President-select Wendy Wintersteen speaks during an interview with the Iowa State Daily on Nov. 3.

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On the Saturday game day right after Wendy Wintersteen was selected to be Iowa State’s next president, many people came up to hug and congratulate her.

Some of these people were old friends. Others were women, young and old, happy to see Iowa State had appointed its first female president.

“They were saying to me how proud they were that we were going to have the first woman president at Iowa State University,” Wintersteen said, “and they were just so pleased to see that, that I could be a role model for their children and I could be a role model for our students.”

Wintersteen plans to make them proud through hard work when she starts as president and by filling that role model position for the students and women in Iowa.

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) dean will start as president in the next few weeks. Iowa State first hired her when she was a recent graduate with a degree in entomology 38 years ago.

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Wintersteen has served as dean of CALS for the past 15 years. Now as she moves from overseeing a single college to the entire university, Wintersteen said the partnerships she has made across the different colleges and the senior vice presidents will help her through the transition saying, “We have a strong foundation.”

“So it’s really an increase in magnitude and complexity,” Wintersteen said. “But the work that I’ve done in a very complex college — that has many facilities across Iowa, that has many external stakeholders with many different issues, strong undergraduate program — is really a matter of scaling that up and going across the many different disciplines.”

Once interim-President Benjamin Allen heads back to retirement, Wintersteen said the first thing she will do as president is “go out and listen.”

“I think it’s just so important to begin a process of working with the various official groups on campus and hear what they have to say, what they would like to say about their challenges and what they see as the opportunities,” Wintersteen said.

**Improving the campus climate**

During Wintersteen’s open forum and acceptance address, she emphasized creating a welcoming and inclusive campus climate.

After posters depicting white supremacist values were found on campus last fall, a debate emerged over free speech versus hate speech. Wintersteen commended interim-President Allen’s response when similar stickers were found both on campus and around the city of Ames this past September.

She said she wants to follow on the foundation he had laid that “free speech is just part of the university, that is the free exchange of ideas, the opportunity to discuss issues.”

“…” But, what we can’t allow is situations where an environment exists where a student may be...the opportunity to discuss issues.”

Wintersteen said that she reached out to the founders of the Leopold Center to figure out where to go next. These conversations sparked the idea to petition the governor to keep the Leopold Center open, while still defunded, which was successful.

“I’m so pleased that we were successful. It wasn’t just Iowa State making that request, but clearly stakeholders across Iowa,” Wintersteen said.

In regards to Wintersteen’s involvement with the Agribusiness Association of Iowa Board, she distanced herself from the action taken to fund efforts against water quality in Iowa. Cullen addressed this in his letter also.

Wintersteen said that with her role as dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences she served as ex-officio on many boards for agriculture in Iowa.

“There was an additional organization that the Agribusiness Association set up and that organization in itself took some actions relative to the lawsuit that the Des Moines Water Works filed. While I was an ex-officio, I’m on that board as well. I never attended any of their meetings and was never a part of any discussion relative to that lawsuit,” Wintersteen said.
GRINNELL, Iowa. Shooting at a range. The club will often set up group hunts in many different walks of life and majors, says Alison Fenske, president of the club.

Members of the Pheasants Forever Club at Iowa State are from many different walks of life and majors, says Alison Fenske, president of the club. "We have to have places like that," Fenske said. "We have to have other habitats that encourage the habitation of waterfowl and collaborate with private landowners to help their land grow back into flourishing preserves."

"We have this one landowner every year, he has really nice marshland with a couple ponds in it and we go and set new wood duck boxes up and we will clean them out in the spring so they are fresh and ready to be used for the next year," Travis Hursh, president of Ducks Unlimited, said.

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As the weather gets colder and the fields of corn and soybeans are stripped bare, the change usually signifies one thing for students in the Pheasants Forever and Ducks Unlimited clubs at Iowa State: the arrival of hunting season.

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Earlier this year, the Iowa Legislature passed a law pitting Ames residents against each other. On one side were landlords and property managers, breathing a sigh of relief that Ames can no longer restrict occupancy based on familial status. On the other side were neighborhood associations, fearful that without the ordinance, their neighborhoods and houses would become largely renter-occupied.

