

Outgrads

>> I call it the um -- you know, the town as a whole was very friendly and very welcoming.

>> Yeah, absolutely. I agree. I mean, the peace deck has the rainbow flag and there's just a lot of -- I don't know, I like don't feel looked at or -- in a negative way when I'm walking around downtown most of the time, which is nice.

>> Uh-huh. What's everybody's favorite Sparky's ice cream flavor?

>> Cinnamon.

>> Oh, gosh, all of them. I really like the Elvis one that they do with like the peanut butter and the banana.

>> Oh, god, that's awesome.

>> Oh, I don't know that one.

>> Yeah, it's good.

>> Their chai tea ice cream is really good, really good because I'm a fan of ice chai tea lattes and so I didn't know that chai tea ice cream could exist but when I came here it was really good. And I did try the cicada ice cream.

>> Yeah, I did too.

>> It's so gross. I thought it was so gross but -- I don't like bugs.

>> I mean, I expected it to be gross but I did really want to try it.

>> I have to say I actually did not mind it.

>> Really, did you have it too?

>> Yeah, I was okay.

>> I did not like it.

>> I like cookies and cream, which I want to say that I do not like traditional cookies and cream ice cream from the grocery store, but I love Sparky's one.

>> I don't think I've tried that one. I love their pineapple upside down cake. Has anybody else had the pineapple upside down cake?

>> Yes.

>> So I never would have thought to try it and then somebody had me try it and I was like I can't -- how is it so good? It doesn't taste like cake, it doesn't taste like pineapple. I guess it tastes like upside down. I don't know. I don't know what it tastes like but it's so good.

>> It's very sugary.

>> It's so good. And then every time I like, you know, go to something else and it's way more delicious. So we're going to take a quick break and then we'll be back talking with the outgrade -- OutGrads, chairs, presidents, leadership.

>> People.

>> People, with some people from OutGrads. DJ Argyle and DJ Plaid.

>> Hello, this is Dan from Imagine Dragons. And you're listening to KCOU, Columbia.

>> (Music playing) So this is what you meant, when you said that you were spent.

>> Hey, this is Flee from the Red Hot Chili Peppers for RAD. I'm here to remind you that drunk drivers are still a major killer of young adults in this country, so always choose a designated driver. And remember, music lives, you should too.

>> (Music playing) Good morning, in the state of Mississippi. The papa was a copper and the mama was a hippie.

>> A public service message brought to you by the U.S. Department of

Transportation, RAD, the National Association of Broadcasters and the Ad Council.

(Music playing)

>> It's the bottom of the hour. Here's what's making news in the world of sports.

>> It's around 3:30 at the KCOU sports desk. I'm Trey Alesio. After a dominating exhibition victory to start out the season over Northwest Missouri State, the Mizzou men's basketball team looks to play Missouri Southern in round two of their exhibition series. Ernest Ross and Keon Bell scored a combined 42 points in Monday's matchup. Look out for them to electrify the crowd with their high-powered offense. Mizzou will be missing Michael Dixon as he and freshman Dominique Bull have been suspended indefinitely for undisclosed violations of team rules. The team has not let the suspensions prevent them from preparing for the season. Catch the Missouri Tigers men's basketball team Sunday, November 4th at 2 p.m. The Mizzou football team is getting ready to head to Gainesville to take on the number seven Florida gait in the swamp in their first out of three road games in the month of November. The Tigers are four in four overall and coming off of their first win in the SEC against Kentucky last week. Mizzou's struggling offense hopes to get hopes to get something going against the fast and mean Gator defense. Missouri is 102nd overall in passing yards as well as 94th in rushing yards in rush being yards in the country for the season. This will be a huge test for the Mizzou Tigers. Catch the Tigers taking on the Florida Gators in a hostile environment Saturday, November 3rd at 11:00 a.m. on ESPN2.

