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Iowa State researcher investigates Alzheimer's

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Assistant professor in food science and human nutrition Auriel Willette and his research team studied how levels of a protein called Cholecystokinin (CCK) could predict a patient's likelihood to develop Alzheimer's.

CCK, found in both the intestines and brain, is responsible for breaking down foods and allowing the nutrients to pass through the body. Willette said in a news release he hypothesizes that CCK is important for new memory formation.

According to the release, the researchers found higher CCK levels decrease an individual's chance of having mild cognitive impairment, a precursor state to Alzheimer's disease, or Alzheimer's by as much as 65 percent.

This isn't the first study Willette has released examining how the body and brain work together.

In an earlier study, Willette found those who have higher levels of an enzyme called autotaxin display symptoms of Alzheimer's and type two diabetes.

Willette's research focuses on middle-to-older-aged adults, the age when patients are more likely to show symptoms of Alzheimers and type two diabetes.

Story County Soup Supper
Democratic presidential candidates speak to community

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Three presidential candidates stopped by the annual Story County Democrats Soup Supper Saturday night, the Story County Democrats' largest fundraising event. California Sen. Kamala Harris, Julian Castro and John Hickenlooper shared their visions for the country, offered personal histories and shed light on the need for dialogue and action that may not always be comfortable.

Iowa State Auditor Rob Sand also spoke on a recent vote by the State Appeal Board and settlement for victims of sexual harassment by former Iowa Finance Authority Director Dave Jamison.

Mason Zastrow, freshman in political science, said he saw the soup supper as a learning opportunity.

"I like seeing as many candidates as I can," Zastrow said. "It was an intern on the Bernie Sanders campaign in 2016. Even though Bernie is running, I'm more interested in seeing all the different options." Sen. Harris spoke first, addressing why she became a lawyer and her activism roots through her parents.

"It's time we speak truth, uncomfortable though they may be in this country," Harris said.

Harris said the vast majority of people have more in common than what separates them.

"Let's speak the truth about the fact that we are not right now having an economy that works for working people … that climate change is present –- an existential threat … that we pretend to be a society that cares about education … Instead, we are investing in a system of mass incarceration in this country," Harris said.

Harris said if we want to have more in common, we need to support the 15 million kids in this country who are unaccompanied by their parents.

"Joaquin and I went to the public schools of San Antonio and then had the opportunity to go to college, to law school and to become attorneys --- the first professionals of our family," Castro said.

Castro said he is making a run for presidency to ensure the same opportunities that were given to him are made available to everyone. Castro called for a reformed healthcare system, justice system and universal Pre-K and higher education.

"I know that some folks say … that’s just free stuff, but I would ask the folks who went through college in the '50s or the '60s to remember that there was a time in this country where many of our state university systems were either tuition free, or almost tuition free," Castro said. "This is nothing radical, it’s nothing that we didn’t have a commitment to before."

Castro communicated a need for tax reform that benefits the working class.

"For the last 40 years we have had a tax system that more and more has rewarded the people that are already doing well and corporations that are getting bigger and bigger," Castro said.

Bill Vogel, a retired Iowa State alumni, said he is perplexed by slashes in tax revenue authorized by Gov. Kim Reynolds, sharing Castro’s tax reform sentiments.

"I'm in the upper five digits … and my state income tax is only three or four thousand dollars," Vogel said. "It's not that big. If you're going to knock a thousand dollars off what I pay, that's going to drop the revenue by 25, 30 percent. I just don't know how that's going to work out." John Hickenlooper, former governor of Colorado, focused on climate change, gun regulations, mental healthcare and who he had gotten people to come together who don't usually get along.

"Americans are frustrated by the inaction of Congress," Hickenlooper said. "Unless we are able to come together … on solving some of these big issues that are facing our country, we’re toast."

Citing his construction of the first comprehensive methane regulations in the United States, Hickenlooper said what he felt was an obligation to address climate change.

