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STATE OF THE UNION

How the address has changed, what to expect from Trump

From Washington to Trump, Iowa State political science professors feel the State of the Union address has drifted from its original purpose.

The State of the Union address, a requirement by Article Two of the Constitution, used to be much more conversational but has evolved into something with more political fuel.

Before the media attention and political energy of modern State of the Union addresses, Mack Shelley, a political science professor, described the address of the president as wandering over to Congress to inform on achievements and future plans.

Though, at the start of the U.S. Government, there were no political parties and when they formed, the vice president was still the opposite party of the president, so the address remained non-partisan.

Now, political science professor Dirk Deam calls the State of the Union address a show. Shelley said the address at some point became an extension of a political campaign. Party affiliation becomes apparent when paying attention to who chooses to clap at specific parts of the speech.

As President Donald Trump is set to give his first State of the Union address, Iowa State political science predicted which topics will be covered—such as immigration and the economy—and whether Trump will follow the style of past presidents or go with his own style.

“So, what we’re seeing is roughly a century old and not conversational and not necessarily confrontational either,” Shelley said. “But if you’ve got a president, let’s say a Democrat like Obama, and a legislature, House and Senate that are both run by Republicans, it’s kind of guaranteed that you’re going to have sparks flying.”

The Constitution requires the president to inform Congress yearly of the State of Union and lay out objectives that they feel need to be accomplished, Deam said.

“One particular thing that Obama made a point of was to press for background checks on guns because the State of the Union had occurred at a period right after one of these school shootings,” Deam said. “So you could look at that as a very partisan, political thing if you want to, but it’s a State of the Union. He’s asking for legislation.”

Along with a change to presidents and vice presidents sharing parties, the style of the speech changed as well. Deam said, especially in hard times, the American people look to the president during the State of the Union to provide leadership and restore faith in their country.

Looking back at the presidents he has seen throughout his lifetime, Deam said he saw a change in style during the Ronald Reagan presidency.

“In the Reagan years, Reagan was such a charismatic figure and it was about Reagans charisma,” Deam said. “So Reagan began putting people up in the gallery and drawing attention to them… getting everyone excited and weepy over some person who had done something notable.”

This practice became tradition and continues to this day.

Deam described John F. Kennedy’s addresses as a call to action. He said Kennedy focused on plans for the future of the country rather than Kennedy himself.

Deam said Obama had less divisive rhetoric, but brought up partisan issues. He said people may not have liked his policies, but he conducted the presidency in a very traditional way.

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He said Obama avoided bashing the Republicans and the National Rifle Association when bringing up these issues. During George W. Bush’s presidency, he used the State of the Union to push for the war in Iraq.

Deam and Shelley also predicted which topics might make it into President Donald Trump’s first State of the Union address Tuesday.

Deam said this address could go in either direction.

[Trump] could try really hard to be a sort of a traditional president and do what presidents are supposed to do with the States of the Union, but he has such a hard time resisting temptation to not do that,” Deam said.
Scurrying into a storm drain on a blustery day or gazing down at a busy street from a cozy apartment window, cats wild and tame are often seen scattering cities and towns. Spotting a cat is a typical occurrence almost anywhere and no one usually thinks twice about it.

While it may not seem like a problem, cats are overpopulating hundreds of locations, especially in the countryside and small towns. According to the Iowa State Feral Cat Alliance, one female cat and her offspring could produce 420,000 cats in a span of seven years. Each litter produces, on average, five kittens -- roughly 15 new cats a year.

For many towns throughout Iowa and the United States, there are different programs created to slow down the reproduction of cats in their area. In Ames, there are multiple organizations to help this issue. One of them helps contain the growing cat population right here at Iowa State University.

The Feral Cat Alliance (FCA) is an organization that is formulated by the students at Iowa State. It is completely volunteer-based and supported by students and veterinarians throughout Ames.

This club spays and neuters cats across Iowa. From the southern border of Minnesota to the northern border of Missouri, feral cats are brought to clinics. The clinics contain a room filled with medication for the cats along with tables to perform the surgery, provided by the FCA. At the clinics, the wild cats are spayed or neutered as well as treated with vaccinations and antibiotics to protect them from potential illnesses.