Missouri women's soccer advances to the SEC semifinals with a two and one victory over the Kentucky Wildcats. The Lady Tigers improved to 14 and six on the season and will take on the top seeded Florida Gators who are ranked 11th in the nation. The next women's soccer game will be tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m.

Onto the NFL, the Kansas City Chiefs will be going against the San Diego Chargers in a little game of Thursday night football. The Chiefs are third in rushing yards this season but only have pulled away with one win. They are currently in the middle of a four-game losing streak and hoping that Jamal Charles and the rush game will change the KC momentum against Philip Rivers and the Chargers tonight. This game will be on NFL network around 7:20 p.m. As for the St. Louis Rams, they will be looking for their fourth win against the six and two NFC West divisional leading 49ers. Although there are rumored trade talks about running back Steven Jackson, he continues to power through defenses earning that hard fought yardage. Jackson has 401 rushing yards on the year as well as one touchdown. Catch the Rams taking on the Chargers Sunday around 3:30 p.m. For the latest news and sports, check out our website KCOU.FM. From the KCOU sports desk, I'm Trey Alesio and I'm out.

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>> It's tough to be friends when you don't agree. Even tougher when you have to spend two hours together every Saturday.

>> You are telling me that if the Broncos can win eight games with Kyle Wharton and Tim Tebow as their starting quarterback that they cannot win ten games with

Peyton Manning?

>> No, no.

>> I am walking out of this room. I'm going to fill up my water bottle.

(Music playing)

>> This is AZ live combination -- just live.

>> Salute your sports with sports with common (indiscernible) Drew Bracket and Tom Castleman every Saturday from 12:00 to 12:00, and you won't leave without some laughs.

>> All right. We are back with Inside Out on KCOU 88.1 FM Columbia. I think I rearrange how I say those things every time.

>> That was good. We're here with our guests DJ Flannel and DJ Argyle.

>> It's DJ Plaid. You're now DJ Flannel.

>> I mean, I'm now stereotyping our guests.

>> Not that we didn't with DJ Plaid and Argyle. We didn't choose those names or anything.

>> All right. Well, they're from OutGrads and they're awesome. And they're talking to us today just about their org in general and they've shared some awesome information. Is there anything else you guys want to tell us? Maybe something -- let's get -- let's get personal, let's get real been anything you want to tell us about being really?

>> Apparently not.

>> That's a very broad question. That's a very broad question.

>> Um, I think I'll maybe narrow it down. Um, maybe can you give us like a quick portion of some of your coming out stories? I know that, you know,

coming out is a large, huge thing that is a long process but would you share some of that with us? Our listeners real seem to appreciate those stories.

>> Do you want me to go first because I think yours is a little cheerier?

>> Sure.

>> It's nice to end on a happy note. I mean, I -- I came out when I was a freshman in college to other people but I came out to myself in middle school. And so there was a lot of internal struggle until I came out and then afterwards as well mainly because when I came out, my sister completely rejected me and I haven't spoken to her since. Well, I try to speak to her. I have to remind myself she's the one not speaking to me. So she was my best friend and I have lost her and it's been almost eight years since I came out to her and there has been nothing since. And so to me that's basketball been the biggest struggle but there's been -- you know, I think that's really difficult but I also recognize that there are a lot people that are in worse situations than I am and they have lost a lot more than I have and so I think that's really important when you do come out that if you do lose somebody that it's really important to recognize that there are some people that are in a lot worse situations and it leaves you in a lot better state of mind when you are trying to work through what you're working through. But saying that I did lose my best friend, my sister, you know, there were other people in my family that were supportive and, you know, some of them did need some extra helping to understand my identity and what that meant for me and them and what that meant for our family, but, you know, I was really glad to have some people like my aunt and uncle in New York that did not care and stood up for me when I didn't realize that my brother had outed me to my entire family

without my knowledge. And so, you know, knowing that like I'm so thankful that my aunt and uncle were there for me and I didn't even know about it. And so that's like super positive for me. And so even though I've had little bumps in the road, it's still awesome it to know that my aunt and uncle will always be from for me even if I don't realize that they're doing that.

