Brazil drought not affecting coffee prices

The University of Iowa Student Government votes in support of in-state tuition for undocumented students.

Extended in-state tuition backed

Iowa City residents have various concerns about Gateway Project design.

Mason listening post to be held Thursday

University of Iowa President Sally Mason will hold a listening post on Thursday regarding sexual assault.

The session will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on the second floor of the IMU.

Mason will provide remarks about the recent sexual assault controversy on campus before answering questions and listening to comments.

The UI Office for the Sex-ual Misconduct Response Coordinator, the Office of the Dean of Students, and the UI police will also answer questions.

— by Stacey Murray

WEATHER
HIGH 19° LOW -6°
University of Iowa entrepreneurs are joining the Chamber of Commerce and helping to change its image.
The price of coffee futures hit near $3.55 on November 11, according to the Intercontinental Exchange. It surpassed $1 in 2011.

Prices of Java House and cafés across Iowa have been increasing due to the cost of supplying their coffee beans. "I drink coffee every day," said Scott, who is concerned about coffee prices. "Even this is expensive, and coffee is my absolute favorite," she said.

Coffee prices have been on the rise since the stock market crash in 2008. "Coffee prices at Java House and cafés have been increasing since then," said Winnike. "They have provided slightly larger environmental footprint, which could reduce environmental impacts, thus making coffee more sustainable." She added that coffee is a good idea and she didn’t regret applying for residency.

"Farmers aren’t getting the return that they need," she said. "I wanted to stress that this wasn’t a partisan issue," she added. "It’s about the Union of Iowa students wanting to get more students educated.

"The price of coffee doesn’t generally affect residents," said Angela Winnike, the executive director of operations. "It’s not going to be seen immediately. It only affects a few people in the future, but it’s going to happen."

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Among the myriad programs attempted and altered by the recently passed farm bill are a number of conservation measures intended, to say the least, to provide some much-needed balm of soil, water, and beneficial species for the agricultural scene.

There are substantial conservation gains in the new farm bill in the form of a greater emphasis on providing federal financial incentives for farmers to improve conservation in funding is concerning as well, considering the sheer scope of the environmental problem facing our state.

The biggest environmental victory in the bill is the so-called “conservation compliance” policy that will require farmers to participate in certain conservation practices in order to benefit from crop subsidies. Farmers who exploit activities in newly eligible crop insurance segments of the farm bill are intended to boost farmers into adopting more environmentally friendly practices.

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Unfortunelty, the new farm bill also has reduced the total funding levels for conservation programs at a time when environmental concerns surrounding farming in Iowa, particularly with respect to water quality, are rife. In fact, it was noted, the heavy emphasis for agriculture are intended to provide financial assistance to farmers looking to implement conservation programs.

Protests over-the-top

By JORDYN REILAND

In August 1994, my mother dropped me off at Daum, where I would live for the next year as a student at the UI. My mother dropped me off there, crying, until I was brave enough to walk back into the main entrance of the building.

In response to the protester(s), where had the heavy pollution of Iowa’s waterways is due in large part to farm run-off. Earlier this year, an investigation published by the Natural Resources Defense Council in On Iowa Magazine, that the state’s biggest environmental victory in the bill is the so-called “conservation compliance” policy that will require farmers to participate in certain conservation practices in order to benefit from crop subsidies.

Iowa’s environment has been damaged severely by the pollution that comes from agriculture and the environmental activists had sought such a program for years in an effort to coax more farmers into adopting conservation measures intended to advance the noble cultural lands, benefits and nutrients from livestock, and reduce the incentives for farmers to convert grasslands to farmland, a plan intended to protect native grasslands.

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As we begin a new academic year, let us see if our students, our professors, and our parents are as reinforcing Mason’s position on rape as they are on sexual assault. The UI needs to have a better system in place — a system intended to provide financial assistance to farmers looking to implement conservation programs.

I also know that even if my thief claims that he is not saying that rape is excusable, or that men can’t help themselves, or that women shouldn’t be excluded from the conversation.

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City may revisit marijuana policies

Iowa City officials will look into changing policies on marijuana arrest.

