Humans have created art since the dawn of our existence. Archaeologists have found artifacts dating back thousands of years before the modern homo sapien ever walked the earth. Has artist Amenda Tate handed art over to the robots with the Manibus? Not really.

Tate, Des Moines, Iowa, native, attended Iowa State where she started studying mechanical engineering. After completing half of the program, she decided to pursue her career in art. Tate graduated from Metropolitan State University of Denver with a bachelor’s degree in fine arts with emphasis on metalsmithing and jewelry design.

Tate bridges the gap between art in motion and static art with the Manibus robot. The artist’s invention uses a cell phone in an exercise armband to capture a dancer’s movement which is sent over Bluetooth connection to the Manibus. From there, the dancer’s routine is converted into brush strokes on paper.

The Manibus was inspired by a “transformative” experience Tate had while attending a ballet. “It was just one of those moments where all of a sudden I got it,” she said. “It is about not just the people, and the bodies, and the positions, but it’s about the energy of what they’re doing and how they’re doing it.”

According to a tweet from Jon Rothstein of CBS Sports, the Iowa State men’s basketball team will play in the Battle 4 Atlantis tournament in 2019.

The 2019 Battle 4 Atlantis, which takes place in the Bahamas each November, will feature some of the best teams in the nation. This year’s edition includes Virginia, which held the No. 1 overall seed in last year’s NCAA Tournament.

From the report, Iowa State’s tournament opponents could include prestigious teams as well. North Carolina won the 2016–17 national title and has won three total national championships since 2004-05. The last meeting between Iowa State and the Tar Heels was in the 2014 NCAA Tournament when Iowa State defeated North Carolina in the second round. Of the other teams reportedly involved in the 2019 Battle 4 Atlantis, Oregon, Gonzaga and Michigan have all made the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament within the last two seasons.

As of Thursday afternoon, an Iowa State spokesperson was unable to comment on the report.
FINISHING FIRST  Part 2

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Hope is not lost. Contrary to the adversity faced, first-generation students aren’t doomed to drop out. Jessica Stevens, a fall 2017 graduate of Iowa State, received her bachelor’s in psychology with a minor in exercise science. Stevens proudly says she is the first in her family to graduate with a degree, but not without her share of hardships.

Stevens recalls the hardships she faced during her undergraduate career. After transferring from a community college in a spring semester, the initial adjustment to a university campus was difficult. When she turned to her support group, there were feelings of being disconnected. Stevens says it took a while for them to fully understand the workload.

She plans to attend St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa for a PhD in occupational therapy. At one point in her undergraduate career, Stevens almost gave up on attending graduate school, not thinking she stood out enough and feeling “too average” to get accepted.

Stevens doesn’t see the label as a crutch. But, even after attaining an undergraduate or graduate degree, the question, ‘can I still do this?’ plagues the minds of first-generation students. For students who go on to pursue graduate degrees, the pattern repeats and freshly imprints upon their minds. For those who start careers, leaving their community continues to evoke an emotional response.

According to Kenyatta Shamburger, when first-generation students graduate and “make it,” they still jump the next hurdle that was like their undergraduate experience. A successful career is in the mind of every college graduate, but for first-generation students, feelings of guilt hinder that dream.

“Can I do this? Continues to surface even years after they graduate,” Shamburger said. “There are times with academic accomplishments, that parents who did not attend college, might not understand the prestige or honor to match the excitement.”

Like Stevens, first-generation students have many things of which to be proud of. Both Katie Seifert and Shamburger compliment the resilience and fortitude shown by this population. Entering a seemingly new reality forces a new kind of responsibility. They are hard workers, going against odds to prove that they are a force with which to be reckoned.

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First-generation students exist at every university. Attending school, improving their situation and finally being able to tell their family, “I did it.” But, the invisible struggles exist and are very real to these students. Others may not understand what those struggles mean, but college can be one of the biggest hurdles of their lives. These students try to defy statistics, conquering the mountain of higher education. Even with the pile of information that pits these students against the education system, they leave an important mark. They continue to shine as dreamers.

Media should not brush Jacksonville aside

As most of you know, there was a tragic shooting in Jacksonville, Florida, on Sunday. This shooting occurred at the outdoor mall during a gaming tournament. It was very public and very traumatic for many families.

