Sonny Ramaswamy
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Sonny Ramaswamy is the director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

He has worked at several land-grant universities in New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, Kansas, Indiana and Oregon.

On Monday, Ramaswamy held an open forum at the Memorial Union where he gave a presentation and answered questions from the audience.

Each open forum followed the theme: “Organizations expect new leadership to help lead them to the next level. What is the next level for Iowa State and how will you help us get there?”

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Wintersteen described herself as someone who can manage a set of complex issues.

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   - Increase the number of publications and patents.

2. **Engagement:**
   - Increase community involvement and partnerships.

3. **Innovations and Discovery:**
   - Increase funding for research.
   - Increase the number of patents and licenses.

4. **Institutional Alignment:**
   - Strengthen internal and external relationships.
   - Improve the university’s reputation and impact.

Dale Whittaker
BY ISAAC.CARSON
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Dale Whittaker is the provost and executive vice president of the University of Central Florida.

Whittaker held an open forum at the Memorial Union on Wednesday where he gave a presentation and answered questions from the audience.

Whittaker spoke on his goals for Iowa State University if elected president. His three goals would be Iowa State to offer the best undergraduate learning experience in the AAU, Iowa State will be a worldwide leader in ending hunger and creating a renewable future, Iowa State will unleash the potential to transform lives and livelihoods.

Whittaker believes his first goal can be accomplished through faculty focus, student success and institutional alignment.

The issue of world hunger ties into Whittaker’s personal mission statement he wrote after achieving tenure in 1992. “End hunger, heal the earth through knowledge.”

During his presentation Whittaker also said “When you aspire to a future you have to build on your strengths,” said Whittaker.

He believes Iowa State is one of the university’s best poised to address this global problem. He thinks this can be achieved with Interdisciplinary Collaboration, Partnerships, Reputation and impact.

For student success Whittaker noted that Iowa State’s first year retention rate has not broken 90 percent. “We will break 90 percent for the first time this fall at UCF,” Whittaker said. This is something that Whittaker would want to bring to Iowa State if appointed president.

Pamela Whitten
BY JILL ALT
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Pamela Whitten is the senior vice president of student affairs and provost at the University of Georgia, Athens (USA).

Whitten said she was impressed by current enrollment rates and by the current successful student transition to work rate. However, Whitten said Iowa State should set higher goals.

“If we look at retention rates, it’s very positive to have an 80 percent retention rate at Iowa State, but we’re shooting for the mid 90s for retention rate,” Whitten said. “The graduation rate up around 74 percent for six years is good, but it’s really time to reach and stretch that toward an 80 percentile.”

She said four-year graduation rates are around 44 percent, and the university should aim to reach for the 60th percentile.

Whitten addressed student finances as well and introduced a few programs that were implemented at the University of Georgia.

“You have to think toward those students that are so challenged that we risk losing them for small financial reasons,” said Whitten. “We have discovered that it’s more common than people want to admit. So, we have created an emergency fund through the financial aid office because we would find that students would drop out of school because they were short $375.”

She said students should not have to drop out for financial reasons.

Tuition coverage was not the only service introduced. Whitten also used the University of Georgia’s “Let All the Big Dawgs

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**THE FINAL FOUR**

Iowa State’s next president could be one of these people: Sonny Ramaswamy, Wendy Wintersteen, Dale Whittaker, Pamela Whitten.
Choosing the next president

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LEATH LEAVES IOWA STATE
Former Iowa State President Steven Leath was announced as the next president of Auburn University on March 20, 2017. His tenure at Iowa State would end at the end of the semester. In an email to the Iowa State community, Leath announced his resignation as president of the Iowa State to “pursue an outstanding opportunity at Auburn University.” It had been reported two days prior, on March 18, 2017, that Leath may have been on Auburn’s “short list” of presidential candidates.

In September of 2011 Leath was selected by a unanimous vote as the 15th president of Iowa State, and on Jan. 16, 2012, Leath began duties as the president of Iowa State.

Leath said in the email that when arriving at Iowa State the plan was to retire here, but now “realize our destiny is in Alabama and leading one of the nation’s great land-grant universities to even greater prominence.” In the letter to the Iowa State community, Leath said he had been working closely with the Iowa Board of Regents to identify an interim president and to start a search for permanent president.

Leath stated in a letter to the Board of Regents that his final day at Iowa State would be between May 8 and June 2.

