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Calendar

Find out what’s going on, and share your event with the rest of campus on our website, at iowastatedaily.com.

TUESDAY

An introduction to clay

When: 6-8:30 p.m.

What: A thorough introduction to the medium of clay.

Where: Workspace at the Memorial Union

WEDNESDAY

Camera basics

When: 6-8 p.m.

What: Learning photo taking basics with an emphasis on the digital camera.

Where: Workspace at the Memorial Union

Daily Snapshot

Holiday: Memorial Day ceremony

Veterans salute those who have fallen in service during the Memorial Day ceremony held Monday at the Ninth Street cemetery in downtown Ames. Photo: Jordan Maurice/Iowa State Daily

Police Blotter:

May 20

Kyle Young, 25, of 5910 Lincoln Way #223, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, criminal trespass, and possession of a controlled substance [reported at 6:13 p.m.].

Matthew Stone, 26, of 5910 Lincoln Way #211, was arrested and charged with criminal trespass [reported at 6:13 p.m.].

May 21

Cody Dierks, 20, of 50676 170th Street, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated at Howard Avenue and West Street. He was transported to the Story County Justice Center [reported at 1:08 a.m.].

Derek McElroy, 25, of Waterloo, was arrested and charged with harassment of a public officer [reported at 1:42 a.m.].

Dexter Popilion, 23, of Gilbert, was arrested and charged with interference with official acts [simple], public consumption and assault [serious] [reported at 1:46 a.m.].

Ryan Dickey, 22, of Johnston, was arrested and charged with public consumption, assault on a peace officer, and criminal mischief in the 4th and 5th degree [reported at 1:59 a.m.].

Man Basnet, 37, of 128 B University Village, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated [reported at 5:03 a.m.].

May 22

Eddie Williams, 25, of 3911 Tripp Street #7, was arrested and charged with interference with official acts [simple] [reported at 2:13 a.m.].

Ralph Williams, 33, of 3009 Woodland Drive, was arrested and charged with driving under revocation [reported at 2:13 a.m.].

John Werner, 19, of 254 Village Drive, was arrested and charged with willful failure to appear in court [reported at 6:00 a.m.].

Avery Robbins, 21, of Pleasantville, was arrested and charged with driving while under suspension [reported at 9:20 a.m.].

An officer assisted a man who fell at Hilton Coliseum [reported at 1:22 p.m.].

May 23

David White, 44, of 1407 Johnson St., was arrested and charged with possession of a schedule V substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of drug tax stamp act [reported at 11:30 a.m.].

Celebrity News

Notes and events.

Alec Baldwin joins Twitter

New episodes of “30 Rock” won’t air for months, but you can still get your Alec Baldwin fix. The actor has just joined Twitter.

“My first tweet,” Baldwin wrote on Friday. “Maybe I needed a glass of wine beforehand. I feel so shy.”

Since becoming a member of the social networking site, the actor has racked up more than 37,500 followers.

Jon Hamm to direct ‘Mad Men’ season 5 premiere

Don Draper just got himself a new job. “Mad Men” star Jon Hamm has revealed that he is getting ready to go behind the camera and direct the season 5 premiere of the hit AMC series.

“The wheels have officially been set in motion to make that happen,” he tells TVLine.

Hamm was inspired to try his hand at helming the show after seeing co-star John Slattery direct an episode. “I watched Slattery do it—and he handled it with such grace and ability and ease—I figured if he can do it, so can I, he says. Production on the new season will get underway in August, but Hamm will return to work a few weeks earlier to get ready for his directing gig.

‘Bachelorette’ castoff couldn’t watch his exit

Tim McCormack was originally supposed to be a potential suitor on “The Bachelorette” in 2010, but work commitments prevented him from seeking Ali Fedotowsky’s heart. He got a second chance on the show this year, but his run for Ashley Hebert’s hand in marriage ended in a drunken stupor.

The 35-year-old liquor distributor was the unfortunate star of Monday’s premiere, showing up at the mansion inebriated. It only got worse from there, as McCormack got into it with Jeff Medolla, the suitor who wore a mask to the opening cocktail party. Eventually, McCormack passed out in the backyard—leading to his ejection from the show.

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CyRide faces fuel budget crisis

Rising costs leave company strapped

By Ted. Sics
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CyRide could go as much as $55,000 over its fuel budget by the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

Sheri Kyras, director of transit, said CyRide determines its fuel budget 12 months in advance, basing it on historical data and price projections. Fuel prices, however, are hard to predict, which is why CyRide now faces a financial shortfall.

