Ready to serve
New president and vice president excited for the future

BY ALEX CONNOR
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“I can see Iowa State thriving and being able to serve all different students – no matter their experience, no matter their background or their identity. It’s just we have to continue that progression and not stop.”
- Julian Neely, student government president-elect

When beginning his search for a university four years ago, Julian Neely knew that he wanted to attend a historically black college. But when it came to financing that education, Neely knew that he needed to go somewhere more affordable.

Growing up in Des Moines, Iowa State had always been an influence in Neely’s life as the university often visited his school district because of how local it was to Ames.

“I came here and kind of knew the dynamic of it,” Neely said. “I had my visit during a windy, snowy day in February. I was like, this sounds like Iowa and something I’ve experienced my whole life.”

And then he decided to imagine walking class to class in the snowy, Iowa weather. Seeing how large the campus was, Neely began to picture himself attending Iowa State. It began to feel like home.

For Juan Bibiloni, it was a similar experience. Born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Bibiloni said he had known since the fourth grade that he wanted to be a mechanical engineer.

While he checked out other programs, what really helped solidify his decision to attend Iowa State was a letter from Multicultural Student Affairs informing him that he was selected as a George Washington Carver scholar — a full-tuition scholarship awarded to 100 incoming multicultural first-year students.

“I visited and just loved the campus environment,” Bibiloni said. “I came here and kind of knew the dynamic of it.”

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When Bibiloni decided to begin his search for a university, he was interested in a historically black college, but he didn’t want to go somewhere too expensive.

“I want to be somewhere where I feel a sense of connection to where I am.”

But what was different for the newly-elected Student Government duo was that Neely knew from the start he wanted to get involved on campus, specifically through the Black Student Alliance.

“Coming into this, my fall semester I got involved with the Black Student Alliance immediately,” he said. “Something that I missed through my K-12 time is that we didn’t have a Black Student Union, Black Student Alliance… we didn’t have anything that was for black students.

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Just a year later — on a chilly, March day just the Thursday before spring break — the two embrace in a hug in Carver 101 just moments after it was announced they had won Student Government president and vice president.

And on Thursday, April 12 the two were officially sworn in.

Deciding to run
Neely had asked Bibiloni to run as his vice president in early December. After taking a week to decide, Bibiloni formally accepted Neely’s offer during dead week, but the duo didn’t begin to build their campaign until just before the start of spring semester.

Campaigning on “Moving Forward ISU,” Neely and Bibiloni sought to make a difference on campus through change, innovation and empowerment. Main platform points included organizing a walk for diversity, march for education and increased mentorship opportunities.

Additionally, Neely and Bibloni hope to:
• Increase student space on campus for studying
• Improve lighting on central campus
• Implement a “Black Friday” for Cyclone gear through the ISU Bookstore and other affiliated merchandising stores
• Make it easier for students to access counseling services

But then, there were lots of ideas — perhaps too many.

“The first time you take a whack at it, you want to solve everything — make ISU perfect,” Bibiloni said. “But what can we actually do?”

TENNIS TEAM TRAVELS
Iowa State Tennis will travel to Austin and Waco, Texas to face the No. 6 Texas Longhorns and the No. 25 Baylor Bears this weekend.

FASHION SHOW
Models will hit the runway for the 36th annual Iowa State Fashion Show on Saturday at 7 p.m. Check out our preview inside.

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Every year, over 100 students come together to make The Fashion Show at Iowa State, one of the largest student-run fashion shows in the United States.

The Fashion Show will present its 36th annual show at 7 p.m. this Saturday, April 14, in Stephens Auditorium.

The event allows around 75 apparel, merchandising and design students the chance to showcase the garments they’ve created, amongst many other learning opportunities.

There will be about 150 garments taking the runway.

Fashion Show members have been working since fall of 2017 — the producers since spring 2017 — to put on an event, which attracts thousands every year. Stephens Auditorium seats 2,500 and every year it’s often a near sell-out.