The FCA has a student-run executive board that organizes the clinics formulated for the cats. With two presidents and 24 members overall, the alliance is small, but works hard to achieve its goals.

“In 2017 we spayed and neutered 182 cats, and since 2002 we have spayed [or] neutered 3,246 cats,” said Danielle Kaitz, 27, cat coordinator and one of the presidents of the FCA.

The clinics provided by the club happen six times a year, and three times a semester. At a typical clinic, about 35 cats are spayed or neutered and vaccinated by the students with some certified veterinarians.

“There are six clinics a year. Four of them are normal, but there are two that we call ‘mega-clinics,’ with 60 cats and more professional vets,” said Christina Ciccheri, 28, and one of the presidents prior to Kaitz.

The veterinary volunteer students are grouped together to treat the cats. About four people are in a group with four or five cats that need to be altered. Each cat receives antibiotics and vaccinations along with a spay or neuter.

“They get a physical exam, blood drawn to determine if they are fit for surgery, vaccines and tested for FIV and FEVC,” said Kristin Cairns, 24, and another president before Kaitz.

While most of the cats brought in are healthy, some arrive so malnourished that their ribs protrude underneath their loose skin.

“A lot of cats with fight wounds are brought in. We clean their wounds and then give them antibiotics with pain meds before releasing them in order to give them a better quality of life,” Ciccheri said.

All of the cats received a cost of $25 which, compared to most veterinary clinics, is an extremely low price. This low price encourages more people to bring in feral cats that roam around their area, therefore slowing down the reproduction of the felines.

“Being able to provide the service at a price that people are willing to pay really helps,” Kaitz said. “You can’t walk into any other clinic and get the same benefits for the same price.”

The clinics provided by the FCA are so popular that there is a waitlist with new names added to it often.

“It could be a year-long wait because people like it so much,” Kaitz said.

The students volunteering learn a great deal from this club and dedicate whole days to the cats.

“Our organization is all volunteer-based, and the students give up most of their Saturday to help the cats,” said Rachel Biddle, 24, and a president of the club.

While this organization benefits the community in one aspect by reducing the numbers of cats in the area, it helps the students as well by producing experience and allowing them to gain more knowledge.

“The nice thing about FCA is we are working to spay [or] neuter and give preventive medicine to all the cats across Iowa, while teaching vet students and helping them learn at the same time,” Ciccheri said.
Delta Phi Lambda and Pi Alpha Phi are the only sorority and fraternity at Iowa State specifically advocating for Asian and Asian-American students. Their role in the student organizations of Iowa State is to raise awareness for Asian students and form a united bond among Asian students.

Delta Phi Lambda Sorority is a nonprofit that operates as an advocate for Asian awareness and women leaders. Delta Phi Lambda’s national chapter philanthropy is osteoporosis awareness in hopes of promoting healthy lifestyles and preventing osteoporosis.

Delta Phi Lambda was founded just 20 years ago, in 1998, and now has 19 undergraduate chapters in 11 states in the Midwest and East Coast.

At Iowa State, Delta Phi Lambda has 21 members listed on their website. Right now, the sorority is focusing on recruitment.

“Our sorority is not just for Asians or Asian-Americans, everyone who has the interest of raising awareness for Asian students can join,” said Kristi Lee, senior in animal science and president of Delta Phi Lambda. The recruitment process takes two to three weeks. During this time, there will be recruitment sessions, social events with other organizations and sisterhood sessions. In the end, Delta Phi Lambda offers applicants bids and applicants can decide whether to join.

Once applicants accept the offer, the education process will take place. After six to eight weeks, applicants will officially be accepted as Delta Phi Lambda sisters.

“Some things we value are academic excellence, leadership skills, sisterhood and community services,” Lee said.

Delta Phi Lambda holds fundraisers every semester. They donate a portion of the funds to charities and individuals, such as the victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. The rest of the funds will go to the sorority’s activities.

