

Bubu Palo files lawsuit against Iowa State, BOR

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Former ISU basketball player and 2014 graduate Bubu Palo, who faced rape allegations while in college, is suing Iowa State and the Iowa Board of Regents for what he says was a mishandling of his case.

Iowa State or the Iowa Board of Regents hadn't filed a response to the petition, which was filed March 21, as of Wednesday.

Palo is claiming that ISU officials found him guilty despite insufficient evidence and used the disciplinary system to not give Palo the chance to transfer to another school, according to a petition obtained from the Story County District Court.

Palo also claims in the suit that the wrongful ruling handed down by the university "destroyed" his opportunity to play professional basketball because he was suspended and later benched during

his junior and senior years, according to the petition.

"Mr. Palo suffered at the whim of the arbitrary administrative decisions made by President Leath, other administrators at ISU and the Board," wrote Michael Sellers and Trent Nelson, Palo's attorneys. "Mr. Palo continues to suffer from that decision to this day."

The lawsuit lists the following grievances against Iowa State and the Iowa Board of Regents: violating Iowa Code chapter 625.29,

tortious interference, breach of contract and pain and suffering.

Iowa State denied the allegations through an email statement.

"The basic premise of Mr. Palo's lawsuit is that he would have had a more successful professional basketball career if the university had not suspended him," wrote Executive Director of University Relations John McCarroll. "However, that is pure speculation, and it is not the job of courts to engage in speculation. We deny the al-

legations made in this petition."

Palo was charged in September 2012 with second-degree sexual abuse stemming from an incident on May 2012, when a fellow student said Palo and a friend abused her.

The charges were dismissed in January 2013.

During the investigation, Palo was suspended from the men's basketball team. After the charges

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RUNNING WITHOUT BORDERS

Thomas Pollard gets eye-opening experience while competing for Team USA

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Thomas Pollard stood on the rugged Venezuelan terrain surrounded by police escorts and security. Pollard's dream of slipping on a Team USA jersey and competing in the Pan American Cross Country Cup was about to come true.

Not only did Pollard bring a gold medal back to the United States, but he also brought back a new perspective that made him gracious to live and compete in the country.

Despite the not-so-great conditions, Pollard was still representing his country.

"It was definitely humbling and eye-opening," he said. "I thought I knew what it was going to be like. I am lucky to live in this country."

Thomas, son of ISU Athletic Director Jamie Pollard, has been running cross-country since he was 12 years old. He entered his first year at Iowa State this year as a heavily decorated athlete.

During his time at Gilbert High School in Ames, Iowa, Pollard won three state titles in track and was a three-time Gatorade Athlete Of the Year.

The three-time Junior Olympic champion also won All-America honors twice at Foot Locker National High School Cross-Country finals and was a record breaker in the 3,200 with a time of 8:50.43, making him the fastest Iowan to ever run the event.

Thomas had multiple offers from colleges such as Stanford and Oregon, but chose to at-

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Jamie Pollard
ISU ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

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Runners prepare for the the 2016 Pan American Cross Country Cup in Venezuela.

Courtesy of Thomas Pollard

Students build legacy for Emmalee Jacobs

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Gone, but not forgotten.

An on-campus group aims to sculpt a lasting legacy for a fallen student in the form of a memorial scholarship.

Aptly named the "Emmalee Jacobs Memorial Scholarship," it stands in memory of the student whose life was lost in a hit-and-run accident in December for not only the Jacobs family and close friends but also generations of future ISU students.

Inspired by Jacob's outward personality and passion for learning, the Collegiate Women in Business, a student organization that empowers young women in their pursuit for future careers and offers educational opportunities for the College of Business, formed the basis for what would become the current project.

Created as an endowed scholarship that strives to raise \$25,000 in funding, the team sees this format as the best way to retain Jacob's memory.

Sarah Olson, president of Col-



Courtesy of ISU Foundation

An on-campus group wants to make a lasting legacy for Emmalee Jacobs in the form of a memorial scholarship. Named the "Emmalee Jacobs Memorial Scholarship," the scholarship stands in memory of Jacobs, who died in a hit-and-run accident in September.

legiate Women in Business and graduate student in accounting, said the endowed scholarship — which means it essentially lasts forever — was set at a \$25,000 limit by the ISU Foundation.

"We hope this will help her legacy live on," Olson said. "Our goal for all of the recipients in the future is to write a thank you letter to Emmalee's parents. Even though we are raising the funds, they are the ones who brought

her into this world and raised her to be the girl she is."

Though championed by the entire organization, the concept was created by a sole member within the club who also was a close friend to Jacobs: Megan Euchner, freshman in accounting.

"This was her brainchild," Olson said. "She said [to me], 'I'd like to do something, but what can we do?' So we sat down and discussed the scholarship. Even

though others worked on the project, this is [Euchner's] idea."

Euchner began as classmates with Jacobs in a handful of courses, but over the course of a semester, grew to become closer friends and eventually decided to room with each other during the 2016 fall semester.

"I was always jealous because she was so smart," Euchner said. "She's kindhearted and willing to help. Honestly, we sometimes wouldn't pay attention in class and just talk because of how funny she was. She's the type of person anyone would just be able to talk to."

It was this relationship that caused doubt when hearing about her passing.

"I was asleep when I heard the news of what had happened and I was devastated, even though I couldn't believe what had happened," Euchner said. "I was a bit suspicious because we were going to the same test together and never heard anything back from her, so I knew something was off."

Upon hearing the news, Eu-

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Courtesy of the ISU normal court case
NORML ISU has had 19 T-shirt designs approved for printing. The group wants to print about 50 T-shirts for each design, which would total about 950 shirts.

NORML ISU given go-ahead on shirts

Organization has 19 T-shirt designs approved for print

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NORML ISU has the right to print T-shirt designs with the ISU logo after the university's motion to stay was denied.

This means the organization can go forward with plans to print T-shirts — something the group plans to take full advantage of.

Eric Cooper, faculty adviser for NORML ISU and associate professor of psychology, said the student group has had 19 designs approved for printing. He said they hope to print about 50 T-shirts for each design, equating to about 950 total.

Cooper said the organization was "very pleased" with the outcome and even decided to have a contest to come up with T-shirt designs.

