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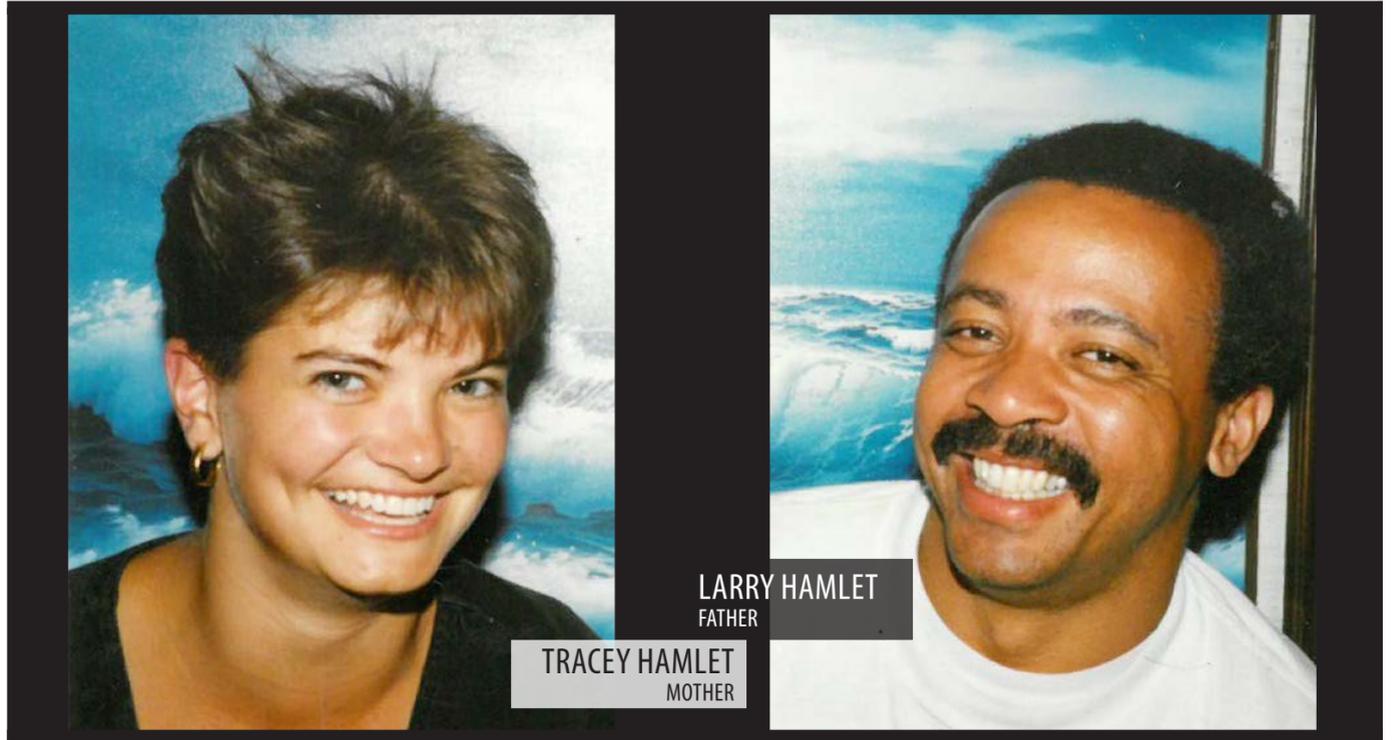
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Race Beyond Appearance



By ISAAC HAMLET | isaac-hamlet@uiowa.edu

Since 2000, the U.S. Census has allowed people to identify themselves under numerous ethnicities. When this practice was instituted, 6.8 million Americans identified as being of mixed race. In 2010, that number reached 9 million. This was a 32 percent increase, making it one of the fastest growing racial categories in the U.S.

"I was probably 5 years old," my dad said. "Probably started going out to the cotton field with my grandmother, she would say, 'Pick some, and I'd just put it in her cotton sack.'"

My dad, Larry Hamlet, was born on March 22, 1954, in Itta Bena, Mississippi, and raised by grandparents Annie and LeRoy Hamlet. His par-

ents separated when he was about a year old and shortly after, his mother, Joyce, died in childbirth with what would have been her third son.

He was born "Larry Smith" but took his grandparents' last name because "the world doesn't need another Smith family in it."

In 1960, around the time he was 5, mixed-race marriages accounted for roughly 0.04 percent of marriages, according to the U.S. Census.

During his first 15 years of life, he lived on Gold Dust cotton plantation during Jim Crow with his grandparents, brother, and cousins.

"As we got older, we were required to pick 200 pounds of cotton a day," he said. "That was per person. I had read somewhere in a book that slaves had to pick 200 pounds of cotton a day."

He wasn't wrong. According to *The Price of Pre-*

cocity, a 1992 publication by Carville Earle, male slaves were typically expected to pick 200 pounds of cotton per diem.

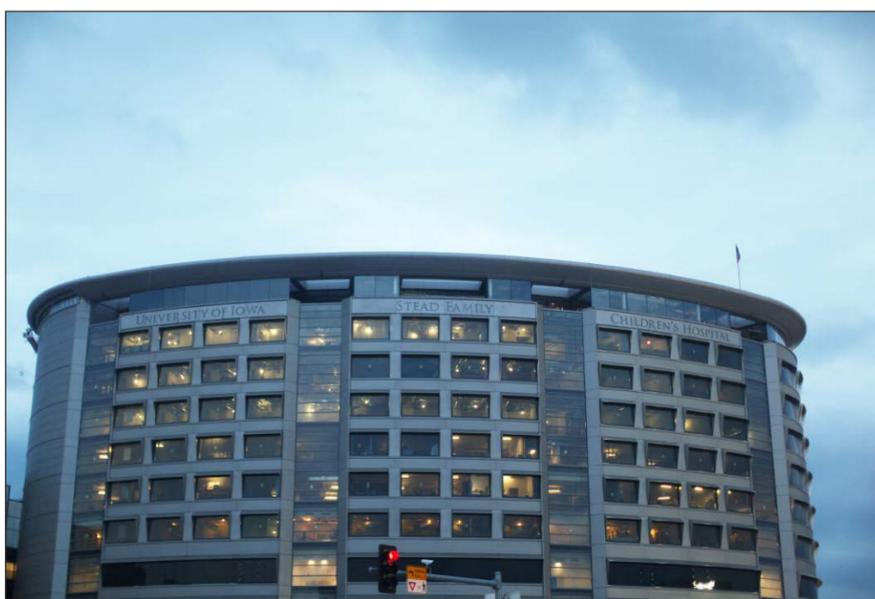
The difference of course, was my father was paid. "[I'm not sure how much we were paid] off-hand. Probably wasn't all that much; I'm gonna guess it was about 3 cents a pound," he said. "It wasn't all that much."

In the 1970s, cotton was valued at about 25 cents per pound.

To be clear, that is the price it sold for; the payment for picking it would have been well below that. Assuming his pay was 5 cents per pound, inflation would make that 31 cents per pound. That is \$62 relative to today for 12 hours picking

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For the kids' new chapter



The new Stead Family Children's Hospital is seen on Aug. 24, 2016. The facility officially opened its doors on Feb. 25. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

By JENNA LARSON
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The new University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital finally opened its doors on Feb. 25.

That day, patients were moved from the cancer center to the 11th floor of the Children's Hospital, and patients were moved into the new hospital's pediatric intensive care unit and the neonatal intensive care unit, said Jean Robillard, the UI vice president for Medical Affairs.

"[Anticipating its open-

ing, officials expect] between 50 and 60 patients," he said. "The next move will probably be another 50 patients."

The floors relating to pharmacy and medical procedures are ready, and in the next few weeks, floors nine and 10 will open, Robillard said.

The hospital spent weeks training the staff on the new environment to make sure the opening would go smoothly, he said.

"What we are looking forward to is having an environment for children

that is designed for them, that their care is focused to their needs," he said.

Children are not small adults because they have different physiology and different needs, Robillard said, and that's what the hospital will offer to them and their family.

"I think especially with Dance Marathon was the first one coming with a huge donation of \$5 million to help us build the hospital," he said.

Since its opening, offi-

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Bill would allow guns on campus

By NAOMI HOFFERBER
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A bill in the Iowa Senate would allow individuals with permits to carry weapons on public university campuses.

The proposed bill, SF 256, would bar public universities and the state Board of Regents "from adopting or enforcing any policy or rule that prohibits a person with a valid permit to carry weapons from carrying, transporting, or possessing a dangerous weapon in the buildings or on the grounds of such a college or university."

The bill was introduced by Sen. Jake Chapman, R-Adel, and went to subcommittee Feb. 20.

University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld responded to the bill in a statement to *The Daily Iowan*.

"We just marked the 25th anniversary of a tragedy on our campus that took the lives of [five] members of our community," he said in the statement. "The loss was devastating, and for many, the memory of that day is fresh and the fear is real. I believe this is a decision best made locally by those closest to the campus community."

The bill would override the power of the regents to determine whether individuals with a valid permit could carry or possess weapons on campus.