David Katz targeted Madden NFL video game players in the tournament at the downtown shopping complex, the Jacksonville Landing. According to Alexander Madunic, Katz had lost a game in the tournament earlier that day. However, Katz legally purchased a 9mm handgun and a .45-caliber handgun in the last month.

Katz shot and killed two people, one was the winner of last year’s Madden Classic competition and the other was a former high school football player who won a lot of money playing a video game. After shooting the people in the arena, police say Katz killed himself with his gun.

High school friends told CNN Katz was antisocial and kept to himself. Most of them only had a few conversations with him during their time at Hammond High School in Columbia, Maryland.

However, the shooter’s family later disclosed that he struggled with mental illness. His family went through many psychiatrists. His family called the police 26 times between 1993 and 2009. However, none of these calls had any physical violence.

The record shows Katz was prescribed with drugs from antidepressants to schizophrenia medication.

A few days after the shooting occurred, EA donated $1 million to victims and their families.

As much coverage as there was, there seems to be a longer lasting coverage for other traumatic happenings, such as Mollie Tibbetts’ death. Many people at Iowa State don’t know many of the details that went on with the Jacksonville shooting, but everyone knows about Mollie Tibbetts.

Yes, Tibbetts is from Iowa and Jacksonville is in Florida. But both cases took human lives in awful ways. National media should have done more to make the country will never forget the tragic moment in life: Sandy Hook, 9/11, Columbine, etc. The two lives lost in Jacksonville will not be forgotten, even if the media doesn’t give the event the attention it deserves.

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Iowa State is starting a new series of tours throughout the campus called “Art of Historic Renovation and Cultural Preservation.”

The series of tours started at the Farm House museum and will occur once a month at different buildings and museums on campus. The tour will cover Morrill Hall in September, Curtiss Hall in October, Curtiss Hall in November and Marston Hall in December.

The Farm House was built in 1858 and completed in 1861. It saw many residents before it became the museum it is today. Its previous residents included Seaman Knapp, the second president of Iowa State, James Wilson, the secretary of agriculture for 16 years, William B. Curtiss, whom Curtiss Hall was named after and Floyd Andre, the dean of agriculture for many years at Iowa State.

In its beginning, the house itself was used for many different purposes. Early on it was used as the farm’s superintendent’s quarters.

Back in the day students were required to do four hours of work on the farm daily. However, that requirement was discontinued 20 years later.

When there were only a few buildings on campus, the Farm House was used as a post office, restaurant and hotel. During the Curtiss’ residence, students would work in the house as cooks and maids in exchange for room and board in the attic. The house has seen many changes with its many different residents, but it’s currently furnished look like it did like during the Curtiss’ stay.

Wilson lived in the Farm House when it was used as a duplex, and there were two entrances to his part of the house. He used brick from the foundation in the basement to cover that rear entrance to battle the Iowa winters. Additionally, none of the furnishing throughout the house is from the original owners. During the transition to museum, the Ames community and alumni stepped up and donated anything that would contribute to replicating what each room would have looked like during the Curtiss’ stay.

The Farm House was transformed into a museum in the 1960s and finished in the 1990s. The original grant asked for $30,000, a lot of money at the time.

In the beginning of the project, an expert was brought to the house to check if the foundations were secure enough for the project to continue. He determined that it was not and the project was extended for another 30 years, raising the total cost to $300,000. Despite the hike in cost, the project was able to be completed with support from the community and alumni.

To find more information about these tours and other museum events being held on campus, visit the Iowa State University Museums website.
A participant uses the iPhone controlled motion sensors to manipulate Amenda Tate’s robot, Amenda Tate to help translate movement into art on Thursday at the Memorial Union.

An ISU student interacts with the artistic robot, Manibus, which was created by Des Moines artist Amanda Tate to help translate movement into art on Thursday at the Memorial Union.

The Manibus is the culmination of all of Tate’s schooling and then some. “I don’t know if I can quantify how much of this or that or the other, because I feel like it’s all in the soup.” For the robot, she had to learn about programming and electronics, something that is still an ongoing process for her. As problems would present themselves, Tate had to create mechanical parts to make everything work together.

