A NIGHT THAT CHANGED GRIFFIN MASON’S LIFE

I was running around my apartment, I couldn’t read anything. I couldn’t remember what school I went to. I didn’t know what was happening.

The Episode
Griffin Mason was sitting in his apartment on a Sunday afternoon in October. Halloween was Friday, but the weekend had passed, and classes would resume soon.

Mason, a sophomore studying kinesiology and health at Iowa State, sat down to work on homework that night, just like any other, getting ready for the week ahead of him.

Then something happened.
His material began to be difficult for him to read.
“I freaked out,” Mason said. “I couldn’t read things. I was running around my apartment (trying to read different words). I knew I should be able to put these things together.”

Next, he started losing his memory and even forgot what school he went to.
“I knew I was in my apartment at school,” Mason said. “But, I couldn’t remember what school I was at. I couldn’t remember the name.”

His vision started to get worse.
“It’s weird,” Mason said. “It freaked me out. [I forgot] everything [I’ve] learned up to that point.”

Though, after about 30 minutes, it started to get better.
Mason regained his vision and memory and started doing some research.
“Where were cases where migraines will cause the same symptoms I had,” Mason said. “So I didn’t do anything about it [right away].”

Earlier in the day, he had been experiencing some headaches, but he didn’t think much of it. He thought it was just a strange migraine.

Mason was having a seizure.
An abnormal amount of blood had been rushing to his brain, specifically to the left part which deals with reading and memory, causing him to not make proper connections while reading.
Mason was experiencing symptoms of Alzheimer’s Disease and dementia, according to WebMD, though this was something much different.

A brain tumor.

Mason gathered himself and after researching what had happened, called his girlfriend, Ashton Ehrecke.

“I was out and about running errands,” Ehrecke said. “He called me. He tried to explain what had happened. You could tell he was kind of shooken up.

“I could tell he wasn’t able to describe it very well because he didn’t even understand what happened.”

Ehrecke, a junior in elementary education at Iowa State, went to Mason’s apartment and stayed with him for the rest of the night to make sure he was alright. The next morning, he was fine.

Mason called his parents to explain what had happened that morning. They advised him to see a doctor.

He went to the Thiel Student Health Center where they narrowed it down to three things that it could have been: a migraine, like Mason had thought, a minor stroke or a tumor.

Although the doctors at Thiel said they suspected it to have just been a migraine, they sent Mason to the Mary Greeley Hospital across town later that day.

In-between doctor visits, Mason grabbed a bite to eat with his best friend and soon-to-be roommate, Trevor Sabo. He told Sabo what had happened.

“It caught me off guard,” Sabo said. “He told me it could be three different options. I remember thinking, ‘Well, let’s just hope it’s a migraine.’”

Sabo was a teammate of Mason’s when they played hockey together for Iowa State’s club team.

“It’s crazy it came out of nowhere like that,” Sabo said. “One day he’s fine, the next day he’s having a seizure.”

Mason went to Mary Greeley for his appointment. Although doctors suspected it was a migraine, as was previously thought, they did a brain scan anyway since he was already there.

He waited about 40 minutes for the doctor to return to the room. When he finally got back, he broke the news to Mason.
There was a tumor in the left side of his brain.

“I sat there, and I was like, ‘Shit,’” Mason said.

The sheer amount of shock took over.

“I wasn’t exactly expecting to hear it,” Mason said. “When I did [hear the news], I was extremely shocked and pretty speechless. At that moment, everything flashes through your mind, ‘Is this going to kill me? How much longer do I have?’

“T started thinking about everything I’ve done in my life. I pretty much just set there for an hour in silence just trying to

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Griffin Mason, a sophomore in kinesiology and health, suffered from a brain tumor.
Protecting Iowa’s soil and prairies

BY MEGAN GILBERT, contributor to the daily

This series explores how the Iowa State community and its members prioritize sustainability as they interact with resources such as land, water and electricity. "Sustainable steps: A look at green efforts in the Iowa State community" is a collaborative project between the Gazette School of Journalism and Communication and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Iowa was once quilted in tall green grasses and sprinkled with colorful wildflowers waving back and forth in the wind which swept across the open plains. Then the land began to change.

