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PRESIDENT MASON, LET’S TALK.
A LETTER FROM THE DAILY IOWAN’S EDITOR.
OPINIONS.

Local students doing well

By GRAE茨 PEABodie

Students across the board in Iowa City con- tinue to excel, ranking comparably high in the state, according to a report introduced to the School Board on Tuesday. The 2013-14 annu- al progress report was presented to the board members at the meeting, showing growth in students from elementary, junior high, and high school levels.

“Our achievement is increasing,” Assistant Su- perintendent Becky Fur- long said. “You can see the district’s composite scores of more than 15.21 billion gallons in 2013 to 15.21 billion gallons in 2014. The renewable-fuel standard mandates how much renewable fuel has to be produced and blended each year. If a re- newable fuel is simply trying to preserve his family’s financial future in light of his battle with cancer.

“My intention was to go and do a simple thing — rezone my property — that I have owned for 30 years,” he said. “It’s often difficult to work in teams. Where are you going to pull bricks out of the building with your bare hands.”

The Iowa City City Council in a spe- cial meeting on Tuesday discussed the day demolition of three 150-year-old cottag- es on South Dubuque Street.

The council did not set a public hear- ing on the cottages as a 4-3 vote, with Mayor Matt Hayek and Councilors Su- zy’s Antiques & Gifts, 610 S. Dubuque St., and Moy Yat Vang Trang Fu Academy, 614 S. Dubuque St.

Dunham was the last to speak during the council’s deliberation, during which the council seemed split 3-3.

“The EPA said that the 2014 renewable-fuel standard won’t be finalized until 2015, which some say is a sign the pressure against lowering the standard is working. Since the Energy In- dependence and Security Act created the current standard in 2007, the ac- tual standard has already been increased in line with the timetable laid out in the law. But in 2015, the EPA proposed reversing the schedule by lower- ing the standard from 16.55 billion gallons in 2013 to 15.21 billion gallons for 2014. The renewable-fuel standard mandates how much renewable fuel has to be produced and blended each year. If a re- newable fuel is simply...
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News law degree sparks interest

University of Iowa officials are excited about a new master's degree in the College of Law.

By Chris Higgins  
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An impending degree program from the University of Iowa College of Law, alternatively described by university officials as “exciting” and “the wave of the future,” has drawn considerable interest.

The state Board of Regents approved the UI’s proposed Master of Studies in Law degree at last week’s telephone meeting. Generally, the regents expressed enthusiasm.

“I’m going to sign up for this,” Regent Beth Harbin said during the Education and Student Affairs Committee discussion.

The new 30-semester-hour degree would be offered by the university’s College of Law, which does not want to produce lawyers but would still be a degree for those who wish to pursue careers in legal studies and other endeavors.

“I was pleased to matriculate an inaugural class of at least five students and eventually to have a class of 20 students,” Mulholland said in an email. “We would be pleased to matriculate an inaugural class of at least five students and eventually to have a class of 20 students.”

Several universities across the country have implemented similar programs in recent years.

Chris Meazzel, a Wake Forest professor of legal studies and director of low graduate programs, and enrollment in its similar program is in the mid-teens with a “slow growth” since the degree’s inception three years ago.

“It has grown a bit, and we expect that to continue,” Mulholland said.

The University of Arizona implemented a similar program last fall, aided by undergraduates.

Nayar Nabi, the Arizona College of Law director of undergraduate programs, said enrollment will be completely flat for the spring will be 20 students, including full-time and part-time enrollment.

“It’s grown slowly as we work to attract the program,” he said.

Lawmakers agree on spending bill

By David Diss and Andrew Taylor  
Associate Editor

WASHINGTON — With time running short, Republicans and Democrats agreed Tuesday on a $1.1 trillion spending bill to avoid a government shutdown and delay a politically charged struggle over President Obama’s new immigration policy until the new year.

In an unexpected move, lawmakers also agreed to an anti-terrorism legislation expected to be incorporated into the spending measure that will permit a reduction in benefits to current retirees at economically distressed multiemployer pension plans. Supporters said the bill would prevent a slowdown in retirement benefits to current retirees at multiemployer pensions.

The compromise spending bill will permit virtually the entire government to operate normally through the Sept. 30, and at the end of the fiscal year on March 31, 2015.

Any deal does not address a multiemployer pension plan, which stands to collapse within months if Congress does not act.

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Opinions

The sit-down

Dear Readers:

Please answer the following multiple-choice question:

How much access do you think The Daily Iowan — the campus newspaper serving the University of Iowa and Iowa City community — has with university President Sally Mason?