"Climate change has gotta be one of the most important things that any of us can," Hickenlooper said. "It’s just unpalatable that we haven't gotten further."

Hickenlooper called for healthcare reform.

"We have a mental health epidemic in this country right now, and we are not responding to it," Hickenlooper said. "Almost every single Democrat I know is for universal coverage, so let’s focus on getting universal coverage."

Iowa State Auditor Rob Sand was also asked to speak. Upon taking the podium, Sand said he knew exactly what he wanted to discuss with the community.

Last month, the State Appeal Board voted two to one in regards to the settlement for victims of sexual harassment by former Iowa Finance Authority Director Dave Jamison.

The State Appeal Board is a three member board comprised of the auditor of state, treasurer of state and director of the department of management.

This board approves or rejects, and pays claims against the state or a state employee.

Jamison was found last month after two employees came forward with allegations detailing acts of sexual harassment.

"I'm sitting on the board, being asked to write a check with taxpayer money, and I wanted to know if Dave Jamison is going to be asked to chip in," Sand said.

Sand, unable to get a definite answer, voted no on the settlement.

"Let me tell you why," Sand said. "Every time you pick a jury in a sex abuse case in the state of Iowa, it's not two people who go back in to the jury box and say, 'oh, yeah that's right, that's happened on this case because I was sexually abused.' It's not five people. It's eight. It's 12. I've been in judge's chambers all around the state of Iowa while indi- vidual jurors came back one by one and told us things that had happened to them they had never told anyone before. We need to change some- thing. Maybe we need to hold people accountable when they are the ones who have done the deed."
The 88th annual Varieties, this year based around the theme “Tradition Lives On,” came to a close this weekend.

Mini-musical “The Other Side” took the title of Grand Champion at this year’s competition. The pairing was made up of Farmhouse, Chi Omega, Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta. “The Other Side” told the story of a company with a strict dress code, forcing its employees to only wear gray colored clothing and refusing to change. That is, until the company hires a new employee who wants to break the rules and add some color to their work life.

Pairings for the mini-musicals began practicing their lyrics and choreography for the competition this past October with an exhibition in November. The pairings competed at Varieties Semi-Finals on Feb. 8 and 9, but due to low turnout from competitors, all the groups made it to the final performance.

Other pairings in the finals were “Alive in the 515,” an ironically named murder-mystery, and “A Trip Down Memory Lane,” a story of two generations of Varieties participants. “Haunted by Tradition” followed a newlywed couple moving into a mansion haunted by their ancestor’s ghosts.

The last performance followed a group of young students trying to win a contest at their training school in the aptly named “Spy High.”

With less incentive than other greek competitions and students finding themselves increasingly busier with school work, the 88th Varieties had lower participation than in previous years.

However, Kate Price, a senior in marketing and advertising and director of Varieties, isn’t worried about the future of the long-running competition. “Varieties pulls on everyone’s heartstrings because of how long it’s been happening, and though it may have to change and adapt to keep up with student interest, it’s a tradition that I think will really continue,” Price said.
Addressing the debt bubble

Reckless spending at the heart of debt problem

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Student loan debt is one of the largest problems that faces our generation today. With over $1.5 trillion in student loans, students are forced to make massive personal and financial sacrifices to simply make each payment. Our society has accepted this as normal but 30 years ago our parent’s generation did not have to live with the same issues.

Since 1988, the average college tuition has risen over 200 percent while adjustments for inflation have only increased 112 percent. This means that we are paying over three times what the previous generation did for higher education. Additionally, over 10 percent of student default on their loans each year because of the increasing prices.

Has the quality of our education become three times as valuable over that 30-year time period or has the increase in tuition been a result of reckless, uncontrolled spending? As you may have assumed, my stand point is that this problem is a result of decades of reckless spending by public universities.

