cyclones struggled offensively for much of the first half against Kansas State, picked up their play in the start of the second half and then scored two points in the final five minutes of game action after going up 55-48.

The Cyclones’ recent inability to close games has been something coach Steve Prohm touched on, both following the loss Saturday and in his weekly Monday press conference.

“We weren’t good enough,” Prohm said of the team’s play last week. “We know what we gotta do to get better, and where else better than [to] go play the best defense in the country.”

The Red Raiders hang their hat on defense, with the team allowing a league-low 54 points per game and forcing opponents to commit 17 turnovers per contest. The swarming defense Tech coach Chris Beard has instilled in the Red Raiders team has taken them from a Big 12 non-factor into, potentially, the closest competition Kansas will have for a 15th consecutive regular-season conference title.

On the injury front for Iowa State, redshirt sophomore forward Cameron Lard is expected to be in uniform for Wednesday night’s game, although Prohm did cast some doubt onto his actual workload against Texas Tech.

“Taking it a day at a time,” Lard said of his ankle. “Still planning on going [Wednesday], just depends on the day of the game. “I think it’s a big-time opportunity for us, just based off the fact that we lost these last two games and let them slip away.”

Lard’s health is of even greater importance to the Cyclones with junior forward Solomon Young out for the year and seeking a medical redshirt.

The news was announced by Prohm after the loss to Kansas State, in which Young did not play.

The reason given was for Young to continue to get back into basketball-playing shape and start the next season at 100 percent.

“It was something that I considered when I initially injured my groin,” Young said of his decision to redshirt. “I tried my best to come back, but just how things were going, with the recurring pain and tightness, I just thought this would be best for me.”

As Lard works his way back into getting minutes, more pressure will be put on freshman center George Conditt IV to play important minutes. Conditt IV played 17 minutes against Kansas State and scored a career-high nine points.

Michael Jacobson, the team’s second-leading scorer at 13.6 points per contest, will have to get back to his early-season best against the Red Raiders.

Iowa State redshirt sophomore Cameron Lard is fouled while attempting a shot against North Dakota State. Lard is averaging 3.8 points per game this season.

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One of Rankin’s favorite memories through-out her 10 years was when a student discussed a passion for environmental sustainability and arranged a meeting with her to see where the student could go in the future with their education. Rankin said she thanks those types of stu-dents whom she is able to share her passion of sustainability with and share ideas.

“Those moments are few but they are abso-lutely precious,” Rankin said. “You’ve been able to provide and experience connecting to sus-tainability that resonates to a person.”

Rankin said the obstacles she has faced are like others, but something she finds frustrating includes considerations of funding, specifically for the Live Green! Initiative, “I find that as we may have budget cuts for certain reasons, it is hard to say, ‘let’s start a new initiative,’” Rankin said.

Introducing new initiatives can be difficult because of the time and effort needed to plan and implement.

“Sustainability can save money but it can be difficult to see the forest from the trees,” Rankin said.

Molly Bren, a senior in finance, has been an intern for Rankin for three years. She said Rankin wants the best for everyone around her and her community.

“Merry [Rankin] thinks of her interns as family; she says that all the time,” Bren said.

Rankin said she is looking forward to what the future holds for the Live Green! Initiative.

“I’m working right now with an amazing group of individuals through a sustainability advisory committee, who are putting in so much effort to develop a sustainability plan for Iowa State,” Rankin said.

Some of the goals the committee and sub-committees are focusing on include operational components such as energy, water, mainte-nance, waste and trying to change guidelines and procedures in order to be more sustainable.

Rankin said so far, Iowa State has not had an overarching plan for sustainability. “I’m really excited to have those over-arching goals, those action items in place to make a greater level of impact in how we approach our day to day decisions related to our opera-tions at Iowa State University,” Rankin said.

As of now, Rankin has a team of nine interns assisting her and she said the transition and growth has been incredible. “I cannot say enough wonderful things about [the] teams that I have had and all stu-dents that I have been able to work with on a volunteer basis,” Rankin said.

Rankin said being able to reflect on the items that have been created, such as the Live Green! newsletter, social media accounts and annual events, is exciting.

“We look forward to what different, unique components related to engaging students, fac-ulty and staff in sustainability,” Rankin said.

“How can we more effectively do the things we are doing,” Rankin said. “How can we enhance and build upon those with that vision in mind of educating, engaging and empowering.”

Rankin said she does not plan on sustain-ability being something that people ‘remem-ber’ happened at Iowa State.

“I really want it to become a part of the fabric of people’s lives and people’s beings while they’re at Iowa State, so then they carry that forward, share that with others, bring it into their profession, into organizations that they may volunteer with, communities that they live in and certainly into the generations that become their families,” Rankin said.

**REYNOLDS 3/3**

Network, said that the Reynolds administration was on the right path for education reforms. “I think it’s great that her administration plans on taking a more active role in making child edu-cation and child care more accessible for Iowans,” Dougherty said. “However, there have been many steps on budget yet, so until a lot of this is funded, that is the main hurdle. Having goals and plans is great, but until programs are actually funded, it won’t help the Iowans that need it.”

**MENTAL HEALTH**

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