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Council to address sex trafficking, massage parlors

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“City staff believes the best strategy to address human trafficking would be to enhance the existing state licensing requirements,” according to a memo from Assistant City Manager Brian Phillips. “However, if the City Council chose to pursue local regulations regarding massage businesses, staff would recommend an approach similar to that used by Des Moines. That approach appears to be the least costly alternative for the city to enforce and for businesses to comply with, while still addressing concerns about illicit massages and human trafficking.”

The issue was brought to the council’s attention in August 2017, when city staff presented the council with a report on the regulations involving massage establishments.

Since then, Des Moines, Cedar Rapids and Iowa City have all passed regulations for locally-owned massage parlors in the late months of 2018.

The workshop of Tuesday’s meeting will be to address the discussion of what steps the city of Ames will take in order to potentially create ordinances to regulate massage businesses to prevent illicit massage businesses and human trafficking.
The bicycle previously reported stolen was recovered.

CORRECTIONS

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StuGov to sponsor OneLove Workshop

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Student Government is sponsoring the OneLove: Escalation Workshop, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Pioneer Room of the Memorial Union.

The creative process

Lecturer discusses impact of sketching in design

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The three other themes the survey found were that students experienced fear of consequences, that reporting wasn’t worth it or they had handled the situation themselves.

“This is really important, and it’s something that college students experience and people experience throughout their lives, and it’s domestic violence in relationships,” Senior Director of Student Services Zahra Bankey said when introducing the event at Student Government. “Giving people access, especially our students access to the resources to be able to notice those signs and how to access resources so that they can escape from these relationships is really important.”

City resources aim to assist housing woes

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While some may come to Ames and find the apartment or living arrangement of their dreams, for others, it can be a nightmare.

There are multiple resources from Iowa State and the city of Ames for individuals seeking resources or help for unfortunate living conditions, broken lease agreements and more.

Every one-to-four years, buildings, including rentals and apartment complexes, go through an inspection process by the city of Ames, but sometimes these inspections, which look primarily for safety concerns, can miss things or happen too infrequently to find the issues as they come up. Sara Van Meeteren, building official for the Department of Inspections, said individuals who have issues with safety in their place of living can contact the city and submit a tenant complaint form.

“If there is an issue and we are in the middle of that inspection process we will try and fix it within that process,” Van Meeteren said. “If it is outside that process, we will do what is known as a tenant complaint process … when they go through the process and submit the [tenant complaint form], they will also have to provide written proof of notification to their landlord, and that can be a letter, an email, a work order, a text message, something saying ‘I have notified the landlord, they are failing to resolve this issue.”

Safety issues could include things such as broken windows, faulty heating or cooling, something making a person sick or anything else regulated under the rental code. After receiving a call or complaint form Van Meeteren said they are able to “mediate” the situations.

Mediation will include a phone call from the city to the landlord asking for their timeline in fixing the situation, what they have done and what they will do. From there the city will work closely with the tenant to make sure progress is being made.

Not all safety issues can be solved through the city, however. Van Meeteren said issues with mold can be “tricky,” as it is not specifically stated or regulated in the city of Ames code, but they try to help with them as much as possible.

Other issues such as an unclean apartment, missing appliances or furniture that are in the lease agreement, failure to return a deposit and other lease issues can’t be handled by the city.

“For all of those issues we refer students to student legal services, Story County legal aid or there is another company in Des Moines called Home Inc.,” Van Meeteren said.

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Students face many issues when signing leases in Ames. Mike Levine, a legal consultant for Student Legal Services, said a lot of what he deals with is helping guide students through issues with explaining their leases, returns of their deposits, repairs and sub-leases — in some cases student legal services can even represent students in court. One area where students could be represented in court is in the case of eviction. As court hearings following an eviction notice come up quickly, Levine said it was very important for students to seek legal service quickly after being served.

However, students can more properly get ahead of legal issues by more thoroughly reading and understanding the leases they sign.

"It is important that students understand a lease agreement is a contract, and so they should be aware of the contents of it, and take the necessary time to review it fully," Levine said. "A lot of times, a student can be involved in a rental with another student, and they need to understand the concept of joint and several liability.

If four people are renting a place for a thousand dollars and the four students want to split the rent equally, Levine said most students would think their legal obligation would be $250, but that obligation can quickly change to the full $1,000 if one or more roommates fail to pay or moves out.