"The Board of Regents believes that it should retain the statutory control that it currently has," said Josh Lehman, the senior communications di-

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TABLING THE MOTION



Iowa freshman Yani Wu competes during a Midwestern Regional table-tennis tournament in the Field House on Feb. 25. Iowa's Table Tennis Club is a co-ed group that competes against other regional clubs. (The Daily Iowan/Joseph Cress)

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cialists have praised the smooth transition of the move to the new Children's Hospital.

"I think it's been going exquisitely well just as we planned it," said Ken Kates, the UIHC associate vice president and CEO.

"We had three mock moves before today, we have had hundreds of people involved in this process, and it couldn't be going better."

"It was exciting talking to the patients and families who have moved and to see their excitement moving to a new hospital and all the amenities was really quite gratifying."

The opening was right on track and ahead of

schedule, said Raphael Hirsch, the Joel and Jay Stead head for Leadership in Children's Medicine for the Stead Family Pediatrics Department.

"It's been mostly exciting," Hirsch said. "There's been so much preparatory work."

Practice mock moves were done along with a lot of preparation that reduced a lot of the anxiety

and stress, Hirsch said.

"Now we are actually doing live what we had practiced doing, and it's going completely smoothly at this point," he said.

The staff is excited that the hospital is up and running, he said.

"It's tremendously exciting to finally be in a state-of-the-art facility for the children that we care for," Hirsch said.

GUNS

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rector for the regents in an email to the *DI*.

James Kennedy and Austin Collins, the president and vice president of the UI 2nd Amendment Law Group, follow national trends across issues, legality of the bill, and what it would change on campus. The group is a nonpartisan organization, and individuals' opinions on the matter are independent of organization, Kennedy said.

"The right to protect yourself with firearms in your home and on your person bearing them is something that is guar-

anteed, but there are some restrictions that states can willingly put on," Kennedy said. "The classic argument on both sides would be that the risk as it stands right now, if firearms are not allowed on campus, if someone is attacked or something like that, if they are unable to protect themselves and they are harmed, the entity that is prohibiting that level of protection may very well in some ways be held responsible for that as they are depriving that right, that ability to protect themselves."

Kennedy said that conversely, individuals could willingly abuse the right to defend themselves.

"If granting that free-

dom, there are instances where it can be abused, but then again, this a freedom that people are guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States," Kennedy said.

The U.S. Supreme Court has not given any ruling regarding banning or allowing weapons on public campuses.

"One important thing to clarify with campus carry is that you still need a permit to carry, you're still not allowed to carry a concealed handgun anywhere in Iowa without the permit to do so," Collins said. "This isn't going to allow anyone who doesn't have a permit to carry a weapon on campus."

Under Iowa law, to get a concealed carry per-

mit, individuals must be at least 21, pass a background check, and take a concealed-carry class before getting a permit from a sheriff.

Kennedy said the idea that suddenly things change when moving from off-campus to on-campus is something he has not seen a lot of justification for.

"What sort of force field does one pass through where one's thoughts, opinions, and behaviors will change going through there?" he said. "Generally, due to a lot of the requirements that there already is to get these carry permits on campus, any people that should not be carrying are usually weeded out really early."

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Black History Month

A reign that went unrecognized

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Dora Martin Berry, 79, was the first African-American woman to receive the title of Miss State University in 1955 at the University of Iowa. Although she was recognized across the globe for being an African-American university queen, the UI did not formally acknowledge her achievement until 2016.

Berry visited the UI campus in October 2016 for a panel discussion about the new book *Invisible Hawkeyes*. In the book, Berry described her time at the UI. After the panel, UI President Bruce Harreld issued not only a formal recognition of her title but an apology to Berry for the lack of recognition during her time as a UI student.

"It was really quite a moving moment," Berry said. "He was clearly expressing [the apology] with great sincerity. He meant what he was saying from the heart."

Kathleen Edwards, the senior curator of the UI Museum of Art, attended the event in October and lauded the UI action.

"This was a way for the university to begin to right their wrongs," she said. "It almost brought me to tears."

Berry, who was 17 at the time, explained that Homecoming festivities have changed greatly. During her year of participation, she said, each women's residence hall elected a female student to run for Miss State University. This title is equivalent to what is now UI Homecoming Queen, she said, noting that the UI, which was then called the State University of Iowa, only allowed male students to vote for the winners.

Berry said there were about 100 African-American students at the UI while she was there. After finding out that she was on the court, she and her friends prepared for the various events.

"We were all very close, and we really looked out for each other," Berry said. "I refer to my election as a community effort. I had so much support."

Berry said she went on to be crowned Miss State University at the Fire and Ice Ball in 1955. Al-

though those who attended applauded her victory, the university did not formally acknowledge her achievement.

"Everyone was so shocked," Berry said.

Berry said she believes her reign as Miss State University started and ended at the ball, and that many of the activities that former queens engaged in were either canceled or done differently.

"That year our football team went to the Rose Bowl, where the current Miss [State University] was supposed to ride on a float in the parade," Berry said. "I was not invited, however, and was told that the former Miss [State University] would attend instead."

Although news organizations from around the world covered the story, Berry said UI officials were doing all that they could do distance themselves from the situation. She said she received many news clippings from people in various states and countries.

The UI Homecoming Council now strives to create an inclusive environment for students during Homecoming

week each year. Devin Francis, the current multicultural initiatives director of the council, said it is her job to make sure that everyone is represented and included during the weekend festivities.

"We recognize that no matter what color, gender, or any other identity that one may possess, we are all Hawkeyes at the end of the day," Francis said. "That's what Homecoming is all about."

Gabrielle Miller, a member of the 2016-17 UI Homecoming Court, said being on court was an honor and a symbol of advancements for people of color on a predominantly white campus.

"Diversity is not always evident because [minorities] don't always take the opportunity to be a part of change," Miller said.

Even though she experienced discrimination during her time as a UI student, Berry said she would not change her time at UI.

"For [black students], it was a triumph," she said. "Nothing that the university did could take that [victory] away from us."

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UI police promote phones' safety app

The UI Department of Public Safety insists the RAVE Guardian app still has advantages over normal cellphone functions when it comes to safety.

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Despite the app's unpopularity, University of Iowa Department of Public Safety encourages students and faculty to use the Rave Guardian app to report crime and promote personal safety.

The app, which has been up and running since October 2016, allows users to directly contact the UI police, give another person tracking access to her or his location as a virtual guardian, and send crime tips to UI police. UI students, faculty, and staff can connect with the police via the app.

Floyd Johnson, the emergency-management coordinator for the department, said the app so far

he said, citizens cannot send a text to the police.

In addition to this, during emergency situations, he said, phone lines are usually inaccessible, rendering cell service unavailable or delaying any messages trying to be sent. By using the app, he said, a message could be quickly sent straight to officers in the event of an emergency.

"[The app] is more reliable than phone lines themselves," Johnson said.

However, UI freshman Nicole Liljestrand said she would most likely still rely on her normal phone functions when it comes to safety because for her, calling the police in cases of emergency would be her natural instinct. Also, she said instead of using the guardian feature on the

for anything extra on my phone," he said. "I don't think there would be a situation where my phone couldn't help in an emergency."

Johnson, though, said the app does speed up the process for understanding emergency situations. For example, he said, if a person calls 911, it goes to the Johnson County dispatch before being rerouted to the UI police. With the Rave Guardian app, he said people have a direct link to police.

Also, he said officers have access to a person's information from their profiles on the app, so critical minutes can be saved by allowing officers to bypass the steps of asking questions over the phone.

Johnson said the tip feature of the app is also

"[The app] is more reliable than phone lines themselves.

— Floyd Johnson, the emergency-management coordinator for the UI department of Public Safety

has had a little more than 1,000 downloads since its launch four months ago, but the app is still a very young component of the department.

The department promotes use of the app, he said. For example, he said the app is featured in the department's Violent Incident Survival Training class, and more Rave Guardian downloads are completed after every class. As the department continues to educate the public about the app, he said, use increases.

Johnson said using the app in cases of emergency is much better than relying solely on a service phone. Currently in Iowa,

app, she already shares her location with her friends through the Find Friends feature already installed on her iPhone.

"My phone does everything the app can do already without taking up any extra storage on my phone," she said.

UI freshman Roman Starkey said he also would rather use traditional phone functions than the app. The most appealing part of the app, he said, is the direct link to the UI police when dialing 911, but he does not think the app adds any incentive to download it over using his phone as it is.

"I've never felt a need

helpful, allowing anyone to anonymously send information to police in a way that may make him or her feel more comfortable than calling the department to send a tip.

Rave Guardian is just one way the UI police can better connect with the community, he said.

"Public safety must be a community approach and get everyone involved. One way to do that is giving a tool to people that they feel comfortable using," Johnson said. "The app is like a Blue Cap in your pocket, but better."