“It was just a matter of ‘what solution do I need?’” Tate said. While there have been setbacks in the creative process and various repairs and modifications made to the robot, Tate said this is still the first iteration of the Manibus. “I’m not going to call this version two yet, because my version two is going to be one that has some different functionality than this one has,” Tate said.

Increasing the robot’s speed is one of the planned features Tate has in mind for the eventual Manibus 2.0. “It could cover more ground and still create the same response to the movement but just in a different scale,” Tate said.

She also mentioned she’d like to incorporate a recording function into the Manibus so she would be able to play back dancers’ movements, allowing her to add a new dimension to the paintings.

Tate doesn’t feel like the finished paintings can be attributed to any one artist. The final piece is part of a collaborative effort. This, she said, makes it appeal to a broader audience, even to those who might not otherwise be interested in the painted art forms.

“When people say, ‘what is your medium?’ It’s not just the robot, it’s not just the painting, it’s not just the process,” Tate said. “I feel like all of that is my medium. I don’t feel like any one part of it independently tells the whole story.”

In 2017, Tate used the Manibus to work with Ballet Des Moines on their production of “Snow White,” where she spent time on the sidelines during rehearsals trying to “crack” what was happening. Her first time using the Manibus in the field, she found it challenging to integrate herself into rehearsals without being intrusive. “I had just figured out that the robot would do something, and it kind of did something cool, but I didn’t really know how any of it was going to go,” Tate said. “We were all taking these steps of vulnerability to just go for it together.”

The experience, she said, “Blew any expectations I had totally out of the water.”

Since then Tate has worked with the Colonos Ballet, where she was granted with more creative control, and armed with more knowledge about how to properly utilize the Manibus. In the future she hopes to work with other dance forms, like the tango. She is currently looking for a hiplet company to work with, the mixture of hip hop and ballet dance forms intrigues her.

Tate encourages students to try things that interest them, even if it means taking a risk or doing something they normally wouldn’t think about.

“You don’t know if you don’t try,” Tate said. “Everyone is so worried about failing, so we don’t try the things that we might be really amazing at.”

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**TURNOVERS**

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Regardless of how he gets the ball, Montgomery is dangerous with it in his hands. And rarely does it leave his hand, too. The Cyclone offense nearly went unscathed in the fumble department last season. In the final game of Iowa State’s season, Montgomery coughed it up near the goal line to end the streak.

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Even though the Cyclones missed an opportunity for history, the emphasis on ball protection is obvious.

Throughout Campbell’s opening press conference at media day in early August, the third-year Iowa State coach had a few statistics off the top of his head on the impact turnovers make to a game.

Campbell gave a spiel about his personal valuation of turnovers and added that Iowa State is 10-2 in games with a positive turnover margin since his time in Ames.

The Cyclones should figure to be in a handful of close games as previously mentioned, and to snag more close wins against top Big 12 opponents, Iowa State will rely on the turnover battle.
A YEAR OF FIRSTS

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Thirteen students are enrolled at Iowa State and participating in the ISU 4U Promise learning community.

This semester is the start of the ISU 4U Promise tuition award cohort. The ISU 4U Promise program was developed in 2013 as a partnership between Iowa State University and King and Moulton elementary schools in the Des Moines Public School system. Of the original 23 students in the eighth-grade cohort at the inception of the program in 2013, 13 have enrolled for the fall of 2018, and 12 are participating in the ISU 4U Promise tuition award.

"Since we are the first generation of the ISU 4U program, they have been treating us well and have been trying to make our first year of college fun," said Jefferson Le, Iowa State freshman in ISU 4U Promise learning community. "So far, we have met with the Vice President of Iowa State. We had our first meeting today. We discussed how our first week of school was. We are also learning more about ourselves and figuring out what our strengths are. The program has been super supportive and they help us with any concerns or questions that we have about our classes and what goes on around campus."