The first part of my issue would be the salaries of the administration and faculty. I am in favor of paying fair salaries to faculty who deserve it and bringing value to the university but there should be limitations, especially for public universities. President Wintersteen’s annual base salary will be almost $600 thousand after three years at the university.

Additionally, she will receive close to half a million dollars over a five year period while also having a home and car provided for her. She could donate a portion of her salary will be almost $600k after three years at the university.

I am a firm believer that there needs to be resources for all students across the campus but to have them operate separate from student services seems like such a waste of money, especially with some having fairly large staffs. After all, many of these programs cross-over with one another and provide similar services so wouldn’t it make sense to incorporate them into student services and not waste resources?

Students should have the opportunity to be the best at their job for a fraction of the salary? My opinion is that they most likely could. Some of my best teachers at Iowa State were individuals who had a bachelor’s or master’s degree and not doctorates.

My next issue is with the unnecessary spending on programs and buildings. Again, I believe there needs to be spending for crucial student programs and buildings.

However, the university is spending money on pointless things just to use their current budget and not have any money left at the end of the year. I was told by this in the career business services office who said that they were giving away free tumblers and other items “because if we didn’t spend our budget that money would get taken away from us next year.”

While that may not seem that impactful, that was just one small department in an extremely large college where small costs can add up to extremely large expenses in the long run. Proposed renovations to buildings like the library are completely unnecessary.

The library is a great resource to thousands of students each day but I would argue that a vast majority of them have not been complaining about the building needing to be redone particularly when other buildings are in much greater need of updates.

Another point of concern for me is redundant programs such as the Office of Multicultural Affairs with the Multicultural center and the Margaret Sloss Center for Women and Gender Equity.

The ROI (return on investment) of college is quickly diminishing and racking up tens of thousands in student loan debt is harming their futures. This issue did not happen overnight and certainly won’t be fixed overnight.

As a society, we need to address the program and spend our money wisely.

Under these conditions, conflict cannot be managed. Despite sharing a relatively small office space in the Memorial Union, Student Government leadership had not been communicating effectively. They were not, and up until Saturday night had not, been talking to each other about the common and productive solution-orientated manner.

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The chief officers of Student Government must lead by example. We hope that Saturday night served as an example in conflict resolution, both for those directly involved in the initial conflict and for the sake of the student body.

The Iowa State Daily would like to provide some additional context to some of the claims made in the letter to the editor titled, “Addressing the debt bubble” published in our print edition on Monday, Feb. 25.

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Late ISU comeback not enough to upset No. 1 Baylor

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Too little, too late.

Despite a comeback effort late in the game by No. 20 Iowa State, it wasn’t enough to overcome three quarters of poor play as the Cyclones fell to No. 1 Baylor at home 73-60.

The Cyclones made things interesting after trailing the Lady Bears by as many as 21 points, cutting the deficit to single digits in the fourth quarter, but it wasn’t enough to overcome an all-around poor offensive effort. The 60 points are the lowest total that Iowa State has scored at home this season and the Cyclones’ second-lowest output overall in 2018-19.

Things get even worse in the box score, as Iowa State shot 31.7 percent from the field on Saturday and a season-low 18.5 percent from three, both season-lows.

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The Cyclones crawled back and even took a 60-56 lead into the under-8 timeout, but TCU forward Kouat Noi scored eight points in less than 90 seconds, giving TCU a 64-62 lead.

Iowa State tied the game one more time at 68-all.

The Cyclones spent all their energy on the comeback, and each time they got it close, TCU had an instant response.

Iowa State has had chances in the final minute, but Horton-Tucker and Wigginton each missed 3-pointers that would have potentially tied the game.

SHAYOK’S ROUGH DAY

Redshirt senior guard Marial Shayok has been Iowa State’s most consistent scorer this season. Entering Saturday, Shayok had scored at least 12 points in 25 of Iowa State’s 26 games this season.

After picking up two early fouls, however, Shayok struggled against TCU.