The next fiscal year will not see much improvement.

"Next year we have eight months out of 12 under a fuel contract . . . . We will be paying an average of about $3.05 per gallon," said Kyras. "The problem is that our budget for next year is $2.50 a gallon, so we know we [will be] significantly over in those eight months."

Depending on fuel prices during the following four months, CyRide could overdraw its reserves by as much as $250,000.

CyRide's Transit Board reserves a portion of its total budget for addressing emergencies like the current deficit. This "closing balance" is normally 15% of the budget, but that number now hovers around 8%. Kyras said the board does not wish to draw any more money from this balance because members want to be able to address another emergencies if they arise. Thus, CyRide is looking elsewhere for the needed funds.

Kyras said the board had a number of options for mitigating the effects of the shortfall.

"We're looking internally at the budget to see what we could do to try and reduce our expenses," Kyras said. However, Kyras said inter-departmental cuts will not generate enough extra money to make up for the deficit.

"Externally, the two places we have to look are to either increase our fares to generate more revenue, or to reduce our fares even more — which is to cut service," Kyras said. "These are the two things that we're asking the public to help us figure out."

A third option involves dipping into CyRide's trust fund, which comes from student fees and is maintained by the Government of the Student Body.

"Students have about a million dollars in the bank, so they could draw down from that balance as opposed to increasing fares," said Kyras.

"The initial thought was not to increase fares because of this large balance," said Kyras.

CyRide's recently purchased fleet of hybrid buses have thus far done little to reduce fuel costs.

"We're hoping that within the next 30 to 60 days we'll start seeing more improvement in the hybrid system," Kyras said. The programming fix could save as much as $30,000 in fuel costs.

CyRide will be significantly over budget during the next fiscal year, said Director of Transit Sheri Kyras.

File photo: Iowa State Daily

Director of Transit Sheri Kyras said the purchase of hybrid buses has not reduced CyRide's fuel costs a great deal. File photo: Iowa State Daily

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Dean of Students

Somerville moves for family reasons

By Scott MacDonald
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Somerville said Thursday that "being closer to family" was her prime motive for accepting a position as vice president of student affairs at Pennsylvania’s Bloomsburg University.

Somerville, who grew up in Michigan and spent much of her higher-education career in Ohio, called the environment at Bloomsburg “very inviting.”

During her time at Iowa State, Somerville has reorganized her division and expanded the branches she supervises, which include the Academic Success Center and the Multicultural Students Association.

“We’ve done a lot of things that we can be very proud of,” Somerville said. “What helped provide the foundation for all of our accomplishments, really, was re-envisioning the Dean of Students office overall to make sure it was structured to meet student needs.”

Somerville pointed out a few of her office’s other accomplishments, such as its demystification of the judicial process with Judicial Services and its addition of a full-time LGBT student services coordinator.

“Our student assistance function is truly exemplary,” Somerville said.

Somerville came to Iowa State from Lorain County Community College in Elyria, Ohio, where she worked as director of Enrollment Services. She said the positive impression Iowa State gave her during a 2007 visit impelled her to accept a position with the university.

“What really sold me on the institution was the student body,” Somerville said. “We have a great student body, and when I interviewed [at ISU], the level of engagement, their excitement, their pride in the institution — all of those things were so evident.”

As Somerville departs, Iowa State will have to find a new dean of students. Hill is in charge of finding her replacement. He said the search for her successor is still in the planning stages.

Hill explained that, when looking for a suitable candidate, he looks for someone who understands and can relate to ISU students. He also said that due to the complexity of the position being filled, it may take a while to find Somerville’s replacement.

“We will clearly be very conscious about not having things fall through the cracks in the interim period, between [the time when] Dione Somerville departs and the time we name a new dean,” Hill said. “That period is very critical. I understand that, and we will be very clear about having things not fall through the cracks during that period.”

Somerville says she believes that her successor will be able to build on her accomplishments to improve services for ISU students.

“The Dean of Student office is in a great place,” she said. “This office is knowledgeable and talented, and has not only the capability to do great things, but the passion as well.”

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Politics

Event to urge women to run

Workshop’s focus is on leadership, fundraising skills

By Austin Ballhagen
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Iowa has never elected a woman to serve in the U.S. Congress. Nor has the state ever elected a woman to serve as governor. But Ready to Run Iowa is a program that seeks to change that.