>> Wow. Thank you for sharing that. I didn't know that part of your coming out story.

>> Yeah. I don't really share it that much but --

>> Well, thank you. Thank you for sharing it and I think it can be very validating for our listeners. And listeners, if you are dealing with hard things, I know we say this each week, but please do check out the MU counseling center 882-6601 and we'll have the link on our website.

>> Yeah, I guess mine might be a little cheerier than that. I mean, I think there's so many different phases of coming out.

>> Uh-huh, yes.

>> I mean, I dealt with coming out to myself for a very, very, very long time. I think that was the longest -- the longest part of it for me. I mean, looking back now, I think I could see even back in, you know, middle school, definitely in high school, you know, I knew something but was in a very conservative area, socially conservative area and socially conservative family and it just sort of wasn't even an option and even when I got to college I started to meet people who were out but still didn't think it was an option. And then towards the end of college and then I had a year off between college and grad school and I really just decided I wanted to, you know, face it head on. It had gone on long enough, you know,

without me really acknowledging it. So I met up with a -- well, I guess an acquaintance who was very, very, very out um, and I kind of talked to her and she sort of became like my little mentor.

>> Don't we all have one?

>> I sure do.

>> I love them.

>> And she took me -- it actually was like a few days before the big Pride event in Detroit so she, you know, brought me and introduced me to a bunch of her friends and um -- and that was just an amazing experience and sort of solidified my identity I guess. I was like yeah this is -- you know, this definitely fits. And that was the summer right before I started grad school and then I said I am not moving to a new city, starting a new chapter in my life and still hiding. I'm like I am, you know -- so once I sort of completed the very long coming-out-to-myself process, the coming-out-to-everybody-else process happened very quickly um, and went relatively well. And it was really nice. I kind of came out to my immediate family and my good friends back home before I moved and -- except for my dad, who still does not know. So maybe I'll just send him a link of this Podcast.

>> Shout out. Hey dad.

>> But I told everybody back home and they were all very supportive um, you know, in their own way. And then came here and it was sort of like I could just start a new life and just pretend like I had always been out and kind of fake it till you make it I guess.

>> Yeah.

>> I'm really glad that I had that opportunity to sort of move ten hours away and just start fresh.

>> Definitely.

>> Well, and also I think I was just reminded of funny stories about when I came out.

>> Yeah.

>> Because even though --

>> Oh, good, let's have something --

>> Yeah, something funny for me. I think it's funny. So when I came out to my mom, I took her into the woods because that's where I felt comfortable because I like to hike. And so I was like I'm going to take you hiking. And so while I'm sitting there, she's reading this letter that I wrote out to her and she's bawling and she looks up at me and these just like well, that explains why you were so excited when Ellen came out on television. And she went on to tell this story about me jumping up and down as this little kid when Ellen came out on television. And I apparently was crying and I was like oh, my god, I'm so excited. I was just like well --

>> That is so cute. I remember when Ellen came out too.

>> So do I. Yeah, I have it on DVD.

>> Nice that's awesome.

>> I was going to talk to what you said, DJ, um, patterns. I forgot --

>> Plaid.

>> Plaid.

>> DJ Plaid. I liked what you said about like fake it till you make it because I

remember really -- I really can identify with that especially when -- I've been out now for like seven years but when I first came out, you know, and it's like staggered when you came out and you come out to different people blah, blah, blah but I remember when I first came out like I wasn't like dressing how I like felt comfortable yet so I was like still like -- but I really knew I wanted to but literally it seemed impossible. I was like I have no idea how I can start dressing -- like how could I ever buy boys pants? It seemed like they were actually like in this area surrounded by lasers that would be like (noise) if I tried to touch them. It was so funny because I too have my queer superstar who I looked up to and really like kind of helped me like cross that threshold of queerness. I'm making up words. Anyway. Yeah, and I just -- I know what you mean about fake it till you make it. And then like it's just like afterwards you're just like oh, everyone has to do that. So just that element of like it is a learning process and nobody really tells us about it and so when we find you know those role models it really, really helps.