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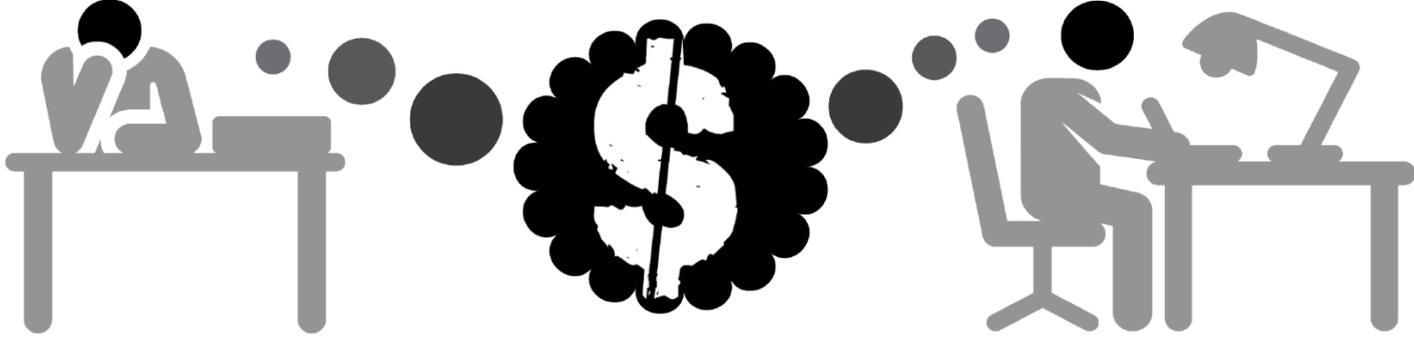
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COLUMN

Defunding academic success not the path



By JACK DUGAN
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Earlier last week, a letter was sent to Thomas Bradshaw, one of the nearly 3,000 students affected by the recent University of Iowa scholarship cuts. Bradshaw lost \$2,600 in tuition funds earned through exemplary academic accomplishments.

Part of the letter, penned by UI President Bruce Harreld, reads, “It is with great disappointment that I share this news. Please know that the elimination of this program in no way diminishes your admirable academic accomplishments. Unfortunately,

because of a shortfall in state revenues, the Iowa Legislature decreased funding to the University of Iowa by \$8 million. This devastating cut has forced us to consider every expenditure and its contribution to our core education mission of education, research and discovery.” The letter finishes with: “We pledge to continue to operate as efficiently as possible to ensure a world-class education at an affordable price, honoring the University of Iowa legacy.”

The UI legacy is quickly becoming something that resembles a fiscally driven private institution (though perhaps this should not

be surprising given our president’s corporate background). With UI faculty leaving in record numbers and academically accomplished undergraduate students losing incentives to stay, his notions of preserving a “world-class education at an affordable price” seems more like a PR move than an ethic in action. When this is coupled with the graduate-student union’s loss of its collective-bargaining rights, students and their contributions to “education, research, and discovery” is the least of both the Iowa Senate’s and Harreld’s concern.

Bradshaw’s response

to the letter, which he published on Facebook, reads “Thanks, Iowa Senate Republicans! You just robbed me of \$2,600 I earned for my academic performance. Hopefully, I can still afford to pay for my last year in school so I can still graduate — with HONORS. But [****] me, right? Poor people can’t be smart, so why even let them go to college? I need to learn my place and stay in my lane, apparently.”

Dissent toward the Republican-dominated Iowa Senate is entirely valid, but we must also hold our university administration accountable. In the midst of these cuts, athletics is seeing a \$90 million

renovation of Kinnick Stadium and administrative salaries remain astonishingly high — the 118 administrators consumed \$26.56 million of the 2016 budget alone.

While the Iowa Republicans are urging the administration to make up the difference with the \$2 billion recently raised by the UI Foundation, Harreld asserts that UI officials can’t just “slosh money around.”

Though there is bound to be bureaucratic red tape involved with anything green and the university, seeing students personally affected by austere cuts to public-university funding juxtaposed to lavish and wild-

ly expensive renovations to a sports stadium leaves a bad taste in my mouth. It seems that there is an incredible amount of money being mismanaged.

The UI administration should work for the students, not against them. Defunding public education has sincere and tangible effects on students. Funding public education is also not an easy endeavor to handle, but given the gratuitous salaries our administration enjoys, the administrators should be able to figure something else out to navigate what a callous corporate well-fare inclined state Senate throws their way.

COLUMN

Transgender tolerance takes a step backwards

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In January, there was a small victory in the ongoing fight for gender equality: in an unprecedented gesture of inclusiveness, the Boy Scouts of America welcomed transgender kids into the fold. The organization, notorious for its adherence to traditional conservative values, now permits trans youths to wear neckerchiefs and badges along with their cisgender comrades.

Swell, I thought to myself. Such a decision is surely evidence of progress toward a more generous definition of gender and progress in the face of increased preju-

dice. I was proud of the Boy Scouts for dropping its historical policy of admitting kids based on the identity on their birth certificates. I was excited for cis and trans folks alike to share the real joy of Scouting — which has more to do with enjoying hands-on adventures in the outdoors and serving the community than with cultivating gendered personhood.

But one aspect of the little triumph seemed slightly off. If the purpose of Scouting is to create well-rounded, philanthropic, rough-and-ready American individuals of any gender, then why do we have separate organizations for boys and girls? I recalled my indignation when, as an

8-year-old Brownie, I learned that our troop would not go camping or learn to whittle like the Cub Scouts that year. Instead, we’d make macaroni jewelry and sell cookies. I quit soon after hearing this announcement from our Troop leader and promptly asked my father for a Swiss Army knife. How difficult it would have been — in fact, completely taboo — if I attempted to join the Boy Scouts just to get a better wilderness education.

Cordoning off kids into gendered categories doesn’t allow for the universality of the Scouting mission. Isn’t it about time to drop the whole artificial system? The Boy Scouts created an ideal

moment to re-evaluate the gender divisions enforced by Boy and Girl Scouts, and I readied myself to argue in favor of non-gender-specific programs for adventurous youths.

Then, on Feb 22, the Trump administration reversed the progress instigated by the Boy Scouts — albeit in a different area. Gone is the legislation that once permitted transgender bathrooms. Despite the generous gesture of the Scouting community, the cause of gender equality has experienced a considerable setback. Somehow, the Trump administration hasn’t noticed the growing awareness and tolerance of non-cisgender identities;

somehow the people in the White House got the idea that trans folks don’t need support from their communities and the nation.

If the recent retraction strikes you as a great idea, consider these points — gender-neutral bathrooms are a no-brainer. You’ve probably experienced such facilities already and thought nothing of it. Bathroom trips would be efficient and convenient; no longer would women suffer through the eternal “ladies’ room line.” New facilities might need to be constructed, but often the only thing that must be altered is the signage. Plus, stalls and single-occupant facilities offer privacy for everyone.

The transition, in this case, would be simple, logical, and beneficial to all populations.

Whether manifested in bathroom legislation or changes in Boy Scout admissions criteria, gender equality initiatives are contested yet vital. The Boy Scouts introduced a progressive agenda, and we must follow that trend instead of accepting Trump’s backwards policies. Discrimination is not the new normal. The Boy Scouts’ new policy proves there’s still hope. We must redouble our efforts to erase the prejudices against non-cisgender folks — and embrace all kinds of bodies.

COLUMN

The reality of new fascist regime

By MARS THERA POPE
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Several news organizations were barred from the Trump White House press briefing on Feb. 24. Such news outlets as CNN, BuzzFeed, and the *New York Times* were not allowed into the briefing with Press Secretary Sean Spicer, and because of this, both the Associated Press and *Time* magazine, although allowed to enter, boycotted in solidarity. The banning of traditionally liberal media sources last week is just one of the ways President Trump

and his staff have begun to show signs of fascism.

Fascism has many ideological features, one of them being control of the media, which Trump has demonstrated he favors. Hyper-nationalism is another key component of fascism, which Trump is orchestrating like no other. Even in Trump’s campaign, this was evident through his slogan “Make America Great Again,” which capitalized on the country and its devoted nationalists. He continues to talk about putting the United States first, and although this should

seem comforting, it is worrisome how much more he cares for this country above others.

Another early sign of fascism is the praise of violence and readiness to use it in politics. Past fascist leaders have had their supporters beat up and occasionally kill those whose politics differed from that of the leaders. Although Trump has not outright said that he approves of this tactic, he has not discouraged it, and many have committed acts of violence in his name. Within the first week of his inauguration, “Make America

White Again” was spray painted in New York in honor of Trump’s campaign slogan. Acts similar to this one have spread throughout the country, targeting minorities whose politics differ from Trump’s in America.

Trump further shows signs of another fascist characteristic, theatricality. Trump’s theatrics are no secret, but the way they align with the fascist style is frightening. Trump has a tendency to call things and people either the best or worst thing ever. His love for repeated chants, his rehearsed frown, and overall rhetoric coordinate

with what’s been seen of past fascist leaders, such as Hitler and Mussolini.

To add on to the list of fascist tendencies, Trump has been obsessed with national security, the reason he gave for signing the executive order, nicknamed the Muslim Ban, on Jan. 27. In his statement regarding the order, he said, “America has always been the land of the free and home of the brave. We will keep it free and keep it safe, as the media know but refuse to say.” Again, he is blaming the media in order to discredit reports that he doesn’t approve of.

A fascist regime would increase chances of another war as well as strip citizens of their right to their own opinion and express that opinion. It is fair to say that the past has proven fascism to be a cruel and inhumane system. With evidence putting the president in that direction, fear is inevitable and valid. However, that fear should manifest into a fight against these fascist ideals. This is not the time to be silent and go unnoticed. Donald Trump can not censor the voices of millions.

