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Elizabeth Warren I thought this was something that everyone felt on weekends, and it never really BY ANGEL ANTOSZ was a problem, it would just come and go. 'Rows vs. Table Groups': From So it's junior year of high school, prom was a month away and I woke up one Culture to Sports, French morning and I was getting dressed. At that time I wore a double layer of sports **Students Face Adaptation** bras just for more protection because I can't stand when boobs bounce up and Challenges at Penn State down. So, I did that and it didn't really feel right. I was like, 'Okay let's try an BY SUBMISSIONS actual padded bra'. **MULTIMEDIA** I've only worn a padded bra once, in sixth grade, it was my birthday. Never did it again. I hated it. They were awful. My last resort was a binder—like a cloth kind of sacky tank top that I bought because I started getting into costume making. So I bought it, and because the costume I had at the time was a guy, I would wear it and the binder would flatten your chest to make it more male appearing. It was really uncomfortable because it constricts everything. Think of like hardcore spandex, that's basically Penn State SPA hosts virtual what it is. I was like okay, good enough and I put a hoodie on and I went to lecture with former Nickelodeon school. star Josh Peck BY KAYLYN GREENE The weekend was coming so I was like I can figure this out, this feeling has never happened longer than like two days, so I was like it'll come, it'll go, Josh Peck will take part in a virtual everything will be fine. But Monday came and I still had this issue, this feeling lecture on Monday at 6 pm, hosted like—I can only imagine like how snakes shed their skin, it was kind of like that by SPA. —the inner self wanted to crawl out and shed the outer skin. But it couldn't. And I didn't know what to do. I would end up getting panic and anxiety attacks every morning, and God bless my teacher because I would just start hyperventilating and crying for no reason and he was so scared. He didn't know what was going on, I didn't know what was going on. So I would go to the nurse [or] I would go to the guidance counselor and I would just cry. Virtual Broadway Cast Everyday, I would be in the guidance counselor's office just crying, and Reunion: The Lion King eventually, through the power of Youtube, I found a coming out story of a trans BY KAYLYN GREENE woman: Stef Sanjati. She's a Canadian Youtuber and trans woman who told her story, and I really related to that as well as Ruby Rose's Break Free video. Both The cast of The Lion King on of those really explained what I was feeling—especially Ruby Rose's visual Broadway were reunited via a zoom call talking about their roles and representation of at first she's a female, but then she takes off the hair and the their part in the Broadway show. makeup and dresses as a guy. I was like, 'That's what I want'. Eventually, I realized that I had gender dysphoria by SPA. "No one and I started tossing around the idea of being demigender, bigender, gender non-binary — all knew why I those kind of terms. cut my hair... I can't tell It was like two weeks before prom and I cut my hair. I cut it short, kind of pixie cut, but I wanted it them, 'Oh to be more boyish short hair. No one knew why I yeah I don't cut my hair, I was like I just needed a change, just really feel Women's Lacrosse: A visual trying something different. story like a girl..." BY JEFF HODGDON I can't tell them, 'Oh yeah I don't really feel like a girl so I cut my hair' because that would just create Penn State Women's Lacrosse are more questions, and I grew up in a really conservative area so that wouldn't be currently at a record of 4-2. Check welcomed. out The Underground's recap photo gallery to see some of the best I went to Creation, which was a Christian music festival. I am Christian. I would moments of February. say I'm one of the few people who still practices Christianity even with being LGBTQ. That was a big struggle with figuring out that I'm trans because it's how I really feel but [there was] my parents and my community—all these pieces just The Evolution of the Penn State being jumbled together. Mascot BY MARIAM LEE So I was at Creation, and I was watching this hard core band called Seventh Day Penn Staters all know and adore the Slumber, and the lead singer shared his testimony of how he was a drug addict. beloved Nittany Lion mascot. [One time] he'd had enough crack left so he could [overdose and] kill himself. However, how many Nittany Lions And right as he shot it, his mom walked in and he instantly tried to take it back actually know the history behind and was like, 'I shouldn't have done that.' what represents their school? Through that, he found Jesus and he invited us to come to the front and have a holy moment of worship and surrender yourself. In that moment, I remember telling myself, 'I am a boy and it is okay.' That was the first time that I really accepted myself being transgender. I had a lot of peace about it for the very first time." A Day in the Life: Penn State Club Boxing BY CRISTIAN FLORES As the Underground sports department continues it's "A Day In the Life" series, we take a deeper look into the Penn State Club Boxing team. Get a better understanding of what it takes to not only dominate in the ring but in the classroom as well. **●** Comments closed "I love how colorful he is...Whenever I am really dysphoric or having a lot of anxiety, just watching someone like Bob Ross is really calming and soothing," Haines shared. Haines is a sophomore studying food science—one of the reasons he chose Penn State. The other reason being he knew what a LGBTQ friendly university it is; one he felt he could transition at. Last year was a good year for Haines. Dec. 17, 2018 marked 11 months of his taking testosterone. On Feb. 28, 2018 he got his name legally changed in court, and at the beginning of November 2018 he sent his birth certificate in to have his name changed. Still learning the nuances of who he is, Haines finds that, with the support of his family and friends, he has never been more sure of himself. 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