Heather Marie Dunn, a senior in accounting, is a conservative, evangelical transgender woman. Heather began living openly as a trans woman in mid-September. She plans on graduating from Iowa State in December. A non-traditional student, Heather has been an active voice on campus during her time here through different organizations including Student Government, College Republicans and Young Americans for Freedom. Additionally, Heather is involved in Chi Alpha, an interdenominational organization at Iowa State. “Even as a conservative, as a transgender conservative, I am in the trenches fighting within my own party for inclusion. I’m doing more than just being on the opposite side,” Heather said.

“I am still an individual”

Christian, conservative and trans:
Heather Dunn

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Heather Marie Dunn sits with her back straight, eyes drawn forward and legs spread equidistant from her chest. She fidgets with her recently painted lilac nails — pushing one fingernail under the other, again and again. On this particular Tuesday evening, sitting in the third seat in the third row of Design 101, Heather is dressed casually — a gray Iowa State sweatshirt, dark jeans and plain black tennis shoes.

Her orange and gray winter coat is draped over the seat behind her as she waits for Chi Alpha, an interdenominational campus ministry Heather attends weekly, to begin. She adjusts her blonde, highlighted wig that falls just below her shoulders. She chats with those in front of her. The seats next to her

GALATIANS, 3, 4.

which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me: that I might die unto sin, and live unto righteousness: for I am not dead, but alive, yet more abundantly so.

16 Now to Abraham were the promises spoken, and he believed in God, and it was accounted unto him for righteousness.

21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.
HEATHER 

remain empty.

When Heather talks, she exerts a level of assurance that can often be hard to match while conversing. She is confident, sometimes dominating, in her politics. She can — and will — spew the latest news in the conservative sphere or perhaps the effects of the polarizing shift in the GOP during the last 10 years.

Heather, 35, is also an evangelical Christian. She’s been such since she was a child. A self-described “conservatarian,” Heather shies by the philosophy people can have whatever lifestyle they want as long as no one else is being forced to do it for them or pay for them. An example: while one would say [they are] pro-choice, [they are] against public funding of abortion and Planned Parenthood.

Heather doesn’t buy into groupthink or “the collective.” Her ideology is one all her own.

It’s 7 p.m. and unusually cold outside for early November. With the biting wind, the trek around campus begins to grow more and more unbearable — the promise of fall break looming in the near future.

Tonight’s sermon is based off a continuing series: “Love...
The organization would not provide any more detail into the incidents, except for that all six counts occurred at a College Republicans meeting on Nov. 1, 2017. Heather, however, does not recall any of the incidents that are said to have occurred. Throughout the process, she maintains that she is innocent.

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Heather Marie Dunn fidgets with her nails during a College Republicans meeting on Nov. 1, 2017.

For those in the conservative community, Heather doesn’t want to be perceived as a threat. Republicans aren’t opposed to change, she said, they’re just more skeptical.

“Some aspects of society need to change that are based off science and facts, not ideology,” Heather said. “I believe fully that you can be conservative and that you can be LGBT and that you don’t need to moderate both and you don’t need to fully attack one or the other to be fully authentic.”

In 10 years, Heather would like to see less ideology out of the transgender community, more consistency within the conservative community and more context-driven Biblical interpretations from the evangelicals.

“I plan to be active within the party whether I’m screaming at the top of my lungs and alone or I have multiple people behind me,” Heather said.

And she wants the transgender community to understand she can and does empathize with the anger many of them feel toward her party, but she wishes they would question their own allegiances, too.

“Even realizing that if we disagree with each other it doesn’t have to be based off of hate,” Heather said.

She knows it can, and will, be a long, winding road ahead to gain her seat at the table. All of them.

But today, tomorrow and for the rest of her life, she knows she will be Heather Marie Dunn — the name her parents would have given her if she had been born assigned female at birth.

She wears her identities openly. She is a conservative, evangelical woman.

Not everyone will agree with Heather’s views, and she understands that she’s just one of those, especially in the LGBT community, recognize she wants to achieve the same goal as them — equality — but she’s just coming at the issue from a different angle.
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Spring concert doesn’t justify $190,000 price tag

Last week, Student Government voted 27-3 to allot $190,000 to the Student Union Board for an outdoor concert to be held during the spring semester.

This money is being pulled from Student Government’s special projects account and is being combined with $60,000 from the Student Union Board’s personal funds.

The last time money was taken from the Senate’s special projects fund was in 2015 for the recyclable trash cans which cost $144,000 and still remain on campus impacting the entire university.

During the meeting, Vice Speaker Cody Woodruff argued against approving the funds, “I don’t see this as a benefit to the students. I don’t see it as a benefit to the university.”

As an editorial board, we agree with Woodruff in part.