"It's been four years that we've been battling the university," Cooper said. "We're excited about the possibility to print T-shirts around campus."

He said he hopes NORML ISU can start selling them as early as next week, which would be a "really good way of accomplishing the advocacy goals of the organization."

The T-shirts would be sold as a part of a fundraiser for the student organization — with room to reprint the popular designs if necessary, Cooper said.

Cooper said he believes by initially denying NORML ISU and losing the case against the organization on Jan. 22, the ISU Trademark Office has essentially made it worse for itself, since it now has to be careful whenever it rejects a design in the future.

"If they met us halfway and let us make a T-shirt, they'd still be able to have control of the process," he said. "Now they lost this court case, they're in a bad situation because everyone who gets their design denied could claim discrimination based on personal bias."

The motion to stay was filed by

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LUCHA appears at StuGov meeting

Look inside on page 3 for the story about the Student Government meeting

Weather



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Police Blotter

The information in the log comes from the ISU and City of Ames police departments' records.

All those accused of violating the law are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

April 12

Kori Beth Crabb, 21, of 14244 560th Ave, Story City, IA, was arrested and charged with op-

erating while intoxicated and improper registration plate lamp at North Dakota Ave and Delaware Ave (reported at 2:45 a.m.).

Calendar

All events courtesy of the ISU events calendar.

April 14

Global Food Security Consortium and Everson Seed and Biosafety Symposium
8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Scheman Building

"REAL Sustainability: Real Engagement in Agricultural Livelihoods." International experts will discuss the components necessary for addressing global food and nutrition security. The symposium will offer three sessions: Developing Research Platforms for Sustainable Food Systems; Educating the Workforce for a Dynamic Industry; and Building Capacity through Public-Private Partnerships.

Brown Bag Lecture
12 - 1 p.m., Reiman Gardens

No preregistration is required. Cost is free for members and Iowa State University students with ID. The general public pays \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors ages 65+, \$4 for kids ages 4-17, and free for kids ages 3 and under. Topic: Iowa State University Student Fashion Designs

Made from Reiman Gardens' Refuse

Softball
3 p.m., Cyclone Sports Complex

Iowa State vs. Nebraska, Omaha

Public hearing: Regents' agenda
5 - 6 p.m., Gold Room, Memorial Union

At this public hearing, individuals have an opportunity to provide early input on agenda items for the state Board of Regents' April 20-21 meeting in Council Bluffs.

Vegetable Gardening Best Practices
6 - 8 p.m., Reiman Gardens

Get a head start on your own summer vegetable garden, with a discussion on best practices by Reiman Gardens' own expert vegetable gardener, Horticulturist Sharon Rink. Cost is \$10 for members, and \$12.50 for the general public. Iowa State University students pay 15% off the member rate.

Cyclone Voice finale

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Thursday night is the finale for Iowa State's Cyclone Voice, and this year's emcee is a national star. Jesse McCartney, known for his songs "Beautiful

Soul," "Leavin'" and "Body Language" will emcee the event and is set to perform a few of his songs before the announcement of the winner.

This year's Cyclone Voice finalists are Sydney Marian Allen, Marrs Berkhalter, Hannah Bird, Emmy Rose

Cuvelier, Jessie Heintz, Leo Helm, Sydney Houde, Benito Kayenge, Miranda Merryfield, Maddie Moen, Kayli Nartatez, Jay Peasley, Nick Pigott and Kimberly Woo.

The Cyclone Voice finale will take place at 8 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union.

Digital Content

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Timeline of Bubu Palo case

Bubu Palo recently filed a case against ISU and the Board of Regents for what he says was a mishandling of his case. Find a timeline of the case online and on the app.

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Golf wins back-to-back tournaments

The men's golf team won the ASU Thunderbird Invitational and Desert Shoot-out. Find out how it's celebrating through the story online.

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Softball team plays Creighton

The softball team faced off against Creighton on Wednesday night. Find out how it did through the story online and on the app.

Corrections

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Input wanted on BOR

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Community members are invited to give input on the upcoming Board of Regents meeting during a public hearing Thursday.

Iowa State's hearing will take place from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday in the Gold Room of the Memo-

rial Union. Shirley Knipfel, transparency officer and assistant to the president, will preside at the meeting.

Those in attendance can comment on any items scheduled for discussion at the state Board of Regents meeting, which is set for April 20 and 21 in Council Bluffs at the Iowa School for the Deaf.

All public hearings will be

video recorded and posted to the regents' hearings website at regents.iowa.gov.

Anyone who is unable to attend the hearing can provide written comments to regents transparency officer Josh Lehman by email at jlehman@iastate.edu.

To view the agenda for the April Board of Regents meeting, visit the regents homepage at regents.iowa.gov.

SNAPSHOT



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SUN SHINES DOWN ON CENTRAL CAMPUS ART

The sun shines on the Forward sculpture, an art piece by William King, Wednesday afternoon on Central Campus. ISU donors James and Barbara Palmer, alumni from State College, Pa., acquired the sculpture for the university in 1991, and "Forward" became part of Iowa State's permanent art collection, according to a previous Daily article.

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Student group voices concerns

LUCHA cites serious problem with racism

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The first session of the Student Government Senate was a rocky one as members of Leaders United for a Change (LUCHA) commanded the attention of the open forum preceding the full Senate.

A group of students aligning with members of LUCHA entered the center of the room during the open forum, after Provost Jonathan Wickert spoke to the Senate.

The members of LUCHA said Iowa State has a serious problem with racism and exclusion.

"What are you going to do about marginalized groups on campus?" said Maria Alcivar, graduate student in human development and family studies, to open the discussion. "The disenfranchisement of minorities on this campus is real."

The group members read a series of Yik Yaks in regard to the open letter from LUCHA that was published in The Daily on Tuesday and demanded responses from individual senators and new President of Student Government Cole Staudt.

They also pointed their anger toward Wickert and Senior Vice President for Student Affairs Martino Harmon, who later joined the meeting in attempt to mediate the situation.

"I don't trust you, and I



STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Cole Staudt, senior in political science, speaks to his cabinet members during his first meeting as the president of Student Government on Wednesday in the Memorial Union.