In ISU 4U’s last five years of development, they have successfully coordinated activity between a broad range of sponsors. These include ISU College of Human Sciences, the Extension and Outreach, Financial Aid, and Student Affairs units, Des Moines Public School and the Public Alliance. These collaborations have made way for Iowa State and their first group of ISU 4U Promise Scholars. Students participating in the ISU 4U Promise learning community will:

• Enroll in library 160 and Dialogues on Diversity as a cohort in fall 2018
• Engage in monthly topical conversations led by upper-administrative mentor, Senior Vice-President for Student Affairs, Dr. Marion Harmon
• Complete the StrengthsFinder assessment and participate in activities related to developing their strengths as students and build upon leadership skills
• Meet for weekly discussions on timely topics, with co-coordinators, Kyle Hoffman and Jen Leptien
• Interact with, and receive transition guidance from, two upper-division student peer mentors
• Receive tutoring support during the fall semester, provided by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
• Attend special events including: academic workshops, an Onstage Performing Arts Series performance through the Iowa State Center, the Iowa State Conference on race and ethnicity, and more

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South Duff Avenue to reopen Friday

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South Duff Avenue will be reopening on Friday with continued construction, according to a press release from the City of Ames.

Even though the section of South Duff Avenue from Jewel Drive to Ken Maril Road will reopen on Friday, delays should be expected.

"Motorists will be traveling through an active construction site and should proceed with caution and expect delays," according to the press release. "Thirteenth Street from Ridgewood Avenue to Curtiss Avenue will continue to be closed until Con-Struct, the company working on the construction project, finishes the first phase. The first phase was projected to be finished Friday, but rain delayed the project.

"Delays and forecasted rain have put the first phase of the project two to four days behind schedule," according to the press release. "The 13th street project includes street and utility improvements from Ridgewood Avenue east to Harding Avenue."

The South Duff Avenue construction was done to widen the road and its usage.

"The City of Ames has contracted with Con-Struct, Inc. to widen South Duff Avenue to three lanes, construct a shared use path from Ken Maril Road to Kitty Hawk Drive, and install a traffic signal at Crystal Street," according to the press release.

Motorists can expect delays and stoppages until the construction is completed.

"Motorists are encouraged to consider other routes," according to the press release. "The traffic light at Crystal Street will be installed during the winter. The entire project is anticipated to be completed by early spring 2019."

The press release also gave the following resources:

• About the South Duff project, Contact Mark Gansen, Civil Engineer with the City of Ames at mgansen@city.ames.ia.us or 515-239-5291
• About the South Duff project or Matt Sullivan, Civil Engineer with the City of Ames at msullivan@city.ames.ia.us or 515-239-5277 for the 13th Street project

"For general construction updates, go to www.CityOfAmes.org/construction or follow the City of Ames on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram."

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Women on the ballot

Experiment: Multiple candidates lowers success

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When a single woman is running for political office, the single candidate does just as well as a male counterpart, according to a recent experiment by researchers at Iowa State.

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“Most research on American elections looks at each independent campaign as if it was in isolation, and we wanted to look at a more realistic scenario, taking into account the broader political environment,” Andersen said. “It’s important, especially today, because more women than ever are running for political office, and it’s probably not accurate to pretend like that doesn’t matter.”

Ditonto and Andersen used a series of campaign simulations to gather data on voting habits. The participants in the experiments answered a series of questions about their partisanship, ideologies, stance on political issues and demographics. After answering questions, the subjects sat through a mock campaign for many governmental positions and were shown information about all the candidates on the ballot.

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Ditonto, Andersen and Winfrey all agree on the most logical solution to lack of gender diversity in politics: Get women on the ballot. As more and more females are listed on ballots, the thought of women in politics becomes more normalized, and the stereotype of men being the only gender suitable for leadership will begin to break down.

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Iowa State opens the third year of the Matt Campbell era this Saturday at 7 p.m. against South Dakota State. Through two years, Campbell and his staff have revolutionized the program and taken it to heights unseen. The 2017 campaign saw two victories over top-5 ranked opponents, along with the fourth bowl win in school history.

This season figures to be pivotal for the program — can the Cyclones continue to ascend on the national stage, moving up the ladder in the national rankings? Whatever the case, one thing is for sure: the more comfortable the Cyclones become in crunch time, the closer they'll get to reaching the next level.

The success of 2017 is fresh on everyone’s mind. A year ago, 6-6 would have pleased a lot of fans — yet many would consider six wins in one of the Campbell era this Saturday at 7 p.m. against South Dakota State (0-0, 0-0 MVC) at Jack Trice Stadium.