Ready to Run Campaign Training for Women was originally a workshop developed at the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University in 1998. Iowa State’s Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics joined the Ready to Run National Training Network in 2007. The Ready to Run Iowa 2011 workshop will focus on developing fundraising, leadership and media skills, as well as providing tips for those running for or being appointed to public office.

Speakers will include Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds and former Lt. Gov. Sally Pederson. Ready to Run Iowa is designed for anyone interested in running for all levels of public office or getting more involved in politics.

After each census, Iowa goes through a process of redistricting, in which congressional districts and state legislative districts are redrawn according to population shifts. Redistricting makes it easier to challenge incumbents, and also creates open districts that have no incumbents.

Therefore, the 2011 election will present new opportunities for women to run for office. Dianne Bystrom director of the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics, said Ready to Run Iowa is about more than politics.

“The skills we teach are what women need to know,” said Bystrom. The director also said that the workshop helps to develop skills that can be applied to any field, be it politics or business.

The next Ready to Run Iowa workshop will be held June 10 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Scheman Building.

Registration cost is $75 for those who register before June 3, and $100 for those who register after June 3. Students who register early can be reimbursed $50.

Though Ready to Run is targeted at women, men are welcome to register.

Registration forms are available from the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics website.

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A one hour session is $45 with $10 of the fee going to the organization of your choice.
The city of Ames has a document-based disaster response plan that prepares it for virtually any type of disaster.

“We are prepared for disasters that are man-made or natural,” said Susan Gwiasda, city of Ames public relations officer.

The disaster plan created by the city of Ames is a foundation that officials build on to create their strategies.

“For every situation, you have to customize how it works,” Gwiasda said. “We use this as our starting point and follow the guidelines it points.”

Disasters that occurred in the past also inform current response plans.

In the case of Joplin, Mo., Gwiasda suspects knowledge of past events wouldn’t have helped residents.

“Joplin was a huge devastating event,” Gwiasda said. “Some of their experience in the past may have not helped them prepare.”

The EF-5 tornado that hit the town has killed approximately 142 people and destroyed many houses, leaving many homeless.

According to the National Weather Service, EF-5 is the highest category for a tornado on the Enhanced Fujita damage scale. The tornado in Joplin had winds that reached speeds as high as 200 miles per hour.

Since May 11, 1953, there have been 56 EF-5 tornadoes in the United States, four of which occurred this year.

In the event of a disaster, the city of Ames can contact the state or federal government for assistance.

“There is a system in place in a disaster response plan,” Gwiasda said. “It’s a coordinated effort in many agencies across the county and state and, if necessary, the federal government.”

Keith Morgan, coordinator of emergency management for Story County, also plays a part in helping the city prepare for a disaster.

“My position as the coordinator for Story County is to work from the individual jurisdiction,” Morgan said. “We try to work together and develop an overall capability with the county.”

The first step in the disaster plan is minimizing any chance of hazardous damage.

“We try to prevent and take actions area to minimize as much risk as possible,” Morgan said.

The second step is preparing for the event. To do this, an emergency management team has to identify who is going to enact a plan.

“In a case of a situation at a school, we would make a decision on where would be the safest place to move students in the school,” Morgan said.

The next step in the process is responding.

“My job is to be constantly watching the weather and work[ing] with the county dispenser and make[ing] sure the sirens are activated and that they are aware of the weather situation,” Morgan said.

The final step is recovering from the situation.

“We clear debris and clean up,” Morgan said. “We try to re-establish as much of a normal life and activity as we can.”

The last tornado to touch ground on the ISU campus was quite a surprise. The F1 tornado occurred Sept. 8, 2005, around noon. According to the Iowa State News Service, there had been no tornado watches or warnings in the hours leading up to the storm.

An article in the Chicago Tribune reported that the tornado clocked winds of 83 miles per hour and touched down for nearly half a mile. The storm uprooted trees and covered sidewalks and roads with torn-off tree branches. A light pole was blown over near the Gerdin Business Building and tents and portable toilets near Jack Trice Stadium blew into some vehicles, the Iowa State News Service reported.

The service also stated that there were no reports of serious injuries, but one person was sent to Mary Greeley Medical Center for treatment and observation.
Storm hits home

Coach reacts to storm in hometown Joplin

By Darrin Cline

On the morning of May 22, Yancy McKnight was having a simple conversation with his father. McKnight’s father had recently been released from a hospital following surgery and was headed home.