The first changes to the land accompanied the first settlers in the 1830s. The rich, fertile soil was upturned and seeds were sown. The natural prairies slowly began to disappear, replaced by small fields.

Today, 85 percent of Iowa’s land is farmed and the lush grasslands have all but disappeared, but they’re not the only thing to have vanished.

Protected by the deep, complex root system of natural prairie grasses and flowers, Iowa’s rich soil could withstand heavy rainfall and wind. As these plants were eradicated, the soil began to erode, blown or washed away by natural processes, taking with it the nutrients that make it so desirable.

As the soil and its nutrients moved, farmers began to add chemicals to their fields in an attempt to supply their crops with the same rich soil they once had.

The problem with this, however, was that the chemicals these farmers were pumping into the soil began to find their way into the water system.

Small strips of prairie grasses and wildflowers have started to appear in fields across the state in an attempt to provide a natural buffer from erosion and keep chemicals from reaching rivers and lakes.

Prairies act like a blanket over soil, said Richard Cruse, professor of agronomy. Exposed soil is vulnerable to erosion, particularly rainfall, but the natural grasses of Iowa create an “open-pore system” that allows water to be absorbed by the soil instead of running off and carrying soil and nutrients along.

These strips of native plants are composed of wildflowers and prairie grasses that would have naturally grown in the area. To design effective prairie strips for fields across the state, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has to make educated guesses as to the plants that might work well in one area or another, said Todd Bogenschutz, a wildlife researcher with the Iowa DNR.

“Prairie strips are one simple way that farmers can keep nitrogen from getting into the water system,” Bogenschutz said.

Between 1850 and 1950, approximately 260 million acres of natural grasslands were tilled and converted into farmland in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota and Montana, while another 30 million were converted before 1990.

These natural grasslands are important habitats for native species, Bogenschutz said. As the land began to change, these animals were forced to find new homes.

In addition to reinstalling a portion of the natural grasslands of Iowa, prairie strips also provide a home for native animals.

Some species are particularly attracted to certain plants and flowers and, in turn, will flock to where they can be found, Bogenschutz said. The benefit of native species is that they can benefit the entire ecosystem.

Small areas of prairie that avoided destruction are like a window into the past, providing an idea of what plants work in different areas across the state said Ryan Schmidt, the Land Stewardship Director with the Iowa National Heritage Foundation.

“The benefits are tremendous,” Schmidt said. “The biggest challenge is just introducing a new idea to a farmer who has worked on the same land for years or decades.”

As crop prices rise and more insurance subsidies are available for farmers, Schmidt said that it can be difficult to persuade private land owners to convert farmland into grass or wetland areas.

In North Central Iowa, the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program acts to improve water quality, reduce soil erosion and minimize the amount of pollutants that enter the water table. It also works with private landowners on cost-sharing programs that encourage farmers to install prairie strips.

The Conservation Reserve Enhance- ment Program is a part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Conservation Reserve Program, which is a federally funded program that works with land owners across the country to protect environmentally sensitive areas.

In 2016, the Conservation Reserve Program spent $372.2 million on land rental, cost-sharing programs and planting operations.

Todd Nielsen, an Iowa farmer, decided to incorporate cover crops into his farm’s rotation in Wright County because he didn’t have enough manpower on his family farm to till all of his land following the annual harvest.

The concept of environmentally-con- sious farming practices wasn’t new to Nielsen, who already controlled rain runoff from his fields using a special tile system, but he was surprised by the impact that cover crops had on his fields.

“I found that the quality of our soil improved drastically,” Nielsen said. “The cover crops weren’t allowing the soil to erode during the winter season, yet it had in the past, as all of the nitrogen-rich dirt was staying in place.”

Cover crops are different from prairie strips in that they cover the entirety of a field and consist of different types of grains that are planted after the harvest.

Nielsen was also taking steps to lessen his farm’s environmental footprint through the use of a bioreactor, or a trench that water passes through and deposits nutrients before running off the field.

This simple method keeps nitrogen and other nutrients out of the water system.

In recognition of his efforts to farm in an environmentally conscious manner, Nielsen received the Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Award in the fall of 2017. This award is presented to Iowa farmers who are committed to healthy soils and improved water quality by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the governor and lieutenant governor.