Another common lease issue Levine mentioned was a clause some leases have that says the tenant must notify the landlord 30 days in advance of moving out or the lease will continue on a month-to-month basis. If this is the case, students can face fees from paying an extra month of rent in a complex or rental they are not living in.

Understanding these details within a lease is important to students who don't want to take an undue cost burden and is something Student Legal Services can help students to understand.

Student Legal Services also provides a guide of 10 rules to rent by, explaining everything a renter should know before signing their lease, and it also provides the renting laws of the state and the city of Ames.

Orangetheory Fitness is teaming up with the Ames school district to host the first annual SK Family Fun Run on April 27 in Ada Hayden Park. All proceeds from the event will go to the Ames Community Schools District.

The event will go from 9:30 a.m. to noon, with the first activity beginning at 10 a.m. with a five minute HIT workout for the kids to participate in prior to the race. The fun run will begin at 10 a.m. with the course forming a figure eight through Ada Hayden park. Following the run will be an after party at Olde Main Brewing Co. beginning at noon. The price is $40 to register, and after April 21 will raise to $45.

Currently there are about 160 registrants for the race. Orangetheory Fitness' goal is to raise at least $5,000 for the school districts.

Orangetheory Fitness is a science-based, technology-tracked and coach-guided fitness studio, designed to produce results from the inside out, giving people a longer, more vibrant life, according to their website. One of the company's core values is giving back to the community, and they are hosting the 5K in support of these efforts.

Orangetheory Fitness is also in the process of planning a charity workout in order to bring awareness to domestic violence. It will be hosting a women's safety class with all proceeds going to the Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support (ACCESS).

Anyone can register by visiting the Orangetheory Fitness facebook page, or on the registration website.
Black hole image not a big deal

Columnist Shannon Fox satirically talks about problems surrounding recent news of the black hole released by NASA.

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This column was written as satire.

For the last several days, my social media and likely many others’ social media have been blowing up with a blurry image of a black circle with some orange wisps around it. Evidently, this is the first real, non-computer generated image of a black hole. After seeing it just over 15 times, my reaction can be summed up in two words: big whoop.

First, the photo itself isn’t very high quality. If they wanted to get a better picture of the black hole, they need a cameraman with a much steadier hand. The orange around the hole is too blurry to make out what it is.

Next, there is clearly something on the lens directly on the location of the black hole. You can tell when something is a hole because it has a bottom, sides, and a ledge. What these researchers have released is merely a picture of a black circle. They need to learn to check their equipment before they begin taking pictures of space.

That isn’t the only problem they have with their camera. All of the comments I read, which are definitely accurate because no one likes on the internet, clearly state that the camera they used wasn’t good enough to get a clear image.

While this may mean that the cameraman may have had a steady hand after all, it means that the research group was clearly lacking funding. My phone has a pretty decent camera, and it can take great pictures of the moon. Seeing as my phone costs me less than $200, if the Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics truly cared about the black hole, they could have coughed up the dough.

In fact, taking a picture of the black hole was so easy, its discovery has been attributed to just one person in particular. Katie Bouman, as shown in her viral post, single-handedly took the image that had the internet enraptured for some consecutive hours. She, however, is very modest, attempting to also credit her 19 fellow researchers for helping to snap the image.

While it is nice to include everyone on the team, it would be impossible for each member to participate in the taking of the photo, seeing as cameras are meant to be held by an individual. It’s not like the team used a scientifically-advanced telescope called the Event Horizon Telescope to see the outline of a black hole in 2017 that generated the complete image available to the public only now.

All of this information has lead me to question the authenticity of the photo and the project overall. What if the black circle is intended to be the black hole and is in fact not a smudge on the lens? What sort of organization would try to create a hoax with such a low budget that the picture appears forged, even to me, a layman? After considering these questions the answer is clear: this image has been crafted by the Flat Earth Society.

This picture clearly depicts the black hole as a black circle, or a two-dimensional object. They are using this image of the “black hole” to slowly poison the water and lead people to believe that the Earth is flat. Unfortunately, their play worked, and everyone was fooled by their sensational plot. Well, almost everyone. In summation, the black hole is a lie, the image lacks artistic integrity and question what the media tells you.

12 years after Virginia Tech, gun violence must be addressed

By Iowa State College Democrats

Today marks the anniversary of the Virginia Tech shooting, the deadliest school shooting in our nation’s history.

