Go to an Iowa State football game and wait for the Cyclones to score. When they do, listen for a booming sound and look for a haze of smoke in the south end zone. When it clears, you’ll see a cannon and a group of fraternity brothers standing beside it, waiting for the next touchdown to do it all again. The process is more than a fun football game add-on — it’s a tradition.

The touchdown cannon belongs to Alpha Sigma Phi and has been with the fraternity since 1967 when a group of brothers pooled $85 and 200 hours of work that resulted in the first touchdown cannon.

“In 1972 we had our cannon stolen at some point and then we got this cannon donated to us in 1980,” said Tyler Palmquist, a junior in psychology and vice president of Iowa State’s Phi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi. “Someone thought it was a good idea to make a big bang. It’s a lot of fun and it’s kinda interesting — not a lot of people get to shoot off a cannon.”

The cannon is manned by what Palmquist calls the ‘Cannon Crew,’ four members of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity who go down to the field and shoot the cannon at first downs, kickoffs and touchdowns. It also made an appearance for the 1997 Peach Bowl in Atlanta, Georgia, where Iowa State played North Carolina State.

“This was not the cannon I worked with,” said Harris, a 1980 graduate of Iowa State who had the second-generation cannon during his time at the university.

Harris works as a general contractor in Elgin, Illinois, and upon seeing the beloved cannon in a state of disrepair decided to make the chapter an offer; if they could drive it to Elgin, Harris would do the work to repair the cannon. The chapter accepted and thus began a whole summer of work for Harris and his carpenters.

“I redid everything,” Harris said, who basically manufactured a whole new cannon in the span of one summer.

Harris replaced the original wagon wheels with hickory cannon wheels purchased from the Amish in Ohio and primed, painted and lettered the brand new cannon for the Phi chapter with his carpenters.

“It became a whole story line,” Harris said. “My carpenters enjoyed the project.”

Harris drove the cannon five and a half hours back to Ames and got it set up for the chapter, bringing them the fourth-generation touchdown cannon.

The fraternity contacted Harris again about two months ago for more work on the firing pin and Harris rebuilt the whole mechanism for the cannon. Since then, the cannon continues to be used at football games, as well as at other significant Greek events that take place over the course of the school year.

“For Greek Visit Day we get to shoot it off. It’s a good attribute, gets people lured in,” Palmquist said. “We also shoot it off for a bunch of charity events, we do it for Greek Week for bed races, things like that.”

In addition to its multiple uses around campus, the cannon also made the journey to Atlanta, Georgia, for the 1977 Peach Bowl, where Iowa State played North Carolina State.

“We had so much fun driving down the interstate,” Harris said, who drove the cannon down to Atlanta with his best friend. “You don’t see a cannon driving down behind two college kids’ cars.”

Harris also noted the cannon blast shocking the stadium. The sports reporters from ESPN and his own friends were knocked flat on their backs from the blast upon scoring a touchdown.

While a new cannon may be considered in the future, maintaining the current cannon, and the tradition, is of utmost importance to Alpha Sig brothers, past and present.

“I hope they maintain it,” Harris said. “It’s all about the cannon.”

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**Dahl makes second run for congress**

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Democrat Paul Dahl has worked as a transit bus driver for Hamilton County since 2013. On August 21, Dahl announced that he would be switching gears with a third run for public office in the 2018 congressional race for Iowa’s fourth district. Dahl, 53, is the third democratic candidate to announce a campaign against eight-term U.S. Representative Steve King.

“King is fostering division,” Dahl said. “We need to unify where we can, even when there are differences.”

Dahl boasts master’s degrees in parish ministry and library and information. He’s worked as a library director, librarian and United Methodist minister. He taught at Iowa Central Community College for a semester in 2012. Dahl ran for Congress once before in 1994. He was defeated by Sheila McGuire. He also ran for governor in 2014, but dropped out of the race because his opponent, Jack Hatch, refused to debate.

According to his campaign website, Dahl has challenged opponents Leann Jacobsen, a businesswoman and city councilwoman from Spencer, and J.D. Scholten, a paralegal and former professional baseball player from Sioux City, to 12 public debates. Dahl said that he will also challenge King to seven.

“I can hit King from different angles that the other candidates can’t,” Dahl said. “He’ll look bad if he doesn’t show up.”