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don't trust you," said one member, who wished to remain unnamed, while pointing at Wickert and Harmon. "We pay the same tuition but don't get the same treatment."

The group also clarified in a Twitter message to The Daily that the comment was also directed at Reginald Stewart, vice president for diversity and inclusion, and Kenyatta Shamburger, director of Multicultural Student Affairs.

Another member, who also did not give his name, said he was tired of discussion and wanted action, which was a dissent to Wickert's statements that students needed to keep the

discussion going.

The group member also said the promotion of diversity and inclusiveness is a lie Iowa State sells.

Harmon said he was glad they were at the meeting, but also saddened they had to be there and a lot of work still needs to be done.

Staudt, in his third day in office, said he knows it is an important issue and that Yik Yak comments are "racist and unacceptable."

He also said he is here for all students and they need to come talk with him.

Jonathan Webb, lecturer in world languages and cultures, asked if anyone in the Senate felt nervous or had a racing heart.

"This is what [underrepresented groups] feel like on a daily basis," he said.

Before LUCHA took the stage, Wickert gave the new Senate an update on construction and renovations around campus.

He spoke on the new \$88 million biosciences project that will see a large increase in biology teaching labs. Wickert applauded Student Government for how well it worked with his office to improve the testing centers.

The Senate unanimously confirmed all of Staudt's nominations for his cabinet positions. Former Vice Speaker of the Senate Michael Snook was named the new finance director and

chair of the finance committee, and Matthew Scott is the new chief of staff.

A full list of executive cabinet members can be found on The Daily's website.

The Senate elected Danielle Nygard as speaker of the Senate after she was selected over Sen. Roberto Ortiz and Sen. Charles Faunce.

The Senate also nominated and confirmed Sen. Conner Tillo as the vice speaker.

The Senate unanimously confirmed Eric Schultz, senior in pre-business, to the open senate seat for the College of Business and Colton Kreber, junior in agricultural business, for a Senate seat for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

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the defendants, the university, in order to prevent the group from printing T-shirts with the ISU logo after the initial case ruling on Jan. 22.

"Iowa State is disappointed the U.S. Court of Appeals did not grant the stay order and offered no explanation of their decision," John McCarroll, the executive director of University Relations, said in a statement. "Our appeal of the U.S. District Court order of Jan. 22, 2016 is pending."

However, the denial in the motion to stay was a victory for NORML ISU.

"We as alumni and current members of the student organization are not surprised by the court's ongoing recognition of the need to protect constitutional student speech on college campuses," said Josh Montgomery, an ISU alumnus who founded the student organization in 2012. "We believe the resolution is just and expect a similar conclusion in any forthcoming appeal of the decision."

But the fight is far from over.

The appeal in the case is still ongoing in the federal court of appeals, and a verdict will most likely not be reached for about a year, Cooper said they were told by their lawyers, representatives from the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education.

If the university loses the appeal, administration will most likely take it to the Supreme Court. NORML would do the same if it loses the appeal and hopes to win again, which Cooper said he believed could be explosive.

Cooper referenced a ruling by the Supreme Court on June 18 that had similar connotations as NORML's case.

The case was fought between the state of Texas and an organization called the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), who designed license plates with the Confederate flag featured prominently.

The state rejected the design, and SCV claimed it was a violation of their First Amendment rights.

The Supreme Court ruled in favor of the state 5-4; the reasoning was that design was classified as government speech, since the flag was a representation of the government.

This argument is along the same lines as the university's, Cooper said.

"The university really held the doctorate in this case since they had control over the trademarks of ISU, and they have to realize they don't," Cooper said.

"Public administration can't discriminate based on their own personal views, which is what happened here."

Only a verdict in the U.S. District Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, located in St. Louis, will decide how this case goes forward.

But until then, NORML ISU will print its controversial T-shirts, which students may see around campus in the near future.

Columnist discusses divided politics

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Washington Post columnist E.J. Dionne laid out why he believes the 2016 race and U.S. politics have become bitterly divided.

Dionne's lecture was the annual Manatt-Phelps Lecture in Political Science, sponsored by the department of political science, the Carrie Chapman Catt Center and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Dionne was introduced by Beate Schmittmann, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, ISU President Steven Leath and Lissandra Villa, senior in journalism and mass communication.

Dionne, a twice-weekly columnist for the Post, approached his argument in his "Our Divided Politics" lecture Wednesday by laying out two differing arguments in U.S. politics — often viewed as individualism vs. community.

"We are in a very challenging time in our history,"



Alex Connor/iowa State Daily

E. J. Dionne, a twice-weekly columnist who writes for the Washington Post, provided an analysis of the 2016 election, parties and the "road to the White House" in his lecture Wednesday at the Memorial Union.

Dionne said.

He quoted Ronald Reagan when talking about how individual liberty cannot be protected unless the country comes together, though, before explaining why he believes the Republican Party in particular is so divided or unwilling to compromise.

"The last 100 years are something I like to call a 'long consensus,'" Dionne said. "Over the past 20 years, we've had [an argument] about whether we end that consensus. This election is a fundamental choice."

Dionne, even as a self-described liberal, said he understands the importance of having a strong alternative — in this case a conservative or Republican Party.

He said he believes the current dissatisfaction among conservative or Republican voters is based on the fact that GOP politicians have not been able to keep campaign — such as rolling back the size of the federal government, reversing cultural and social changes to the country and the racial makeup of the United

States.

The lack of change even though change was promised has caused voters to become fed up with the Republican Party or politics in general, which may explain the rise of a candidate like Donald Trump, Dionne said.

Dionne said people often see a debate currently in politics on whether the United States is headed down a dark, or "gloomy," path or whether United States is "still is great."

Even though he is on the progressive side of politics, Dionne said he wishes there were more conservatives who rejected the "gloomy" argument and see government as a positive force while remaining conservative.

A question-and-answer session followed his speech. One question focussed on if candidates running for seats in Congress would be affected by a Trump nomination, and Dionne argued that he thinks down-ballot candidates can avoid getting beat. Even in a presidential

landslide election, a candidate like Trump could bring problems to GOP candidates who have to defend his comments.

