Today, March 22, marks Iowa State's 160th birthday. To celebrate, we curated a list of 160 facts about the university. Topics of the facts include housing, diversity, buildings on campus, enrollment, athletics, alumni, past presidents, extension and outreach and facts about Cy. Note: We couldn't fit all 160 facts in this print edition, but all of them can be found online.

001. Before the days of Destination Iowa State t-shirts and drawstring bags, freshmen were required to wear beanies on their heads back in 1916.

002. Iowa State decided on being called the Cyclones back in 1895 after a Chicago Tribune article that said the Northwestern football team “was struck by a cyclone” after playing Iowa State.

003. The Farm House Museum is the oldest building on campus.

004. In total, 6,537 trees are located on campus.

005. Iowa State student Jean Nesinwanger won $10 for submitting the names Lancelot and Elaine in 1935.

006. In fall 2016, the Department of Residence housed about 70 students in the former Memorial Union Hotel (floors 4, 5 and 6).

007. Erected in 1897, the Marston Water Tower was the first elevated steel water tank west of the Mississippi.

008. The “That’s another Cyclone...first down!” cheer was started in 1997 by Lance Heimsoth, a frequent football game attendee.

009. Iowa State was founded on March 22, 1858.

010. Iowa State student Jean Nesinwanger won $10 for submitting the names Lancelot and Elaine in 1935.

011. James Hilton, 10th president, increased enrollment from 7,800 to 12,400 during his 12-year tenure at Iowa State.

012. Iowa State student Jean Nesinwanger won $10 for submitting the names Lancelot and Elaine in 1935.

013. Dan Gable was a three-time All-American who went 117-1 as a wrestler at Iowa State who went on to win gold at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich.

014. Former U.S. President Ronald Reagan was once the grand marshal for the Veishea parade.

015. Iowa State students set a Guinness World Record for creating the world’s largest Rice Krispie treat in 2003.

016. Students at Iowa State represent all 99 of Iowa’s counties, as well as all 50 states and 127 countries.

017. Hilton Coliseum was flooded twice throughout the its history of a building in both 1993 and 2010.

018. The first electronic digital computer was created at Iowa State by John Vincent Atanasoff and Clifford Berry in 1942.

019. The first time Cy was shown to the world was during Homecoming of 1954.


021. The “touchdown cannon,” which is shot off after the Cyclones score a touchdown, has been owned and operated by Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity since 1967.

022. Iowa State has the most diverse workforce of the three public universities in Iowa, due to the percentage of faculty and staff of color increasing significantly in the past decade.

023. Raymond Pearson, 7th president, also served as the 20th president of the University of Maryland.

024. Lisa Uhl (then Lisa Koll) is one of the nation’s most decorated distance runners. She still holds the American college record for best time in the 10,000-meters with a time of 31:18.07.

025. Iowa State University is tied as the 115th best national university, according to U.S. News and World Report.

026. Iowa State student Jean Nesinwanger won $10 for submitting the names Lancelot and Elaine in 1935.

027. Lake LaVerne is named after LaVerne W. Noyes who donated $10,000 in 1916 for the creation of the lake.

028. Iowa State student Jean Nesinwanger won $10 for submitting the names Lancelot and Elaine in 1935.

029. Iowa State Extension and Outreach serves all 99 counties in Iowa.

030. Iowa State student Jean Nesinwanger won $10 for submitting the names Lancelot and Elaine in 1935.

031. Iowa State student Jean Nesinwanger won $10 for submitting the names Lancelot and Elaine in 1935.
029. Iowa State alumnus George Washington Carver was an African American scientist best known for devising over 100 products using the peanut and was the first African American student at Iowa State, graduating in 1894.

030. ISU Extension and Outreach educational programs directly benefit more than one million people every year.

031. There are approximately 140 buildings on campus.

032. East of the Campanile on Central Campus lies a lone Scarlet Oak tree after a tornado from 2005 that destroyed 70 trees.

