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Protesters interrupt Mason's speech

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A group of University of Iowa students and two alumni gathered Sunday at the 31st-annual Presidential Lecture to protest President Sally Mason's recent comments on sexual assault, as well as to criticize how the university has responded to the rise in the number of reports of such incidents.

Last week, Mason told *The Daily Iowan* in a monthly Q&A that sexual assaults cannot be prevented, but students can be educated on what to do in an instance of sexual assaults.

"The goal would be to end that, to never have another sexual assault," Mason said. "That's probably not a realistic goal just given human nature, and that's unfortunate, but the more we understand about it, the better we are

at trying to handle it and help people get through these difficult situations ..."

Her statement created backlash with students throughout the university.

"That's our biggest problem with President Mason making a public statement, saying that rape is human nature, which she is basically saying that men can't help themselves for being rapists, and so women are going to be raped," said Jeannette Gabriel, a UI Ph.D. student in education. "That's why we have the victim-blaming, that's why we have the complete lack of seriousness of dealing with violence at this university because at the very top ... she believes that rape is inevitable."

Eight sexual assaults have been reported during this



Mason
president

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academic year. Two assaults were reported at off-campus fraternity houses, and six reportedly occurred on campus.

Four sexual assaults were reported last semester, with three of those reported on campus, and of those, two in residence halls.

This semester, four sexual assaults have been reported, with three on campus, including one near the Art Building, and two reported in residence halls.

Out of the eight sexual assaults reported, five of the victims did not pursue charges. Jennifer Miller, a graduate

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Seeking international understanding



UI undergraduate students get together in groups at the Global Leadership Starts Here event in the the Adler Journalism Building on Feb. 22. (The Daily Iowan/Wanyi Tao)

University of Iowa students, faculty, and staff gathered this past weekend for a global leadership workshop focused on facilitating discussion about the dynamics of globalization and the U.S.-China relationship.

Turn inside for more about what participants hope to do following the workshop. **Page 5.**

Human Rights Center rebounds

The Center for Human Rights has seen an increase in programming since finding a new home.

By **DANIEL SEIDL**
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It has been one year since officials decided to shift the University of Iowa Center for Human Rights to the College of Law — a transition that helped to save the center from being shutdown.

"It was in a life and death struggle for survival," said Human Rights Center Director Adrien Wing. "We're not worried anymore."

The issues came to a head in late-2012, when a lack of funding caused the center to consider shutting down. However, after a transition to the law school, greater funding was available to the center, and the financial issues were solved.

"The center was based in International Programs, but it was not getting a full budget," Wing said. "Kind of like an orphan, you know, not within a college. Now we have the backing of a whole college."

UI law Dean Gail Agrawal said one of the main ways the law school helped provide funding for the center is through staff. Because several of the staff members are also law professors, their salaries come out of the college's budget.

"The law school has provided human capital that we pay for," Agrawal said. "It gives the law school an opportunity to engage with the center more directly."

SEE CENTER, 3

University of Iowa Center for Human Rights

More than one year after officials decided to relocate the University of Iowa Center for Human Rights, the center has found stability.

- The center nearly had to be closed in 2012 due to a lack of funding.
- It was integrated into the law school in July 2013.
- The College of Law now provides staffers for the center, alleviating financial strains.

Source: *The Daily Iowan* archives, Gail Agrawal, dean of the UI College of Law

'Funnel' kills some bills

Bills regarding marijuana and tougher penalties for drunk driving died in the Legislature's first deadline.

By **BRENT GRIFFITHS**
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A number of bills died in Des Moines late last week as a procedural deadline narrowed the spectrum of topics remaining for the session.

The first "funnel," a rule that requires a majority of bills to pass subcommittee level approval, ended on Feb. 21 after lawmakers spent the beginning of the week pushing for last-minute approval of key issues.

Representatives and senators left with dead bills do have some remedies at their disposal — those include a bipartisan leadership bill in either the House or Senate or inserting proposals into appropriations bills not subjected to the deadlines.

The funnel means medicinal marijuana and a large initiative for solar panels at the state's regent institutions are unlikely. But legalizing fireworks, restricting drone use, and making texting while driving a primary offense move on for more debate until the next deadline, which requires bills to pass one of the two chambers in a couple of weeks.

STILL ACTIVE

Texting While Driving

Senate Study Bill 3191 would allow police officers to pull over drivers who are texting — regardless of if they had broken any other laws or not. Currently, officers can only stop someone when they have violated another law, which includes running a red light. The bill passed a Senate committee late last week.

Fireworks

Iowans would be able to buy and use fireworks for the first time in decades if Senate Study Bill 3182 continues its progress. The bill would allow county supervisors and city councils and the state fire marshal to make their own decisions on the issue even if it is passed. The proposal makes selling or letting anyone under 18 use fireworks a simple misdemeanor — punishable for no more than 30 days in jail and at least a \$65 fine but not more than \$250.

Minimum Wage

Iowa's minimum wage would be raised to \$10.10 by 2016 if Senate Study Bill 3194 passes. The proposal raises the minimum 75 cents by July 1 and 70 cents more at three intervals ending in 2016.

Gas Tax

The state's gas tax — other than bio-fuels — would be raised 6 cents over the next two years under House Study Bill 514. The additional money would be put into a special fund until 2028

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CAKE EVOLVES FOR DARWIN



Virginia Stamler serves cake in celebration of Darwin Day in the Hageboeck Hall Of Birds in Macbride Hall on Feb. 22. Darwin Day was a part of a two-day celebration held by Iowa City Darwin Day. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

METRO

Man faces many charges

An Illinois man faces numerous charges after being pulled over in a traffic stop.

Vincent Anderson, 33, of Naper-ville was charged Feb. 21 with third and subsequent OWI, interference with official acts causing/intending injury, obstructing an officer, possession of drug paraphernalia, and driving with a suspended/canceled license.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, an officer made a traffic stop on a red 2007 Chevrolet Silverado because the vehicle did not have its headlights on at night. When the officer pulled up, Anderson was getting out of his vehicle to talk to a cab driver who had flagged him down to tell him his lights were off, the complaint said.

In the complaint, the officer said Anderson had bloodshot and watery eyes, slurred speech, poor balance, and strong scent of ingested alcohol.

Anderson allegedly admitted to drinking and to smoking marijuana in the previous couple of hours. He refused to take any tests. Anderson has previous OWI convictions, the complaint said.

Third-offense OWI is a Class-D felony.

— by Alison Kiem

Man charged with stealing parents' truck

A Cedar Rapids man has been accused of stealing a truck from his parents

Jawson Demarr Walker, 20, was charged on Sept. 3, 2013, with second-degree theft.

According to a Johnson County Sheriff's Office complaint, Walker allegedly stole the vehicle owned by his parents, a 2001 Chevrolet Silverado truck. According to the complaint, he forged his parent's signatures on the reverse side of the title and transferred that title with the Linn County Treasurer's Office.

Walker has since been entered into National Crime Information Center as a missing person, and the location of the truck is also unknown, the complaint said.

Second-degree theft is a Class-D felony.

— by Alison Keim

2 fail tobacco checks

The Iowa City police recently conducted tobacco-compliance checks in Iowa City and found two businesses in violation of the law by selling to tobacco to minors.

From November 2013 until January, the Iowa City police conducted

tobacco-compliance checks at 64 local businesses licensed to sell tobacco products.

In these checks, 54 businesses refused to sell to underage customers, and 10 did sell tobacco products to underage customers.

On Feb. 22, the 10 businesses that had failed the checks were rechecked in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverages Division. Out of those businesses, two failed the compliance checks. These businesses include: the Convenience Store, 106 S. Linn St., and North Dodge Sinclair, 2153 N. Dodge St.

Selling tobacco product to an underage person is a simple misdemeanor and punishable with a \$195 fine for the first offense. Employees at each business who reportedly sold the tobacco to minors were charged; additionally, the violations may result in civil penalties against tobacco licensees.

— by Alison Keim

Texas professor sues

A University of Texas-Brownsville professor who sought treatment at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics is suing two doctors and the state of Iowa for negligence, according to court documents.

