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Fenn Platchek, age 31, of 243 S Franklin Ave, Ames, Iowa, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and fail to yield upon left turn. Lincoln Way and Highland Ave (reported at 1:42 a.m.).

Kevin G Pitt, age 18, of 2125 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa, was cited for possession of alcohol under the legal age (reported at 8:44 a.m.).

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Sophomore takes fifth in power lifting

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Among the more than 1,000 qualifiers for the USA National Raw Powerlifting Competition two weeks ago was powerlifter Connor Thelemann, a sophomore in kinesiology.

The competition, which was Thelemann’s fourth, was held in Spokane, Washington from Oct. 11 to 14. Thelemann earned a top five spot for his division.

Training three hours a day for four days a week, Thelemann took advantage of the Iowa State weight club's training room to prepare for competition.

With the assistance of other members and his coach, Thelemann vastly improved within a year. Despite an unexpected injury a week before competition, Thelemann managed to squat 507 pounds, bench press 367.7 pounds and deadlift 551.1 pounds, landing him in the top five for his division.

Thelemann began powerlifting when his sister's boyfriend introduced him to the sport back in high school.

Joining a gym dedicated to powerlifting near his hometown, Thelemann started his long jour- ney ahead of him. Thelemann said he began squating only 300 pounds, benching 200 pounds and deadlifting 400 pounds. When he came to Iowa State, he found and immediately joined the weight club to continue powerlifting.

Located in the basement of Beyer Hall, the weight club contains equipment specifically for strength sports, such as powerlifting.

President of the weight club and senior in kinesiology, Austin Aiello, said that the weight club also provides a unique environment for serious lifters.

“The weight club can have a much more exciting and loud environment that a lot of people like,” Aiello said.

After joining, Thelemann wanted to get as strong as he could and succeed in lifting. Through the weight club, Thelemann met other serious lifters and his current coach.

Thelemann said he received lots of support through the weight club, with other members giving him advice along the way.

“You have to accept the fact that you don’t know everything,” Thelemann said. “You have to seek out advice from people who are at a higher level than you in terms of experience and in terms of strength and general knowledge about the sport.”

With a hunger for success, Thelemann had to sacrifice his social life for optimal growth.

Weston Hirschauer, Thelemann's coach and Iowa State alumn, said Thelemann was among the most motivated lifters he had worked with.

“He went above and beyond what I would ask him to do in terms of making sure he was taking care of himself, not only inside the gym but outside the gym,” Hirschauer said.

Thelemann had to follow a balanced diet, spending an average of $50 to $60 a week. Diets vary with each powerlifter’s individual goals, for Thelemann, he had to have a surplus of calories to add muscle and weight.

Thelemann had to eat an average of 3,500 calories a day to see desired growth.

Thelemann’s training and progress was going seemingly well, until he experienced an unexpected back injury before competition.

Powerlifters are more prone to injury, due to the immense stress and repetitive movements, Thelemann said. After competing in three competi- tions and training intensely within a year, Thelemann’s body ached.

What started off as an irritation, slowly ballooned to a sharp pain in his lower back.

Unable to practice before the com- petition, Thelemann questioned whether he would be able to compete. After consulting with Hirschauer and meeting prior to the competition, Thelemann was determined to com- pete. Bringing his father, Thelemann knew he had a strong support system.

With the support of his family, close friends and coach, Thelemann decided to compete, lowering his expectations to avoid further injury. With a rush of adrenaline, Thelemann earned a top five spot for his division.

“I couldn’t put up the best total that I was capable of,” Thelemann said. “It was more about getting through the adversity of the injury, handling the meet by myself and calling the shots.”

What’s in store for Thelemann? Thelemann said that getting back to this form of training is most important. After a break from work- ing out, Thelemann said he is excited to get back into the gym, cutting his usual work outs by an hour or two.

“It’s a huge weight off my shoul- ders,” Thelemann said. “It’s nice to make different plans, it feels good to have a little break.”

Hub renovations delayed until spring semester

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The Hub, a popular location on campus for students to eat, drink and study, won’t have its renovations finished until the start of the spring semester.

Iowa State Facilities Planning and Management hoped the Hub would reopen campuses before Thanksgiving, but unexpected conditions extended the construction project by two months.