Delta Phi Lambda’s mission statement is “Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. advocates Asian awareness, empowers women leaders through its values-based programs, and forges everlasting sisterhood through diverse shared experiences.”

The founder of Delta Phi Lambda is Anh Ngoc Nguyen. She began her education at the University of Georgia, where it was difficult to find friends who could understand and relate to her Asian background, according to the Delta Phi Lambda website.

Nguyen felt there was a need for a social organization for Asian students at the predominantly white institution, feeling there was a lack of camaraderie among Asian students. According to the sorority’s website, Anh Ngoc Nguyen and Theresa Sung then contemplated starting an Asian sorority at the University of Georgia.

“The founders felt a need for an Asian-interest sorority to promote Asian awareness on campus,” according to the website. “They wanted to educate their peers about the Asian culture and to strip away the stereotypes that were attributed to Asians.”

Pi Alpha Phi is the Asian fraternity at Iowa State. It was founded in 1929 by six Asian-Americans at the University of California, Berkeley, based on the shared values of bonds of brotherhood, mutual experiences, academic excellence, service to the community and Asian American awareness, according to its website.

There are 11 members in Pi Alpha Phi at Iowa State right now.

Kevin Dang, senior in industrial engineering and the president of Pi Alpha Phi, talked about the overall negative image of fraternities portrayed by movies and TV shows.

“We are trying to change the culture of what fraternities and sororities look like. A lot of people join because they want to have a good time and they want to meet people and party,” Dang said. “But that’s completely fine. At the end of the day, you join a fraternity because you want to grow closer with the people you join with and your own interest of developing as a person.”

Pi Alpha Phi has produced members in nearly every professional field in the more than 80 years it has been in existence. Members of the fraternity felt the organization provides an important service to students.

“I think Pi Alpha Phi serves Asian students who want to join a college Greek letter organization but not a traditional one,” Dang said. “So they can feel what it is like to be in a fraternity and also socialize with fellow Asian students.”

Dang said the fraternity is focusing on recruitment at the beginning of the semester. Pi Alpha Phi welcomes all students who have Asian interests.

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Courtesy Delta Phi Lambda and Pi Alpha Phi

Members of Delta Phi Lambda and Pi Alpha Phi pose on the steps of Curtiss Hall. They are the only sorority and fraternity at Iowa State advocating specifically for Asian students.
POLICE BLOTTER

1.26.18

Collin Price Merriam, age 20, of 1915 W 1st Extension St - Boone, IA, was arrested and charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at State Ave and Lette St (reported at 12:47 a.m.).

Jacob Gustav Wulf, age 18, of 209 W 7th St - Boone, IA, was arrested and charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at State Ave and Lette St (reported at 12:47 a.m.).

Isiah Heredia, age 20, of 1009 Meridian St - Boone, IA, was arrested and charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at State Ave and Lette St (reported at 12:47 a.m.).

Jeremy Hunter Mcvey, age 22, of 4305 Maricopa Dr Unit 2 - Ames, IA, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and insufficient number of headlamps at Mortensen Rd and Coconino Rd (reported at 1:48 a.m.).

Christopher Xavier Walker, age 23, of 4100 Maricopa Dr Unit 101 - Ames, IA, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and registration violation at Mortensen Rd and Seagrave Blvd (reported at 2:23 a.m.).

An individual reported the theft of headphones at Armory Building (reported at 2:25 p.m.).

An officer investigated a property damage collision at Lot 59A (reported at 3:31 p.m.).

An individual reported being the victim of a fraud at Armory Building (reported at 8:31 p.m.).

1.27.18

Jonathan Taylor Hewitt, age 23, of 123 Sheldon Avenue Unit 1 - Ames, IA, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and careless driving at 2226 Donald St (reported at 2:10 a.m.).

Jacob Richard Beyer, age 19, of 1015 South Dale Dr - Le Mars, IA, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance - marijuana 2nd off, and failure to use headlamps when required at Lincoln Way and Beach Ave (reported at 2:16 a.m.).

