What’s left at the state house?

State legislative session nears end, policy goals still left to pass

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With the final push of legislative bills, Republicans in the Iowa Legislature are hoping to close out the 2019 legislative session Friday, but a large list of bills, budget proposals and debate time will make that goal unlikely.

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“The only thing we have to do, the only thing required by law is the budget,” Wessel-Kroeschell said. “There is nothing else that absolutely has to happen … The Senate wants certain things, the House wants certain things, and those are being passed back and forth before the budget bill even gets looked at.”

Even with a lot to decide, Sen. Julian Garrett, R-Indianola, said Republicans still aim to end the session by Friday, but an end by next week is almost guaranteed.

Here are some of the more contested policy areas the Legislature could decide before the end of the session, whenever that may be.

PROPERTY TAX CAP
Senate Study Bill 1260 is one effort by

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In its weekly meeting Tuesday night, the Ames City Council discussed the Ames 2040 Comprehensive Plan, in addition to the Healthy Life Center. Representatives of RDG Planning & Design Planning & Design returned to the Ames City Council in order to present the different directions in which the comprehensive plan could take. The Ames Plan was created in 2018 by the Ames City Council, who said it was necessary to construct in due to large changes in the Ames’ population.

Corey Scott, community and regional planner of RDG Planning & Design, ensured the council they were not required to make a firm decision Tuesday. The point of the consultation was to touch base with the council on what they would like to see at the end of the plan.

RDG Planning & Design used urban cities similar to Ames as examples of how their different plans have succeeded.

The floor was opened to the public, in which citizens voiced concerns of environmental impacts and agricultural rich land impacts. Mayor John Haila ensured members of the community who spoke that the city council would consider their concerns.

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DQ TODAY?
POLICE BLOTTER

4.20.19
An individual reported the theft of a food item at 2129 Hawthorn Court Drive (reported at 11:23 a.m.).

Kaleb Michael Alvarado, age 22, of 2700 Lincoln Way Unit 236, Ames, Iowa, was cited for driving under suspension on Lincoln Way and N Russell Avenue (reported at 7:52 p.m.).

4.22.19
Pranav Lamba, age 20, of 4721 Todd Drive Unit 204 in Ames, Iowa, was cited for driving under suspension at 4:21.19.

An officer responded to a report of a vehicle leaking fluid at Lot 63 (reported at 6:07 p.m.). An officer investigated a property damage collision at Lot 23 (reported at 8:59 p.m.). An officer checked on the welfare of an individual at Friley Hall (reported at 11:36 p.m.).

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Sudoku

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

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Dead week prep
Sydney Kirchner, sophomore in industrial engineering, enjoys the warm spring day Tuesday as she works on her final projects outside of Frederikson Court.

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**Student group advocates for betterment of children’s lives**

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As presidential candidates move through Iowa in the current season, one student group at Iowa State is drawing their eyes to a specific cause: children.

The Save the Children Action Network (SCAN) is a student organization of Iowa State by working toward providing children with better lives and brighter futures.

SCAN declares itself as “a bipartisan political action organization that engages the campus community on policy issues affecting kids — mainly early childhood education in the United States and maternal and newborn survival internationally.”

Jake Gilson, student ambassador of Save the Children, describes it as “an organization to help children succeed domestically and internationally.”

Gilson said the different aspects of problems are addressed by the organization, both domestically and internationally.

Within the United States, SCAN works toward the betterment of children's lives, such as child care and what type of education they are receiving. Internationally, SCAN works to ensure a safe and promising future for children in war zones, poverty and unsafe environments.

“We raise money and we donate to help our cause,” Gilson said. “I just came back from a summit in Washington, and we stood all day on Capitol Hill advocating for SCAN. We asked many representatives of multiple states to help support us in the cause.”

This organization works toward providing the opportunity for students at Iowa State to partake in this cause by involving themselves in the political process, and Gilson said the organization encourages individuals to develop independence on raising their voices for issues affecting children and working towards the greater good of the cause.

Some of the actions SCAN takes to encourage their members to individualize their voices are attending and advocating at political events. They take value in participating in petition collection and deliveries. They also have experience in reaching out to the media by writing letters to editors of local newspapers, and calling representatives, encouraging them to be supportive of their continuous cause to benefit the lives of children.

“They are typically a couple events every semester, and we have the summit, and the League of Action where we’re not really lobbying, but it’s during those events where we teach people how to advocate and encourage them to write letters,” Gilson said.

Gilson said he is motivated to work toward this cause due to a personal past with domestic issues, seeing the effects that having an unsupportive home life has on young children.

“My mom is a school teacher, and I have sat in during her class and have seen kids who can’t get their school work done because they live in an unsupportive home and it is abusive where they go to bed at night,” Gilson said. “At the end of the day, it’s about education and how to teach kids at an early age to be successful.”

SCAN is an open membership club on campus. Gilson said that they want to increase their membership numbers and activity on campus in the future.