Caught in the middle? Students — unaware of the large impact their temporary presence has on Iowa’s laws and Ames’ ordinances on housing. Working under a deadline of Jan. 1, 2018, the city has discussed limiting low-density residential housing based on student status, number of bedrooms and even parking spaces. Other issues have been raised, too, such as: Is the city taking a proactive or reactive approach to rental enforcement? Which is the better option?

As a way to better understand the issue of housing in Ames — specifically relating to rentals in single-family residential homes and neighborhoods — and its impact on students, the Iowa State Daily has created a series of articles looking at the issue that affects our city, our residents, our landlords and our students. This is the second article in that series.

Below are interviews with city, student and university officials and stakeholders on how rental housing directly, and indirectly, impacts them.

In a string of letters to the editor published Tim Burroughs, sophomore in supply chain management, wanted to live somewhere that was cheap and close to campus.

In doing this, however, he was met with problems such as black mold growing on the wall; water coming through the walls, out the carpet; and down to the basement; insects living in the carpet and a strong, distinct odor.

“The owner only contacted us when we have to pay rent,” Burroughs said, recollecting the rental house he lived in last year.

When bothered with a broken toilet, Burroughs was told to “fix it yourself” by his landlord.

“I got sick here [at the apartment] more often than I did living anywhere else,” - Tim Burroughs, Ames renter

Ames and Student Legal Services.

“We often forward students to Student Legal Services for lease issues,” said Sara Van Meeteren, building official for the Inspection Division of Ames. Lease disputes and property management issues make up 25 percent of the traffic that Student Legal Services receives, said Michael Levine, attorney at Student Legal Services.

Issues in property management often tend to stem from seasonal changes. For example, students may face flooding or water damage due to holes in the property during the rainy season. Additionally, students may face excessive heat or cold exposure in summer and winter due to a broken air conditioning and heating systems.

“Read the lease [because] it is very important that students understand their responsibilities from the get-go,” Levine said.

Levine also emphasized the potential dangers of subleasing, particularly if landlords don’t check the property before a sub-lessee’s move-in date.

The danger arises when damage was done to
How not to react to terrorism

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On Oct. 31, New York City experienced its second terror attack since 9/11, when a domestically radicalized Uzbek man drove a van into a bike lane and killed eight civilians.

Since the attack, two markedly different responses emerged: the irrational, frenzied demands of our politicians and the quiet bravery of the civilians they supposedly lead.

The suspect, a man named Sayfullo Habibullaevic Saipov, entered the U.S. in 2010 through the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program (DV). The program, which acts as a lottery system for potential immigrants, was instituted in 1990. Up until this Halloween, not a single DV immigrant has committed an act of terror. Saipov was the first.

In addition, a 2007 report published by the U.S. Government Accountability Office found "no documented evidence that DV immigrants… posed as a terrorist or other threat." An additional study done by the Congressional Research Service in 2011 concluded the same.

Yet one of the first statements released by the president (through Twitter, are we surprised?) read as follows: "The terrorist came into our country through what is called the ‘Diversity Visa Lottery Program,’ a Chuck Schumer beauty. I want merit based."

And again: "We are fighting hard for Merit Based immigration, no more Democrat Lottery Systems. We must get MUCH tougher (and smarter)."

This is incorrect not only because the ‘democrat lottery system’ was actually implemented by a bipartisan group of legislators, but also because the chances that you will be killed in a terror attack are about one in 20 million. To put that in perspective, you are more likely to get struck by lightning, hit by an asteroid or killed by your own furniture.

Instead of approaching this tragedy with steadfastness, intelligence and compassion, President Trump is acting as a fearmonger, blaming the false scapegoat of immigration and destabilizing our own justice system by calling for the death penalty via Twitter.

I certainly understand the anger behind these accusations and demands, but they do not represent the values this country stands for, and they will do nothing to prevent the next tragedy.

Instead, they engender hate and fear of immigrants and a disregard for our justice system.

So let’s not look to the supposed leaders of our country for guidance. Let’s turn instead to the example set by the citizens at ground zero, the people of New York City. They did not cower in fear or raise their voices in hate; they took to the streets to trick-or-treat with their children, turn out a million strong for the Halloween parade hours after the attack and run in the largest marathon in the world.