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Minimum-wage fight looms in State Capitol

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For the first time since 1997, the Republican Party has control over the Iowa House, Senate, and governorship. Recent research presented on Feb. 24 by Chris Witko, an associate political-science professor at the University of South Carolina, shows that this may boost economic inequality throughout the state.

Economic inequality has been a long-standing issue across the nation, and Witko said states are beginning to address it based on their political leanings.

"The biggest thing that affects the answer to the question 'the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer?' is state partisanship, so the aggregate percentage

of people in the state who are Democrats is related to the aggregate percentage of the people who will answer yes to that question," Witko said. "Liberal governments lead to less inequality than would otherwise be expected given underlying economic characteristics."

Witko also said liberal governments were more likely to introduce legislation that would raise the minimum wage, and that states with higher minimum wages have less inequality.

This has become relevant with House File 295 being recently introduced by Rep. Jake Highfill, R-Johnston, in the Iowa House Local Government Committee. The bill would affect four counties in Iowa, including Johnson County, prohibiting them from raising their minimum wage above

the state's minimum wage. Iowa's minimum wage currently stands at \$7.25, while Johnson County's is \$10.10.

Highfill and other Republican legislators did not respond to *The Daily Iowan* requests for comment in time for publication.

"All it's really doing is taking control of minimum-wage policy in Iowa at the state level and denying it to the counties," said Bill Keettel, the recently retired Johnson County Republican chairman. "It's a redefinition of who has the authority to set minimum wage in Iowa. There ought to be a single statewide minimum wage, and if there's to be a change in that, it would come at the state level."

According to the most recent data from Politico, three out of the four

counties in Iowa where the minimum wage exceeds the state minimum wage voted majority Democratic in the last three elections.

Since November 2015, the minimum wage in Johnson County has been gradually increasing in 95-cent increments every six months or so. Mike Owen, the executive director of the Iowa Policy Project, a nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization, said the latest increase in the Johnson County minimum wage, on Jan. 1 to \$10.10, directly benefited 10,100 workers. Eighty-two percent of this group worked more than part-time, and the majority were above the age of 20.

"We believe that they needed that raise; Johnson County is a wonderful place to live, but it's also the most expensive place

in Iowa to live," said Mike Carberry, the vice head of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors. "The rents are the highest, gasoline prices are the highest. It just takes more to live in Johnson County."

This has led to a revival of a debate from 2015 about whether individual counties have the authority to institute their own minimum wages.

"Obviously, there are some counties here that are dominated by people who are against the government of Iowa; Johnson is one of those," Keettel said. "They want to embarrass the government of Iowa by pretending to be more generous than the state, but the state is [the] economic entity, not the individual counties. It doesn't lie well in Iowa City because Iowa City gets a very

substantial amount of its revenue from state expenditure, and for Iowa City to go against the state is counterproductive."

This had led to backlash from the other side of the issue.

"They talk big about local control and then they lie and take away local control," said Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville. "I think the counties took a leap of faith because the state didn't have the guts to do it, so now it's kind of disheartening that the state Republicans want to take away local control over raising the minimum wage. If they really wanted a proposal that would help everyone, they would at least raise the living wage a dollar and let the counties that decided to raise it higher, do it as a part of local control."

School District backs immigrant rights, inclusion

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The Iowa City School District is in the process of creating a resolution to establish a welcoming and inclusive environment for immigrants and refugee students.

School District Director of Equity and Engagement Kingsley Botchway said he is working with a group of immigrant attorneys, professors from the University of Iowa College of Law, law students, and community members to create an equitable and environment for all students.

"We need to make sure we are addressing the concerns of our immigrant families and clearly defining the School District's approach under the law," he said.

The School District further ensured its support for immigrant families who may have concerns about their living status through a statement on its website.

"In the Iowa City School District, we welcome immigrants and refugees as our students, fami-

lies, neighbors, and friends," the statement reads. "We are proud to stand by, support, and celebrate each and every unique individual in our district."

Around three weeks ago, President Donald Trump passed an executive order changing the resettlement rights of many refugees in the United States and placing a temporary ban on travel from seven predominantly Islamic countries, according to the Refugee Center Online.

The ban was eventually overturned by U.S. courts, but Trump's second travel ban order is nearing completion, according to CNN.

Botchway said he has been working on the resolution when he heard many concerns from the School District staff and immigrant families.

Teresa Stecker, the executive director of IC Compassion, said its mission is to welcome and value all strangers and treat them with justice, mercy, and love. The local group is a Christian organization that engages

culturally diverse communities through partnership.

"Education is a value of our organization, and we believe it is key to children and families breaking the cycle of poverty and to become productive members of our community," she said. "It's key to the future of our community."

IC Compassion health education coordinator Megan Schmidt said she was pleased to hear the School District's support for an inclusive environment for all students. The organization was also concerned about its clients when the first executive order was issued.

Schmidt said the same service will still be provided for its clients.

"We will continue to provide the same services for our clients. In fact, we have had increased interest from community members who would like to show support," she said. "We've been able to increase a number of our services, specifically with one-on-one tutoring in [English as a second

language], citizenship, and computers."

Veronica Fowler, the communications director at the American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa, said they reached out to the school districts to be

aware about the rights of their immigrants and to indirectly support them, including parents and other advocacy groups.

"Everyone in our country has certain fundamental constitutional

rights and that includes immigrants, including undocumented immigrants," she said. "They have some fundamental constitutional rights, and the ACLU will continue to defend those."

Locals rally for health

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In the Iowa City Pedestrian Mall on Saturday, Mount Pleasant resident Daniel Clark stood among an assembly of protesters, shouting into his microphone, "Let us join our brothers and sisters across the world, and expand the Affordable Care Act into a single-payer healthcare system."

The audience applauded with enthusiasm, chanting "single-payer health care" at the end of his speech.

The protest, known as "Iowa's 2nd District Stands with the ACA," was organized by Chris Laursen, an Ottumwa resident. Laursen brought this protest to Iowa City to bring awareness into the district 2 area of Iowa.

Clark, one of the several speakers featured, was invited by Laursen himself because of his high involvement in the Green Party and his experience being a delegate.

"Now is a good time to take action on what a good replacement would be, but also what we can work on together," Clark said.

Laursen said he did this because he wanted to prevent Republican lawmakers from privatizing Medicare.

"We need to make it very clear to Republican legislators and Congress,

that if we repeal the ACA, we need to replace it with something that's better," Laursen said. "Not doing so just isn't right."

One of the protestors, Michael Thompson, sported a white sign that read: "Health Care Is A Civil Right" during the rally. Thompson said he came all the way to Iowa City from Illinois to stand up for this cause.

"The country's going backwards way too fast," he said. "They're taking away people's rights, they're costing the economy billions of dollars. We have to fight against them taking over our country."

Although Thompson said that he wouldn't be personally affected by the repeal of the ACA, he also said there's still a good reason to fight for it.

"It's everybody else that I'm out here fighting for," he said. "I'm retired, I have a health insurance plan, and I'm comfortable; many of these people aren't and that's who we have to watch out for."

Amy Fretz, a resident of Iowa City, attended the rally last weekend because she said she believes every U.S. citizen should have healthcare.

"I'm a disabled person and I know a lot of other disabled people that can't get healthcare," she said. "We need the Affordable

Care Act, and we need to improve it so everybody can get affordable healthcare. It is a basic right."

Fretz said the main reason why she fights for affordable healthcare is because she could sympathize with those who couldn't obtain health care.

"I'm one of the fortunate people with Medicare, and there are many people who can't qualify for Medicare. I was one of those people at one point in time and it was really tough," she said.

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DAILYBREAK

I don't want to be a passenger in my own life. — Diane Ackerman

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A partial list of things I should probably tell every prospective girlfriend

- I only go to the gym when I want an excuse to eat a whole pizza because "It's cool; I went to the gym today."
- I try not to eat too many between-meals snacks in order to ensure that I always have enough room for my between-meals meals.
- I will never love you half as much as Wes Anderson loves symmetrical shots, but I may someday love you as much as I love Wes Anderson movies, which is actually pretty a lot, so that's something.
- I don't own a Real Doll, and I don't think I'll ever own a Real Doll, but I know at least seven people who own Real Dolls, and I think that says more about me than if I owned one myself.
- I was born with a silver spoon in my mouth. The money my parents received from the subsequent malpractice suit gave me a pretty comfortable childhood. And the judge even let me keep the silver spoon. I had it bronzed.
- I'm having a very hard time balancing my aversion to having kids with my incredibly strong desire to look at someone sitting in the backseat through the rear-view mirror while authoritatively telling them how to act.