“Advocating is really what SCAN is all about,” Gilson said. “We just care about kids, and we just want to get the best for kids.”

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**Senate to confirm cabinet at final meeting**

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Student Government will host its final meeting of the semester Wednesday, in which the Senate will confirm 14 members of cabinet and see three finance bills.

Student Accessibility Services will be requesting $15,600 to help pay equipment for students that need assistance to travel around campus, such as crutches, wheelchairs, mobility scooters and knee scooters.

“Student Accessibility Services (SAS) and the ISU community has a strong need for more equipment for students to travel to and through campus,” according to the funding request document.

The Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics will be requesting $11,500 to fund a bill titled “Removing Potential Commissioner Succession.”

The bill is intended to allow the vice commissioner during an election,“according to the funding document.

The following executive positions will be filled: - President - Communications Manager - Legislative Director - Outreach Director - Student Government Contact - President - Legislative Director - Outreach Director - Student Government Contact

The senate will also seat two members to the Special Student Fee and Tuition Committee.

For more information or to contact your senator, visit stugov.iastate.edu. The senate meetings are open to the public at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the Campanile Room of the Memorial Union.

Devyn Leeson is the print managing editor for the Iowa State Daily.
5K run raises funds for respite care facility in Haiti

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The runners take off from the starting at the GI Thetas Chi 5K.

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Professor shares research

BY JARED.COADY
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Tracy Miller, associate professor in the College of Arts and Sciences at Vanderbilt University, spoke Tuesday in the Sun Room in the Memorial Union.

“Recreation Services is committed to equity, diversity and inclusion,” according to the Recreation Services website. “By creating an inclusive environment and providing programs that support our diverse perspectives, we preserve the spirit of community.”

Within the policy section, Recreation Services states that they do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, eth-

ity or status as a U.S. Veteran like most other Iowa State

facilities.

“Recreation Services policy states that patrons may util-

ize any space and facility in a manner consistent with their gender identity,” according to the Recreation Services website. “This includes all locker rooms and restrooms.”

Within the gender inclusive restrooms located in State Gym

next to the Administrative Offices and in Beyer Hall, on

the lower level between the locker room entrances leading into the pool. Individual locking, changing/showering rooms are located in State Gym in the hallway south of the pool right before entering the locker rooms.

“While sport programs are typically offered in gen-

der-based divisions, ISU Recreation Services seeks to provide opportunities for all students to participate in its programs inclusive of gender identity,” according to the Recreation Services website.

Associate professor in the College of Arts and Sciences at Vanderbilt University, Tracy Miller, speaks on the history of art and architecture in Asia during the “Rethinking Creativity: Generative Design in the Architecture of Medieval Chinese Buddhism” lecture.

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Young voters need to do their research

Walking down the sidewalks of Iowa State’s campus, you might look around and see hundreds of students going about their day.

As college students, we face many shared challenges: homework, essays, presentations, tests, social life, tuition, etc. Generally, overcoming these obstacles can bring us closer together, but politics can still manage to polarize us.

The 2020 presidential election cycle has begun. Regardless of who you might eventually vote for, as a college student, you should take into consideration their plan for higher education. Candidates will be addressing how they plan to make college free.

Sen. Bernie Sanders stands behind a progressive plan to address the graduate debt free. Kamala Harris and Kirsten Gillibrand have also expressed concern over low-income students. Amy Klobuchar has expressed that she doesn’t want to make all public institutions free out of concern for the national debt. She favors expanding financial aid to low-income students.

Mayor Pete Buttigieg has expressed concern about all of the currently proposed plans. He said he likes Warren’s idea, but wants to address a more progressive tax before helping people with what he calls too high of an income. He has also expressed concern over low-income households subsidizing the education of higher income households. Still, he favors increased financial aid as well expanded loan forgiveness.

All this being said, the 2020 election is still over a year away. Forget your bias, and do a little research to better understand what plans candidates have to address the problems you’ll be facing in the next couple of years.
Best NFL fits for Montgomery

Potential destinations for former ISU running back

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Cyclones prepare to play the struggling Mavericks

BY JOHN MILLER
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In comparison, Iowa State's pitching staff ERA is 2.98.

The key to the Cyclones' success on the mound has been the limited amount of walks they have allowed. Over the season, the Cyclone pitchers have given up 109 base on balls, which is an impressive third-lowest in the Big 12 Conference. Although they are adept at not allowing runners on base via walk, the Cyclones are not known as a strikeout pitching team. They currently rank last in the conference with a strikeout rate of 3.89.

On the flip side of that though, the Cyclones have shown not to be prone to strike out at the plate. With 185 strikeouts at the plate, they are third in the Big 12. While the Cyclones have a statistical advantage in about every hitting category over the Mavericks, it will be key to tie runs together in bunches.

In the Cyclones' last nine games, they have scored a total of 27 runs, which amounts to an average of three runs per game.

That average is slightly lower than their season average of about four runs per game.