Twelve years ago, on a college campus not too different from Iowa State, 32 students were killed and many others were gravely injured.

And yet, over a decade later, what action have our elected officials taken to prevent a similar tragedy? Nothing.

Since the slaughter at Virginia Tech in 2007, guns have killed 122 people on college campuses. Since 20 small children were gunned down at Sandy Hook Elementary in 2012, there have been over 2,000 other mass shootings.

Since 17 high schools were killed in Parkland, Florida in 2018, 1,200 kids have been killed by gun violence. Every single year over 20,000 people die by suicide with a gun.

And yet, many of our elected officials refuse to take any action to prevent these devastating losses. More than 90 percent of Americans support universal background checks, but last month the Republican-controlled U.S. Senate refused to even consider a bill passed out of the Democrat-controlled House that would have closed the background check kiosk (H.R.-8).

This includes Iowa’s own Sen. Joni Ernst, who’s position on gun reform is not surprising in light of the $3.1 million the NRA has poured into her campaigns.

The scope of this crisis demands decisive action.

Despite the death toll of their inaction, Iowa Republicans like Joni Ernst, Chuck Grassley and Steve King refuse to consider policies that have effectively ended mass shootings in countries like Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

The thoughts and prayers of Sen. Ernst and her fellow Republican obstructionists are not enough, and have never been enough to protect us.

Blinded by their mega-donors, and busy appeasing gun industry lobbyists, they ignore intense human suffering and the overwhelming will of the American people. They refuse to act — so we will.

On November 3, 2020, we will elect the bold, compassionate leaders America needs.

Over the next 568 days until election day, join us in organizing our community, talking to our fellow student and registering thousands of new voters.

The Virginia Tech massacre will forever persist as a dark stain in our history, but change is coming — whether Ernst, Grassley and King are ready for it or not.

Fight extreme ideas with discourse

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Recently, Iowa State has had a fair amount of speakers coming to campus that are considered to be “extremists” (Nick Fuentes, Westboro Baptist Church, etc.). This is not only OK, but actually a good thing. Contrary to what the left says, the right has never been closer to the center on campus.

The Republican Party nowadays is the Democratic Party of 15 years ago, but with lower taxes. The best way to fight radical ideas is with debate, not shutting down discussion. While the protestors at Fuentes’ event were demonstrating their free speech, their behavior made them lose.

Westboro Baptist Church soon after had decided to appear on campus, this was met in a much better way. Most everyone at the protest was far more respectful, and all that happened was that the WBC looked ridiculous. Students from the Cosplay Club came and assisted in making the event one of unity.

The best way to fight against extremism is having debates against it. Without any exposure, it is easy for people to become radicalized without realizing it. If students came out and actually had these debates with outsiders of all groups, they’d be able to better recognize and grapple with extremism.
Iowa State tennis ends losing streak

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The Iowa State Cyclones (6-11, 2-7 Big 12) fell to No. 6 Texas (16-3, 9-0 Big 12), losing 4-3, this past weekend but were able to end their losing streak and pick up a win against Baylor (8-20, 2-7 Big 12), winning 4-3.

It was a tight matchup against the No. 6 team as the Cyclones’ Mary Cancini was able to create and win one of the biggest matches against No. 29 Bianca Turati in the No. 1 singles match, which was a huge upset for the Longhorns.

Not only was Cancini able to pull off a win against a ranked opponent, but Ekaterina Repina, in the No. 4 singles match was able to defeat Texas’ No. 123 Bonafide. The Cyclones brought the energy to doubles play as well as Cancini and Annabella Bonadonna were able to snatch the doubles point against the Longhorns, Petra Granic and Tijana Spasojevic, 6-2. Cancini was able to get her 100th win as a Cyclone after this match.

The Cyclones battled hard with no hesitation but were not able to overcome the Longhorns. With the win against the Lady Bears, 4-3, the Cyclones were not only able to break a tough losing streak but they were also able to make school history as they had never beaten Baylor.

Cancini stood out once again with an upset for the Bears against their No. 61, Livia Kraus. Cyclone, Bonadonna was able to get her 159th career victory against Baylor, which broke Iowa State’s career overall wins record. Not only does she have the most career wins, she also has the least amount of losses of that top-10 list.

