Iowa State opens up for National Coming Out Day

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National Coming Out Day is a staple day of celebration within the LGBTQIA+ community, and holds major importance for individuals who have come out, those in the process of coming out and those who are still in the closet.

At Iowa State, there is a queer community that takes pride in celebrating days like National Coming Out Day, and those at Iowa State who aren’t a part of the community have the opportunity on this day to hear people’s stories and gain a new perspective.

Here’s a few inside looks at people from Iowa State who are celebrating National Coming Out Day by sharing their stories.

Rainelle Snyder, a freshman in animal science, goes by she/her and they/them pronouns. Here is their story.

Snyder recalls being around 12 years old when they came out during eighth grade. They wanted to come out to their mother, who they weren’t living with at the time, and proceeded to do so over text. “I just texted her saying that I was dating a girl,” Snyder said. “And she just responded back, ‘Oh, I knew that already.’”

Snyder said later on their mother sent them a Hallmark card in the mail saying things like, “I’ll love you forever” and “It doesn’t matter who you are.” Snyder said after their coming out experience, they grew closer to their mother and stopped hiding who they were from her.

Snyder said around the same time they had come out, their partner was the time was also coming out. Snyder’s partner had a different experience and didn’t receive a positive reaction from coming out like Snyder did.

After coming out, Snyder said they had a freeing feeling, like they could be unapologetically themselves.

“It seems easier to just exist as a person,” Snyder said. “It’s not scared of my identity, other people won’t be.”

Antonia McGill, a junior in women’s and gender studies and psychology, goes by she/her pronouns. Here is her story.

McGill said her first identity was asexual, after exploring the part of her life where she had a lack of sexual feelings, unlike her friends and peers. When she found a term like asexual on Tumblr, she identified a lot with the term. However, she explained she received not only a bit of backlash from her family, but also the LGBTQIA+ community.

“That’s why, when people come out as ace, people usually don’t make a big deal out of it,” McGill said. “When it came to telling her mother she just responded back, ‘It doesn’t matter who you are.’”

Snyder and McGill said they had been “thinking and talking about these issues for a long time.”

A lot of the problems and solutions that they outlined in the plan are things that he saw firsthand,” Maisel said. 

Booker’s plan also calls for college athletes to be “compensated” and for the establishment of a commission to “examine additional compensation models and unionization.”

“I think we’re kind of open-minded in terms of where that leads,” Maisel said. “In general, what we want is to see out of the commission were to be created and enacted would not be a particular compensation models but really giving athletes a voice and a seat at the table.”

In a statement, Booker’s campaign said he would fight for legislation to ensure that all college athletes have the right to opt off their image, name and likeness rights and hire agents without penalty. J.D. Scholten, the likely Democratic nominee for Iowa’s 4th congressional district, commented on Booker’s plan.

“The exterior of the new building will include a limestone veneer on three sides that complements the limestone features of Walnut Shelter in the park. There will also be a metal roof similar to the other new shelters recently added to the park system.

Additionally, the building will be ADA accessible with two gender-neutral restrooms. Each restroom will contain a toilet, urinal, sink, adult changing table, LED lighting, hand soap/sanitizer dispensers and hand dryers. The exterior of the building will have an ADA accessible water fountain with a bottle filler. The adult changing tables will be the first ones constructed in the Ames park system.
POLICE BLOTTER

10.10.19

Amanda Jean Allen, age 33, of 1209 Delaware Ave., Ames, Iowa, was arrested and charged with theft in the fourth degree, shoplifting, at 1209 Delaware Avenue (reported at 2:39 a.m.). Matthew David Strobel, age 33, of 1209 Delaware Ave. - Pemberton, Minn., was arrested and charged with public intoxication at 217 Welch Avenue (ed- at 3:25 p.m.).

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Catina Marie Moffitt Fisher, age 43, of Ames, Iowa, was arrested and charged with intentional trespassing at 225 South Kalngrove Avenue (report- ed at 3:25 p.m.).

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Paint Your Own Pottery: Color Me, Workship, Memorial Union at 4 p.m. Just like a coloring book, these pieces have line drawings ready for filling in and they are super cute! Canvas, storks, unicorns and more on mugs and plates. We will show you the basics of painting your piece and fire it in a week. Studio fee is $4 for ISU and $5 for public to attend plus the cost of the bisque you select. Drop off but give yourself an hour.

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Friday, October 11, 2019
Students make liquid nitrogen ice cream at demo

BY QUINN.VANDEMBERG
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A liquid nitrogen ice cream demonstration was presented Thursday as part of the 2019 College of Human Sciences Week, hosted by Iowa State’s Food Science Club.