Little did the McKnight family know that within the next 24 hours, home would become a very different place.

Yancy McKnight, head strength and conditioning coach at Iowa State, was born and raised in Joplin, Mo. Many of McKnight’s family and friends reside in the tornado-ravaged Missouri town, and are now left to pick up the pieces.

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As McKnight moved across the Midwest, he still maintained connections with his beloved hometown. These steadfast connections made May 22 all the more challenging for him. McKnight said the tornado decimated phone lines and limited cell phone reception.

“Y’er trying to find these people and there’s no contact. It was a very stressful two or three days trying to reach everyone. We are very lucky as a family to have everyone alive.”

While McKnight’s family survived, it did not escape the storm unscathed. His father-in-law completely lost his house, but is already beginning to rebuild it. Quick turnarounds like these have been made by many members of the community, as they take the few possessions they have left and work to revive Joplin.

Before the tornado, Joplin was a bustling college community that McKnight compared to Ames. A town of roughly 50,000 residents, Joplin is the business center of southwest Missouri.

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“Our players and coaches have brought in money and supplies and it’s turned into quite a thing. It’s been unreal,” McKnight said.

When the town of Parkersburg was ravaged by tornadoes in 2008, collegiate athletes from around Iowa were some of the first to help with the cleanup. McKnight and his fellow coaches discussed asking players to help in Joplin in a similar way.

“We talked about it but we thought it may be just too overwhelming of a situation. We thought donating the items we collected would be the best thing we could do for the Joplin community,” McKnight said. “If it was closer, no doubt our kids would find a way to make it happen.”

McKnight said the residents of Joplin are desperate for the basic necessities we take for granted. Shampoos, diapers, lotion and other toiletries are in highest demand in the storm-shaken community.

Memorial Day weekend gave McKnight and his family a chance to help their ravaged community. With a trailer full of supplies and financial donations, the family traveled to Missouri to assist in the rebuilding efforts.

McKnight may have the strength of one powerful individual, but Joplin has the strength of one powerful community. The blue-collar town built on the backs of coal miners will display the work ethic that gave the community so much pride before.

“All community that has had to deal with this stuff is unbelievable. It’s obviously very devastating but I know from growing up there that this place will bounce back. And they will build it back and build it better. It’s going to be a long process but the people there can handle it,” McKnight said.
Editorial

Don’t feed the trolls, readers

Words like “outrage”, “shocking” and “tragic” have become ubiquitous in daily headlines. Their use is a common method for attracting consumers and the billions of dollars in advertising revenue generated by their readership and viewership.

The brevity of our daily news cycle breeds end-of-days fearmongering, the newest round of Kardashian butt implants and disgusting people riding the coattails of national tragedy to further personal agendas. Ringmaster Fred Phelps and his Westboro Baptist Circus have once again found their way onto the national news, exploiting tragedy in what’s left of Joplin, Mo.

In their latest comments, Phelps and his cronies celebrate the death toll in Joplin as proof that, as they say, “God Hates Fags.” Some folks are inclined to attribute the increase in severe weather to global warming. Some wearing foil hats babble on about 2012. However, 71 idiots from Topeka, Kan. insist it’s all because our society ‘tolerates the homosexual agenda.’

The very mention of Phelps and the WBC makes us hypocrites of the worst kind. We ask that our readers and our fellow journalists stop giving them the attention they so desperately clamor for. But in doing so, we only shine the spotlight on them more so desperately.

Irritants like Phelps are much like mosquitos. They bother us only as long as we attend to them. Just as the sensation of a mosquito bite goes away once we stop itching it, the influence Phelps and his followers have will diminish as soon as we stop publicizing them.

Military

Mourning a friend’s sacrifice

Sgt. Joseph Hamski, a friend of columnist Gabriel Stoffa, was killed in Afghanistan. Stoffa says military tragedy hits harder when it hits those we care about, rather than people with unfamiliar names and faces. Photo courtesy of Gabriel Stoffa

I never hurts as much until it’s someone you know.

Staff Sgt. Joseph Hamski was killed Thursday in Afghanistan when his unit was attacked with an explosive device.

Though all those serving in the armed forces know the risks they undertake, that knowledge makes it no less tragic when one is killed.

There have been 1,955 U.S. military fatalities during Operation Enduring Freedom from 2001 to 2011, according toicasualties.org.

Though this is not near the number of lives lost in previous “wars”, this is the one I lost a friend in, and that finally makes this war all the more real.