Hassanali Espahbodi, 61, was admitted to UIHC in June 2011 for surgery to repair a hernia. Clinical

Professor Kent Choi and Kevin Bridge performed the surgery. Espahbodi alleges Choi and Bridge mistakenly cut one of his arteries and failed to properly detect and control bleeding. He also contends that the surgeons damaged his nerves and used an inappropriate mesh during the surgery.

He claims the surgeons and the state are responsible for "physical and mental pain and suffering and loss of enjoyment of life." His wife, Pouran Toluian Hassanali, 61, is also suing, claiming she "[has] and will be deprived of the services, companionship, and society" of her husband due to the alleged negligence.

The couple is seeking trial by jury and compensation for damages.

— by Chris Higgins

Man charged with forgery

A local man has been accused of using a fake \$50 bill at the University of Iowa Main Library café.

Williams Austin Enamel, 26, was charged on Feb. 4 with forgery.

According to a police complaint, Enamel was picked out of a photo lineup as the person who had passed a fake \$50 bill at the library café, the complaint said.

Forgery is a Class-D felony.

— by Alison Keim

CORRECTION

In the article "Park@201 over budget and delayed," *The Daily Iowan* incorrectly reported the project to be over budget and delayed. The developers spend \$1 million more than what was established with an agreement with the city. Office space was not to be delivered in December. In addition, the article said the top floors of the building are available; however the top floors of the building have been sold or leased. The units that are being rented start about \$1,500 a month. The *DI* regrets the error.

BLOTTER

Mary Bobotaylor, 50, 2401 Highway 6 E. No. 2210 was charged on Nov. 13, 2013, with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ryan Bradley, 20, Woodbridge, Va., was charged on Feb. 21 with public intoxication, interference with official acts, and PAULA.

Steven Burda, 28, Lone Tree, was charged on Feb. 22 with OWI.

Michael Campagna, 19, 4109 Hawk Ridge Drive, was charged on Feb. 20 with public intoxication, interference with official acts, and presence in a bar after hours.

Matthew Campbell, 21, 500 S. Gilbert St. Apt 14, was charged on Feb. 22 with keeping a disorderly house.

Drew Coffin, 20, Tiffin, was charged on Feb. 21 with PAULA.

Alexander Costigan, 20, 818 E. Market St., was charged on Feb. 22 with second-offense public intoxication.

Devasier Cungtion, 20, Denver, was charged on Feb. 22 with interference with official acts and disorderly conduct.

Dominic Datro, 19, 4109 Hawks Ridge Drive, was charged on Feb. 20 with possession of fictitious driver's license/identification, public intoxication, disorderly conduct, and PAULA.

Constance Dexter, 32, Mount Vernon, Iowa, was charged on Sunday with OWI.

Nathan Duffy, 21, 2630 Newport Road N.E., was charged Feb. 22 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kyle Fleck, 18, Crystal Lake, Ill., was charged on Feb. 22 with PAULA.

Alex Frey, 22, 366 S Clinton St. 2631, was charged on Feb. 22 with possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

Ezekiel Gunnick, 21, 801 S. Gilbert Court 204, was charged on Feb. 21 with public intoxication.

Breonica Harp, 24, Marion, was charged on Feb. 8 with riot and assault causing injury.

Michael Hayes, 24, Pleasant Plains, Ill., was charged on Feb. 22 with keeping a disorderly house.

Benjamin Holub, 22, Marion, was charged on Sunday with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Corey Homewood, 30, 237 Brentwood Drive, was charged on Feb. 21 with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

Samuel Kennen, 40, 308 E. Burlington St., was charged on Sunday with taxi cab violations.

Daylin Lloyd, 27, 407 N. Dubuque St. Apt 7, was charged on Feb. 22 with interference with official acts and third and subsequent public intoxication.

Rachel Maller, 19, 3510 Burge, was charged on Feb. 21 with public intoxication.

Damone Manning, 19, 2675 Heinz Road No. 3, was charged on Feb. 21 with presence in a bar after hours.

Barakat Mohammed, 42, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 4813, was charged on Feb. 21 with taxi violations.

Kay Murphy, 26, Des Moines, was charged on Sunday with OWI.

Vernon Nerad, 83, 1304 Kirkwood Ave., was charged Feb. 21 with OWI.

Gage Olson, 18, 646 S Dodge St. Apt 6, was charged on Sunday with public intoxication.

Alexis Papouchis, 20, 319 E. Court St. No. 22, was charged on Feb. 19 with possession of a fictitious driver's license/identification card and public intoxication.

Neal Pipolo, 21, 500 S. Gilbert St. Apt 14, was charged on Feb. 22 with disorderly house.

Nathan Podraza, 19, Batavia, Ill., was charged on Feb. 21 PAULA.

Dev Prior, 24, North Liberty, was charged on Feb. 22 with selling tobacco products to a minor.

Vincent Robinson, 19, 2811 Eastwood Ave., was charged Feb. 21 with fifth-degree theft.

Craig Rodgers, 29, Des Moines, was charged on Sunday with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Abelardo Rodriguez, 23, 3031 Friendship St., was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

Eric Ryberg, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 21 with PAULA.

Eugene Sanchez, 35, Coralville, was charged on Sunday with public intoxication.

Richard Shay, 57, 2622 Whispering Prairie Ave., was charged Feb. 22 with selling a tobacco product to a minor.

Heather Simpson, 36, Keota, Iowa, was charged Feb. 22 with driving while barred and OWI.

Taccaroe Weems, 32, 3517 Shamrock Place, was charged on Feb. 22 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Jason Weidmyer, 18, 1100 N. Dubuque 312B, was charged on Feb. 21 with PAULA.

Daniel Wren, 56, address unknown, was charged on Feb. 20 with public intoxication.

Austin Williams, 26, 2566 Clearwater Court, was charged on Feb. 21 with forgery and fifth-degree theft.

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from the UI and resident of Iowa City, said she doesn't believe the university offers programs to appropriately help students who are sexually assaulted.

"They don't provide the adequate tools to give the victim that agency to make those decisions for themselves," said Miller, who also attended the protest. "It's a victim-blaming culture right now that makes it so difficult for anyone to come forward and to follow through."

Gabriel, who helped organize the protest, echoed that, saying the victims' pasts are used against them during police and university investigations.

"With women who have tried to go through that process find that any type of psychological problems, like if they've had a history of depression, is used against them in those investigations,

so the whole investigation by the university is geared toward blaming the woman and exonerating the man," Gabriel said. "The system is skewed against any woman coming forward and seeking an investigation. That's why we're calling for an outside investigator to come in to do real investigations."

Chelsea Bacon, a graduate from the UI, helped organize the protest. She said the university influences the Iowa City community, and sexual assault not only affects students but residents of Iowa City as well.

"The university has immense power in our community," Bacon said. "If it decides to take on the sexual-assault epidemic in a meaningful way, that could produce concrete results."

Mason expressed her support for victims of sexual assault as well as the protesters' agenda.

"I support them 100 percent; the campus supports them 100 percent," she



Students gather at the 31st-annual Presidential Lecture to protest University of Iowa President Sally Mason's recent comments regarding sexual assault in the Levitt Center on Sunday. (The Daily Iowan/Rebecca Morin)

said. "Clearly, we are dealing [with issues] in our so-

ciety today, and this is one of those very serious issues.

I applaud our students for the activism they show on

this particular issue — this very important one."

CENTER
CONTINUED FROM FRONT

In addition to the staff, Agrawal said, the law school has started fundraising efforts for the center.

Before the transition, the center was associated mainly with UI International Programs. Though the center is now housed in the law program, it maintained an office in the University Capitol Center, which UI International Programs Dean Downing Thomas said gives the center more reach.

"The center has a foot on both sides of the river,"

he said. "It has been very actively engaging the students and faculty around the campus."

Before the change to the law school, Greg Hamot was the director of the rights center, and he now serves as an associate director. The change allows the center to have more influence and more programming than it did before, he said.

"It has the power of the law college behind it," he said. "Because the staff size is bigger, it's been able to take advantage of guest speakers the law college has brought in. The center has been able to expand its programming both locally and throughout the state."

Wing agreed the center has seen a vast increase in programming, and said this can be mostly attributed to a more than twofold increase in staff.

"We went from having an office in the Old Capitol Center that had three staff people in it to now [having] a total of 10," she said. "We sponsored or cosponsored more than 30 events in the fall."