“This particular project is a renovation, it is a gut and replace kind of project,” said Scott Ayers, director of capital projects for FPM. “Anytime you have a renovation project of a building like this — a building that is more than 100 years old — and you gut it, you can run into unforeseen con- ditions. In this case the blueprints did not [exactly] match the layout of the building.”

During the demolition process and before piping could be put in the building, contractors found the concrete floor was 12 inches in depth instead of the expected four inches. Ayers said unforeseen conditions like these can lead to changes in the necessary equipment and even changes to the design plan, which extends the time needed to com- plete the project.

Delays in projects can be normal, Ayers said. “There are unforeseen projects encounter unforeseen conditions that may cause a delay from a contractor’s initial schedule estimate,” Ayers said. “Many contractors include a little extra time in their estimates to cover these delays, and then hope their estimates are accurate. It’s when the unforeseen issues exceed their estimates that a project’s final completion date can be delayed.”

While the Hub is just one of the many buildings on campus that are more than 100 years old, Jennie Elliott, proj- ect manager for the Hub reconstruction, said other buildings and projects on campus in need of similar renovations won’t be pushed back due to the Hub.

“These aren’t the same funds that are used in other proj- ects and maintenance services, as this is a project from ISU dining, and they are the ones paying for it,” Elliott said.

Despite being responsible for campus, Elliott, Ayers and ISU dining director Mohamed Ali said they hav- en’t heard complaints, as the two month delay won’t have a large impact on students or the community.

“The delay consists of a couple weeks, Thanksgiving break, dead week and finals week,” Ali said.

Instead, Ali said students are excited about the project because The Hub will have more options with the Kansas City-based coffee shop, The Roasterie Cafe.

“The experience will be different, it will be an amazing experience,” Ali said. “It will have cold brewed coffee, home- made gelato, all types of drinks and new food options. They are not even the same level to be honest … I can not over- emphasize how different this will be.”

StuGov gathers concern on Trademark from student orgs

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Student Government has turned to the stu- dent body to gather questions and concerns about the new trademark policy.

Senator Noah Heasley has contacted stu- dent organizations across campus to hear their stance on the trademark issue as well as the problems they have experienced because of the change.

Heasley is gathering information from these student organizations to utilize in future conversations with the Trademark Office as well as seeing the issues students are having and what more Student Government can do to help.

Many student organizations have had to change their names, their logos and their apparel because they violated the new trade- mark policy that Iowa State has implemented.

Heasley said students were given a short window of time to comply with the new regu- lations, and the suddenness of the change has left some organizations behind. Organizations have had issues with their rebranding and their recognizability at national and regional competitions.

Student Government is not the only campus entity that is fighting against the imple- mentation of the new trademark policy, the organizations themselves are also joining the conversation.

Adam Jenke, the president of the Collegiate Chess Club, has reached out to the leaders of student organizations to invite them to have a conversation about how this policy has affected them, whether directly or indirectly.

“Even those of us who lead student orgs that did not use any Iowa State marks are affected by this policy,” Jenke said in an email to the student organizations. “For by taking away our ability to use ISU Trademarks the admin- istration implies, intentionally or not, that our student orgs are simply not responsible enough to represent Iowa State properly.”

Jenke has organized an informal meeting for leaders of student organizations to establish a common goal and be able to show the admin- istration that the student organizations back the efforts of Student Government.

This informal meeting will take place from 8 to 9 p.m. Thursday in 305 Carver.
they knew that we were providing research to them.

A representative with the Attorney General’s Office declined to comment about the office’s knowledge of Husch Blackwell’s involvement before the Sept. 11, 2017, approval.

“It was the combined effort of the team, which included Husch Blackwell, [university counsel] and the [Attorney General’s] Office,” Norton said but added he was unsure of how much work his department did versus how much work Husch Blackwell did.

Norton told the Daily in February 2018 that the listing of the charges related to the case on Husch Blackwell’s invoices were what the firm chose to list them as, but not necessarily for services performed on the case. “I don’t discuss how they designate what [Husch Blackwell is] going to put on the bill in terms of how they determine their [subject] matter, but the questions that we had of them were far broader than just the Niesen case,” Norton said when asked about the invoices.