Daniel Baurceanu, age 19, of 212 Beyer Ct Unit 5552 - Ames, IA, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia at Friley Hall (reported at 10:37 p.m.).

1.28.18

Evan Phillip Monson, age 23, of 612 8th St S - Humboldt, IA, was arrested and charged with public intoxication - 3rd or subsequent no offense at Lynn Ave and Knaap St (reported at 1:33 a.m.).

Kamilo Tongamoa, age 21, of 3515 Fredrickson Ct - Ames, IA, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated, striking an unattended vehicle, failure to have valid license or permit while operating mv, and failure to prove security against liability at 100-Blk Stanton Ave (reported at 2:09 a.m.).

Travis Falcon Cardenas, age 20, of 218 Richardson Ct Unit 201 - Ames, IA, was arrested and charged with public intoxication at Linden Hall (reported at 4:05 a.m.).

Nadzhsda Renee Wittke, age 21, of 175 N 6th Street Apt 3 - Mc Callburg, IA, was cited for driving under suspension at 2072 Mortensen Pkwy (reported at 1:12 p.m.).

An individual reported the theft of a long board at 119 Stanton Ave (reported at 4:52 p.m.).

An individual reported the theft of a debit card at State St - Boone, IA, was arrested and charged with public intoxication - 3rd or subsequent no offense at 50014. (reported at 8:31 p.m.).

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SUDOKU BY THE MEPHAM GROUP

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It’s a Friday evening at London Underground, located on 212 Main St. in Ames, and the bar is bustling with booths filled with patrons, bar stools are fully occupied and the atmosphere is relaxed. Redining in a booth next to the bar are a group of friends scattered with drinks. The atmosphere at London Underground is what brought them here this evening.

“We’re just hanging out. The martinis here are good,” said Erin Elkin, senior in mechanical engineering.

Tonight, the topic is bad dates. When the subject is brought up, laughter erupts from the booth.

“I don’t really have a worst date, but probably the most awkward dating-related thing that happened to me was in high school,” said Elkin.

“On my 17th birthday, my best guy friend texted me and he’s like, ‘Let’s get coffee before class.’”

“So I said sure, and when we got to Caribou, where there’s usually a trivia question, the board just said ‘Erin, will you be my girlfriend?’ I just gave him a hug and we didn’t really say anything until later that day. Then he was like, ‘Well?’ and I just said ‘I don’t think it’s going to work,’” said Elkin.

“I actually went on a date without knowing it was a date,” said Rachel Kelly, senior in mechanical engineering.

“This guy texted me, ‘Hey get dressed, we’re going out tonight.’ It ended up being a double date. It didn’t end up working out for either of us. It wasn’t terrible but it just wasn’t great. Before, I was asking her like, ‘What’s his name? What’s he look like?’

“And I was just like ‘I don’t know!’” added Elkin.

As for dating advice, the girls said to avoid getting too serious in college, to try new things and not to tie yourself down. Kelly noted, “You should just have fun and enjoy it.”

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- Erin Elkin

Senior in mechanical engineering
Bar goers and bartenders are snapped in mid moments of action and fun this past weekend at London Underground.
Pour 'O' Scopes

**ARIES**
A new relationship seems to be getting more serious. Let your guard down and enjoy the new possibilities, Aries!

**TAURUS**
You’re a master procrastinator, Taurus. Find an organizational tool and stick to it. Make lists, invest in a planner, whatever works for you!

**GEMINI**
You are questioning whether or not you’re on the right path. Take this weekend to gain some clarity, Gemini.

**CANCER**
Cancer, you’re feeling tired of the same routine. Mix it up this weekend! Head out to the London Underground and have some fun.

**LEO**
This semester is already overwhelming you, Leo. Take some time to figure out your schedule and rearrange some things.

**VIRGO**
A busy weekend of traveling is in your future, Virgo. Enjoy the short break and have fun!

**LIBRA**
A new romance is being too demanding of your time, Libra. Be up front with them and tell that person you need your space!

**SCORPIO**
It’s probably best to stay in this weekend, Scorpio. There’s too much drama! Don’t worry, you’ll catch up on Monday.

