**The Kavanaugh Hearing**

*We are a country that is unbelievably divided*

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This is an analysis of Thursday's Senate Judiciary Committee hearing. Go to the Daily's website to get full coverage of the day's testimonies.

Holding back tears, the woman accusing Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh of sexual assault retold her story at Thursday's emotion-filled hearing.

Christine Blasey Ford, a California professor who accused Kavanaugh of sexual assault when they were both in high school in the 1980s, testified in front of the Senate Judiciary Committee, recalling the events of the night in question. Kavanaugh testified later that day.

Ford's hearing largely focused on retelling the events and going through her experiences during and since the event, as well as her decision to not come forward immediately. Kavanaugh's testimony largely focused on his recollection of the events and what he thought the motivations for the allegations were.

A committee vote to move the confirmation of Kavanaugh to the full Senate will happen Friday.

“I agree with the rest of America. [Ford’s] testimony was very compelling,” said David Andersen, assistant professor of political science at Iowa State. “Even the Republicans, who will not act on her testimony, said she was very compelling. It’s believable, and it seems she believes what she is saying. She really upheld her story very, very effectively.”

Andersen said Kavanaugh's testimony, which was emotionally charged, was similarly compelling, and showed Kavanaugh's frustrations with the process.

“He also testified very well,” Andersen said. “He was consistent; he was compelling. I think the thing that I really felt from him was his frustration. That when he began this process he was conveyed he was going to be the next supreme court justice, and his whole life was ripped out from under him. He feels like it is unfair.”

University Professor of Political Science Steffen Schmidt recognized this frustration as well, while also voicing some of his own frustrations.

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**Geoffrey Dahl has four big ticket areas for CALS**

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Geoffrey Dahl spoke about the importance of university relationships and having a clear, confident leadership style at his open forum on Thursday afternoon in the Pioneer Room.

Dahl was announced as the third candidate for the next endowed dean of the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences on Sept. 25. He is currently serving as the Harriet Weeks Professor of Animal Science at the University of Florida.

In the open forum, Dahl emphasized his “four big ticket areas” in his vision for Iowa State. Those areas include stakeholder relationships, legislative relationships, shared governance and resource acquisition.

Dahl said integrity and open-mindedness are important to him those values are also important to Iowa State.

“The reason that we’re here is the students,” Dahl said. “We need to make sure that they have the best possible experience here to prepare them for their futures.”

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An individual reported being sexually assaulted on 09-
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There was an error in the Sept. 27, 2018 edition of the Iowa State Daily in an article titled
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program spells his name Lee Cagley. The male source was also referred to as “she.” The Daily
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Female students reflect on personal safety

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It’s no surprise that students on Iowa State’s campus have been taking a much more serious look at how they keep themselves safe. In the aftermath of the murder of Celia Barquin Arozamena, four female students reflect on their own safety.

How safe do you feel on campus?

Reegan Den Adel, freshman in event management — "I feel pretty safe in general, but I do carry pepper spray and usually don’t walk alone. I do feel a little unsafe when I have to walk through the parking lot alone at night or anywhere really at night where it is not heavily populated with people."

Grace Rigdon, junior in apparel merchandising and design — "It depends on the time of day and where I am walking. I feel pretty uncomfortable walking around in the dark and when I’m walking around Welch, which is near where I live, because there are a lot of random people and non-students in the area."

Ruby Walter, a sophomore in political science — "Although I feel safe on campus, there are still precautions that I take in order to stay safe. For example, I will not walk around campus at night if I am alone."

Nicole Smetana, a sophomore in accounting and entrepreneurship — "I feel pretty safe on campus, generally speaking. The only times I feel slightly unsafe is if I’m walking on campus late at night and the area I’m walking in is not well lit because the light is out or there simply isn’t a light post nearby."

What advice would you give to other girls who are feeling unsafe on campus?

Den Adel — “Get pepper spray and try to travel together. Also, when you are walking alone and start to feel unsafe, call someone but still be aware of your surroundings.”

Rigdon — “I would suggest that she finds friends that have cars in case she needs to go somewhere at night, change up the way she walks around campus at night, walk with a friend and be aware of her surroundings.”

Walter — “Just be aware of your surroundings. If you have to walk alone, make sure you have pepper spray and your phone on hand, but don’t let your phone distract you.”