033. Gold, silver and black were the official school colors in 1891.

034. William Robert Parks, 11th president, is the longest-serving president of Iowa State — 1965 to 1986.

035. Cap Timm Field was opened in 1968 to allow a baseball field for Iowa State's Division I baseball team.

036. Lance Lot and Elaine were originally trumpet swans until 1999 when they were switched to mute swans because trumpeter swans had been too aggressive.

037. Six Iowa State programs rank in the top 25, according to U.S. World and News Report.

038. Iowa State has the largest public art collection in the United States, with over 2,000 pieces.

039. Friley Hall is one of the largest residence halls in the nation.

040. Due to the win of an Iowa State football game, there was a three night student rampage in 1953.

041. Gary Thompson was the first true star of the Iowa State men’s basketball program. He was the first player to tally 1,000 career points.

042. Ada Hayden was the first woman to earn a Doctor of Philosophy degree at Iowa State.

043. Over 14 percent of undergraduate students are involved in Greek Life.

044. Hilton Coliseum was opened on December 2, 1971, after it broke ground on June 16, 1968.

045. Iowa State employed 17,075 employees, from part-time workers to faculty in 2017.

046. Seaman Knapp, Iowa State’s 2nd president, only served in the role for one year — 1883 to 1884.

047. Old Main was the first academic building on campus, but it was part of a fire and was burnt down.

048. Knute Rockne, an immigrant from Norway, was hired as the first night watchman at Iowa State in 1905.

049. Iowa State alumnus Mildred Day was the inventor of Rice Krispie treats and also prepared pancakes for the first color ad in an American magazine.

050. Along with a team of student researchers, agricultural engineering professor Wesley Buchele invented the round hay bale in the 1960s.

051. Iowa State has won National Championships in men’s cross country (two), men’s gymnastics (three) and wrestling (eight).

052. The first official class at Iowa State in 1869 had 24 men and two women.

053. William Beardstown, Iowa State’s 5th president, served in the Union Army at age 14 during the Civil War.

054. Iowa State alumnus Henry Agard Wallace was the 33rd vice president under Franklin D. Roosevelt from 1941-45, the secretary of agriculture from 1933-40 and secretary of commerce from 1945-46.

055. There are 29 themed, life-size Cy statues that can be found in the Ames community.

056. Researchers in the aerospace engineering department developed the nation’s first moving tornado simulator.

057. Iowa State alumna Christine Romans was the anchor of “Early Start” with John Barrman, CNN’s chief business correspondent and the host of CNN Money.

058. In 2017, Growing Together Iowa volunteers harvested nearly 225,000 servings of fresh produce for low income Iowans.

059. Many of the buildings that were built between 1875 and 1898 are still on campus and popular today. These include The Hub, Morrill Hall, Sloan House and the Campanile.

060. There are 22,448 shrubs located on campus.

061. Homecoming has been an Iowa State tradition since 1912 — that’s 106 years of events like Yell Like Hell, parades and mass events like Yell Like Hell, parades and mass.

062. Leigh Hunt, Iowa State’s third president, was a businessman before taking over as designated land-grant institution.

063. Mary Evelyn Victoria Hunter was the first black woman to receive a master’s degree from Iowa State and did so in 1933.

064. Lake LaVere is a man-made lake.

065. Iowa State’s undergraduate engineering program is tied as the 49th best program, according to U.S. World and News Report.

066. The Fountain of the Four Seasons (in front of the MU) was installed in 1941.

067. Iowa State is one of the “50 Most Hallowed Colleges and Campuses,” in part due to the rumor that a former student committed suicide in a room in Friley Hall, which caused the room to be closed permanently.

068. From 2006 to 2016, enrollment increased by about 10,000 students.

069. Barbara Foraker, who worked at Iowa State from 1948 to 1990, was known for her work with advancing women in athletics, even working on the Olympics.

070. Iowa and Iowa State compete in the Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series. The two schools compete for the points that are received from winning a respective sporting event and academic success.

071. Tray Davis finished fifth in Heisman trophy voting in 1995 — one spot ahead of Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning — and second in 1996.

072. Just over 11 percent of Iowa State’s total enrollment consists of international students.

073. The Sukup Basketball Complex was an $8 million facility built in 2009 to give Iowa State men’s and women’s basketball a practice arena for future years.