Andrew R. Juhl will tell you even more at tonight's Bar Exam at Mosley's from 8-10 p.m.

today's events

- **Honor Your Hunger Bake "Sale,"** National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., IMU lower level
- **Toward a Legal Definition of Islamophobia,** Khaled Beydoun, 12:40 p.m., 235 Boyd Law Building
- **Learn How the Denver Broncos Make Decisions,** Mitch Tanney, 2:30 p.m., W107 Pappajohn
- **"Land of 1,000 Dances: Thinking Through Organizational Design in an Era of Perpetual Beta,"** Ada Stoffel Lecturer Joseph Lucia, 3 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Center
- **Kappa Psi Ronald McDonald House Philanthropy Event,** 4:30 p.m., Ronald McDonald House
- **Neal Rock,** Painting and Drawing — Research Talk, 5 p.m., 116 Art West
- **Voices of Fukushima: Art, Community, and Information after 3-11,** 5-8 p.m., 2390 University Capitol Center
- **Debate Club Meeting,** 5:30 p.m., 61 Schaeffer
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** John Darnielle, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Steve Wolfbarger,** guest trombone master-class, 7:30 p.m., Voxman Recital Hall

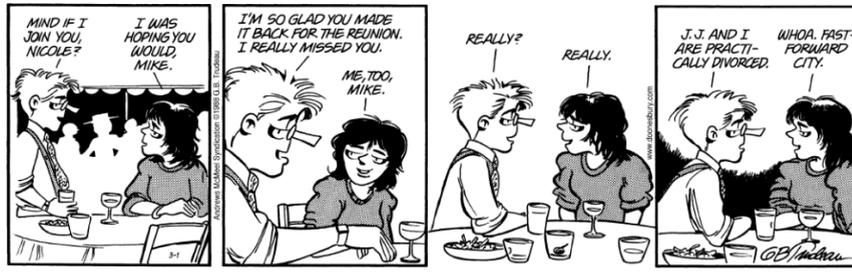
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- **NEWS @ NOON**
- **MIDDAY MONDAY MAGIC 12:30 p.m.**
- **OFF THE IVY 1 p.m.**
- **CENTER ICE 2 p.m.**
- **NOIZE TOONS 3 p.m.**
- **NEWS @ FIVE 5 p.m.**
- **ROUND RIVER RADIO 6 p.m.**
- **WHAT'S THAT THEME? 7 p.m.**
- **VARIETY SHOW 8 p.m.**
- **SONGS & STORIES WITH DAVY 9 p.m.**
- **BEN'S SHOW 10 P.M. (ALTERNATE WEEKS STARTING 2/13)**
- **HIP-HOP HEALING 10 P.M. (ALTERNATE WEEKS STARTING 2/20)**

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horoscopes Monday, February 27, 2017 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Put the past behind you, and learn to live in the moment. Don't give in to anger, revenge, or worries that will pass if you are grateful for what you have. True change begins within.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Get involved, and be a participant. If you don't try to change your life, you cannot complain. Your voice will be heard if you are passionate about what you say and want. Join forces with like-minded people. Use intelligence instead of force.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Do your best, and don't worry about what others are up to. Stay focused on what you have to contribute and how you can customize or make whatever you do your own. Meetings, business trips, and partnerships look inviting.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Proceed with caution. Don't take on too much or feel like you have to rush. Work quietly behind the scenes on projects that will help you gain recognition for your creativity and detail. Take your time, and do things right the first time.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Prospects look good if you are diligent. Show off what you have to offer, and you will attract someone whom you would like to work with. Expect to face criticism from someone jealous of your talents.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Share your thoughts and ideas with people who show interest. A partnership will enable you to achieve your personal dreams. Your creative imagination, insight, and astute vision of what's going on around you will bring good results.

- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Be prepared to deal with anyone who is trying to block your path. Know what you want, and don't back down. Work on making progress once you have completed your preparations. Trust in your ability to do things yourself. Celebrate your victory.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Expand your horizons, and indulge in unfamiliar events that will engage your mind and prompt you to take on new challenges. Express your thoughts, and use your skills, and you will improve your home and personal life.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Keep outsiders at a distance. Stay focused on home and family matters that directly concern your living arrangements and ability to make money. Emotional deception will surface if you are too revealing or open about your personal affairs.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Remembering the past will provide clarity to a situation you face now. Question what others do, and don't feel the need to follow a path led by someone impulsive or unpredictable. Put pressure on yourself to achieve excellence.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Reconnect with people you have collaborated with in the past, and you will discover a new opportunity. Personal changes will bring you greater confidence, encouraging you to bring about the changes that will make you happy. Romance is highlighted.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Take pride in living your dream. Feel free to engage in what makes you happy, and don't give in to fear or controversy. Make waves, and you'll make a difference. Be willing to go the distance.

The New York Times Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Winnie-the-___"
- 5 "Kisses, dahling!"
- 9 Recorded on a cassette
- 14 Something cleared up by Clearasil
- 15 Akron's home
- 16 To whom Butler said "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn"
- 17 Slow-cooked beef entree
- 19 Used a light beam on in surgery
- 20 Samuel of the Supreme Court
- 21 "How do you ___?" (court query)
- 23 Indenting key
- 24 Indian tribe that lent its name to two states
- 26 Fabled city of wealth sought by conquistadors
- 28 Before, to Byron
- 29 401(k) relative
- 31 Versatile piece of furniture
- 32 Put into law
- 34 Detroit factory output
- 35 One with a leg up in the circus business?
- 39 Trig or calc
- 41 October birthstones
- 42 Tel Aviv native
- 46 Sch. run by the Latter-day Saints
- 47 Have bills
- 50 Gambling scam
- 52 High on pot
- 54 Bottle alternative
- 55 Laughs loudly
- 57 Big name in retail jewelry
- 58 "Shucks, you shouldn't have!"
- DOWN**
- 1 Macy's Thanksgiving event
- 2 Eye-related
- 3 Like a live radio announcer
- 4 Aware of, in cool-cat slang
- 5 Cow sound
- 6 Fly swatter sound
- 7 Passage in a plane
- 8 Red Monopoly purchases
- 9 Described, as something in the past
- 10 "So THAT's the story here!"
- 11 Carb-heavy buffet area
- 12 Kindle or Nook
- 13 Some pudgy, middle-aged physiques, informally
- 18 Corkscrew-shaped noodles
- 22 Commotion
- 25 Asia's ___ Sea
- 27 Off to the ___ (starting strong)

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PUZZLE BY BRUCE HAIGHT

- 30 Coll. entrance exam
- 32 Actor Hawke of "Boyhood"
- 33 What it takes to tango
- 35 Hang, Wild West-style
- 36 Alert to squad cars, for short
- 37 Big name in potato chips
- 38 All thumbs
- 39 Wrong for the role
- 40 "Go ahead, shoot!"
- 43 Long-necked waders
- 44 Language in Vientiane
- 45 "Your work is wonderful"
- 47 Airing after midnight, say
- 48 Little shaver, to a Scot
- 49 '50s Ford flops
- 51 Clear the blackboard
- 53 Many a John Wayne film, informally
- 56 Takes a chair
- 59 "Evil Woman" rock grp.
- 61 "Balderdash!"

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cotton under the Mississippi summer Sun.

During the school year, he'd go to class every day. Then, when he got back home, if it was cotton season, he headed into the fields with his brother and cousins to pick as much as they could before sundown.

"I probably left Itta Bena that summer [I started high school]," he said. "I probably didn't even stay there the year; it was probably in the middle of the semester or something."

"Once my grandfather told me I had to call the white kid I grew up with 'Mister,' I realized it was time to go. I ran away from home when I was probably 15 or 16 and went to Kansas City, Missouri."

Just around the time my dad was running away from home, my mother, Tracey Hamlet — Tracey Bell at that time — was living in Detroit, walking to and from kindergarten.

That year, interracial couples made up 0.7 percent of marriages.

"I don't think I was really in tune with [racial issues] at the time," she said. "I think the first time I became aware of [racial tension] was when we moved [from Minneapolis] to Detroit, and the riots had happened before we moved, so the town was pretty vandalized. I remember being little, and looking out the windows, and saying to my mom, 'Why is this such a mess?'"

My mother grew up with her parents, her older sister, and her two younger brothers. Her mother, Jerylin Bell, stayed home to take care of her kids while Dennis Bell fought unemployment or relocation to provide for his family.

After 18 years at home, my mother — like my father — was the first in her immediate family to go to college. She attended Michigan State University and graduated in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

"I met [Larry] in my late-20s," she said. "I was out with a friend in East Town. I met him and a guy named Kevin, and we played darts. It probably would have been '92 or '91. I think about a week later we went on a lunch date."

They were married in 1994, one of the 2.2 percent interracial marriages that year.

My mother gave birth to me a year later, sister Rachael in 1997, and brother Eli in March 2000. Sometime around 2004, they divorced.

Today, my siblings and I, and thousands of others, are part of roughly 7 percent of Americans who are multi-racial, estimated by the Pew Research Center in 2015.

It is a stereotype that children with parents from different races are caught between two different worlds. While there might be an element of truth in that for some, it's a broad generalization.

This article is a record of a few experiences — not complete or universal by any means. The experiences here are those of people I knew, a very small pool with a clear sample bias. It's not indicative of every mixed person on the planet. Just as with whites, or African Americans, or Latinx, or Arabs, or Native Americans, people who are multiracial have different stories.

"[There are] little micro things," Rachael, 19, said. "Little questions that happen often when people don't know you. Like 'What are you?' Because you don't look like anything in particular."