ALLEN NAMED AS INTERIM

On March 24 it was announced that the Board of Regents would vote on approving Benjamin Allen as interim president at Iowa State, which was approved unanimously on March 27. Previously acting as the president of the University of Northern Iowa, Allen began his interim position beginning immediately after Leath’s final day at Iowa State.

A long-time member of the Iowa State community, Allen began working as an Iowa State faculty member in 1979, eventually becoming the dean of the College of Business from 1995 to 2001. “We spent most of our professional lives in Ames and developed many lifelong friendships,” Allen said. “We look forward to developing even more friendships with members of the Cyclone family as we engage with Iowa State University and the Ames community once again.” During his time as interim president, Allen said he hoped to retain the high enrollment and graduation rates set in place during Leath’s presidency.

SEARCH COMMITTEE FORMED
The search committee assembled to find the new president at Iowa State was announced to be a 21-person group on April 24. Created at the April 2017 Board of Regents meeting, the Presidential Search and Screen Committee would be co-chaired by Dan Houston, president and CEO of Principal Financial Group, and Luis Rico-Gutierrez, dean of the Iowa State College of Design.

The group consisted of eight Iowa State faculty members from a variety of colleges including sociology, chemical and agricultural engineering and veterinary medicine. Board of Regents members Patty Conwie, Sherry Bates, Milt Dakovich and Nancy Boettger also served as voting members on the committee.

Student Government President Cody West and Graduate and Professional Student Senate President Vivek J. Lawana were the only two students selected to be on the committee.

PUBLIC GIVES INPUT
Over the summer months, four open forums were held in Ames to get input from the community about the preferred qualifications of the next president of Iowa State.

Three of the forums were held on campus at the Memorial Union, and one was held in downtown Ames. There were two per day, spanning two days, from June 12 to June 13.

“The most important goal of the presidential search committee is to ensure that the search for Iowa State’s 16th president is as inclusive and comprehensive as possible,” said Luis Rico-Gutierrez, co-chair of the committee and Dean of ISU’s College of Design, in a release. “We believe that it is critical to solicit input from all constituencies on what attributes the next president should have.”

At the second forum on June 12, Vice President of Student Government Cody Smith was in the audience to add his input to the discussions.

Smith said it came down to a candidate willing to go against the current status quo, and to form a coalition of multiple voices to support advancement on campus and in the legislature.

“I think over the past five years especially, we’ve seen the mentality ‘well if the state’s not going to fund us more, so let’s raise tuition,’” Smith said. “I understand that that’s necessary to keep the university going, but I also think that we need somebody... who has the ability to question [that].”

APPLICATION PERIOD ENDS
The application period for the position of Iowa State president ended Aug. 24. The advertisement for the position was posted to more than 30 groups, websites or news outlets.

Applications would remain confidential through the final stage to the extent permitted by law. The expectations include a character profile: prepared to carry out the university’s strategic plan, employing “strategic leadership, insight, and vision,” be an “enthusiastic, energetic, and engaging voice” on behalf of the university, both on campus and statewide, and be a “thoughtful, innovative, action-orient ed multitasker” who “listens carefully, assesses fairly, and acts decisively.”

The ad list of attributes included a “demonstrable record of success leading and implementing diversity and inclusion initiatives,” followed farther down by “direct experience in collaborations with diverse constituencies, including the state legislature, businesses, foundations, agriculture leaders and residents from all parts of the state” and “capacity to nurture an active, contributing alumni base.”

The search firm used was AGB Search.

FINALISTS CHOSEN
The announcement was made on Sept. 28 that the list of eight had been cut down to the four finalists, following two 75-minute interviews in Minneapolis.

Each of the four finalists names would be announced by the Board of Regents 24 hours prior to each being on Iowa State’s campus for their open forum.

The first announced was Sonny Ramaswamy; the second, Pamela Whitten; the third, Dale Whittaker; the fourth, Wendy Wintersteen.

FINALISTS VISIT CAMPUS
The four finalists spoke on campus, one each day. A synopsis of those forums can be found on the front page.

PRESIDENT CHOSEN
The Iowa State community has the opportunity to give feedback on the presidential candidates.

The open forums can be watched at presidentialsearch.iastate.edu. Each candidate’s curriculum vitae can be found here, as well as the feedback forum.

Presidential search co-chair and Dean of the College of Design Luis Rico-Gutierrez emphasized the importance of giving feedback and said they will review the feedback and present it to the Board of Regents.