074. Iowa State became the nation’s first designated land-grant institution.

075. The first ever Cy costume weighed so much that the person in the costume had to be 6’3” to 6’2” and 175 to 210 pounds.

076. Iowa State alumnus Carrie Chapman Catt graduated in 1880 and was a women’s suffrage activist that helped women gain equal voting rights.

077. Iowa State Parking Services generates over $4.18 million in revenues each year.

078. The original campus had 14 buildings, some of those being barns.

079. There are 35,588 total plants that have been identified on campus.

080. Students have been avoiding walking on the zodiac since 1929.

081. William Chalmers, Iowa State’s 4th president, was the State Secretary of Agriculture of Ohio before serving as Iowa State’s president from July 1886 to November 1890.

082. Jack Trice Stadium was opened on September 20, 1925, after the stadium broke ground on October 26, 1973.

083. Fall 2017 was the first semester enrollment dipped after 8 years of record breaking enrollment.

084. Zaid Abdul-Aziz (Don Smith) played basketball at Iowa State from 1967-68. He led the Big Eight in scoring twice and in rebounding three times, and was drafted fifth overall by the Cincinnati Royals in 1968 NBA Draft.

085. Iowa State has been at or over 8.5 percent minority enrollment, a goal set by the Iowa Board of Regents.

086. Students used to be able to skate or play hockey on Lake LaVerne before aerators were installed in the early 2000s to keep oxygen...
"Ask Adonijah" is a contributed piece from the Iowa State University Library Special Collections and University Archives. The piece is named after Adonijah Welch, who was Iowa State's first president, and seeks to answer community members' questions about the history of Iowa State.

Have a question? Let us know by emailing askadonijah@iowastatedaily.com.

Dear Adonijah:

This month I would like to take a brief interlude from answering questions from you loyal readers and reflect on the important events that transpired in this state some 160 years ago.

On March 22, 1858, exactly 160 years ago today, the governor of Iowa, Ralph P. Lowe, signed the bill establishing the Iowa State Agricultural College and Model Farm. It was a hard-fought victory for those in the state who felt Iowa should have a people's college dedicated to improving the lives of farmers and members of the working classes.

The passage of the legislation was just the first step in establishing the school. The path to becoming a functioning educational institution was a decade-long journey. A year after the legislation was passed, the Board of Trustees for the new school, the Iowa State Agricultural College, opened its doors to the native peoples of this region, was purchased. Work was started on establishing the farm and making improvements to the land. Things seemed to be advancing nicely for the small school until the Civil War interrupted its progress.

The first campus building, the Farm House, was completed in 1864 and the following year, Iowa became the first state to accept the terms of the Federal Land Grant College Act, sometimes referred to as the Morrill Act. This grant of 210,000 acres of federal land to the state was, fortunately for this campus, used to support the fledgling agricultural college and not the state university in Iowa City. As the war came to a close, money from the state was allocated for an actual school building, and, after some false starts in its construction, the Main Building opened its doors in the fall of 1866. This was the same year I was hired as the first president of the new school.

I find it hard to believe that it has been 150 years since I received that letter from the board inquiring about my services! On March 17, 1869, over a decade after the passage of the legislation establishing the school, the Iowa State Agricultural College opened its doors to the school's first freshman class. Composed of 136 men and 37 women, these bright young students hailed exclusively from the state of Iowa. They came mostly from farms and small towns and, for many of them, the Main Building was by far the largest and grandest building they had ever seen. The first class was also exclusively white, as it would be another 22 years before the first student of color would enroll at Iowa State.

Tuition was free, but that did not mean students had a lot of money or free time to spend on frivolous activities. Each student was required to work at the school, either out in the fields or in the kitchen, and they had to follow strict guidelines regarding social interactions. The wages they received for their labors only partially covered the cost of their books and meals, and, between their studies and work, there was little time to socialize, especially when compared to today.