Prairie strips and grasslands are only a few things that farmers can do to lessen the impact of commercial farming practices, said Matthew Helmers, a professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering and the lead researcher with Science-based Trials of Rowcrops Integrated with Prairie Strips (STRIPS).

“We have people that are active on a day-to-day basis doing research on water quality, soil erosion and wildlife protection,” Helmers said. Through most prairie strips only occupy 5 to 10 percent of a field, they can make a lasting impact.”
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**Roe v. Wade: 45 years later**

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Roe v. Wade was decided by the U.S. Supreme Court on Jan. 22, 1973, making abortion legal. Forty-five years later, it is still a hotly-contested topic.

Every year, there are marches, rallies and legislation attempting to increase, decrease or eliminate altogether, access to abortions.

President Trump became the first president to speak at the March for Life last week in Washington D.C., addressing the crowd and voicing his support. While women's rights advocates claim that abortion is a right and medical necessity, a war wages on across the country.

"Some describe it as a war on women, others, a war on religious freedom."

Some describe it as a war on women, others as a war on religious freedom. Advocates say that eliminating or restricting access to abortion is dangerous, as people who wish to terminate pregnancies will be forced to pursue more dangerous methods.

Some who largely oppose abortion believe it should be allowed if early enough in pregnancy, or in cases of incest or rape.

Some believe abortion should never be allowed and that women should be forced to carry a pregnancy to term.

The list of differing opinions are as complex as the topic is controversial.

Various student groups exist on campus that have opposing viewpoints. ISU Students for Life is an active pro-life group at Iowa State.

"As far as Roe v. Wade goes, it just made all abortions legal in the United States," said Maggie Bermel, March for Life coordinator with ISU Students for Life. "The decision was just very against what we were founded on—life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Bermel, a senior in entrepreneurship, compared abortion to historical acts of oppression in the United States.

"Through the years, we’ve had to learn that includes everyone," Bermel said. "I mean learning about slavery, and that was okay back then, and that’s not okay."

"I think it’s taking our country longer than it should to figure out who’s included in who deserves life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Bermel expanded on what she felt were accurate historical parallels.

"I think that a lot of times, superior mar-ginalize others. So we could even say like the blacks, women, and recently, like the gays," Bermel said. "All of those translate into the unborn now, I think is a big issue we need to pursue."

Bermel added that she believes the difference between the struggle of black people, gay people and women is that those groups are able to speak for themselves and that Students for Life are giving a “voice to the voiceless."

Students for the Advancement of Gender Equity, or SAGE, is a student group that stands in support of Roe v. Wade and access to abortion.

"Most people in SAGE agree that Roe v. Wade was a good step in providing women access and the rights to controls of their own bodies, there is more to be done to ensure it, but it was definitely an important step," said Emily Southard, senior in agriculture and society and treasurer of SAGE.

Southard noted that SAGE believes a constitutional amendment should be added to guarantee the right to access abortion.

"It would be great if there were more concrete laws that make abortion more accessible and don’t create unnecessary trauma," Southard said.

Rep. Steve King, R-Ia., introduced H.R.490, or the Heartbeat Protection Act of 2017 on Jan. 12, 2017. On Feb. 2, 2017, the bill was sent to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations, where it has been since.

"This bill amends the federal criminal code to make it a crime for a physician to knowingly perform an abortion: (1) without determining whether the fetus has a detectable heartbeat, (2) without informing the mother of the results, or (3) after determining that a fetus has a detectable heartbeat," reads the description on Congress.gov.

The bill would create penalties of a fine, up to five years in prison, or both, for doctors who performed an abortion that would be considered prohibited with the passage of the bill.

The bill does allow an exception if the pregnant party would have their life endangered by giving birth, but specifically excludes psychological or emotional disor-der, illness or condition.

The day the national March for Life happened, King tweeted his support for the march and his legislation.

Rep. Jody B. Hice, R-Ga, introduced H.R.586, or the Sanctity of Human Life Act, which would outlaw all abortions and most forms of birth control, as well as in vitro fertilization just five days later.

SF 253, currently in the Iowa Legislature, would add an Iowa constitutional amendment defining life as beginning at conception or fertilization and outlaw all abortions.