They defined this terror attack in the most ordinary way: by continuing to live their lives.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo held a news conference Nov. 1 to address the attack.

"The effort was to destroying us, to terrorize us, to scare us, to create mayhem. ... And it failed," Cuomo said. "We will not be deterred. We will not be terrorized. You will not win."

On Sunday, another mass shooting occurred, this time killing 26 innocent civilians in a church. In responding to this newest tragedy, let’s look not to our politicians, but instead to the people. Let’s follow the example of New York and face these acts of terror not with fear and anger, but with the quiet bravery of everyday life.

Diversify your media consumption

President Donald Trump has dominated U.S. news headlines since he announced his candidacy in June 2015. He quickly grabbed the attention of media outlets and voters by stating in his announcement speech, “When Mexico sends its people, they’re not sending their best … They’re bringing crime. They’re rapists. And some, I assume, are good people.”

That announcement speech, the campaign that unfolded and Trump’s first months in office have all been unprecedented. But, have we become too consumed by Trump’s words and actions that important stories are going unnoticed?

Cable news networks and major domestic newspapers have been consumed by questioning, fact-checking and reporting on the Trump administration and Congress. These are very important issues but at the same time, however, many important topics have been underreported.

Journalists help inform the public about important issues. They help motivate people to take action so positive change can be implemented and shine light on important issues in the news.

It is easy to be consumed by the reports coming out of Washington. It is important to be informed about the current status of our government and to be critically engaged with our members of Congress. However, do not let that focus on Washington exhaust you to the point where news stories of equal or greater importance go unnoticed.

You can help by diversifying your sources of news. Challenge yourself to read, listen or watch a different media outlet both domestically and internationally. Set up news alerts about issues and topics you care about that might not make the evening news. This can also help if you get your news primarily from social media platforms where echo-chambers can be established based on what accounts you follow.

We are currently living through a unique time in American and global history. A lot of stories are competing for our attention and it can be easy to be consumed by the chaos and dysfunction of our current political system. But, the reward of a greater global knowledge is worth the extra effort required in answering the question, “What’s happening in the world today?”
Throughout the duration of Christy Johnson-Lynch's streak of 11-straight NCAA Championships, many players have been in the spotlight for the Iowa State program.

The careers of Cyclone legends such as Caitlin Nolen, Carly Jenson, Allison Landwehr and a slew of other quality players have come to a conclusion, but Johnson-Lynch has consistently proven the ability to restock her roster.

The current crop of Iowa State stars faces the program features players like junior hitter Jess Schaben and her All-Big 12 Preseason spot, libero Hali Hillegas and blocker Grace Lazard, who've both snugged multiple Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week awards. Almost every quality team has the big-name players like Schaben, Hillegas and Lazard, but sometimes the difference in a tight match is one of the lesser-known players.

For 2017, she’s "the glue" that keeps Christy Johnson-Lynch's team together has been redshirt senior right-side hitter Samara West.

"[West is] a key part of our offense," Johnson-Lynch said. "When she’s hot, when she’s hitting well, she keeps us very unpredictable. The better she plays the more unpredictable we are."

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Iowa State senior Samara West (9) looks to bump the ball during the game against Oklahoma. West maintained a .307 hitting percentage and a .294 conference hitting percentage.

Samara West: The glue

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West has paired her effectiveness with efficiency, too. In her final season donning the cardinal and gold, West has maintained a .307 hitting percentage and a .294 conference hitting percentage. Her .294 percentage is ranked 10th in the Big 12.

West's hitting percentage from game to game is where her value has shined the brightest. Generally, when West is efficient, Iowa State wins. Most of the time when West struggles with efficiency, Iowa State loses.

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Regardless of whether it's West's offense, defense or influence as a teammate, the redshirt senior's role will trickle into the success of Iowa State's final stretch of the season.

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DIY coffee creamers

BY JILL OBRIEN
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If you’re tired of pouring milk into your morning coffee, or bored of the usual flavors found at the grocery store, try these homemade coffee creamers. Requiring a few simple ingredients and even less time, these creamers can add a little more flavor to an average cup of coffee.

**COCONUT MILK CREAMER**
- 1 can coconut milk
- 1 tbsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp coconut sugar or stevia

Combine ingredients in an 8 oz. jar. Shake well and refrigerate.