The Fashion Show has accrued around 650 views so far from their live stream on their website.

The Fashion Show committees that come together to put this on include: photography, Pop-Up Shop, alumni and community relations, art, behind the scenes, tech design, treasurer, gallery and display, public relations and marketing, set design, design, human resources, modeling, Fashion Week and fundraising.

The Fashion Show’s theme this year is “Resilience,” which is a representation of minimalist modern concepts and organic greenhouse inspired elements. “The theme was inspired by the guest designer for this year, Patagonia.

During the guest-designer portion of The Fashion Show, Patagonia will show 25 to 35 pieces from their fall 2018 collection of clothing.

Four of Patagonia’s representatives will be there to speak about their line and their business and to watch the final show. The representatives who will be at the show are Rebecca Green Shank, Kena Gonzalez Todd, Sarah Darnell and Chris Teig.

Shank does product development for men’s and women’s sportswear and has done research and development at Patagonia for 38 years. Gonzalez Todd is a fit specialist who has been with Patagonia for 22 years. Darnell is a product designer and Teig is the director of art and illustration at the company.

“We are absolutely delighted to be featured in The Fashion Show 2018 and look forward to sharing Patagonia’s values and mission with Iowa State’s students. It has been a pleasure working with [the producers], and we are very excited for the big event.” said Patagonia’s representatives in a statement over email.

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He said his interpretation of ‘Resilience’ came from things related to recent events in the environment. “This year the designers sent over mood boards depicting deep rooted, resilience and idealized complimentary themes of bravery and battle ready,” Hadfield said. “From these themes, I tried to draw on the emotions and heroic acts surrounding some of the events of the past year in our nation, in particular Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.

“Local to Southern California, we experienced multiple fires and mudslides this past year. When these powerful feelings, I wanted to contrast them with emotions drawn by thinking of the extreme ruggedness, beauty and tranquility of Patagonia and of the life that began to grow after the SoCal fires.”

There will be scholarships given out to several different apparel, merchandising and design students. Last year, there were 18 scholarship categories for designers of The Fashion Show to win.

Each category has an award of $500 for first place, $300 for second place, $200 for third place and best in show wins $1,000. The categories are: street wear, special occasion, wearable art/experimental, fashionable illustration, digital printing, professional day wear, collection, accessories, portfolio, menswear, children’s wear and fiber art.

Another scholarship winner announced during the show will be the Lora and Russ Talbot ISU Fashion Show Merchandising Scholarship worth $1,000.

According to The Fashion Show’s website, “The project is designed by a local or national apparel company with the intent of solving a specific merchandising concern within the firm.”

Tickets for the event can be found on Ticketmaster or at the Iowa State Center Ticket Office and range from $15 to $30.

For those unable to make it to The Fashion Show, there will be a live stream of the event on the AESHM website.
El Centro began under an entirely different name of the Hispanic Resource Center (HARC) in the fall of 1992. The goal of HARC was to assist Latinx students of the time with academics, as well as a place for Latinx students to relax, learn about their resources and options on campus, and hold meetings. HARC also acted as a place for the Latinx student organizations like Sigma Lambda Beta and Sigma Lambda Gamma to promote themselves and make new Latinx students aware of their presence on campus.

After multiple relocations over the course of the early 2000s HARC came to be called El Centro and was moved to Beardshear to Student Services, from Student Services to Hulser, and finally from Hulser to Martin Hall. Eventually the student organizations who utilized El Centro began to outgrow the space, and it was for the most part converted into a storage space for different Latinx organizations.

Samuel Morales-Gonzalez, who is a graduate hall director and graduate student working towards his masters of education and student affairs, is leading the effort of reviving El Centro, and Morales-Gonzalez spoke to the question he asked that led him to the conclusion to bring back El Centro.