Iowa State's first graduating class, consisting of 24 men and two women, received their diplomas on November 13, 1872. During the commencement exercises, 20 of the graduates presented a speech to the rest of the attendees, including the faculty, fellow students, members of the Board of Trustees and even the governor. It was a thrilling experience.

My colleagues and I strived to establish a solid foundation that succeeding faculty and staff could build upon. As my era, there will continue to be challenges and successes ahead, but as long as this school has strong leaders and the support of the legislature, dedicated faculty and staff, and passionate students and alumni, the Iowa State community will be able to celebrate these milestones for many years to come.

From the Lab to the White House and Beyond

Rosina Bierbaum, a professor and former dean at the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment who also holds the Roy J. Weatherhead Chair in Natural Economics at the University of Michigan, will discuss her research and career working at the interface of environment science and policy.

Thursday, March 22, 2018 - 8pm
Great Hall, Memorial Union

Sponsored by National Affairs Series (funded by Student Government)

Edna Vallis
COURTESY OF IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES STAFF

Thursday, March 22, 2018 - 8pm
Great Hall, Memorial Union

Sponsored by National Affairs Series (funded by Student Government)
The United States is the world’s largest producer of cow’s milk, chicken and beef, and we are also the world’s leading food exporter. The country’s status at the top of agriculture is due to hard work, innovation and the good fortune of living in a resource-rich land.

An area where we can improve, however, is in the treatment of our farm animals, especially laying hens. The majority of them, 250 million of the 300 million in the U.S., live a rough life, At 18 weeks old, the birds are put in cages that are only 18 inches wide, 24 inches long and 17 inches high. And not just one bird per cage, but between six and eight. For the rest of their 18-month life, they are confined in wire walls and live on a wire floor. There is no nesting, dust-bathing or pecking at the ground.

But the news is not all bad. We, as consumers, can end this method of egg production by buying cage-free eggs instead of regular eggs. They cost more, but not by much. A recent check at Hy-Vee and Fareway found regular eggs for $2.20 a dozen and cage-free eggs for $3 a dozen.

Cage-free egg production has its problems. Among them are bacterial contamination of eggs laid directly on the ground where there is hen excrement, broken bones, a higher hen mortality from increased hen activity out of cages and the higher labor costs for gathering eggs.

Cage-free hens do not reside in a sunrise over the barnyard type setting that many of us might imagine — the demands of producing many eggs cheaply don’t allow that. But cage-free does give hens space to walk, flap their wings, peck on the ground and nest. And the beauty is that we can make it happen for the hens by paying just a dollar more for a dozen eggs.

I am the operations officer and an instructor in the Iowa State Army ROTC department. This is my opinion and not necessarily the opinion of Iowa State Army ROTC.

What the film doesn’t show is that in 2003 a Colorado hotel worker claimed Bryant raped her. The case was settled and did not go through public court hearings. Bryant said he thought the sex had been consensual. So, there was an admission of sex, but Bryant did not admit guilt.

What could Bryant do now to show he has grown into the idealistic person the film shows? Bryant could have great impact if he were to admit he acted badly and abused his power. He could be a force for good if he were to talk to young boys about gender issues and the possible abuse of power. Speaking up for the role of men in general and the role of powerful men — either through wealth or fame — would be very effective.

The #MeToo movement lets women who have been silenced speak, and that speech can be very cathartic. But for change to happen, men and women need to examine our behavior, to think about it carefully and remember always to treat others as we want to be treated ourselves. That isn’t always easy. People like Bryant carry great weight with the public and are role models for many young people.

The second act of the #MeToo movement cannot be left only to the victims, as they strive to free themselves of the psychological bonds of that victim identity. Actions must change, and for that, we need men, who are usually the perpetrators, to become engaged in their own effort to learn and grow and become more humane.

Feedback policy: The Daily encourages discussion but does not guarantee its publication. We reserve the right to edit or reject any letter or online feedback.

Send your letters to letters@iowastatedaily.com. Letters must include the name(s), phone number(s), majors and/or group affiliation(s) and year in school of the author(s). Phone numbers and addresses will not be published. Online feedback may be used if first name and last name, major and year in school are included in the post. Feedback posted online is eligible for print in the Iowa State Daily.
The past, The present, The future

Freshman Madison Wise makes a shot against Kansas State on Jan. 10 at Hilton Coliseum. The Cyclones look forward to next season as they gain a new recruiting class but lose three players.

