Residents focus on climate change, annexation at open house

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The city hosted an open house Tuesday night in the Ames Public Library Auditorium to get public input for the Comprehensive Plan (CP), which seeks to develop Ames economically and architecturally through the year 2040.

Those who attended the workshop, which was held across two sessions throughout the day, freely roamed the auditorium, listened to city staff and contractors and provided feedback in the form of written comments. More than 200 people attended the open house.

Residents said they were excited about the plan. "I'm glad to see a plan," said Jeff White, a geologist and Ames resident of 30 years. "I'm glad to see a plan that the people that want to be annexed are going to have a 100 percent majority."

She explained that state law can work a few different ways with annexation. Sometimes it requires 100 percent of residents in the particular community to consent to being annexed, but other cases only call for an 80 percent majority.

"We're listening to people's concerns, and we're going to have to plan for some real problems coming our way," said Cory Scott, a planner with RDG Planning and Design that the contractors hired to work on the CP. "It's good for people to get involved and contribute ideas to the plan. We want to connect with everyone throughout the process."

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Many attendees live around the city limits of Ames in areas referred to as "the fringe," and they voiced concerns to City Planner Eloise Sahlstrom about being unwillingly annexed into the city as Ames expands.

"A lot of these people are on gravel roads, have their own wells and independent septic systems," Sahlstrom said. "Their properties function just fine without being part of the system."

When properties are absorbed into city limits, they typically pay higher taxes to account for road maintenance, police and fire department services and water utilities. Some fringe residents want to be absorbed to increase the selling value of their properties, Sahlstrom said.

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"We're listening to people's concerns, and the people that want to be annexed are going about it democratically," Sahlstrom said.

The next open house will be hosted Feb. 26, 6-8 p.m. at the Ames Public Library.
POLICE BLOTTER

2.3.19

An officer responded to a report of suspicious activity at Buchanan Hall (reported at 3:45 a.m.).

An officer investigated a property damage collision in Lot 60 (reported at 11:54 a.m.).

An individual reported the theft of a bicycle at 119 Stanton Avenue (reported at 12:35 p.m.).

An officer investigated a property damage collision at 112A (reported at 1:41 p.m.).

An officer assisted an individual who was experiencing medical difficulties. The person was transported to a medical facility for treatment at 72 Frederiksen Court (reported at 4:51 p.m.).

An officer responded to a report of suspicious activity at Buchanan Hall (reported at 9:43 p.m.).

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1 Million Cups Ames, Maintenance Shop, Memorial Union at 7:30 a.m. The inaugural meeting of the local chapter of the national Wednesday morning networking group for entrepreneurs.

CALS Career Day, Great Hall, Memorial Union at 10 a.m. Explore career opportunities in agriculture and life sciences. An estimated 80 companies and organizations plan to attend.

How to Find and Use OER, Parks Library at 1:10 p.m. Open educational resources are used across the world by instructors who want to save their students money and gain more control over how they teach. This hands-on workshop will introduce major OER repositories and strategies for locating and evaluating resources in various disciplines. Register through Learn (ISU), key: OER Let us know if you need accommodation.


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New media pushes viewers to political extremes

BY NATHAN.CIRIAN
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The internet, since its commercial introduction in 1991, has changed everything it has touched. Political discourse has been no exception.

Where people go for their political engagement has changed over time, and one video sharing platform, YouTube, has created channels through which people can develop their political positions based on personally tailored facts for multiple ideologies. This can then translate into one’s beliefs and actions. To this, Iowa State has also been no exception.

Dirk Deam, senior lecturer in political science, said many media sources today have become niched, meaning a person can find like-minded people to suit various ideologies and frames of reference.

“This content is not the same as news,” Deam said. “The largest benefactor of this rich content has been those on the right, largely because their numbers on YouTube overshadow their opponents in terms of viewership, subscrib- ers and the amount of creators in general.

Many popular right-wing channels on YouTube hold anywhere between 500,000 to 2 million subscribers. These numbers allow them to influence the algorithm on YouTube that suggests videos to those who visit the website.

Most of these groups fall within or intersect with the white supremacist ideology, the so-called “alt-right,” a term coined by Richard Spencer that he attributes to protecting the “white identity” from “political correctness” and “social justice.”

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While left personalities also exist, their position was created, in part, as a counter to right-wing YouTube.

A large majority of the content coming from these left-wing YouTube personalities is dedicated to debunking the ideas of the right wing on YouTube.