Dahl’s campaign centers around restoring the vitality of the middle class. His strategy for doing that includes raising the minimum wage to $15. To achieve that, Dahl said that corporate income tax breaks would need to be abolished. He would also reform the federal tax code to make it shorter and less dense, as he feels its density opens the doors for corporate tax loop-holes.

“In the 1950s’, people with high incomes paid 90 percent in taxes with no complaint. We did well in the 50s’. Now we think 35 percent is too much for the wealthy,” Dahl said.

In regard to education costs, Dahl said that universities are potentially paying their employees “more than they should.” He referenced University of Iowa head football coach Kirk Ferentz’s $4 million salary as an example.

“We need to have (college) faculty focus on education and not research,” Dahl said. “I think some of them focus on research so much that they don’t do the teaching. Research is important, but we need to look at what the focus should be.”

In July, King proposed allocating billions from Planned Parenthood and federal food stamps to pay for President Trump’s proposed border wall.

Four Iowa Planned Parenthood facilities closed in 2017.

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In addition to having speakers participate in their meetings, the club plans to participate in other NAMI events, like organizing a team for NAMI-Walks, a 5k put on by NAMI Iowa to celebrate their 14th anniversary.

The club is also planning their bandana project during the first week in October.

“If you have a green bandana on your backpack, it means you’re someone who wants to help end the stigma about mental health, willing to talk and be an advocate for mental health,” Beman said.

Club members will be giving everyone with a green bandana mental health resource cards that they can hand out to people so they know where they can go for mental health help.

This helps the club advance their goal of getting the word out about the club.

Anyone can join NAMI on Campus if they want to help advocate for mental health issues.

To learn more information about NAMI, visit NAMI’s student organization database, email them at insamioncampus@gmail.com or get in touch with them on their social media platforms.

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**National Alliance on Mental Illness at Iowa State**

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Iowa State has counselors, psychologists and other resources available to help students with a mental illness. A newer, more student-ran resource has joined their ranks.

NAMI on Campus was formed in spring 2016 and aims to reduce the stigma around mental health issues among students.

“What we try to do is raise mental health awareness on campus overall, educate the community about what mental health is, where the resources are on campus,” said Leah Beman, junior in elementary education and NAMI on Campus president.

Beman got involved with NAMI because she wanted to find an organization that advocated for individuals with mental illnesses.

“I was diagnosed in my senior year of high school with generalized anxiety and panic attack disorder and agoraphobia,” Beman said. “I didn’t know about mental health then and I slowly realized the stigma around it. I had teachers that were not very understanding and it was really hard to get through high school.”

NAMI stands for National Alliance on Mental Illness and is a nationwide organization that dedicates itself to helping people with a mental illness as well as educating people about mental health.

While the club is still new and trying to gain more members, one of Beman’s goals is to raise the club’s numbers and continue to spread the word about them.

Another one of her goals is to work alongside Iowa State Police Chief Michael Newton.

“We’re really looking forward to working with him this year. He’s our new advisor and he’s gonna help us try and spread the word,” Beman said.

“That’s our goal; to work with him, to get us more well-known and more present on campus so we can actually help more people and end the stigma about mental health.”

NAMI on Campus meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m., with a different speaker each time to talk to them about issues surrounding mental illness.

“We’re having someone from the Wellness Center come in and we’re also having someone from NAMI of Central Iowa come in to talk about what she does for NAMI,” Beman said.

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For China and South Korea, pork is a top-five U.S. export, said Chad Hart.

"Ceasing trade with China would have a major short-term impact on agricultural markets," said Chad Hart. "In the short run, China would be an indispensable trading partner for the U.S. agricultural economy," Zhang said, the economics department of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; and Committee on Lectures (funded by Student Government).

"Land markets tend to be localized. The market for Iowa land parcels is mainly driven by supply and demand," Hart said. "Nonetheless, in recent years, the economy of the world has been more susceptible to the local real estate climate. When it comes to assessing the potential implications that would result from the disruption of the current relationship between China and the U.S., this is close to intractable. Growing trade relationships with other countries cannot offset the result of losing a major trade partner like China. Why does Walmart import so many products from China every year? Because China can supply those products with the lowest prices in the world," Cao said. "But it is difficult for U.S. farmers to find such a huge buyer to replace China." When it comes to assessing the potential implications of the temporary disruption resulting from the outbreak of war on the northern peninsula, nations in close proximity may subsequently be impacted by the implementation of military operations. South Korea, a principal trade partner of the U.S., receives $6.2 billion in U.S. agricultural exports, including beef, corn and pork.