On Oct. 23, the Board of Regents will make a decision on which candidate will be the next president after hearing from the search committee.

EMILY BLOBAUM/IOWA STATE DAILY
Former President Steven Leath left Iowa State for Auburn University. He started at Iowa State Jan. 16, 2012.

HANNAH OLSON/IOWA STATE DAILY
College of Design Dean Luis Rico Gutierrez is a co-chair of the presidential search committee.

CHRIS JORGENSEN/IOWA STATE DAILY
Interim President Benjamin Allen was approved unanimously on March 24.

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Automotive club looks for new members

BY MITCHELL LAFRANCE
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The Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Formula team is headed back into the shop this semester with goals of implementing new technology and expanding their team.

SAE Formula is a team that designs and builds an open-wheel single-seat race car that competes with other colleges from around the world at various competitions.

The team will spend the fall semester building upon last year’s model and thinking of new ideas to give them a competitive edge. During the fall, they will build a mockup of the car on SolidWorks, a computer-aided design software package, that allows them to tweak parts of the car to fit their desire.

At the beginning of the spring semester, the team will head to their work space in the Advanced Machinery Systems Laboratory (AMSL) where they weld, fabricate and machine the majority of the car themselves.

“This year, we’re trying to incorporate an undertray to the aerodynamics package,” said Brad Bauer, technical director for Formula this year. “We’ll be running similar style front and rear wings like we did last year, but we’ll also add an undertray to get more downforce.”

An undertray is utilized along with a front wing and rear diffuser to help direct airflow under the car to create more downforce, thus allowing the car to have greater traction on the ground with little added drag.

The team is also hoping to revamp their entire chassis setup with the introduction of a hybrid chassis setup. “The chassis of a car is defined as the base frame which a body is attached to. One thing we’re looking toward doing is a carbon fiber monocoque instead of the steel tube space frame,” said Bauer. “One of the first things we’re researching is what’s called a hybrid, which is basically everything from your main roll cage forward is a carbon fiber monocoque tub and everything behind is still a steel tube space frame, like where the engine is mounted.”

The team is in the works with this hybrid concept, and believes that the technology and resources will be available to them in about two years. A monocoque is a type of vehicle structure in which the chassis is integral with the body.

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“The hybrid is kind of a unique situation,” said Jake Welts, project director for Formula this year. “There’s not a lot of teams running the hybrid chassis. It’s more common to have just the whole complete monocoque tub.”

“The reason we’re not doing a carbon fiber rear is because of the challenges that come with it,” said Joey Greco, president of SAE and suspension team lead for Formula this year. “There’s not a lot of teams running the hybrid chassis. It’s more common to have just the whole complete monocoque tub.”

With the addition of new technology such as an aerodynamic undertray and hybrid carbon fiber monocoque, Formula is also trying to reach out to more students on campus from various different colleges.

“The last two years have seen a large growth in terms of numbers for both Formula and SAE in general,” said Greco. “We’re hoping to get more students from other colleges because this project is a lot more than just engineering.”

“Besides building the car, we have to be able to sell it to some other engineering enthusiast,” said Greco. “It’s something I hadn’t done before and I didn’t know much about cars so I thought it’d be challenging and interesting.”

“This year, the team was able to implement an outreach coordinator who organizes fundraisers and newsletters for Formula,” said Greco. “I would say we’re a professional organization and we’re learning those skills before we get into the workforce.”

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Montgomery said teams can fall into the trap of winning and being OK with where they’re at, rather than focusing on getting better.

It’s not often a team is a 30-point underdog one week and a 20-point favorite the next, which is why this week is so unique for Iowa State. Kansas has allowed 42 or more points in each of its last four games, all of which the Jayhawks lost.

Iowa State isn’t looking past the Jayhawks though. Senior wide receiver Allen Lazard complimented the Kansas defense and made it clear that Iowa State has to bring its A-game to win on Saturday.

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Quick Hits:

- Iowa State redshirt freshman tight end Chase Allen has ties to Kansas. His father, Terry, was the Jayhawks’ head coach from 1997-2001.
- Over the last four games, Kansas is 0-4 with a point differential of 110-208.

Iowa State isn’t a strong team anymore, and the Cyclones aren’t going to be a team to mess with in the Big 12. After all, Iowa State hasn’t finished .500 or better in the league since 2005 when it went 4-4.