However, their content does not have as much influence over the algorithm compared to their much larger and successful right wing counterparts. As a result, the most popular politically left personality, Natalie Wynn, a PhD student in internet personality and activism has 422,773 subscribers as of January 22, 2018.

In comparison, right wing YouTubers Sargon of Akkad has 904,566 subscribers and Paul Joseph Watson has 1,538,535 subscribers.

According to the report on “alt-right” influence, this specialized environment of interconnected content is exposing viewers to potential white supremacist content through collaborations between creators and potentially radicalizing them.

YouTube’s algorithm paired with this network of collaborations is even further amplified by the reach YouTube has with the potential to have on certain demographics. Young people from the ages 18 to 34 use YouTube at a rate of nearly 96 percent, according to the statistics gathering website Statista.

“It seems as if you are never ‘hard core’ enough for YouTube’s recommendation algorithm,” said Zeynep Tufekci, an assistant professor from the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina in the New York Times. “It promotes, recommends and disseminates videos in a manner that appears to constantly up the stakes.”

Tufekci went on to say YouTube “may be one of the most powerful radicalizing instruments of the 21st century.”

With the potential of radicalization on YouTube and the internet as a whole, the ideas, jokes and tactics of the far right on the internet have made its way to campuses across the United States, including Iowa State.

Benjamin Whittington, President of the Iowa State chapter of Turning Point USA, and Taylor Blair, President of the Iowa State University College Democrats, acknowledged the presence of these “radical” ideas on campus.

Blair mentioned many instances of “trolling” within events and meetings on campus, including the defacing of Election Day chalk on campus in Oct. 2018 proclaiming “West is Best.”

There have also been cards and posters placed throughout campus containing contact information and white supremacist propaganda from prominent white supremacist groups nationwide, such as The Right Stuff, a white supremacist website run by Michael “Enoch” Prinsvogel, who also runs a podcast titled the Daily Shoah. Shoah refers to the Hebrew word for the Holocaust.

Whittington said during his time at Iowa State that he had interacted with people who were radical and espoused views tied to white nationalism. He said people fall for these ideas when they do not have a counter to them.

“There is a certain type of person getting bogged down in these radical ideas,” Whittington said. “These people are...”
Ames reflects on privilege

BY MIKE BROWN
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Members of the Ames community were encouraged to think actively about their own privilege during a lecture and group activities.

The event took place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Ames Public Library, in partnership with Ames Progressive Alliance and Inclusive Ames. Erin Pederson, a licensed psychologist, gave the lecture and facilitated the discussion.

Pederson said she defines social privilege as “a benefit or advantage that is granted to or is accessible to some groups of people, but not to others.”

Embracing and challenging personal discomfort when discussing privilege or the challenging of one’s privilege was something Pederson said was important.

“An identities that we hold that we experience privilege, if you experience discomfort in regard to that privilege, lean into that a little bit,” Pederson said.

Pederson explained that privilege is not always especially advantageous, and it could be something which may generally be viewed as a right.

“Not experiencing gender based street harassment, we can probably all agree, should be a right,” Pederson said, “It’s not sort of an ‘extra privilege’ to be able to walk down the street and not have people harass you about your gender.”

Attendees were encouraged to think on a group level and consider larger scale impact when discussing privilege, rather than think about privilege on the personal level.

“It matters what’s going on individually, but that’s not the main part of the picture,” Pederson said.

Pederson also offered ways attendees could push back against systems of oppression, such as watching for examples of privilege and increasing their awareness. She gave an example, discussing people of color whom she knows that have their receipts checked when they shop at Walmart, something she said she has not experienced.

Ames resident Mary Wheelock said she felt Pederson’s message of being more actively aware of privilege stood out as an important takeaway from the event.

By practicing things like not interrupting women, intentionally listening to those who are different and not judging or criticizing those of a larger size, Pederson said one could continue to find ways to act against privilege and systems of oppression.

Pederson emphasized it is important to critique the work or behavior, without attacking the individual when expressing concern about a person who may say something prejudicial.

Common barriers to conversations about privilege, as well as common misconceptions about privilege were discussed. Pederson said having privilege does not mean one has not worked hard, it is not something the individual asked for and that being privileged does not mean and individual has not experienced their own difficulties.

Attendees were encouraged to use what is known as the “ADDRESSING” model, which encourages people to consider areas they may have privilege including race, gender, religion and socioeconomic status.

While Pederson said she did not think that the model is all inclusive when reflecting on privilege, identities, she said it is a strong starting place for considering one’s privilege.