**SAGITTARIUS**
You’re having some difficulty sticking to a new goal. Maybe it’s time to re-evaluate and question if this goal is reasonable for you right now.

**CAPRICORN**
This weekend is full of good luck, Capricorn! Keep your eyes peeled for money on the ground or a new job opportunity.

**AQUARIUS**
Aquarius, you need a technology break. Unplug for the weekend and make plans with friends and family.

**PISCES**
A huge assignment or task is weighing on you, Pisces. Tackle as much of it as you can this weekend and you’ll have a much better week ahead.
1. What is your drink of choice?
   A) Let’s do shots
   B) Beer
   C) Wine
   D) Some type of cocktail

2. Which of these best describes you?
   A) I (regularly) hang out til bar close
   B) Usually home by midnight
   C) I have a hot date with Netflix and my bed
   D) I’ll stay as long as everyone else does

3. How often do you go out?
   A) Almost every night
   B) A few nights a week
   C) Once a week, tops
   D) Get out of what, bed?

4. On average, how much do you drink a night?
   A) Too much
   B) Depends on the night
   C) I’m usually the good one
   D) I just try to keep up with other people around me

5. Is alcohol needed to have fun?
   A) I mean, duh?
   B) Not necessarily but it sure doesn’t hurt
   C) Chillin’ at home is plenty for me
   D) No, I can have fun sober too!

6. After a few too many, which sounds the most like you?
   A) Crying about your ex
   B) Wake up to 50 angry texts
   C) Order food super late and fall asleep before it arrives
   D) Send the “you up?” text

7. What are you looking for out of someone you might be crushin’ on?
   A) A one night stand
   B) For them to acknowledge my existence
   C) I don’t ‘crush’ on anyone
   D) Hopefully a long term relationship

8. I’m the ______ friend:
   A) Needs to be carried home
   B) Insists the bartender is totally into you
   C) Caretaker
   D) Buying drinks for anyone and everyone

9. What style is your pregame playlist?
   A) Today’s Hits
   B) Classic Throwback
   C) Indie/Alternative
   D) A little of everything

10. What describes you after a night out?
    B) Brunch, anyone?
    C) I’m never drinking again
    D) Maybe I’ll hit the gym and run some errands later

If you picked mostly A, you must be single and loving it! You’re strong, independent and a little bit of a hot mess — in the best way possible. Without anything or anyone to hold you back, you’re the life of the party and living life to the fullest!

If you picked mostly B, you seem to be a work in progress when it comes to relationships. You may not have that special someone in your life right now, but they’re out there. You’re out to impress, even if you end up overdoing it once in a while. Keep on keepin’ on!

If you picked mostly C, you prefer to be comfortable above all else. In relationships, you sometimes find yourself sinking into a set routine and not wanting to try out anything new. You’re happiest when you’re with someone who you consider your best friend while cuddling and watching movies together.

If you picked mostly D, you put your whole heart and soul into relationships. You’re more than willing to devote your time and energy to the right person and you have a super romantic side. You find it difficult to be alone, so you usually find yourself in long-term relationships.
Do’s & Don’ts
OF PICKING SOMEONE UP AT A BAR

DON’T tell her to smile.

The quickest way to have a woman not interested in you is by telling her to smile. No, we’re not sad. No, nothing is wrong. Sorry we don’t walk around 24/7 with a fake smile plastered on our faces.

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DO spark an interesting conversation.

Instead of just telling a woman to smile, maybe start a funny conversation and give her a reason to.

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DON’T use cheesy pick-up lines.

Readers may find this shocking but “Do you have a sunburn?” or “Are you always this hot?” are not really successful.

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DO use iconic pick-up lines.

A funny pick-up line can be used to break the ice. Feel free to steal the following, who knows, you may even get her to smile. “Are you from the upside down? ‘Cause you’re demogorgeous.”

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DON’T have a transparent sexual agenda.

The one thing worse than cheesy is skeezy. It seems that when out with friends, there is actually nothing worse than assumptions, projected hopes and sexual desperation from unwanted advances.