Maddison Wild, senior in food science, began the demonstration by describing how liquid nitrogen ice cream is made.

“Nitrogen ice cream was created by Iowa State alums,” Wild said. “They opened an ice cream company called Blue Sky Creamery and it gained a lot of popularity.”

Wild said nitrogen ice cream is creamier, fresher and has less fat than traditional ice cream.

The liquid nitrogen ice cream demonstration was a way to educate those attending about the food science major and what careers students can lead in food science.

“We’re kind of the people that help get our food into grocery stores, and so that can be [with] food processing, food quality and food engineering,” Wild said. “All of those topics pertain to biological, chemical or engineering principles to adapt to complex food matrices.”

Two members of the Food Science Club, Sarah Wilding and Margaret Sloss, were present. Margaret Sloss, junior in food science, tripped a large metal canister to slowly pour liquid nitrogen into a small cooking pot.

Leonard said the metal canister is capable of storing 57 liters, or approximately 15 gallons, of liquid nitrogen. As soon as the small cooking pot begins to fill with liquid nitrogen, a layer of condensation forms and rapidly freezes on the outside, creating a thin layer of frost.

The liquid nitrogen is then moved from the liquid nitrogen container and a mixture of heavy cream, milk, sugar and flavoring, such as vanilla. The liquid nitrogen causes the ingredients of the mixture to freeze quickly, creating smaller ice crystals and a creamier texture.

At the demonstration, the mixture was combined with the liquid nitrogen for about a minute to make vanilla ice cream. The ice cream was then served to attendees with a variety of toppings including whipped cream, chocolate syrup, caramel drizzle, M&Ms and Oreos.

Katherine Gilbert, assistant teaching professor in the food science and human nutrition department, serves as the adviser for the Food Science Club. She said total attendance for the event is usually between 125 and 150 people.

Wild said the demonstration is one of several events the Food Science Club hosts throughout the year. Wild said the club also participates in activities such as traveling to a food manufacturing plant and selling homemade fudge to students.

Membership in the Food Science Club is limited to food science majors and open to all Iowa State students.
Run for the Roses philanthropy to support Arthritis Foundation

BY KATHERINE KEALEY
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Alpha Omicron Pi will be hosting the Run for the Roses 5k and 10k walk/run for their fall philanthropy Sunday. All proceeds will be going toward the Arthritis Foundation.

The race will start and end at Ames Middle school, and the registration is $35, with registration the day of increasing by five dollars to $40. At the race, participants will receive a long sleeve t-shirt, a rose and an omelet breakfast served by the members of Alpha Omicron Pi. There will also be silent auctions and door prizes at the event.

Morgan Cocagne, director of Run for the Roses, said Alpha Omicron Pi has been working on the race since last spring, continuing work over the summer to put on the race. Members of Alpha Omicron Pi have worked closely with the Ames Area Running Club as well, making this the biggest fundraising event of the year for the sorority.

Over the last 33 years Alpha Omicron Pi has raised $305,000 for the Arthritis Foundation. Cocagne said she hopes to see a large turnout in numbers because the weather is supposed to be nice, but the race will happen rain or shine.

“We are hoping to have around 1,000 participants, and that would raise around $30,000 for the race this year,” Cocagne said. Cocagne said it is important for her and the sorority to give back to programs such as the Arthritis Foundation and the community of Ames.

“There are a lot of people affected by arthritis, both children and adults, which is something I think is forgotten, that children get arthritis too,” Cocagne said. "I really like that we pair with the Ames Area Running Club, because it really gives us that community interaction that is a little different than other philanthropies, but still helps us get involved with the Ames community.”

Bacon Expo to educate and entertain taste buds

BY AMBER FRIEDRICHSEN
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The seventh annual Iowa State Bacon Expo will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday on the Jeff and Deb Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center. Shelby Veum, junior in agricultural and life sciences education, is the public relations co-chair of the Iowa State Bacon Expo. She and her co-chair, Rachel Zumbach, junior in agricultural and life sciences education, facilitate the event.

“We have educational booths to learn more about the pork industry,” Veum said.

The Bacon Expo is a way for attendees to learn more about the swine industry, as speakers will be present to inform guests about it.

Veum said her favorite part of the Bacon Expo is being a part of something that she is interested in, and that it is a great way to get involved.

One of the most notable aspects of the event is the all-you-can-eat bacon. There will be 12 vendors offering numerous ways to try bacon.