"While wars tend to move countries to be more self-sustaining, trade continues during wars as well. Armies have to eat, and in times of war, ag trade can become a military necessity," Hart said. "Zhang, developer of the Iowa Land Value Portal, projects that a disruption to a U.S.-China trade relationship may also affect the value of Iowa land parcels. If agricultural trade is significantly impacted, that will hurt the agricultural income, and that will erode the confidence of the world economy, resulting in increased interest rates for Iowa's farmland," Zhang said.

"Zhang claims that the direct impact from international unrest on farmland values in the state of Iowa is comparatively more susceptible to the local real estate climate. Land markets tend to be localized. Although it is driven by global forces, it is mainly driven by supply and demand," Zhang said.

Earlier this month, Zhang and economics professor Dr. Dennis Hayes welcomed members of the Chinese Consulate to Iowa State following the announcement of a new center dedicated to studying Chinese agriculture policy.

"Working in collaboration with the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Zhang said, the economics department will work to introduce major developments of China's agriculture to U.S. stakeholders and policy makers. "You can never overestimate the importance of international trade to the health of the U.S. ag economy," Zhang said.

Vanishing Vaquitas: Lessons from A Humble Porpoise

Barbara Taylor
Barbara Taylor, a conservation biologist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) Southwest Fisheries Science Center, is actively involved with recent efforts to protect the critically endangered vaquita porpoise found only in Mexico’s Upper Gulf of California.

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An officer initiated a drug related investigation at Armory Building (reported at 9:27 a.m.). An officer assisted an individual who was experiencing medical difficulties at Barton Hall (reported at 4:47 p.m.). An officer investigated a property damage collision at Lot 61A (reported at 6:33 p.m.).

CORRECTIONS

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Iowa State Daily's redshirt junior quarterback Jacob Park signals to his offense. The Cyclones will have their first Big 12 game this week.

GAME INFO

IOWA STATE CYCLONES
(2-1, 0-0 Big 12)

TEXAS LONGHORNs
(1-2, 0-0 Big 12)

WHEN: Sept. 28 | 7 p.m.
WHERE: Jack Trice Stadium
WATCH: ESPN
LISTEN: Cyclone Radio Network/Learfield

STADIUM INFO:
• All gates will open 90 minutes before kickoff.
• Student must enter through the East Gate.
• Re-entry to the stadium will be allowed up until the start of the 4th quarter. Tickets must be scanned upon exit and re-entry.

OPPONENT INFO

Texas Longhorns (1-2, 0-0 Big 12)
LOCATION: Austin, Texas
CONFERENCE: Big 12
HEAD COACH: Tom Herman | 1-2 in his first season at Texas

QUICK HITS:
• Texas leads the all-time series against Iowa State, 12-2.
• Recently, the series has been close however, with Texas outscoring Iowa State 106-105 over the last four games.

PREVIEW

BY BRIAN MOZEY @IOWASTATEDAILY.COM

Iowa State and Texas fans can pack away their sunscreen and sunglasses and bring their blankets and sweatshirts. This week, it’s under the lights.

The Cyclones will take on the Longhorns at 7 p.m. in Jack Trice Stadium, but not on Saturday. It’ll be a Thursday night game.

This will be the second straight season that Iowa State has hosted a Thursday night game, as Oklahoma came and defeated the Cyclones 34-24 last season. The Cyclones are hoping for a better outcome this upcoming Thursday.

“It’s the beginning of the Big 12 season,” said redshirt senior linebacker Joel Lanning. “What a way to start off on a Thursday night with a nationally televised game. Nothing better than a game under the lights.”

This game has two focal points that will determine who starts the Big 12 season 1-0 and 0-1.

Iowa State’s offense vs. Texas’ defense

This is going to be the biggest matchup for the game. Two powerhouses that know how to control the tempo of the game.

Iowa State has shown its dominance over the past three games with 40-point games each week. Redshirt junior quarterback Jacob Park has many targets at the wide receiver position starting with Allen Lazard and then going to Hakeem Butler, Trever Ryen, Marchie Murdock and Deshaunte Jones.

