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The John Wong Approach

Wong grew up in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, a suburb of the capital, Kuala Lumpur, with his sisters and mother. His father died of cancer when Wong was 10 years old, and as the only son in his family, Wong felt a sense of responsibility to care for them.

Wong attended English school in Kuala Lumpur, where he studied Shakespeare, Dickens, Bronte and Austen, but it was when he read Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address in his sixth-grade English writing class that he fell in love with America. Assigned to write a paper on a world figure, Wong drew Lincoln out of a hat. He proceeded to sign up for his first library card at the library, where the librarian helped edit his paper. He received an “A.” He told his mum one day he would travel to the U.S. and send for her.

In 1969, 21-year-old Wong made the decision to leave Malaysia for Hong Kong, after racial riots between the Malays and the minority Chinese grew violent following the general election.

He attended Hong Kong Baptist College, now called Hong Kong Baptist University, for three years, and met D. Elton Trueblood, a well-known scholar and philosopher and Wong’s late mentor. A visiting scholar, Trueblood arranged a full tuition, room and board scholarship for Wong at Trueblood’s alma mater, William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa. For Wong, it minimized a financial strain, but hard work was still ahead.

In the fall of 1972, Wong moved to the U.S. To earn some income, Wong started cleaning and taking out the trash in upperclassmen dormitory bathrooms, and said to this day, the smell of ammonia keeps him humble.

Wong received his bachelor’s degree from William Penn College in 1974, a master’s in business administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1976 and a doctorate in business administration from the University of Alabama in 1992.

He returned to Iowa and accepted a position as assistant professor in marketing at Iowa State, because of his fond memories of William Penn. After establishing himself in the U.S., he arranged fellowships for his two brothers-in-law, bringing his sisters and his mother to the states. Wanting to make a difference like Trueblood once did for him, Wong said, “I’m going to invest in a lot of John Wongs. Not just one.”

He honors the man who made his education in the states possible, by modeling his life to reflect the teachings Trueblood passed onto him.

In 1986, Wong became advisor to the Ames Student Association for Malaysians. He started working with the president of the student organization, Choy Leow, on what they could do with the organization, and their relationship grew from there.

At the time, Wong was on a journey of discovery, but he fostered his student-advisor relationship with Leow into being as close as family. Wong is the godfather to Leow’s two daughters.

Almost 40 years later, Leow recognizes himself as a benefactor of the John Wong approach. The two stay in touch by any communication available to them. Over the decades, he has watched Wong mature in his role as professor.
**FEATURE PHOTO**

KENNEDY DERAEFT / IOWA STATE DAILY

Blizzard break

People walk the path between Curtiss Hall and Beardshall Hall while falls across Ames and the Iowa State campus on Saturday. The total snowfall by the end of the day hit 2.5 inches.

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**CALENDAR**

1.14.19

Research workshop: Sponsored Funding

Budgets Memorial Union Old Room at 7:30 p.m.

This session will delve more deeply into budget templates, special circumstances, and hand-on exercises to further develop your skills and understanding about developing and submitting proposal budgets.

Workshop: Building a Canvas Course

3:00 Mond Hall 9:40 a.m.

"Learn about the top five strategies to ensure that your Canvas course is navigable and user-friendly!"

All events courtesy of events.iastate.edu.

**POLICE BLOTTER**

12.10.18

An individual reported the theft of a tree at the ISU Power Plant reported at 10:07 a.m.

An officer assisted an individual who was experiencing medical difficulties at Buchanan Hall reported at 12:14 p.m.

An individual gave information regarding safety planning at Town Engineering Building reported at 1:31 p.m.

12.11.18

Chennu Niu, age 23, of 712 Cove Drive Unit 203 was cited for driving under suspension at Osborn Drive and Farm House Lane reported at 7:20 a.m.

An officer investigated property damage from a traffic collision on Sheldon Avenue reported at 9:15 a.m.

An officer initiated a drug related investigation at Helser Hall reported at 1:27 p.m.

12.12.18

An individual reported the theft of money at Larch Hall reported at 12:10 p.m.

An officer investigated property damage from a traffic collision at Lot A4 reported at 5:53 p.m.

Officers responded to a fire alarm at 2129-1009 Hawthorn Court Drive reported at 10:18 p.m.

