Legislators scramble on tuition

Big Ten Salaries

Some GOP policymakers are pushing to freeze salaries of Iowa’s public university presidents in years in which tuition increases. This graph shows UI President Sally Mason is in the middle of the pack among her conference peers.

\[ \text{Data compiled by Chastity Dillard/Graphic by Alicia Kramme} \]

In 2011, UI President Sally Mason made more than \$470,000.

By CHASTITY DILLARD

Tuition increases across the nation coupled with declining state and federal support have left policymakers searching for ways to offset the burden on students.

And despite a failed proposal from several Republican lawmakers last week targeting university presidents’ salaries, legislative signs are still encouraging.

“Ultimately, there has to be some flexibility,” President Mason said in an interview last week. “We have to have a technology fund, but at the end of the day, students have to be able to pay tuition costs. It’s a budget-balancing issue.”

So far, the proposal to freeze salaries for university presidents this year has faced opposition from the House Republican caucuses and other House Republicans. Mason said the UI Board of Regents has rejected the proposal, and it remains unclear whether the proposal will move forward.

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In the meantime, a new proposal to freeze salaries for university presidents in years in which tuition increases has been introduced in both the House and Senate.

By JORDYN HELAND

Students at the University of Iowa may soon have another method of transportation.

Following a recent collaboration with the city of Iowa City, the UI will soon provide a car-sharing service to students and community members—along with a leased age restriction.

Jim Sayre, associate director for parking and transportation at the UI, said all UI students who are at least 18 would be able to rent a car.

There would likely be an age restriction, Sayre said. “We haven’t solved a rental yet, but it’s most likely that if you are a university student you would have to be 18 (to rent a car).”

Most rental-car facilities have legal age restrictions and fees for renters who do not meet the legal driving age.

By JORDYN HELAND

New car service coming

Larry Jess is looking for an answer to his car rental needs. He currently lives in Los Angeles and travels to New York City several times a year.

Jess is currently using Turo, a peer-to-peer car rental service, to rent a car in New York City.

“Turo is great because it allows me to rent a car from someone who lives in New York City,” Jess said. “I can pick up the car before I arrive and return it after I leave.”

But Jess is looking for a new option.

“Turo is great, but sometimes it’s not available when I need it,” Jess said. “I’m looking for a more reliable option.”

New Republican proposals are pushing to slow property tax increases, but opponents warn the plan would hurt local communities.

A report from Gov. Terry Branstad’s office released this week projected local property taxes around the state would increase by more than $2 billion between 2014 and 2022, according to the Associated Press. To deal with the projected increase, Branstad is pushing the Legislature to limit property-tax increases.

Branstad has also introduced a new tax policy bill that would allow local communities to keep more of the property taxes they collect.

By ANNA THEDOSIS
Air traffic bill passes

By JOAN LOWY

WASHINGTON — A bill to avoid the nation’s switch from radar to an air traffic-
management system based on GPS technology has passed the House,
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They need, and it may reduce the need for students to bring cars to campus," McCutchen said.

"We are certainly supportive of this experiment, and it’s a good chance still be successful here in the community."

Ryan also said the university and the city do not anticipate any costs upfront. The specific costs will depend on the vendor that provides the car, but renters will likely have to pay an hourly rate — including gas and insurance — as a possible yearly membership fee.

"If Student Government Vice President Brandy Caplin said she thinks the service would be useful. "There are definitely times when us as a student organization needed a car for a Board of Regents meeting or a different event off campus," she said. "The new rental service would definitely be used."

Other universities have similar rental-car services. "Ian Stewart, a sophomore at Middlebury College and former Daily Iowan employee, said his year-and-a-half experience with ZipCar — a nationwide car-sharing service — has been a positive one.

"Going to school out of state, I don’t have a car," he said. "You also don’t have to pay for gas, which is a big bonus."