Norton was asked if Husch Blackwell was providing consultation specifically on the Niesen v. Iowa State case and receiving payment before their appearance was entered in court. “They were consulting [with us] on Title IX issues, which had implications to the campus in general, as well as to issues that were raised in the Niesen case,” Norton said.

Norton did not disclose at the time that Husch Blackwell had provided services specifically for legal strategy and assistance in drafting motions prior to approval being given by the executive council.

“We only need approval if they’re representing us in litigation,” Norton said. “They were not representing us in the litigation at that time. They were just providing consulting services on Title IX issues like the training, [and] other issues related to how we handle our Title IX obligations.”

Norton was asked on Oct. 24, 2018, if providing legal analysis and body of a motion were consistent with his prior characterization of the work Husch Blackwell had performed before approval from the executive council was given. “Absolutely, it’s core consulting services,” Norton said.

Norton was asked if the email and corresponding charges were not related to broader topics but were in fact specifically pertaining to the Niesen case. “No, not really,” Norton said. “I mean, it was issues that were targeted toward Niesen at this time, but also similar issues that we’ve used in other cases that we’ve used to analyze how we responded to cases that we had after that.”

Norton said the information provided by Husch Blackwell was for general Title IX law information and the university’s obligations under Title IX because of the allegations that ended up being used in the motion.

Norton was then asked if Husch Blackwell provided university counsel with specific legal analysis particularly for the Niesen case. “That’s true,” Norton said.

Norton said the services Husch Blackwell provided before the Sept. 11, 2017, approval would have been covered under a previous contract to provide trainings and assistance with contracts.

“We are being retained to present FLSA [Fair Labor Standards Act] Training, Title IX Training and to assist with contracts,” the December 2016 document from Husch Blackwell reads. “In the event that we are asked to provide additional services, we will confirm such engagement in writing.”

Norton said the services were not confirmed in writing because they fell under the previous contract.

“I think the most natural and logical reading of the email is that they are asking the firm for something more than its previous consulting and to actually give substantive assistance with the drafting of a hurry-up motion,” LoMonte said.

What was spent and where did it come from?

Reductions in the invoices made by Iowa State university counsel do not allow the Daily to confirm exactly what services were rendered. A total of $8,907 for 31.4 hours of work were charged to Iowa State by Husch Blackwell between June 2, 2017, and June 14, 2017, and listed by Husch Blackwell as pertaining to “Niesen v. Iowa State University.”

Norton said some of the charges were from the work he requested in the email, but he was unaware if all of the charges were. “Thirty billable hours would be within the range of what you might expect to draft a motion,” LoMonte said. “That’s certainly not inconsistent with performing the service of drafting all, or part, of a motion.”

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

- **June 2016**: Norton leaves Husch Blackwell
- **July 11, 2016**: Norton begins as Iowa State’s university counsel
- **Sept. 16, 2016**: Husch Blackwell begins charging Iowa State for training and contracts
- **Oct. 16, 2016**: Agreement is received from Husch Blackwell detailing FLSA/Title IX training and contract work
- **March 6, 2017**: Taylor Niesen files lawsuit against Iowa State alleging Title IX violations
- **June 1, 2017**: Michael Norton emails Hayley Hanson of Husch Blackwell asking Husch Blackwell to provide legal analysis and body of the motion to dismiss.
- **June 2, 2017**: Husch Blackwell begins charging Iowa State in Niesen v. ISU case
- **June 14, 2017**: Charges from Husch Blackwell in case temporarily stop
- **June 19, 2017**: Attorney General Tom Miller and Assistant Attorney General William R. Pearson submit motion to dismiss that Husch Blackwell provided work for
- **July 3, 2017**: Niesen files response to motion to dismiss
- **July 4, 2017**: Charges from Husch Blackwell in case begin again
- **July 10, 2017**: Charges from Husch Blackwell in case temporarily stop again
- **July 10, 2017**: Miller and Pearson file reply brief that Husch Blackwell worked on
- **June 23, 2017**: Iowa State issues request for proposal/quote for Title IX litigation
- **Sept. 11, 2017**: Approval is given by Iowa executive council for Husch Blackwell to provide Iowa State with “advice and representation, with respect to Title IX litigation and compliance matters.”