Recipe courtesy of www.ourpaleolife.com

**MOCHA COFFEE CREAMER**
- 2 tbsp cocoa powder
- 1 tsp espresso powder
- Sweetened condensed milk
- Half and half

Add equal parts sweetened condensed milk and half and half into an 8 oz. jar. Add espresso powder and cocoa powder. Shake well and refrigerate for one hour.

Recipe courtesy of www.aroundmyfamilytable.com

**CINNAMON VANILLA CREAMER**
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Sweetened condensed milk
- Half and half

Add equal parts sweetened condensed milk and half and half into an 8 oz. jar. Add cinnamon extract and vanilla. Shake well and refrigerate for one hour.

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**HOMEMADE EGGNOG COFFEE CREAMER (21 AND UP)**
- 14 oz. sweetened condensed milk
- 2 cups half and half
- 1 tsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp dark rum or rum extract

Mix ingredients in a medium-sized bowl. Pour mixture into a jar and refrigerate for up to seven days.

Recipe courtesy of www.galonamission.com

**COCONUT MILK CREAMER**
- 1 can coconut milk
- 1 tbsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp coconut sugar or stevia

Combine ingredients in an 8 oz. jar. Shake well and refrigerate.

Recipe courtesy of www.ourpaleolife.com
harmed because of how that situation is developing,” Wintertsteen said. “I think that’s where interim-president Ben Allen drew the line.”

Another issue Iowa State, as well as institutions across the country, faces is sexual assault. Wintertsteen said she was pleased with the launch of the Green Dot program this fall.

“I think that is helpful on very many different levels. So, we’ll be able to see if that is successful, if it can make a difference,” Wintertsteen said. “At the same time, we want to be able to talk about how that simply is something that can’t be allowed.”

As dean, Wintertsteen said she sat down with a student who had been sexually assaulted and listened to her story. She listened to the process the student had to go through following the assault.

She said all faculty must be prepared to help students who have been sexually assaulted.

“So again, it’s about being transparent in what’s happening, it’s about having training, it’s about having standards for all students that should be upheld,” Wintertsteen said.

Following the past presidents
With 15 presidents before her, Wintertsteen spoke to which issues she will follow her predecessors on and which ones she will have her own to take on.

Now-Auburn President Steven Leath, who left Iowa State in May, received criticism on lacking transparency after it was revealed he had a hard time being transparent with the college’s students.

“Leath was also known as the president to end VEISHEA, a spring tradition which many alumni returned to Iowa State for, ended when the 2015 celebration turned into a weekend of riots. When asked if she had plans for a new spring celebration, Wintertsteen brought up the traditions that have already formed or made a comeback since VEISHEA ended, including the homecoming parade on Main Street.

“You know, when I think about the loss of VEISHEA, I think about what the leaders of the university have done to set up a whole new set of new traditions already,” Wintertsteen said. “Jeff Johnson in our alumni association, has done a great job of that.”

Wintertsteen has no current plans for a VEISHEA replacement, but said it needs to come from a community conversation to figure out what was lost when they stopped having VEISHEA.

Past Iowa State presidents traditionally let many decisions be made by the college deans, creating a decentralized campus.

As a current college dean, Wintertsteen said she plans to continue this tradition calling it a great system.

“So it’s out of the colleges that are teaching research and extension programs are developed, and then we have a great set of senior vice presidents that oversee the work that supports those core missions that are just squarely, squarely in the colleges,” Wintertsteen said. “So I’m going to believe in that decentralized model and support it, and again I think it’s made Iowa State strong because we stay close to the people that really know what needs to be done, and that’s just how we should continue.”

Wintertsteen also plans to continue the work of Leath when it comes to fundraising for the Forever True, For ISU campaign.

“When I see the wonderful gift that came to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, I think it came in around $145 million, this is going to change the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences,” Wintertsteen said. “And as I listen to Dean Beant Schmitzmann talk about that gift, she talks about the importance of scholarships that will be able to be provided as a result of that gift.”

“VEISHEA ended, including the homecoming parade, and 1-800-745-3000, or at the door. Funded by Student Government Purchase tickets at the Iowa State Center Ticket Office, Ticket Master Children’s live where you want when you want when you rent from us.