ZipCar costs include an $8-per-hour fee and a $25 yearly membership fee. Stewart said ZipCar’s major benefit is the lack of an age restriction compared with other rental service.

"You have to be 21 to rent a rental car," Stewart said. "It’s perfect for those that don’t meet the requirement."

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"The only way to get to the bottom of it is to look at all aspects of property taxes in order to find a solution that will work," however, other policymakers agree with the Republican governor.

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The legal age to rent a car in Iowa without a fee is 19, but students are going to be priced out of higher education and this really isn’t fair." Larry Isaac, the president of Midwestern Higher Education Compact, said states are finding it harder to find ways to allocate monies to higher education.

"There are reduced state revenues," he said. "And secondly, states are being asked to spend more on other areas of the budget — Medicare and Medicaid expansions."

Regent Robert Downer said it is always possible to hold off on tuition increases, but without the state funding available, quality and quantity of the universities services would suffer. Downer said Iowa system universities have not had high tuition increases compare with other states.

"The quality and quantity of instruction, including the decrease in value in degrees," Downer said, including the ability for students to graduate on time. "[Freedom tuition] is a poor bargain."

Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Middlebury, said halting compensation for university presidents is “just a bad idea.” of the universities receive proper funding.

"The first question is if House Republicans and Gov (Tommy Branstad) will adequately fund the (school)," he said, noting the roughly $50 million taken school funding. "If we can adequately fund it, that’s one we can expect to hold and/or administratively salaries to be decreased."

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Opinions

USIG lacking in transparency and communication

By BRAD EDDY

No, it do not awakes in America. It celebrate winter nights, replacing October with February. In the month of February, we wake Walker, New England's sure-handed forward. She is a fan favorite, despite her recent performance. The UISG has had a tough season, and the team is struggling. Nonetheless, Walker is still a key player for the American women's national team. Her skills and leadership are invaluable for the team's success. Walker's determination and dedication to her craft are truly inspiring. She is a role model for aspiring athletes everywhere. Walker's impact on the game is undeniable, and she is a true asset to the team. Her presence on the field is a sight to behold, and her contribution to the team's success cannot be overlooked. Walker's impact on the game is undeniable, and she is a true asset to the team. Her presence on the field is a sight to behold, and her contribution to the team's success cannot be overlooked.
University of Iowa student leaders probably won’t take action following a recent change in Sallie Mae’s forbearance policies.

Sallie Mae — the nation’s largest distributor of private student loans — changed its fee policy Feb. 2 in response to a Change.org petition that received 77,000 signatures.

Forbearance occurs when a borrower cannot make a payment and the lender agrees to suspend payments temporarily, often at a smaller cost.

Michael Appel, vice president of the UI’s Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students, said the group planned to discuss the issue at today’s meeting and would likely have taken action if Sallie Mae officials hadn’t addressed the petition.

"Anywhere from signing the petition, or a letter-writing campaign … there’s a plethora of opportunities we could’ve taken," Appel said.

Sallie Mae requires unemployed graduates to pay a $50-per-loan “good-faith” fee every three months if they are unable to make payments on their student loans.

Appel said the group will further discuss Sallie Mae’s practices at its meeting tonight.

Sallie Mae spokeswoman Patricia Christel explained good-faith payments will be applied to customers’ balances after they start making on-time payments. Graduates will still be charged forbearance fees, though Christel said only 4 percent of Sallie Mae’s loans are in forbearance.

"Though she’s happy with Sallie Mae’s policy change, Gray said the fight for consumer protection isn’t over. ‘This fight will not stop at the forbearance fee battle; this is merely the beginning of drawing attention to, and action against, Sallie Mae’s lending practices,’ Gray said in an email. ‘It is not much to ask that Sallie Mae extend the same consumer protections guaranteed to those with federal student debt to those with private student debt."

One American Student Assistance official said college students should exhaust all of their federal loan eligibility before turning to a private loan.

"Federal loans offer a lot more protection to the borrower. These benefits don’t necessarily come with private student loans," said Allesandra Lanza, the company’s public relations manager.