That said, the Cyclones could get a big inning going with the power that has been shown at times this season. With Sami Williams (11 home runs) and Kaylee Bosworth (7 home runs) leading the squad, they certainly have the potential to break out.

Furthermore, the Cyclones have the fifth-highest batting average and on-base percentage in the Big 12 to help in that respect. In the last meeting with the Mavericks, the Cyclones prevailed with a 6-5 victory.

With a crucial weekend set against Oklahoma coming up, the Cyclones will hope to pour in some runs and fine-tune the details. The first pitch is set for 4 p.m.
“We know that survivors of sexual assault and violence must be treated with respect, care and compassion. Their voices must be heard. At Iowa State University, everyday, we need to work to make sure that everyone feels safe, welcomed, included, so that all Iowa Staters can reach their full potential.”
— Wendy Wintersteen, Iowa State University President

“I wear denim to stand up against all acts of sexual violence and to let the survivors and victims of these horrible acts know that they are not alone.”
— Austin Graber, Student Government President

“When my kids were little, I would tell them my number one job as a dad is to keep them safe. When they will go outside to play, they’d put their helmets and little pads on. I felt like if I could protect their outside and keep that safe, then I could keep what was inside safe: their hearts and minds. So the denim that I’m wearing today, I believe that it represents strength, and durability and resilience and protection. If you take care of denim it’ll last a lifetime. So this denim reminds me of a commitment. And that commitment is to not only keep my children safe but for all of us to work together to keep each other safe.”
— Reginald Stewart, Vice President of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion

“Sexual assault awareness gives people truth and reality.”
— Emily Berch, Editor of Politics and Administration at the Iowa State Daily

“Why I wear my denim...”

BY JAILENE.RIVAS
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“We need to remind ourselves that whether it’s happened at a party when we were drunk, while you were hanging out with someone you thought was a friend, or in any other context your feelings are valid and you deserve to be heard and believed.”
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Republicans to meet their promise of lowering and keeping property taxes under control. Democrats, however, say the bill would limit a city’s ability to alter their budgets, something that could be an issue for smaller towns.

The bill limits the amount county boards and city councils could increase property tax collections to as high as 2 percent, restricting a city’s ability to alter their budgets, something Democrats, however, say the bill would limit a worker who opted for the city’s healthcare plan it would constitute the entire 2 percent budget increase.

JUDICIAL SELECTION

Iowa Republicans proposed a plan to revise the judicial selection process in February. Currently judges are selected by a judicial nominating committee, which is then looked over and selected by the governor and Senate respectively.

This bill would give the power of state court judge selection primarily to the governor. While the bill has already passed the Senate, it faces another barrier in the House where the bill likely doesn’t have enough votes to pass.

“I have heard at least five Republicans in the House are against changing the selection process, which would kill the bill,” Wessel-Kroeschell said. “This is a pretty controversial proposal because it would put partisanship at the front of selecting judges."

Supporters of the legislation have said the current system allows lawmakers to select the commission members who recommend judges, and that those members may not actually be representative of the districts the courts cover.

BUDGETS

The Legislature has already passed some budget proposals including amounts directed by the governor to add a statewide children’s mental health system and plans to provide $15 million to aid flood victims in western Iowa. The remaining budget decisions will largely be controlled by Republicans who hold majority margins of 54-46 in the House and 32-18 in the Senate. This budget will include total allocations of $7.643 billion a boost of nearly $197 million.

These budget decisions will provide insights into funding for the Board of Regents who have said State appropriations will be the deciding factor in tuition rates next year. The Regents and regent universities already have said State appropriations will be the deciding factor in tuition rates next year. The House passed a funding increase of $15.9 million over the previous fiscal year but the Senate has proposed for a smaller amount around $12 million. At these levels, tuition is set to rise between 3 and 5 percent for resident under-graduate students.

One proposal from the Legislature would also force the Board of Regents to reach a certain level of private fundraising for building maintenance before state appropriations could cover deferred maintenance and other building funds. "The Regents and regent universities already do a significant amount of funding," Wessel-Kroeschell said. "This would seriously limit the capability of universities to do maintenance."

VARIOUS BILLS

Some bills this year moved through the Legislature but slowed in progress after passing one of the chambers. These bills include restoring voting rights for felons — one of Reynolds’ campaign goals, banning traffic cameras, implementing work requirements for recipients of welfare and a bill that would have made inducing a non-consensual abortion punishable the same way as murder. Legislators like Wessel-Kroeschell and Representative Lisa Heddens, D-Ames, say they hope Medicaid privatization will be a larger focus of the legislature looking ahead to next session.

"Since Gov. Branstad moved our entire Medicaid system into managed care, we have seen several hundreds of individual who have seen either drastic reduction, or denial or termination of services," Heddens said. If the session is able to end Friday despite the differing legislative goals the two chambers have, it would be the first time since the 2010 session that the legislature ended before the official date. When session pushes past deadline legislators are forced to go without a paycheck, but ending the session early can potentially save money for the state budget.