The positive changes aren't coming to an end, Wing said, and the bounce back from nearly being closed is amazing.

"It's been quite a remarkable process, and it's gone very, very smoothly," she said.



Students, faculty, and community members held a protest on the Pentacrest in 2012 to rally against the International Programs' decision to close the Center for Human Rights. The center has since moved to the UI College of Law. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

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No denying climate change



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I was born and raised in the frigid state of Minnesota. I've spent countless winters in subzero temperatures and been to baseball games in May during which snow covered the unoccupied seats. I've experienced the countless days of double-digit inches of snow or negative-20-degree wind chills that don't result in even a two-hour delay at school. But this winter was something for which even I couldn't prepare.

This winter, the majority of which I have spent in Iowa, is undoubtedly one of the harshest I can remember. How cold is it exactly? According to BuzzFeed, it was so cold this winter that the Great Lakes nearly froze over for the first time in 20 years. As of Feb. 21, the Great Lakes had 90 percent ice coverage — the most since 1994, when the coverage reached 94 percent.

Despite these subzero temperatures and countrywide snowstorms, climate change remains a pressing issue.

It seems, however, that the extreme (and frequent) subzero temperatures of this winter have made global-warming skeptics even more confident in their opinion on the matter — as if the mere presence of winter is enough to disprove climate change.

According to CNN, Secretary of State John Kerry, in a recent speech reflecting on Obama's State of Union address, referred to climate change as "the greatest challenge of our generation." This statement came in the face of increasing opposition to the theory of climate change as a result of the unusually chilly winter.

Kerry went on to twist the knife by comparing climate-change deniers to the "Flat Earth Society." According to CBS News, J. Marshall Shepherd, the former head of the American Meteorological Society, said that people claiming that this year's surge of snowstorms is enough to disprove global warming is "like saying that since it's nighttime, that the Sun doesn't exist anymore."

Snarky and slightly condescending though it may be, I agree with Shepherd. Shepherd also explained that the phenomenon of global warming, or climate change as it is more accurately designated, does not mean that winter will stop occurring — the two situations are not mutually exclusive.

Perhaps it is true that working toward a solution to climate change could prove costly and futile. However, as Kerry explained, the cost down the road of doing nothing now will be far greater than a plan put into action right away.

I'm guilty, as is virtually every other person I know, of not recycling, showering too long, and leaving the lights on when I leave a room. The changes that must be made, however, do not come primarily at the individual level.

Yes, every individual is responsible for fixing the climate-change issue, but it is clear that widespread legislation must be put into effect in order to truly reverse nearly a century of damage done by human civilization.

Throughout this winter I'm sure I laughed more than once in the face of global warming as I saw the high of negative 12 on my weather app. However, when I walked into class, coatless and sweating, on Tuesday I had both a smile on my face, knowing that summer was just around the corner, and fear in my mind as I realized winter was coming to an end — in the middle of February.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR'S NOTE: *In a scheduled interview with The Daily Iowan on Feb. 18, University of Iowa President Sally Mason gave the following response to a question about the increase in the number of reported sexual assaults this academic year: "The goal would be to end that, to never have another sexual assault. That's probably not a realistic goal just given human nature ..."*

The DI has decided to publish all letters received regarding both the aforementioned quote and the university's responses to sexual assaults.

Mason released the following statement on Feb. 20 in light of recent sexual assaults: "Sexual assault is a terrible crime, one for which there is no excuse. The UI will take all the actions in our power to prevent rapes, to support victims, and to prosecute offenders. Even one sexual assault in our community is too many, and we must confront this together as a community. I am committed to do everything in my power to end this terrible crime on our campus."

Adopt a zero-tolerance policy

To President Mason:

In your Feb. 18 interview with the *DI*—from which you have since seemingly backtracked—you stated: "The goal would be to end [sexual assault on campus], to never have another sexual assault. That's probably not a realistic goal just given human nature, and that's unfortunate." This is a seriously problematic statement and reveals a perspective on sexual assault that needs to be changed.

Sexual assault is not "human nature" and is not a "difficult situation" that we [women] just need to learn to protect ourselves from. Sexual assault is a violent crime that needs to be met with a zero-tolerance attitude and policy from our highest authorities. Without a zero-tolerance perspective, victim-blame and rape culture prevail and undermine the university's efforts to make change. A perspective shift would change the conversation, and ultimately, change the culture.

To illustrate: Drunk driving is a crime that has been given a zero-tolerance policy from top authorities resulting in cultural changes. In the early '80s, driving drunk was a part of drinking culture. As my wonderful mother explained it to me, "Everyone drove home from the bars, most of the time drunk, and we didn't think twice about it." Then a group of mothers got MADD and started pushing for change. These mothers didn't tell sober people to stay off the road at certain hours or drive more cautiously, nor did they say, "It just a part of what happens when adults get together on the weekends." MADD took a strong and controversial stance and called for a zero-tolerance policy changing our laws, our media, and our conversations. While it is true that we have not seen the elimination of drunk driving, we have seen a dramatic cultural shift from my parents' generation to mine.

Sally Mason and the University of Iowa need to take a clear, zero-tolerance, anti-rape culture, and victim-blame-free stance on sexual assault on our campus and implement policies and programs that reflect the seriousness of their intent to eliminate sexual assault and the culture that supports it.

Elizabeth Rook
graduate student

Blaming nature, blaming the victim

The rhetoric that Sally Mason used in her comments about the recent sexual assaults at Iowa is a perfect illustration of the institutional attitude that allows sexual assaults to continue unchecked on campus. Her words shift the responsibility for these attacks squarely onto the shoulders of each victim. Her words help keep women unsafe on this campus.

To put a finer point on it, when Mason says rape is part of "human nature," she apologizes for apparently guiltless male rapists. When she says victims need to "be more proactive," she tells rape victims — past, present, and future — that there is a way to prevent rape even while it occurs. When she says women need to understand "why they are at risk," she insinuates that women are putting themselves at risk rather than acknowledging that the very reason women are at risk is that institutional leaders such as Mason refuse to place blame where it belongs. She instead re-victimizes victims by blaming them for their trauma.

The reason women are at risk is that we live in a rape culture. Words such as Mason's reinforce, strengthen, and breathe life into what should be the rotting corpse of the phenomenon called violence against women. These words matter; they are the scaffolding upon which entire structures are built. Rather than using her institutional heft to invest resources into supporting women and preventing rape, Mason, via this rhetoric, diverts these resources to the bolstering of the University of Iowa's institutional disregard for the safety of women.

Until attitudes such as Mason's shift, she is absolutely right to say that ending sexual violence is "probably not a realistic goal." When perpetrators are given a free pass by the president of the university herself, an end to sexual violence seems very far off indeed.

Maggie Graham

Sexual assault is not natural

Sally Mason's recent response to sexual assaults on the university campus has sparked outrage and controversy among my community. As I read the responses of my friends and fellow students, I can't help but feel hope for us — such obscene, offensive statements from the president couldn't possibly have an effect on our community. But I fear that Mason pushed our community 30 years into the past, that she told victims of our campus to hide in the dark, and just belittled every victim who has ever experienced these traumatic acts. Because what Mason lacked in her statement was the understanding of stereotypes and stigmas rape victims have been facing for centuries.

"That's probably not a realistic goal just given human nature" implies that human beings are naturally inclined toward this type of behavior. Victims and advocates have been fighting to demolish the idea that "rape is OK" for thousands of years. To say that it is natural is to say that it is OK, to say that it is somehow an inbred behavior. I stand for myself as a victim and for many others: Sexual assault is not "OK," it is not natural, and it is not an impulse that an attacker can somehow not control. It is not born with them. It is not a part of us as human beings.

My attacker made a choice, just as thousands of others have. They made a choice to force themselves upon another person, to degrade, disrespect, and burden others by their actions. To say that these actions are anything but disgusting, despicable acts of violence and disrespect is not only offensive but absolutely depreciating.

Moreover, to say that the best way to handle these disgusting acts is by educating potential victims of their risk is appalling. I'd like to think that our community is built of people who respect each other on the most fundamental basis, that our students and our community are strong enough to move past such archaic mentalities as victim-blaming. Aren't we a community blossoming with diversity and acceptance? Shouldn't we

be fostering a culture that supports equality and differences? Shouldn't we be building a place where students of any race, age, sexual orientation, or any other identifier can walk down the streets at any time of day and not worry about their safety?