Caitlin Yamada contributed reporting to this article.
POLICE BLOTTER

1.19.18
An officer checked on the welfare of an individual at Friley Hall (reported at 12:26 a.m.).

An individual reported being harassed at 3906 Maricopa Dr (reported at 11:32 a.m.).

Alison Claire Mckenny, age 18, of 221 Beyer Ct Unit 3759 - Ames, IA, was arrested and charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age and possession of a controlled substance at Haller Hall (reported at 9:50 p.m.).

Isabelle Scanton Gillette, age 18, of 221 Beyer Ct Unit 3759 - Ames, IA, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of alcohol under the legal age at Haller Hall (reported at 9:50 p.m.).

1.20.18
An officer checked on the welfare of an individual at Geoffrey Hall (reported at 12:58 a.m.).

Carlos Negrin Balanos, age 22, of 904 Wood St - Ames, IA, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and operation without registration at 5 Hyland Ave and Arbtor St (reported at 2:07 a.m.).

Abby Rose Smith, age 19, of 2007 Greeley St - Ames, IA, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of alcohol under the legal age at Greeley St and Beach Ave (reported at 1:15 a.m.).

An officer initiated a burglary related investigation at 119 Southwest Recreation Complex (reported at 7:04 p.m.).

An individual reported being harassed at Linden Hall (reported at 1:18 p.m.).

An individual reported the theft of a laptop at Pearson Hall (reported at 2:32 p.m.).

An officer checked on the welfare of an individual at Barton Hall (reported at 6:48 p.m.).

An officer responded to a verbal dispute at 31 Frederiksen Court (reported at 6:07 p.m.).

SUDOKU BY THE MEPHAM GROUP

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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Paddy’s Irish Pub, located at 124 Welch Ave, is known for drink specials offered throughout the week, Tuesday Trivia nights and for having an inviting atmosphere and environment.

“At Paddy’s we meet weekly to find ways to make coming to Paddy’s a more enjoyable experience for the community,” said General Manager James Kugler. “We strive to make our customers’ experience here enjoyable, and some of the ways we go about doing so is setting the atmosphere from the moment you walk in.”

Furniture used in Paddy’s comes from Ireland and their bar top, made from teak wood, comes from another Irish bar.

Trivia Tuesday night is a weekly event Paddy’s puts on, a night that Kugler feels strongly about. “Our Tuesday Trivia nights are something we pride ourselves on because all the questions and content comes from us, we don’t use another company to come up with our trivia,” Kugler said.

Other ways that Paddy’s goes about improving their customers’ experience is that the bar recently started offering liquor pitchers on Wednesday nights.

“The idea behind these deals is to make our guests’ experience better. No one wants to go to a bar and spend their whole night waiting for a bartender to finally get to them,” Kugler said.

Paddy’s is a community-based bar; this is where your friends are,” Kugler said.

“"At Paddy’s we meet weekly to find ways to make coming to Paddy’s a more enjoyable experience for the community.”

-Paddy’s General Manager

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HAPPY HOUR
4-6pm
Monday through Friday

-1/2 off select appetizers

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Perfect Games:
Bowling - Laser Tag - Arcade - Pizza
Bar goers and bartenders are snapped in mid moments of action and fun this past weekend at Paddy's Irish Pub.

Photos Courtesy of Paddy's Irish Pub.
POUR ‘O’ SCOPE

Back to work, Aries! This week will have you feeling motivated to knock out your to-do list. You can do it.

A new career opportunity will present itself soon, Taurus. You may have to do some rearranging in your life to make it work, but it’s well worth the rewards.

New year, new romance. You have major chemistry with someone different from your usual type, Gemini. See where it leads, it may be worth pursuing.

The beginning of this semester has been slow-moving, Cancer. Put your energy into something productive and fun to lift your mood, like the gym or a club on campus!

It seems as if you’re in a spell of bad luck, Leo. Get a group together and turn your luck around at Paddy’s this weekend!

You recently faced a major disappointment, Virgo. While you are tempted to dwell, recognize that what happened was meant to be. A bigger and better opportunity is headed your direction.

You’re the least confrontational sign of the zodiac, but it’s time you spoke up to someone pushing you around. Stay calm and collected and you’ll see a change from this person.