**CORRECTIONS**

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**Crossword**

Across

1. Terrible grade
2. Check
3.收入好
4. Don of radio
5. 1. Terrible grade
6. 1. Terrible grade
7. Greet someone casually
8. Uttered
9. Major heart vessels
10. Former Seattle NIKE
11. Doubtful
12. UFO pilots, in theory
13. Hair styles
14. Grammy winner Gloria
20. Most insignificant
21. Apollo 11 moon lander
24. Performer who is heard but not seen
25. Halloween mo.
26. Old enough OF
28. Meat-and-potatoes bowlful
31. __ were you …
32. Meat-and-potatoes bowlful
36. M.U. school
37. 1996 Hillary Clinton best-seller, and what might be said about the start of 17-, 24-, 46- or 59-Across
41. High Hope's F Milano
42. One printing defamatory text, in England
43. Preface with -gram
44. Bars to scan, briefly
47. Boy of la casa
51. Zero-calorie protest
52. “The other one, too”
53. Hybrid tennis garment
55. War hero played by George C. Scott
56. “I’ d rather be…”
60. MADD concern
61. Scratch on a post
62. Boob tube
63. Remove from power
64. 1996 Hillary Clinton best-seller, and what might be said about the start of 17-, 24-, 46- or 59-Across
65. Patronize, as a restaurant
68. Adding to a group

Downs

1. Apollo 11 moon lander
2. Pink slip issuer
3. Bugs without bounce
4. Fails to be
5. Stylish, ‘60s-style
8. NBA's Philadelphia 76ers
9. 1996 Hillary Clinton best-seller, and what might be said about the start of 17-, 24-, 46- or 59-Across
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Deadlocked over border security

Government remains shutdown amid border security discussions

BY TALON DELANEY
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President Trump is seeking to make good on one of his greatest campaign promises: Erecting a border wall between the United States and Mexico.

However, opposition from his Democratic colleagues resulted in the longest government shutdown in U.S. history and has Trump considering a national state of emergency.

Trump referred to the flow of undocumented immigrants into the country as a “growing humanitarian and security crisis,” and as a “crisis of the heart [and] soul,” during an Oval Office address on Jan. 8. He said that undocumented immigration caused economic hardships for American citizens, and were responsible for many violent crimes and importing 90 percent of illegal narcotics into the country.

A report released by the Department of Homeland Security showed undocumented immigration has been falling for 12 years, from about 2 million detected unlawful entries in 2006 to around 624,000 in 2016. Undocumented border crossings fell from approximately 851,000 to just under 62,000 during that time frame. The report also indicates that most illegal narcotics flow through legal ports of entry, not across the border.

Although 2016 saw more undocumented immigration than 2015, the overall trend has been downward.

Jacob Minock, president of College Republicans and a senior in mechanical engineering, said Americans still want more border security and a physical border is a good way to do that.

“There are quite a lot of people crossing the border at areas where there’s no physical border,” Minock said. “It’s just open.”

Taylor Blair, president of Iowa State College Democrats and junior in industrial design, disagreed.

“The numbers don’t show that there’s a crisis at all,” Blair said. “If this were a real crisis Trump wouldn’t hesitate to declare a state of emergency like he is right now.”

Mack Shelley, a political science professor at Iowa State, called the border situation “a manufactured crisis,” but said Trump could successfully declare a state of emergency anyway.

Shelley said the legal language around declaring a state of emergency is loose and open to interpretation. However, getting the support for that decision could prove difficult.

“If he could do it, but not easily,” Shelley said. “If he does, he can dedicate even disaster relief funds, more than $13 billion, to deal with immigration. But we’re not going to run out of natural disasters, and the money would be much better spent on that.”

Minock said he does believe the amount of unlawful entries at the southern border is a national emergency but funding for the wall should still go through congressional channels.

“I don’t think Trump calling and using it as a state of emergency validates just straight up building the wall,” Minock said. “I think that all needs to go through getting congressional approval and get approved that way.”

Blair and Shelley also said the crime rates among undocumented immigrants tend to be lower than among the natural born population. Numerous studies, including one from the libertarian think tank the Cato Institute, back their claims.

A 2018 report from the Cato Institute analyzed criminal conviction rates among natural born immigrants, undocumented and documented immigrants, and found that natural born Americans have the highest conviction rates of those groups.