The way to advance isn't to teach students how to avoid being a victim of sexual assault. Yes, there are obvious things we can do to protect ourselves, but we are not the ones to blame — why should we have to worry about being victims instead of taking a stand against perpetrators? It is not unrealistic to believe that we can stop sexual assault. It is not unrealistic to believe that human beings will respect each other and our community if we come together and take a stand. But we all have to be on board for this, including our president.

By saying that sexual assault is a part of human nature, you're giving perpetrators an out. Let us take a stand. Let us say there is a choice, and it is the wrong choice. Let us say we are appalled by these acts — not merely displeased. Let us say we're going to fight for justice, we're going to advocate for a change that will bring peace and safety to our students, we're going to defend our community and we do not understand it. Let us say this is not OK — and we will not tolerate it.

Renee Lehr

Re: Another sexual assault reported

Leaving aside my outrage at the phrase "I'm not pleased" and the assertion that sexual assault is part of human nature (I truly have no words adequate to express my horror), I would like to point out an error in this piece: This was not the sixth sexual assault on campus this school year, it was the sixth *reported* assault.

Rachel Graber

Rape culture out of control

The university's complacency in reacting to these assaults is horrifying. The rape culture on this campus is out of control, and I feel ashamed and afraid to be part of an environment that has no sense of safety. It seems no measures are being taken to prevent rape before it occurs, and I expect much more from the University of Iowa.

Ashley Wilkinson

Shame on Mason

"Given human nature?" Shame on Sally Mason. I refuse to believe it is the human nature of anyone to sexually assault another person. It is through blaming the victim and the construction of a masculinity in which sexual experiences are viewed as conquests that sexual assault is perpetuated, not human nature, and luckily those are things we can work on, so let's.

Angie Carter

Sexual violence unacceptable

As a UI alumna, I am deeply disturbed and ashamed of Sally Mason's victim-blaming and complacency regarding sexual assault on her campus. Sexual violence is tied to our constructions of masculinity and sexuality — constructions that are dangerous to all members of society and to girls and women in particular. Sally, refocus your efforts to educate your students that violence and sexual domination are unacceptable. To claim that sexual assault is part of human nature is deeply insulting to men and incredibly dangerous for women (and men). To demonstrate complacency in the face of rape culture is to put your students and staff at risk.

Stephanie Enloe

Losing faith in the system

People are going to stop coming forward "when something bad happens" if nothing is done about it. All this article does is perpetuate rape culture and make me lose faith in the system that is supposed to be protecting me and my other fellow students.

Miranda Gheris

Teach respect

As an Iowa alumna, I am appalled that the university president thinks the solution is educating students on how to understand when they might be at risk. How about teaching students what respect and consent look like?

Melissa Williams

UI not fit for 'my daughter'

Pretty sad that as an Iowa alumna, I would not want my daughter to go here knowing the president rules rape as "human nature." Rapists need serious help and punishment, not the students who are walking on their own campus at 9:30 p.m. Students are not always going to have the opportunity to "walk in groups." And what does "be more proactive" mean in this type of situation? Oh, don't walk home from the library at 9:30 at night because you might get raped. This doesn't make any sense to me.

Ashley Ward

No more 'human nature'

Sally Mason's statement demonstrates how badly we need to reframe how talk we about and react to sexual assault in this town. Yes we need to educate, but let's educate students about affirmative consent. UI already has the tools for that — use them. Promote safe drinking, not just for potential victims but also for potential offenders. And for the love of all that is good and pure, strike "human nature" rhetoric from the conversation.

Kenda Stewart

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UI event tries to spark understanding

An international conversation began with a U.S.-China student relations workshop Saturday.

By LILY ABROMEIT
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Friendly conversation, laughter, and innovative ideas circled through the Adler Journalism and Mass Communication Building as students came together, creating potential solutions to bridge the gap between international and domestic students.

Approximately 80 University of Iowa students and faculty members gathered for seven and a half hours Feb. 22 to participate in the Global Leadership Starts Here workshop, a program to examine the Chinese undergraduate experience.

"These kinds of events that allow faculty, staff, and students to get together and raise questions around campus, create a more welcoming campus, and decrease gaps between international students," said International Programs Dean Downing Thomas. "[They teach us] how can we take advantage of [these conversations] and create a better, mutual understanding on campus between these groups."

Thomas, who spoke about initiatives already underway through the international programs, said he believes there is an increase in the number of students wanting to become involved and

lead the way on these issues.

Judy Polumbaum, a professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication who helped coordinate the event, said she has also seen a growing interest.

"I think people are just really psyched about it, and students have lots of great ideas, and they are given an opportunity to present them in a forum that will lead to a report, which will be conveyed to everyone in the university," she said. "People are hopeful that new things will happen as a result of it."

UI graduate student Paul Capobianco, who spoke at the event, focused on misunderstandings and stereotypes that come from both sides. He said he hopes the workshop will lead to better relationships between international and domestic students, but for any real change to happen, a larger audience is necessary.

"They would have to reach a wider body of people ... I think a large community of involvement would be good," he said. "The students here are already involved ... I think the students who aren't need to be involved in it [too]."

UI senior Helen Jiana, who is from China, said strengthening relationships is the most important part.

"Obviously I've seen

such a gap between the two different student populations, and the disconnection will lead to miscommunication," she said. This will lead to less awareness of the culture, and international students may not get a full experience studying at the UI, she said.

Jiana said communication between the two populations is important for future leaders in a global atmosphere.

"I think this is a good place to start ... to know what each other is thinking about and what each other likes to see," she said. "[It] leads to mutual understanding ... which leads to [bettering] our personal and professional lives."

Although Polumbaum said she cannot be certain what will happen next, she is hopeful the university will implement some of the ideas formed at the workshop to create new programs to bring students together.

"All the small groups are getting together again. Students already are working on ideas that they're going to follow through with; their recommendations are going to be conveyed to all the different administrative offices around campus, so I can't predict what's going to come out of it," she said. "We'll just have to see how responsive the institution is."

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when they would be put into the road-use tax fund.

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Marijuana Decriminalization

House File 2313 would have changed criminal penalties related to marijuana offenses of less than one kilogram. Those changes include making possession of at least 42.5 grams, but no more than one kilogram, a simple misdemeanor. But if the violation were less than 42.5 grams and not near a school it would have been punishable by a scheduled fine of \$300. The bill also would have changed penalties for manufacturing or delivering marijuana as well — provided the violation were less than one kilogram.

Medicinal Marijuana

Senate File 2215 would have legalized medicinal use of marijuana provided a qualified patient obtains and uses a state issued card. Patients would have to follow regulations for how they use cannabis and would not be exempt from uses not covered by the bill — such as driving after using marijuana. A board of state medical experts would also have been set up by Aug. 15 to look at expanding the covered medical conditions. Conditions covered by the bill to start out would have been cancer, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, AIDS or HIV, and

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spinal-cord damage with intractable spasticity.

Increase Drunk-Driving Penalties

House File 2220 would have increased the minimum prison sentence for first-, second-, and third-offense OWI. Currently, a first-offense OWI means a minimum 48-hour sentence and a \$1,250 fine. This would have been upped to seven days in jail and a \$3,750 fine. Second-offense OWI would be increased to 35 days in jail and a \$10,000 fine — instead of the current minimum of seven days and minimum fine of \$1,875 with a maximum of \$6,250. Third-offense OWI would mean at least five years in jail, which is the current maximum, and a minimum \$25,000 fine.

Solar energy at regent universities

An \$18 million solar-energy project at the state's three regent universities would have been started under House File 2203 and Senate File 2005. The two bills would have required the three institutions to have systems that would

Funnel Deadline

The first "funnel" deadline of the Iowa Legislature claimed countless bills on Feb. 21 as the Statehouse narrowed the number of topics it will debate in the coming weeks.