By DANIEL SEIDEL
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Marijuana — a smoking topic for many — is making its way to Iowa City as officials consider relaxing arrest policies.

“It’s clearly an issue nationwide,” said Iowa City Councilor Jim Throgmorton. “I think we definitely should be looking into it.”

The issue was brought before the council after it received correspondence urging the councilors to consider changing marijuana policing because of the racial disparity in marijuana arrests.

“The evidence is clear that African Americans are arrested more frequently for possession of marijuana,” said the councilor. “The main thing I think we need to at least look into carefully is whether there would be benefits associated with relaxing the law.”

The evidence that African Americans are arrested more frequently for possession of marijuana is supported by the fact that in 2013 there were 321 arrests. That’s down from 363 arrests in 2011 and 272 in 2012.

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**Political News**

**Farmers, Officials Back New Farm Bill**

Close to a year and a half overdue, the 2014 farm bill will affect Iowa.

In Iowa, food-stamp recipients also receive payments from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program to help pay heating and cooling costs are eligible for a deduction from their incomes that is taken into consideration when their amount of food-stamp benefits is determined. As a result, household with this deduction would qualify for around $90 more a month in food-stamp benefits.

Prior to the 2014 farm bill legislation, households receiving heating assistance payments could qualify for the food-stamp deductions regardless of the amount of the payment. New, assistance payments must be at least $20 annually to qualify for the deduction.

Iowa’s agriculture community could receive would equal the MCU.

Food-stamp recipients in 17 other states were receiving payments as low as $1 annually from the utilities assistance program in order to qualify for the deduction in the food-stamp program.

Families that are going to be hurt are those ones who live in the 17 states that fail their program on the heating assistance, said Helen Jensen, a professor of economics at ISU.

"The cotton industry is an example of where the loss of the direct payments would not have disappeared if the cotton farmers get their benefits.

The continued use of crop insurance really is a vital component of the 2014 legislation for these farmers. The insurance companies would have been a disaster. The insurance companies would have been a disaster. The insurance companies would have been a disaster. The insurance companies would not have received government funding. This helps keep premiums down. This legislation continues the same programs to help the reduce the risk of the crop a failure or low prices.

The old direct payments were based on what farmers long ago are called "base acres." This is a submission to the government in which farmers record how many acres they plant and what crops are planted. Over time, farmers have changed what they plant and how much has but not been able to update their production. DeCelle said it is one of the complaints of the�

**Timeline**

Since the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 expired, Congress has wrestled with how to update the agriculture and nutrition policy for the rest of this century. This month, the issue has finally been put to rest.

**JUNE 18, 2008**

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 passed.

**SEPT. 30, 2012**

The 2008 legislation expired.

**JAN. 2, 2013**

The 2008 legislation was extended for five years as part of the "fiscal cliff" deal.

**SEPT. 30, 2013**

The 2008 legislation expired.

**FEB. 4, 2014**

The Agriculture Act of 2014 passed Congress.

**JULY 1, 2014**

The bill was signed by President Obama.
WASHINGTON — In a blunt warning to Afghan President Hamid Karzai, President Obama threatened on Tuesday to withdraw all U.S. troops from Afghanistan by the end of this year if a crucial security pact isn’t signed — and he ordered the Pentagon to accelerate planning for just that scenario.

At the same time, in a rare phone call with Karzai, Obama indicated he was willing to wait his mercantile counterpart out and sign a security agreement with a new Afghan president after April elections. That would allow the U.S. to keep as many as 10,000 troops in the country.

The effort seemed aimed at marginalizing Karzai’s role in the high-stakes negotiations over the future of the lengthy American-led war.

“We will leave open the possibility of concluding a security agreement with the Afghan government this year,” the White House said in a statement following the call. “However, the longer we go without a deal, the more challenging it will be to plan and execute any U.S. military mission in Afghanistan after the war formally concludes in December. The Pentagon envisions keeping up to 15,000 troops in Afghanistan in January and February of 2015. If we are unable to conclude a security agreement, it’s possible the United States would have to accelerate planning for other options.”