Is there anything that would make you feel safer on campus?

Den Adel — “I don’t know specifically what would make me feel better on campus. I know that Iowa State University already has some safety measures in place.”

Rigdon — “I would like to see more lectures on topics that are relevant to student safety, as well as an increased presence of student officers around really active places and an increase in the responsiveness of SafeRide at night.”

Walter — “I’d love to have know more about the measures we have, but I’m not sure what else could be done. Maybe we a required class like Library 160 that teaches people about personal safety on campus.”

Smetana — “I think if the campus was a little more well-lit in areas such as the forest area near the MU I would feel safer.”

Barquin Arozamena honored at golf course

BY EMILY.BERCH
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The Agricultural Business Club honored Celia Barquin Arozamena this year at the first time in 10 years that it would not be able to hold its annual golf tournament at Coldwater Golf Links, so when the club was notified the club would reprise for their tournament, it knew they had to do something special.

Coldwater Golf Links reopened Friday morning for the Agricultural Business Club’s golf tournament, after closing for the investigation of Celia Barquin Arozamena’s death. Club members brought flowers and did stay the ninth hole in honor of Barquin Arozamena.

Professor Ron Deiter, the club’s adviser, decided the night before the tournament the golfers would skip the ninth hole and give themselves a birdie.

“I thought it would be a good tribute if we skipped hole number nine and asked everybody when they’re driving down the cart path on number nine to pay their respects to Celia in their own way,” Deiter said.

Cole Niece, chair of the Agricultural Business Club’s Sponsor Relations Committee, suggested the club leave flowers on the ninth hole tee box as well.

“Being the first to play the the course, we felt like the club should do something to honor Celia as people passed through hole nine, and leaving flowers on the tee box was [something we] could do to express our condolences,” Niece said.

Deiter swas concerned about people’s comfort levels in playing the hole as well as being respectful to Barquin Arozamena’s memory.

“Maybe there’s something symbolic about what we did,” Deiter said. “Obviously Celia didn’t get to finish that hole, so we didn’t either.”
Adjusting to ROTC life

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In addition to adjusting to college life, freshmen in the ROTC program also have to adjust to a life in the military.

“This has definitely been a learning phase, but it’s been fun,” said Isaiah Hamlette, freshman in economics and Navy ROTC member. “I’ve really been enjoying the camaraderie and meeting new people.”

As well as getting used to military classes, labs and physical training tests, ROTC freshmen have to adjust the way they present themselves.

“One of the biggest changes is knowing you need to act a certain way when you’re in uniform,” said Brandon Daniels, freshman in biology and Marine ROTC. “We’re not representing ourselves in uniform, we’re representing the military and our country.”

Hamlette said what he has learned in ROTC has transferred to his everyday life as well.

“I see changes in the way I approach and greet people,” Hamlette said. “I’ve even started to call my professors ‘sir’ and ‘ma’am’ because I’m so used to saying those things.”

One of the special events ROTC freshmen participate in is New Student Orientation (NSO). NSO is a four day camp for incoming ROTC freshmen and takes place the week before classes start.

“New student orientation is a great bonding activity for the ROTC freshmen,” said Jeremy Gross, Naval Executive Officer. “They go through many group challenges that allow them to grow closer together.”

After over a month of military involvement at Iowa State, balancing college life and ROTC has been getting easier, and upperclassmen have a big hand in that.

“As freshmen, we get a lot of help from the upperclassmen,” said Delaney Keaveny, freshman in mechanical engineering and Navy ROTC. “They’re always there to help us keep up with things and to make sure our adjustment to ROTC life is going just fine.”

Dance Marathon hosts first event ‘For the Kids’

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On Sunday, Dance Marathon will host their annual 4K For the Kids. The event will take place on Central Campus from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Iowa State Dance Marathon has been helping children with life-threatening illnesses for 22 years.

Their website states they are the “largest student-run philanthropy” on campus, raising money year round to benefit families served by the University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital.

The main Dance Marathon event doesn’t take place until January. However, “dancers” have already started raising money.

Sunday’s event ranges in price. For attendees ages 13 years and older it costs $15. Children between the ages 5 and 12 years old must pay $10 to participate. All children under 4 years old are free. The pancake breakfast is included in the cost but may be purchased separately at $5 per person.