"Bacon mac and cheese to bacon wrapped jalapeño poppers to ham balls," Veum said. “It’s all you can eat bacon with admission.”

In addition to the informational aspects of the event, there will also be various forms of entertainment. Many activities have been organized to interest children, students and adults.

Veum said there will be activities for the kids such as a bounce house and bingo, as well as an event hosted by Alisan Porter, season 10 winner of “The Voice.”

Guests of all ages are welcome to take part in the many activities of the Bacon Expo.

Students can purchase tickets in advance online for $8 or at the door for $10. Adult admission is also $10, admission for children ages six to 12 is $5 and children five years old and younger get in for free. Proceeds of the Bacon Expo will go toward Iowa State Dance Marathon.

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Shed the symbols

Restroom signs need to be modified

BY PARKER FOX

This Coming Out Day article is brought to you by columnist Parker Fox, formally known as Shannon Fox.

Across the country, more and more people are feeling comfortable enough to identify differently than they were assigned at birth, and many others tran-
sgender the western concept of the gender binary altogether. As more of the main-
challenges facing this community, there is one issue that upon first glance may seem minor: restroom signs.

Why is there an issue with restroom signs? The issue actually lies in the safety and comfort of the transgender and non-binary community. Many states have attempted to pass what are known as "bathroom bills," which "restrict access to multiuser restrooms, locker rooms and other sex-segregated facili-
ties on the basis of a definition of sex or gender consistent with sex assigned at birth or "biological sex" (nscl.org). Biological sex, in the eyes of legislators, refers to what is more appropriately known as sex (and/or gender) assigned at birth — the sex the doctor deems a child once it is born.

One of the main arguments for this type of bill, which is sexist in and of itself, is that men will "pretend" to be women in order to harass women in the restroom. Research shows that there is no correlation between allowing trans-
gender access to restrooms and bath-
room-related crimes. It is inherently sexist because it assumes men are more likely to commit this sort of crime by omitting the opposite (if statis-
tics supported these claims, which they don't!) of women sneaking into men's bathrooms is equally possible. Not only

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room in accordance with their identity. Statistics show that 46 percent of trans people are verbally harassed each year simply for being transgenders. With society's all-too-slow acceptance of trans and non-binary individuals, many may fear to use the "men's" or "wom-
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Check in after your midterms

BY ISD EDITORIAL BOARD

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In a blowout win against Big 12 rival TCU last Saturday, Iowa State was able to get a solid performance from Brook Purdy on ground and the defense won the turnover battle, but the biggest win for the Cyclones might have come from something away from the stat sheet.

Iowa State had fun again.

After being shut down by Baylor for a majority of its conference opener, Iowa State was not playing with joy for the game and energy, multiple players and even coach Matt Campbell said.

"Honestly that is how we were playing," Purdy said. "We had all these expectations and pressure on ourselves, and honestly if you are thinking like that throughout the game, you are not going to be playing at the level you should be playing at." Purdy said even leading up to the Baylor game, there were points in the Cyclone's season that took the joy away from being on the field and playing with his teammates — something Purdy said is invaluable if a team wants to have success.

"There were parts of the Iowa game where I wasn't enjoying it, I was trying to get through the next drive and try and score points," Purdy said. "I know what is about [scoring points] but at the same time you can't lose that sense of joy and having fun during the game."

Purdy said Iowa State was able to create momentum during and before its home opener against TCU, freeing up Iowa State's offense to just play loose. Purdy said if Iowa State plays loose and has fun again, everyone will play to their max potential on every snap.

While Purdy and the offense have started to have fun again, Campbell said the team's pressure and lack of looseness may have started to top. Campbell said Iowa State's loss of joy and fun in the game has never been an attitude or effort problem, but rather it comes from the team having high expectations for itself.

"It probably started with me to be honest with you, because I felt like 'holy smokes, let's just get games over,' whereas I used to enjoy the games," Campbell said. "I just think sometimes when you want to be so perfect so bad, you want to put the guys in a position to be successful."

"You see them enjoy a process to get there and then you get to the sixty minutes and you start to press because you want to be so perfect in the moment and I think you were seeing that."

After a tough loss to begin the conference season, Campbell had meetings with his "A-players." Campbell said the "A-players" for the Cyclones were struggling to find answers as to why the team was playing without excitement and with a lack of positivity.

After the players and Campbell met, Campbell determined he should have acted on the players' feelings and knowing the Cyclone offense has fun again.

Quarterback Brock Purdy watches the score board camera footage to see who is behind him as he rushes toward the end zone at the Iowa State vs. TCU game Saturday. The Cyclones beat the Horned Frogs 49-24.

