

# A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



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My friend called me to comment on the second best college town. She's a collegiate correspondent for USA Today College and was writing a story about the best college towns in America: naturally, Ames was named No. 2 (don't worry guys, we'll kick Ithaca's ass next year, like Cornell? Who cares?). She was interviewing me about what makes Ames so great; I started talking and immediately lost it. The realization that graduation is just around the corner, and with it my departure from Ames, got me so bummed.

Don't get me wrong, college has its ups and downs and sometimes I just need to get away. But when it really comes down to it I'm going to miss Ames. I'm going to miss frantically scurrying to class with a deep-seeded fear that a crow will poop on my freshly showered hair. I'm going to miss crossing central campus in the middle of winter in a foot of snow, walking uphill both ways. I'm going to miss pulling my roommate's and my clean mugs out of the dishwasher on Wednesday night and knowing that the best night of the week is only one day away.

But what I'm going to miss most is the reason Ames was named No. 2: the people (I struggled with this theme because I knew it would get sappy and pathetic, but stick with me here). This town is filled with great people from all walks of life who will continue on to do new things. I want to create awesome things with amazing people for the rest of my life, and I've gotten to do that here—despite the very open group of people who disagree with that.

So, as my last chance to talk to all of you, our readers, I want to say thank you. Thank you for making this experience possible for me and for all of the amazing people I work with.

P.S. This issue is filled with all of the awesome stuff I created with those amazing people that I usually talk about here, but I think you all know the drill:

We can't make this sh\*t up.

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