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DO show a genuine interest.

Men and women want to feel desired but they want to feel valued as well. Feel free to actually pay attention to the conversation and add value to it. You may scoff, but trust me, it’s an art that seems lost on a lot of people when it comes to communicating with someone in possession of a different set of genitals.
Are you in a relationship?  
Do you know someone single?

If you answered yes to either of these questions, the Iowa State Daily needs you. The Daily is currently seeking applications from students in relationships, as well as single folks who would be interested in talking about anything and everything related to the world of dating. Five couples and 10 singles, paired together as five couples, will be selected. Those selected will receive a free date night to Brick City Grill, Olde Main, Torrent Brewing or North Grand Cinema. With conversation topics ranging anywhere from when to say ‘I love you’ to first sexual encounters, it’s guaranteed to be an unforgettable experience.
YOU SINGLE?

The Daily has asked one of their own reporters, whose apparent singleness comes up quite often, to come up with a list of tips for singles during the month of February. To give this lone rider some credibility, this individual is a fifth year senior who lives with their best friend AND their best friend’s significant other. Three roommates: one single and a loved-up couple, our reporter has seen it all.

Attention singles: PSA, it’s (almost) February, the month of lovey-dovey crap. Here are some tips on managing the single life at the bars while everyone around you seems to be catching the feels.

Hey, singles, DO NOT get sloppy drunk. Since you’re single you want to draw in potential lovers, not send them running for the hills.

Go out with the friends who are not afraid to DANCE, it’s important to let your freak-flag fly.

Please try and refrain from being an awkward turd. Get out there and chat some people up.

Don’t forget to rub it in your friend’s face that you’re single when they’re fighting with their significant other. Make sure they KNOW you don’t have someone to worry about later.

ALWAYS take the shot. Whether it be with liquor or the cutie across the room who has been eyeing you up all night.

Remember, you can leave with whomever you want to tonight. Alone, with a group of friends, that one person who you always see at the bars and somehow mustered up the courage to talk to tonight, whatever you prefer.
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GREAT SHOW | GREAT DRINKS | GREAT NIGHT
When an immigrant is convicted of a crime, many people jump to advocating for deportations. However, the severity of this consequence needs to be considered.

Deportation is not the answer

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While immigrants provide many essential services for our great nation, there is — as with all demographics — a criminal element we must consider. A prevailing question is whether immigrants who are found guilty of committing serious crimes should be deported.

Keeping this in mind, it is truly shocking to see the prevalence of deportation advocates; this only serves to further underscore the American justice model as punitive, rather than rehabilitative. Of course, special attention must be given to repeat offenders, but deportation should absolutely be the exception and not the rule. There are three factors to keep in mind when considering this question: immigration status, the offense in question and the welfare of the countries receiving these troublemakers.

What does it mean to be an immigrant in today’s society, where we are broadly labeled as “criminals and rapists” by the executive administration itself? This open hostility creates a culture of resentment, where we begrudge those who toe the line as “making the rest of us look bad.” Indeed, a knee-jerk reaction is to advocate for them to be packed off somewhere else and to deport the serious offenders who are besmirching the spotless records of model citizens.

However, who defines the concept of a serious offense? When the very administration who has the power to define those offenses, and to make exceptions for more minor crimes, seemingly has an active vendetta against immigrants, how can we trust them to draw the line acceptably? The definition of what constitutes a “criminal alien” has just been broadened. It was never defined in the first place.

In the entirety of U.S. immigration law and regulation, the term “criminal alien” was never defined, granting the administration even more power to judge the fates of those who commit even the most minor infractions. Crimes covered under this definition currently include theft, failing to appear in court, perjury and altering license plates. Those committed of these crimes face penalties such as ineligibility for voluntary departure, mandatory unreviewable deportation following service of sentence and deportation without a removal hearing. Are these criminal acts? Absolutely. Do they warrant such harsh penalties? Absolutely not.