The top two teams from last year’s Big 12 standings would both have the Cyclones circled on their calendars. Oklahoma won’t soon forget its lone loss of the 2017 campaign, which came at the hands of Kyle Kempt and Iowa State. TCU faced some roster turnover from last year but the memory of last year’s loss in Ames won’t be forgotten, either.

CLOSE GAMES

Campbell can’t talk about them enough. Iowa State has had issues with closing out games for years now, and especially in the Matt Campbell era. Close losses include games against Northern Iowa, Oklahoma State and Baylor in 2016 and Oklahoma State, Kansas State, West Virginia and Iowa from last year. The Cyclones had seven (seven!) games last season that were decided by a touchdown or less. Looking at the schedule, there’s potential for there to be just as many, if not MORE, contests that go down to the wire.

Even in September alone, Oklahoma and Iowa present challenges that could be extremely tight contests when it gets down to winning time. West Virginia, TCU and Oklahoma State were all tight games last season, and they protect to be just as hard to predict in 2018.

Last season was the first time in at least 16 seasons that Iowa State had a positive point differential. 16 years! The Cyclones have been living in the red, but now they live in the grey area of close games and toss-ups. The football wizard Bill Connelly of SBNation sees Iowa State finishing anywhere from 4-8 to 9-3 (his S+P+ system projects the team to finish 6-6).

Campbell likes to reference Kansas State and Bill Snyder as examples of building a consistent bowl team out of thin air. Kansas State lives off of keeping games close and winning these close games. As much as Iowa State fans might not like to hear it, Iowa does the same things. Teams without a long history of success lean on close games in order to sometimes overachieve.

The controversial finishes of the Oklahoma State and Kansas State games aside, Iowa State can (potentially) win more games this year by learning from some of their Big 12 counterparts. The more comfortable the Cyclones become in crunch time, the closer they’ll get to reaching the next level.
AROUND THE BIG 12

FLORIDA ATLANTIC @ No. 7 OKLAHOMA
WHEN: 11 a.m. Saturday
WHERE: Gaylord Family Memorial Stadium | Norman, Oklahoma
WATCH: FOX

OLE MISS @ TEXAS TECH
WHEN: 11 a.m. Saturday
WHERE: NRG Stadium | Houston, Texas
WATCH: ESPN

No. 23 TEXAS @ MARYLAND
WHEN: 11 a.m. Saturday
WHERE: FedEx Field | Landover, Maryland
WATCH: FOX Sports1

SOUTHERN @ No. 16 TCU
WHEN: 11 a.m. Saturday
WHERE: Amon G. Carter Stadium | Fort Worth, Texas
WATCH: FOX SPORTS NORTH

TENNESSEE VS. WEST VIRGINIA
WHEN: 2:30 p.m. Saturday
WHERE: Bank of America Stadium | Charlotte, North Carolina
WATCH: CBS

NICHOLLS @ KANSAS
WHEN: 6 p.m. Saturday
WHERE: Memorial Stadium | Lawrence, Kansas
WATCH: ESPN+

SOUTH DAKOTA @ KANSAS STATE
WHEN: 6 p.m. Saturday
WHERE: Amon G. Carter Stadium | Fort Worth, Texas
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ABILENE CHRISTIAN @ BAYLOR
WHEN: 7 p.m. Saturday
WHERE: McLane Stadium | Waco, Texas
WATCH: FOX Sports1

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WHERE: Bank of America Stadium | Charlotte, North Carolina
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PLAYERS 2 WATCH

David Montgomery
The Iowa State offense starts with David Montgomery. With a reshuffled offensive line from last year, Montgomery will be leaned on to cover some of the blemishes on the line. Opponents exposed the South Dakota State rush defense last season. In 2017, Jackrabbit opponents averaged 170.8 yards per game and 4.6 yards per carry. Along with creating his own yardage, Montgomery can also be key in the pass-blocking aspect of the Iowa State offense by picking up blitzing linebackers, like Rozeboom. If Iowa State wants to kick off the season with a win, Montgomery needs to wear down the Jackrabbit defense throughout the game.