An old friend is back in town this week, Scorpio. Get together with them and reconnect. You’ll feel happy and loved.

You’re ready for an extreme change, Sagittarius. Now is the perfect time to make that career move.

Money is tight, Capricorn. That doesn’t mean you shouldn’t treat yourself every once in a while. If it makes your day better, indulge in the little things.

Aquarius, you’ve been wanting to update your look. Take the plunge and do whatever makes you feel good!

You’re having trouble sticking to your New Year’s resolutions, Pisces. Ask a friend to help hold you accountable.
ACROSS
1. Derby drinks
3. Brunch cocktail
7. Company that owns Bud Light, 2 words
8. Leap on one foot
10. Gin is the main ingredient in this cocktail, 2 words
12. What is the main liquor contained in a John Daly
13. Iced drink, containing rum
15. Liquor; feeling
17. Place for cocktails and music, 2 words

DOWN
2. Des Moines Brewery
4. Belgian brewed light beer, 2 words
5. Curaçao cocktail, 2 words
6. Bar order
9. Welch Ave. Irish bar
11. Screwdriver, for example
14. What a hero must drink, according to Dr. Johnson
16. Speakeasy offering
18. "Want to grab _____?", 2 words

WORD BANK
A DRINK: VODKA, SPIRITS
COCKTAIL: JULEP, TOM COLLINS
PIANO BAR: EXILE, SPIRITS
BOOZE: MALTAI, BRANDY
HOP: SHOT, MIMOSA

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1. Talk about a long day. Made all the longer by…
   A) My classmates/coworkers constant gabbing
   B) Lack of interest in my routine
   C) Love… why must it be so difficult?
   D) Wait — it’s not even noon yet?

2. The holidays weren’t too long ago. Have you been feeling a little guilty about your diet lately?
   A) Okay, so I could probably use a few more vegetables here and there
   B) Nope, I’m actually very proud of my diet lately
   C) Guilty? About eating? LOL
   D) I guess I haven’t really been paying attention…?

3. In your opinion, alcohol should be…
   A) Plentiful… like triple stocked at all times
   B) Nice and relaxing
   C) To liven up the party
   D) For those extra special occasions (ex: going to all my classes that day)

4. A Hollywood blockbuster, an engrossing book, and a sexy customer walk into a bar. Which do you pick up first?
   A) The movie
   B) The book
   C) The customer
   D) What else walked into the bar?

5. This week has been…
   A) Busy but exciting
   B) Comfortably challenging
   C) Making me want to run away *nervous laugh*
   D) Tiring. When’s nap time?

If you chose mostly A, your drink is a Mojito. A thirst for adventure, perhaps? A strange desire to plunge head first into the unknown? Well then, this is the right drink for you. Celebrate your eventful week while you treat yourself to one of the most refreshing drinks around.

If you chose mostly B, a Martini seems to be the perfect fit. Class: you must be swimming in it, baby. Sophisticated, stylish and refined. This is a drink for people who have a lot on their mind, but who also know how to properly unwind. Cheers to you.

If you chose mostly C, a Margarita is best for your mood. Sometimes you just have to have it all, right? Sweet, salty, sour and uh… very alcoholic. Clearly the drink of choice for outgoing people who are vacationing poolside, but also an underrated choice for people who excel at dancing on tables.

If you chose mostly D, go find yourself a Long Island Iced Tea. These are typically seen as the drink of choice for those looking to get drunk in a hurry, which based on this quiz might be you. Long Island’s aim to quench your thirst while tasting like liquid joy. What could go wrong?
Iowa State is in the middle of the season for basketball, creating even more of a reason to hit the bars in Ames. The next five games that Iowa State plays in are on either a Saturday or Wednesday. Here are some bars in Ames with stellar specials to take advantage of while watching the basketball games.

Weekend specials are often advertised or decided by the bars individually. Although, this does not mean that bars won’t be offering specials during Iowa State’s Saturday basketball games. For more information on bars in Ames and their specials, The Draft recommends calling the bar beforehand or checking online for promoted specials.

