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Art on Campus Sculpture Relocated for Restoration

Ames, IA – *Prairie Tetons*, a large outdoor sculpture on central campus near Curtiss and Ross Halls will be removed from its installation site this week to be relocated to a secure storage facility until conservation and restoration can occur.

Prairie Tetons is a 1975 painted steel sculpture by artist Frederic Merritt Rennels (American, 1942-1980). Rennels, an Iowa native, designed this sculpture to reflect his strong feelings for Iowa and the quality of life it helps initiate. "My sculpture deals with the diverse, yet to close relationship between earth and sky," Rennels once said. "It can be likened to a thunderhead, rising from the horizon, probing the prairie."



The sculpture is a part of Iowa State University's Art on Campus Collection, the largest public art collection at any college or university in the nation. In the future, *Prairie Tetons* may undergo restoration treatment to the metal components, an over-all cleaning, and be re-painted. When restoration is complete, the sculpture relocated from the Curtiss / Ross Hall installation site will be reinstalled at a new location on campus. For further information, please contact Lynette Pohlman, director of University Museums at Iowa State University, at 515-294-3342 or lpohlman@iastate.edu.

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