A. Unlimited
B. More than others
C. Little or nothing

If you answered “C,” then you circled the same letter I did. And as the editor-in-chief of the DI, I believe it’s time our readership become aware of how the access we formerly had with President Mason has suddenly come to a screeching halt. Let’s put it this way: our monthly one-on-one Q&As are a thing of the past. The only independent student newspaper at the University of Iowa now possesses virtually zero personal access to the No. 1 university official was exciting. Let’s be frank: I was proud of my other peers would ever have.

That said, these sessions were not what one might expect from a journalist/source interview. Each month, we’d run in the paper, often in its entirety. The story ran on page one, and the Q&A — often a nearly 6,000-word transcribed interview — would run in the paper, often in its entirety. I can speak personally about this experience. Previously, as a DI metro reporter, I was once assigned to the administration beat. The beat required a monthly sit-down interview with the president of the university. This opportunity provided the reporter and university administration a chance to discuss issues from that month and what might be of interest to the student, faculty, staff, as well as the greater Iowa City community.

I treated this experience as nothing less than a privilege. Getting the chance to speak with a high-ranking university official was exciting. Let’s be frank, I was proud to have a more personal relationship with Mason than most of my other peers would ever have.

That said, those sessions were not what one might expect from a journalist/source interview. Each month, we’d sit in her office at a small round table. The group includ- ed Mason, me, and UI spokesman Tom Moore, as well as the occasional Daily Iowan TV reporter, to discuss a list of topics that had been previously approved by the universi-

ty. If the reporter were to ask a question that had not been approved, Mason would often either refer to someone else for the answer or decide not to comment on the topic. To the best of my knowledge, Mason is the only source we deal with — including national politicians — who has required prior approval of interview material.

Admittedly, Mason was always very pleasant. She asked where I was from, how I was doing. By the time Dance Marathon arrived in 2012 she greeted me by name at the Big Event and was happy to discuss what philanthropy meant to the UI. In other words, we had close to a professional journalist/source relationship that can likely happen at a big university. And I’m one of a long line of DI editors and reporters who had a similar connection with past UI presidents.

Niall Eirven, current vice president and editor of The Tampa Bay Times and former DI Editor in 1979-80, re-
called a very “open relationship” with then-President Wil-
lard “Sandy” Boyd. He said members of the staff were able to pick up the phone and call Boyd for an interview if not once a week, then every other week.

“The university administration, including President Mason, have an obligation to provide access for the DI and by extension the students of the University of Iowa,” Eirven told me.

The DI is a great way to provide that openness and honesty and transparency that I have ever seen in her administration. To try to control the communication to me seems to be counter to the values associated with the UI and the state of Iowa.”

In 2010, The DI contacted monthly Q&As with then-Presi-
dent Neil Brown. Former Daily Iowan Edi-
tor and current senior adviser for open government at the White House Corp. Zarek recalls Coleman’s “congenial working relationship” with the newspaper.

“Coleman participated in a monthly Q&A, which had a long tradition over the years, and I remember it to have been eliminated,” Zarek told me. “It is important for journalists and the institutions they cover to have a productive working relationship despite the inherent tension that exists.

“It may be even more important for institutions to foster positive relationships with student journalists as they learn their craft through practical experience. Coleman has a job to do, and there is always an opportunity to learn from one another.”

And former DI Editor and now freelance writer Laura Heinmeyer expressed similar sentiments about Coleman.

“I think that she respected the paper and that overall, it was a very positive relationship,” she said.

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A little more recently, Jason Brummond, copy editor at Frank M. Magid Associates and former DI editor in 2007-08, wrote former UI President David Skorton — a leader who Brummond said had a very “open and student-friendly” personality.

“I often ask myself what would I understand if I were hearing the vast majority of the questions that were asked by the student journalists in the student newspaper regarding sexual assault based on the Levitt Center. Several protesters were at the end of our access. Further, he said, there was no idea of sit-down interviews, published in the DI yearbook, and as a senior journalism major, who, and as a senior journalism major, who, according to awards provided by the Associated Collegiate Press this year and last, has been at the end of one of the top-10 campus newspapers in the country, I was insurged. Interviewing Mason was not my first rodeo. By the time we are seniors, we are at trying to handle it and help people go through these difficult situations.”