### Wednesdays:
- **Paddy’s Irish Pub:** “Why pay more” Wednesday
  - $3 Liquor Pitchers
  - $3 Apple Shots
  - $4 Raspberry Lemonade Bombs
- **SIPS:**
  - $1 Domestic Draws
  - $1 Well Cocktails
- **Outlaws:**
  - Whiskey Wednesday’s with $1 wells and draws from 8-11pm, it is also Karaoke night.

### Saturdays:
- Saturdays at Paddy’s will now be “super sized” meaning that for just one dollar bar goers can upgrade any 12 ounce drink to a pint.

### 5 UPCOMING BASKETBALL GAMES

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As it has been for years, January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. During this month, we must revamp our efforts to fight human trafficking every day and everywhere.

Human trafficking is an issue that, for Iowa especially, feels foreign to us. The idea that something that horrible could happen in this state seems completely insane.

But human trafficking hits closer to home than you might think. In 2017, there were 42 human trafficking cases reported in Iowa. This isn’t an anomaly either. Since 2007, there have been 239 cases of human trafficking in Iowa.

On top of that, a majority of those victims are females being trafficked for illegal sexual activity. This is disgusting and unacceptable.

Iowa isn’t immune from this issue just because we are a rural state. In fact, the major interstate highways that run right through Iowa contribute to the problem. Victims of human trafficking will almost inevitably make it through our state because of the ease of travel along those interstate highways.

Forty-two cases is absolutely too many in Iowa. As long as the number of human trafficking cases is above zero, human trafficking is a big problem.

Human trafficking is here, in our home, and it is up to us to work together to solve it. We must all make ourselves aware of what the signs of human trafficking are and what we can do to stop it.

Signs that someone might be a potential victim of human trafficking are: an inability for someone to come and go as they please, someone working excessively long hours, someone lacking medical care, someone that has few personal possessions or someone that has a lack of basic knowledge about where they are.

If you see any of these signs or believe there is human trafficking happening near you, you can call the Iowa Helpline at 1-800-770-1650 or call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.

You can also contact or work with the Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking. They are dedicated to ending human trafficking and have recently begun a statewide initiative to help combat sex trafficking in Iowa.

We have an obligation as human beings to protect and help our fellow human beings whose lives are being stolen from them.

During this January, remember your obligations to be informed and unshrink- ing in the fight against human trafficking, especially in Iowa.

This problem isn’t going anywhere unless we step up to fight it. So, as Iowans and as humans, let’s all fight human trafficking every day we can.

EDITORIAL

Human Trafficking Prevention Month

As it has been for years, January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. During this month, we must revamp our efforts to fight human trafficking every day and everywhere.

Human trafficking is an issue that, for Iowa especially, feels foreign to us. The idea that something that horrible could happen in this state seems completely insane.

But human trafficking hits closer to home than you might think. In 2017, there were 42 human trafficking cases reported in Iowa. This isn’t an anomaly either. Since 2007, there have been 239 cases of human trafficking in Iowa.

On top of that, a majority of those victims are females being trafficked for illegal sexual activity. This is disgusting and unacceptable.

Iowa isn’t immune from this issue just because we are a rural state. In fact, the major interstate highways that run right through Iowa contribute to the problem. Victims of human trafficking will almost inevitably make it through our state because of the ease of travel along those interstate highways.

Forty-two cases is absolutely too many in Iowa. As long as the number of human trafficking cases is above zero, human trafficking is a big problem.

Human trafficking is here, in our home, and it is up to us to work together to solve it. We must all make ourselves aware of what the signs of human trafficking are and what we can do to stop it.

Signs that someone might be a potential victim of human trafficking are: an inability for someone to come and go as they please, someone working excessively long hours, someone lacking medical care, someone that has few personal possessions or someone that has a lack of basic knowledge about where they are.

If you see any of these signs or believe there is human trafficking happening near you, you can call the Iowa Helpline at 1-800-770-1650 or call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.

You can also contact or work with the Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking. They are dedicated to ending human trafficking and have recently begun a statewide initiative to help combat sex trafficking in Iowa.

We have an obligation as human beings to protect and help our fellow human beings whose lives are being stolen from them.

During this January, remember your obligations to be informed and unshrinking in the fight against human trafficking, especially in Iowa.