Iowa State got the early head start on the match, 1-0, by winning two out of the three doubles matches. Baylor gained ground on the No. 2 and No. 6 singles matches which tied them up with the Cyclones. Gehr established the lead again in the win with the No. 3 match up against Barnamo.

Finally, Bonadonna put an end to the exciting match as she took down Baylor’s Sjovajo leading the Cyclones to the win and breaking the losing streak.

Iowa State softball to take on Northern Iowa Panthers

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Northern Iowa is the next challenge that Iowa State will face as the Panthers will play in Ames at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Cyclone Sports Complex.

Iowa State has a record of 23-18 (1-8 Big 12), and Northern Iowa is 20-16 (11-5 Missouri Valley Conference).

The Cyclones hold an all-time 42-36-1 series lead over the Panthers and have a record of 20-11 in home games.

In the last 10 matchups, Iowa State and Northern Iowa have split those games with five wins a piece. Last year, Iowa State won 10-7 in extra innings.

Junior Sami Williams went 3-for-5 in the leadoff spot in that game. Sydney Sittes went 2-for-5 with three RBIs while Kaylee Bosworth and Logan Schaben each homered.

Coming into the game against the Panthers, the Cyclones are coming off a sweep against then-No. 14 Oklahoma State at home.

"Coach’s message [after the final game of the series] was that we’ve got to just keep this and move on," Schaben said. "We can either sit on this and dwell on it and let things go downhill, or we can see it as a learning experience and move forward.

Northern Iowa, on the other hand, is coming off three dominant performances with a sweep against Valparaiso.

I know they’re well-coached, I know they’re going to come in and play hard, and the right way," said Iowa State coach Jamie Pinkerton. "We’re just going to come in with the right mindset, be focused and we’ll be fine.

The Panthers have won seven out of their last nine games and have outscored their opponents 56-26 in that stretch. Among the Missouri Valley Conference teams, the Panthers have been an all-around solid team as they rank sixth in batting average and ERA (earned run average) and fifth in fielding percentage out of the 12 teams in their conference.

Northern Iowa’s offense is led by junior shortstop Sammy Bunch who leads the conference in batting average with a .442 batting average, runs scored with 43 and RBIs with 44.

In the circle, senior Brooke Craig has the best record of any pitcher on the team as she has a record of 5-2 with a 4.20 ERA.

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Playing with swagger

Young Cyclone corners brimming with confidence

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To emerge as an elite cornerback, confidence is required. When a cornerback plays a perfect snap and denies the opposing team’s quarterback from throwing it, they typically go unnoticed by most fans and garners little to no praise. When a cornerback gets burnt by a deep-threat receiver or Moped by a bigger target, corners generate groans from their fans and show up on the wrong side of highlights. Luckily for Iowa State, the Cyclones return talent at cornerbacks plenty of confidence in sophomores Danone Young and Anthony Johnson.

"Good players," said defensive assistant Matt Caponi. "Good players for being that young and contributing and playing that many snaps. [They] did some really good things on film and made plays. It’s not easy to play that early, especially in this conference and the situation they were thrown into."

While the Cyclones lost D’André Payne and Brian Peavy to graduation, the cupboard’s not completely empty at the position. Young and Johnson received a taste of Power 5 football last season by contributing late in the season during their freshman campaigns.

Young and Johnson combined for seven starts last season. The duo’s experience is limited, but it was enough to feel their confidence.

"We’re young, but that doesn’t mean we’re not able to compete at a high level," Johnson said. "That’s my take on it. I think we’re very talented, especially my group. I think we’re talented enough to take on the task at hand. I don’t think being young has anything to do with our ability to play at an elite level."

Young and Johnson not only play the same position and possess similar ages, but the two also feature similar backgrounds.

Young hails from Delray Beach, Florida, and Johnson from St. Petersburg, Florida. The home state provided them with a unique attitude compared to other players, according to their freshman campaigns.

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The Fashion Show inspires all

Students show off their style

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Throughout the last 37 years, The Fashion Show has showcased the creativity of Iowa State students through the work and help of almost 150 committee members, 75 student designers and 50 models.

With this year’s theme, “from coast to coast” and guest designer Van’s “Off The Wall” youthful culture, Iowa State students brought their bold and original style to the audience as well as on the runway.

“I love seeing the hard work done by student designers and then see their work on display for a sold-out crowd,” said Nick Battles, a junior in global resource systems.