Joe was my friend as we were growing up in Ottumwa. We went to the same high school, had the same group of friends and even worked at the same movie theater for a time.

He never quite settled into the average life, as most people would term it. Joe had too much going on in his head to work a nine-to-five job, so he joined the Air Force after briefly attending Iowa State.

Joe would come back to visit often, always with a smile and to have drinks with his buddies. Each time it was certain to be a grand and raucous celebration. He cared about his friends in a way that made you know he was someone you wanted protecting you and others on foreign or domestic soil. Joe cared about his friends as if they were his brothers and sisters.

When a soldier dies, family and friends mourn, and this situation will be no different from that. But, for me and many of Joe’s other friends, it is the first time tragedy like this has really hit home.

We all joked with Joe about the dangerous actions he undertook while enlisted; he had a certain gallows humor that was respectable rather than depressing. He would tell us with a smile about deadly situations as we took shots of Bacardi 151 with him. His stories had a humbling characteristic to them, both for Joe and for the imminent danger he would find himself in, and we all appreciated it.

Now his story is over. He was married not long ago to Air Force Staff Sgt. Maria Christina Hamski. Joe’s love life had been another source of entertaining stories through the years, and now it is over. He can’t tell us any more of his stories, and we can’t pass the night away reminiscing and bullshitting.

It just isn’t right. He had so much more he could have done. Joe knew the risks of his profession. We all understood that something could happen to him, but we never wanted to believe it; no one ever wants to believe it could happen to someone close. It just hurts too much.

To everyone who has never had to suffer the loss of a friend to tragedy, I hope you never do. To everyone who has, I feel for you.

And for Joe’s friends and family, I wish we had all had more time with him. I wish we had gotten to say goodbye to Joe in old age as he complained about any of the far-reaching topics he would so gladly bitch about over drinks with friends. He would have made a great crotchety old man; hell, he basically was one, just without the old age.

But we can’t. Another brave life was lost. Another close friend fell before his time. Twenty-eight is far too young an age to die.

Here’s to you Joe, you were the best of us.

It’s a worse world without you, but you will never be forgotten for what you gave.
Politics

Despite U.S. strength, cooperation important

By Michael Belding

U.S. must cultivate relationships with other countries

President Obama’s recent speech to a combined assembly of Lords and Commons during his recent visit to the United Kingdom, argued — as well it should have — that in foreign affairs, international cooperation is essential. He reminded us of the special, historical relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom, and of the challenges facing our world today.

The most notable examples of Anglo-American cooperation occurred during the two World Wars. At the time of the first war, Britain was undoubtedly the most powerful country in the world. The sun never set on the British Empire, and the red bits on our maps were numerous.

By the time of the Second World War, the British nation had become decidedly weaker. The ravages of the First World War were fierce and, combined with economic downturn in the 1920s and 1930s, had contributed to fewer policing actions on its part.

But its Empire remained vast. And because the British remained connected to large portions of the world, they retained an interest in international affairs.

This is despite the fact that the United Kingdom, with its 68 million people, has the world’s 22nd-largest population and, with its nominal gross domestic product of some $2.247 trillion, the world’s sixth-largest economy.

Today, it appears that the United States faces the same problem.

Countries such as China and India produce huge amounts of products that we consume and depend on. Many American politicians seem fearful of the prospect of Chinese economic growth.

These fears need not be realized. Economic wealth is not necessarily an indicator of power. Prestige is important, as is the feeling that, just because a country has accomplished greatly meaningful tasks in the past, it will continue to do so in the future. The records of United States and the United Kingdom should still inspire such a feeling. Both countries have rich histories of confronting problems head-on, making few complaints and mitigating dangerous situations.

The United States, for all its indebtedness and deficit spending, surely does not need anyone’s help to best its enemies. Given its military strengths and capabilities, it could probably counter any threat.

But it is important that we bring partners with us when we act on the international stage. Britain, Obama said, is one such partner. Allies are important. Unilateral action may be very effective, but the goal of defending the United States does not merely require us to be militarily strong.

National security demands that in the face of threats and the wake of our victories, we act in partnership with other countries.

In a conflict between, say, the United States and China, as many parties as possible should be involved. This world is shared by India, Germany, France, Britain, Russia, and the Middle Eastern states, too. All these countries have an interest in the peaceful order established — or left unestablished — by conflict resolution.

Edmund Burke, an Anglo-Irish statesman, is often paraphrased as saying that “All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.” While he is not known to have said exactly that, he did give this advice: “When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contempible struggle.”