Cooper went to umpire school. He is now a Cooper went to umpire school. He is now a COURTESY OF PAUL ENDRIS/FLICKR MLAfter graduation, Iowa State alumnus Eric Cooper went to umpire school. He is now a Major League Baseball umpire. He has returned.

Charles has returned.

Center Collin Olson agreed with his quarterback and coach's assessment of Iowa State before the matchup against TCU. Olson, a senior, has been a part of Iowa State teams in past seasons with far less expectations than what the current Cyclones are under right now.

"With the last couple years, having the success that we have had, we just want to grow on," Olson said. "We are really hard on ourselves, we are just trying to make sure, so that pressure we were holding on ourselves was holding us back."

Iowa State teams in past seasons had the pressure on themselves to begin its season, leaving the team tight and prone to mistakes.

"I think against TCU you saw that this team was able to let it loose, relax and play free," Olson said. "Coach [Tom] Manning said the week is full of pressure but Saturdays are meant to be fun."

Olson said the early pressure may have caused some unhappy games but the newfound happiness will not stop Iowa State from criticizing its play on the field.

"We are still going to put that pressure on us during the week, hopefully on Saturdays we can still play loose and free," Olson said.

Breaking down the postseasons by grade

Temperatures are dropping across the Midwest, and October is in full swing. As a result, sports fans get to enjoy the best month for games.

Postseason baseball ramped up this month, the College Football Playoff rankings come out at the beginning of next month and the NFL standings are beginning to weed out the pretenders from the contenders.

As I silently watched my beloved St. Louis Cardinals' comeback against the Atlanta Braves on Monday, I thought to myself: "Can it get any better than October baseball?"

Now, no playoff system is bad, but some are better than others. Below are grades for the MLB, NFL, NBA, college football and college basketball playoffs.

**NBA**

During April, the NBA season shifts to the playoffs before wrapping up in June with the NBA Finals. The NBA playoffs are a blast with jam-packed action early on, followed by elite basketball later.

An issue with the NBA recently has been a lack of parity with the Wizards and Cavaliers winning the finals often, but the Raptors bucked the trend with an appearance and win last season.

This year appears to be wide open, and the Western Conference is poised for a major upset in the first round with the depth of quality teams in the conference.

The NBA playoffs benefit from being the only thing on television during the majority of the run besides baseball.

The downfall of the NBA is the length of the series and the amount of series. April to June is a long run for playoffs, and at times it can drag on — especially with lopsided series where at least four games still have to be played.

**Grade: B**

**MARCH MADNESS**

Often seen as the best postseason format, March Madness is great action. It sets up as much of the action is on the weekends, and it's a mostly dead period for other sports.

While the upsets and Cinderella teams create the fun that makes the event what it is, it does lack sample size with only a one-game guarantee for teams. Personally, I like this because it creates more parity and college basketball can be pretty lopsided with established blue-blood programs going against small schools.

The only knock on college basketball is the players aren't as skilled as NBA players, obviously so there's a lot of missed shots and the basketball product isn't as good. I think March Madness makes up for this with so much contrasting styles and creativity that isn't seen in the NBA.

**Grade: A+**

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF**

This might be the newest format on the list. The BCS has been dead for five years now, and the College Football Playoff has received pretty weather conditions.

One of the factors, the six playoff team per conference ratio is perfect, and it creates an opportunity for wild card upsets.

Overall, the Super Bowl is mostly a letdown, in my opinion. The halftime show is generally mediocre and the commercials are bad. On the field, footballs been played by poor officiating and weird rules in recent years, and I think that's harmed the game some.

I think the playoffs are often better than the Super Bowl.

**Grade: B+**

**MLB**

Maybe this is recency bias, but I think baseball features the best postseason (and I personally like the NBA and NFL more). I think the advantage baseball has over basketball and football is the pacing. Baseball is fast with breaks only for fouls, timeouts or quarters/halftimes. Football is similar, but it does have quick breaks between plays.

Meanwhile, baseball's intensity builds with each pitch, and clocks aren't a factor unlike in basketball and football.

Teams can sit on a lead and run out the clock; they're forced to be better than the other team to finish out a win.

I think the pacing really hurts baseball during the regular season where there's less at stake, but baseball truly shines with postseason hopes on the line.

**Grade: A**
Cyclones Forever remembers

Students and staff create online memorial for Iowa State

BY ISABEL GEBERS
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The death of a student is news that no one wants to hear. Unfortunately, for schools and college campuses everywhere a student passing away is often a reality that has to be faced.