And what of the criminals themselves, or the countries they are deported to? They are dropped into deplorable conditions without a penny to their name. They must contend with their new foes of poverty and homelessness in countries like Mexico, Honduras and El Salvador, places that most are completely unfamiliar with. And, as some may return to their old ways, it provides a horrid strain to the already weak criminal justice systems of those countries.

You will, no doubt, notice that no distinction was drawn between legal and illegal immigrants. This was intentional. The definition of “criminal alien,” according to a Homeland Security report from 2013, includes illegal immigrants, those holding temporary visas and legal permanent residents, which is around 1.9 million individuals. No immigrant is safe from the scourge of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office, and those who think themselves untouchable are deluded. The fact of the matter is, it is perfectly acceptable to imprison both illegal and legal immigrants in the U.S. Not only will this position greatly benefit the private prison industry (a repulsive abomination, but one that we cannot avoid right now), but it removes the question of where to draw the line which deportation is acceptable.

If we confine it solely to illegal immigrants, the argument will shortly be made to extend it to those on temporary visas as well. Part that deportation of legal residents will quietly be made acceptable, and their scope made broader and broader until all non-citizens will be deportable for nothing more than sneezing the wrong way. A green card confers upon the holder all the privileges of a “permanent resident” of the United States, for better or for worse.

This is an absolutely vital issue on which an opinion is as necessary as food or drink. The ambivalent will turn a blind eye until they are matched out of their homes and sent to a country they hold no connection to, penniless and homeless. Take a stand and defend your brothers and sisters so that they will, in turn, defend you.

Stop introducing useless bills

The Iowa Legislature is back in full swing, which means we are going to be tackling, and hopefully solving, important issues like funding for higher education and clean water. That’s what we should be doing, right?

Unfortunately, that isn’t always what happens. Silly, time-wasting bills are being proposed in the Iowa Legislature that take time and energy away from the important issues.

Bills like House File 2013, which intends to create a class that teaches the Bible in public classrooms, are a prime example of this. This bill is clearly nothing but a way for the politicians who proposed this bill, like Dean Fisher and Skyler Wheeler, to keep their Christian vote bases happy.

The only thing this bill will accomplish is making sure they get reelected and get their Christian voter bases happy.

While immigrants provide many essential services for our great nation, there is — as with all demographics — a criminal element we must consider. A prevailing question is whether immigrants who are found guilty of committing serious crimes should be deported.
Chicago’s rising star: Talen Horton-Tucker on Iowa State

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This is the third part in a series about Iowa State’s 2018 men’s basketball recruiting class. In the first two parts, the Daily caught up with signees Tyrese Haliburton and Zion Griffin. Today, we’re looking at Talen Horton-Tucker.

When Talen Horton-Tucker pledged his commitment to head coach Steve Prohm and Iowa State in late October, he was a bit of an unknown. Nobody really knew where he fit in the grand scheme of things.

At 6-foot-6 and over 200 pounds, Horton-Tucker has a Big 12 frame — even though he won’t turn 18 until the third week of the 2018-19 season. In fact, he was just 16 when he signed his National Letter of Intent back in November.

And sure, he had garnered some national attention. At the time of his commitment, Horton-Tucker was ranked No. 109 by 247Sports’ composite ranking. But national recruiting experts had widely varying opinions.

He was in the 160s as of early December by 247Sports. ESPN didn’t have him in their top 100 (as high as their rankings go) until this week, when he jumped to No. 76.

Rivals? They had him anywhere from the mid-50s to No. 31 nationally.

In the midst of all those varying opinions, Horton-Tucker has focused on his final high school season.

He attended Simeon Career Academy in Chicago, Illinois, which is nothing short of a prep basketball powerhouse. Simeon has produced NBA players left and right. The list includes former Orlando Magic forward Nick Anderson, current Milwaukee Bucks forward Jabari Parker and — most notably — 2010-11 NBA Most Valuable Player, Derrick Rose.

Simeon plays a tough schedule, often traveling out of state for games to play nationally-ranked teams. Recently, they fell by two points to USA Today’s No. 1 ranked high school team.