This problem isn’t going anywhere unless we step up to fight it. So, as Iowans and as humans, let’s all fight human trafficking every day we can.
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Canberra, the capital of Australia, is 9,104 miles away from Ames, Iowa. But you don’t have to look more than a few yards inside Iowa State’s home to find two Australians.

Those Australians, Lauren Mills and Breid Kennedy-Hopoate, are the current linchpin of the Iowa State women’s basketball program that has developed with the land down under. And to no one’s surprise, the rise of Australians playing college hoops is on the up and up. Out of the Power Five Conferences, there are currently 20 Australians suiting up.

Funny enough, Kennedy-Hopoate and Mills have had one other encounter before standing next to each other in the cardinal and gold colors. Prior to Mills leaving Australia on Christmas Day, she was looking through old action photos and noticed a face that was familiar to Cyclone fans.

That face was Kennedy-Hopoate in the background of one of the photos. Apparently the two had played against each other in the national tournament at the U18 level. And then the trash talk ensued like the two Australians were old pals.

“We kicked their butts,” Kennedy-Hopoate said with a smirk.

The Rise
It wasn’t until recent years that the Aussies have really made an impact in women’s Division I basketball. As of the beginning of the 2017-18 season, there were roughly 65 suiting up at the top collegiate level. However, that excludes players like Mills who didn’t enrol at Iowa State until early January.

Nonetheless, while the number is small, the impact is massive. For the Cyclones, just like how they don’t have to look too far for their own Australian, they don’t have to look too far for one of the best Australians in the nation.

“I would say right now Kristy Wallace is probably the best player on the best team, having the biggest impact on the nation,” Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly said. “The players in that system are good players over here, but the best ones are still over there.”

Wallace happens to be one of the more physical players in the nation. As a matter of fact, Kennedy-Hopoate climbed through the Australian ranks alongside Wallace. The two grew up next to one another and now get to live and play – and they know that an adjustment needs to come.

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Mills and Kennedy-Hopoate aren’t the first Australians Fennelly has recruited to Ames. Lauren Mansfield starred for Iowa State from 2010-12 as the starting point guard, but Alison Lacey might be the most well-regarded Australian. Lacey laced up for the Cyclones from 2006-10 and was the No. 10 overall pick in the 2010 WNBA Draft.

The two current Australians hope to have a big of an impact on the program as Lacey and Mansfield had, but for now, the two will continue to grow with a familiar Australian accent in the locker room.

“It is nice ‘cause [Breid] does understand things that I wouldn’t understand or don’t quite understand in America,” Mills said. “So, she is good at telling me ‘oh this is what this means or different ways that you call offenses or plays.

“We’ve just been very helpful. And to have someone that understands is good.”

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Junior forward Breid Kennedy-Hopoate enters as a newcomer for the Cyclones after transferring from Hutchinson Community College.

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Freshman forward Lauren Mills comes to Iowa State from Tasmania, Australia.
MAKE-AHEAD

Mason jar salads

Make-ahead Mason jar salads are portable, easy to make and can be adjusted to whatever kind of salad you like the most. Give these make-ahead Mason jar salad recipes a try and add a variety of greens, veggies and proteins and more for a small, custom salad.

The trick to making Mason jar salads work is knowing how to layer. A quart size Mason jar works best for these.

- First layer: salad dressing always goes on the bottom
- Second layer: sturdier vegetables that will not get soggy, such as tomatoes, cucumbers, broccoli, etc.
- Third layer: extra add ins, such as avocado, nuts, seeds, etc.
- Fourth layer: proteins, such as eggs, chicken, deli meat, bacon, etc.

Spicy Southwestern Salad
4 tbsp chipotle salad dressing
1/4 cup red pepper, chopped
1/4 cup cucumber, chopped
1/4 cup tomatoes, chopped
1/2 cup avocado, chopped
2 tbsp crumbled bacon
1/4 cup cooked chicken, chopped
1/2 cup romaine lettuce, chopped

Italian Chicken Salad
4 tbsp Italian dressing
1/4 cup cucumber, chopped
1/4 cup tomatoes, chopped
1/4 cup cooked chicken, chopped
2 tbsp shredded cheddar cheese
1/2 cup Italian lettuce blend

Chef’s Salad
4 tbsp ranch dressing
1/4 cup cucumber, chopped
1/4 cup tomatoes, chopped
2 tbsp crumbled bacon
1/4 cup cooked chicken, chopped
1/4 cup hard-boiled egg, chopped
1/4 cup ham, chopped
1/4 cup cheddar cheese, chopped
1/2 cup romaine lettuce, chopped

From right to left: spicy southwestern salad, Italian chicken salad and chef’s salad.