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WATCH: ESPN

Kansas @ Iowa State
WHEN: 11 a.m. Saturday
WHERE: Jack Trice Stadium | Ames, Iowa
WATCH: FSN

No. 24 Texas Tech @ West Virginia
WHEN: 11 a.m. Saturday
WHERE: Milan Puskar Stadium | Morgantown, West Virginia
WATCH: ESPNU

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**GOOD vs. BAD CROP**

BY NOAH ROHLFING

Iowa State defensive back Kamari Cotton-Moya argues a call during the Cyclones' first game of the season against UNI on Sept. 2. The Cyclones defeated the Panthers 42-24.

**THE PICK**

BY GARRETT KROEGER

Iowa State 49, Kansas 14

My undefeated streak came to an end at four games after Iowa State shocked the world with an upset over No. 3 Oklahoma last weekend. So you go from one of the best teams in the country to one of the worst teams in the country.

Iowa State needs to make sure it doesn't come in too confident and not play Cyclone football. Kansas gave up 69 points to Texas Tech last weekend at home and has won three games in the past three seasons.

I don't see Iowa State having a problem with defeating Kansas this weekend. This means the Cyclones will be two wins shy of bowling in December.

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**FANS FROM LAST WEEK), AND LET...**

**I was with my dad's side of the family (the Oklahoma fans from last week), and let me tell you: It did not go well with them.**

**Joel Lanning brought back memories of a bygone era with his play on both sides of the ball, and Kyle Kempt put on a performance that should make Oregon State fans wonder what went so wrong for him in Corvalis. Oklahoma was stunned and simply didn't show up to play in the second half.**

**Now, my attentions must turn to Kansas this Saturday. The Jayhawks are 1-4 this year, having lost to college football powerhouse Central Michigan and Ohio by a total score of 87-57.**

**I don't see the Jayhawks winning, even if the Cyclones come out flat on Saturday. David Montgomery played a masterful game against Oklahoma and it's crucial that he gets at least 20 touches against Kansas. His ability to make something out of nothing can open up the game for Kempt and his group of speedy receivers.**

**One play that Iowa State should continue to utilize is the wide receiver screen. Time after time against Oklahoma, the Cyclones exploited speed advantages in the slot to great effect. The play resulted in two touchdowns and was a constant source of yardage. Again, this is something I don't think Kansas can stop. A team that is giving up 506.2 yards per game shouldn't be stopping this Iowa State team. I'm sorry, Jayhawks, but you don't stand a chance.**

**FINAL ISU 45 | KU 10**

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**Wow, the Iowa State Cyclones pulled off the biggest upset in week six when they defeated the then-No. 3 Oklahoma Sooners on the road, 38-11. With that win, Iowa State is riding high into week seven. Bowl chances changed dramatically and everyone around the nation is talking about the cardinal and gold. But now, the Cyclones must face the daunting Kansas Jayhawks.**

**Now, you probably laughed at the 'daunting' part of that last sentence. I mean, the Jayhawks are only 1-4 on the year. So, you calling them daunting is laughable. However, it is the Iowa State way to lose after a monumental victory like the Oklahoma win.**

**Back in 1992, the Cyclones defeated the No. 7 Nebraska Cornhuskers, 19-10, on the road. A week later, Iowa State got manhandled by the No. 11 Colorado Buffaloes, 33-10. Now forward to 2017. After the Cyclones crushed the Oklahoma State Cowboys' national championship hopes, they proceeded to lose their last three games of the year: Oklahoma, Kansas State and Rutgers. Their loss to the Scarlet Knights was a 14-point defeat in the Pinstripe Bowl.**

**If that ain't sad, I don't know what is. Don't get me wrong, I thoroughly believe Iowa State has more talent than Kansas. I mean do-it-all playmaker Joel Lanning, I mean Lanning, and quarterback Kyle Kempt should both be Heisman candidates right now. But come after Saturday's game, not even the ray of light that is coming back from a 15-point deficit in Allen Fieldhouse will erase the pain when the Jayhawks come in and absolutely ruin the Cyclones' hopes and dreams.**

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It doesn't matter if Jacob Park, Kyle Kempt or David Montgomery starts at quarterback. Kansas has given up an average of 52 points per game in its last four contests, which is impressively bad considering two of those opponents were Ohio and Central Michigan.

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Defensive end Matt Leo was working as a plumber in his hometown, Adelaide, Australia. While busy at work one day in the hot, burning summer, he told his co-worker he shouldn’t be working here. He’s an athlete and should be continuing his dream of becoming an athlete.