Fundraising efforts by Iowa State Dance Marathon provide library materials, music therapy equipment, infant CPR training kits and more for the U of I Stead Family Children’s Hospital.

The money raised also funds the building of the new children’s hospital.

Registration for the annual 4K For the Kids is open now. To participate, fill out the online form to complete registration.

Runners as well as walkers are encouraged to join the race, which begins at 11 a.m. Participants must arrive at the event between 10 and 10:45 a.m. for check-in.

Since Dance Marathon began at Iowa State, the student-run organization has raised approximately $2.7 million for the hospital.

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The executive team of Dance Marathon doing their yearly morale dance during Dance Marathon at the MU on Jan. 20.

The website shows members’ answers to the question, “Why do we stand?” Some members stand for the “children who can’t” while others stand because they know their efforts could make a difference.

The “Miracle Kiddos,” who are supported by Iowa State Dance Marathon, will be in attendance during Sunday’s event. Attendees have the opportunity to meet the kids, eat pancakes, play games and walk across campus during the 4k.

A member of the Iowa State ROTC holds the Iowa flag during the national anthem.

Members of the Iowa State ROTC present the flags in Hilton Coliseum on Dec. 16, 2017. ROTC members responsibility extends far beyond carrying the flag for sporting events.
**COLUMN**

**Job culture needs change**

On college campuses, not all jobs are created equal

**BY EILEEN TYRRELL**

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It’s officially career season, and the race to secure a summer internship or co-op for this upcoming semester is on.

Students in skirt-suits and collared shirts can be seen roaming campus at all hours of the day; the clack of heels on pavement can be heard from a mile away. Stress levels are especially high during this time of year. The war between S.T.E.M. majors and everyone else is upon us. There is so much pressure put on students during this time, and some either don’t get an internship or they get an unpaid internship.

This begs the obvious question – why is there so much pressure on students to get internships only one or two years into their college experience? No college at Iowa State pushes for internships quite as hard as the College of Engineering, but the pressure is certainly there for almost every major. Is it even worth it?

I believe the answer is yes. Gaining experience in your field before applying for a full-time job exposes you to what working in your industry is actually like. It makes you more hireable, more confident and more knowledgeable as a student. I don’t think there’s anything wrong with feeling some pressure to get an internship in the summers of your college years – with one exception. It is completely unacceptable to expect students to intern for an entire summer without pay.

For a lot of college students, summer is the time to save up money for the school year and paying for college. Without those three months of work, many students might not be able to even afford college. Internships are incredibly valuable experiences, but not if they come at the cost of half a semester’s worth of tuition. To expect students to be able to work for free is simply unrealistic and favors the wealthy and privileged.

To make matters worse, most unpaid internships are geared towards students in lower-paying majors to begin with, such as education or the social sciences. Being an engineering major, I realize that not all work is created equal, but I can’t imagine being able to spend a whole summer in that position. The less time in the summer students get to earn money for the upcoming school year, the more debt they will have to pay off after graduating.

So yes, Iowa State and other academic cultures should continue pushing for their students to get internships as quickly as they can. Having work experience prior to your first full-time job is invaluable to your personal growth and your career trajectory. But let’s end the expectation that students should be able to spend their whole summer working in an unpaid internship. It’s unrealistic, arrogant and it needs to change.

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**EDITORIAL**

**DOR makes detrimental decision**

Over the last two years, the Iowa State Department of Residence (DOR) has been quietly making some large changes to the policies involving contract breaks and the Greek system.

Usually, first-year students who intend to join a fraternity spend the summer going through the recruitment process and their chapter assists them with the process of breaking their DOR contract with minimal penalty if they want to live in-house their first year. Sorority recruitment traditionally happens during the week of move-in, so most first-year students in sororities don’t live in-house.

However, new DOR policies are slowly, but surely, changing the landscape of this process and increasing the difficulty for both students and chapters.

There are two major policy changes in question. First, the extended deadlines for residents moving into Greek housing to cancel without penalty have been moved from the 2016 date of August 1 to July 15 for 2017, and to an even less friendly date of July 1 for this year.

Additionally, this year saw the removal of a commonly used penalty exemption allowing students to break their contract, in which their penalties reduced from 50 percent of the total value of their housing and/or dining contract, to 15 percent.