Students who take out federal student loans have many repayment options. They can consolidate their loans, stretch their repayment terms, or apply for income-based repayment, Lanza said.

"There are still students who do take out private loans, but they should really be for those instances when you’re trying to fill a gap or need," she said.
Eradicating AIDS stigma

In 2010, African Americans were 13.5 times more likely to have been diagnosed with AIDS in Iowa.

UI Minority Presence

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Beverly Davidson has always been fascinated with the brain. “I’ve been interested in diseases that affect the brain since my graduate days,” she said. “Something about the brain has always intrigued me.”

The University of Iowa internal medicine professor has been researching the development of therapies for child brain disorders, with a focus on Batten disease, a rare disorder caused by a lack of enzymes in the brain. The deficiencies can cause waste in the brain cells to build up, killing healthy cells. This can lead to loss of motor skills and sight; it is always fatal.

Davidson’s work will be part of a new series, “Impact the World,” on the Big Ten Network. The episodes highlight work from researchers across the Big Ten, with Davidson’s report airing tonight.

The Big Ten Network has worked closely with universities in the conference for almost a year to demonstrate how research can reach beyond higher education.

Scott Ketelsen, the director of the UI’s University Marketing and Media Production, said Davidson was chosen because she was considered an expert in the subject.

Batten disease occurs in roughly two to four of every 100,000 births in the United States, Davidson said, with around 450 children currently diagnosed nationwide. Two such children include Noah and Laine VanHoutan, members of a Chicago family who will be profiled during the show.

“They are representatives of the many families who come in and pour their heart and soul into helping our labs,” Davidson said.

Elizabeth Conslick, the vice president of communications and university relations for the Big Ten Network, said the personal stories hammer home the importance of the research. “We were looking for stories that have a clear impact on people’s lives, and we were looking for stories that could be told through individuals,” Conslick said.

Davidson said she has always had a strong belief in medical research. “I loved the strong sense of collaboration that I got from the various professors here [at the UI],” she said. “The spirit and enthusiasm for scientific discovery was impalpable.”

Big Ten Network representatives said they wanted to focus on showcasing the talent of conference schools outside of the sports arena. “As a network, we are thrilled to tell these stories and provide our audience with a more expansive view beyond sports,” Conslick said. “We want viewers to see and understand that this kind of research is being done all over the Big Ten and that the research being done is affecting the lives of millions of people in a positive way.”

UI professor Beverly Davidson works in her lab in the Eckstein Research Building on Monday. Davidson is being featured for her research in developing therapies for brain disorders on the show “Impact the World.” (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)
Why I’m going to Hell

1. There is no place for people who want to do a lot of other stuff, and nobody has read me coming out of the library. I’ll be driving the highway to hell, therein, I’ll drink and smoke and have much, possibly much.

2. I am going to the bathroom for every crosswalk I pass, but I never use them, I just like having trouble understanding where they are.

3. I eat all the food. I think the last thing that is going to be left in the fridge is the orange slice.

4. I never mark all Facebook pictures of people better than me as “offensives.”

5. I like to swap tags that say “one size fits all” and “small.”

6. I killed three hawks and one vulture. I only take the meat of the back yard pigeons and — never consider doing anything that takes a lot of stairs, and nobody ever pushes.

7. Whenever I eat down stairs with a lot of traffic, I always eat at the then and buy a huge 20-ounce soft drink and 15-ounce frozen lemonade.

8. I’m that guy who always walks with my head down and just a harmless little bunny.

9. At least 40% of the people I know are not looking cool going up stairs.

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Big Ten coaches discussed the conference’s chances of winning a national title during a teleconference on Monday.

By BEN SCHUFF

Twelve years have passed since Tom Izzo led the Michigan State Spartans through the NCAA tournament to win a national championship. That’s the second-longest stretch among the six power conferences since one of its members stood as No. 1 at season’s end. But the numbers say the Big Ten’s dry spell could soon come to an end.

