LOWER THE DRINKING AGE TO 18?
(Why stop there?)
Dear ETHOS readers,

Let's be honest, you've exhausted Facebook, snack breaks and all other forms of procrastinating studying for finals, so sit back and relax with this year's second issue of ETHOS. In "Best of...", our staff scours Ames and Iowa State for the best (and some of the worst) places and activities around.

Find out what's causing finals stress—besides the fact that you've slept through all 8 a.m. classes and couldn't pick out your professor in a prison lineup—and learn techniques to brush off those study blues.

With the holidays around the corner, we're sure you're looking forward to spending money (you don't have) on loved ones (you rarely see). ETHOS offers tips on how to craft cheap holiday gifts, survive encounters with your great aunt Gladys and dress for New Year's like a celebrity (without spending like one).

And, ISU has its very own Gossip Girl, and she's ready to spill the juice on who's slept with who, where and after how many drinks. Staff writer Zach Johnson picks the brain of JuicyCampus.com's CEO, Matt Ivester, about the original goals of the Web site and how it has proved detrimental on other campuses across the country.

We can vote, smoke and serve our country at 18, so why not drink? See what 134 college presidents—Gregory Geoffroy not included—are doing to combat current drinking laws. Staff writer Maddie Crawford delves into the discussion to determine if lowering the drinking age from 21 will reduce alcohol-related accidents or if binge drinking will continue in basement parties and secluded dorm rooms.

Good luck on surviving the rest of the semester and happy holidays!

Carrie Boyd

Maddie Crawford
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The Anarchy Initiative spices the discussion for lowering the drinking age to 21. The good news? A lot of university presidents and chancellors are in favor.

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Judy Campus.com serves as an anonymous online forum to trash all your enemies. Staff writer Zach Johnson dishes the truth CEO of the (sometimes unforgiving) Web site.

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We highlight the best - and some of the worst - that our campus and city have to offer. We dare you to prove us wrong.

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