Still Active:

- Texting While Driving
- Fireworks Legalization
- Raising the state minimum wage
- Raising the state gas tax

Dead:

- Marijuana Decriminalization
- Medicinal Marijuana
- Increased drunk-driving penalties
- \$18 solar project at regent universities

Source: Iowa Legislature

produce no less than 2,000 kilowatts. For comparison, 750 kilowatts powers roughly 100-200 residences. The bill further required only equipment manufactured in the United States to be used for the installation. Universities would also have to file an annual report with top Statehouse members each year for five years to update on the progress and benefits of the construction.

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Haiku Mondays:

Caution thrown to wind.
It blew back into my face.
Cornea now scratched.

Old Windswept
Gravyard,
in the morning your
headstones
point toward the sun.

Maybe I look old,
but I'm actually younger
than most men my age.

New Year's Day morning.
In the mirror, I saw hope
... and my first gray
hairs.

Hello, homeless man.
Your sign says "Will Work
for Food."
Here: pistachios.

At every job
there's one person no one
likes.
Might as well be me.

Broke it off by phone.
Named her "an awful
person."
Twas a judgment call.

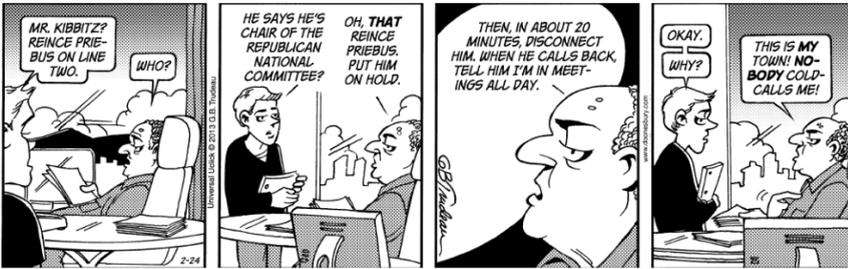
My castle too rich?
Sure ... but in my
defense,
I have a big moat.

Could this be a joke?
It would take some work,
for sure.
Eh, haiku will do.

Andrew R. Juhl.
You should write him a haiku.
He did it for you.

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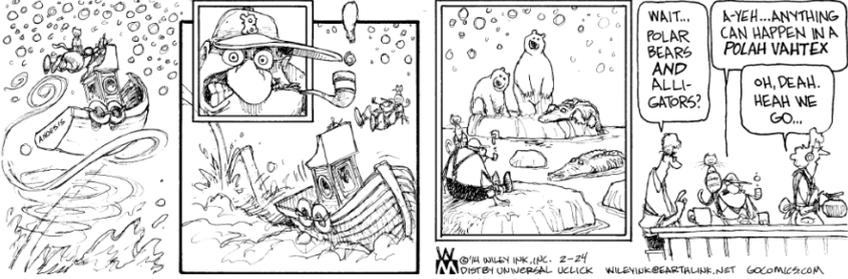
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by Scott Adams



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today's events

- **English Language Discussion Circles**, noon, S126 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Nuclear/Particle Physics Seminar**, "QCD Thermodynamics with Highly Improved Staggered Quarks," Alexei Bazavov; Physics/Astronomy, 1:30 p.m., 618 Van Allen
- **Plasma Physics Seminar**, "TBA," James Schroeder, Physics/Astronomy, 1:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Hardin Open Workshop: Introduction to NCBI Protein Databases**, 2 p.m., Hardin Library East Information Commons
- **Physics/Astronomy Colloquium**, "Laboratory Spectroscopy of White Dwarf Stars and Quantum Information Processing in Silicon (they really do have something in common)," Benjamin N. Murdin, University of Surrey, 3:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **South Asian Studies Program "Consuming Gold: Refram-**

- ing Gender, Property and Aesthetics in Contemporary India**, Nilika Mehrotra, 4 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
- **Black History: Percy L. Julian Film & Discussion**, 5:30 p.m., W228 Chemistry Building
- **Field-based Research Projects with SIT Study Abroad**, 6:30 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
- **AIA Iowa Society Lecture Program**, "New Approaches in Digital Archaeology at Tel Azekah, Israel," Robert Cargill, Classics, 7:30 p.m., Art Building West

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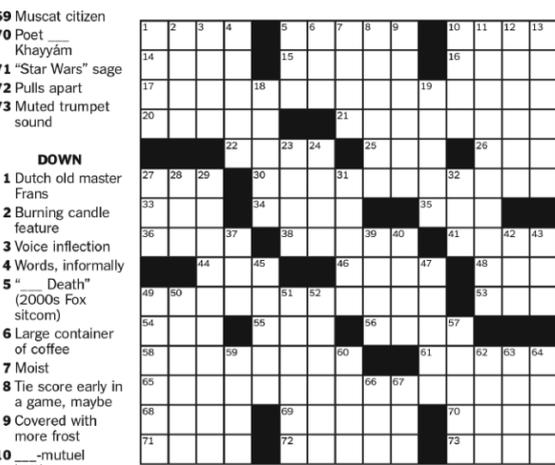
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 - Family name of Henry VIII
 - Canine newborns
 - Suffix with buck
 - Tehran native
 - Samoa's capital
 - Site of a 1963 speech by 38-Across
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 - Matchmaker's match-ups
 - George Eliot's "Adam ___"
 - Allow
 - Boston ___ Party
 - Boeing 747, e.g.
 - Cause associated with 38-Across
 - Docs' org.
 - Enthusiastic
 - Actress Saldana of "Avatar"
 - "Morning Joe" co-host Brzezinski
 - Annual Jan. honoree
- DOWN**
- Vampire's bedtime
 - When a plane is due to take off: Abbr.
 - Long narrative poem
 - Three on a grandfather clock
 - Repeated phrase in 38-Across's speech at the 17-Across
 - Genetic stuff
 - Super ___ (game console)
 - Employ
 - Seize
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 - Famous closing words of the 49-Across speech
 - "Rule, Britannia" composer Thomas



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70 Poet Khayyam
71 "Star Wars" sage
72 Pulls apart
73 Muted trumpet sound
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- Dunes transport, briefly
 - Brainy
 - Niagara Falls sound
 - Take home the gold
 - Per ___ (by the day; Lat.)
 - Stuntman
 - Smucker's product
 - Former owner of Capitol Records
 - Get off the fence?
 - Print shop device
 - "In ___ We Trust"
 - Score before ad in or ad out
 - More or less
 - Prefix with sexual
 - Request
 - "My goodness!"
 - Under
 - Zone
 - College adviser
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horoscopes Monday, February 24, 2014 by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make plans, but don't share your ideas. Act in secret, and you'll make a much larger impact when the time is right to present or promote. Don't let impulsiveness be your downfall. Strategize every move you make, and avoid interference and criticism.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Put greater focus on yourself and the personal improvements you can make. Dedication and presenting the best possible picture will be what captures the interest of someone looking for a partner or a service you can offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Time and energy spent trying to accomplish the tasks you've been given will pay off. Don't let anyone confuse or sidetrack you with criticism or meddling. Take special care of your health. Proper diet and exercise will help you stay strong.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Let communication lead the way. Interaction will lead to interesting information and good connections that will be valuable to you when it comes to legal, money, or health issues. Ask questions, and strategize to make sure you get your timing perfect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't be afraid to make changes. Taking the initiative will help you gain respect, even though you are likely to face opposition from a jealous onlooker. An unusual set of circumstances will surround a money, health, or legal issue. Get the facts straight, and proceed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take pride in what you do. Say what's on your mind and enjoy socializing and being a participant. Partnerships will flourish, and romantic encounters will lead to a close bond with someone who supports your efforts and boosts your confidence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Try not to get bent out of shape if someone overreacts or gives you a hard time. Head in whatever direction looks promising, and give your all until you get the results you desire. A new friendship or activity will be exhilarating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make adjustments at home that will motivate you to be more creative. Taking part in an unusual event will broaden your outlook and help you expand your friendships. An unusual lifestyle will capture your interest. Love is in the stars.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your emotions under control. You don't want to give anyone the upper hand. Know what's in your bank account and how much you can afford before you spend on something you don't need. Someone you deal with has ulterior motives.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A partnership will turn out to be prosperous. Enjoy the company of someone you've known for a long time. Listen to what's being said, but don't be too quick to divulge your personal secrets.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put more emphasis on money, contracts, legal matters, and getting back on track. What you do to encourage positive change will bring good results, but that doesn't mean you should be excessive. Greater security will help build confidence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take part in an event that is geared toward a cause you believe in, and you will form an alliance with someone who is able to help you advance. Make a difference by going above and beyond what's expected, and you will reap rewards.