As one of the largest student-run fashion shows in the nation, with an annual attendance of over 2,500, The Fashion Show influences guests to express themselves. All who attended had the opportunity to dress like they were hitting the town for the night and many were inspired by the latest fashion trends of prints, textures and colors.

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What to consider when choosing this year’s festival fashion

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Whether you go for the headlining acts or the unique variety of food trucks, one of the most important factors when it comes to music festival season is your outfit.

From choosing the picture-perfect outfit to then posting pictures of the outfit, there are multiple things to consider when taking into consideration when selecting what to wear to a music festival.

Depending on the location of the festival you’re attending, the weather might be hot. That being said, you’re going to want an outfit that’s airy, doesn’t show sweat stains easily and doesn’t leave you with regretful tan lines.

Erin McGrath, a freshman in pre-interior design who attended Lollapalooza in 2017 and 2018, said the weather was a major factor in choosing her outfit.

“McGrath said she found something she could ‘wear in the sun’ and included close-toed shoes to avoid having her feet stepped on.”

Secondly, you’re going to want an outfit that’s comfortable one that won’t cause horrific wardrobe malfunctions.

“The biggest trend would have to have been either biker shorts or tube tops,” McGrath said. “People went crazy with their outfits and they were really out there.”

Adding functional accessories to your outfit can prove themselves to help more than hurt.

Accessories such as water bottle backpacks can help you avoid costly drinks and hold all your necessities, such as your phone, keys, portable charger and anything else you need to survive the day.

“I could do it differently I would make sure to bring a comeback water bottle backpack,” McGrath said.

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“I was going for a woowy outfit and I loved the shoulder pads because it made me feel like I am in the 80s,” said senior Amber Vander Veen.

“Battles proved to be more suave not sure what it means but I enjoy it,” said Nick Battles.

“Dylan Wymore said.

What to consider when choosing this year’s festival fashion

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Whether you go for the headlining acts or the unique variety of food trucks, one of the most important factors when it comes to music festival season is your outfit.

From choosing the picture-perfect outfit to then posting pictures of the outfit, there are multiple things to consider when taking into consideration when selecting what to wear to a music festival.

Depending on the location of the festival you’re attending, the weather might be hot. That being said, you’re going to want an outfit that’s airy, doesn’t show sweat stains easily and doesn’t leave you with regretful tan lines.

Erin McGrath, a freshman in pre-interior design who attended Lollapalooza in 2017 and 2018, said the weather was a major factor in choosing her outfit.

“McGrath said she found something she could ‘wear in the sun’ and included close-toed shoes to avoid having her feet stepped on.”

Secondly, you’re going to want an outfit that’s comfortable one that won’t cause horrific wardrobe malfunctions.

“The biggest trend would have to have been either biker shorts or tube tops,” McGrath said. “People went crazy with their outfits and they were really out there.”

Adding functional accessories to your outfit can prove themselves to help more than hurt.

Accessories such as water bottle backpacks can help you avoid costly drinks and hold all your necessities, such as your phone, keys, portable charger and anything else you need to survive the day.

“I could do it differently I would make sure to bring a comeback water bottle backpack,” McGrath said.

“Are they a necessity.”

With festival season upon us, the time to gain outfit inspiration is now. From Urban Outfitters to Topshop to the a local thrift shop, parts of outfits can be selected from virtually anywhere.

Websites like Shein and Francesca’s have been advertising toward those who are attending festivals this season and are offering deals on items from sandals to sunglasses.

While Francesca’s can be pricier than Shein, it all depends on what festival style you’re trying to encapsulate.

Francesca’s proves to be more bohemian and helps to bring out the indie style in all of us, while Shein offers edgy looks for someone who’s willing to take a few risks with their style.
Ireland recently left 50 people dead and lead to a ban on high-capacity magazines and “military style” automatic and semi-automatic weapons within six days of the shooting.

The response was lauded by U.S. Democratic leaders, but others have doubted the United States’ ability to respond similarly. Jack Shelley, chair of Iowa State’s political science department, said this kind of swift legislation is less possible in the United States because of a difference in governmental systems, as well as partisan gridlock.

New Zealand operates on a parliamentary system, which Shelley said often leads to legislation being “more on the same wavelength.” In comparison, Shelley said the United States system is a lot more “legalistic” and is “designed to slow things down.”