Christian Rozeboom
Christian Rozeboom is a mean, lean tackling-machine for the South Dakota State Jackrabbits. The junior linebacker has been a staple in the South Dakota State defense since his redshirt freshman season in 2016. The immediate impact was showcased in the Jackrabbits’ box scores. In his 13 starts as a redshirt freshman, Rozeboom led the team in tackles with 132. The Sioux Center, Iowa, native followed up the stellar first season by leading the team in tackles with 127 in his redshirt sophomore campaign. Rozeboom will be a pivotal piece to the Jackrabbit defense with his knack for tackling.
If there’s any fashion that knows what it’s like to have hope going into a game/season, only to quickly have that hope demolished in hilariously awful fashion, it’s Iowa State.

There hasn’t been this much hype around Cyclone football since the Sonica Wallace days, and it’s easy to understand why. Iowa State beat there ranked teams last season, finished 8-5 and won a bowl game, and will return key contributors on both sides of the ball going into this season.

On top of that, Matt Campbell and his staff have done a great job at both recruiting and developing, and have instilled a discipline in the Cyclones not seen in a long time. Everything seems to be trending up for the Cyclones.

Past experiences indicate that this is about the time where everything comes crashing down. Simply put, ignore the fact that they’re in the FCS. The Jackrabbits are good, and have been for the better part of the last seven years. They have the talent and winning culture necessary to beat several FBS-level teams.

Heck, last year they beat FCS dynasty (and frequent JUCO powerhouse) Minot State to give the Bison their only loss of the season.

If SDSU can adequately defend Iowa State’s running game, there isn’t a chance they can stop Iowa State’s passing game with Kyle Kempt at quarterback and Chase Allen, Hakim Butler and Matthew Eaton catching passes, just to name a few.

Iowa State 24, South Dakota State 17

This should be pretty simple for Iowa State. Emphasis on should.

Over the years, Iowa State has certainly had its fair share of issues with FCS opponents, with multiple losses to Northern Iowa and a convincing defeat to Missouri Valley juggernaut North Dakota State on the record within the decade. South Dakota State is no slouch, ranked third in the FCS preseason poll.

However, Iowa State’s coming off of one of the best seasons in its history and won’t want to start off with a dud.

As solid as they will be on defense, the Cyclones’ trouble spot may be on the offensive side of the ball. I can see them taking a while to get going, shaking off the rust and adjusting to a new offensive line and life without Allen Lazar. In the second half, though, the Cyclones will wear South Dakota State down and then coast to a victory.

Iowa State should roll.
NEW-LOOK CYCLONES: Highly-anticipated season kicks off

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Iowa State’s opening opponent might not be an FBS program, but nobody is sleeping on South Dakota State. “The Jackrabbits (ranked No. 3 in the Football Championship Subdivision by the coaches poll) have a chance to pull an upset Saturday at Jack Trice Stadium at 7 p.m.”

South Dakota State went 11-3 last year and won two games in the FCS playoffs before losing to James Madison in the semifinals. In 2016, South Dakota State racked up 41 points in a loss to TCU in the season opener, so the Jackrabbits aren’t afraid of the bright Big 12 lights.

But South Dakota State isn’t the only team who will be hoping for new players to step up on Saturday. Iowa State is replacing its leading tackler from last year in Joel Lanning, along with both starting safeties. Wide receiver is another spot with a lot of turnover for the Cyclones. Redshirt junior Hakeem Butler is the only returning player with more than 300 receiving yards last season.

“I think that’s one of the great strengths of being a scout team player,” Gasser said. “You’re getting a chance to go against the 1s and the 2s — on the other side of the ball.”

Gasser said with the right approach, the scout team players can get better while also pushing the first-stringers in practice.

One player who fits that description is redshirt sophomore tight end Chase Allen. Allen, who caught four passes for 39 yards last year, will have to take a bigger role as a receiver in 2018. That could start with South Dakota State.

“We’re finally in a position where we can take that next step and fill that role the team needs,” Allen said. “We had a conversation [Wednesday] with all the tight ends. What really determines who’s starting is what play we’re running. Other than Butler, junior Deshaunte Jones and redshirt senior Matthew Eaton have some collegiate experience at receiver. Jones has 809 career receiving yards and six touchdowns while Eaton hauled in four touchdowns in 2017.

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“I think we’ve got a great group of leaders, Hakeem being one of them,” said wide receivers coach Bryan Gasser. “The thing Hakeem does a really great job of is he brings it every day. He’s the same guy, he’s consistent.”