In confronting problems, we should collaborate with others instead of alienating potential allies by acting unilaterally. That is true even if none of those others could ever possibly match our own power.
Faces in the Crowd
What would be your biggest worry if a tornado hit Ames?

Allison Sapienza
Senior Electrical Engineering
“Where are the tornado safe spots? The only one I know of is the library.”

Ashley Holmes
Junior Psychology
“That there would be a tornado while I’m in the shower.”

Austin Creswell
Senior Public service and administration
“Red Cross having enough resources to respond with.”

Jesa Wolthuizen
Junior Journalism and mass communications
“Not being able to contact people afterwards, during cleanup.”

Sam Cook
Senior Meteorology
“Destruction to our historical landmarks and the people’s safety.”

Chris Murphy
Senior Aerospace engineering
“A lot of people wouldn’t have the right reactions to a tornado.”

ANGIE JEWETT
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM COORDINATOR

“Many campus building have designated storm shelters. There are signs [white with green lettering] indicating where storm shelters are located. Information is also available on evacuation maps in these buildings [also posted at http://www.ehs.iastate.edu]. The best thing you could possibly do in the event of a tornado is find the lowest-lying area possible. This is ideal if a basement is available. Otherwise, find an interior windowless room — the smaller the area of the room, the better. Essentially, you want to put as many walls between you and the tornado as possible. Definitely avoid a one-story building because of the danger of roof damage. We encourage people to take personal responsibility for their own safety. They should be signed up for the campus alert system, and be aware of the possibility of severe weather through television stations and the Web. Also remember that the sirens are meant to be heard outdoors, so if you’re in certain campus buildings, you may not hear the sirens. This is another reason why it’s important to be signed up for an e-mail or text alert.”

JENN PLAGMEN-GALVIN
DIRECTOR OF GREEK AFFAIRS

Q: How prepared is the Greek Community at ISU for a tornado?
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“Each chapter has a specific emergency procedure and a critical response plan that complies with national organizations. All greek chapters have basements for shelter in the event of a tornado. Tornado drills are performed regularly in the chapters. House directors or presidents usually lead the procedure. The chapters are also very well-connected with university resources in case of an emergency.”
in the event of TORNADO

Staying prepared for tornadoes requires practice and vigilance

**DOs**

- Have a tornado plan in place, and practice it at least once a year.
- Be caught off-guard, and just “wing it.”
- If in a house with a basement, get in the basement and take shelter under something sturdy, like a heavy table or a workbench, or cover yourself with a mattress or sleeping bag.
- Stand or sit next to a window or something heavy that may fall on you, like a refrigerator, piano, bookcase, etc.
- If in a house with no basement, a dorm, or an apartment, go to the lowest floor to a small center room, like a bathroom or closet, under a stairwell, or in an interior hallway with no windows. A bathtub only offers partial protection—you should also cover yourself with something padded, like a mattress or blankets.
- Crouch as low as possible to the floor, and cover your head with your hands.
- If in an office building, hospital, skyscraper, or some other tall building, go to an enclosed room with no windows at the center of the building on the lowest floor.
- Use the elevator during a tornado. If power is lost, you may become trapped.
- If in a mobile home, evacuate immediately. If your community has a tornado shelter, go there. If not, find a sturdy permanent building. As a last resort, go to an open area outside and lay face-down, protecting your head with your arms.
- Stay in an unstable building.
- If in a car or truck, get out of your car and seek shelter in a sturdy shelter. If you are not near a sturdy building, run to low ground away from cars, and lay face-down, protecting your head with your arms.
- Seek shelter under bridges. They offer little protection from flying debris.

**DON’Ts**

- Don’t use elevators. Residents are usually directed to go to the lowest and interior-most level of their residence hall to take shelter. Each residence hall is different, and community advisors are instructed to direct residents to an area that has been designated as safest during a severe storm. For example, residents of Friley Hall would be instructed to go down to the basement, known as the ‘dungeons.’ But for buildings that don’t have a basement, such as Eaton or Martin, residents would be directed to the lowest level laundry room or conference room. In Buchanan Hall, residents would need to evacuate to the first floor interior hallway and recreation room area. It is important to take note of the City of Ames siren at 10 a.m. on the Wednesday at the beginning of every month.

**Interview with WILLIAM GALLUS**

**Professor of Geological and Atmospheric Sciences**

Q: What’s the probability of an F-4 or an F-5 tornado occurring in Ames?

