Fast food really on the fly

Two UI students created a business that delivers fast food to carless students.

By ALISON SULLIVAN
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Fast food past got bitter. Two University of Iowa students recently embarked on an entrepreneurial endeavor to rescue dorm-bound students from their fast-food cravings by bringing it to their doorstep.

UI junior Nick Beary and sophomore Rishabh Nath are the masterminds behind Fast Food Iowa. Both Iowa natives, the two met last year while serving in the UI Student Government. Rounding out their crew in the dorms, Nath and Beary said students without cars find it difficult to snag their favorite fast food. And with other restaurants delivering, Beary said, “Why not fast food, too?”

“The seed was planted, and it sprung from there,” the 21-year-old Beary said.

The duo set out the day, clad in nice tux and suit jackets paired with jeans. They had set up their laptops on a couple tables — their office for the day.

With the support of family and friends, a startup investment of roughly $2,000, and market research, the friends laid the groundwork for Fast Food Iowa. After establishing their menu options and slightly marked-up prices from McDonalds, Arby’s, Two Bell, and Burger King, the business started April 29 in search of a purple corn kernel.

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The UI’s chapter of Students for Concealed Carry on Campus - a part of the new UI chapter Carry on Campus’ Empty Holster Project, which attempts to draw attention to campus violence.

Though Iowa changed its law this year to lessen restrictions on who may carry guns, a “shall-issue” state, firearms and explosives are still prohibited on college campuses.

I’m not advocating for people to go buy Batman or vigilante,” he said. “But less crime happens when good guys have guns.”

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Sulfut plans nearly completed

The Sulfut Bridge construction project will be completed by the end of 2015. The project is expected to cost $1.7 million.

By KATIE HEINE

An area just 20 miles north of Iowa City is poised for development. After being partially developed in the 1980s, the city plans to reconstruct the historic Sulfut Bridge.

The bridge spans the Cedar River, and is one of the longest and oldest Parker truss bridges in the state at 135 years old. The bridge was originally used to transport goods from a Johnson County Board of Supervisors super-warehouse Thursday. When the proposals are complete, the city will decide whether to use either the Sulfut or Bridge 233 end of the bridge, which will likely be used for historical and educational information about the bridge.

In a feasibility study conducted by VJ Engineering, the bridge project is estimated to cost approximately $1.7 million. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will fund the con-struction of the Sulfut Bridge.

FEMA will cover the costs of the project, and the city will only cover whatever will be left over after the final design is submitted.

A University of Iowa graduate student in urban and environmental planning, Murley was out of office for two weeks last month, asking her to return the undeliverable, and the police said they didn’t have the problem." 

School district still weighs lead-paint issue

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low on a farm in Sharon Township, a rural area approximately 10 miles south of Iowa City.

According to the Future Farmer Network, 63% of today’s farmers are young, and women play important roles in making that business successful.

Younger generations of women continue to have an interest in agriculture. According to the Future Farmer Network, 38 percent of its members—more than 500,000 person-month membership—are female. A woman holds more than 50 percent of the state’s farm operator positions.

Women in agriculture have a presence in agriculture. Many organizations exist to support their efforts. The University of Vermont Extension Women’s Agriculture Network strives to support women interested in farming by providing women with the necessary knowledge to start and run successful farms.

“When women-owned farms are successful and thriving, it’s good for their families, their communities and everyone around them,” said Beth Holtz, an outreach coordinator for the Women’s Agricultural Network. Though many women are involved with farm work today, Miller said, it’s become necessary for many to have a second job. In the 1960s, Miller and her husband, a dairy farmer, ran a laundry machine in Iowa City to help make ends meet. A few decades later, the couple opened Cookies and More in the Old Capitol Town Center. The business helped support their four daughters.

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A system of advanced technology and machinery, many of the female farmers at last week’s conference and discussion said, has allowed physical labor to be required of today’s farmers. But Wilson said she misses the “muscle work.”

She spent 15 years farming fall-time and raising hogs, she said. Today, the 57-year-old works full-time as a veterinarian’s assistant in Iowa City and only farms part-time. But she stays busy during the fall driving the combine, tractor, and semi, and she is always around to help in any way she can, she said.

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Wilson and her husband run a small farm in Westville, approximately 10 miles outside of Iowa City. They own and operate a farm and produce a variety of products for sale per year. They receive a variety of products for sale per year. They receive a variety of products from four local food places: Arby’s Jamocha shakes, because of advanced technology and machinery.

The initiative was born in the fall of 2010 during the Iowa City Community College. The 20-year-old said he saw the job opening for Fast Food Iowa online and applied.

“When I first heard about it, I thought, well, that’s kind of weird,” Sandry said. Though he said he personally tends to stay away from fast food, he admits that having a soft spot for the “muscle work.”

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“When we own farms are successful and thriving, it’s good for our families, their communities and everyone around them,” said Beth Holtz, an outreach coordinator for the Women’s Agricultural Network. But it’s not just a hobby, it’s a living, and it’s hard work.

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Tap Butler for provost

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Ballet dancer and Northwest Junior High student Miriam Miller will attend the School of American Ballet in New York City this summer after receiving a full scholarship. The program is affiliated with the New York City Ballet, the nation’s best dance school, and it will enable the eighth-grader to work with the nation’s best dancers.

Miriam Miller, 14, practices before class at City Ballet on April 26. She will travel to New York City this summer after receiving a full scholarship to the School of American Ballet, which admits fewer than 1 percent of its applicants.

Both Miriam and her mother said the news of the dancer’s acceptance caught them off guard, but pleasantly.

“She’s one of those girls who just get it done,” said Rachel Miller, Miriam’s mother.

Miriam enrolled her daughter in ballet lessons when she was 3, and soon, Miriam was passionate about continuing.

