**COLUMN**

Black, female, with a lens on life

DI Photo Editor Lily Smith reflects on a year of personal growth as both a black woman and a photojournalist and the two identities intersect.

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Two students are advocating for a campus group that they say is often overlooked.

Rachel Ryan and Sofia Dollison, two University of Iowa freshmen, were during Drake's Prime Time this fall. Dollison was asking around for gluten-free options off campus, and the two decided to form a group that they say is often overlooked.

“...There’s the additional burden of having to explain your dietary restriction to somebody. In a way, too, it’s like when we’re actually having to explain our shared experiences of trying to find options that fit our dietary needs. Both women have celiac disease, an autoimmune disease in which eating gluten causes damage to the small intestine...”

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As LGBTQ+ identifying students on campus report experiencing higher rates of sexual, racial, and psychological violence, advocates suggest the university community could do more to support its LGBTQ+ members.

Results from the second iteration of the University of Iowa’s Speak Out Iowa campaign show LGBTQ+ students report higher rates of victimization but fail to draw conclusions about transgender students.

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The survey results show a group of bisexual women reported working at a rate of 6.5% higher than heterosexual women. Rates of rape, sexual contact — a rate of 15% higher than heterosexual women. Gay men also report about 15% higher than heterosexual men. Rates of rape, sexual contact — a rate of 15% higher than heterosexual women. Gay men also report 4.5% higher rates of rape. Gay men also report 4.5% higher rates of rape. Gay men also report 4.5% higher rates of rape.

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More students are falling into the category of non-binary people.

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Throughout the almost two years I've been a student at the University of Iowa, I've become sensitized to learning in spaces that don't accommodate people who look like me. In my past and a half of working as a photojournalist at The Daily Iowan, I've become used to working in spaces that don’t have people who look like me. No one sold Iowa City newspapers near where I was growing up.

The DI has given me the chance to grow in experiences and skills. As a photo editor, I’ve had many interesting work opportunities. Last winter, I was the primary photographer for the civil rights basketball season, and my determination in improving my ability to cover this beat, coupled with my work as a photo editor, allowed me to get the idea in my head to cover Iowa’s first-round games in both Big Ten and NCAA first-round tournaments in March, in Indianapolis and Los Angeles, respectively.

But perhaps the part of the experience that stuck with me the most was the continual momentaloging about my role as a black woman, photojournalist. Getting the opportunity to travel for work has been a dream, and I’ve attempted to hold every memory from the experience close to me. I’ve been working as a photojournalist at The Daily Iowan, and I still have every memory.

**DI Photo Editor Lily Smith**

The survey findings have drawn criticism for failing to draw conclusions about sexual misconduct among transgender students. Of the 4,765 students who responded, no — or 0.5 percent — identified as a gender other than male or female. Data on the 2018-2019 diversity survey sample size is not available at this time.
PUTTING THE FRIZZ IN FRIEBEE

BUDDING PHOTOGRAPHERS

I received, of course, I took some photos. To have the more present moment for the white experience is for a black person to look like my face and viewpoint, rather than for me to be perceived as a little woman. I’ve had less than pleasant experiences when I’m photographing for the 35th inside Iowa City. As an experienced photographer, I was there with a school and not any professional out there a few photos by the 35th inside Iowa City. As an experienced photographer, I was there with a school and not any professional out there a few photos by the 35th.

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Farmers’ Market shrugs off construction

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The Iowa City Farmers’ Market will open for the season today. The market traditionally opens Wednesday at 8 a.m. in the Chauncey area, which has allowed for market expansion. This year, the market will be held in the construction on the Chauncey project.

I love the farmers market, the city’s director of Parks and Recreation said, and the market won’t be affronted by construction, and it should do a great job on the market. There have been concerns from local residents and businesses about the impact the construction will have on the market, but the city has worked to mitigate those concerns.

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES NORTHEAST NECK ROAD

City officials say it’s not a problem.

GPSG elects new president, vice president, who aims to connect the grad colleges

The Graduate & Professional Student Government has elected new leaders for the next academic year.