"Why not create an affinity space where it’s identity driven, where a lot of these students have similar backgrounds or similar experiences?" Morales-Gonzalez said. Morales-Gonzalez acknowledged that the Multicultural Center in the Student Services building provides these things to multicultural students, but believes that El Centro will offer specific benefits and advantages for Latinx students at Iowa State to foster relationships and build a community.

"There’s something about owning a space that brings a different feel of community and a sense of belonging at an institution like Iowa State," Morales-Gonzalez said. "It creates a space that is yours." Morales-Gonzalez explained that while the Multicultural Center (MCC) does "a fantastic job", El Centro is still an instrumental key in the experience of Latinx students at Iowa State.

"[El Centro] is very much different because identity plays such an important role with some of these individuals," Morales-Gonzalez said. "MCC is a start, but El Centro, at least my hope is, to bring something richer than that where you can connect with other individuals that are of the same identity as you at a different level, potentially.

Morales-Gonzalez says that El Centro will benefit Latinx students at Iowa State that come from a variety of different backgrounds and situations through offering identity based community.

"With an affinity space, with the research that I’ve done, you have that sense of belonging," said Morales-Gonzalez. "That’s very important as you move through college, especially if you’re a first generation student that hasn’t experienced college before, if you’re far away from home and home is not easily accessible, this is where you can create a family, and this is what I envision El Centro being."

Morales-Gonzalez hopes to bring back El Centro as a meeting space for student organizations as well and hopes that El Centro can be a specialized place for Latinx students that may not currently be involved on campus to learn about the resources and organizations they have available on campus.

"At the end of the day this is for students, and it was by a student for the students," Morales-Gonzalez said. Morales-Gonzalez also ensured that all the student organizations who used El Centro as storage have not lost storage space, as he has been in contact with these student organizations, and they have obtained a new space near to store everything that was once stored in El Centro.

Morales-Gonzalez also spoke to the importance of diversity for Iowa State's campus as a whole moving forward.

"I think diversity is such an essential role in a university setting because it not only allows for that exposure to occur for individuals that may not be aware of other identities or other cultures, and the hope is that they strive to learn more about those types of individuals and not just expect those individuals to be the teachers of their own culture," said Morales-Gonzalez.

Morales-Gonzalez hopes that his El Centro revival efforts will only be the beginning of further support for Latinx students on campus.

"After I graduate in May I want this to continue on. I want this vision and goal that I had coming here, that I envisioned, having an affinity space for students that identify as Latinx, to continue," Morales-Gonzalez said, "this is just the start, this is truly just the start."
Students gather on Central Campus for Hashtag Mosaic, which showed the five freedoms of the First Amendment, on April 12. The event included a photo booth with props and people were able to post the pictures online with #isufirst.

POLICE BLOTTER

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An individual reported the theft of a package at 158 University Village (reported at 10:48 a.m.).

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An open letter to the new StuGov leaders

With the new Student Government president and vice president Julian Neely and Juan Bibiloni taking office, the ISD Editorial Board is looking forward to seeing what the new administration will do. Here are some things we want to see from the new administration.

We hope that sexual misconduct training remains at the forefront of the Student Government’s agenda. Through the Green Dot program, which Neely and Bibiloni have supported, the university can continue to educate people about sexual misconduct and make more resources widely available to everyone. The Editorial Board believes it is just as important to have great resources for survivors as it is to educate people, in a proactive attempt to prevent misconduct.

The Editorial Board hopes that there will be a continued effort to protect pedestrians across campus. This includes keeping more pedestrians safe across crosswalks and implementing sustainable, campus-wide lighting. We hope they can find a way to improve lighting across campus without breaking the bank in the process. We are in huge support of Neely and Bibiloni’s ideas to promote diversity and inclusion across campus. They have proposed The Walk for Diversity as “an opportunity for students, faculty and staff, and administrators to come together as one to promote the importance of diversity on our campus.” We hope that they follow through with this walk to show the state and the country that Iowa State stands up for and values diversity. Similarly, the slate’s plan for the March for Education will raise the profile of issues with lagging state funding to our public universities.