“Obviously we don’t want people committing crimes,” Blair said. “But the data shows [undocumented immigrants] commit crimes at a lower rate. Besides, the argument doesn’t really make sense. It would be like shutting down every business in America because you found out some of them commit fraud.”

Minock disagreed, saying each study and its methodology should be examined carefully.

Shelley agreed that arguments against undocumented migrants based on crime rates aren’t valid but said those arguments can still be persuasive.

“There are three stories, there was one quite recently in California, where an undocumented immigrant commits a violent crime,” Shelley said, referring to the killing of police officer Ronil Singh. “These stories are not data, but they produce a situation where it’s really easy to tell a story which becomes the rationale moving forward.”

Shelley said it becomes difficult to counter that rationale because supporters of Trump don’t often make appeals to data.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders is a good example,” Shelley said, referring to the White House press secretary. “She’s a true believer in this administration, and just the other week she claimed more than 4,000 terrorists were stopped by border security this year. Multiple outlets have proved that to be false, but once it’s said it becomes almost impossible to change the narrative for some people.”

Shelley referred to Sanders’s statements, which she made during a daily briefing and repeated on Fox News Sunday. NBC News, one of the outlets fact checking Sanders, reported:

“The figure Sanders used was from 2017, not 2018. Most of the apprehensions happened at airports, not along the southern border. Forty-one people on the Terrorist Screening Database were stopped at the southern border, and only six of them were ‘non-U.S. persons.’”

NBC News used information provided by Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen for their report.

“I think the wall represents immigration as a boogeyman,” Blair said. “It makes immigration this big false-threat in his voters’ minds, and keeps them distracted from real problems, like worker’s rights and climate change.”

Shelley said using immigrants as a scapegoat is a very old trope of American politics.

“Unless you’re a Native American, you’re the product of immigration,” Shelley said. “These arguments were used against Japanese immigrants, Italian immigrants, Irish, you name it.”

Ivy College of Business names new associate dean

BY ANNELISE WELLS
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Valentina Salotti, associate professor of finance, has been named the new associate dean for the Ivy College of Business undergraduate programs.

Jackie Rees Ulmer previously held the position and will now serve as associate dean for professional master’s programs in the college.

Associate deans are appointed to three-year terms and Salotti’s term is effective immediately.

Salotti will help lead and connect career services, undergraduate programs and the communication center, according to a press release, in addition to coordinating with universities and faculty abroad.

“As a first-generation college student, I would have benefited greatly from the types of programs for which this position will be responsible,” Salotti said in a press release. “These programs make the complexities of both academic and professional work accessible to the uninitiated and help those with a solid foundation thrive in our college and out in industry.”

Salotti studied banking, finance and economics at the University of Bologna in Italy. She has been a faculty member in the Ivy College of Business for more than a decade.

“Valentina has been a tremendous asset to the college,” said David Spalding, Raishbeck Endowed Dean, in a press release. “She has been a role model for young women in business and has been a positive leader as our college equity adviser.

“In that role, she advises the dean’s office on strategies and best practices to recruit and retain diverse faculty. I look forward to working with Valentina in her new role.”

Valentina Salotti, associate professor of finance in Iowa State’s Ivy College of Business, has been named associate dean for undergraduate programs.
Engineering professor named director of the Iowa State Study Abroad Center

BY ANNE LISE WELLS
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Frank Peters was announced as the next director of Iowa State’s Study Abroad Center.

Peters, an associate professor in industrial and manufacturing systems engineering, holds the C.C. “Turk” and Joyce A. Turkfield endowed professorship in the industrial and manufacturing systems engineering department.

Peters’ appointment is a three-year, 75 percent appointment, according to a press release. He began the appointment Jan. 2.

“I look forward to working with faculty, the Study Abroad Center staff and study abroad staff in the colleges to more fully connect our programs to students’ overall academic experiences,” Peters said in a press release. “We want to enable students to integrate the experience of studying, traveling and living internationally with coursework that prepares them for successful careers and lives in a global environment.”

According to a press release, Peters has been involved in study abroad activities in England, Scotland and Ireland.

Peters earned his bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in industrial engineering from Pennsylvania State University. He then joined the Iowa State faculty in 1996.

Scott Grewe, associate dean for strategy and engagement in the Ivy College of Business, previously held the position of interim director for the Study Abroad Center.

New year, new name

Sloss Center renamed to be more inclusive

BY CAITLIN YAMADA
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The Margaret Sloss Women’s Center changed its name to the Margaret Sloss Center for Women and Gender Equity effective Jan. 7.