He finished with four points, his lowest total as a Cyclone. Shayok finished 2-for-5 from the floor against TCU and played 16 minutes.

Shayok picked up his third foul with 15:12 to play in the second half. He didn’t check back in until 3:40 remained in the game.

He drove in for a layup in the final 30 seconds that put the Cyclones down one point, but Iowa State was unable to keep the game going.

Cyclones continue downhill slide

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Iowa State lost its second consecutive game Saturday, falling 75-72 at the hands of Texas Christian University (TCU).

Iowa State’s loss ensured TCU’s sweep over the Cyclones. The Cyclones dropped to 19-8 (8-6 Big 12) on the season.

POOR SHOOTING

Iowa State struggled to hit open shots against TCU.

In the first half, the Cyclones scored 28 points on 12-of-33 shooting (36 percent) from the floor. Iowa State failed to hit a 3-pointer in the first half, going 0-for-9 from long range.

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Funko Obama
Daddy to
headline M-Shop
on Thursday
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A chance to avoid the harsh winter weather and sink into a warm blues blanket comes your way this Thursday night at the Maintenance Shop.

The Chicagoland blues rock supergroup Funko Mojo Daddy, photo a diverse, high-energy performance, outfitted with world-traveled musicians successful in their own endeavors. The seasoned blues veterans now seek to spread a passionate, creative sound.

The group consists of a trio of guitar players, a top rhythm section and four versatile vocalists. Kenny Kinsey leads on bass and vocals, with Jerry Porter on drums, Jeff Massey on slide guitar and Ryan Frahm on guitar.

Performing for over 35 years, Kinsey took on Funky Mojo Daddy as another side project. Kinsey formed acoustic duo with Gerry Hundt and continues to tour with his family band, The Kinsey Report. Funky Mojo Daddy pairs the classic Chicago blues roots with funk and soul that makes their performances special. The band has prestigiously shared their music across the world alongside legends Carl Weatherby and Buddy Guy.

Iowa Blues Hall of Fame inductee Rob Lombard will accompany Funky Mojo Daddy at the performance. Lombard has made his way to the M-Shop before and will most definitely entertain with incredible songwriting and humorous personality.

The show starts at 8 p.m. and doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the seated show are $9 for ISU students and $12 for the public, with a $2 increase the day of the show and can be purchased at the M-Shop box office or online via midwesttix.com.

‘The Hidden World’ closes dragon trilogy

BY EMILY URBAN
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“The How To Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World” is currently sitting at 91 percent on Rotten Tomatoes, and it isn’t hard to see why.

The third and final installment in the “How To Train Your Dragon” trilogy was released last week to an audience that has been following the series since it began in 2010.

The first two installments of the series, based off books by Cressida Cowell, focused more on the two main characters growing together. Hiccup and Toothless, the Night Fury (a dragon), learned what it means to grow together. Hiccup and Toothless falls in love only to be caught off guard by just how fast he and Toothless are growing.

As all good movies require, there is of course a big bad guy. Grimmel, a hunter, uses his brains instead of brawn to give the children one more obstacle to overcome.

This movie has its hilarious moments. Children around the theater laughed as characters tripped over themselves, crashed one-timers and goofed around. The adults in the audience could not help but laugh along with the children. There is just something about watching a children’s movie that will make you smile.

The movie is visually stunning. The bar was set high for this installment, but right out of the gate the animators did not disappoint with stunning fire, flight and fighting sequences. The colors, textures and lighting within the Hidden World gave the scenes an ethereal air.

The film’s original score is beautiful, with soaring orchestral pieces to lift the spirits as high as the dragons fly. John Powell and Klaus Badelt proved once again their ability to innovate classic sounds, such as the bagpipes, and incorporate them into a modern movie.

A few tears are shed, but the ending to “How To Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World” feels like an apt end to a beloved series. The movie leaves the audience with a powerful message about change; it can be hard, but sometimes it’s for the better.