Finally, we hope to see more transparency from Student Government and a more informed student body. Neely and Bibiloni have spoken about how they want to send out a monthly newsletter to students informing them of what is currently going on in Student Government. As many students aren’t fully aware of what Student Government does or what they are currently doing, this is a great initiative we hope sees fruition.

We hope that members of all Student Government branches will regularly speak with constituents and advocate for the issues they are most passionate about. It is the job of these elected officials to represent their constituents to the best of their ability.

The ISD Editorial Board is excited to see all of the changes and improvements that will come in the next year, and we wish everyone in Student Government the best as they continue to improve our university.

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Cyclones put a spring in their step

BY JACK SHOVER
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The Iowa State volleyball team will make the 130-mile trip from Ames to Iowa City to face in-state rival, Iowa, on Friday for Iowa State's fourth game of the spring season.

The game is set to begin at 5:30 p.m.

During the fall season, Iowa State beat the Hawkeyes three sets to one at Hawkeye-Carver Arena.

Three Cyclones still on the Iowa State roster helped lead Iowa State to victory. Hali Hillegas, redshirt junior libero, notched 18 digs. Senior middle blocker Grace Lazard had 11 kills and five blocks. Senior Jess Schaben, an outside hitter, had 17 kills and two blocks.

Iowa State will look to improve their consistency. Last weekend, Iowa State was swept 3-0 against Division II opponent Wayne State.

During that game, Iowa State played from behind during much of the game as the Cyclones had numerous miscues and missed shots that allowed the Wildcats to pace themselves ahead of the Cyclones.

"I think we just kind of were, not necessarily taking [Wayne State] lightly, but maybe not respecting them as much as we probably should have," said Hannah Bailey after Iowa State's tournament versus Wayne State and Drake.

Bailey is a senior right side hitter for Iowa State.

After that first game, the players said they met together and spoke on how they each could individually raise the energy level of the team.

In contrast, the second game saw the Cyclones sweep Drake with set scores of 25-21, 25-14 and 25-12. Iowa State offense hummed as the hitters and blockers, including Lazard and Schaben, were able to find sharp angles and holes in the defense to pull ahead of Drake.

Coach Christy Johnson-Lynch said she wanted the team to "hit lines" and the team did well in that regard during the second game.

Lazard in particular sent several scorching spikes at the Bulldogs.

Last season, the Hawkeyes finished with a record of 18-15 and finished in the lower half of the Big Ten. The only returning player to earn Big 10 honors for the Hawkeyes is outside hitter Taylor Louis as an honorable mention.

Iowa State returns two Big 12 first team players in Hillegas and Schaben along with All-Freshman middle blocker Avery Rhodes.

Despite facing Iowa, the Cyclone volleyball team's top priority will be improvement.

"As a coach you want to win [against Iowa], but you'd rather really just get better at some things and really think about performing in the fall," Johnson-Lynch said.

For Fiona Fonoti, who is the newest assistant coach for Iowa State, this will be her first experience with the Cy-Hawk rivalry.

She said she is excited because she heard stories such as when there was a billboard erected in Iowa City reading "Cyclone State."

Fonoti joined the Cyclones after being an varsity assistant volleyball coach at Punahou School in Honolulu, Hawaii, and was also a setting coach at Elite Setting Academy there in Hawaii.

In college, Fonoti was a three-time All-American and a Big 12 player of the year at Nebraska and was teammates with Johnson-Lynch.

For junior outside hitter Josie Herbst, her approach to the game against Iowa will not change.

"[It’s] just another spring game match, you can’t look at it as anything else," Herbst said.

Instead, this weekend Iowa State will look to expand the offense and hit more combination plays said Johnson-Lynch.