“We realized it was time to update the name to better represent the work we do and the mission we uphold in our community,” said Sandra Looft, director of the Sloss Center, on the their website.

“This new name aims to better reflect our goal of providing programming, resources and community to all of you at Iowa State University.

“We are equally invested in supporting our gender non-conforming, transgender and non-gendered students, faculty, and staff as we are with supporting and creating a safe space for everyone in our community,” Looft said.

The Sloss Center, was created in 1981 with a focus on non-traditional students who had left the university to start families.

“The Women’s Center at the time provided resources focused to young mothers and their life as students.

The current vision of the Sloss Center is to envision a campus community that works collaboratively to eliminate barriers that prohibit gender equity and social justice at Iowa State University.”

Now, the Sloss Center provides a variety of resources and hosts events and organizations within its building.

Events include the Equal Pay Days, Feminist Friday, the Vagina Monologues, Women’s Equality Day and more.

This month in diversity

Women Impacting ISU Calendar Reception

When: Wednesday, January 16 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.
Where: Sun Room, Memorial Union
Description: “The 12 women featured in the calendar will be recognized. A program will begin at 4 p.m. Free copies of the calendar will be distributed”

Martin Luther King Jr. Community Birthday Celebration

When: Monday, January 21 at 6 p.m.
Where: Ames Middle School
Description: “Celebrate with song, story and birthday cake. An Ames tradition! Join us at 6 p.m. for cake and music, followed by an hour-long program beginning at 6:30 p.m. Part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Series”

BlacKkKlansman movie screening

When: Wednesday, January 23 at 7 p.m.
Where: Carver 101
Description: “BlacKkKlansman,” directed by Spike Lee and produced by Jordan Peele, offers a provocative exploration of American race relations. In the midst of the 1970s civil rights movements, Ron Stallworth (John David Washington) becomes the first black detective on the Colorado Springs Police Department. He sets out to prove his worth by infiltrating the local chapter of the Ku Klux Klan and convinces his Jewish colleague (Adam Driver) to go undercover as a white supremacist. Nominated for 4 Golden Globes, including Best Motion Picture-Drama, the film is an adaptation of Stallworth’s memoir and based on actual events.”

Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Convocation. Keynote speaker: BLACK KLANSMAN author Ron Stallworth

When: Thursday, January 24 at 7 p.m.
Where: Sun Room, Memorial Union
Description: “Join us for Iowa State’s university-wide celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year’s program features keynote speaker Ron Stallworth, whose extraordinary story of being a black detective who infiltrates the Ku Klux Klan is the subject of Spike Lee’s recent movie ‘BlacKkKlansman.’”

The Power of Knowing Your Purpose; Brittany Packnett

When: Monday, January 28 at 7 p.m.
Where: Great Hall, Memorial Union
Description: “Brittany Packnett is a leader at the intersection of culture and justice. A former teacher, non-profit executive director, and Fellow at Harvard’s Institute of Politics, she has been named one of TIME Magazine’s 12 New Faces of Black Leadership and honored at the 2018 BET Awards as one of the fiercest activists of our time.”

Meet and greet with student veterans

When: Wednesday, January 30 from 4 to 6 p.m.
Where: Col. Pride Lounge, Memorial Union
Description: “All faculty and staff, regardless of military status, are welcome to meet student veterans and military-affiliated students. This is a come-and-go event; feel free to stop by, say hello and grab a bite. RSVPs are requested”
My 2019 New Year’s Resolutions

BY ALEX CONNOR
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Join the ISD Editorial Board

We are currently looking for students and community members to join the Iowa State Daily Editorial Board.

The Editorial Board is one of the most important parts of a newspaper. Its purpose is to lead the community conversation by providing insight into pertinent topics. This often manifests itself in the form of editorials. Past editorials have covered a wide range of topics.

There have been editorials that hit close to home, like an in-depth look at the importance of research at Iowa State and an open letter to the new Student Government leaders, and others that lead a broader discussion about the First Amendment and recent gun violence.

There have been more light-hearted pieces, as with the editorials about March Madness and the components of a healthy relationship. Others have been more somber, discussing latent racial biases and the opioid crisis that threatens our nation. No matter the topic, every single editorial shares the same characteristic—a well informed and well researched opinion that is presented together with the necessary facts to confirm its claims.