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**DOCUMENTS OBTAINED VIA PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST**

An email sent from Michael Norton, Iowa State university counsel, to Hayley Hanson, a partner at Husch Blackwell, requesting legal analysis in the Niesen case.

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The motion to dismiss that Norton asked Husch Blackwell to provide “legal analysis and body [of the motion]” was submitted to the court by Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller and William R. Pearson, assistant attorney general, on June 19, 2017.

“The motion didn’t draft itself, somebody put work into it, and I guess that would be the question,” LoMonte said. “The public is very much entitled to know: What did they pay for [with] 30 hours of attorney time if it was not for preparing a motion?”

Payments made to Husch Blackwell come from Iowa State’s general university budget, which was approved by the board in a motion in 2016, the most recent year available.

Charges listed by Husch Blackwell for Niesen v Iowa State University Et Al began again on July 4, 2017. The day after Norton filed a response to the motion to dismiss. The charges in July stop on July 10, the day Miller and Pearson filed a reply brief to the motion to dismiss. A total of $4,522.50 was charged for 16 hours of work in that time.

Norton confirmed Husch Blackwell had engaged in similar work in that time period.

“If you want me to try and engage them in Niesen and asked them to provide the same type of analysis that would ultimately go to the [Attorney General’s] Office and end up in the reply brief,” Norton said.

Invoices show $13,673 accrued from Husch Blackwell in the Niesen case between June 1, 2017 and Sept. 11, 2017.

Iowa Code 13.7 does not contain the word “representation” at any point in the text. When Norton was provided with the language of the law and asked to indicate where in the law he believed it indicated approval was not needed until an outside law firm appears in court on behalf of Iowa State, he refused to do so and referred the Daily to a past statement he made.

It is not infrequent that a person might hire counsel to try and get their case to a case and the case gets settled and the counsel performs quite a lot of legal service but never files a motion in court, that’s quite common,” LoMonte said, adding that when the counsel is performing a service, it is still regarded as representation.

This would mean that when Husch Blackwell began providing information to be included in motions and legal strategy, it would be considered representation, LoMonte said.

“The moment that somebody picks up the phone and says ‘I want you as my attorney to help resolve this claim,’ and I agree to take it, we have entered into representation,” LoMonte said. “I think most people in the profession say the representation starts when I shake hands with the client and say ‘I will take your case. It doesn’t start when I make the first filing in court because I may never make a filing in court.”

Response from Iowa Attorney General

When asked on Oct. 16, 2018, if Husch Blackwell had helped write motions before approval was given, Lynn Hicks, director of communications for the Iowa Attorney General’s Office, said the office would comment no further on the matter.

“ISU is our client, so it’s not proper for us to comment on this email or the hiring of outside counsel,” Hicks said in an email to the Daily.

On two separate occasions prior to being shown the email between Norton and Hayley Hanson, Hicks had been willing to provide comment on the hiring of outside counsel.

Hicks told the Daily on Oct. 9, 2018, that Husch Blackwell was qualified and suitable to represent Iowa State and that the counsel’s past employment at the law firm had no bearing on if the firm was qualified or suitable.

Hicks provided comment June 5, 2018, that Jeffery Thompson, solicitor general, felt there was no potential conflict of interest. Hicks said on June 6, 2018, that he did not know if Norton’s employment history had been disclosed to the executive council.

Old connections, new relationship

Former Iowa State President Steven Leath hired Norton as Iowa State’s university counsel beginning July 11, 2016. Iowa State began being charged for services from Husch Blackwell on Sept. 16, 2016.

On Oct. 12, 2016, the law firm still had yet to be registered as a vendor for Iowa State, according to emails obtained by the Iowa State Daily between Stacy Sassman of Iowa State Procurement services and Hanson.

John McCarroll, executive director of university relations, said he worked with Sassman to answer questions from the Daily on June 6, 2018. McCarroll said Iowa State contracted Husch Blackwell for the first time on Sept. 30, 2016, for Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) training, though the earliest charges from Husch Blackwell listed on invoices are dated Sept. 16, 2016.

