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Iowa State University students received a campus-wide alert after shots were fired on campus, but officials say the campus-wide alert was not needed. According to an email sent out by the UI police, University Housing and Dining officials worried over the word of the incident on Sunday evening.

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The University of Iowa released an email to students about campus-wide alert after shots were fired on campus, but officials say the campus-wide alert was not needed.

Victim won’t press charges in dorm assault

Officials know the identities of both subjects involved in the case. The victim has decided not to press charges, and police are respecting the victim’s wishes and refraining from further investigation.

URI spokesman Tom Moore said he could not speak about the case specifically, but in terms of general protocol, the university has the ability to investigate allegations by itself.

In general terms, the university has the option to take action against any member of the campus community who violates university policies, even if criminal charges are not filed, he said. “When you’re dealing with a criminal matter, you have to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. The university only has to have a reasonable basis to believe that policies have been violated in order to discipline the alleged violator. If the university determines that a policy has been violated, it can take action against that person even if no criminal charges are ever brought.”

The URI has an extensive judicial procedure that student suspects must face. Students receive sanctions by a case-by-case basis, which include discussion with the student’s mentor, and the student’s denial of the charge. Consequences can range as far as expulsion.

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Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Guilt-trip toward what’s real. Let your faith lead you in the right direction. Your knowledge and expertise will not be appreciated, and you feel that someone else has something to add to your life. Stick to your guns, and you will have no regrets.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An old friend or colleague will help you make a decision based on your past performance. Changing where you live or searching for information that you cannot alter. Someone is withholding information or not telling the truth.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Take a moment to go over all the facts and decipher what’s transpiring. There is no point getting angry or frustrated over an emotional situation that you cannot alter. Someone is withholding information or not telling the truth.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): You’ll look for a good time, but not alone. Someone will see the mood in you. Problems at home, due to personal responsibilities or promises you kept, will force you to take care of them before you can take off with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You’ll capture attention with your selectivity of dealing with people and projects. Trouble at home must not be allowed to slow down your progress or hinder your work ethics. Make whatever personal change is necessary to avoid emotional manipulation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take a close look at your to-do list, and get the ball rolling. A little action will help you work through some insecurity. Romance coupled with a promise to make special plans with someone will enhance your personal life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Aries are a boost to your ego. List any ideas that might result in success. Someone is withholding information or not telling the truth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Adjust financial matters realistically if you want to make progress. Don’t let your emotions drive you down a path that might result in success. Someone is withholding information or not telling the truth.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You don’t have to be an impulsive mover. Watch what everyone else does, and you will make you in a spur-of-the-moment decision that only makes you carry on and do your thing. Financial gains are here if you keep your cool.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Listen carefully, and prepare to make changes that are based on your needs, not on someone else’s expectations from you. You will learn from past mistakes and by dealing with humanitarian concerns. Let your emotions guide you. Act on your emotions, not on your horoscope.

PICTURES (Feb. 19-March 21): Tie up loose ends. Put agreements and contracts to rest. Show your interest, and get the ball rolling. A little action will help you work through some insecurity. Romance coupled with a promise to make special plans with someone will enhance your personal life.
WASHINGTON — The Senate pushed a major anti-bias gay rights bill past a first, big hurdle Monday, a clear sign of the changing political dynamic, scientists say, that shifted within two decades between a law that barred gays from serving openly in the military to President Barack Obama's legal recognition of same-sex marriage.

The legislation, which would protect gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans against gay, bisexual, and transgender antigay discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations, passed 61-30 in the Senate. The votes were along党 lines, with 54 Democrats and the Independent-turned-Senator from Vermont, followed by 57 Republicans and the Independent from Maine, voting against the measure.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, spoke against the legislation, saying, "Rights are sometimes anathema, but, here, if you've ever been discriminated against, seeking employment or seeking an apartment, it's better," he said.

Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., the only openly gay member of the Senate, said at the vote, "And it's been a long, long fight, but I think its day has come. And that's just wonderful. It's a very exciting to witness, " she said. "It's the first significant federal law that the Reagan administration would have blocked along the way."