Currently, the Iowa State Daily editorial board consists of five members. We would like to continue to increase that number. We strive to represent our readers accurately. As such, all who are interested are welcome to apply. Both students and community members are encouraged to apply.

We strive to spark discussion and engage debate. No meaningful debate can be held, though, without diversity of perspective. All are welcome to apply, no matter their beliefs or viewpoints.

Meetings will be held weekly to decide the topic of each editorial and its stance. In case of disagreement on either topic, there will be a vote.

If you’re passionate about speaking the facts around lasting change at Iowa State and in the community, we urge you to apply. You will have the opportunity to inform the public on vital, and sometimes controversial, matters.

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) 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.
In a game decided by the final possession, No. 20 Iowa State fell to No. 11 Texas 64-62 on Saturday.

“This is just going to motivate us even more because we are so close ... It’s a one-possession game to a really good team,” said senior guard Bridget Carleton.

On the final possession, Iowa State was just coming out of a timeout with 13.3 seconds left after a shot clock violation by Texas. With Alexa Middleton inbound the ball, Iowa State had the ball enter play twice, but Texas had fouls to give and fouled Iowa State twice in subsequent plays to prevent an easy score.

The next play, Middleton inbounded the ball to Carleton, who drove to the basket. As Carleton drove, a Texas defender stepped up to cut her off. Middleton then ran along the baseline and was rejected out of bounds by Texas’ Joyner Holmes with 5.5 seconds left.

Again off of the inbound, Carleton was passed the ball and attempted a shot that fell short. Iowa State’s Madison Wise got the offensive rebound, but time immediately expired.

“It was a good look,” Carleton said. “I wasn’t very effective from the midrange game today, so maybe if I take it to the basket would have been a better option.”

Throughout the game, the lead changed six times and the score was tied eight times. Iowa State struggled shooting and shot a season low 34.3 percent from the floor (23-for-67 shooting).

When Iowa State found themselves open with the ball during the game, coach Bill Fennelly said the players seemed surprised to find themselves so wide open and wouldn’t shoot the ball right away. While he did say Iowa State wasn’t hitting their shots, Fennelly said to credit Texas for playing a physical defense and limiting easy shot opportunities for Iowa State.

For five minutes in the third quarter, Iowa State failed to connect on a single shot. Due to Iowa State’s cold shooting, Texas was able to build up a 13-point lead which was the largest of the game.

In the third, Fennelly was called for a technical foul with 3:09 left after a no-call in the past on a Kristin Scott shot. Texas made both free throws.

With the two-point loss in mind, Fennelly said after the game to put the loss on him drawing the technical foul.

Carleton shot a deep 3-pointer as time expired and was fouled on the play, then sent to the line where she hit all of her free throws, cutting Texas’ lead to 51-44. Then in the fourth, Iowa State had its best shooting quarter of the night by connecting on 44.4 percent of its shots from the floor (8-for-18 shooting) and 40 percent of its 3-point tries (2-for-5 shooting).

Sophomore forward Kristin Scott said the team was able to chip away from the deficit by making defensive stops and having strong leadership on the court.

Carleton led the Iowa State scorers in the fourth with eight points on 4-of-6 shooting from the field and also grabbing five rebounds, but her final shot still fell short to give the Cyclones the win.

Carleton ended up finishing with 20 points, nine rebounds and three assists. The only other Cyclone with double digit points was Scott, who had 15 (6-for-9 shooting). In addition, Scott grabbed nine rebounds with eight of them being on the offensive end. Scott said entering the game she thought if she was going to do one thing right against the Longhorns it would be rebounding the ball.

Entering the game, Fennelly and the players said a point of emphasis against Texas would be negating their offensive rebounding ability. Despite falling short, Carleton said she felt the team did its part to limit Texas’ rebounding opportunities and try to win the game.

“We did our job to come back and give ourselves a chance, so I think you can’t take that away from us,” Carleton said.

Texas finished with only six offensive rebounds while Iowa State had 14.

In the end, Texas’ offense was much more efficient than Iowa State’s. Sug Sutton led Texas’ offense, finishing just shy of a triple-double with 24 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists.

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SPORTS

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Cyclones eclipsed by Kansas State after last-second shot

BY AARON.MARNER
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Plain and simple, Iowa State had Saturday’s game against Kansas State in its grasp. The Cyclones held a five-point lead with two-and-a-half minutes to play. They had the ball, up three points, with 50 seconds left after a shot clock violation by Texas.