Texas is going to need a deep secondary to stop all these targets throughout the game. Fortunately for the Longhorns, they do have that depth.

“You just need to stick to the game plan and play our game,” Park said.

Along with the strong secondary, Texas’ front seven on defense is nearly unstoppable. Besides week one’s performance against Maryland where the front seven gave up 263 rushing yards, they’ve bounced back in a big way.

Texas’ offense vs. Iowa State’s defense

Iowa State has shown its defense throughout each week with two pick-sixes in the first week against UNI, a strong first half against Iowa and a pick-six against San Jose State in week two, the Texas front seven gave up 42 rushing yards and in week three against then-No. 4 USC, the defense gave up 98 rushing yards.

The Longhorns front seven have a challenge this Thursday when David Montgomery steps onto the field. He’s rushed for 321 yards and four touchdowns and an average of 5.7 yards per carry this season.

“Creating a running game is certainly important because [Montgomery] is a really good football player for us,” Campbell said. “Getting the ball in his hands and allowing him to have success is going to be important.”

Whichever side can handle the tempo will win this football game.
THE BIG 12

TEXAS @ IOWA STATE

WHEN: 7 p.m. Thursday
WHERE: Jack Trice Stadium, Ames, Iowa
WATCH: ESPN

NO. 15 OKLAHOMA STATE @ TEXAS TECH

WHEN: 7 p.m. Saturday
WHERE: Jones AT&T Stadium, Lubbock, Texas
WATCH: FOX

BAYLOR @ KANSAS STATE

WHEN: 2:30 p.m. Saturday
WHERE: Bill Synder Family Stadium, Manhattan, Kansas
WATCH: Not on television

CYCLONE TOUCHDOWN

Iowa State wide receiver redshirt sophomore Hakeem Butler (left) and senior Allen Lazard (right) jump in the air after Butler scored a touchdown against Iowa. The Cyclones later lost 44-41 in overtime against the Hawkeyes on Sept. 9.

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Is Texas football "back?" I say not yet. Sure, Texas has shown some signs of improvement, taking USC to overtime. They did, however, have a 51-41 home loss to a Maryland team. That loss highlighted just how far away Texas is from really being "back" as a college football power.

Iowa State has improved from last year, but had what can be described as an unconvincing 41-14 win over Akron in their last outing. Coach Matt Campbell wasn’t happy with the team’s sloppy first half performance.

Iowa State will be going up against Shane Buechele or Sam Ehlinger at quarterback. But so will the Longhorns’ defense. USC’s heralded quarterback Sam Darnold threw for 397 yards against the Longhorns in Texas’ last game. Jacob Park certainly has the tools at his disposal to do some damage, so look for the Cyclones to air it out.

I’d count on Iowa State winning a close game. Texas will have to wait one more week before being "back."

Unlike Noah, I believe Texas football is back. Yes, the Longhorns are only 1-2. But they are an impressive 1-2 team.

Two weeks ago, Texas took on the then-No. 4 USC Trojans. In that game, the Longhorns gave the Trojans all that they could handle. However, they lost in double overtime on September 16, 27-24.

If you look beyond the final score, you will see that Texas is truly back.

Freshman quarterback Sam Ehlinger stepped up when it mattered most for the Longhorns. Also, the defense forced two interceptions out of USC’s Sam Darnold and he is projected top-10 NFL Draft pick.

Imagine what the Texas defense will do to Iowa State’s Jacob Park.

Do not get me wrong, the Cyclones are on the up and up. However, they are still a bottom dweller in the Big 12.

The momentum that the Longhorns will build and with coach Tom Herman returning to Ames, it will be a sad Thursday night.

FINAL
ISU 28 | TEXAS 25

IOWA STATE CYCLONES
TEXAS LONGHORNS

5 WINS
16 LOSSES

16 WINS
5 LOSSES

NUMBER OF PLAYERS WITH A TOUCHDOWN THIS YEAR

IOWA STATE - Six players
Three with rushing touchdowns, three with receiving touchdowns

TEXAS - Eight players
Five with rushing touchdowns, three with receiving touchdowns

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SAME ATTITUDE, DIFFERENT DAY

BY AARON MARNER
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In last year’s 27-6 loss at Texas, Iowa State’s offense struggled from the opening kick to the final whistle.