The vote came just days after the Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples have the right to marry anywhere in the nation, and is part of a fast-changing political landscape that has reconciled the nation's legal recognition of same-sex marriage with the long-held belief that the military should ban openly gay service.

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"The Supreme Court did not rule that Congress had the power to bar gay, bisexual, and transgender people from public accommodations, employment, or housing, and that is the long-term solution to the problem," Grassley said in a statement after the vote.

"I do not think it is appropriate to pass a law that would essentially prohibit the military from allowing gay, bisexual, and transgender members to serve in the armed forces," he added.

"I am confident in the ability of the military to protect the nation's security, and I am confident that our military can do so without discrimination based on sexual orientation," Grassley said. "I believe that the military should be able to make decisions about its personnel and its policies, and I do not think that Congress has the authority to tell the military how to do its job.

Grassley said that he would work with other Republicans to ensure that the bill does not pass on to the House, where many members have opposed gay rights legislation in the past.

"I fully expect that the Senate's action today will be the first step in a long struggle to ensure that the rights of gays and lesbians are protected," Grassley said. "I will continue to work with my colleagues to ensure that the bill does not go further in the legislative process, but I will not support any legislation that would prevent the military from allowing gay, bisexual, and transgender members to serve in the armed forces."

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The vote of 61-30 essentially ensured that the legislation would pass the Senate. The Senate has the votes to override a veto by the president, but it is unlikely that the measure would be signed into law.

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Second-Half Scoring — Opponents 176, Iowa 7

To put it plainly, Iowa isn’t an 11-2 team. To further illustrate this point, let’s look at something a little bit, about peace for the student-athletes. Hawkeyes have set records lately. It shows progress of what we’re doing. Iowa’s graduation rates: Obviously, I’m not supportive of paying student-athletes to compete.

Iowa’s graduation rate: 67.6 percent. We have set records lately. I know we’re in the mix. I want that. We want to be in the mix in the Big Ten. We’re on the upswing. In men’s basketball, it’s been a challenge. We’re not there yet, but we’re on the upswing. Football ticket sales have soared. Have we done everything in one year? No, I don’t think so, but we are on the upswing.

In the five games previously, Iowa’s rush defense allowed, on average, 79 yards per game. That was quite enough to rank the Hawkeye defense among the nation’s best. But there might be a reason for this, too — the same reason Iowa’s rushing offense has sputtered.
RUDOLPH, WEISMAN LISTED AS STARTERS

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In the first game prior to this funk, the Hawkeyes averaged 24 rushing yards per carry and scored 3 times on the ground. And there's a reason for this well: it's for our victory, but that's still a troubling difference.

Of course, the offense isn't solely to blame for Iowa's recent woes.

Coming into his eighth year as the Iowa offensive coordinator, Gary Barta has had a great influence on the evolution of Hawkeyes football. The Daily Iowan caught up with Barta to discuss graduation rates of student-athletes, race hirings, and the construction of new athletics facilities.

DAILY IOWAN: There are some new athletics facilities that are being built or expanded on campus this year. How much does the athletic director have to do with getting those kinds of facilities built?

Gary Barta: It's sort of a multifaceted answer. There's a piece of it that has to do with creating a vision, and talking about the need, and what it's going to include. To that part of the question, everyone is involved. You want to know what the coaches want, you work with the coaches. You want to know what they would like it to look like. You go through that phase, pick places across the country (name- ham football coach Kirk Ferentz) and I — he was with me many times but not all of them — we went to Penn State, we went to Tennessee, we went to Texas A&M, I can't even remember all of them. We were looking at other places to see what they had done, and we took all of what we thought were the best ideas that might apply at Iowa, and we came up with what we have now. So there's certainly coaches' input that then goes into the decision process.

Then you have to figure out what it's going to cost, how you're going to pay, how you're going to raise the money. The coaches are involved at some level there, but then it has to...