Looking back: post presence, or lack thereof

A main reason for that stagnation was the lack of a consistent post presence at any point during the season.

Iowa State scored 2,078 points in 31 games, only 10 total points fewer than their opponents. A whopping 75.7 percent of their points were scored by backcourt players. 75.7 percent!

Only two Cyclones post players scored more than 150 points: junior center Bride Kennedy-Hopoate (who has since made clear her intention to transfer), and junior forward Meredith Burkhall, who had a very up-and-down season.

Kennedy-Hopoate averaged 6.7 points per game, but most of her production came off of the bench. Burkhall started 22 contests, but only reached double figures in points four times (she averaged 6.3 points per game).

Freshman Kristin Scott showed promise at the beginning and end of the season, but disappeared at times during the Cyclones’ schedule due to injuries. She chose the third option and Cyclone fans will have her name in the Iowa State women’s basketball record books.

In her final 12 games, Durr scored well into double-figures in points four times (she averaged 6.3 points per game). Burkhall had her moments, but still hasn’t found a rhythm offensively, and Scott showed a lot of promise but never got her jumper going. The lack of any consistent post play played a big role in the Cyclones’ disappointing season.

Batman and Robin

From the start of the season, coach Bill Fennelly knew he had to find a second scoring option to go along with Carleton. Was it going to be Burkhall, Durr or a newcomer?

Well it took awhile to find Carleton’s Robin, but Durr certainly didn’t leave Batman hanging. The two became a dynamic duo who, on multiple occasions, willed the Cyclones to victories. It’s actually quite remarkable when you take a look back at Durr’s Iowa State career. She left New York with a basket of records in tow, only to find a limited role her first season on campus.

From there, the minutes went up, but she was left with an ultimatum — transfer, man the bench or become a star and a leader. Durr in/f_l ated that number, averaging 12.7. How- ever, the four incoming recruits averaged 21.6 points per game at the high school and JUCO levels.

The most heralded of the group is Iowa City, Iowa native Ashley Joens. Mark my words — when all is said and done, Jo- ens will have her name in the Iowa State women’s basketball record books.

Joens was named Miss Iowa Basketball Player of the Year after averaging 30.7 points and 11.4 rebounds — THAT IS A LOT OF POINTS AND REBOUNDS.

Mind you those 11.4 rebounds were not from a post player. I understand that’s at the high school level, but Iowa girls’ high school basketball is no joke.

Ohio native Maddie Frederick also joined Joens as future Cyclones to earn All-State honors.

Frederick was named the Ohio Division II Co-Player of the year after averaging 15.8 points per game.

The final one that will engage in the offensive barrage next season is JUCO transfer Jade Thurman. At 5-foot-7, Thurman won’t be the post answer — duh, Jack.

But she will add a dynamic option for Fennelly after averaging 20.8 points in Texas.

Bottom line is Iowa State will be just fine next season. After all, Carleton is returning and with the talent coming in, winning ways will be back for the Iowa State women’s basketball program.

Oh, and if the talent couldn’t get any better, Alexa Middleton will finally be eligible. And if she lives up to Fennelly’s hype, the Iowa State faithful will be in for something fun.
Zainab Johnson has a career acting and doing comedy for TV shows including “Last Comic Standing” and more. Johnson will perform at 9 p.m. on March 22 at the Maintenance Shop.

Johnson is known as a comedian and as an actress. Her style has been shaped by her childhood growing up in Harlem in New York City as one of 13 siblings. Comedy, however, was not her first choice of career.

According to her website, Johnson got a degree in math before stepping into the world of comedy.

“I studied math in school because I was good at it and it seemed practical. After graduating from college, my dad passed away and I thought it best to pursue my dream of being an entertainer (which was definitely deemed impractical) before it was too late; the whole ‘time is short no regrets thing,” said Johnson in an interview with That’s Magazine.