>> Yeah, and I have a friend actually, she and I call each other our butch bros and we go shopping together. Seriously, we call each other butch bros. It's so much fun because we go shopping together because by yourself, especially when I moved here to Columbia, it's kind of awkward because I don't know how people will respond when I'm in, you know, in a store in the mens section buying all my clothes so having a partner there to buy mens clothing is so much easier and so much more fun because you don't really see everyone else staring at you if they are staring at you. Maybe it's just myself conscious but --

>> No, I think it happens some.

>> It totally happens.

>> I know it happens sometimes. But, you know, it's so much fun having a partner in crime shopping for clothes. And even now my butch bro is in Boston, you know, I've found some new people that could do that here with me. And I recently actually -- going back to the religion and sexuality, I went to a geish queer conference soon -- recently, and there was somebody that I met that her partner wants to go shopping with me because their going through this too of trying to figure out their sexuality and how their clothes are supposed to mesh with that and trying to figure it out and trying to build up the confidence to go into the mens section and be like oh, okay, I can wear these really awesome jeans and pants --

>> And have pockets that fits things.

>> They used to make pockets for women that were like deep pockets. Yeah, they just don't do it anymore.

>> There are no pockets.

>> I never knew that. Maybe it's only in kids clothing. They give kids pockets. I just want somewhere to put like some Chapstick and a pen and maybe a wallet, keys, you know, the basics.

>> Well, I I think a lot of people use purses. Someone thought I had a purse but it was my lunch box and I said that's not a purse, that's my lunch box. See, food. I don't have makeup, sorry.

>> I remember talking to a person I respect greatly who is a colleague who is just amazing, and talking about gender and I've talked with him about gender lots of times and then I mentioned something about not having a purse and it like utterly blew his mind. And like someone else that he's worked with for a really

long time -- longer that he's worked with me and we're talking like years and years who also doesn't carry a purse, who say woman who doesn't carry a purse. He just wouldn't -- he's like wow, you're right, I've never seen you with a purse. To me it like shocked me it like shocked me. I guess if you -- to me I recognize that I don't carry a purse. It's like where do I put things if I don't have pockets, all sorts of stuff like that. It was just interesting. Like wow, if you don't have to think about not carrying one then you don't recognize if people do or don't and to me it's something I recognize I guess because of the kind of gender roles placed on this.

>> Yeah, totally. It's actually a real funny story. So like I carry either like a book bag or some kind of like satchel in place of a purse. But it's really funny. My mom is like super supportive, and I love her. Shout out, mom, hi. And she listens to the show sometimes.

>> That's cute.

>> Yeah. And so but she like always calls my bag a purse and also calls my shirts blouses.

>> My grandmother does the same thing.

>> I'm like this is not a blouse.

>> I'm like mom, what in god's name makes you think this is a blouse. And she's like oh, Amelia, you know what I mean. So I was like okay, fine. She's really not trying to be mean she just really like can't not call my bag a purse. And like you know whatever. It's like really funny now because I don't care anymore. But like so what I started doing is you call like my -- I have two brothers so I call all their stuff purses and blouses and they don't -- they don't care but it's really

funny because I was like all right, well, if my stuff's getting called blouses and purses and being feminized, I'm feminizing everybody else's stuff.

>> I can relate to that. When my grandma used to -- I've always worn mens clothing. Like ever since I can remember in sixth grade, I was wearing like flat bills backwards and like basketball shorts.

>> Yea.

>> And I still don't know why people -- well, I tried to convince people I wasn't gay but it's fine. But my grandmother was always like let me take you shopping and like let me buy you form fitting clothes. Oh, my god, we used to go to the mall and there's like a store called Cold Water Creek.

>> Yeah.

>> I get bills from that for some reason. I don't know why.