“I keep going with it because I really enjoy performing and being able to express myself on stage and the challenge to keep getting better,” she said.

Sarah Barragán, a co-founder and director of City Ballet of Iowa, who has taught Miriam privately for more than four years, said she was impressed by the ballerina’s dedication and natural ability.

“She’s one of those girls who could be a dancer if she wanted to,” Barragán said. “Our little girl is blooming.”

Barragán said her recent classes have filled her daughter’s family, and her mother with pride.

“We love the physical potential,” she said.

Miriam’s work ethic and talent have earned her acceptance into a star-studded summer program of the prestigious School of American Ballet in New York City this summer. The five-week program accepts fewer than 1 percent of its applicants, she said.

The program is affiliated with the New York City Ballet, Miriam’s dream company, and it will enable the eighth-grader to work with the nation’s best teachers and meet dancers on the same path.

Barragán said, “I saw the physical potential that she had.”

Her daughter’s reaction was somewhat more muted.

“I was up in my daily office, so I couldn’t scream,” she said. “But I was pretty excited and surprised.”

Though she dreams of dancing professionally and spends approximately 20 hours every week in practice, she engages in activities typical of a 14-year-old — junior-high classes, playing percussion in the school band, and baby-sitting from time to time.

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Miller said she believes her daughter’s years of learning dance even help her academic performance.

“She’s got an incredible memory,” Miller said, noting the rhythmic nature of dancing sometimes applies to her daughter in the band as well.

The family has had to make some academic modifications along the way — every other day, Miriam leaves school early to attend dance classes, for example. To prevent unnecessary injury, the dancer also takes a less demanding physical education class — one with special-education students.

“It’s kind of fun,” Miriam said. “I enjoy helping the other kids out.”

But dancing is her most rewarding engagement, she said, and her recent success has filled the ballerina’s family, and her mother with pride.

“I just feel so proud,” Barragán said. “Our little flower is blooming.”

This is the fifth and final article in a five-part series this week on the University of Iowa seniors.

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Watch a mini-interview with Miriam Miller.

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Check out a multimedia piece on Miriam Miller.

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Not everything you need to know will be handed to you. It's up to you to seek out knowledge and information that will help you grow and develop. This is especially true in the world of business, where new experiences and opportunities are constantly arising. To be successful, you must be proactive and take initiative. Don't rely on others to give you the knowledge you need. Instead, seek out resources, ask questions, and learn as much as you can. This will help you build the skills and knowledge you need to succeed in any field. And remember, the more you learn, the more options you will have. So don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and explore new opportunities. You never know what you might discover.
Iowa will also compete. The Hawkeyes have a chance for some of the athletes who could benefit from this meet. The junior injured his left hamstring approximately a month ago at LSU. After trying to run through the injury, he didn’t compete at last weekend’s Drake Relays. He will run in the 100, 200 and 400 at UNI.

Baggetta hopes her season is ready, and the women have good weather and getting a good mark finally. The other two athletes who didn’t throw at Drake hope to hit a big mark. Fritz, who didn’t compete in the discus, called it a stepping stone meet for Big Ten. This weekend, she hopes to gain more confidence and consistency.

We’re deep into our season, and we’re still focused on fundamentals,” she said. “I don’t have the little things, we don’t give ourselves a chance of making that special and we’re working to make that happen.

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You’ve got to be successful at the Big Ten championships. I feel everyone who competed at Drake is ready, and the women who didn’t get that opportunity, but I just gave them another meet to get prepared.”
Molnar still hungry

Three-time All-Big Ten selection Sonja Molnar set her goal for next season: qualify for the NCAA championships in singles play.

By NICK SZAFRANSKI

Sonja Molnar has always been competitive. The senior tennis player is seeking career opportunities to help her next season.

“I am hoping and wishing that I could buy a large refrigerator in a month,” Molnar said. “It is almost as if my refrigerator is working.”

Molnar said she is looking for career opportunities to help the No. 1 ranked tennis team, and even herself.

“I am not a great tennis player and I never made it to the NCAA championships,” Molnar said. “Making NCAA for singles, for doubles and for the whole team, I need to have a big heart and have big moments.”

Molnar said she wants to be competitive this season.

In the fall of 2010, things may seem a little bit easier, but she said she has a lot of experience.

“By doing this, we get our ranking at No. 13 nationally. However, despite her hard work, Molnar said she is always looking to improve.

“She has an unbelievable work ethic,” Nash said. “Technically, she is a great player; she is one of our top players.”

This year, Molnar has been competitive.

“She is a great competitor,” Iowa’s women’s tennis head coach Katie Douglas said. “Technically she is also very good, and she moves very well on the court.”

Douglas said that Molnar has an unbreakable desire to win. She said that Molnar is often happy with her effort but is not always happy with her results.

“Sonja is always really driven,” Nash said. “She wants to be the best and that is why she is the way she is.”

Molnar said she is always looking to improve.

“This year, I did well and not well, and what we need to do is learn that the bigger we are, the bigger we play. I need to have a better approach, I need to play us better than we are.”

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“I have looked up to her all my life. I just want to improve as much as possible,” Molnar said.

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Baseball seeks late-season magic

The Hawkeyes could make big strides toward postseason play with a successful series this weekend.

BY SAM LOUWAGIE

Adrianna Baggetta has spent her senior season focusing on fundamentals, as the Messersmith Invitational on the campus of Northern Iowa will be her last meet.

Iowa's pitching has been getting the little things done.

"You're competing against the conference cellar with a 6-9 record, but now we're in decent shape for a last-minute cutoff, and they could jump into contention with a three-game sweep of current sixth-place squad Penn State (25-16, 7-8 this weekend)."

"We're in no different spot than we were a year ago," head coach Scott Cappos said.

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