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Diversity Reflection

This week’s class interested me greatly. I never normally think about diversity on campus, but this week, I really paid attention to the problems that other types of students may have. I especially considered the troubles of handicapped people moving in and around Friley. There is literally no way for someone in a wheelchair to get to another floor. There is an elevator, but the only way to get to it is via stairs.

I also noticed the difficulty of someone who didn’t take English as a first language. I’m in a speech class right, now, and there are two people from China in it too. The class is hard enough for most people; I can’t even imagine what it’s like for someone who has to learn a new language as well. I’m not sure what kind of help Iowa State University offers them, but I would hope it is enough to both learn English and help them in class.

Seeing these two aspects of Iowa State University this week has really opened my eyes to the difficulties and challenges that diverse students face. I hope to really understand this better in the future. Perhaps I can meet new and different people if I really focus on this. This discussion has broadened my experience at Iowa State University.