>> She took me in there and like literally the jeans -- I'm like 15 years old and she's trying to get me to put on pants that have like elastic bands that you pull up to your chest. She's like Sara, they fit your curves so well and like you don't -- you don't have anything showing and blah, blah blah. And I'm like grandma, these jeans, they do not fit well. This was like when I was in my little seen phase and I would walk into Hot Topic and she would be standing there and she would be like what are you wearing? And it was just so cute. It was just so funny how clothes like mean so much to you and like validate your appearance and like what DJ argyle said earlier, I have a funny story about how when you jumped up and down and Ellen came out. My parents kind of knew when I was dancing naked to Melissa Etheridge when I was like two years old. They always give me jokes about that.

>> That is hilarious.

>> That's like singing closer to fine in your car with all your friends. No, that's Elward, sorry.

>> I am so, so glad I know that about you, DJ.

>> Supposedly they have videos and I've never seen it and I always like sing I'm the only one. And they expect me to like -- they're like why aren't you dancing?

>> Well, I'm glad we got the singing in.

>> That was not my best -- not my best note.

>> Yeah. I have a couple stories how important clothing is. Like I don't -- I never really thought of it and I am not in contact with any of my biological family and haven't been in a number of years for lots of reasons besides the LGBT thing. It was like icing on top of the terrible, terrible, terrible cake. But I realized like one of the last couple times that I actually went and was in contact with them and went to go visit them, I remember like making the decision of I'm going to wear my clothes on this trip. Like I am going to pack the clothing that I own and that I wear single day because I had gone back maybe once a year, maybe twice a year for a number of years when I was still trying to make that work and I always borrowed other people's clothes. I always wore more feminine clothes. I never wore the clothes that I like actually owned and I remember this huge conscious decision of no, I'm going to wear the clothes that are my clothes and it seemed so simple and yet revolutionary to be like I am genuinely going to be the human that I am and it didn't go over well, hence the not in contact. But I gave it a shot because I had been faking. And I thought well why not try the realness. It didn't go well.

>> You know clothes and hair are such a big issue.

>> Oh, yeah.

>> Before I came out, I actually chopped all my hair off. My hair was lower than my hips before I came to college.

>> Whoa.

>> Yeah, think about that.

>> No way.

>> Yeah. I had to cut it all off. I was like I'm done with this. I'm done. I can't stand this hair. So I donated it. And that was more of an issue for my mom than me being gay. You know, that was a huge issue.

>> That's so true.

>> Yeah, because it's just like a huge symbol of feminine, femininity and all of that and so the idea that you're cutting those ties to femininity even though you can be totally feminine with short hair.

>> Yeah.

>> I'm not though. But it's just like such a heartache for people to see. And recently I went to my cousin's wedding and this was the first time that I was going to wear my own clothes in front of some of my family. And for the months leading up to it my grandmother would say to me what dress are you wearing, and I would said well, I'm going to look in my closet and see. And I looked in and I said -- I didn't actually look, but I don't have any dresses, I don't even have any skirts so I don't really know what you want me to do about that so I'm just going to wear my clothes, and so I did and she was very upset about it. And when I came out of my hotel room I was wearing you know mens nice shiny

black shoes. You know what I'm talking about.

>> Uh-huh.

>> Mimi knows what I'm talking about.

>> Yep. Yeah, I do.

>> And I was wearing nice black slacks and a blue shirt, buttoned down with a really nice black vest and a black bow tie.

>> Good choice.

>> That's awesome.

>> And my grandmother looked at me with such disappointment because I wasn't wearing the dress. And I'm just like you know what, that's not who I am. I'm not going to wear a dress. And to this day I'm still fighting with my brother, when he -- if he ever gets married about I don't want to wear a dress in his wedding and why can't I be your best person instead of a bridesmaid. I really would rather be a best person than a bridesmaid and they don't understand that. I think that's sometimes more of a challenge, your gender expression --

>> Totally.

>> -- than your sexuality for some people.