I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.
—Thomas A. Edison

Unlicensed cabbies may pose problems

Unofficial taxi drivers may pose problems for police and citizens in Iowa City.

By **CARTER CRANBERG**
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Iowa City residents might want to take a closer look next time they step into a cab.

According to Iowa City police and cab companies, there have been at least two unlicensed taxi drivers — who they label “hacks” — on the streets at night.

Adil Adams, the owner of American Taxi Cab, said there is potential danger in riding with such drivers.

“In our taxis, we have the name of the driver posted in the car, so if a rider has a problem, they can report him,” he said. “You can’t do this with unofficial drivers.”

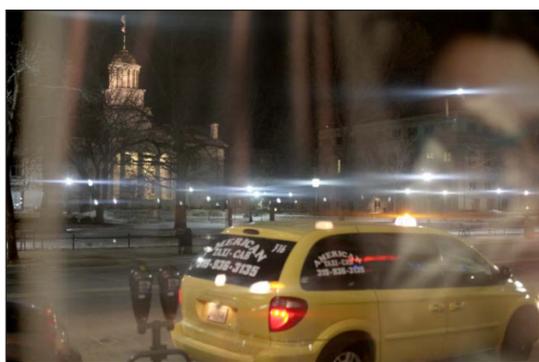
In Adams’ opinion, the recent chain of sexual assaults having taken place in taxis with unidentified drivers may be a result of “hacks.”

“At night, people are drunk, cold, and jump inside an anonymous van that might not be a real taxi — bad things can happen,” he said.

Adams said creating a faux cab would be simple. Stencils from Walmart can be applied to any car and create a taxi-like look.

The owner of a local taxi fleet who wished to remain anonymous said many unlicensed tend to fade out on their own.

“I’ve heard about people who buy a mini-van and hand out their number for picking people up,” he said. “I don’t



A taxi waits for patrons on South Clinton Street on Feb. 22. Recently, there has been a rise in the number of reports of sexual assault in Iowa City cabs. (The Daily Iowan/Rachael Westergard)

think they hold out long though. People catch on and realize they don’t legally have to pay or that it’s not safe, so these pirate taxis don’t seem to last.”

Despite the tendency for such faux cabs to die out, the taxi-fleet owner was aware of a couple drivers who managed to stay afloat, even with pressure from the law.

Iowa City police Officer Derek Frank said loopholes in driving laws allows people to create illegitimate taxis.

“The problem is that with the way the ordinance is right now, there is nothing prohibiting people from giving rides,” he said. “They just can’t legally charge, so you see them asking for ‘donations’ or other tactics like that.”

Frank said these rides are cheaper than their legal counterparts, and as a result, people will often turn a blind eye to the issue.

While Frank believes the numbers of hacks might be low, Assistant City Attorney Eric Goers indicated due to a lack of licensing with these drivers, an accurate number could be hard to place.

“It’s hard to gauge if

Taxis

Fake taxis may pose problems for Iowa City’s nightlife.

- Faux taxis, also known as “hacks” or “ghost riders”
- Reports of hacks in Iowa City with at least two confirmed in operation
- May be contributing cause in theft and assault

Source: Adil Adams, owner of American Taxi

this occurs often or not,” he said. “We do have penalties in place for unlicensed drivers and do manage to catch them from time to time.”

Adams said there is an annual meeting in place for taxi companies to discuss problems with the city. He believes if these meetings were extended, the issue of unlicensed may be better addressed.

“Every year, the city clerk has a meeting with all taxi companies in front of City Council to discuss regulations, but it only lasts one hour, and this isn’t enough time to get anything done or fix problems,” he said. “We need a full-day meeting to look over and try to fix problems.”

Iowa officials propose preschool plan

Iowa legislators are looking toward the future with universal preschool.

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Iowa legislators seek to solve big issues through Iowa’s 4-year-olds.

State legislators met Feb. 22 in North Liberty at a forum held by the Johnson County League of Women Voters to discuss child education.

Senators and representatives agreed youth in the United States will not be able to compete academically with other countries such as China and Korea unless all children start earlier.

To address the issue, senators have proposed bill to make sure preschool is available for all 4-year-olds.

This universal preschool would be a state-provided, free pre-kindergarten school for all 4-year-olds in the state. Attendance in the pre-kindergarten classes would be voluntary.

According to a 2013 report by the state Department of Education, students who attend preschool are less likely to have intensive intervention upon kindergarten, repeat grades, get into trouble with the law, require extra help, or drop out.

“Discussion should be about early childhood learning,” said Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City. “We should be able to compete academically and be able to deal with problems before they are problems.”

Legislators have raised funding concerns. The cost of universal preschool could potentially take away funding for K-12 funding, and some

lawmakers believe the state shouldn’t have to pay for preschool for families who can afford it.

“Universal preschool gives kids an advantage, more so for the kids in poverty,” said Sen. Nancy Boettger, R-Harlan.

The goal of this program is to ensure every child at a young age starts out in the same boat regardless of family income or English proficiency.

“Taking away money from education is crippling our future,” said Melva Hughes, a member of the Johnson County Empowerment Board. “Education is what the world runs on.”

Mascher said starting children in the education system at an earlier age could lower crime rates and lead to more success later in life.

“If we invested some of that money into early childhood development and placed children in quality, early education, they would be less likely to end up in prison and be more likely to graduate high school, get a

Preschool

Iowa legislators aim to equalize education opportunities in early childhood with universal preschool.

- Legislators met in North Liberty on Saturday and discussed early childhood education.
- Senate Study Bill 3155 proposes universal preschool.
- Some legislators said the funding for this program could draw from K-12 funding.

Source: Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City

good paying job, get married, and be a successful member of society,” she said.

Amy Nielson, a mother of three from North Liberty, said this legislation could balance educational opportunities in the state.

“Universal preschool for 4-year olds is a small issue, but a giant solution to an even bigger problem,” Nielson said. “This preschool program would work as a great equalizer and would help fill the poverty gap.”

Old IC treatment plant closed

By **MEGAN DEPPE**
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Iowa City officials have taken a large step in the continued development of the Riverfront Crossings District by shutting down the North Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The plant was shut down earlier this month, and all of its operations were shifted to the newly expanded south plant.

The plans for the two plants stems from the 2008 flood, in which the north plant was heavily damaged. The plan costs an estimated \$50 million, said Jeff Davidson, the director of the City’s Planning and Community Development Department.

The project received a \$8.5 million flood-mitigation state grant in December to help with the demolition of the North Wastewater Treatment plant, which Davidson said helped the process along.

“The funds will speed up the process, because then we have the money to demolish the plant,” he said.

The money will also help clean up the area after the plant’s demolition for the next phase of the project, which will create a wetland and a park.

Karen Howard, an associate city planner, said that after the north plant is demolished, the site will need to be cleaned before construction on the park begins.

Some of the first park projects in the site will include the improvements to Ralston Creek, which flows through the property, and the development of natural wetlands near the confluence of the creek and the Iowa River. Other projects for the site are still being

discussed.

Davidson said the city will enter “more of a public plan” process for the park.

“My guess is that it would take between two to four years to actually build the whole thing out,” he said.

Iowa City has applied for the Green Infrastructure Technical Assistance program as well, which would provide technical assistance in developing a detailed

park plan.

There are no current park costs projected.

“The project could evolve over time, based on what the city or community want the park to be,” Howard said. “The main message is that we’re in the process of planning the park, one way or another.”

Davidson said that the shutdown of the north plant occurred faster than

the city had anticipated — officials had initially thought the shutdown wouldn’t take place until April — but the demolition of the plant was still on schedule.

“We’re still intending to schedule the demolition of the plant in the summer,” Davidson said. “Once we have bids received from the people who do the demolition.”

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Hawks snare 1st win



Iowa gymnast Allie Glover dismounts from the beam during the meet against the Illinois-Chicago in Carver-Hawkeye on Sunday. Iowa defeated the Flames, 195.125-193.800. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

Hawkeyes cool the Flames in Carver, 195.125-193.800.