Butler has been tasked with leading a young group of receivers on the outside while also helping the tight ends.

“We all have different talents, different strengths and different weaknesses.”

For younger wide receivers like redshirt freshman Tarique Milton and redshirt sophomores Jalen Martin and Landen Akers, working behind Butler and the veterans has helped.

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Cyclones gear up for Colorado trip

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Iowa State soccer has dropped three games in a row — all by one goal — but the Cyclones are optimistic heading into their games this weekend at Denver on Friday at 8 p.m. central and at Colorado 2 p.m. central on Sunday.

This trip is special for the Cyclones, as they have five Colorado natives on their roster and coach Tony Minatta used to coach soccer in Colorado.

The first game of the road trip will be against the Denver Pioneers on the road on Friday night.

The Pioneers are 1-2-1 this season with a win at Florida International, losses against Colorado College and Florida Atlantic and a draw against Colorado State.

Iowa State and Denver have faced each other once before, that being in 2014 with escaping with a 2-1 win in Denver.

Last season, the Pioneers finished 11-9-1 and qualified for the NCAA tournament after they won the Summit League tournament. They are picked to repeat as champions this year.

“It’s a good team with a lot of talent,” Minatta said. “Their coach, Jeff Hooker, has been there for a while and we know that they are going to be technical, athletic and well-organized.”

Following the matchup with Denver, the Cyclones will travel 33 miles to face old Big 12 foe Colorado.

Colorado went 12-6-4 last season, qualified for the NCAA tournament and won one game before losing in the second round.

“They have a lot of talent and they could very well be one of the top teams in the Pac-12 this season,” Minatta said.

Sunday’s matchup will be the second time that the Cyclones and Buffaloes have faced off since the Buffaloes left the Big 12 in 2012.

Their last meeting was in 2015, with Colorado coming out on top 2-1. All-time, the Buffaloes have had the Cyclones number, as they hold a 13-2-1 record against the Cyclones all-time.

So far this season the Buffaloes have not allowed a goal in three games, after winning 2-0 and 3-0, losing to Saint Mary’s (California) 3-2 and beating Denver 3-2.

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If Iowa State is able to run the table at the Montana Invitational, two wins against top 25 teams could propel Iowa State back into the regular-season. They are 2-0-1 on the season, and they were picked to finish fifth in the Pac 12 this season.

In their last matchup, the Buffaloes dominated from start to finish and defeated the Missouri Tigers 6-0.

Volleyball travels to Montana

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1,266.8 miles.

That’s how far Iowa State will travel to Missoula, Montana, to face the likes of Gonzaga, Montana and Utah in the Montana Invitational.

The invitational is a four-team, round-robin tournament running from Friday until Saturday.

Iowa State will look to knock off Utah, its second ranked team of the week, after Iowa State was able to beat No. 17 Northern Iowa on Wednesday. In three sets, the Cyclones sweep the Panthers on the road in front of a sell-out crowd.

“I thought last weekend [at the Cyclone Challenge] was a little disappointing in that I never thought we looked like a team,” coach Christy Johnson-Lynch said. “I thought ‘we’re so athletic’, you could line us up: ‘Wow. She could be an All-Big 12 player, she could be an All-American’, but we didn’t look like a team.”

Johnson-Lynch said that she finally saw her team compete as a team and develop chemistry against Northern Iowa in a tough road game.

At this time, Iowa State is on the outside looking in of the AVCA Top 25. Iowa State was ranked No. 21 in the top 25 preseason polls, but lost to Oregon State at home on Aug. 25 and are now in receiving votes.

Iowa State will face the Utes in the Cyclones’ last game of the invitational on Saturday at 12 p.m.

Prior to that game, Iowa State will first face Gonzaga on Friday at 1 p.m. On the same day, Iowa State will square off with Montana at 8 p.m.

Currently, Gonzaga is sitting at 0-2 record after losing two bouts to No. 11 UCLA. The Bulldogs lost both games to UCLA 3-1.

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Johnson-Lynch said that she credits Lazard’s uptick in play on how well she has been varying where she attacks the court.

In Iowa State’s last three games, the Cyclones have been averaging 12.75 assists, 15.5 digs and 3.25 blocks a set. Also, they have been averaging 13.67 kills per set and a .259 hitting percentage.

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