In a joint meeting last week, officials said the size of the force could dwindle to as few as 30,000 by the end of the year if a crucial security agreement isn’t signed with the U.S. (Associated Press/Mark Wilson, Pool)

The U.S. military has drawn up blueprints for a full American withdrawal from Afghanistan by the end of this year, “I can’t ask the young men and women to serve in a country without the protection afforded by a bilateral security agreement,” Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said.

The White House insists it won’t keep any American troops in Afghanistan in January without a security agreement giving the military a legal basis for staying in the country. While the White House did not publicly set a deadline for completing the agreement before that time, officials said it would lose the longer Obama wants.

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The United States and Afghanistan agreed to details of a security pact last year, and the agreement was also endorsed by a council of 3,000 Afghan tribal elders known as the Loya Jirga. But Karzai caught U.S. officials off-guard by then declaring he wanted his successor to sign the agreement. It’s unclear whether Afghanistan’s new president will be any more likely than Karzai to do so. There is no clear front-runner among the 11 candidates running to replace the president, who is constitutionally ineligible for a third term and has not endorsed a successor. Among those running is Abdullah Abdullah, who was the runner-up to Karzai in disputed 2009 elections; Qayyum Karzai, a businessman and the president’s older brother; and Ashraf Ghani, a former Finance minister and academic. Most of the candidates are familiar to U.S. officials.
**Reason YOU!! Should Write a Ledge:**

- You’re independently wealthy and are thus able to create content without need of reimbursement.
- Bathroom-stall walls come from cardboard that you can put on the fridge, and that Dr. paper from.
- Intro-to-Communications are held and gonna eat it.
- You Frequently like your own witty Facebook comments. Do you know who wouldn’t like them? You’re one Magnificent Bastard.
- You need a healthy outlet for your long-repressed curiosity regarding how racist you can make a good point.
- You’re tired of the only things that are standing being stable jobs and Saturday night work.
- It’s as good a forum as anyone for the ledge.

**today’s events**

- Spring Job and Internship Fair, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., HUB Lounge
- History of Land's End, "Great Depression Work Relief and the Landscape of Meskwaki History," State Historical Society of Iowa, 402 Iowa
- Organic Chemistry Lecture, "Beans, licking to find the discovery of potential anti-cancer agents," Durr Labs, University of Kentucky, 12:30 p.m., 23A Chemistry Building
- Anatomy & Cell Biology Departmental Seminar, 7:45 a.m. — abstract for discovery of actionable molecular markers and their dysregulation in disease, "Scott Tyler, Molecular & Cellular Biology, Ames, 4:30 p.m., 343 IMU
- Managing Test Anxiety, "MESSENGER at 1111B University Capitol Center"
- Russia Study Abroad Information Session, 2:30 p.m., 204 Chemistry Building
- A Slow Release H2S Delivery System, "Edith Glazer, University of Iowa, 4:30 p.m., 343 IMU"
- Final Thesis Defense, "Scott Tyler, Molecular & Cellular Biology, Ames, 4:30 p.m., 343 IMU"
- Inorganic Chemistry Lecture, "Using light to facilitate the discovery of potential anti-cancer agents, "Edith Glazer, University of Iowa, 4:30 p.m., 343 IMU"
- History for Lunch Lounge

**horoscopes**

**aries** (March 21-April 19): Stay on top of whatever you want to see happen. One slip, and you will end up scrambling. Maneuver your way through whatever situation with caution, patience, and persistence. You can win, but you will need to rely on intuition and impulse.

**taurus** (April 20-May 20): Do what needs to be done, and keep moving in a positive direction. Don’t let too concerned about compliments or those things looking for a fight. Do what do you relate to get the job done. Keep the momentum going in your favor.

**gemini** (May 21-June 20): Stay on top of whatever you want to see happen. You can make an impression by using finesse and a positive change that will enhance your personal life. Focus on what you love, and share your ideas and concerns. The feedback you get will help you decipher with whom you want to move forward and the most lucrative game plan and explore creative ideas, you will bypass an emotional reward. Your show of loyalty and responsibility will help you go the extra mile, and you will come up with a plan that is well-received.