DreamWorks Animation – “How To Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World”

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The best Ames pizza on a student’s budget

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Of all the greasy, cheap food a college student consumes, pizza is the undisputed king of meals for someone who doesn’t feel like cooking or has spent the night enjoying Ames’ bountiful nightlife.

One of the hardest decisions a student has to make in college is which place to order their pizza from.

Whether you’re a die-hard thin crust fan or can’t get enough stuffed crust meat-lover pizzas, Ames has a huge array of pizza joints to fit every one’s taste. Below are some of the best pizzas you can get in Ames based on three different categories: taste, cost and convenience.

JEFF’S PIZZA SHOP

Serving up a unique menu of pizza pies, Jeff’s has been a staple of post-bar dining near Welch Avenue. Jeff’s specializes in New-York-style slices and full pies. With a constantly-bustling storefront, you can pick any pizza you can see by the slice. Jeff’s also offers delivery and whole pizzas to-go.

What Jeff’s lacks in outstanding flavor, it makes up for in sheer amount of food you get. The slices are as juicy and gooey as one can dream of and offer a sweet relief from the dreaded bubbly guts.

CASEY’S GENERAL STORE

At risk of sounding blasphemous to fellow Iowans, Casey’s pizza receives a bronze medal for Ames pizza places. Although an Iowa staple, when compared to other nationwide chains, Casey’s falls short. But with an overwhelming amount of options for both breakfast and traditional pizzas, this gas station puts out a quality product at every turn.

West Ames, however, is largely out of luck in terms of delivery. The closest Casey’s to west Ames is located near Grand Avenue. This is extremely inconvenient for college students who live on the west side of town. On top of that, Casey’s is on the more expensive side of this list’s pizzas.

PAPA JOHN’S PIZZA

The king. Papa John’s is the premier budget pizza spot in Ames. With two locations in town, this pizza place covers a huge amount of Ames for delivery, making it easily the most convenient spot. With a thick but soft crust that isn’t insulated with spices, as well as the famous garlic dipping sauce, Papa John’s easily takes the cake for best pizza for cheap in Ames.

Slap on deals such as the “ISU/WINS” promotion and this place lands 10/10 in every category.

BLAZE PIZZA

Blaze Pizza company skyrocketed to nationwide notoriety in 2012 when Lebron James became a major investor. Flash-forward to 2019 and Blaze now has over 300 locations across the globe. Blaze is hard to beat in quality for the price. Baked in a gargantuan open-flame oven, pizzas are finished cooking in around three minutes.

With a fast-food-like service setup called fast casual, Blaze allows for a system to their system to building their pizzas. Being able to buy a substantially-sized pizza that can be made any way you like for $8.25 is a huge deal for college students on a budget.

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worked previously for Student Government.

Rather, the two focused on finding students who had prior experience in the fields they would be working in.

However, some senators felt all the new voices left some of them out of the conversation.

Sen. Wyatt Scheu, a senior serving his second year in Student Government, said he was happy to see new people becoming involved in Student Government under Neely and Bibiloni’s administration, but he thinks not enough has been done to help cabinet members connect with senators.

“I think that Julian [Neely] and Juan [Bibiloni] felt comfortable with their cabinet, which is great,” Scheu said. “But I don’t think they thought about ‘do other people feel comfortable and ready to work with these people?’ because we don’t really know them ... There should have been more efforts to make sure that we all got to know each other and that they would be around more.”

Neely and Bibiloni’s Cabinet is also more diverse than in years past, which Sleugh said adds value and unique perspectives to all the work Cabinet does.

NEW INITIATIVES
Where Bibiloni began making placards and name tags for Student Government members at the start of the fall semester, he sent out a Google form, all questions were marked as required.

Speaker Cody Woodruff, who said he supports the transgender community, reached out to Bibiloni on behalf of senators who told him they were uncomfortable with having their pronouns displayed.