When asked what is one thing he would change about the current political process, Dionne said he would like to get money out of politics, which elicited an applause from the audience.

Dionne's lecture bounced ideas off of his most recent book, titled "Why the Right Went Wrong: Conservatism from Goldwater to the Tea Party and Beyond." He signed copies during a meet-and-greet session in the Sun Room after the lecture.

Dionne's lecture joins a long list of past speakers during the annual program, including ambassadors, members of Congress and notably, Vice President Joe Biden. Dionne was chosen to offer insight as a journalist in the 2016 race, and he often appears on the weekly ABC Sunday morning program "This Week," as a political commentator on MSNBC and weekly on NPR.

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A new way to treat tumors

ISU researcher patents method for treating abnormal growths

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It's no secret that cancer is the nation's second most notorious killer, second only to heart disease.

With more than 100 types of cancer in existence and defined by medical professionals, a cure may be considered nothing but a distant dream.

However, researchers at Iowa State are working toward shortening that distance with a new way to treat tumors.

"I am a molecular biologist, so I study bacteria at a molecular level," said Melha Mellata, assistant professor of food science and human nutrition.

"I study what kind of system they use to spread disease, to cause infection and to survive."

Mellata's extensive understanding of bacteria led to her patenting a new method for treating tumors and increasing the safety of live vaccines.

Understanding the bacterial system allowed her to modify it.

Some bacteria possess an extra chromosome of DNA that allows them to spread disease.

This extra chromosome comes with a toxin/anti-



Courtesy of Iowa State University
Melha Mellata, assistant professor of food science and human nutrition who studies bacteria at a molecular level, patented a new method for treating tumors and increasing the safety of live vaccines.

toxin system.

The toxin causes damage to cells where the antitoxin nullifies the toxin.

When taking a deeper look into the genes of a bacteria, it's known that a special promoter tells the bacteria to produce toxin or antitoxin.

Mellata's strategy was to genetically modify the system, making it so toxin and antitoxin genes had separate promoters.

This makes it possible to specify the conditions in which toxins or antitoxins are produced, and promoter activation can be controlled.

"The toxin and antitoxin

are two genes," Mellata said.

"In the bacteria, they are regulated by a promoter. If you have only the toxin, the bacteria will die. So I modified it so the toxin and antitoxin have their own promoter."

So with this genetically modified system, one may wonder how it can be used against cancerous tumors.

Using the system and special bacteria that have been found to be attracted to tumors, such as salmonella, the results could be favorable.

Ideally, if put into a live vaccine, the bacteria would hunt for the tumor cells in

a person's body.

Upon entering them, the conditions programmed into the bacteria would lead to toxin or antitoxin creation.

Bacteria toxin would kill tumor cells and antitoxins would be produced in healthy cells, causing no harm.

With the death of the tumor cells, the vaccine bacteria would die, as well, and the patient would ideally be cured.

"It would be a good way to reduce some cancers," said Zachary Stromberg, post-doctoral research associate working with Mellata.

Current ways to treat cancer include chemotherapy and radiation, which can have devastating side effects on patients, as the treatment affects both tumor cells and healthy cells.

Mellata's method would only affect tumor cells, meaning safer and more effective treatment.

A cure will not be shipped out tomorrow, as Mellata's method still needs a lot of testing, but the molecular biologist has high hopes.

"This is what excites me," Mellata said. "It's not only getting a patent, but I'm really hoping it will lead to a very safe and easy-to-use treatment."

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chner said she wanted to make a difference for incoming students, citing Jacobs' kindness and friendly demeanor as a catalyst for proposing the scholarship.

"I wanted to create the scholarship to help remember her, somewhat in the way she was able to help me and the experiences I had with her," Euchner said. "I learned a lot from her in classes as she was always willing to help. I just wanted someone else to have a future and be helped by something that she had done."

Described by Olson and Euchner as "a kind-hearted genius," her father Brad Jacobs sees the funds as an embodiment of his daughter's commitment to staying humble in the face of success.

"Emmalee was very independent," Brad Jacobs said. "She always wanted to give everything her best, and we were lucky that she was very intelligent. We saw her grow in her willingness to help students with questions, but she was also very humble with her success in school. I think she was proud of her hard work and her accomplishments, and we were so proud to see her grow into such a lovely woman."

Hearing the news of the memorial scholarship left an impact on the Jacobs family, one they hope will transfer to ISU students in

both academics and safety. "We're very touched that these young people want to do this," Brad Jacobs said. "We're excited about this and hope it's successful and reach their goal. Hopefully people will always know something about Emmalee and raise awareness on being a better driver and pedestrian safety."

The Collegiate Women in Business hope to reach their goal of \$25,000 by the end of May 31.

As of Tuesday, the campaign had raised about \$1,900, but the organization hopes the funds will be met through social media awareness.

"The scholarship is being aimed at freshmen in the College of Business, and we don't quite know how much we will get for money," Euchner said. "It depends on how much we fundraise, but it will be for young women in business like Emmalee."

Though Emmalee was never a part of the organization, she was a hopeful future member whose enthusiasm spread to the team.

"Emmalee was not actually a member at the time, but however was planning on joining this semester," Olson said. "We heard about how excited she was to join and be a part of the program that we wanted to make it possible for someone else to be the same way if they were financially struggling to go to college."