Not looking like anything in particular sometimes extends to not fully resembling your own parents.

Here is an instance my sister and I remember: I would have been around seven, and we were coming out of Center Point Mall with my brother and father. I'm not sure what store we'd gone to or what we might have been talking about, but while my dad was unlocking

the Honda, a woman getting out of her car looked over at us and asked my dad, "Are those your kids?"

I can't say for certain what her thoughts or intentions were, but from the way she looked at us — clearly concerned — and the way she made sure she was partially in her car, it seemed like she thought our dad was trying to abduct us.

"I don't remember it very clearly, but I do remember that it happened," Rachael said. "I didn't realize that at the time. I thought, 'That lady's stupid.' I didn't realize [it was probably racial] until it was a couple years later."

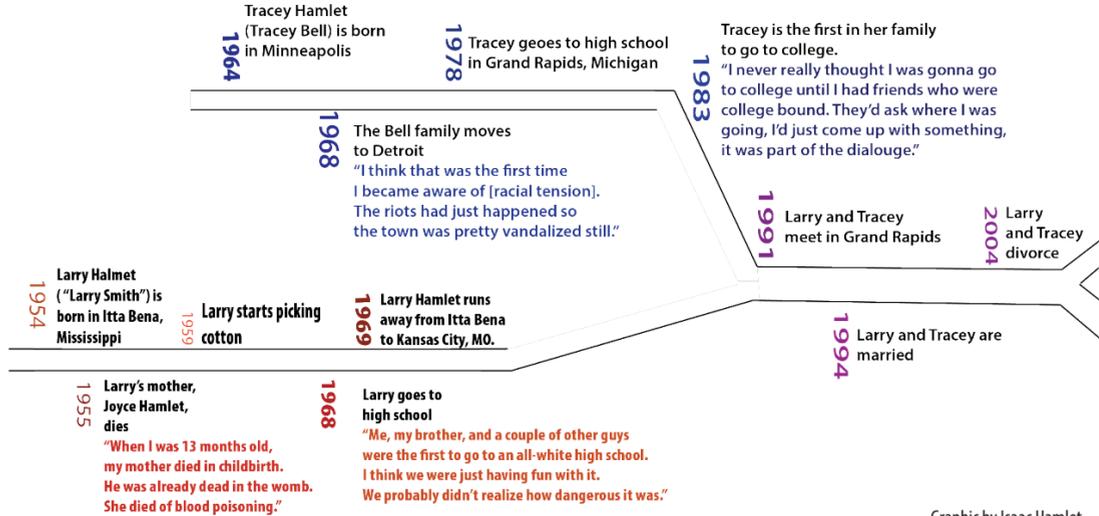
Though this instance stuck with me and her, my dad didn't remember it when I brought it up to him a few months ago.

"I don't think I filtered it out; I'm just used to those things happening," he said. "I know people can be ignorant; I know people say the wrong things."

My father had experienced years of racism living in Jim Crow's Mississippi. To us, moments like this still left an impression, and we have been fortunate enough to not have to call our white friends "Mister" or cross to the other side of the street when a white person walks down the sidewalk.

Our experiences have been different from his, both because we live in a different time and because we are racially different from him — from both our parents.

For example, there's a fairly inconsequential epiphany I had in high school. Reading a book called *The Red Pyramid*, I had a sudden re-



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act as plot points like in *Jip, His Story*.

Carter Kane and his sister were the characters I hadn't realized I'd been waiting to read about.

Two years ago, my sister started going to Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan. One of her long-time friends decided to follow her to the school and fell into a friend group that my sister would occasionally be exposed to.

"They were all white kids, and I didn't think anything of that," Rachael said. "I was anticipating the questions of 'What are you?' because that's common. And I said 'OK, I'm white, and I'm black.' And one of the guys was like, 'Oh, you're a quarter-black?' and I'm like 'No, I'm half-and-half.' And he said, 'Are you sure?'"

"Yeah, pretty sure dude." She didn't like either of the

"If I had darker skin, or features that they associated with a black person, they would not have said that around me. They didn't say that when anyone else who appeared black was in the room. It was like I was safe. I was light enough that I wasn't threatening to them."

This is an example of a weird sort of erasure that can happen when you're biracial. People see you, realize you're different, and rather than embrace the difference, they mentally scrape away the parts that are inconvenient for them or don't match up with their definitions.

"I know whenever race does come up, I'm generally not really considered black," Eli, 16, said. "Whenever I've asked my friends, they're like 'You're not really black.' Just because I'm biracial, does that not qualify me to be black still?"

I remember a similar occurrence for me in eighth grade when one of my white friends asked me, "Is it OK if I think of you as white?"

I didn't really understand his question at the time. It was polite of him to ask, I guess.

To me, it just seemed the same as people asking if they can pretend I have one eye instead of two. Even if I don't necessarily look black, I still look like a minority member.

"I think [being biracial] is a different experience," Eli said. "Just the other day, a friend was asked to do an interview for Black History Month, and she has really light skin, and she didn't want to do it because she thought people might find it offensive because she didn't look black."

While I and my siblings look ambiguously non-white, there are still those who tend to look more white than not. Take Jonathan Becerril, my best friend since first grade.

His mother and father, Linda and Juan Becerril, met while she was engaged in missionary work in Central America. They started dating and eventually mar-

ried, giving birth to Jon and his younger sister, Bri.

Jon Becerril, 21, graduated from high school the same year as me, and he has attended Carnegie-Melon University for the past four years.

"No one [assumes I'm Mexican]," he said. "Not unless I say something. Even then sometimes, when I tell someone my dad is Mexican, they say, 'Sure, Jon.'"

Bri Becerril shares a more similar skin tone as their father's, and her brother has a pigmentation closer to his mother's. For the most part, he doesn't "look" Mexican. Furthermore, living in America has caused him to grow up largely apart from his father's side of the family. And even though both of his parents speak Spanish, they didn't speak it enough around the house for him to pick it up.

"Honestly, I completely believe this, the only reason I got into Carnegie-Melon was because I checked the little box that said Latino," Jon Becerril said. "That kind of weighs on me; did I take this spot from someone who deserved it more and isn't living an outward-appearance lie?"

By "outward lie" he is referring to his not likely to be discriminated against because of his appearance.

"Half of me doesn't really exist, I suppose," he said. "It's only ever really the white part that only gets attention or anything. The Hispanic part of me, if it exists, doesn't."

In the case of Jey Moriconi, the Hispanic half of her was buried. Both of her parents tried to ignore that half of her ancestry.

After the age of 5, she didn't see her father often. Her mother avoided talking about him and by extent that side of her family, and Moriconi's father, was less than eager to embrace his own roots as well.

"[My father] had disdain for his own culture," she said. "He thought speaking Spanish was dirty. He moved from California to Michigan to leave [his cul-

ture] behind or something like that. That combined with my mom not wanting to talk about it leaves me very displaced from a culture I would have otherwise been a part of."

In spite of the active attempt to keep this part of her heritage unmentioned, Moriconi became invested. She started looking into that side of her family, trying to familiarize herself with the culture.

"It would sort of be pretending like half of me didn't exist," she said. "[It would be] like half of the people I'm related to, I'm not ... It would be like denying the memories of my father. It would be like saying that didn't matter to me."

[Editor's note: Moriconi is currently employed at *The Daily Iowan*.]

That's the fear multiracial people face — or at least the fear I feel: a loss of identity.

No, my father's struggles are not mine. They couldn't be. But to deny that any part of me were black would feel like denying him and the struggles he faced.

While I was speaking with him recently, my dad pointed out that when immigrants came to Ellis Island — from such places as Poland and Czechoslovakia — they'd be given new names that were "easier" to pronounce. He talked about the "great American melting pot," not in the delicious way I have heard it depicted before but as a great sterilizer — converting nuance into "whiteness."

The "generic brand."

I cannot speak for all, or anyone of mixed race other than me, but I also don't want to dismiss the history of either of my parents and the privileges they've afforded me despite their own struggles.

I don't want to deny that my mother walked to school every day as a child so that when she was a woman, she could work dozens of hours every week to put food on the table.

I don't want to forget that my father woke up at sunrise and picked cotton as a boy before he grew into a man who stayed home to raise his children.



From left: Rachael, Isaac and Eli Hamlet at the Fredrick Meyer Gardens in 2005. (Photos contributed by the Hamlet family)

alization that science fiction and fantasy books — the two genres I read most — could have protagonists that looked like me.

Carter Kane and sister Sadie were mixed race, but not because they were in a period piece in which being biracial would add to the drama. They had a black father and a white mother, and that was it. Their family structure was brought up occasionally, but it wasn't a big deal or even a plot point. They just were.

Somehow — somehow — it had never occurred to me that I could read about a character who looked like me and was content with that. Maybe this makes me dumb, but at the time, I'd assumed mixed kids like me were limited to characters in an imagined sequel to *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* or had our backgrounds only

two guys who made these comments, though she didn't cut them out completely.

But the more she was around them, the more she found herself hearing such comments as "I'm afraid to walk around here at night; there's just so many black people."

There was an event in which one of the guys had been talking to a black football player in one of the dorms. When the player left, the guy said "See? That one can talk."