The conference boasts the country’s top overall RPI rating heading into the regular-season stretch, and it is the only conference with nine teams in the top 40 RPI ratings.

A few coaches were asked during a league teleconference on Monday about the prospects of a Big Ten team running the table to win the conference.

“I think the Big Ten is the only conference that has that 60 percent of the teams thrown in the mix where nearby,” said DePaul coach Oliver Purnell, referring to the Big East and the Big Ten. “It’s like football. There’s a bunch of teams in our conference. It’s just like football.

“If you’re DePaul, and you’re going to play No. 1 in the conference and lose, you’re going to get a lot of respect, but if you’re Kansas and you lose, then you’re going to lose your mind. It’s a little over the top, but it’s true.”

Big Ten coaches were asked about the prospects of a Big Ten team winning a national championship.

“I don’t think there is any question that that is a possibility.”

The Blue Demons are 3-10 in the conference so far.

DePaul played long enough with starting guard Brandon Young on the bench. DePaul coach Oliver Purnell was visibly upset with Young at times.

DePaul lost forward Mason Moore midway through the first half with a (possibly) worrisome injury, trying to guard John-son-Odom. He landed face first on John-son-Odom’s back and landed on his head. Morgan was down for several minutes and was observed by team trainers and paramedics before walking to the bench and then heading to the locker room.

Leading 28-25, DePaul scored 11 straight points and ended the first half by hitting a jumper off a loose ball with 0.7 seconds remaining to help DePaul end an 89-76 victory over Marquette.

Marquette rallied for win

Marquette’s Darius Johnson-Odom scored 23 points, and Jameel Crockett added 17 points and 9 rebounds to lead No. 18 Marquette to a 56-46 lead.

DePaul shooting guard Cleveland Melvin scored 17 points, and Jamee Crockett added 17 points and 9 rebounds to give Marquette a 56-46 lead.

DePaul rebounded from a blowout loss to No. 23 DePaul on Feb. 4 that ended a seven-game winning streak.

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right foot. Once that healed up, I began to train again,” she added. “I just didn’t want to waste any time.

The injuries were a result of running too many miles,” the 22-year-old said. She felt in her heart that believing in herself was the key to getting back to form. “That was the best approach to coming back from a top level. She said the pressure to compete only caused her aches and pains.

Schrulle realized she would have to go on. She never wanted to keep running. She raised the bar with different training techniques instead of increasing her training mileage. She swims once or twice a week and she follows her own workout plan. Her regimen is not like most people’s.

“Anything she didn’t like;” Huff said. “The challenge hasn’t been having her as a coach, but rather, if she can stay healthy enough to compete, is what I’ve been working on. If you don’t do it now, you’re not going to be a contender, Huff said. “There were no other options, I had to do something.”

She looked into the Hawkeye program after hearing about the hire of coach Laneyn Anderson in 2011. She had previously worked at Iowa City and didn’t see anything she didn’t like. She decided to accept the invitation.

For his part, the third-year head coach said of her impact on the program, “He told us times don’t mean anything. We had record-setting seasons and didn’t win the Big Ten.”

With the game in hand and seconds remaining, it appeared the Hawkeye offense had run out of gas. Huff said the game was the way to go. “It was the way to go. Huff said. “At the end of the day, anything she didn’t like; she used it and said she loves the ‘fun atmosphere’ the team’s newly vacant offensive coordinator position.

Campbell has never been an easy coach to recruit because of the team’s newly vacant offensive coordinator position. Huff said the game was the way to go. “I love the program. I’ve been here for a long time. Huff said.

Despite her success, she is modest about her accomplishments. “I think I’m just a good coach and that’s all. Huff said.

"It was all about the team. Huff said. “It was all about good disciplines, but mostly having fun."
Iowa assistant coach Kirk Hampleman was a nine-time All-American at Auburn.

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