>> But also like it's possible, my best friend got married about a little over a year ago now -- oh, no, like a year and a half ago. Anyway, I was her best woman instead of her made of honor and I wore a suit and in the front of a Catholic church, I was standing there --

>> Props to you. I was raised Catholic.

>> It just wasn't a thing. I mean, I think we had talked about it because we were best friends and had talked about like you know, I don't wear directions. She's

not -- she is an amazing alli and one of the my closest friends but she's not like part of the queer community necessarily. She has all of her friends that are like in her -- she's also in biological sciences, you know her, so she's got her like birding friends and outside friends and let's go do things that aren't like queer stuff, which is great and I love all of those friends also but it was not a thing. Was just like no, this is happening and like nobody fought it and just standing up and saying this is what's going on happen.

>> That's awesome.

>> Yeah. I mean, it was huge. It was huge for me and I just love her more and more for it.

>> Shout out, hey.

>> My brother, he had his wedding in L.A. but he had the reception in St. Louis and so I mean I like literally like can't physically get into a dress. I don't know, my limbs like will tear it up before it even comes near me. I can't physically do it. But I remember I wore you know like kind of a similar thing, just like my nice slacks and that. All that good stuff, yeah. And I remember my grandma walked over to my mom -- I mean, I only heard this later because she didn't say it to me but -- and she was like Catherine, Amelia is dressed like a man. And my mom was like yeah, I know. And then my grandma was like okay. And like that was it. Just wanted to like make sure my mom knew. It's just like never been a thing. But it just really made me laugh because --

>> For real.

>> It's just such a funny way to put that like I don't know.

>> It's so funny how the allies can make a difference. I don't think I've told this

story on the show before but my partner's mom apparently was saying something about how my partner was just going through a phase, which we've talked about that's a very common reaction. So she said that in front of our nieces. She was eight -- the 8-year-old niece said what's a phase, what does that mean, because she didn't know what the word was. So you know, her grandmother explained it means that you're doing something for a short time, not that you're really -- so the 8-year-old looked up and said yeah, I don't think that's what they're doing.

>> Don't you just love kids?

>> Hearing that story was like that's amazing.

>> That's awesome.

>> You know, like just having that one person stand up and make that difference I think is huge.

>> I remember when I cut my hair for the first time, which was not like recent, I cut my hair in fourth grade, like shaved.

>> Nice.

>> Not just cut one-fourth an inch. Went all the way down.

>> Yeah, I did that. I did that once.

>> I remember telling my mom. I don't know, when I was a little kid I always played with Teck Deck Dudes if you -- do you guys know what those are?

>> No.

>> Oh, my god, I'm really -- I'm undergrad. But they like have magnet feet and they put them on skate boards and you can like play with them. They're really fun. Anyway, but I just always wanted -- there was like this one Teck Deck dude

that had like spikey yellow hair and they're like thumbs, they're not real things but it had a mohawk. And I told my mom, I was like mom, I really want to get my hair cut like dad's and I want to put yellow gel in it and give it a mohawk like this Teck Deck dude. And I remember she just started crying, but not like -- she was just like why are you going to cut all of your hair? She always got it cut in this like nice little bob and like bangs. I don't even want to think about it.

>> Yeah.

>> But my dad thought it was really cool. He was like oh, yeah, like Sara wants to look like me and she's going to shave my head. And I remember I played softball when I was like ten years old and I had this shaved head and people would legitimately come up to me after we shook hands and be like how did you -- how are you allowed to play on the team? This is like woman's softball, like woman's softball like how are you allowed to play on the team? And I'm like this is an awkward conversation to have right on the field after we beat you so I don't know.