Attendees were encouraged to reflect personally on the ways privilege affects their lives, while Pederson read scenarios which exemplify how privilege may affect one’s day to day life. After giving examples, Pederson would say which type of privilege people who answered yes are benefitting from.

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“At the same time, Svec said, her father arrived to Ames, Iowa,” Svec said.

“She graduated from Iowa State College, where he studied chemistry.

While attending school in Ohio, Harry became interested in technical glassblowing and became an apprentice in tool and dye, which would both later serve in his career, Svec said.

Harry Svec then went to Iowa State for graduate school and worked as a chemistry instructor.

He met his future wife while working there.

At the same time, Svec said, her father got drafted as the military was gearing up for D-Day and the European Invasion.

He was sent to Fort Snelling in Minneapolis, Minnesota. After arriving, Harry and a group of about 500 other men awaited their physicals and locations to be sent.

Svec said Harry was one of the last few left in the room to see where he would be sent.

“The Sergeant ran his finger down the page and said he was to go down to Ames, Iowa,” Svec said.

Svec said that Harry was sent from Europe because he was requested back at Iowa State to help in the chemistry department with his glassblowing techniques.

Dr. Frank Spedding, manager of the Ames Project, noticed Harry’s glassblowing techniques and later invited him to join the project when he returned.

With Harry having knowledge of high vacuum techniques, he incorporated the techniques into the research and processes.

Svec said her father arrived to the Ames Project late, sometime in 1944, so he was not with the project very long, but brought “essential ideas and information to the group.”

From this project birthed the creation of the Ames Laboratory/Institute of Atomic Research, of which Harry was appointed to after the completion of the Ames Project.

After earning his doctorate in 1950, Harry served in the chemical department as a faculty lecturer until his retirement in 1983, according to the Iowa State Special Collections website.

“I take a lot of pride in my father’s work,” Svec said. “He was a very intelligent man, devoting his life to teaching and research. The war project was a very auspicious start to a long career for my father that provided a lot of techniques and processes to the whole world.”
Both the left and the right can agree that the divide between political and ideological groups is the greatest it might ever be since the Civil War.

Calm, intellectual debate has largely been replaced by rancor and fear. But why is this happening? To answer that, I’d have you take a look at your phone as that little computer in your pocket is the world’s largest echo chamber. If you’re currently a student, chances are you’ve had the technology to browse the web for as long as you can remember. Computers are wonderful pieces of tech that allow one to communicate with others through vast distances, see opinions from around the world and make friends without ever meeting. But as technology becomes more widespread, real interactions begin to decline. One incredibly important drawback of this decline is the filtering of opinions.

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LOOKING FOR LEADERSHIP

Post Alamo bowl, Campbell & company optimistic for future

BY AARON MARNER
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Cyclone coach Matt Campbell spoke with the media Tuesday for the first time since the 2018 season ended.

“Our team is playing harder and smarter than ever,” he said. “The focus and intensity has never been higher.”

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SCHUMACHER AND MULDER

Freshman Logan Schumacher got last weekend off as he was nursing a minor knee injury.

“We’ll get clarity this week,” said coach Kevin Dresser. “He kept him off the mat now for like, you know, eight or nine days.”

In Schumacher’s absence, fellow freshman Zane Mulder took his place — and he made the most of his opportunity.

Mulder earned a pin in his first career dual meet against South Dakota State, and two days later he won by major decision against Utah Valley.

Mulder’s efforts are not overlooked, but Dresser reiterated that Schumacher is the starter.

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GREMMEL HEATING UP

Redshirt sophomore Gannon Greemel has had a solid season at heavyweight for the Cyclones, but last Sunday he turned in his best performance of the year.

Greemel pinned his first opponent of the season on Sunday in No. 17 Tate Orndorff of Utah Valley.

“I knew he was a big guy,” Greemel said. “He liked to be up there… I like being up there, but I don’t need to be up there to win.”

Greemel has another challenging bout next Monday, when he takes on No. 4 Amar Dhesi of Oregon State.

Wrestling sees slow week before returning to action

BY ZANE DOUGLAS
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Redshirt sophomore Gannon Greemel has had a solid season at heavyweight for the Cyclones, but last Sunday he turned in his best performance of the year.

Greemel pinned his first opponent of the season on Sunday in No. 17 Tate Orndorff of Utah Valley.

“I knew he was a big guy,” Greemel said. “He liked to be up there… I like being up there, but I don’t need to be up there to win.”