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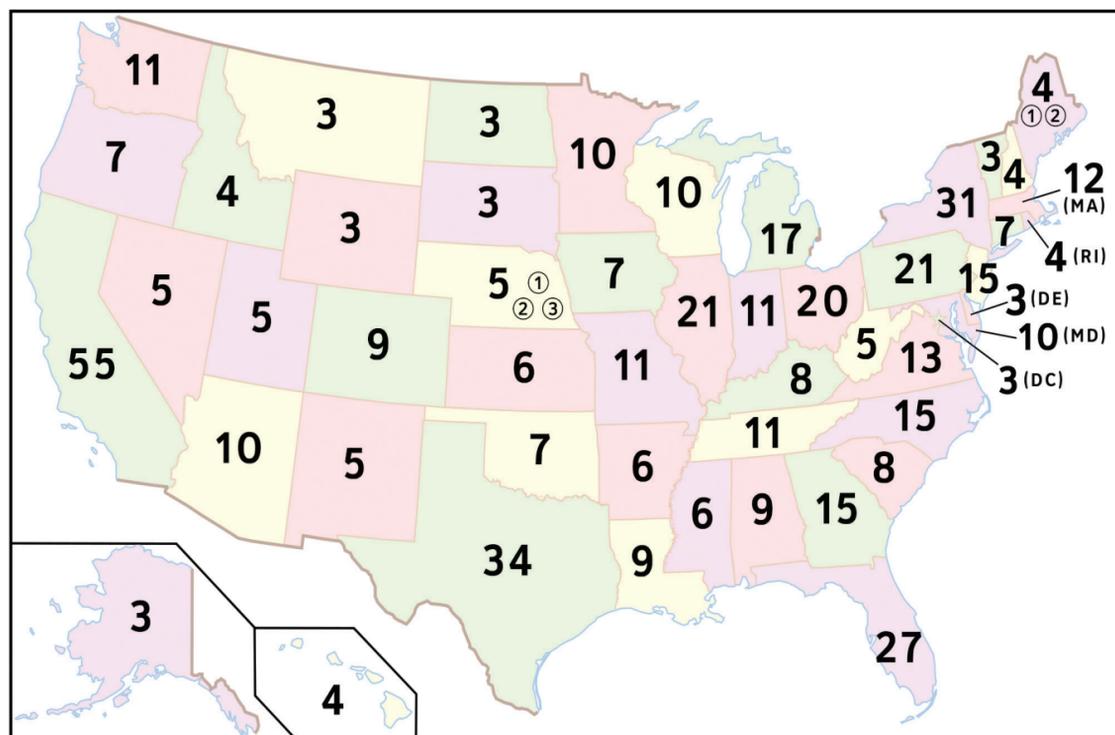
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Columnist Carstens argues that while the electoral college was necessary when the average citizen living in the United States was not educated well enough to elect the country's leaders, it is no longer needed because American citizens are now qualified to elect their president.

Eliminate electoral college

Outdated system is insult to intelligence of nation's citizens

By Courtney Carstens
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The 2016 presidential race will come to an end during the next couple of months, yet many voters still do not know about the greatest American illusion.

The illusion that I'm referring to is the belief that we actually vote for the president and vice president directly, when in reality we do not, and that's a direct result of the electoral college.

The electoral college is a system that worked at the time of its founding in 1787 in spite of its lack of true democracy paired with the small number of people who had actually acquired a formal education.

This method came about after a lengthy debate of all of the different ways that a president could be elected, including charging Congress or the legislation with the monumental task.

Ultimately, the suggestion of an electoral college was widely approved by the delegates.

In a sense, this decision was a compromise — a way to meet in the

middle between the general public and the higher up members of the government. However, now in 2016, this is a compromise that is no longer necessary.

We are a nation with an educated populace that has access to vast technology to help us figure out what we do not know. The electoral college must go. It is an insult to our intelligence as a nation. We can decide for ourselves the fate of our country.

The Electoral College is a process that consists of electors from each state representing the majority of its state, according to the National Archives and Records Administration. The number of allocated electors per state depends on the number of members in the state's congressional delegation.

There is one for each member of the House of Representatives and two for each of the senators. It takes 270 out of 538 electors to win the presidency.

Must we be reminded that we are a democracy, and that the first line in the Declaration of Independence states 'For the People, By the People ...' That first line is proof we are a democracy.

People have the right to vote and be a part of the federal and state governments, but that won't happen as long as the electoral college is in place. The electoral college is hindering the

democracy.

In general, Americans are well educated, as 91 percent of our nation earns a high school diploma and 34 percent of people receive a bachelor's degree, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. American citizens have the ability to make smart decisions that are right for our country.

Another problem with the system is the possibility that the true loser of the popular vote can win the electoral vote, the most recent example being the 2000 presidential election between Al Gore and George W. Bush. It was a popular belief that if there had been a proper recount, Bush would not have won the election.

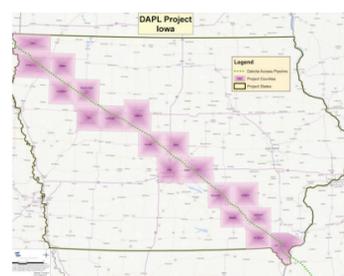
The majority of the population should be represented in the voting system, but this current model remains and does not truly represent the majority of the country.

The electoral system was put in place at a time when it was needed, and it worked.

The average citizen was not educated well enough to make a proper decision for his or her country, so a middle man between the general public and government officials made sense.

But it no longer makes sense, and this barrier needs to be broken in order for us to build a stronger democracy.

EDITORIAL



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 Iowa State is expected to give more than 30 acres of land to Dakota Access, LLC across Buena Vista and Story Counties.

School's approval of pipeline is bad for ISU

Iowa State is slated to approve the use of university land to Dakota Access, LLC in order for the company to start construction on the controversial Bakken Pipeline.

More than 30 acres of land will be given to Dakota Access, LLC across Buena Vista and Story Counties, and the pipeline will run through agricultural land used for research and teaching at Iowa State.

Yet, with all of the controversy over the environmental impact of the pipeline, is really the step that Iowa State University, an organization that has long upheld a green outlook, wants to take?

Although the school will be "fairly compensated using market value" the hypocritical nature of this decision cannot be overlooked.

The pipeline, which has been criticized for what many claim to be unfair usage of eminent domain and potential environmental harm to Iowa lands and water, will run through 1,168 miles of mostly privately owned land with a width of over 50 feet.

Multiple federal agencies, including the EPA and the Department of Interior, have recommended a full environmental impact study on the pipeline.

These fears are not unfounded. In the United States alone, pipelines have spilled more than three times as much crude oil into the environment compared to trains from 2004-2012. New studies have shown an upward trend in environmental damage caused by oil pipelines.

Last year alone, The Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration reported 314 significant incidences that cost tax payers more than \$305 million and 10 fatalities.

Furthermore, the Bakken Pipeline will cut through farm lands and water ways, creating a direct threat to Iowa's bread and butter.

Iowa State's decision comes at the same time as a lawsuit against the Iowa Utilities Board by a group of Iowa land owners.