The biggest problem was the run game. Iowa State gained 98 yards on the ground on 43 carries, just 2.3 yards per carry.

Part of the problem was then-true freshman David Montgomery. Not that Montgomery didn’t play well — he had 5.2 yards per carry that game, easily the best on the team among all four players with a carry — but rather that he didn’t get the ball enough.

Montgomery’s six carries for 31 yards just weren’t enough to make a significant impact against the Longhorns a year ago. Montgomery, now a sophomore, said a lot has changed for Iowa State since that 21-point loss a year ago. According to Montgomery, the biggest difference is culture. In year two of the Matt Campbell era, Iowa State has taken great strides, especially on offense.

“I think [culture] is 99 percent of it,” Montgomery said. “Just understanding where we can be and how much we hold each other accountable. Coach Campbell always pushes a player-driven program, and last year we didn’t have that.”

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Iowa State 38, Texas 27

In three games this season, the Texas Longhorns have given up 51, 32, and 27 points. They’ve scored 41, 56, and 24.

That’s a lot of inconsistency, which is to be expected when a talented team is being led by a new head coach. Iowa State’s offense could have a field day against the Texas defense, but Texas has already scored five non-offensive touchdowns this season. The key for Iowa State is avoiding turnovers and special teams mistakes. If the Cyclones can do that, they should get off to a 1-0 start in the Big 12.

Iowa State has one of its most balanced offensive attacks in recent memory. Jacob Park may have been player of the game in many Cyclone fans’ minds after defeating Akron, but David Montgomery posted a season high in rushing yards. Having Montgomery to keep defenses honest has opened up the Cyclone offense for Park.

Cyclone fans hadn’t had the luxury of a consistent quarterback in some time. Park is averaging 311 yards per game through three games. Conference play is a different animal, but defense doesn’t seem to be the Big 12’s thing this year. In the opening week, no Big 12 team was held under 30 points. Park has the opportunity to have a record breaking season.

Now, with the bye week last week, it’s un-known whether Buechele or Ehlinger will be the starter in the opener. But you can’t forget the most important stat. Texas is 0-2 against teams that wear a version of cardinal and gold (Maryland and USC). It seems the Longhorns may be allergic to that end of the color spectrum.

Iowa State vs. Texas

Texas 30, Iowa State 27

Three weeks ago I would’ve said that Iowa State could’ve beaten Texas easily. Then, the USC and Texas game happened a couple weeks ago. The Longhorns showed a glimpse of dominance throughout their double overtime loss. Even though they lost, Texas looks like a threatening team. The Longhorns rely on a collective team and not one particular player on the offense and defense. I think that will work in their advantage.

It’ll be a close game for all four quarters, but Texas will end up on top for a salty Thursday night loss for Iowa State.

Iowa State 38, Texas 27

As for health, Iowa State had an entire week and focus on each opponent when we play them,” Campbell said. “I’m just excited to see our fans on Thursday night.”

The offensive line feels Montgomery’s presence, too. Redshirt sophomore center Lanning against Akron. This week they get to face a Big 12 team that could potentially have their starting quarterback back.

Sophomore Shane Buechele, for the Longhorns, has been out since the beginning of the season with a shoulder injury. He was able to play in the USC game, but coach Tom Herman allowed freshman Sam Ehlinger to play the entire game.

Montgomery has also emerged as a threat as a pass catcher this season. His versatility out of the backfield could be the answer to beating the Texas front seven.

The Texas game provides a chance for Montgomery to show what he can do against a top ten team. The Longhorns lined up in the backfield.

He caught just 13 passes a year ago in 12 games. In only three games this year, Montgomery already has 10 catches. That’s a tough skill to learn in just a year, which Montgomery has had to do because he played quarterback in high school.

“It’s not hard to me,” Montgomery said. “It’s just football to me.”

It’s not hard to him, I’m gonna catch it.”

The offensive line feels Montgomery’s presence, too. Redshirt sophomore center Julian Good-Jones was complimentary of Montgomery’s running style, saying it makes the offensive line’s job much easier.

“Man, it’s crazy,” Good-Jones said. “It’s a good feeling because even if you barely touch them, David’s going to do something incredible. Honestly we could have had bad blocking and he could turn it into a 50-yard gain.”

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“A group that is more consistent than 2016 is expected.”