Greemel has another challenging bout next Monday, when he takes on No. 4 Amar Dhesi of Oregon State.

He was a guy that I don’t think a lot of people, unless you really study football, understand the value of what Sam gave to our entire football team,” Campbell said.

“Sam will be a tough one. You can find ways to replace receivers and running backs and linebackers, but Sam will be a tough guy to replace,” Campbell said.

Campbell said he doesn’t know if anyone on the current roster is capable of stepping into Seonbuchner’s role next season.

Seonbuchner’s production rarely came in the form of stats on a box score, so it’s possible his replacement will fill in with other contributions. That could be a task for redshirt junior-to-be Dylan Soehner, who has been listed as an offensive tackle and a tight end in his college career.

“Dylan’s unique,” Campbell said. “Dylan’s a guy who can actually play anywhere. He can flex out, he can play attached, he can play in the backfield… he has some of those Seonbuchner qualities, and nobody understands how valuable he is to our offense.”

FINDING NEW LEADERS

The Cyclones face a similar challenge this offseason after multiple beloved seniors, including quarterback Kyle Kempt and running back Mike Warren, are out of the program.

Iowa State will have to find new players to fit leadership roles. Campbell isn’t worried about that.

Campbell said there is a culture developing where seniors want to pass on their knowledge and experiences to younger players, such as former linebacker Willie Harvey with returning linebackers Marcel Spears Jr. and Mike Rose.

“I think what’s happening is that is good players and good leaders leave, but they teach the other guys in the program how to do that,” Campbell said.

“Some of the best leaders in our program are just scratching the surface, not only as great players but great leaders. That’s powerful.”
**POETRY**

**Before the news**

We think we’ve seen it all: the stars dying in the butterfly nebula, the milky stains on the child’s lip when she washes the cookie down, the strange sea cucumber on a National Geographic feature. The ladybugs in the corner of the room don’t bite us in our sleep. One day, we discover the stars aren’t all that’s dying. The cookies aren’t the only secrets in the child’s mouth. In anger, we throw words and miss the poems. Our pictures forget the sun. Just because we have fingerprints. We don’t always touch.

— Whitney Mason, Voices Editor

**Surrender**

after Linda Gregg

Every day starts and ends the same except when it doesn’t: today, few cars or people pass. No need: this bridge leads almost nowhere. Cornfields stretch for miles beyond. I watch night drop behind the trees: an old habit. Light divides being from absence.

Mayflies rise like church-goers to the sounds of cricket choirs. I am unfaithful. I remember how people said God’s harmless when he’s answering prayers. But I’ve never seen good come from anybody knowing everything. Streetlights are waking and they hold back the moon brass with rust.

Let the water below run black. Let web.

Let trees stretch out. Let be. Let sing.

I am fabricating. I am fabrication.

It is enacting Jim Crow laws in the American South.

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**Autumn in Mississippi**

Outside, the crepe myrtles are black with mold. The eyes of the floating log stare aethetically. I don’t care enough to hurt you, they say and close. Above, the clouds island together volcanic. I talk to myself or god: am I still a child?

I storm and the clouds threaten to wash away the summer feel of heat. Inside, I’m asked to clean up the bodies of the roaches I smeared on the counter. I don’t. A man on the radio says the plants have more leaves than their roots can hold.

They are bending over, drying. I look outside again. The cypress trees are tall with kudzu capes.

They are not superheroes, but ghosts.

**Unwritten: Iowa State’s black history lacks black voices**

**BY WHITNEY MASON**

The article that I wrote to kick start Black History Month, “Retrospective: What fueled the legacy of black leadership at Iowa State?” was meaningful to me.

As a student that identifies as an African American and to learn what those before me have endured, it serves as an opportunity to understand what fuels the current leadership I have witnessed in black students and in students of color as a whole.

The piece not only served as an opportunity for readers to learn about events from the past, but it analyzes how the Daily covered what was happening on campus during this time.

It is very much known that students of color have felt neglected in coverage in the Daily’s news, but it analyzes how the Daily covered what was meaningful to me.

I have heard those words from my peers since the beginning of my duration at the Daily. Jane Cox, a former Iowa State music and theatre professor, responded to the story, which was the beginning of my duration at the Daily.

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**BY CRYSTAL STONE**

Every month, Voices is dedicated to a different approach for people to be expressive and share their viewpoint. While written responses is a common way to get approach for people to be expressive and share their viewpoints, it is not a way that works for everyone.

