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Letter from the Editor

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When I was a little kid, my mom always told me to go play outside. “But what am I gonna do when I get out there?” I’d complain. “I used to climb trees all day,” she’d say, launching into a monologue about a more simplistic – but more entertaining – childhood. Is that the sage wisdom we’ll offer our own children? Or will we call upon memories of Game Boys and stuffing our mouths with high-fructose corn syrup? Of course, a new gadget sometimes outshines the maple tree in the backyard, but this entertainment revolution is a perpetually evolving concept – one our generation continues to redefine. That’s not to suggest we aren’t an active demographic, which is why we decided to dedicate this issue to entertainment – the way we, Iowa State students, entertain ourselves. We realize nearly 30,000 students attend Iowa State, which is why we’ve covered bases from music festivals to burlesque, alternative sexuality to gaming and partying. We’ve established something of a shared identity that unites us, and, at the same time distinguishes us from any other group. This issue, then, serves as a transient snapshot of campus culture: here, now, us.