Another time, one of the guys introduced her to someone else by saying, "She's a n****r, but she's a light-skinned n****r."

"What I see it as is, they really didn't view me as anything," she said. "I wasn't one of them, they knew I was different, but they obviously didn't see me as being black because of my appearance."

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Women's tennis roars again (twice)

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When Iowa and Evansville were getting ready to head into singles play during their Feb. 25 matchup, "Remember the Name" by Fort Minor echoed over the PA system at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex. Each member of the Hawkeyes' team will be remembered now; they made history against the Purple Aces.

The Hawkeyes won their eighth- and ninth-straight matches against Evansville (6-1) and Western Illinois Leathernecks (7-0). Their 9-0 record is the second-best start in school history. Only the 1990 Hawkeyes had a bet-

ter start to a season, starting 12-0.

"It feels amazing to be 9-0 heading into Big Ten play," senior Aimee Tarun said. "This was our goal, and we've come out and took care of business in every match. It has given us a lot of confidence."

That confidence began with the home team winning the doubles point.

The No. 1 duo of Elise van Heuvelen and Zoe Douglas won the first match (6-1). Then Tarun and Natalie Looney secured the doubles point with a 6-2 victory.

Heading into singles play, Anastasia Reimchen had not lost a match — that is still the case for the lefty from England. She

gave the Hawkeyes a 2-0 lead when she defeated Nicoli Pereria in straight sets (6-0, 6-0). Then Tarun followed with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Andjela Brguljan. Van Heuvelen secured the match for the Hawkeyes with a 6-3, 6-0 win over Chieko Yamada.

Despite the Hawkeyes clinching the win over the Purple Aces, Kristen Thoms and Adorabol Huckleby went on to win their singles matches to put the Hawkeyes up 6-0. Thoms is also undefeated in singles this season.

The only Hawkeye who didn't win her singles match was Douglas, and after her 6-7, 6-3, 10-5 loss, she sat with frustration in her chair, with her

eyes staring at the ground. Head coach Sasha Schmid went over to Douglas and talked about how there is always a lesson to be learned, even in losing.

"You know, I think that was a tough match for Zoe," Schmid said. "If we falter ... boy, there is a lesson there, and we basically were just going over it to really figure out what we need to do to learn from that."

Heading into the second match of the day, against the Leathernecks, Douglas got her chance at redemption in singles, but first, the Hawkeyes started off by winning the doubles point.

Again, van Heuvelen and Douglas won the first match with a quick 6-0 victory, and Tarun and Lo-

oney gave the Hawkeyes the doubles point once again with their 6-1 victory.

In singles, Reimchen again gave the Hawkeyes a 2-0 lead with an impressive 6-0, 6-1 victory. Then, making her first appearance of the day, Montana Crawford gave the Hawkeyes a 3-0 lead with a 6-0, 6-2 victory.

Just as in the first match, van Heuvelen secured the match for the Hawkeyes with a 6-2, 6-0 victory to put the Hawkeyes up 4-0. Then Douglas rebounded from her first singles match of the day and helped the Hawkeyes go up 5-0. Thomas then followed with another win, and Looney was the last Hawkeye left to give her

team a chance of sweeping the Leathernecks.

In the stands were all of Looney's high-school friends from Kansas City who unexpectedly showed up to cheer her on. Looney won the first set (6-3) and was in a battle to win the second set. At one point, Looney was down 3-1, but she came back to win the set (6-4).

The Hawkeyes have a lot of confidence and will need that heading into Big Ten play. Their first opponent will be Maryland on Saturday, and the Hawkeyes cannot wait for the challenge.

"We are excited to head to Maryland and show them how much work we have put in since last seeing them," Crawford said.

GymHawks shine against BYU

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The Iowa women's gymnastics team soared to a new season high as it defeated BYU in Provo, Utah, on Feb. 24.

"I am ecstatic with how the meet went," head coach Larissa Libby said in a release. "There was a tremendous effort, top-down, from every member of the team. This is probably one of the hardest meets the team has ever had to go through, and they earned every 10th of a point. I think this was one of the best meets in Iowa history."

Eight GymHawks took home four titles, and the team recorded 14 top-five finishes. Six gymnasts recorded 10 new season bests.

Freshman Charlotte Sullivan shone for the Hawkeyes as she took first overall in the all-around with a career high of 39.200. This event title marks her fourth all-around win this season.

Going into the final rotation, Iowa and BYU were even at 147.275; Iowa had only the beam left to compete on, and the team pulled off a stellar performance.

Junior Nikki Youd led the Hawkeyes and won the event with a career high to 9.925, helping Iowa secure a 49.275 to win the meet. Youd's score tied the third-best score on beam in the program's history.

"We went into a situation where we were tied going into the last event," Libby said in a release.

"You rely heavily on the leadoff, and Savannah [Borman]'s routine was almost perfect. She set the tone for what was to come, and the judges were forced to give great scores. These are the hard things to do in a situation where it was do or die, and the team rising to the challenge and putting up the best scores they could was amazing."

Iowa earned a new team season-high score on floor with a 49.350 with junior Lanie Snyder taking home the title with a new season high. Snyder surpassed her previous season score of 9.850 to tie Iowa's third-best score in history with a 9.925.

Uneven bars brought a score of 48.975 for the GymHawks. Senior Angel Metcalf landed in

third place with a 9.850.

Sophomore Misty-Jade Carlson took control on vault with a career high 9.850 and a tie for first. Sullivan and Melissa Zurawski tied for third with 9.825, a career best for Sullivan.

Men's

Senior Andrew Botto took home two event titles as the Iowa men's gymnastics team fell to Illinois on Feb. 25 in Champaign, 409.500-397.000.

Botto went atop of the podium in the all-around and on vault. He registered an 81.550 to claim the all-around and a season-best, vault also brought a new season best of 14.950.

Botto's vault score aided the Hawkeyes as they

scored their highest rotation of the night, 72.050.

On high bar, junior Austin Hodges came in at second place with a 14.000, senior Cory Paterson followed with a score of 13.900 to secure third place.

Iowa hit 67.700 on rings with senior Mark Springett leading the way to finish third with a 14.050. Botto came in behind Springett for fourth with a 13.900.

On parallel bars three Hawkeyes finished in the top-five. Hodges earned his second runner-up finish with a 14.000, with Botto and Dylan Ellsworth in third (13.500) and fourth (13.300) place respectively.

Springett finished at the top of the lineup for the Hawkeyes on floor with a 13.900

to advance him to a third-place finish. The team recorded a score of 63.900 in the event.

To round out the night, the Hawkeyes scored a 59.200 on pommel horse. Hodges led the way with a 13.200 and third place. Botto and junior Elijah Parsells tied for fourth place with a 12.600.

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able to distance itself from the Badgers.

That was until Iowa's Disterhoft and freshman McKenzie Meyer nailed a couple of 3-pointers to give Iowa a 7-point cushion at the half.

Then, the third quarter happened. Iowa scored a grand total of 8 points in those 10 minutes; the offense looked stagnant, and the turnovers accumulated, letting Wisconsin get back in the game.

"We had 7 turnovers in 10 minutes of play, and so you're just not giving your-

self an opportunity to score," Bluder said. "And then we weren't boxing out, either, so I think it was a combination of giving up too many offensive rebounds and just not valuing the ball."

Because of Iowa's poor third-quarter performance, Wisconsin was able to retake the lead with 9:09 left in the game, forcing Bluder to call a time-out.

Iowa senior Alexa Kastanek said the huddle was all about letting the seniors know the end was near to try to rally the troops late in the game, and boy, did Bluder's message pay off.

Down the stretch, Iowa was able to retake the lead thanks to a 3-point play

from Disterhoft, but what really put the Hawkeyes in the driver's seat was Kastanek's back-to-back 3-pointers to put Iowa up, 65-58.

"The first one that I hit came when the shot clock was winding down," Kastanek said. "It was a little farther out than a normal shot and little more contested than something I'm used to. But its going down made me want to have a heat check for the next trip, and that's what happened."

It only seemed fitting for the last home game to end with a senior-led comeback.

Gustafson led the Hawkeyes in points with 22, going an efficient 10-of-13

in field goals, while Disterhoft came in second with 19 points, the consistent one-two punch for Iowa.

After the victory, the fans stayed in their bleachers and kept their gaze out to center court where the three seniors, Disterhoft, Kastanek, and Hailey Schneden, were recognized.

"It's hard not to get emotional when you're reflecting on the past four years," Disterhoft said. "You're talking about people like your family, coaches, and your teammates, people you love so much. Those are the people mean the most to me in the entire world, so I wasn't expecting to get emotional, but things happen, I guess."

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uel Ogwo, Collin Hofacker, and Frye thrashed their own record while taking

home second place, an occurrence that Ogwo predicted weeks before.

"I think we can drop another second this season at Big Tens," Ogwo said. "I think we can break the record we just set."

Harris said running their fastest time in a championship meet was nearly the best.

"This feels great," he said in a release. "It means that I made history, and I couldn't ask for anything more. I wish we could have won, but

we are going to go to nationals and win there."

The team gets a week break before competing in the NCAA Indoor Championships in College Station, Texas, on March 10-11.