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The University of Iowa Graduate and Professional Student Government on Tuesday in the Student Union Capitol Center held its new executive board for the 2018-19 academic year, which will include new President Donor Gellinghorst and Vice President Thomas Pak. Gellinghorst came to the UI from Wabash College in Ohio, and received undergraduate degrees in political science and economics in 2013. He is now enrolled in both the UI College of Law and College of Public Health and plans on obtaining an M.H.A. and J.D. by 2020.

Prior to his election as GPSG president, Gellinghorst served as co-president of the Iowa Student Bar Association and as a law delegate for GPSG. Gellinghorst also held leadership positions in the University of Iowa College of Law, where he served as the president of a law school student organization, the Student Bar Association, and as a law delegate for GPSG. Gellinghorst said he looks forward to the next steps as president.

"I think the UI is at an exciting time of transition between new leadership," he said. "As an organization, we need to figure out what we want to be, and that's where my role comes in. I want to ensure that the student body is able to be a part of the decision-making process and has a say in what the future of the university looks like."
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— Smith

I’m happy again, I have a good administration coming in... "

— Tejari Sharma, current GPSG president

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As the bill heads to Reynolds' desk, the Department of Constitutional Law Paul Goedl said it would likely be struck down in the lower courts unless there is a change of composition of the U.S. Supreme Court. The court has previously ruled to protect abortion rights in cases such as Roe v. Wade, which first ruled that the women had right to an abortion before 24 weeks, and Whole Women's Health v. Hellerstedt when a fetus could survive outside the womb.

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TOP: My uncle is a very quiet and wise individual. He can do nearly anything, but would never boast or brag. Instead, he takes care of my aunt, cousins, and grandmother very well. I have great reverence for him.

TOP: My cousin Anthony is a misunderstood individual. I think about him a lot. I believe the prison system and the West Side of Chicago took his innocence. I feel for him greatly, and I think he feels for us, too. This collage of images was made by him, and I wanted to shine light on his skills. Also, I wanted to show a large black man smiling in a news publication, because we, black men, smile, too. The narratives of our bodies within the realms of media make us seem one dimensional and angry.

BOTTOM: The South Side may have lakefront property, but we have Uncle Remus. Josh will believe Harold’s is better, but we know the best chicken spot is on the West Side.

GLENN “SONNIE” WOODEN

My family migrated to the South Side from Arkansas and Mississippi in the late 1800s. The black elite of Chicago was present there, areas such as Hyde Park and Bronzeville. Then my grandmothers decided to move toward the West Side, where the promise of the suburbs was a little closer. They would later find out the black elite did not migrate to the West Side but maintained their position on the South Side. Once settled on the West Side, they found their family landlocked by gentrification and suppressed by food deserts. My family’s persistence has been prophetic. I am a first-generation college student graduating from the University of Iowa, and I will attend the University of Pennsylvania for a master’s in the fall.

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I was born and raised on the South Side of Chicago, just like the rest of my family. I was born at Mercy Hospital, and all but one of the schools I attended were on the South Side. The South Side is an odd place; there’s a flourishing community of blacks in a city in which they were never welcomed. They took communities they were redlined into and made homes, then branched out to areas in the city that were once neighborhoods for whites only. My paternal great-grandmother actually only was able to secure her home in South Shore because she was Creole with red hair. The atmosphere of resilience is instilled in all of us.

My cousin Phillip’s mother, “Ma,” sits on her porch in North Englewood. Phillip is the man in the forefront of the image. Ma lives in a neighborhood referred to as “Moe Town,” named after — local gang the Black P. Stones. Every Father’s Day, my dad plans a BBQ and invites the entire family, and every year, the police show up. The event is never anything wild or in violation of the law, it’s always a family friendly environment. The BBQ is usually just the family cooking, playing spades or piggy, and listening to music. The officer in this image is telling the driver of the vehicle they have to move their car.

Children walk through Harold Washington Park on Father’s Day. Every Sunday morning, he came home from work and my mom was doing laundry, so she had removed the sheets from the bed. He was so tired that he just wrapped himself in a blanket and went to sleep. My dad has a master’s degree and is a general ledger accountant for a chemical plant. He also works security at night.

“As I got older, I learned this feeling of being on the outside and looking in has nothing to do with my own day-to-day actions and behavior but was rather a reflection of what others expected of me.”

— Joshua Housing

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