Many fraternities budget money to help their newest members break these contracts and live in-house their first semester. With the change in penalty reduction, it is no longer feasible for fraternities to budget the amount of money it will take to break housing contracts. If they are unable to fill their chapter facility, fraternities could find themselves with financial problems.

It’s concerning that the DOR is rushing first-year students into making a residence decision. A month can give prospective fraternity members the chance to come to Ames, tour the houses, meet the leadership and make an informed decision about which fraternity to join.

The removal of the penalty exemption also raises questions. Even with the exemption, students were paying a significant amount of money. The 2017-2018 DOR Terms and Conditions list maximum values of $1265 for housing and $690 for dining. However, that pales in comparison to the full penalty that all students who don’t manage to break their contract by the deadline face; 50 percent of the total value of their housing contract and 80 percent of their dining contract. That could be in excess of $4000 for housing alone.

The smart decision now appears to be forgoing the chance to live in-house for a year; forgoing the chance to forge bonds that can sometimes last a lifetime. The Department of Residence needs to ask itself: is depriving students of this opportunity worth squeezing a few more dollars out of them?

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An Iowa State parent helps her son move in to Firley Residence Hall on Aug. 15.
Cyclones look to continue momentum
Cyclone Hockey ready for challenge from Illinois State in weekend homestand

BY CARLYN WARD
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Cyclone Hockey is coming off a sweep against Waldorf this past weekend and will take on Illinois State University at Ames/ISU Ice Arena at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. After two dominant wins for Cyclone Hockey, coaches and players are feeling good.

"I feel pretty good about the energy at practice," said Jason Fairman, coach and general manager. "We're making progress, and we're excited about this weekend."

I feel good about the way we're moving forward." Cyclone Hockey has over a week's worth of practice under its belt now, as well as two games against Waldorf. Though it may be a non-conference game this weekend against Illinois State, coaches and players are still excited and gearing up for a good two games of hockey.

"Once we get into our league games, things will start to pick up a little bit more," said Trevor Sabo, senior forward. "We're looking to go into this weekend and do the same thing.

Practice this week has been all about continuing to get to the desired pace, and build on the chemistry shown against Waldorf.

"We're working on our systems, getting into the flow of things," said Max Olson, sophomore defenseman. "Right now we're just ironing out systems. I really think that's the biggest thing. Especially the new guys... trying to get them involved and get some chemistry going."

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"Things are optimistic around Cyclone Hockey right now!"

Turnover margin key against TCU

BY TREvor Holbrook
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Everything's bigger in Texas, and Iowa State needs its defense to play a big role again this weekend.

The Cyclones travel to Fort Worth, Texas, to play TCU (2-2 overall, 0-1 in Big 12 play) at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 28, 2018. Everything's bigger in Texas, and Iowa State needs its defense to play a big role again this weekend.

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"Things are optimistic around Cyclone Hockey right now!"
A look back at September

Photos showing important events from past month

Community members gathered on central campus Wednesday night to remember Celia Barquin Arozamena. The event was open to the public and had a turnout of over 1,000.

Newly installed President Wintersteen addresses the crowd at Stephens Auditorium on Sept. 21 during her presidential installation ceremony. "I deeply appreciate your support, your prayers, and your good wishes," Wintersteen said.

Famed musician and former Beatles drummer Ringo Starr interacting with the crowd at his concert at Stephens Auditorium on Sept. 5.

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Ten tips for donating blood

BY WILLA COLVILLE
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1. Show up with plenty of time. Depending on the time of day there could be a lot of students or only a few.
2. Get a good night of rest.
3. Drink lots of water. The American Red Cross suggests you drink 16 ounces before your donation.
4. Eat plenty of iron-rich foods, including red meat, leafy greens, beans, poultry, raisins and iron-fortified cereals, leading up to your donation.
5. Get additional Vitamin C to help iron absorption.
6. Wear a short-sleeved shirt or a shirt that you can easily roll the sleeves up above your elbow.
7. Remember to bring a valid photo ID, a list of medications you are taking and a list of places you have visited outside of the U.S. in the past 3 years.
8. Eat a healthy low-fat meal three to four hours before your donation.
9. Be sure not to do strenuous activities, like vigorous exercise or heavy lifting, on the day you've given blood.
10. Find a friend to donate with you. You will be able to support each other and can do twice as much good.