There’s no reason why it can’t happen in Ames. I was out in Joplin [Mo.] this past week with my team and another meteorologist, and we talked about how it’s just a matter of time before an EF-5 or EF-4 tornado hits Ames. Yes, EF-5’s are definitely rare — there’s about one every year — so it will take some time before such a tornado hits Ames.

Q: This tornado season has set some records in terms of number, frequency and intensity of tornadoes. Do you think this is unusual?

Yes, it is unusual, but it’s related to natural changes that occur every year. It seems that this year, all the weather parameters have come together in such a way to facilitate the kind and number of tornadoes you see this season. This season, we’ve seen more tornado deaths, since there’s been a trend of hits in more populated areas. This has happened solely by chance. Big cities are usually harder to get hit by tornadoes because they take up smaller areas of land. But even though the probability is low, there’s nothing really stopping a tornado from striking a highly populated area like say, Chicago. If Chicago were hit, we can estimate about 10,000 deaths. We’ve seen that this season by chance — that they’ve hit the more populated areas.

Q: What did you learn from the Joplin tornado?

It was indescribable to see what an EF-5 tornado can do. We hope to learn some things that could help save lives in the future, such as changes in the way buildings are built.

Q: If a tornado hit Ames, what kind of damage would we expect to see?

I expect that there would be just as much damage in Ames as we saw in Joplin. In Joplin, the houses were smaller and closer together. I think fewer people would be killed in Ames because the houses are more spread out, but overall there’s just as much destruction to the town.

Q: Do you think rising temperatures or any factors linked with climate change have caused these occurrences?

No, you can’t say that. All the experts agree that it’s extremely hard to link these occurrences to climate change. Maybe if we see this trend every year for the next 5 to 6 years, we’d be able to gather the data required to link it to climate change. If the Earth’s temperature rises significantly, this is just as likely to increase tornadoes as it is to decrease them.

**Prakalp Sudhakar**

Community Advisor

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Club sports

Ultimate Frisbee club finishes 10th

By Zach.Gourley
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Iowa State’s women’s ultimate Frisbee club “Woman Scorned” finished the 2010-2011 season ranked 10th in the country after making a surprise run in the USA Ultimate College Championships in Boulder, Colo.

Of the 20 teams that entered the tournament, Woman Scorned was seeded No. 17.

Initially, the 20 teams were split into four different pools of five teams, with the top three teams from each pool advancing to bracket play.

“We kind of had nothing to lose because we weren’t expected to do well,” said Kevin Seiler, one of the team’s three coaches. “We did get a favorable draw because in our pool we had three teams that we had already played earlier in the year so we were at least familiar with them. It’s not always easy to see a team for the first time and develop strategies on the fly.”

The team from Iowa State was projected to finish last in its five-team pool, but started off the tournament with a 15-10 upset of Tufts, a team from Medford, Mass. Woman Scorned then faced the University of California-Santa Barbara, the pool’s top-ranked team. After a hard-fought defensive battle, UCSB came out with a 13-11 victory.

“As we were at least familiar with them, we definitely knew what to expect,” Seiler said.

Seiler identified two seniors, defensive specialist Jasmine Draper and the team’s best offensive threat, Jessy Erickson, as being key to the team’s success. Freshman Cami Nelson also played a big role in her first year on the team, garnering Freshman of the Year honors for the Central Region.

That we could make a run pretty deep into the tournament,” Seiler said. “Coming in, I didn’t know if they’d be able to do as well as they did. They exceeded my expectations.”

After the tough loss to UCSB on Friday, Woman Scorned came back Saturday and reeled off two wins in a row against teams from the University of Michigan and Northwestern.

The 14-11 victory over Northwestern put the team at 3-1 after pool play and insured it a spot in the 12-team bracket.

The team’s first opponent in bracket play was a familiar one: a team from the University of Iowa.

“They’re kind of a rival of ours because they’re in the same section. They’re in the same region and we go to a lot of the same tournaments all throughout the year,” Seiler said. “I guess it’s safe to say that we’re friendly rivals, because there’s not a lot of bad blood like there is between the men’s teams.”

Woman Scorned would go on to lose to Iowa in the pre-quarters, 15-11.

The team finished the tournament by splitting their final two games, finishing 10th.

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Track and field

Track team heads west

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ISU women’s track and field runner Dani Stack is on her way to the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field National Championships for the first time after a second-place finish in the 10,000-meter run at the West Regional in Eugene, Ore.

