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CONFIDENCE, ACCEPTANCE, & COMING OUT.
Dear ETHOS readers,

Welcome to this year's fourth (and last) issue of ETHOS. In an effort to go out with a bang, we've jam-packed the issue with everything from conversation starters to controversial issues.

Thinking of renewing your ISU living contract? Think again. Staff writer Tyler Kingkade goes behind dorm doors to discover where students' room and board money goes, and whether or not living in the residence halls really reduces the cost of college living.

With the Iowa State Supreme Court recently lifting the ban on gay marriage, staff writer Jennifer Dryden tells the story of openly gay couple Heather and Bliss's personal battles of coming out, finding acceptance and living in a traditionally conservative town.

If you're staying in Ames this summer, staff writers Linsey Lubinus and Katie Diederichs offer ways to keep busy. Check out some of campus' newest art and discover its intended message. Having friends in town? Impress them with our simple DIY summer party.

Staff writer Jenna Miller delves into what makes the ISU Theatre Department tick. Check out the action that goes on behind the curtain, what makes a good performer and tips for improving your acting skills.

So quit pretending you're studying for finals and stop stalking your friends and favorite celebs on Twitter. ETHOS is packed with enough articles to keep your procrastination calendar full throughout finals week. Thanks for picking up this year's final issue and for sticking with us through the year. Enjoy and Godspeed!

Carrie Boyd & Maddie Crawford
IT TAKES TWO

Heather and Bliss are a happily open, lesbian couple living in Ankeny. Staff writer Jennifer Dryden tells their story of confidence, acceptance and coming out.

BEHIND THE CURTAIN

Jenna Miller peeks behind the curtains of Iowa State’s theatre program, actors and producers. See what makes campus productions tick when the spotlight’s on.

THE DORM LIFE

They’re crowded, loud and (in some cases) slowly falling apart. Tyler Kinglake exposes the truth behind where your tuition money goes when you pay to live in Iowa State’s residence halls.

MISS WHEELCHAIR IOWA

Iowa State graduate Ashley Lelah holds the 2008 Ms. Wheelchair Iowa title. Staff writer Samantha Edwards interviews Lelah and researches the beauty pageant that’s more than just glitter and twirling batons.

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