**cancer** (June 21-July 22): Dream on. Let your imagination wander, and explore the unknown. Gather all the information you’ve discovered, and make a choice that will bring you closer to your goal, as well as supply you with greater stability. Romance is on the rise.

**leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): An emotional issue can be resolved if you speak from the heart and look for solutions that will help everyone involved feel good about the outcome. If you use ingenuity coupled with adaptability, you will come up with a plan that is well received.

**virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The more you do for others, the greater the rewards. Your show of loyalty and responsibility will help you go the extra mile, and you will come up with a plan that is well-received.

**libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on what will bring you the most in return. Don’t be too concerned about completing something that is taxing emotionally, physically, or financially. Doing it can lead to setbacks. Consider the consequences before engaging in something that is taxing emotionally, physically, or financially. Focus on what you can do, not the impossible.

**scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Say little, and do a lot. If you stick to your game plan and explore creative ideas, you will bypass an emotional issue that is likely to leave you perplexed. You are best to do whatever it takes to please you.

**sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look at the bog picture, and focus on what you can do to help others. It’s what you do, not what you say, that will have a positive effect on your community or circle of friends.

**capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look at all sides of any issue you face. There will be both negatives and positives to consider before you make a decision. Put your professional options first to protect your personal stability and security. Let your head rule your heart.

**aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): There is more to life than increasing its speed. — Mahatma Gandhi

**pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): Be the leader in your own right, and put your professional options first to protect your personal stability and security. Let your head rule your heart.
Dunleavy hits 22, Bulls hold off Atlanta Hawks

By CHARLES ODUM
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Mike Dunleavy scored 22 points, Joakim Noah had 20 points and 12 rebounds, and the Chicago Bulls held off the Atlanta Hawks, 107-103, on Tuesday night.

Carlos Boozer had 17 points and 11 rebounds for Chicago, and Kirk Hinrich scored 14 points, including six free throws in the final 44 seconds.

The Bulls have won six of seven.

Jeff Teague had 26 points but made two costly turnovers late in the game for the Hawks, who have lost nine of 10.

Shelvin Mack had 17 points.

The Hawks also were without centers Pero Antic and Gustavo Ayon. Antic has missed 15 games due to a stress fracture in his right ankle and already has been ruled out for the Celtics game.

Chicago guard Jimmy Butler missed his second-straight game with bruised ribs. Rookie Tony Snell made the fill-in start.

Coach Tom Thibodeau said Butler felt better when he warmed up before the game but “is not quite there.” Butler also missed the Bulls’ 93-79 loss at Miami on Sunday.

NOTES: Glenn Frey of the Eagles, who played at Philips Arena on Monday night, had a second-row seat near midcourt. … NBA Hall of Famer Julius Erving had a front-row seat and tipped his cap when called out by the P.A. announcer and cheered by fans. … Hawks C Dexter Pittman, signed to a 10-day contract from Austin of the NBA Development League on Sunday, did not score, missing two free throws. … Butler had 16 points, and Car- roll had 13.
Hawkeye Tennis ties the Kangaroos down

The Iowa women’s tennis team improved to 5-3 overall after recording a 7-0 victory over Missouri-Kansas City.

By JORDAN RICKER
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The Iowa women’s tennis team took care of business Tuesday afternoon, sweeping Missouri-Kansas City 7-0, the Hawkeyes improved to 5-3 overall; while the visitors dropped to 0-9 on the year.

Head coach Katie Downey was pleased with the effort she saw from her team.

“Our focus was really great,” said Downey. “Sometimes, that can get away from you a bit when we are up, and they did a great job of keeping the pressure on. We’ve struggled to get away from us here and there, but they did a good job of keeping the pressure on.”

Downey noted the Hawkeyes dominated in doubles play to start the day. The doubles lineup started at matter of 30 minutes — a blank of an eye in tennis terms.

The duo of junior Shelby Talcott and sophomore Anahita Esmaeili registered the first victory for Iowa with an 8-4 win in the No. 2 position. Freshman Ainaa Tarum and senior Ruth Seabra joined forces for the first time and handily defeated their opponents, 8-3, to secure the doubles point.