By JACK ROSSI

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The Iowa women's gymnastics team finished its home schedule on a great note Sunday, when the Hawkeyes took down Illinois-Chicago in front of an energetic Carver-Hawkeye Arena crowd by the score of 195.125-193.800.

The win marks the first of the season for the Hawkeyes — they have had to overcome numerous injuries and some instability in their lineup to grab a victory. “I am always thankful after every meet that we are all together and there are no injuries,” head coach Larissa Libby said. “It’s tiring. We are running the same team every weekend. Week in and week out, we have the same lineups. We have to be strategic in how we are training and prepping for meets.”

Limiting mistakes was crucial in Iowa's victory and somewhat of a point of emphasis for the team going into the meet.

“We’ve really focused on ... not beating our-

selves,” Libby said. “If we can stay in that mode, I think we’ll be great.”

Freshman Angel Metcalf let the Hawkeyes with the top scores in three events and had her best day on the beam as a Hawkeye with a 9.875.

“Angel’s beam was phenomenal and probably among the very best in the country,” Libby said.

“I had my best beam performance tonight,” Metcalf said. “I think I did a pretty good job, and I was just doing what I do in practice. I had a really good time, and I enjoyed it.”

While the meet was not perfect, the back half of the lineup made up for it by putting up great scores to maintain Iowa’s lead.

“We had some mistakes that are probably a little uncharacteristic in the people that made them, and I thought the back half of the lineup did a great job making sure that we didn’t have to count it,” Libby said. “That’s what it’s going to take in the postseason to beat the very best.”

The Hawks finished up on floor — their strongest event. The team posted a 49.025 to solidify their victory over the Flames and complete the sweep with the men’s team defeating the Flames earlier that day in Chicago.

Freshman Allie Glover and Metcalf were the two Hawkeyes to compete all around and finished second and third.

“We always win as a team is what we say, so it’s our first official win, and I think it’s going to spark greatness,” Metcalf said. “I think it was a good boost for our confidence.”

The Hawkeyes will head to Boise State on Friday. Libby hopes the team can keep the momentum and get a winning streak going late in the season.

“I think just being able to walk away with a ‘W’ that has eluded them all season and having a great score,” Libby said. “Knowing that they are capable in bad times and good times of hitting. I think it will be huge for confidence as we move on.”

Michigan takes 1st

By NOAH TRISTER

associated press

ANN ARBOR, Mich.— Over the last few weeks, as opposing defenses keyed in on him, Michigan’s Nik Stauskas has remained patient, hesitant to force anything at the offensive end.

Then Michigan State came to town — and that all changed in a big way.

Stauskas scored 21 of his 25 points in the second half, repeatedly making contested shots from the perimeter to help the 20th-ranked Wolverines to a 79-70 win over the 13th-ranked Spartans on Sunday. Michigan rallied from an 11-point first-half deficit and wrested first place in the Big Ten from its in-state rival.

“I just came out with the mindset in the second half that I wasn’t going to be stopped,” Stauskas said. “Once I made a couple shots, it kept going from there.”

Caris LeVert added 23 points for the Wolverines (19-7, 11-3), who won both regular-season meetings against Michigan State. Michigan has now won six of its last eight in the series.

The Spartans (22-6, 11-4) started well but were only up 36-34 at halftime. Then Stauskas and



Michigan guard Zak Irvin (21) defends Michigan State guard Denzel Valentine (45) in the first half in the Crisler Center in Ann Arbor, Mich., on Sunday. (Associated Press/Tony Ding)

LeVert led a second-half charge. The Wolverines trailed 52-51 before going on a 13-0 run that sent the Crisler Center crowd into delirium.

Michigan scored 45 points in the second half Sunday — after blitzing the Spartans for 50 after halftime in an 80-75 win in East Lansing last month.

“The first game, I was very proud of our effort. This game, we looked tired,” Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. “I’m not very proud of our effort.”

Gary Harris scored 21 points for Michigan State.

Michigan now has a chance to earn its sec-

ond Big Ten title in three years after tying for the championship in 2012. The Wolverines have home games against Minnesota and Indiana still to come, along with trips to Purdue and Illinois. Michigan State has home games against Illinois and Iowa followed by a trip to Ohio State.

Stauskas was terrific in Michigan’s win at Michigan State last month, but he had not scored more than 16 points in a game since then. Perhaps he was letting teams take him out of the offense too easily, but at 6-6, if Stauskas makes up his mind that he’s going to shoot, he usually can.

SPORTS

Men’s gymnastics completes busy weekend

Head coach JD Reive, Matt McGrath, Matt Loochtan, and Andrew Botto spent this past weekend in Las Vegas for the annual Winter Cup meet.

Only McGrath was able to qualify for the finals on Feb. 21, in which he posted a score of 41.700. He participated in three events scoring 13.500 on the floor, 13.300 on the rings, and 14.900 on the vault.

In addition to his previous scores, McGrath earned an 83.050 — good enough for 31st place among 42 gymnasts.

After a quick turnaround, they met the rest of the team in the Windy City to take on Illinois-Chicago on Sunday afternoon.

The Hawkeyes downed the Flames by a score of 431.400-409.900. Jack Boyle turned in another all-around performance, the only one on the team with an 86.800.

Only one event scored below a 70 — the pommel horse, which gives every team its share of problems.

Rings were the strongest event this time after the Hawks struggled on the event during the last meet. The team scored a 75.150. In the Hawks’ strongest event — the vault — they scored a 70.050.

— by Jack Rossi

Men’s tennis drops first match

The Iowa men’s tennis team lost its first match of the young 2014 season on Feb. 22, falling, 4-3, on the road to Western Michigan.

Iowa dropped the first doubles match, but won its second and third before dropping the first four singles matches. Iowa’s Dominic Patrick defeated Michael Treis, and Michael Swank defeated Matt Hamilton.

Iowa will return to action on Wednesday in Des Moines to take on Drake.

— by Danny Payne

MEN

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Cabe had a chance to tie the game with a 3-point attempt with 17 ticks left on the clock. McCabe’s shot — a wide-open look — fell about a couple feet short of the rim. It slipped out of his hands, he said after the game.

Iowa fans took to Twitter to criticize McCabe after the contest, saying things that are normally reserved for the cesspit that is the comment section on Reddit. McCabe deleted his Twitter account afterwards, following a tweet he sent that included expletive-filled speech directed at Iowa’s negative fans. Much like

Marlo Stanfield, McCabe just wanted to protect his name and used some language he likely regrets.

But you can’t blame just one guy, let alone McCabe, on Iowa’s loss. He was thrown into his first start of the season just minutes before the game when it was determined Melsahn Basabe was too ill to compete. Sure, he

had no points and fouled out in 19 minutes on the floor, but he wasn’t the one who turned the ball over on two-consecutive possessions late in the game while Iowa had a lead. McCabe didn’t allow Wisconsin to score 9 points while the shot clock rang loud in the ears of those who attended Carver that day.

M McCabe made no excus-

es after the game, and answered question after question about the last shot of the game with honesty and as much gusto as one who just lost a heartbreaker could possibly muster.

“It was a frustrating game. Stuff didn’t go our way. Something like that happens to you, that’s frustrating also,” McCabe said. “No excuse for it.”

WRESTLING

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Ramos, the nation’s third-ranked 133-pounder.

Ramos opened the bout with 5 takedowns, and added a final one in the third period for a fall in 6:32.

“I was able to get a lot of my hips in, and I was trying to let him stand up, do it again, and maybe catch a tuck or something,” Ramos said. “I caught a leg, which caused me to get that deep arm bar on the far side and from there ran it over and got the fall.”

After Ramos’ pin, an Iowa starter got an off

day of his own. Backup 141-pounder Ethan Owens took the mat against Wisconsin’s Jesse Thielke. Owens, wrestling in place of Josh Dziewa, suffered a 12-1 major decision, which pushed the score to 12-4 after three bouts.

After a win by Brody Grothus, defending 157-pound NCAA champion Derek St. John’s tilt with Isaac Jordan was one of a string of three matches without a takedown for the Hawkeyes. No. 2 St. John dropped a 3-1 decision to Jordan.

Including the bout at 141, Iowa did not record a takedown in the ensuing matches until Nick Moore took the mat at 165 pounds. Moore,

ranked fourth, (according to InterMat) took down Ben Cox six times en route to an 18-4 major decision.