COLUMN

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like Gesell did when he was

wearing black and gold.

There was just one major difference between the two of you — Gesell never shot the ball like that. Over and over again, you knocked

down shots with a hand in your face. Those were big time shots, against a big time opponent, in a big time environment.

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you convinced me on Saturday, that you are going to be a star in this league. And it's going to happen sooner rather than later. In fact, the process has already started.

BASEBALL

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The eighth inning was all Norman. After a 2-RBI double to right field, the freshman scored on a wild pitch yet again.

Iowa's second game of the tournament came on Feb. 25, when it squared off against Alabama State.

The Hawkeyes, who fell behind early once again, found themselves in a 4-0 hole entering the bottom of the third inning.

Iowa scored 3 runs over the course of the next five innings but couldn't score in the last two innings to tie or take the lead.

"It looked like we had a chance to come back," Heller said in a release. "We put up some decent swings on [Terrell] McCall, Alabama State's starter, but it was one of those nights where it was cold and the wind was blowing in."

Despite the weather, Iowa saw flashes of greatness from its bullpen.

Josh Martsching and Nick Nelson only allowed 1

hit in the game's final six innings, with Nelson pitching four shutout innings and striking out a pair of batters.

"Nick did a great job [Saturday]," Heller said in a release. "They couldn't figure him out. Nick did a super job of keeping us in the ball game and giving us a chance to come back."

On Feb. 24, the Hawkeyes faced the Hornets in their first matchup of the tournament, winning 9-2.

Nick Gallagher recorded his first win of the season — the junior pitched 7 innings and allowed 7 hits.

In the top of the third inning, Alabama State scored 2 runs, but Iowa answered with 3 of its own that same inning.

"We had many more quality at-bats than we had the four previous games, and hopefully, that's a good sign," Heller said in a release.

Iowa compiled a season-high 15 hits in the game.

The Hawkeyes didn't look back, scoring 3 runs in the fifth, 1 in the seventh, and 2 more to close out the Hornets in the eighth.

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Hoops seniors go out with comeback



Iowa seniors Hailey Schneden, Alexa Kastanek, and Ally Disterhoft hug at center court after the Iowa-Wisconsin game in Carver-Hawkeye on Sunday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Badgers, 71-60. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

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Emotions ran high in Carver-Hawkeye on Sunday, when the Iowa women's basketball team welcomed Wisconsin for Senior Day.

In what was a back and forth battle, the Hawkeyes pulled away late in the fourth quarter thanks to an and-1 lay-up from senior Ally Disterhoft. The 3-point play ignited a 13-2 run, giving Iowa a comfortable cushion to close out the contest, 71-60.

"What a great way to end our regular season here with a nice crowd today and an opportunity to recognize our three seniors," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said. "They all have done such a great job for us the last four years, so it's nice that they went out on a win on their home court."

Early on, Wisconsin dominated the paint offensively. The Badgers frontcourt kept them in the game for the first half, especially the play of senior Avyanna Young, who muscled her way to 22 points.

Iowa replicated Wisconsin's game strategy and pounded the ball inside to sophomore Megan Gustafson but wasn't

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IOWA HAWKEYES (71)

	MIN	FG	3P	FT	RB	A	TO	TP
Gustafson	32	10-13	0-0	2-2	14	0	2	22
Disterhoft	39	7-13	1-4	4-5	6	2	2	19
Kastanek	26	3-4	2-3	0-0	4	3	5	8
Meyer	34	1-5	1-3	2-2	0	4	1	5
Doyle	26	1-9	0-2	2-2	0	6	4	4
Stewart	7	4-5	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	8
Coley	19	2-6	0-1	1-1	6	0	3	5
Cera	16	0-2	0-1	0-0	2	0	3	0
Schneden	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	28-57	4-14	11-12	40	15	21	71

Track earns two top spots

By CARTER MELROSE

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Both the Iowa men's and women's track teams competed in the Big Ten Indoor Championships in Geneva, Ohio, this past weekend. Like many times this season, the Hawkeyes had huge ups and downs.

In the first day of the Big Tens, 11 Hawkeyes qualified, putting the women in 11th place and the men in a prime-time spot of sixth place.

"We're always a last-day team," Iowa Director of Track and Field Joey Woody said in a release. "We expect to have athletes to make the final. We have two in the final in the 60 meters, two in the 60-meter hurdles, two in the 400 meters, one in the 800 meters, and more. There are still a lot of points to be had."

The Hawkeyes who made the most of their spotlight on the first day were junior Brittany Brown in the 200 meters and the squad of junior Carter Lilly, sophomore DeJuan Frye, senior Adam Jones, and freshman Matt Manternach in the men's distance-medley relay. The Hawkeyes produced a school record in these events. Brown in the 200 meters ran 22.79, fourth-best in the nation.

"I had a really good prac-



Iowa's Aaron Mallett sails mostly over the final hurdle in the 110-meter hurdles during the Drake Relays on April 30, 2016. Mallett finished in third place with a time of 13.58. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

tice, and then my coach was going to say something, and I stopped him." Brown said in a release. "He said, 'You know what that means,' and I said that what's known doesn't have to be said, but it's been a long time coming."

Also on the first day, Jahisha Thomas continued to showoff her top-notch leaping prowess by hitting top 3 in the long jump.

The second day was catalyzed by a huge point surge for both squads, begin-

ning with explosive senior Aaron Mallett breaking his school record in the 60-meter hurdles and winning, giving him back-to-back Big Ten titles in the event.

"I came in here with one goal, and that was to get points for my team," he said in a release. "To do it against a field like this again is a blessing. We have been putting in a lot of work, and to repeat in any conference is difficult, and then to run the third-fastest time in the

country was a lot of fun."

Brown didn't look back as she won the Big Ten title in the 200 meters. Also, Will Dougherty broke his own heptathlon record and placed third.

Then came the relays, and the men's 4x400-meter relay — the event everyone was waiting for. The race didn't disappoint Hawkeye fans; the always-improving team of Mar'yea Harris, Emman-

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COLUMN

An apology is due



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Jordan Bohannon, I owe you an apology.

After watching you play over the summer in the Prime Time League and again during Iowa's exhibition contest against Regis, I wrote in an article that Christian Williams would be playing the part of point guard in a starting role, because you weren't quite there yet in terms of ball handling and strength. Go ahead and go find that article, write me a mean comment on it. I deserve it.

Jordan, I was wrong. And I'm sorry.

I didn't know how quickly you would develop into the steadiest player on the team. See, there is a rather large learning curve for most freshmen in this league. I remember you giving a "Hoosiers" line early this season, saying the ball is the same size in college as it is in high school, and the hoop is 10 feet tall at both levels, too.

That stuck with me, but I still wasn't convinced how fast your game would translate from Linn-Mar High School to major college basketball. Guys close out faster in the Big Ten than they do in the Missouri Valley Conference, where you played your prep games. The guys are bigger in the Big Ten, too.

But that hasn't mattered to you this season, much like it didn't matter when you were being guarded by Melo Trimble on Saturday, one of the best point guards in the country. Being guarded by Trimble, you almost single-handedly silencing the 18,000 fans that showed up to cheer against you and your team.

Look, I knew you would knock down shots this season. Shooters shoot, like you said early in the season with that "Hoosiers" speech, and you've never had any problems finding your range. But that's not why I'm writing you this apology letter.

Mike Gesell graduating last year left a major hole on the team. For four years, Gesell kept constant pressure on other teams, pushing and pushing the ball in transition, probing in the half court. I didn't know if we would see as much of that this season with him gone.

Against Maryland, you were relentless in pushing the ball up the court, finding Tyler Cook and Peter Jok and everyone else when Maryland still had its back turned, running back to the other end of the court. You were in charge of the offense. You ran the offense just

SEE COLUMN, 8

Baseball uses comebacks to win 2

By ADAM HENSLEY

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Iowa baseball (4-3) closed out the Hoover Classic in Hoover, Alabama, with its second comeback win of the weekend, this time against Morehead State.

"It wasn't a pretty game, but offensively, we battled," head coach Rick Heller said in a release. "We talked before the game about how we needed to be disciplined at the dish; the guy we were facing could be wild, but he is a guy that spots up on you. We were going to have to be aggressive and disciplined with our approach."

Down 3-0 in the first inning, the Hawkeyes climbed their way back to a 14-7 victory thanks in part to a big second inning and clutch play late in the game.

Morehead State's initial 3-0 lead didn't last long; Iowa scored 6 runs in the bottom of the second.

Mason McCoy's 3-run double to left field gave the Hawkeyes their first lead.

"I was trying to get a pitch I could hit," McCoy said in a release. "Luckily, he threw me one inside that I could get the barrel on, and it was a big two-out hit."

Robert Neustrom brought McCoy back home in the next at-bat with a single to left, capping Iowa's explosive second inning.

The Beakers slowly answered, cutting Iowa's lead to 1 run twice (scoring 2 runs in the fifth and 1 more in the seventh).

Up 8-7 in the bottom of the seventh, Iowa hammered in 3 runs.

A wild pitch scored Ben Norman, and then 2 RBIs from Chris Whelan's bunt and McCoy's single topped off the inning.

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