Since then, Johnson has performed for HBO’s “All Def Comedy,” NBC’s “Last Comic Standing,” BET’s “Comic View,” MTV’s “Acting Out,” AXS TV’s “Gotham Comedy Live!,” “Avant-Guardians” and the Montreal Just For Laughs Festival.

“There are assumptions in the world of comedy, according to Johnson’s interview with the Los Angeles Times. Johnson stated people will assume you will not be able to entertain them, that you won’t be funny.

“I never present myself with the thought or expectations of other people. I’ve thrived on defying expectations. I had a shaved head and I wore my hair in an afro a lot, so people expect the strong black woman thing, but I love to say some ratchet shi*t, just so that you understand that nothing — not my hair, not my look, not one particular joke — defines me. I’m a person in the world, and so the way that I approach stand-up is I tell my story,” said Johnson to the Los Angeles Times.

For those looking into a career in comedy, Johnson gave some advice in her interview with the Los Angeles Times.

“I would say stay true to yourself. If you’re the black girl that seems white, that’s just what you are. Or if you’re ghetto, or if your content ain’t really there, but you got show — do what you do, and do it to your best ability. You’re going to get a lot of no’s but you are going to get a couple of yeses, and that’s what matters,” Johnson said.

The Maintenance Shop will open its doors at 8:30 this Thursday night for the SUB Comedy Night. The event is free.
levels high.  

0.87. The agricultural and biological engineering undergraduate and graduate programs each rank as the No. 1 program in the country, according to U.S. World and News Report.

0.88. Geoffroy Hall is the newest residence hall on campus. The eight-story building has 14 houses (784 beds) on the upper seven floors.

0.89. Charles Fisler served as the 9th president from the end of the Great Depression through World War II.

0.90. The Pappajohn Center for Entrepreneurship was established in 1997. The center was established to provide “assistance, connections, and resources for ISU faculty and students with the business and corporate world,” according University Archives.

0.91. The College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State ranks as the thirteenth best program in the country, according to U.S. World and News report.

0.92. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources officially classifies Lake LaVerne as a pond, not a lake. Sources officially classifies Lake LaVerne as a pond, not a lake.

0.93. The men’s ice hockey team won the 1992 National Championship and the women won in 2014.

0.94. Carl Sanderson, who wrestled at Iowa State from 1997-2002, went 159-9 in his career also won the 2004 Olympic Gold medal in Athens at 84kg.

0.95. Iowa State’s Department of Mechanical Engineering passed Georgia Tech in 2016 as the largest undergraduate mechanical engineering program in the country.

0.96. The Cyclone Hockey club team played at Hilton Coliseum starting in 1972. The team is currently playing in the Ames/ISU Ice Arena that was built in 2001.

0.97. A tree was planted in 2013 on the northeast corner of the Campanile to commemorate First Amendment Day. The tree was given the nickname “Liberty Tree”.

0.98. The Department of Housing was established in 1930 and the name was changed to the Department of Residence in 1937.

0.99. Through 4-H Youth Development, more than 100,000 youth are reached in order to help them improve their leadership skills, explore future careers and shape the future of Iowa.

1.00. The first public college of veterinary medicine was established in 1879 at Iowa State.

1.01. The first female to become Cy was Betsy Thomas Bailey in 1975.

1.02. Iowa State alum Dwight Ink was one of the first two ISU students to graduate in government. He was an advisor for seven consecutive U.S. presidents between Eisenhower and Reagan.

1.03. There was huge growth between 1875 and 1898 when the number of buildings reached 52.

1.04. Campaniling got its name for the love story behind it — President Edgar Stanton had it built as a monument to his late wife, Margaret Stanton, the first dean of women.

1.05. Welch Avenue, one of the main streets in Campustown, is named after Iowa State’s first president Adonijah Welch.

1.06. The Steve and Debbie Bergstrom Indoor Training Facility opened in March of 2004 to give Iowa State football a place to practice indoors.

1.07. Anson Marston, the former dean of the Division of Engineering at Iowa State, established the Iowa State Highway Commission, which is now the Iowa Department of Transportation.