After Moore’s win, Mike Evans scored 1 takedown at 174, and Ethen Loft-house used 3 takedowns for a 11-5 decision over Dylan Iczkowski.

While Clark, Ramos, Moore, Evans, and Loft-house used takedowns to win, the rest of the five starters recorded 0.

“We have to put more points on the board,” Iowa head coach Tom Brands said in a release. “Our guys know they have firepower. It has to be realized, and it is realized when it becomes lopsided and things start to open

up. We have to give ourselves more opportunities and that is the bottom line.”

With the dual title in the Hawkeyes’ pocket, the team will be back inside the Wisconsin Field House after taking next weekend off. The Big Ten championships will be held in Madison on March 8 and 9.

When Iowa makes the drive up north, Brands will still want more points.

The eight-year head coach pointed to his 133- and 165-pounders as models for his team to build on.

“We’d like to duplicate Nick Moore and Tony Ramos [when we come back],” Brands said in a release.

LOGIC

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time lead. The Hawks then led by as many as 16 points in the second half.

“We just kind of had to refocus after that,” Logic said in a release. “... But we ended the half on a 48-18 run. That’s our defense. It’s our turnovers that led to that.”

But their lead, like the Wolverines’, was not meant to stay. With four minutes left in the game, the Hawkeyes trailed by 4 points. But the Black and Gold were able to storm back and earn the road win.

“On the road, we’re going to face adversity,” freshman Ally Disterhoff said in a release. “They’re a great team, they’re going to make

runs, we’re going to make runs, too. When we got down with four minutes left, we came together, talked it out, and said we’re going to finish this game.”

Iowa’s win against Michigan comes a week after a last-second pair of free throws lost them a matchup against Purdue on the road. But the team learned from the loss, and drew inspira-

tion from a past performance against Michigan to earn the win.

“This is a game of momentum,” said Bluder. “We talked about that in the last four minutes: we were down 4, four minutes to go, plenty of time still. We went through history: The last time we were in this building, we were down by 7 with four minutes to go, and we won ... we’ve been here before, and we can do it again.”

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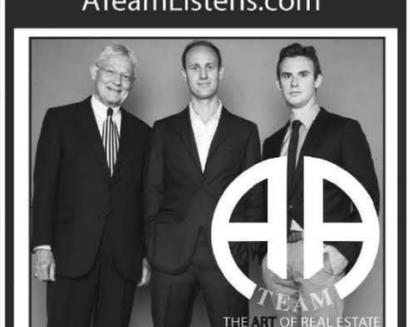
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Softball swept in Mississippi

Iowa returned from Starkville, Miss., Sunday after a disappointing road trip in which they were shut down by a strong Mississippi State team.

The Bulldogs (14-0) swept the Hawkeyes (3-9) in their three-game series. Iowa's offense was shut down, scoring only 1 run in the three games. The Hawks were shut out in back to back games for the first time this season.

Kaitlyn Mullarky made her first college start on Feb. 22, and she recorded her first hit, one of four Iowa hits on the day.

The Hawkeyes ended the week-end on a sour note — the team gave up 9 runs in five innings and tallied 4 errors.

The Hawkeyes will back in action Friday in the Arizona Tournament, which will run through March 2.

— by Jack Rossi

Iowa baseball sweeps Snowbird Classic

With a 7-1 victory over Nebraska-Omaha on Sunday morning, the Iowa baseball team closed out the Snowbird Winter Classic with a 4-0 record.

With this weekend's victories, the Hawkeyes move to 6-1 overall, the program's best start since 1985.

"The guys are taking a professional approach and going out and playing hard every day," head coach Rick Heller said in a press release.



Heller
head coach

"That's what happens when you show up and play every day—you give yourself a chance to win." In their four games in Port Charlotte, Fla., the Black and Gold outscored their opponents 34-11, including a 2-0 shutout over St. Bonaventure.

The Hawks will return to action this weekend at the Stetson Invitational in Deland, Fla.

— by Ryan Rodriguez

Frustrating, frustrating



Iowa forward Zach McCabe reacts after being fouled early in the first half in Carver-Hawkeye on Feb. 22. Wisconsin narrowly beat the Hawkeyes, 79-74. (The Daily Iowan/Tyler Finchum)

The last time Iowa basketball won a regular-season Big Ten title was in 1979, when gas cost 90 cents a gallon.

By **BEN ROSS**

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The last time Iowa won a regular-season Big Ten title in men's basketball was in 1979 (tied with Michigan State and Purdue), when the Hawkeyes played in the Field House under Lute Olson. Iowa had an All-American on that team in point guard Ronnie Lester, and the squad lost in the first round of the NCAA Tournament that season.

Fast forward to now, when Iowa will go on its 35th-straight year without a Big Ten title. The squad suffered a 79-74 punch in the gut on Feb. 22 to No. 16 Wisconsin, dropping Iowa to 8-5 in the conference and making a Big Ten regular-season crown all but mathematically impossible. Iowa finds itself with a 1-3 record in its past four home games. Prior to

that streak, the Hawkeyes were riding a 20-0 tidal wave at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

"Yeah — we lost to three good teams," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said after the loss to when he was asked if there was anything in common with Iowa's three previous hiccups at home.

Iowa needed a win over Wisconsin to help build its NCAA Tournament résumé and to have any real shot of winning the Big Ten title outright. The most recent contest against the Badgers opened some eyes, though. Iowa really may not be anything extra-special on the basketball court and is certainly underserving of any conference accolades. Devyn Marble did continue to build his case for Big Ten Player of the Year, though, netting 21 points, 11 rebounds, and 4 assists against the Badgers.

"We gotta move on," Marble said after the loss. "We have a long stretch ahead of us. This was disappointing, but we have to move on. I think every loss stings or hurts, I don't think this loss is good for the program, I don't think any loss is good for the program."

The Hawkeyes (19-7, 8-5 Big Ten) outscored Wisconsin (22-5, 9-5) in the second half, but it wasn't enough. Iowa senior forward Zach Mc-

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Other 7.23 percent

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Wrestling shares title



Iowa heavyweight Bobby Telford wrestles Connor Medbery of Wisconsin during the Big Ten finals match in Assembly Hall in Champaign, Ill., on March 10, 2013. Iowa defeated Wisconsin this Sunday in Madison, 28-10 to claim a share of the Big Ten regular-season dual title. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

The Iowa wrestling team defeated Wisconsin, 28-10, on Sunday in Madison, Wis.

By **DANNY PAYNE**

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The Iowa wrestling team had to take care of business, and that's what it did Sunday. The Hawkeyes made the drive to Madison, Wis., with the chance to clinch a share of a Big Ten regular-season dual title, and they did to the tune of a 28-10 victory over No. 17 Wisconsin (12-6, 5-3 Big Ten).

The dual victory gave sec-

ond-ranked Iowa (15-2, 7-1) its second-straight dual title and sixth since the team's 2008 honor.

The dual started at 125-pounds with Iowa's Cory Clark recording a quick takedown and reversal in the first period before recording a fall in 2:03.

In what was supposed to be the marquee matchup of the afternoon, Tony Ramos took the mat but instead the Badgers' Tyler Graff stayed

mat side, and Matt Cavalaris came from the tunnel to take a beatdown from

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Late rally, Logic lift Hawkeyes

The Iowa women's basketball team earns its 21st win of the season thanks to a 19-point performance from Sam Logic.

By **MATT CABEL**

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Sam Logic became the 31st 1,000-point scorer in Iowa women's basketball history during the Hawkeyes' 74-70 win over Michigan in Ann Arbor this past weekend.

Logic only needed 1 point to reach the feat, and she upped her total to 1,018 after notching 19 points, which led the category for both teams.

Logic has been a triple-double machine this season, with three so far, and she has been a driving force in getting the Hawkeyes to 21 wins.

But the win against the Wolverines didn't come easily for the Hawkeyes. Michigan jumped out to a quick start, putting the Hawkeyes behind by 13 points after only three minutes had passed.

"We were not taking care of the ball, and they were scoring high-percentage shots," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said in a release. "We said, 'Let's move on and start this over again. It's early.'"

The team was able to up the ante defensively, resulting in a 9-point half-



Logic
guard

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