The most significant difference, however, may lie in each country’s founding documents. Unlike New Zealand, the U.S. is one of only three countries to constitutionally protect the right to gun ownership — the other two being Guatemala and Mexico.

The Second Amendment guarantees “the right of the people to keep and bear arms,” but the amendment has come under fire in the wake of mass shootings in the U.S., with some saying the Constitution should be seen as a “living document” rather than an absolute one.

However, Jacob Minnock, president of College Republicans, described the Second Amendment as part of the “fabric of America” and said gun ownership is viewed as a “fundamental human right” by many people.

Shelley said adapting for modern life around something so established in American culture can be difficult. This can be particularly challenging regarding guns, which Shelley said historically had a “heroic element ... in resisting a police state.”

“To the best of my knowledge, George Washington didn’t use Facebook, and Benjamin Franklin never had an Android,” Shelley said. “Neither of them could have laid hands on an AR-15 because they didn’t exist then. So the philosophical question is: do you think about the Second Amendment ... as something that’s engrailed in tablets of stone for all time?”

The gun control divide falls mostly along party lines, though many Americans support some form of gun control legislation.

According to a 2018 survey from the Pew Research Center, more than 80 percent of survey respondents supported measures preventing people with mental illnesses or on no-fly or watch lists from purchasing guns and mandating background checks for private sales and at gun shows.

Taylor Blair, president of College Democrats, said the lack of legislative response is because the Republican party’s stance on gun control is “a business model, not responsible legislation.”

“If the GOP legislated with facts and compassion instead of operating as puppets of gun industry lobbyists, we would have had common sense gun reform legislation decades ago,” Blair said. “The Republican Party is owned by the gun industry, so it is unsurprising that their solution is not to limit the source of the problem — guns — but instead to increase the number of guns in circulation.”

The party divide becomes clearer in other proposals. Thirty percent more Democrats or Democratic-leaning voters support creating a federal database to track gun sales as well as ban high-capacity magazines and assault-style weapons than their Republican counterparts, according to the same study.

Blair said he believes this legislation would be as successful in America as it has been in other countries.

Tributes and memorials were created after the Virginia Tech shooting on April 16, 2007, countries.

Minnock disagreed, specifically acknowledging the subjective nature of the term “assault rifle” in its common usage.

“By definition, an ‘assault rifle’ consists of a ‘short, compact, selective-fire weapon that fire a cartridge intermediate in power between submachine gun and rifle cartridges,’ and the National Firearms Act of 1934 as well as Ronald Reagan’s ’86 machine gun ban have essentially removed all assault rifles from the American population,” Minnock said. “What we are seeing today can be called an arbitrary definition that simply gets modified by each individual who uses the term ‘assault rifle.’”

Minnock also said he believes a ban on high-capacity magazines would be difficult to enforce, citing an instance in which a Colorado sheriff refused to enforce such a ban on the grounds that it would be too difficult for officers.

The majority of Republican or Republican-leaning voters also support expanding gun rights in some areas. Nearly 70 percent support allowing teachers or other school officials carrying guns in K-12 schools and an increase in areas where “concealed carry” is allowed.

Minnock said he believes the effects of such legislation would be “incredibly positive.”

“Right now there isn’t any sort of magic forcefield stopping people with guns from entering certain areas, other than security checkpoints,” Minnock said. “Those who wish ill upon people can bring whatever they want into almost any location. Bad people are still going to be bad people and do terrible things.”

However, a Gallup poll of nearly 500 K-12 teachers in March 2018 found 71 percent of respondents opposed teachers and staff carrying guns in schools. In regards to teachers carrying guns, Blair cited the polls findings and asked were to be expected to “shoot into a crowd of running and screaming kids” and shoot the correct one.

“The real problem is that in America it is way too easy to get a weapon of mass murder,” Blair said. “Arming teachers is a terrible solution to mass school shootings because school shooting are themselves a symptom of the original problem.”

As the debate around gun control has continued since the Virginia Tech shooting and its successors for the title of “deadliest mass shooting,” Shelley said the political divide can often be illustrated as deeper than they actually are, with political leaders on both sides dramatizing what the other side wants.

“We are pretty tribalistic now,” Shelley said. “It’s become really difficult to talk about issues like this ... It’s just really difficult to get any kind of meaningful exchange of information going on.”