Iowa State hired Husch Blackwell for “FLSA Training, Title IX Training and to assist with contracts,” according to a contract from Husch Blackwell obtained via public records request. The contract, dated Oct. 14, 2016, and received Oct. 16, detailed the nature of the agreement and made it official.

Norton had previously worked with Derek Teter and Hanson, partners at Husch Blackwell, as co-counsel when he was a partner at the firm. Hanson and Teter have been among the attorneys to represent Iowa State. LoMonte said this is all the more reason to make sure the processes in 13.7 were followed.

“The fact that it’s his former firm and that he has some professional ties to the people still there would counsel in favor of being over-compliant with state law,” LoMonte said.

“You would want to go overboard to make absolutely sure that you were careful about not giving the appearance of funneling any business to your buddies,” LoMonte said. “It’s especially concerning because that seems to be the exact situation for which the law was designed.”

ATTORNEY GENERAL, §13.7

13.7 Special counsel.

1. Compensation shall not be allowed to any person for services as an attorney or counselor to an executive department of the state government, or to the board or to a state board or commission.

2. The executive council may authorize employment of legal assistance, at a reasonable compensation, in a pending action or proceeding to protect the interests of the state, but only upon a sufficient showing, in writing, made by the attorney general, that the department of justice cannot for reasons stated by the attorney general perform the service. The reasons and action of the council shall be entered upon its records. If the attorney general determines that the department of justice cannot perform legal service in a pending action or proceeding, the executive council shall request the department involved in the action or proceeding to recommend legal counsel to represent the department. If the attorney general concurs with the department that the person recommended is qualified and suitable to represent the department, the person recommended shall be employed. If the attorney general does not concur in the recommendation, the department shall submit a new recommendation. This subsection does not affect the general counsel for the utilities board of the department of commerce, the legal counsel of the department of workforce development, or the general counsel for the property assessment appeal board.

For future repeal, effective July 1, 2018, of 2005 amendments to this section and subsequent amendments relating to the property assessment appeal board, see 2005 Acts, ch 150, §134; 2013 Acts, ch 123, §62, 64, 68, 69.
Be respectful during Halloween with your costumes

BY ALICE CONNER

Halloween is coming up this Wednesday, and it’s time to have a discussion about costumes. There have been numerous controversies sparked by this issue — numerous celebrities have apologized for costumes that were seen as inappropriately taking representation and misrepresentation are still widely common.

Take for example the controversy at Yale College a few years ago. On Oct. 28, the university’s Intercultural Affairs Committee sent and email encouraging students to be wary of “culturally unaware and insensitive costumes.”

A lecturer, Erika Christakis, then emailed her residents questioning the email, which was met with hundreds of upsets students called for the resignation of the lecturer and her husband. Nicholas Christakis.

This is a difficult line, as the argument can be seen as two sided, especially in intellectual circles — is it a First Amendment right to wear any Halloween costume you would like and is it censorship to restrict what they wear? Or is it just encouraging a culture that protects marginalized identities by not appropriating their culture for the sake of a costume? So, should you encourage this on Halloween this year, here are a few recommended steps to use the chance as an educational opportunity as to why that particular costume may be damaging.

If you find a costume that someone is wearing offensive, do not immediately shout at them or insult them. Approach them and speak with them — ask them why they wore their costume and try to understand why you see it as offensive. This is particularly important if you are an ally of the community as to relieve the burden of already marginalized communities to have to educate someone appropriating their culture.

We advise this because insults are not well known to change someone’s views. Fear and pressure may change those views, but in the long run they will only foster hatred and resentment. The only way to permanently change a person’s viewpoint is to have a mature, good faith dialogue with them. Persuasion is the best weapon in your arsenal.

Expecting someone to validate and accept your subjective feelings without discussion may only lead to resentment and frustration, rather than them seeing your point of view.

That being said, there is a line and costumes should be selected in a mature and thoughtful manner. Things like blackface will never be acceptable.

As Erika Christakis stated in her letter, “there is a difference between fantasizing about an individual character vs. appropriating a culture, wholesale, the latter of which could be as hurtful.” Do not use this holiday as an excuse to dress and act in an offensive and insensitive manner. If you expect people to treat you respectfully, it is a disservice to them to act irresponsibly yourself.