That week ethic is what has set Montgomery apart from the rest of the country in 2017. Among Football Bowl Subdivision running backs and wide receivers, Montgomery currently ranks No. 29 in yards from scrimmage with 421 yards through three games. Of the 28 players ahead of him, all but four have played more games.

His 140 yards per game ranks first in the Big 12. When Texas comes to town, all eyes from the Texas front seven will be on No. 32 as he lines up in the backfield.

It’s a remarkable feat for someone who, less than a year ago, was only getting a handful of carries each game.

Still, that hasn’t changed Montgomery’s approach.

“It’s just football to me,” Montgomery said. “The Big 12 is just another league, another conference. I’m just going to approach it the same way that I approach any other game.

Now, with the bye week last week, it’s un-known whether Buechele or Ehlinger will be under center to start the game, but whoever is will more than likely be the starting quarter-back all game.

“This Texas team is good at all positions,” said defensive lineman J.D. Wagoner. “We need to be ready for anything to come our way.”

It seems simple with the two key matchups, but these two are the most even matched teams regarding offense and defense in the Big 12.

As for health, Iowa State had an entire week and weekend to regain his health. D’Andre Payne will be back on the field after suffering a hamstring injury against Akron.

The only injury up in the air is safety Kamari Cotton-Moya who suffered an elbow injury near the end of the Iowa game. Campbell didn’t have Cotton-Moya suit up against Akron because he knew the team had the bye week and it would be the best decision to make him ready for Big 12 season.

He came back to practice this week, but hasn’t been cleared to play. He’ll be a game time decision, but, if he sits in, Campbell knows he’s going to play to his fullest and hold nothing back.

“I’ll keep it short and simple,” Iowa State head coach Matt Campbell said. “I’m just excited to see our fans on Thursday night.”

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Support animals need more respect

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If you’re like me, you may have to fight the daily urge to play with any of the adorable dogs you may see either in class or on campus. But service and therapy dogs serve a much larger purpose than being a pleasant surprise to have a few seats down. The emotional impacts and extraordinary abilities of these animals is far beyond what meets the eye.

A service dog receives training to develop the ability to aid and perform tasks to alleviate their owner’s disabilities. The right to serve and protect their handlers is covered by the law. “The ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) protects disabled individuals by allowing them to bring their service dog with them to most places that the public is permitted, including restaurants, hotels, housing complexes and even in air travel,” according to the United States Service Dog Registry.

The range of services these animals can assist with ranges from limited ability to hear, speak or think, all the way to sleep disorders.

A branch off of these physical duties would be a psychiatric dog. Their training is geared toward the mental illness aspects of disability.

They have the ability to sense the onset of an emotional or potentially dangerous episode and interject to ease the situation. Student Aalyshah Zaragoza said her service dog received one year of training in order to be able to notice the warning signs of self-harm and other impulsive emotional behaviors.

“He is trained to notice my anxiety levels rising through rhythmic routines or movements, and is able to calm me down before they progress,” Zaragoza said.

So how does this differ from the duties of an emotional support dog?

Animals providing emotional support assist their handlers in the fields of companionship, stability and unconditional love.

All dogs have a unique and loving connection to their owners, but for individuals with anxiety or depressive–prone emotional states, these animals have the larger effect of easing tension or aiding in establishing a life routine.

Service animals can only be dogs, but emotional support animals can be any common domestic animal including cats, birds, rodents and more.

To clarify, the animal must be reasonably well behaved by typical pet standards, such as being toilet trained, and can’t be a nuisance or danger to others. Emotional support dogs also don’t require any training specific to their owner’s disabilities.

Service dogs and their abilities to change the lives of the people they assist are widely accepted in society, but I believe emotional support and psychiatric animals are opening eyes and reducing the stigma surrounding mental health in the best of ways.

Although both groups aren’t protected the same legally, the acceptance of both on campus points to a growing community of valuing well-being among students.

Treating physical disabilities with great importance is an instinctual mindset for most, but we aren’t so quick to treat mental illness with the same compassion.

In my opinion, treating emotional support animals with the same respect as service dogs is an important step toward valuing our mental health with the respect and compassion it deserves.
Steve-O to perform at ISU After Dark

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Steve-O, best known for “Jackass,” will be performing stand-up comedy at 11 p.m. Friday night at ISU After Dark.