Then, his co-worker suggested playing American football in the United States. It caught Leo off guard and he wasn’t sure what to say or do, but the thought was right on point for his aspirations.

The next step was trying to figure out how he could get noticed by American colleges and his co-worker gave him the first step to his journey.

“[My co-worker] had heard that an Australian had gone [to a Division II school],” Leo said. “I told my friend to go chase the guy down and see what steps he took to get there.”

A few days later, Leo was in contact and setting up a training program to get recognized. They would tape Leo at combines and practices and send the tapes over to the U.S. for coaches to hopefully recruit him.

The tapes allowed him to get a couple of offers from some JUCOs and other schools, but the one that interested him the most was Arizona Western Community College. It was a walk-on offer, but Leo knew the history behind that program and wanted to continue the tradition.

“Jesse Williams was the first Australian to reach the NFL and he went there,” Leo said. “That was enough said, so I thought I would take that step.”

Once he got to Arizona in 2015, it was a brand-new experience for him. He’d never been in the U.S. and he had no family in the country.

“It was just him. By himself.”

He was also learning a new sport because he grew up knowing rugby, not football. Since the age of eight, Leo has been playing rugby. He’s always been passionate about the sport, but he always wanted to try football.

The first year was a transitional year, both athletically and culturally. He was learning the game of football in 2015, so he had to learn some of the basic position responsibilities and the different coverages.

“I knew how to tackle because that’s all you do in rugby,” Leo said. “The biggest obstacle was learning you have to stick with one particular player or one particular zone. In rugby, you just go tackle the player with the ball, but football there’s more of a strategy.”

Leo played 11 games his first season as a reserve player, but with injuries and a couple suspensions he had more playing time.

Then, he continued improving his sophomore year with 17 tackles, six-and-a-half tackles for losses, three-and-a-half sacks and one fumble recovery. The team lost in the NJCAA National Championship with a 9-1 record.

After those two seasons, Leo wanted a change in scenery and a different school, so he started looking for a new school in the United States. He received some offers from several schools like Oklahoma, Arizona, Mississippi State and University of Central Florida.

Even with all these offers, Leo chose Iowa State.

The reason behind his decision was the fact that coach Matt Campbell and all the coaching staff were there for him on day one. They understood his situation and wanted to help him grow as a person and as a football player.

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Iowa State,” Campbell said. “He’s one of those inspirational kids because I think his best is coming.”

When he first came to Iowa, Leo was taken by all the cornfields and agriculture he saw just because he was used to Arizona where it’s mostly desert. Once he reached Ames, he felt at home again with the coaches, players and the people at Iowa State.

The football players loved having him on the team, especially hearing his Australian accent. Kamari Cotton Moya remembered his first interaction with Leo at practice.

Cotton Moya wasn’t the only one that admired his accent, it seems to be a hot topic on campus. Leo has been approached by many Cyclones fans asking him about Australia. It’s not hard to miss Leo on campus as he’s 6-foot-7 and weighs 276 pounds.

“I mean, there’s no reason for Australians to come out [to the state of Iowa] besides college,” Leo said jokingly. “Some people think [my accent is] British, which is a kick in the stomach, but it’s been a great time so far.”

As for the future, Campbell and defensive coordinator Jon Heacock both agree that Leo’s abilities will be on full display in the next couple of years. Heacock said he’s been working hard and fits in the system perfectly, but he’s just continuing to learn in a big conference like the Big 12.

Leo is hoping to stay at Iowa State for another couple of years after this football season, so he continues to ask questions to coaches and teammates. He has the ability and knowledge to not only play defensive line, but also a linebacker position because that’s what he did at Arizona Western.

“I think he has the work habits to continue being better and he’ll do what he needs to do to make it right,” Heacock said. “I think he’ll be a great addition to what we’re doing.”

Currently, Leo is the third string defensive end on the latest depth chart for the Kansas and Iowa State game. After this season, the starting position will open with Matt Leo ready for the competition.

“I’d love to stay here at Iowa State for another couple of years,” Leo said. “I know I have a lot of work to do, but I love it here.”

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**THE RECAP**

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Engage with presidential search

The four finalists for the Iowa State presidency have been named and the public had an hour to hear from and ask questions to each of the candidates. If you didn’t have a chance to hear from all of the candidates, a livestream of each open forum is now available on the presidential search website. These documents explain the qualifications and past experiences of each candidate and should be evaluated thoroughly.