If this concert is to become a tradition at Iowa State and positively impact the university as a whole, then it needs to appeal to the majority of students on campus.

Meaning the performer selected for the spring show needs to be someone who many students want to see and/or have multiple performances who will appeal to different music genres.

Woodruff also referred to the concert during the debate as a potential “faux Veishea.”

We don’t believe this concert would come close to replacing Veishea as it is only one aspect of the old celebration’s traditions.

Since the cancelling of the tradition, efforts have been made to start new traditions or even keep parts of Veishea alive. These efforts must be combined with this concert to make this a celebration that will have a real impact on our community.

Veishea was a celebration which brought all of the colleges on campus together through not only live music, but many other traditions as well such as the parade and the selling of cherry pies on campus. The traditions weren’t only enjoyed by students and faculty, but also by Ames community members and alumni.

The concert should be tied into this philosophy. Although this concert may become a tradition on campus if all goes well, in itself, it wouldn’t be the same level of tradition as Veishea had been from 1922 to 2014.

Tickets will be another issue important to this concert. At the time of the meeting last week, the Student Union Board estimated student ticket pricing around $25. This cost should remain as low as possible for affordability purposes and non-students should pay a higher rate, as is typical with other SUB events.

The ISD Editorial Board would like to stress to those planning the event the importance of making this concert worthwhile and having enough impact on students to justify the price tag.
In 23 years at the helm of the Iowa State women's basketball program, coach Bill Fennelly has only had a losing record twice against the Cyclones' in-state rivals, and just once did his team go 0-3.

It hasn't happened in 14 years, unless Iowa (8-1, 0-0 Big Ten) finds a way to knock off the Cyclones on Wednesday night in the annual Cy-Hawk Series. Iowa can accomplish this feat after the Cyclones squandered close games against Drake and Northern Iowa.

However, Megan Gustafson and the Hawkeyes present a greater challenge than either the Panthers or Bulldogs presented earlier this season. Iowa possesses much greater talent than both and they certainly have a better record than Northern Iowa, Drake and even Iowa State. The Hawkeyes' lone loss came from the hands of No. 13 Florida State by one point, a game in which Iowa led for a large portion.

"[Gustafson] is a great player," Fennelly said. "Her numbers are borderline videogame-like… you're not gonna stop her from scoring, no one can do that."

Gustafson, a junior forward, is averaging 22.3 points per game and 12.7 rebounds per game – good for a double-double average. Her 22.3 points per game lands her in the top 15 in the country and the 12.7 rebounds put her at the fifth highest average.

But to Iowa State's advantage, the Cyclones hold a 5-0 record in the last five Cy-Hawk games played at Hilton Coliseum, the site for this year's battle. And so far this year, Iowa State is perfect at home.

"If you look at the history of our programs, we've kind of been both pretty good and then when you play at home there is a built in advantage," Fennelly said. "I do think when the games are evenly matched, there's a little extra juice in the home locker-room of we can't be the team that loses a home game... this is the first time in a long time where the visiting team is a lot better than the home team."

With its most recent road loss, Iowa State should certainly be happy to be coming home. On Saturday afternoon, the Cyclones dropped their fourth game of the season against Vanderbilt 77-74, their fourth by four or fewer points.

They also shot a mere 25-for-60, highlighted by a 10-for-21 performance from recently named Co-Big 12 Player of the Week, Bridget Carleton. The Chatham, Ontario, Canada native dropped 30 points to go along with eight rebounds.

Despite going 0-2 in the week prior to the Iowa game, the Cyclones might have finally found Carleton's sidekick – senior guard Emily Durr. Durr exploded for a team-high 21 points against Drake and contributed a less than eye-popping four points in Nashville, Tennessee.

If the Cyclones want to keep up with the 87.2 points per game the Hawkeyes average, then it will have to be more than just Durr who steps up.

A potential answer is freshman Madison Wise. The Indiana native was named Big 12 Freshman of the Week after posting eight points against Drake, and 14 against Vanderbilt.

"We have a dynamic player in Bridget [Carleton] and we're looking for someone to help," Fennelly said. "When we've been decent it's been two or three people contributing, when we haven't, they stand around and watch Bridget [Carleton] play."

On paper, the Cyclones seem doomed against the Hawkeyes, but Hilton Magic has provided those five wins and in a rivalry game of this magnitude, records and statistics mean absolutely nothing.

“We are very, very, very excited to come back [Wednesday] and play in Hilton,” said junior Meredith Burkhall. “We know that Hilton Magic is real.”
With Dead Week stress falling over campus, students may find themselves in need of quick snacks. These no-bake granola bar recipes are easy to make when you’re in need of a quick food fix. With little prep time and less than seven ingredients, these are sure to help conquer the coming week.

**Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip**

**Prep Time:** 10 minutes  
2 cups quick cooking oats  
1 cup ground flaxseed  
1/2 cup sliced almonds  
1/2 cup mini chocolate chips

Line an 8x8 inch baking dish with parchment paper and set aside. In a large bowl, combine oats, flaxseed, almonds and mini chocolate chips. Press mixture into 8x8 inch baking dish. Refrigerate for one hour. Remove from baking dish and cut into bars.

Recipe courtesy of iheartnaptime.net

**Almond Cranberry**

**Prep Time:** 10 minutes  
2 cups quick cooking oats  
1/4 cup sunflower seeds  
1/2 cup cranberries  
1/4 cup sliced almonds  
1/2 cup mini chocolate chips

Line an 8x8 inch baking dish with parchment paper and set aside. In a large bowl, combine oats, sunflower seeds, cranberries, almonds and mini chocolate chips. Press mixture into 8x8 inch baking dish. Refrigerate for one hour. Remove from baking dish and cut into bars.

Recipe courtesy of simplyshellie.com

**Peanut Butter**

**Prep Time:** 10 minutes  
2 cups quick cooking oats  
1/2 cup peanut butter  
1/2 cup mini chocolate chips  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup honey  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Line an 8x8 inch baking dish with parchment paper and set aside. In a large bowl, combine oats, peanut butter, mini chocolate chips, brown sugar, honey and vanilla extract. Press mixture into 8x8 inch baking dish. Refrigerate for one hour. Remove from baking dish and cut into bars.

Recipe courtesy of allrecipes.com
Club promotes ethical eating

Members advocate for values

BY ZACH STREUBER
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The Ethical Eating Club at Iowa State is all about making healthy and ethical choices when it comes to food. Students who follow vegan or vegetarian diets make up the majority of the club, a place where like-minded people can discuss vegan and vegetarian lifestyles and ethical practices when it comes to food.

For Mallory Schatz, the president of the club, the club serves as a way to connect with other people who share the same ideas.

"A lot of people are vegetarian by religion and some people just share the same values, so it's good to have a place...where you can be friendly with people who just have the same perspective as you," Schatz said.

That place turns out to be a classroom in Sweeney Hall, where the club meets every other week to discuss vegan and vegetarian lifestyles, watch documentaries or try out new food recipes.

Club treasurer Sara Smith explained the beliefs of vegans and vegetarians vary based on how committed they are to the lifestyle, but all follow some of the same basic principles.

"Vegetarianism stays away from animal flesh and veganism stays away from all products that are animal flesh or derived from animals," said Smith.

For vegans, items such as honey, leather goods and even flu shots could be considered unethical.

The club started over four years ago and has grown into a small community of people who encourage each other to keep up their lifestyles.

For many in the club, the choice to go vegan or vegetarian is not without its challenges. When Sela Hanson decided to go vegan last year, she found it hard to maintain her new lifestyle while living on campus.

"At first, it was difficult because I was living in the dorms and I only had Storms as a dining hall, so they didn't have a lot of options," Hanson said.

Even grabbing a quick snack or cup of coffee can provide a challenge for those following vegan and vegetarian lifestyles.

"When I go out to restaurants or get a coffee at Caribou and I ask to get a different milk substitution or something with no cheese, people don't always register that or they won't write it down so it will come back with that stuff in it and it's really hard," Smith said.

However, talking to people about being vegan or vegetarian can often be a touchy subject.

"There's a stereotype about vegans always telling people that they are vegan in the first five seconds of meeting them," Smith said. "I really don't want to perpetuate that stereotype, but at the same time I don't want to keep causing harm by not letting people know that I don't want those things in my food."

For other members, the conversation comes from a place of understanding the experiences of others and using their personal experiences to educate.

"I try to go into it with a mindset that I used to have before I went vegan — I was an extreme meat eater," Hanson said. "So I try to talk to people with that mindset and just try to talk to them as if I was talking to my old self."

Since Hanson joined the club earlier in the semester, she has been looking forward to doing more activism in order increase awareness about ethical eating.

"I think that it's an important message to spread," Hanson said.

While the Ethical Eating Club hasn't done a lot of activism the past few semesters, this is something that Schatz wants to change.

"When I joined, that's what was attractive to me but we haven't done anything and that's why I wanted to step up and be president," Schatz said.

The club is currently planning on doing city-wide activism, rather than just focusing on Iowa State, something that is appealing to many members of the club. For now, the club is focusing on making personal impacts among friends and smaller social groups.

"It would be awesome to watch the club grow because I know that there probably aren't a lot of vegans and vegetarians at Iowa State," Hanson said. "So just to see those numbers grow just shows that the message is getting out there and people are really paying attention now...and that's exciting to me."