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Double trouble: Cyclones lose two

Quarterback Zeb Noland passes to Sam Sonnebuncher during their game against Akron on Sept. 22 at Jack Trice Stadium.

BY AARON MARNER @iowastatedaily.com

Following Iowa State’s 40-31 win over Texas Tech on Saturday, Iowa State coach Matt Campbell spoke with the media during the weekly Big 12 coaches teleconference Monday.

Uwazurike out after surgery

The Cyclones have mostly stayed healthy this year, facing injuries to running back David Montgomery and quarterback Kyle Kempt but avoiding serious setbacks to most starters.

That changed this week.

Redshirt sophomore defensive end Enyi Uwazurike will be sideline due to an injury suffered in the team’s loss to Kansas State. Campbell will be required, Campbell said.

An eight-week recovery window would mean Uwazurike would miss most of the game against Texas Tech after injuring his hamstring. Surgery will be required, Campbell said.

If Uwazurike is unable to return for a potential bowl game. To qualify for a bowl, Iowa State must win at least two more games in its final five.

Campbell also addressed concerns over punt returns. Against Texas Tech, the Cyclones were pinned inside the 11-yard line five times, including one time at the 4-yard line.

“It’s fluid,” Campbell said. “Every game’s different, and certainly every situation’s different.

Tarique Milton was the returner on those plays, when he opted to wave for a fair catch rather than let the ball bounce. Letting the ball bounce could have resulted in a touchback, giving the Cyclones the ball at their own 20-yard line, or it could be downed wherever the ball is touched or rolls to a stop.

The risk/reward calculation can be tough on the fly. Milton said on Saturday he is told to let the ball bounce if it goes over his head inside the 10-yard line.

Quarterback situation still in flux

The Cyclones announced Saturday that redshirt sophomore Zeb Noland, who started four games at quarterback this year, took a personal leave of absence from the team prior to the game against Texas Tech.

Campbell declined to comment further on Noland’s situation Monday. Following the teleconference, the school announced Noland would transfer.

“I feel really good about [the quarterback room],” Campbell said. “Especially when you have a young guy [freshman Brock Purdy] that we’ve got that’s playing, it makes you feel really good about it.

“I think from our end we feel really confident in everybody that’s in that room now and certainly what the future looks like there.”

Noland completed 70 of his 110 pass attempts this year for 722 yards, four touchdowns and an interception.

The rest of the room after this season will be young. Looking at next year, Purdy would be the most experienced as a sophomore, followed by Re-al Mitchell as either a redshirt freshman or a sophomore and Devon Moore as a redshirt sophomore.

The Cyclones have one quarterback (Easton Dean) currently committed in their 2019 recruiting class.

Rodeo club spawns long-lasting relationships

BY ELYSE OGBOURNE @iowastatedaily.com

Athletes from across the Great Plains came to compete in the annual Cyclone Stampede Rodeo two weeks ago.

Iowa State’s rodeo has been taking place for 55 years and continues to draw alumni back year after year.

“There are quite a few alumni that help behind the scenes,” said Marty Barnes, a 1984 graduate, who returns to announce the rodeo.

“Everyone wants to stay involved because of the heritage of the event.”

The Cyclone Stampede is known for having one of the best rodeo facilities in the Great Plains region. It is also the last student-run rodeo in the nation.

“Our infrastructure is students only,” said Darren DuBois, a past Iowa State student.

“The students who are in the club and [in the Cyclone Stampede Rodeo] put this on.”

Not only does the Iowa State rodeo club continue to host a competitive rodeo every year, but it has also produced several well-known professional bullfighters.

Luke Moore, one of the professional bullfighters who returns to help with the Cyclone Stampede Rodeo, has been selected to be the bullfighter at the Great Lake Circuit Finals in Louisville, Kentucky, in November.

Whether professional or volunteer, student or alumni, everyone seems to enjoy being part of the rodeo.

“Everyone in rodeo seems to click,” Moore said. Moore is an Iowa State alum who first became involved with the Iowa State rodeo club in 2008. “They are very accepting of other people that want to come into this sport and be part of the family.”

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