Of the open forums, feedback forms are available so that all members of the public have the option to give input to not only the search committee, but the Board of Regents who will ultimately vote on who will be the 16th president of Iowa State. This is the only remaining opportunity for students and staff to have their voices heard on who will be the next president of the university.

The Editorial Board would like to stress this point as we feel it is important for the staff and student body of the university to have ample input into the matter. The deadline for submitting the forms is noon on Monday, Oct. 16. On next Wednesday, the Editorial Board will be publishing its endorsement of one candidate along with an explanation about how we came to the decision.

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George A. Romero’s classic movie is celebrating its 50th anniversary, and, because of its accidental public domain status, is available to stream almost anywhere on the internet. Night of the Living Dead is considered to have revolutionized the horror genre, providing influence for movies like “Halloween” and “Nightmare on Elm Street.” And while it certainly wouldn’t be considered scary by today’s standards, it’s still a fun watch, and a neat piece of cinematic history.

Never expose your mogwai to sunlight, submerge it in water, or feed it after midnight. Of course all three rules are broken, an army of gremlins are spawned, and wreak havoc across the city. Gremlins is a great comedy-horror movie, with enough 1980s violence to almost single-handedly create the PG-13 rating.

A young family that recently moved to Maine is warned of the evil surrounding a nearby pet cemetery. When their cat is run down by a truck, the family buries their pet, and suffer the dire consequences.

Tucker and Dale are just two hillbillies trying to enjoy a nice getaway to their cabin in the woods. Their vacation is disrupted when a group of college kids mistake them for murderers. Hilarity ensues in one of the funniest, and most overlooked movies in the parody horror genre.

“A young boy attends sessions with a therapist after discovering that he is able to see and talk to dead people. After this movie was released, many called M. Night Shyamalan the next Steven Spielberg. Shyamalan’s presence in the film industry has since decreased dramatically, but the previous praise is a testament to how great this movie is.

A group of teens trying to fix up an abandoned summer camp are terrorized by an unknown murderer. Friday the 13th” is perhaps one of the most iconic horror movies of all time, and started a 12 movie franchise spanning decades. The series laid the groundwork for slasher movies in the decades to follow, not to mention the countless knock offs.
Regarding Whittaker’s third goal of Iowa State will unleash the potential to transform lives and livelihoods. In order to achieve this, he stressed economic and social mobility, and diversity and inclusion.

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He talked on diversity and inclusion being intertwined. He explained that a University can be diverse but still not be inclusive, and vise versa, that a University can be inclusive but still lack diversity.

Whittaker fielded questions from several audience members on the topic of diversity. The questions were about groups such as black students, mentally and physically dis-abled students and students recovering from alcohol abuse.

Whittaker stressed that for all groups that have felt marginalized, he would work to implement policies for them, to ensure their success and learning.

When asked after the event Whittaker explained his diversity policy as one that includes. everyone, and creates support. “All people will benefit from an Iowa State education. All people can learn.”

Whittaker also said that he was impressed by the students of Iowa State not afraid to ask the hard questions.

Eat Food” program as an example. “We found out — much to our heartbreak — that there were students at our school who weren’t able to eat,” Whitten said. “So we creat-ed this program called ‘Let All the Big Dawgs Eat,’ and basically it provides them with a meal plan so they will be able to eat.”

Whitten spoke about the importance of in-tegration of the university with the community, referring to her experience at the University of Georgia with the community, particularly with the recent tropical storms.

The university ignored where their property lines ended and the city’s began, Whitten said. The university provided the city with the resources it needed and went out into the community and helped.

Ramaswamy’s made a point that he would focus on increasing the percentages of students who graduate on time. He said only 48 percent of four-year students graduate on-time, and 74 percent of six-year students. If appointed, Ramaswamy wants to work to increase these numbers into at least the 90s to be satisfied.

When asked why he referred to several audience members by their first name Ramaswamy explained he prefers first names because it feels more personal. “You calling me by my first name is not you belittling my accomplishments,” said Ramaswamy.

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She also said communication can be im-proved as well.

The fourth and final step was creating a campus climate where students, faculty and staff feel welcome included and supported.

“How do we accomplish these four goals. I think we need to begin by this process of saying that we have to create an efficient and productive environment,” Wintersteen said.

Lysest Addario gave a talk Thursday in the Me-morial Union. Addario has spent over 25 years documenting war in the Middle East. The upcoming feature film ‘It’s What I Do’ starring Jennifer Lawrence is based on Addario’s life.