"We feel like we’ve really established the offense and Piper [Mauck] knows what she’s doing and now we can start to add in some variety," Johnson Lynch said.

Match Info
Iowa State at Iowa
Friday, April 13 | 5:30 P.M.
Iowa City, Iowa

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Members of the Iowa State volleyball team celebrate after winning their first round of the NCAA Volleyball Championship against Princeton University at Hilton Coliseum Dec. 1.
LIFESTYLE

I've Got a Kid, Here's Why

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I was 15 when I found out I was pregnant and I gave birth when I was 16. I had an immediate gut feeling after the decision I made to keep my baby. It just felt like something was off or wasn't right.

My immediate reaction was the same one you have just before going down the steepest hill on a roller coaster. I was scared, unable to see past this moment, it was like I didn't want to be there.

The process of becoming a mother drastically affected relations with friends and family.

Some friends changed, some stayed the same. Now, I have friends who did not enter my life until the younger stages of motherhood. In a sense, I am a superhero in their eyes.

Some of my relationships with family are difficult for a lot of reasons, but one reason is they felt they needed to take control once Beau was a part of me.

I carry a lot of anger toward the people who tried to make decisions for me, but I try and tell myself it was out of love for me and my son.

But often times relationships that have been ugly/blasé even stronger, some that I'm still working on.

Don't get me wrong, there are days I have no idea how I'm going to get to the end, but as cliché as it sounds, those days make me stronger. Ever since becoming a mother, I've become a better version of myself.

Having a child has affected my dating life in the fact that I can't drop everything I have going on for one person because I have a child who I'm responsible for. Having a child at a young age has taught me to be careful with who I choose to spend my time with.

Beau, my son, is almost 8 now and has yet to meet someone I'm dating. I live by faith and am certain that when God has someone that is ready to accept us as a package, we will also be ready to invite someone into our crazy lives.

My advice for people in college is to never ever give up on your own aspirations when you first become a parent. Be a parent FIRST and wholeheartedly, but find the balance necessary to maintaining sanity.

I can't explain how many times I've wanted to give up. But then, I remember how hard I've worked to get to this point. I plan to graduate with honors and go on to inspire the next person who felt like giving up or were told they could not achieve their dreams.

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Marison reflected on her and Hagemann's date together, as well as their relationship.

For our date, we were given two free movie tickets, a gift card to Dairy Queen and a gift card to Papa Johns. Since I am a scary movie buff we went to see "A Quiet Place".

Dustin usually never asks any questions about prior to the movie because he likes to be surprised. Also, I get to choose whatever movie I want, but I don't even take him to cheesy rom coms because I would quickly lose my movie picking privileges.

Overall the date went how most dates go. A lot of times on dates we like to put our phones away and just interact with each other. Although during movies there isn’t a lot of interacting that can be had, we like to sit in the theater after the movie is over and talk about it until the credits are done. That’s always my favorite part.

The worst part about taking Dustin to the movies is that he likes to get revenge on me. The week after our date he will pretend that we are actually in the film and do everything he can to either scare me or imitate whatever “scary thing” was in the movie. This week he kept shushing me for making too much noise.

All in all movie dates are still one of my favorites.

DAILY DATES

Let's Talk about Sex

Daily Dates explores topics related to sex such as effective contraception methods, the legalities of sexting and what it’s like to have a child in college. Effectively being able to talk to your romantic partner about sex related topics, such as contraception method's used and your sexual history are crucial to having a successful sex life.

Reflections

Couples

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Singles

Eight singles were paired together to talk about some of their most intimate feelings on sex, affection, communication and exclusivity in relationships. Following the conversation, participants were provided a date to go on together.

Zachariah Kaufman, straight senior in kinesiology and health, and Anna Phan, straight sophomore in liberal arts and sciences, reflected on their conversation and their date that followed.