LIFESTYLE

FITNESS

Fit for a resolution: Rec Services fitness classes

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New Year’s resolutions may have been broken long ago, but it’s never too late to start over with more focus and a healthy mindset. Recreation Services offers a wide variety of fitness classes varying in level of difficulty and what kind of exercise the class will focus on.

The classes are broken into three levels with level three being the most difficult. The list also indicates the type of exercise the class focuses on. Classes are sorted into categories such as cardiorespiratory endurance, muscular endurance, flexibility and muscular strength.

Iowa State students and rec pass holders do not need to register, sign up or pay for classes.

Three new level I classes are available, with the first being “The Bachelor” Cycle. The class will be watching ABC’s 22nd season of “The Bachelor” while cycling.

TRX Blast is another new class and stands for Total Body Resistance eXercise. Participants will use suspension trainers to perform resistance exercises. The class is designed to build lean muscle using only gravity and body weight.

The third new addition is Kettlebells. The class will use kettlebells for compound exercises to build muscular strength and endurance.

In total, there are 33 classes offered this semester.

“We literally have 120 plus classes every week,” said Ashley Artist, fitness coordinator for Rec Services, in a previous article with the Daily.

“Anywhere from yoga, Pilates, resistance training, cardio classes, functional training classes, we’ve just got something for everyone. Honestly, no matter who you are, there’s something on our group fitness schedule that you’ll like for indoor fitness.”

In the past, the most popular classes have included yoga, barre, cycling, boxing and specialty dance classes such as Zumba, hip-hop and jazzercise.

The full class offerings and the schedule/instructor assignments are available on the Rec Services website.

Updates on fitness classes are available through Facebook and Twitter @ISUGroupFit and on Instagram at GroupFitnessISU.
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Mason said. "I [was going] to the gym on a regular basis. However, in playing hockey and going to the
strength and conditioning coach.

The surgery would allow doctors to remove the tumor and when the results came back, they showed that it was not cancerous.

Even so, after having brain surgery, the road to recovery is daunting.

The Road to Recovery
Mason is studying to become a

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other restrictions that Mason had were not being able to lift anything heavier than five pounds for the next six weeks.

"It's crazy how much you see your body deteriorate when you can't move and can't do anything," Mason said.

Over the course of his recovery, Mason lost about 16 pounds in muscle and gained body fat. He had weighed 196 pounds before his surgery and sat at 179 pounds at the time.

"It's been tough on me," Mason said. "That's not really how I like to live. But I can't complain, I'm healing and doing better."

Along with the inactivity, due to a state law about having a seizure, Mason isn't legally allowed to drive a car in the state of Iowa for six months.

The same law applies in Minnesota, but only requires someone to stay off the road for three months.

"It's been up and down," Ehrecke said. "He was in a lot of pain. He was so used to being very active and I think that bothered him for the first month.

"He didn't really have much he could do. He couldn't walk around very much on his own."

Mason also got a visit from his best friend when he was home for Thanksgiving break. Sabo grew up 45 minutes away from Mason in Illinois.

When Sabo and his girlfriend visited Mason over break, what they saw was not the same person they knew prior to the surgery.

"[He was] completely different," Sabo said. "He's really into working out all the time. I know he can't wait to get back into the swing of things. It's got to be tough for him to kind of sit there and wait it out."

Now, although he isn't 100 percent healthy, Mason is taking the next step in trying to return to the ice.

"He's extremely talented," Sabo said. "You can tell he just has this vision and just a passion for the game."

Mason played nine games for Cyclone Hockey during his freshman year last season according to ACHAhockey.org.

"If he could make a return for at least one year, it would be pretty great," Sabo said. "I think it would be really fun. I'd get to play with [my] best friend."

He knew there would be some obstacles to overcome to get back to 100 percent, but it's not stopping him.

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