“It was a brutal loss,” said Iowa State coach Steve Prohm. “Credit Kansas State for being who we thought they were, just a resilient group, a group that just keeps coming at you.

“We got them down and we couldn’t finish them. Now we’ve gotta go [find] out something about ourselves this week.”

Iowa State fell behind big in the first half, but came roaring back thanks to a 14-3 run to tie the game at 40. It seemed like the Cyclones — after a harsh first half that saw Kansas State take a nine-point lead into halftime — had finally rallied. The crowd was fiery, raining down boos after whistles from the officials. Freshman forward George Conditt IV, who had played a total of one minute in Big 12 play entering Saturday, took over the game with nine points (4-of-6 shooting), four rebounds and two blocks.

The second half was all Iowa State. Until it wasn’t.

“We kinda put our heads down, we let it get to us,” said red-shirt senior guard Nick Weiler-Babb, who led the Cyclones with 11 points. “We’ve gotta be tough. We’ve gotta give better effort.”

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Senior guard Nick Weiler-Babb passed the ball during the game against the Southern University Jaguars on Dec. 9 at Hilton Coliseum. The Cyclones won 101-65.

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Star power has allowed too many to live without consequences for their actions, including R&B singers R. Kelly and Chris Brown. Far too frequently, artists like Kelly and Brown are given a pass because they’re popular, or their behavior is expected and considered “okay.” Let’s not allow our love of an artist’s music to blind us from the horrible actions they have committed. Let’s not allow the voices of survivors to continue going unheard or ignored.

The documentary’s release has made appearances on “The Tonight Show” and performed at many public events. Kelly’s career has been rife with scandal, starting as early as 1994 with an alleged marriage to a minor. In 2002, a video of Kelly urinating on a minor circulated the internet. While he does not appear directly in the video, evidence later found in his home linked him to it. Because of the video, Kelly faced charges of child pornography—but was eventually found “not guilty” on all 14 charges. Later in Kelly’s career, allegations surfaced of the singer trading women as young as 14 in an abusive cult. A former partner claimed Kelly had intentionally infected her with a sexually transmitted disease.

In 2016, after a bizarre, hours-long standoff with the Los Angeles Police Department at his California home, Brown was arrested but later released for posting the $250,000 bail. A warrant for his arrest was issued in 2018 for felony battery charges from assaulting a photographer earlier in 2017. Brown was released only an hour later after posting the nearly $2,000 bail.

Prior to his death in 2018, XXXTentacion, a.k.a. Jahseh Onfroy, had committed several violent crimes as well, including assaulting his pregnant girlfriend. Even when spending time behind bars, support continued from his young fanbase. After committing such terrible crimes, all three were allowed to continue their careers because fans and the industry looked the other way. R. Kelly still sold concert tickets. Comedic rapper Lil Dicky featured Chris Brown in his track “Freaky Friday,” and the video sits at over 450 million views on YouTube. Onfroy’s death has only immortalized him as a martyr and an idol to his fans. If Kelly, Brown and Onfroy were not music “superstars,” their cases would likely have not been brushed off so easily. The money and fame they held and the support they received from their passionate fan bases allowed them to live mostly unaffected lives, even in the spotlight.

2019 is the year of Kelly’s last stand. Regardless of whether or not he is finally successfully charged with his years of abusive activity, it is unlikely his career will be allowed to continue after so much negative attention. The attention isn’t just on Kelly. “Leaving Neverland,” a documentary set to release later this year, could do the same for Michael Jackson’s legacy as “Surviving R. Kelly” did for Kelly. Jackson’s death similarly immortalized him and his discography with a reverence that will prove difficult to shake. Hollywood faced a massive shake-up after allegations were made against Harvey Weinstein, placing increased scrutiny on industry veterans. Survivors of similar abuse cases later spoke out, generating a domino effect and bringing down actors like Kevin Spacey. “Surviving R. Kelly” may carry the “Weinstein effect” over to the music industry, eventually ending the careers of Kelly, Brown and others like them. Don’t allow Kelly to go down alone. When Kelly is brought down, use the momentum and negative attention to bring others with him. Stand with survivors and hold artists accountable for their actions. Money and fame should not allow these monsters to go uncurbed.
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