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After ending the shutdown and scheduling the speech, Trump was able to stress multiple policy areas and points of contention:

**IMMIGRATION**

A major focal point of the address was the ongoing debate over illegal immigration in the country.

“We have a moral duty to create an immigration system that protects the lives and jobs of our citizens,” President Trump said.

He cited border walls near San Diego and El Paso had turned high crime areas into safer ones. According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection data, the barrier did decrease illegal crossings in the sector by 75 percent. The sheriff of El Paso disagreed with the President agreeing the sector by 75 percent. The sheriff of El Paso disagreed with the President saying El Paso had turned high crime areas into safer ones.

“One in three women is sexually assaulted on the long journey north,” Trump said.

Statistics are difficult to report on accurately about the ongoing debate over illegal immigration in the country.

**ABORTION**

When talking about the topic of abortion, President Trump delivers the Address to Congress Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017, at the U.S. Capitol. Tuesday marked the president’s second address to Congress of his presidency. President Trump brought a recent decision by the New York State Legislature to the forefront. The law would allow abortions to occur at any point in a pregnancy. The president responded, calling on Congress to pass legislation that would prohibit late-term abortions across the country.

“Let us work together to build a culture that cherishes innocent life,” Trump said.

**HEALTH CARE**

Several topics under the mantle of health care were discussed by the president, including the cost of health care, the HIV and AIDS situation, childhood cancer and paid family leave.

He proposed that several parts of the health care process should be more transparent.

“We should also require drug companies, insurance companies and hospitals to disclose real prices, foster competition and bring costs way down,” Trump said.

When speaking of HIV and AIDS, he said the situation had become an epidemic but the country had made “remarkable progress.”

President Trump also invited a young girl who had been diagnosed with cancer to sit next to the first lady. He said she was an inspiration to those in the room and then proposed a $500 million budget for cancer research.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM**

Changing the way the justice system works was one of the first issues discussed during President Trump’s speech.

“This legislation repaired sentencing laws that have wrongly and disproportionately harmed the African American community,” Trump said, citing bipartisan support for what is called the First Step Act.

Despite the bipartisan tone in parts of the speech, ISU assistant professor of political science David Andersen said he was confused by what the president said throughout the course of the speech.

“I think tonight’s State of the Union was weird,” Andersen said.

Andersen thought the speech had several conflicting tones at different points.

At first, the president called for unity between parties to confront national issues, but as the speech progressed, divisive issues took priority.

Aston Ayers, political director for ISU Democrats, agreed.

“I don’t think there’s anything more he can do to damage his brand,” Ayers said. “The president has proved he’s a bigot, he’s a racist and he’s a misogynist.”

He continued to say Democrats need to push a more progressive agenda in the future to advance their interests.

Ben Whittington, president of Iowa State’s chapter of Turning Point USA, said he was happy the president addressed Trump’s speech.

“I think he hit a lot of points that conservatives enjoy,” Whittington said.

Whittington said he was glad that immigration was a major topic of discussion even if he didn’t agree with every point.

“I just wish that moving forward, he works with Democrats to find a solution,” Whittington said.

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**Jethro’s BBQ**

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25 in the Iowa State Research Park. Zoey Mauck, a senior in landscape architecture and intern at RDG, said it’s important for students to contribute to the CP. Even if many of them don’t stay in Ames after graduation, the effects of the CP will be felt by Iowa State students for decades to come.

“Just because you aren’t in Ames doesn’t mean what happens here isn’t important,” Mauck said.

Ian Steenhoek, UROC senator of Iowa State’s student government, said these open houses are a good way for students to learn about getting involved in their community.

“This is a great way to share your ideas about how Ames can grow,” Steenhoek said.

“And I imagine [RDG and city staff] are going to take every comment we give seriously. Students should have a say in how Ames looks in 2040.”

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Whittington differed slightly.

Whittington said this phenomenon has potential to exist on the left as well but “you would need to do that from the outside.”

Blair, on the other hand, said radicals on the left were not as dangerous as those on the right.

“For the most part, they mostly just want universal healthcare and other progressive goals,” Blair said.

Aside from memes about guillotining and eating the rich, Blair said he did not feel threatened by the far left posse as much of a threat as the “toxic pile of racism and bigotry” on the far right.

“I think that it is far more likely that our campus has students on following, promoting, and possibly acting on white nationalist ideologues than there are students who follow … or act on the credible opposing ideology frequently collectively referred to as ‘Antifa,’” said Iowa State assistant history professor Jeremy Best, referring to the abbreviated form of “anti-fascist.”