1.08. Iowa State previously fielded NCAA Division I teams in men’s baseball, men’s gymnastics, men’s tennis and men’s swimming.

1.09. Forty-three percent of Iowa State students are female.

1.10. Lake LaVerne is only six feet deep at its deepest.

1.11. Iowa State ranks as a Best Buy School, according to College Guide to Colleges.

1.12. During the Great Depression, Iowa State president Raymond Hughes was controversial in keeping Christian Petersen as an artist in residence even though one third of the faculty had to be cut.

1.13. There used to be four Towers but two of them, Knapp and Storms halls, were demolished on July 19, 2005, leaving just Wallace and Wilson halls.


1.15. Matt Blair played at Iowa State from 1971-73 and was an All-American as a senior. Blair played 12 seasons in the NFL.

1.16. The first agricultural engineering degree in the world was given to Iowa State graduate Jacob E. Wiegman in 1910.

1.17. Cy’s birthday is celebrated on Homecoming due to that being the day of his first appearance.

1.18. Over 34 percent of Iowa State’s student body are Iowans.

1.19. More than 9,000 people visit the Ag Decision Maker website to learn more about agricultural issues in 2017.

1.20. Morrill Hall used to house the library, a museum and a chapel.

1.21. There have been swans in Lake LaVerne since 1935, when at the climax of Veishea, a float carrying four swans floated down to the lake, leaving the swans in their new home.

1.22. In 2006, Hilton Coliseum added video and sound systems in the building that equalled $2.5 million.

1.23. The fall 2017 freshman class had an average GPA of 3.61 and ACT score of 25.

1.24. The Iowa State men’s basketball team has reached the Sweet Sixteen five times, Elite Eight two times and Final Four one time.

1.25. Linda Evans is one of 14 Cyclones in the 1,000-dig club, one of 10 in the 1,000-kill group, and one of only four Cyclones to be in both.

1.26. Wila J. Ewing received degrees from Iowa State in 1926 and 1935 and is the first known woman of color to graduate from Iowa State.

1.27. LaVerne Noyes was a member of the first ever graduating class at Iowa State in 1872.

1.28. Iowa State’s interior design program ranks ninth in the country and the landscape architecture program ranks 11th, according to DesignIntelligence.

1.29. Many of Iowa State’s recent art acquisitions have been acquired through the Art in State Buildings Act.

1.30. Lynn Hall was also used to house the Navy in 1943 during WWII.

1.31. Cy once had an “offspring” that was named Clone.

1.32. Through FLEXes, Forward Learning Experience, more than 12,000 youth tried virtual reality, 3D prototyping and circuit bending, which will help them practice 21st century design thinking in the future.

1.33. Baby swans, called cygnets, have been born in 1944, 1970 and 1971.

1.34. Margaret Hall, the first women-only dorm, was built where LeBaron Hall currently stands. Each of the original 10 bells installed in the campanile are inscribed. The largest bell notes that the carillon is dedicated to Margaret MacDonald Stanton.

1.35. Iowa State’s fashion merchandising program ranks No. 3 in the U.S., according to Fashion Schools.

1.36. Thirteen percent of Iowa State’s total enrollment are U.S. minorities.

1.37. Betsy Saina ran in the 10,000 meters at the 2016 Olympics in Rio and finished in fifth place.

1.38. Iowa State has fielded 69 individual wrestling National Champions.

1.39. The university mace, which has been used at commencement since 2004, is 60 inches long and weighs 14 pounds.

1.40. The Iowa Government Finance Initiative provides all 945 cities in Iowa specific fiscal and socioeconomic information.

1.41. Iowa State alum Bruce Roth invented Lipitor, the largest-selling drug in U.S. history, which lowers cholesterol.

1.42. Maple and Willow Halls were originally built as all-female halls.

1.43. The panthers located outside of Morrill Hall are viewed as a turning point in Christian Petersen’s art style from smaller, modest sculptures to larger, grand ideas.

1.44. Iowa State’s graduate school is ranked as the fifth best value college in the U.S. and its criminal justice program as the ninth best value by Value Colleges.