Cyclones Forever is a website featuring an online memorial honoring students who pass away and resources for families, students, faculty and staff coping with loss. The website launched July 1, but was a year-long process.

The idea for the site started with Megan Van Heiden, senior assistant director for Student Assistance, as a possibility for her year-long project for the Student Affairs Leadership Institute.

"Last summer I was going through my own professional development and goals that I wanted to accomplish," Van Heiden said. "I had been at institutions prior to coming to Iowa State that had different forms of honoring students that they lost... and that was something that I noticed Iowa State didn't have, is something to honor and remember students. So that was a personal goal of mine that I wanted to create."

Van Heiden was unsure of what forum would best suit Iowa State's needs, then started breaking down different options for the memorial with Martino Harmon, senior vice president for Student Affairs, and Vernois Hurtle, dean of students. Eventually they decided "an online memorial or a website that would be a good place to start."

Iowa State's need for a way to honor students was also recognized by the Emerging Leaders Academy, faculty and staff who take part in a year-long leadership training program. Together, Van Heiden and the Emerging Leaders reached out to Jenny Pollard, communications and program coordinator for Student Affairs, who worked with students who designed and created the site.

"They [Van Heiden and the Emerging Leaders] just wanted [the website] to look different," Pollard said about creating the design for Cyclones Forever. "They didn't want it to look just like any informational site, 'cause really the site was developed to be a place to just honor students. So we tried to think about, 'What are elements of campus that are still Iowa State but can kind of have a softer feel? Just because it's such a sensitive topic and it was for conclave and empathy, and those are the things we didn't feel like putting the university logo [on]. So we tried to look for [those] aspects on campus: The white flowers are magnolias, which are the flowers that bloom in campus in the spring: We are the Cyclones, and our mascot is Cy, which is a cardinal. So we put the red bird — the cardinal — in the tree, something you would actually see in the spring. And it was a nice way to represent or have an aesthetic on a site that was maybe more inclusive and representative to all."

One of the main concerns for the website was that it should honor all students equally, no matter their impact on campus.

"Some students may have a lot of presence here on campus, like we saw when we lost a student athlete," Pollard said. "Some people might be really well known across campus and some students might not be. It's really important for us that we have consistency in that, so the university doesn't actually hold a vigil or those kind of components. [Cyclones Forever] was a tool for us to be really able to fill some of those needs we saw out there so that students who might not be as visible on campus have the same sort of acknowledgement from the university as someone who maybe did."

Along with remembering the students, Cyclones Forever is designed to support and supply resources to help those affected cope with grief.

"I think everyone grieves very differently, and so trying to create a central place to honor and remember while also offering resources and support [for] grief for whoever that may impact [was important]," Van Heiden said on the purpose of the site. "Whether it's students, whether it's staff or faculty — whoever may be impacted by that. [We're] just offering a place of support and letting folks know what is available on campus in terms of resources to help them feel supported through that grief."

Student Assistance handles the death notification process, which includes informing people on campus, as well as working directly with the family to provide support. Included now with Cyclones Forever will be informing the family about the online memorial.

"In talking with families, we'll share information about the website, and tell them that we have this online space to honor their student and if they want to add additional information they're welcome to," Van Heiden said. "And so they have the option to add a photo or any additional information that they want to. We really don't filter that, and that part is optional. And of course if..."
"As a former college athlete, minor league baseball player and an advocate for social and economic justice, I appreciate @CoriBooker shining light on these issues," Solin said in a statement.

The plan further calls for requiring colleges and universities to comply with "aggressive, evidence-based and enforceable standards" to ensure the health and safety of NCAA athletes.

"The training and medical staff provided by schools today is not by itself sufficient — their priority is too often to keep the player in competition, not to keep the player safe," Booker's campaign said. "Consider that officials from Michigan State were cleared by the NCAA of any violations stemming from how they handled sexual assault allegations, when women's coach Larry Nassar, even as they face serious criminal charges."

"Booker would require" colleges and universities to include additional medical treatment costs for injuries they received during college competition for "at least" 10 years after their eligibility at the institution and would direct the NCAA to "make recommendations on how to better support college athletes who develop medical conditions that emerge outside the 5-year window." 

Beyond working toward financial compensation for college athletes and calling for enforceable health and safety standards, Booker's plan highlights a proposal to improve gender equity in college athletics.

"Cory would strengthen what is deemed a "woman," Sen. Bernie Sanders and former Rep. Beto O'Rourke have called for paying student athletes during their presidential campaigns, though neither have released a detailed plan like Booker's.