The lawsuit claims that Dakota Access has used eminent domain to violate their Fifth Amendment rights. Signs along I-35 between Ames and Des Moines express some of these frustrations with the bold letters "Stop Eminent Domain Abuse."

These landowners also claim that the utilities board is in violation of the state constitution, which limits eminent domain.

As an organization that prides itself on its agricultural programs and sustainability, this seems to be a wrong decision for Iowa State.

If the university truly wants to create a more sustainable world, then backing a pipeline that will further increase Americans' heroin-like addiction to oil is not the way to go.

Furthermore, instead of taking solidarity with the landowners who wish to see their property preserved, Iowa State has turned its back not only on its call for sustainability but on its neighbors as well.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dividing prevents inclusion progress

By Lincoln Duff
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Well, I guess we're a virus now. No longer can us 'white' people be successful without being held with contempt and scrutiny for our race. Instead it seems that despite the fact the 'white race' is not a protected class, we must apologize for the jobs and possessions we have earned.

In what world would it ever be acceptable to ask a minority or woman to justify their success due to their race or gender? No other race is asked to do this, and not only is this an unfair burden to have put on us but it also is inherently divisive.

How on earth can anyone expect hatred and bigotry to

end if those who purport to want to end it use it themselves in the name of change? It seems that somehow racial equality movements no longer care about gaining equal rights for all people, regardless of color or creed, but instead are focused around punishing white people for our oppressive reign over the minorities.

It's unfathomable to me that a group that says it promotes equality and togetherness looks first to the things that separate us instead. It's unfortunate that us white parasites cannot do the same, as we don't have minority privilege. And we whites can't ask people if they have 'minority privilege' without being looked at as though we're bigoted racists? Can whites question the

validity of one's earnings and property of minorities? I don't think so; we'd be laughed out of town.

It seems that minority groups such as Latinos United for a Change have decided that the best way to promote equality in America is to go their own counter-offensive built on divisive rhetoric.

Are there unfair biases due to race in America? Absolutely. But just as we don't ask smart people to fail tests so that those who didn't study do better, we should not ask white people to live in a state of constant self-incrimination due to race.

I see no solutions coming from minority groups like LUCHA, only blaming and hatred toward white folks. It is inhumane to

ask a race to divert earnings and property to other races just to rectify the sins that happened in the past, yet this is the exact set of policies that social justice groups look to enact.

This sort of thinking is backward focused and will only cause a greater schism among the many races within our country. Is it surprising then that with these programs on the rise we have seen the greatest animosity between races in decades?

Perhaps when we have destroyed one another sufficiently, then we will be able to resolve our issues.

Until then, groups that support division will continue to struggle with reality, and white people will be encumbered by their logical fallacies.

LUCHA brands own 'blatantly wrong rhetoric'

By David Bainbridge
 Senior in chemistry

In a recent letter to the editor, Latinos United for a Change (LUCHA) remarked that it is "reckless and dangerous" to publish "blatantly wrong rhetoric." If the Daily's publishers are taking this to heart, they might have done well to examine the same letter under this consideration.

In a 90 percent white state, LUCHA finds it very wrong that

white people are more likely to obtain merit-based scholarships. I wonder if there's an organization for left-handed people somewhere with similar objections against right-handed people.

Further, they find it odd that hair salons and grocery stores cater more to a demographic that is almost an order of magnitude larger than all others combined. The department of sociology should seek an economics professor to untangle this mystery

for its students.

Perhaps LUCHA's most noticeably wrong rhetoric is the complaint that the standard language in a country founded by English people is English.

Ignoring the sheer stupidity of thinking an entire country should suddenly become bilingual after 240 years for their convenience, I find it stunning they list this as an example of white privilege.

Considering the language most Latinos speak originates in Europe, I would have expected

LUCHA to remember the French, German, Irish, Italian, Greek, Russian, Scandinavian and other immigrants with no native connection to English who worked to improve their lot in life without expecting locals to pick up a new language for their sake.

None of this is to deny that Latinos face hardships. Of course we realize that assimilation is difficult in all areas of one's life. But to suggest that whites are blind to their problems won't win them the allies they seek.

T.J. Otzelberger expected to leave

ISU assistant gets linked to SDSU position

By Ryan Young
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ISU assistant coach T.J. Otzelberger is expected to be named the next head coach at South Dakota State, according to various reports on Wednesday.

ESPN college basketball reporter Jeff Goodman has linked Otzelberger to the SDSU job, and tweeted out Wednesday that he expected him to be named the next head coach.

Otzelberger was a top candidate to replace Fred Hoiberg last season at Iowa State. When ISU coach Steve Prohm was hired instead, Otzelberger returned to his old post as assistant coach, which he held for three seasons under Hoiberg. Otzelberger was the associate head coach at Washington for two seasons before returning to Iowa



Junior Matt Thomas, assistant coach T.J. Otzelberger and redshirt senior Naz Mitrou-Long watch the Cyclones practice before their Sweet 16 matchup against Virginia on March 24. Lani Tons/Iowa State Daily

State last summer.

Otzelberger was expected to be named the next head coach at UW-Milwaukee earlier this month, according to a report from WTMJ-Milwaukee. However, La-

Vall Jordan was hired there instead.

SDSU will hold a press conference Thursday to announce its next head coach, which will likely be Otzelberger.

South Dakota State will hold a press conference at 3 p.m. Thursday to announce its next head basketball coach. Check back with the Iowa State Daily for more information as this story develops.



Courtesy of Matthew Shultz

ESPN four-star prospect Cameron Lard officially signs with Iowa State on Wednesday. Lard is a 6-foot-9, 220-pound forward from New Orleans, La.

Prep Cameron Lard signs with Cyclones

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Louisiana prep Cameron Lard officially signed with Iowa State on Wednesday.

Lard, a 6-foot-9, 220-pound forward from New Orleans, La., verbally committed to Iowa State in November 2015. He is a four-star prospect, according to ESPN and 247sports.com.

"We are really excited to get Cameron into the program," said ISU coach Steve Prohm in a press release. "We felt that we needed to address size and athleticism down low with the loss

of Jameel McKay and not having a lot of depth inside this season. We think the addition of Cameron does that and he's a freshman that can come in this summer and develop and will hopefully be ready to help us next season."