>> Yeah, I play a fair amount of coed sports and the other teams multiple times have been like -- somebody from the sideline is like screaming at the referee that the numbers are off and they need to sub and they need to put another girl on. There was one time in particular where my girlfriend turned to the woman screaming and she was like are you talking about number, whatever number I had on the back of my shirt? And she's like yeah, they have five men on the field. And didn't know of course that my girlfriend's sitting there by herself probably with a book, probably not paying attention to the sports game at all was of course my girlfriend. And so she was like yeah, that's my girlfriend, she's a

girl, she's got the short hair. And then the woman was so embarrassed that she packed up everything and sat in her car for the rest of the game.

>> Oh, dang.

>> It's okay, I have the short hair.

>> We've got some great tweets today from the women's center, shout out to the women's center. We've got one that they're requesting to see DJ Argyle's twitter pic, long hair.

>> They don't exist. They've been burned.

>> Okay, so sorry woman's center, those have been burned. And then a shout out to -- well, I guess not a shout out to Cold Water Creek. They're not digging --

>> Not Cold Water Creek.

>> It's very -- it's sad about Cold Water Creek. And then we've got -- you want to get that last one? I can't really read it.

>> Yeah, we have Suzie Day who tweeted at us saying outing yourself to family via Inside Out, smiley face, pretty cool way to do it, big smiley face, hashtag coming out stories.

>> That's hilarious. We always love when you guys tweet at us. That's @MULB2BQ hashtag Inside Out.

>> That's great. I thought of one other story about the clothing and the shopping. When I went shopping for the suit that I ended up wearing in my friend's wedding, that was one of the most uncomfortable shopping trips I had ever been on --

>> For sure.

>> -- Because it's formal wear and you go into -- and I wanted it to look nice and so you go and all of those shopping places have like the personal shoppers and so I don't think that those like you know retail men at Macy's are trained on how to deal with gender nonconforming women shopping for a suit. Like I don't think they got that memo. I think they got like the make sure to upsell a tie. And most of them were nice but they also were like very much like I don't know how to deal with you.

>> Yes.

>> And I am a smaller size than most mens clothing run and so there's this whole awkward thing ever they can't even give me what I'm looking for and so there's all these questions and then they kind of try to send me to the boys section but like boys don't always have suits. It's very much like pants and the blazer and I wanted a suit.

>> And you're pretty tall.

>> Yes, I am pretty tall. So the sleeves never fit. I mean it was just so uncomfortable and like I was so ready to spend way more money that I had to just get something tailored and be done. I just wanted to be done. And I had someone with me which helped a lot. Like I really want to echo the having somebody else there to just even kind of --

>> Huge support --

>> Standing right behind when you say this is what I need.

>> And advocating for you if you don't feel like you can.

>> It just feels a lot better. So when I say it was nothing to wear that suit. It was nothing in the wedding with my friends but there was all of the world at

large that does make a difference.

>> Well, and there are a few places in the world that do gender nonconforming suits for female bodied people.

>> Yeah.

>> And I one that I know of that, you know, down the road, you know, if marriage is in my picture or whatever, it would be a good place to go to. It's in London. And so that really sucks for people that are in Columbia, Missouri, you know, where not everyone can afford to fly to London and that's a huge need that isn't really available right now, which is unfortunate. I know there are some places that are a little more friendly but I know them in Boston or Philly or New York City.

>> I think that you guys need to do an entire show on clothing.

>> I think you're right.

>> We have a packet that we made. If you're interested, if you need to interview or wear business professional for a conference or a presentation, we have a packet that we made that is a tips on how to dress professionally without putting gender into it and so it really is very helpful on like what matters is -- how would be professional without like it's panty hose if you are a lady.

>> Right. I'm going to a job interview tomorrow actually and my partner was a little upset with me because she's like why are you wearing a woman's suit tomorrow and I said well that's in my closet and I can't afford to buy anything else. She's just like well you're not going to be comfortable and I said well, I think that sometimes you need to try to figure it out, what you're wearing and try to make it work if you don't have the resources. So trying to figure out what you have in your closet that will make you feel comfortable because just because

this suit is technically from a woman's section doesn't mean that it doesn't look more masculine or I can't wear a shirt underneath, a button down or shoes that are going to make me feel more comfortable.