One donation could potentially save up to three lives, according to the American Red Cross. Starting Monday, students and faculty at Iowa State will have the opportunity to donate their blood during the annual fall blood drive.

The drive will take place in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union from Monday until Thursday. Donors can stop in any time between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. The Iowa State Blood Drive is a student-run organization which was established more than fifty years ago, in 1962. The Iowa State Blood Drive is recognized as one of the largest student-run blood drives in the nation and holds a drive once per semester, according to their website.

The Iowa State Blood Drive works with numerous blood centers across the nation, including American Red Cross, LifeServe and Mississippi Valley Blood Center. These nonprofit organizations help all over the country in response to disasters such as hurricanes, mass shootings and everyday problems such as homelessness, hunger and mental illness.

Last year’s Iowa State Fall Blood Drive collected approximately 2,000 donations, potentially saving more than 5,000 lives, according to their press release.

The goal of the Iowa State Blood Drive is to combat the need for blood we have in America each year. In fact, every two seconds a person in the U.S. needs blood, according to the American Red Cross. While this is true, the Iowa State Blood Drive website claims that less than 10 percent of those eligible to donate do so.

Calling it a sad day, Schmidt said whatever decision the committee comes to would be a lose-lose. If he is approved, there has been dis-trust built into the public which could under-mine the public’s perception of the Supreme Court, and if he is rejected, Schmidt said there would be implications for future judges.

“It sends a message that future want-to-be confirmed, or want-to-be positions like this that even things they did when they were 17 years old or 18 years old in high school can be dug up and brought up against them,” Schmidt said. “I mean a lot of people did stupid stuff in high school, and if they think those activities are going to be public or destroy their relationships their family or make them publicly humiliated, they will never want to be a judge, justice or even in public office. That is a bad thing. We need people presenting themselves to become judges, and the question is, ‘is there an expiration date on stupid behavior?’ and it looks right now that there isn’t.”

While Schmidt said he didn’t know the answer to if there should be an expiration date on “stupid behavior,” Andersen said he was cer-tain that people should be held accountable for anything they do in their lives.

“I completely disagree,” Andersen said. “It sends completely the right message. That any-thing you do can be used against you in the future and that this is something everyone has to wake up to. That sexual assault is not okay, even if you can get away with it as a teenager. It should haunt you for the rest of your life, and if the person who comes out and talks about it, yes it can cause you, your career or your family. There are dire consequences tied to your actions.”

Taylor Blair, president of Iowa State College Democrats, said the question of whether there is statute of limitations on behavior like this as Kavanaugh faces two other accusers who allege experiences of assault at more recent dates. Blair also said there was some hypocrisy related to the situation.

“Donald Trump advocated for the death pen-alty for the Central Park five, and they were the same age,” Blair said about Republicans reac-tions to sexual assault under different contexts.

Despite the potential controversy surround-ing Kavanaugh, Blair said on merit alone he wouldn’t support the nominee because of his potential positions women’s issues and presiden-tial immunity.

“This isn’t the first time there have been political reasons for opposing a nominee. Andersen and Schmidt both said this is one of many supreme court picks that have been contested since the 1980s. Schmidt in partic-u-lar, denounced the recent process nominees go through and called the Thursday hearing, unusual.

“Has injected pure partisan politics into the whole thing,” Schmidt said. “This nomina-tion is all Democrats versus Republicans. There were no questions today on his constitutional philosophy. There was nothing related to the defense of the constitution and interpretation of the constitution which is what supreme court justices do.”

Even though this controversy continues, Andersen said it likely won’t change Kavanaugh’s odds of becoming the next jus-tice on the Supreme Court. Instead, he said it would be more likely that the vote is delayed a few days while Republicans poll public opinion.

Recent polls in Iowa rated approval of Kavanaugh’s nomination at 37 percent, disapproval at 34 percent and undecided at 32 percent. Schmidt cited this poll saying it showed approval of Kavanaugh is almost tied exactly to party line.

“These percentages are actually very close to the percentages of the election, and that tells us that this is a matter of Democrats saying they oppose him and Republicans saying they support him,” Schmidt said. “We are a coun-try that is unbelievably divided.”