Even R.J. Barrett, the nation’s No. 1 prospect and a Duke commit, had trouble guarding him. In February, took his official visit to Iowa State back in October during Iowa State’s Hilton Madness event.

At the time, Horton-Tucker reportedly held offers from Illinois, Xavier, Missouri, Kansas and Michigan State, among others. What made Iowa State stand out among that group?

“Just the relationships,” Horton-Tucker said. “It’s where I felt I was comfortable. [Iowa State] wasn’t in a rush. They probably missed one game all summer [during AAU].”

“They just kept up a good relationship with me and they were showing interest.”

Horton-Tucker said Prohm and assistant coach Dantyal Robinson were the two coaches who he kept in contact with the most.

“Talen, along with any of the freshmen, their biggest thing is that they have to establish a certain work ethic,” Robinson said. “There’s a big jump from high school to college. The faster he can make that adjustment, his role may grow.”

Relationships with the coaching staff and with the other 2018 signees — the four signees have group chats together and keep up with each others’ seasons — have been key for the entire class.

That level of comfort with the rest of the class was instrumental in getting Horton-Tucker, who was the final commit between the four, to sign on the dotted line. After all, when he committed in late October, Horton-Tucker was the third player from Illinois to commit to Iowa State.

“It played a big part,” Horton-Tucker said.

He added that his mother, Shirley Horton, liked the fit as well. Horton-Tucker said she liked that he “could come in with people I was used to.”

Iowa State loses three seniors after this season but brings in four freshmen and two transfers.

“When you talk about positions, Talen doesn’t really have one,” Prohm said back in November, when Horton-Tucker signed. “He can play some one, he can play some two, he can play the three. You can play him a little bit of anywhere.

“I feel strongly about his ability and talent, his skill and versatility. He has a knack to really score. Talen is really long, plays both ends of the floor, but the biggest thing is he can put the ball in the hole.”

When Horton-Tucker arrives on campus, he’ll be fighting for playing time immediately. Thanks to his versatility, as Prohm said, he could play multiple positions.

That’s important for a team like Iowa State, which brings back two starting guards and gets a third — Virginia transfer Marial Shayok — eligible after sitting out due to NCAA transfer rules. Horton-Tucker can fit in with anyone on Iowa State’s roster.

“He’s a competitor,” Robinson said. “He’s a winner, so he’s gonna bring those attributes to us right away.”
FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD TO AMES

The crowd favorite “The Wizard of Oz” is coming to Ames at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday as a part of their spectacular new national tour. The 1939 film’s stage adaptation is taking the Stephens Auditorium stage refreshed and ready to please audiences of all ages.

In celebration of the original film, this production will capture the audience’s attention whether it be their first or hundredth time seeing the production. The set is redesigned with bright colors and over-the-top special effects.

“The Wizard of Oz” has influenced the entertainment industry countless times since the film’s release almost 80 years ago. Iconic lines such as “Toto, I’ve a feeling we’re not in Kansas anymore” and Judy Garland’s rendition of “Over the Rainbow” have been referenced endlessly and will not be soon forgotten.

The show is starring Kalie Kaimann as Dorothy Gale, who has previously played the role of Dorothy for the Children’s Theater of Cincinnati. She has also received a Best Featured Actress in a Musical by BroadwayWorld.com for her performance of Minnie Fay in “Hello Dolly!” Kaimann is accompanied by her furry costar Toto played by the adorable Murphy. He is a white Brussels Griffon/Cairn Terrier mix. After being rescued in 2016, he was welcomed to the theatre world.


In April, check out: “How to be Safe,” by Tom McAllister, “West,” by Carys Davies and “Macbeth,” by Jo Nesbo.


Some great places to purchase new books include local book stores, we have a Books-A-Million here in Ames, Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Digital readers also have great book libraries with many free and to-purchase items. And don’t forget to check out our public library here in Ames.

As a conclusion, consider making a 2018 reading challenge for yourself, whether that be to read five books or to read 100 books, give it a chance and have fun with it.
“I think in general presidents get more credit and more blame for what’s happening in the economy than is appropriate.”

— Professor Joshua Rosenbloom