Stack finished in a time of 33:28.36 right ahead of teammate Betsy Saina, who finished third and also qualified for Nationals.

“I thought we worked really well together. Coach [Ihmels] just told us that he didn’t really care what time we ran, as long as we moved on,” Stack said. “We wanted to take it easy in the first 5K and stay with the group, but once it got to the last seven to 10 laps, we wanted to start making it hard for everyone and make people kind of drop off of the pack.”

Stack and Saina employed the same strategy in the qualifying race on Friday that brought them first and second-place finishes two weeks ago in the 5,000-meter run at the Big 12 outdoor track and field championships.

“We just worked really well together and got the field rolling and ended up separating the pack a lot,” Stack said of her running with Saina. “We just wanted to really start moving and make other people work more for their places.”

The NCAA West Regional was held at historic Hayward Field, which has been home to multiple U.S. Track and Field Olympic Trials and NCAA Championships.

“It was the coolest experience,” Stack said of the 92-year-old track. “I was kind of nervous beforehand, but it was a great atmosphere and the crowd was really supportive. It’s a great track and it’s kind of just a runners dream to run at Hayward Field. To be able to finally run here was just something I could check off my bucket list.”

Stack’s said her intensified training, which involves running between 75 and 80 miles every week, and an increased confidence in her abilities is what has elevated her performance so far beyond that of last year, when she did not qualify to run at the West Regional.

“My season is just going really well and it just makes it even better that I get to make it to Nationals with Betsy,” Stack said. “The fact that me and my teammate are going there and working together, I think we can do some pretty spectacular things. It just means so much to me because all my hard work is finally starting to show and pay off.”

Three other Cyclones will be joining Stack and Saina at the NCAA Championships from June 8 to June 11 in Des Moines. Three-time All-American Hillary Bor qualified to run in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a second-place finish in Eugene.

Other qualifiers for Nationals were freshman Edward Kemboi with a season-best time of 1:47.25 in the 800-meter run and Junior Kianna Elahi, clocking a 57.92 in the 400-meter hurdles.
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Offensive lineman Kelechi Osemele blocks Texas defensive lineman Sam Acho during the game Oct. 23 at Texas. Osemele was picked as a first-team All-Big 12 player before the season by Phil Steele. Photo courtesy of Stephanie Meza/The Daily Texan
Martens earns region’s coach of year honors

By Darrin.Cline
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Now ISU women’s golf coach Christie Martens has added NGCA Central Region Coach of the Year to her checklist.

Martens, in her seventh year at the helm, guided the Cyclones to one of the most inspiring seasons in school history. Her leadership propelled the team to its second straight regional appearance and a fourth-place finish at the Big 12 tournament. The linksters also climbed to a No. 15 national ranking, the highest ever for ISU women’s golf.

On their way to the top, the Cyclones multiplied the school record book. Martens’ squad collected three tournament titles, as well as three second place finishes. Coming into 2010, Iowa State had only won six tournaments in its past 14 years of competition.

Individually, the women posted 11 of the top 12 18-hole scores in school history. Additionally, five of the top six three-round scores were replaced this season.

Laurence Herman, Prima Thammaraaks, and Sasikarn On-iam were among the record setters on their way to All-Big 12 honors. Thammaraaks, along with Victoria Stefansen and Phumkha Phuntumabamrung, tied for second in school history with low rounds of 68.

The 75.34 18-hole team average ranks third all-time in school history.

Thammaraaks tied the individual record for 212 strokes on 54 holes.

Martens’ selection marks the first time an Iowa State coach has won NGCA Regional Coach of the Year.

Martens has turned the Cyclone program around and made Iowa State a conference force through not only great coaching, but also extensive recruiting. Martens has scanned the globe for talent since taking over in 2005, and has witnessed the steady improvement of her global golf stars.

Of the ten women on the squad, only five hail from the United States. Stefansen and Herman, the only seniors on the team, hail from Denmark and Belgium, respectively. The European veterans have been an integral part of Martens’ turnaround.

On the underclassmen side, Martens has recruited some of the premier golfers from Thailand. Phuntumabamrung, a sophomore, and Thammaraaks and On-iam, each freshmen, all call Bangkok home. These young phenoms are all expected to be a shining part of a bright future for Martens and the golf program.

With this bevy of youths expected to return next season, Martens can be expected to continue showing why she is worthy of coach of the year honors.
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