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“By our company trying to acquire cli-
ents, it means you can put it on your website,” he said. “It means you can have mail delivered to you in client social check. It means you’re already somewhat established.” Elise Froh, the found-
er of Mobile MBX, LLC, a professional bra-fitting company that carries full range cups from A to N and current owner of Be-
dell, said that for her, the space was vital. “We’re expected to have some type of lo-
tic, outside of your house,” she said. “And if you don’t, most people don’t want to work with you. They want to have someone that has some type of space that makes it an official business.” Froh said, in addition to being a very good benefit for her so far has been the Bedell’s com-
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Hawkeyes gear up for Iowa State Cyclones

Head coach Lisa Bluder spoke to the media Tuesday in the runup to the Iowa State game.

By RYAN RODRIGUEZ
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Iowa head women’s basketball coach Lisa Bluder met with the media on Tuesday heading in to her team’s clash Thursday against Iowa State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

The Hawks are coming off a home win against Colorado that saw the Black and Gold bounce back after falling to Louisville three days before. Iowa heads into the Cy-Hawk game with a 7-2 record, including a perfect 6-0 record at home.

Dixon gets green light

Senior Melissa Dixon had herself a game from beyond the arc against Colorado, going 5-of-10 and finishing with a season-high 23 points.

For Bluder, Dixon’s performance was just another reminder of how much trust she places on the Illinois native.

“Unless we’ve got a 10-point lead with four minutes left, I’m pretty much going to let her shoot whenever she wants,” Bluder said. “In all my years I don’t think I’ve coached a player here with a quicker release than Melissa’s.”

And for Dixon, a vote of confidence from her coach is all she could want.

“If your coach has so much confidence in you, how can you not have it in yourself?” Dixon said. “If my coach has so much confidence in me, how can I not have it in myself?”

Home-court advantage

Home-court advantage has historically been very important in the Cy-Hawk series, with the road team losing every matchup since the 2006-2007 season.

And with this year’s matchup slated to take place in Iowa City, the Hawkeyes have earned a major advantage before the game starts.

Center Bethany Doolittle is no stranger to the crowd affecting a game.

“It’s definitely a nice factor to have,” she said. “Last year, going into their place was kind of tough for us. We had a good first half but kind of let it go in the second, so I think we’ll us the crowd to our advantage this time around.

Still, the experienced players up and down the Hawkeye lineup know that they have to show up ready to play, regardless of where.

“IT’s a big rivalry game, but I don’t think that’s where our attention is,” sophomore Ally Disterhoft said. “We’re not trying to read into that too much; we just want to play our game.”

Trial by fire for freshmen

Most of the players on the Iowa roster know everything there is to know about the Iowa State rivalry and what it means to both schools as well as the state.

And while Iowa’s four freshmen have yet to gain firsthand experience in the Cy-Hawk series, Bluder and the rest of her team are making sure they prepare the underclassmen as best as they can before Thursday night rolls around.

“We just have to remind them of this rivalry and what it means,” Doolittle said. “It’s a huge event every year, especially for the Iowa natives on our team, but everyone here knows what the tradition is like for us.”

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Hawk-eye wrestlers No. 1

Iowa's move back to the top of the page — at least the top of the world.

The Hawkeyes climbed to the top ranked spot after3-pointing out that the team has been No. 1 in the nation since the start of the 2016-17 season.

Individually, out of a possible 2 points on 13 duals, 11 Hawkeyes were ranked at the respective weight classes. Of those mos tracks, 8 moved up among the top eight.

The way it started wasn’t anything new for Aaron White. Jarred Ulloa got the offensive board, passed to White, who was fouled. Two shots, 2 points.

The senior grabbed a defensive rebound roughly 30 seconds later and on the ensuing possession took a pass in the paint, finished again, was fouled. Two shots, 2 points.

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It’s not that there haven’t been meaningful games, it’s just the meaningful one have been outnumbered by blowouts and games that were over before halftime.

That was the case Tuesday night when Iowa defeated Alcorn State, 47-44, to improve to 9-2 on the season after six straight wins.

Iowa let Alcorn State hang around for brief periods, but the Braves never posed a threat to the Hawkeyes. And despite a matchup with No. 14 Iowa State looming on Friday, Iowa never looked past the Braves.

"There have been so many teams losing games that they shouldn’t have," guard Mike Gesell said. "So we really were focused on Alcorn State, and now we get to move on to Iowa State." Despite focusing was solely on Alcorn State, Iowa came out of the gate slowly.

The Hawkeyes failed to find an offensive rhythm, mainly because the Braves insisted on sticking the Iowa defense, often opting to pull the ball out and set up the offense rather than force the tempo.

"They really wanted to allow the ball down trend," Gesell said. "It’s just one of those games where we had to try to keep our tempo, play our game. I think at the beginning of the game, we were kind of playing at their tempo."