After discussion between Bibiloni, Woodruff and some senators who thought no one should have their pronouns displayed, Bibiloni made the question optional on the Google form. “I spoke at great length with a couple of senators who had concerns, and they walked away from that conversation knowing we were on opposite sides of the issue, knowing I fully supported pronouns on placards and name tags and they did not,” Woodruff said.

Woodruff said he decided against displaying his pronouns as “a design choice” and to show support to senators who he is on “ideologically different ends” from.

ANNUAL EVENTS
Every year, Student Government partners with the Iowa State Police Department and Facilities Planning and Management for the Campus Safety Walk. The walk is typically organized by the University Affairs Committee, but when Iowa State Police Chief Michael Newton reached out to Student Government last spring to begin planning the walk, the committee did not have a chair.

Bibiloni said Newton had asked to begin planning the walk earlier than in previous years, so the planning was delayed to Barclay over the summer.

When senators returned in the fall, Scheu was elected to chair the University Affairs Committee and tried to become involved in planning the walk. Scheu said he tried to get involved with planning the walk once he was elected, but Barclay was unresponsive to his efforts.

Scheu said the lack of communication was frustrating, but he “wasn’t going to let [his] committee come to a screeching halt” because of one project.

For others in the legislative branch, the issue was representative of a larger issue of lacking collaboration and communication between the branches.

“This was just done by the executive branch,” Woodruff said. “They didn’t tell us … We wanted them to rely on us for that past experience and let us help them with that. That’s something where they kind of just dipped their hands in our cookie jar, didn’t ask and just took the cookie. Conversely, members of the executive branch viewed it as senators becoming territorial over initiatives.

“We received backlash from senators for taking that away from University Affairs, even to the extent of saying that we should not be leading this effort and should take a backdrop and offer auxiliary support,” Bibiloni said. “Obviously we went ahead with the initiative because at the end of the day, we’re here to serve students, not extras in Student Government.”

COMMUNICATION
Scheu and Sen. Sandeep Stanley said the issue could be helped if Cabinet members spent more time in the Student Government offices and were able to develop connections with other members of Student Government.

Bibiloni said in the past, personal relationships had developed this way and helped to inform working relationships, but he believes cabinet members accomplish more by spending time on campus.

“We, as a Student Government, should be out with students and should be encouraged to get out of this space to communicate and be visible and get our things done,” Bibiloni said.

Woodruff said senators want to collaborate with Cabinet members on their projects, but aren’t sure how to do so.

“We have senators that aren’t really working on things right now, but want to and just need some guidance,” Bibiloni said.

In an effort to connect the two branches, Chief of Staff Liera Bender sent senators the PowerPoint slides from Cabinet meetings so senators could learn about their projects, but stopped after three weeks.

Scheu and Stanley said they were disappointed when they stopped receiving the PowerPoints, which they had seen as valuable ways to find opportunities for collaboration. However, Bibiloni said he and Neely are “making an honest and orchestrated effort” to alleviate the disconnect between the legislative and executive branches through efforts such as more detailed executive updates.

Woodruff said he was initially excited about more open communication between the branches, but updates have been “somewhat sporadic,” and he’s disappointed in the “lack of communication from Cabinet and specifically President Neely.”

SERVING STUDENTS
Despite the issues with communication, collaboration has been possible between the two branches.

On Feb. 19, Scheu introduced a bill to fund 300 STD testing kits, on behalf of Director of Health & Wellness Laura Pequera Colom. Scheu, who represents the College of Human Sciences, said Colom reached out to him to write the funding bill and keep him informed of the research she did throughout the project.

“That was a great example of being able to see the work that they are genuinely doing,” Scheu said.

Scheu also said he believes conflict has gotten in the way of Student Government’s ability to be fully representative and has acted as a distraction, and members in both branches have agreed.

“We should do better,” Sleugh said. “We’re supposed to be student leaders and examples of good leadership on campus, but we’re having this temper tantrum. We can do better.”