>> Absolutely.

>> Because who really knows whether it is or not.

>> Right. A really good resource for that too is good will. They have like mens suits and so like they probably won't fit you. I don't know who you are exactly but they probably won't fit you, the suits. But like so you buy a super cheap suit and then you pay for the tailoring. And then I was also going to say, this harkens back to like five minutes ago but I really wanted to say it because like every time I go into like Macy's or insert any other like stores into the mens section, the like nice part where like the personal shoppers are, they love to look at me and go is this for your husband? And I'm like come on. And I'm just like no, it is not for my husband, it is for me and now I'm turning around and leaving.

>> But like the best part -- --

>> Big mistake.

>> Huge.

>> Huge.

>> Right. But the best part that I like thoroughly enjoy and sometimes hate is when people are questioning your pronouns. And so this happens in stores, in clothing stores but everywhere too and they'll look at you and they'll be like um, are you um, hmm, I don't know what to say right now and it happens a lot.

>> It happens all the time.

>> On flights to me. People will be like young sir or something like that and I'm

like what are you -- are you talking to me? Like I don't know. And it's really uncomfortable and then they get really freaked out and they won't talk to me again.

>> It happens --

>> It happens everywhere.

>> Allied listeners, just say sorry and keep going.

>> It happens --

>> Or if I correct you or you get it wrong, yeah, just check in with me.

>> It happened to me recently. There's a shout out to the guy in my American government lecture hall, I was sitting there and like he's never really asked my name and we've sat next to each other the entire semester and I think he just kind of assumed, I don't know, he saw that I had a motorcycle helmet and he was like oh, you ride bikes, dude, like that's pretty legit. And I'm like yeah I have -- yeah, I have a -- yeah. And he's like so -- a couple of days ago I was sick and I missed a lecture for like notes or whatever and we've never had the conversation of what my name is or how I identify. And he was trying to like -- he has a Blackberry and he was trying to Bluetooth me my notes some crazy weird way that I don't understand.

>> I didn't even know you could do that.

>> I don't know. I didn't even know that and I have an iPhone and so like he was trying to figure it out. And he was looking through all the contacts because Bluetooth has like -- it gives you its own name or something and he's like oh, your phone's not showing up and I'm like that's weird, it shows my Bluetooth is on. He's like, well, look at this list, I've like refreshed it like three times and it says like

Sara Stinson's iPhone at the top. And he's like that can't be you, right and I'm like awkwardly click that. And like I just turned my head and I was like thanks for the notes, I really appreciate it. I haven't seen him for the past like two weeks since that happened. Like he does not show up or sit next to me, if he shows up he sits somewhere else. I don't know what the deal was. But just like I've been told that I pass very well, whether I want to or not. And so yeah, that pronouns thing totally happens often.

>> Yeah. Going back to airports, I used to go to San Francisco Pride every summer and I would like go and like get my like queer recharged battery pack and then come back to Columbia. And I love it here and I do all sorts of queer recharging here as well. But every time the minute I got off the plane in the St. Louis airport I got -- I mean like within three minutes of being back on land in Missouri I would get sirred. And I would be like oh, okay, I'm back.

>> Yeah, yeah, and I always get sirred from like the Columbia airport.

>> And like I love it here ,I love it here, and like there's work to do which is part of why I love it.

>> Tons of work.

>> So we are at the end of our time today. Oh, go to our website to look at trans-awareness events. We didn't go through the rest of them. There's so many amazing ones.

>> We'll put it up with the podcast.

>> And come to the happy hour tomorrow.

>> And come to the happy hour tomorrow at Soco with OutGrads.

>> Please do.

>> 5:00.

>> If you are a graduate or professional student -- I'm sorry, undergrads, you're not actually invited.

>> That is correct. But we still support you.

>> There's legitimate issues. And thank you so much, DJ Plaid and DJ Argyle, please keep up the good work on campus and we'll see you next week.

>> Thanks for having us.

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