Lard averaged 16 points and 10 rebounds at Natchitoches Central High School during the 2014-15 season. Lard was named to the All-State Second Team as a junior by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association, and was named the Most Outstanding Player in the 2013-14 state championship game, where he scored 24 points and grabbed 10

rebounds.

Lard did not play last season, however. He transferred to Landry-Walker High School after his junior season, but was ruled ineligible due to transfer rules in Louisiana. From there, he transferred to Pro Vision Academy in Houston, Texas, where he played in seven games and averaged 16 points, nine rebounds and two blocks.

Lard is the fifth player to sign with the Cyclones in the 2016 class. He joins point guard Donovan Jackson, guard Jakolby Long and forwards Solomon Young and Emmanuel Malou.

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were dropped, Palo played in 17 of Iowa State's final 19 games.

The petition claims that since Palo was reinstated at the end of the 2012-13 season, he had no reason to believe he was subject to further suspension. Palo didn't attempt to transfer schools because of this belief, according to the petition.

In the summer of 2013, Palo was found not guilty by an administrative law judge. The ISU Judicial Affairs Committee, the committee that investigates and oversees possible violations of the Student Code of Conduct at Iowa State, appealed the decision to ISU President Steven Leath in June 2013.

In August, five days after the start of the 2013-14 academic year, Leath ruled that Palo was in violation of ISU regulations and suspended him indefinitely.

Since the decision came after the start of the academic year, Palo was unable to transfer to another school without losing eligibility. The petition claims Leath's finding was an "arbitrary finding in both its [punitive] justification and in timing."

Palo requested judicial review of the findings in December 2014, and requested to return to the basketball team during the investigation. He was cleared to play in January 2014, but was relegated to the bench for the rest of the season.

The complaint said these unfounded suspensions prevented Palo from gaining experience for professional basketball.

"This lack of exposure and firsthand experience destroyed Mr. Palo's opportu-



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Bubu Palo brings the ball up the court against Ohio State in the NCAA Tournament on March 24, 2013.

nities to play in professional basketball leagues," the petition reads.

However, Palo has played for the Sioux Falls SkyForce, an NBA D-League team, since last year.

Palo also said the media exposure was a direct result of ISU officials' "persistent efforts" to keep Palo from playing, along with their comments to the media.

"These actions on the part of ISU gave credibility to the unfounded allega-

tions against Mr. Palo and caused him a great deal of stress during that period," the complaint reads.

Palo is seeking compensation for his "emotional distress, future income and the value of the future experiences lost," according to the petition.

"ISU had a duty to thoroughly investigate the facts behind the accusations that led to the punitive actions against Mr. Palo," the petition reads.

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New album represents fresh start

Christopher the Conquered begins again

By Jacob Beals
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"I'm Giving Up on Rock & Roll" is the latest record by Chris Ford, who is also known as Christopher the Conquered.

Ford's album will be released May 13, but is now available for pre-order at the Maximum Ames website.

Despite the title, this new record is far from the end of Ford's career.

He explained that in a way, the album is a new start for his music.

"Well, in a lot of ways I consider this my first album because it's the first album I feel where I have a clear vision of what I'm wanting to do artistically," Ford said.

Ford went more in depth about the meaning of the title of the album, saying the theme of the record has a lot to do with his own internal thoughts and creativity.

"This album is about stripping away my pretensions of being a certain kind of artist or somebody special, and the songs are very honest about my struggle to figure out who I am and what I should be doing with my life and my art," Ford said.

Keeping with that theme

was a goal of Ford's when he set out to determine which of his songs he wanted to include on the new record.

He said he wrote and considered about 40 songs and talked about how a plan for an album can really help in the song selection process.

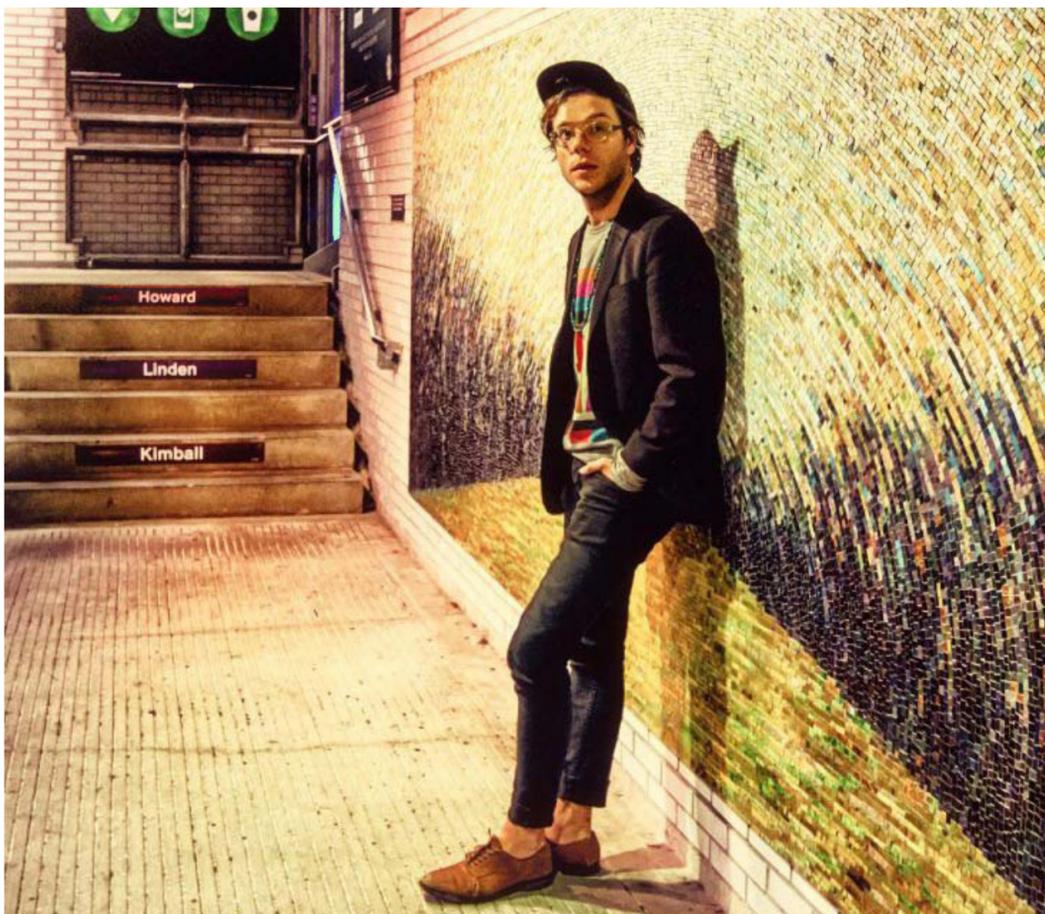
"I think if you have a theme and you have a consistent vision for what you want the album to be, then [choosing songs is] really easy, but if you're just trying to pick songs that sound the coolest then that can be kinda hard," Ford said.