What you may not know about Steve-O is he has been performing stand-up comedy for 11 years, touring stand-up for seven. Even though he is most known for his stunts, stand-up comedy has been a major part of his career.

“It was kind of an accident really,” Steve-O said. “I got invited to do a stunt at a comedy club in 2006. When I walked I couldn’t think of a crazier stunt than to try and do stand up... I said a few ridiculous things that actually got a few laughs. It was a very short thing. I don’t think I was on stage for more than three minutes. Over all, I just had this compelling urge to just do it.”

Even though he loves stand-up, Steve-O never really strays too far from his love of stunts.

“If anything, I have kind of mixed the two [stand up and stunts], which sounds kind of weird. What I do with my stand up is really exploit all the ridiculous stuff I have done in my life and that I continue to do as well,” Steve-O said. “I keep doing dumb stuff that generates new material.”

Steve-O didn’t start out as the daredevil we know him as. His experiences, including clowning for Barnum and Bailey’s, have all contributed to his work in stunts as well as comedy. “I think everything has been valuable . . . I really think I can safely say that I bring all of my experience into my show,” Steve-O said.

He gave a little insight into the show for this Friday, stating he will be doing circus acts he used to perform as a clown. One of his favorite things to do is include physical stunts into his standup comedy.

“Not only has he incorporated his stunts, he has also incorporated a lot of his experiences into the comedy sets. “My experience with my criminal record, my drug history, all my stuff on “Jackass” with comedy, with sobriety... it is pretty revealing, all the stuff. Either way what is important for me is that I am not out there emulating anyone. I am really not trying to fit the mold of what I think a stand up comedian is,” Steve-O said.

Another thing you may not know about Steve-O is he has been sober for almost ten years. Steve-O said there was a point in his life where he reached a wall, a wall everyone who struggles with addiction reaches of it not being cool any more. He believes there was no choice, he had to get sober.

“Frankly, if I hadn’t gotten sober, I don’t think I would be able to do what I do today... I think that even more than just stopping taking drugs and drinking alcohol, that sobriety is more than that. The things that we do to stay sober, they really require us to take an inventory of our actions and of our lives,” Steve-O said.

“None of that was in play before I got sober. I don’t think that I had much to say before I got sober that would have been of value as comedy... Now I am super stoked. I am coming up on ten years of sobriety. Its crazy,” Steve-O said.

Steve-O’s advice? It is the same for anyone who is passionate about what they do.

“I have the same advice for anybody trying to get into anything and that is to just start doing it. Stop waiting for someone to pick you up out of a crowd. Don’t wait for someone to hand you an opportunity. Just get off your ass and do what you want to do,” Steve-O said.

The future of Steve-O is just as crazy as his past. Working on his second comedy special with the director of “Jackass”, Jeff Tremaine, Steve-O is looking into his biggest projects yet. Including stunts and comedy, the new comedy special is Steve-O’s main focus. However, he is excited about a movie script he hopes to get produced.

“It is just kind of nice that I have been able to stay busy,” Steve-O said.

“Me finding humor in being me. I just continue to be f---ing ridiculous. I just have fun with it.”
June as a result of legislation passed last session that stopped family planning funds from going to clinics that provide abortion.

“Planned Parenthood is needed for family planning and reproductive issues,” Dahl said. “We could potentially have more abortions now because Planned Parenthood is not there to provide family planning services.”

Dahl did not want to dub himself pro-choice, though he said that “women should have more of a say in what they decide to do,” which included abortions.

Dahl added that health care in the United States should be non-profit. He said the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was a good start. If elected, he would work to improve the ACA with Medicare for all being the goal.

He went on to criticize the Trump administration’s proposed border wall between the United States and Mexico, calling it a “waste of money.”

“In the book of Matthew, it says love God and your neighbor as you love yourself,” Dahl said. “I’m going to nail him on that because he is very judgemental about some of his neighbors.”

Though he dubbed King’s rhetoric judgemental, Dahl said he would not call King a racist.

“All of us, at some point, are racist,” Dahl said. “Everybody is. King seems to believe the Caucasian race is the only one that created civilization. His view is full of bunk if you look at it historically.”

Dahl plans on spending the month of September fundraising for his campaign. He will not accept donations from businesses, unions or political action organizations.

Look for future coverage of other candidates running for congress in Iowa’s 4th district.