Zachariah Kaufman’s Reflection

Anna and I met at Dairy Queen, had some ice cream and chatted for a while until it was time to head to the movie. We then went to see Ready Player One, neither of us thought the movie was particularly great. After the movie, I invited to my place for a game night. One thing that went wrong on the date was once I got home my friend reminded me we had an assignment due at midnight. So I introduced Anna to all those new people then ditched her to quickly finish the assignment.

All and all I'd be happy to be friends, but I'm not interested in dating Anna.

Anna Pham's Reflection

The date started off with us meeting one another at Dairy Queen, and then watched Ready Player One at North Grand Cinema. I would have rather we just talked more because it felt like I was just sitting next to a completely random person.

Once we got to his place he realized he hadn't finished his homework due at midnight. So, he ended up leaving me for homework and I was in a room with some strangers.

I learned that I really suck at Catan and that set-up dates can be really interesting and will definitely put you out of your comfort zone.

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All in all movie dates are still one of my favorites.

I've Got a Kid, Here's Why

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I was 15 when I found out I was pregnant and I gave birth when I was 16. I had an immediate gut feeling after the decision I made to keep my baby. It just felt like something was off or wasn't right.

My immediate reaction was the same one you have just before going down the steepest hill on a roller coaster. I was scared, unable to see past this moment, it was like I didn't want to be there.

The process of becoming a mother drastically affected relations with friends and family.

Some friends changed, some stayed the same. Now, I have friends who did not enter my life until the younger stages of motherhood. In a sense, I am a superhero in their eyes.

Some of my relationships with family are difficult for a lot of reasons, but one reason is they felt they needed to take control once Beau was a part of me.

I carry a lot of anger toward the people who tried to make decisions for me, but I try and tell myself it was out of love for me and my son.

But often times relationships that have been ugly/blasé even stronger, some that I'm still working on.

Don't get me wrong, there are days I have no idea how I'm going to get to the end, but as cliché as it sounds, those days make me stronger. Ever since becoming a mother, I've become a better version of myself.

Four couples were chosen to come in and talk about some of their most intimate emotions and feelings about their relationships. Following the conversation, participants were provided a date to go on together.

Emily Marison, straight junior in genetics, and Dustin Hagemann, straight senior in mechanical engineering have been dating for two and a half years.

Marison reflected on her and Hagemann's date together, as well as their relationship.

For our date, we were given two free movie tickets, a gift card to Dairy Queen and a gift card to Papa Johns. Since I am a scary movie buff we went to see "A Quiet Place".

Dustin usually never asks any questions about prior to the movie because he likes to be surprised. Also, I get to choose whatever movie I want, but I don't even take him to cheesy rom coms because I would quickly lose my movie picking privileges.

Overall the date went how most dates go. A lot of times on dates we like to put our phones away and just interact with each other. Although during movies there isn’t a lot of interacting that can be had, we like to sit in the theater after the movie is over and talk about it until the credits are done. That’s always my favorite part.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 19
@ LONDON UNDERGROUND
7-8 PM Bitter Canyon Glory
8-9 Satchel Bruna
9-10 Evan Campbell
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PARTICLE SHOWCASE
FRIDAY, APRIL 20
@ DG’S TAPHOUSE
7-8 PM Lizzy Poppyseed
8-9 Fred Love
9-10 Matt Woods
10-11 Andy Fleming
11-12 Joe and Vicki Price

WAVE SHOWCASE
SATURDAY, APRIL 21
@ DG’S TAPHOUSE
1-2 PM Ben Schrag & the Cautonaries
2-3 Morning Sex and the Good Weed
3-4 Moonrabbit
4-5 Obsidian’s Dream

@ LONDON UNDERGROUND
5-7 PM The Uncertain Happy Hour

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7-8 PM Bleujack
8-9 Yetta
9-10 SLICE, the Celestial Sorcerer
10-11 Tires
11-12 Bloom Balloon
12-1 Starlight Therapy