Seabra usually plays doubles with Marta McCullough, who got the afternoon off. The tandem has amassed a 5-2 record over the season and is in the preseason top 25 prior to the beginning of the season.

One match of juniors Ellen Silver and Katie Orzechowski was terminated at 3-3 to end the match.

“We competed well,” Downey said. “This is a stronger [Missouri-Kansas City] team than we’ve played in the past.”

Dougherty said they switched around in doubles lineup a bit, and they did a good job of keeping the pressure on.

“I think they handled this situation extremely well,” Downey said. “I would like to think they realized the potential set on the court, though. That’s not the only honor the Black and Gold could have come away with this week, though. Logic was named a Lieberman Award finalist – an award given to the nation’s top women’s tennis player.

That is nothing new to the national, though. Throughout this season, Logic has collected numerous awards, including Big Ten Player of the Week honors three times. “It’s nice to be recognized,” she said. “But at the same time, we’re focused on winning; we’re focused on Ohio State.”

The Hawkeyes dominated in singles play to start the day. The double was finished with a minute and a half left in the second-set tie-breaker (6-3, 7-6 [7-3], 6-3). Iowa kept its dominate surge going in singles play with all six of the matches determined in the 6-0 set. Silver, Talcott, and Orzechowski confirmed the first three victories for the Hawkeyes at the No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3 spots.

Seabra recorded her sixth win of the season with a lights out performance against the Gophers’ inflated total. She handed OHIO State.

“With the effort she saw from her team, Dougherty was pleased.

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The Iowa women’s tennis team improved to 5-3 overall after recording a 7-0 victory over Missouri-Kansas City.
Iowa hits the road to Drake

The Iowa men’s basketball team will host the Minnesota Gophers at 6 p.m. in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The first win in a stretch of six road games will be significant. "We need to chill out and stop panicking about the road games," head coach Fran McCaffery said. "The Gophers are not a good team right now. "

Iowa volleyball signs 2 aids

Iowa head volleyball coach Brandon Brands announced the signing of two true-riders to the program in a significant way. "I am very excited about what we have been able to accomplish," Brands said. "We have made great strides this year, and I am confident in the program’s future.”

Senior guard Austin Hollins said that the team’s performance against Minnesota in the Big Ten Tournament was a good sign for the team’s future. "I am excited about what we have been able to accomplish," Brands said. "We have made great strides this year, and I am confident in the program’s future.”

The Box Score

Senior guard Austin Hollins was 4-of-4 from deep, and red- serve forward Charles Basabe helped the team’s offensive efforts with a season-high 11 points. For the Hawkeyes, 9-of-10 in the first half, which was more than enough to give Iowa its first two-game losing streak of the season.

Iowa bench — 9 points

Gabriel Olaseni and Zach McCabe were the only Hawkeyes to score double-digits in minutes played, with 12 and 12. But the bench collectively logged 50 minutes in the first half, but he scored just 6 in the second frame.

Recap

Minnesota made 9-of-11 in the first half.

By Ben Ross

For the first time all season, the Iowa men’s basketball team faced a three-game winning streak against the Gophers. "On a very bad, but I think we made the right decisions," head coach Fran McCaffery said. "We knew we had to do that if we were going to get our confidence back.

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Iowa primed for final bye two games

With two wins and a Purdue loss, Iowa could earn a first-round bye in the Big Ten Tournament.

By Jacob Outdoor

The Hawkeyes’ 74-70 win over Michigan on Feb. 22, the No. 25 Hawkeyes now own sole possession of third place in the Big Ten standings. With two wins to close out the season — and a Purdue loss — Iowa could move up to fourth place and receive a first-round bye in the Big Ten Tournament.

"We knew they’re extremely important," senior forward Charles Basabe said. "Some of our teammates were talking afterward about what we needed other teams to do, and then [Iowa Athletic Director] Gary Barta and I came into the locker room and said, “What we need to worry about is the games that we need to win.”"

The Hawkeyes will face Ohio State at home, then go to Illinois Iowa has beaten twice this season. The Illini are currently ranked No. 10 in the Big Ten.

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Minnesota at Purdue, 7 p.m., ET

Northwestern at Illinois, 7 p.m., ET

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