He also has plans to give back to his fans with this record as the first 356 people who preorder the album will receive an email featuring a song that Ford will write and record especially for the buyer.

"If you preorder, you'll get an email where I ask you to tell me either about one of the happiest or saddest moments of your life," Ford said. "Or if you don't want to be that personal, then you can tell me something you really like and why."

Ford said he is always looking for new opportunities to bring his music to new fans and that he hopes this will also bring some new ideas to his songwriting.

"I want to start writing on a more regular schedule, so this will force me to do that, and I also wanted to encourage people to preorder my record and reward



Courtesy of Josh Terzino

Chris Ford, who is also known as Christopher the Conquered, created a new album titled "I'm Giving Up on Rock & Roll." The album will be released May 13, but people can pre-order it on the Maximum Ames website.

them for being an early supporter of mine by giving them something special," Ford said.

Ford said these songs will be deep, and he is planning on spending a lot of time

on them after the release of the album.

"It's going to be a big, long project, but I write a lot of songs anyway, so this is just basically moving my creative energy," Ford said.

This new challenge Ford is tackling comes right after his tour through Europe, which took place from January to mid-March.

Ford played at venues in Italy and Germany and said most of the shows he performed took place in a intimate setting.

"The booking agency I was working with generally booked more intimate listening concerts, where

people come and sit and listen quietly to the entire show from beginning to end," Ford said.

He also mentioned that one of his favorite venues he had the chance to play at was Teatro del Sale in Florence, Italy.

"They had a beautiful Steinway grand piano on the stage, so I felt like I was way cooler than I actually am on that night," Ford said.

Along with all of the positives of touring in a new place, Ford also mentioned some challenges of playing in new countries.

"When you're traveling

around, say from like one country to another, you [definitely] get stoked out in your performance itself because it's harder to read an audience when maybe they don't speak your language or if it's just a different culture," Ford said.

After two successful tours in Europe, Ford plans on making a return abroad.

"I'd like to go back every year, as long as I can," Ford said.

Visit Ford's website at www.christophertheconquered.com to find out more about "I'm Giving Up on Rock & Roll" and Ford's tour dates.

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tend Iowa State, where he redshirted his first cross-country season.

"That was the coaches," Jamie Pollard said. "It wasn't really me. He worked really hard in high school. He had opportunities to run at multiple places, but ultimately he chose to stay at Iowa State."

After winning the Junior 8K USATF Cross Country Championships in February, Thomas landed a spot on Team USA and got the chance to compete at the 2016 Pan American Cross Country Cup in Venezuela, where the conditions were far from what he expected.

"I was really excited for him," Jamie said. "It was a dream of his to be able to have that opportunity both athletically and socially."

Thomas ventured to Miami for one night before flying to Venezuela with the team. He knew nobody else on the team of 26 but had an instant connection with a couple of the guys with whom he still keeps in touch. He also keeps in touch with a couple of competitors from Venezuela.

"We all really got along well," Thomas said. "They



Courtesy of Thomas Pollard
Members of Team USA, left, have their photo taken at the 2016 Pan American Cross Country Cup in Venezuela. The photo above shows the view of Venezuela from the team's complex.

made it a lot of fun."

The conditions in Venezuela were far from what Thomas was ready for. The food and water were rationed, there were no facilities to practice in and USATF had to send a bodyguard along with the team.

Police escorts and security watched over the members of the team when they left their compound. Pollard was only given one 12-ounce bottle of water per meal, and he was only allowed to go through the food line once. The food portions were limited, and Thomas, along with 13 others from the

United States, experienced food poisoning.

Before leaving the United States, Thomas had searched his hotel on the internet and was impressed by how nice it looked. Once he arrived, he noticed it looked nothing like what he saw online.

"All the Venezuelan kids thought they were living the good life," Thomas said. "It was all concrete. It was basically like a Motel 6."

Sleeping in copious amounts of bug spray in a high-temperature climate made it hard for Thomas to sleep, and he only got about

10 total hours of sleep in the nights before the race. The race was only on one day.

Outside of the competition, the members of the team mostly stayed in their compound, but had the chance to swim in the ocean, where they could only go neck-deep because of the water conditions.

"Venezuela is a country that is really struggling financially right now," Jamie said. "It was more that just an athletic competition. As a student-athlete, you don't really get an opportunity to study abroad because you're in training all year-round."

In a lot of ways, this was like a five-day study abroad for him.

"One of the things that makes Thomas good at what he does is that he enjoys the work more than the ultimate competition," Jamie said. "He enjoys training, and I think that is key."

Pushing through physical fatigue and the heat index reaching into the 90s, Thomas came though for Team USA. Thomas finished second in the 8K.

Despite the harsh conditions, Thomas still managed to make a big impact on the team's success. He received the maximum amount of points, and USA finished with 14 team points, win-

ning a gold medal. Canada won silver, finishing with 25 team points, and Venezuela won bronze with 47 team points.

"I didn't know what to expect," Thomas said. "I had no clue who was in the race or how fast the other guys were."

The crowd at the competition was larger than what Thomas expected. Natives wanted to take pictures with the team and buy their gear from the athletes. Thomas was not nervous to represent USA before the race and felt good about his competition.

"There is nothing like putting on the USA jersey," Thomas said. "It was really special."

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