**UI works on sexual assaults**

University leaders look back at improvements one year after the six-point plan.

By CARYL MATTHEW

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From increasing funding for prevention education to adding a second Ride Nite shuttle, perceivable changes have been made in efforts to decrease the number of sexual assaults on campus.

University of Iowa President Sally Mason introduced her six-point plan to combat sexual assaults after making controversial comments regarding sexual assault in February 2014.

The plan added roughly $150,000 per year in recurring funding across a number of programs across campus, Vice President for Student Life Tom Rocklin said.

“I think we’ve made remarkable strides in building a kind of system that will encourage people to report when they are victims and support them and hold perpetrators accountable,” he said.

One of the biggest changes was the expansion of prevention education.

Before the implementation of the six-point plan, two people worked in prevention education on campus: one half-time position at the Women’s Resource and Action Center and one half-time position in the Rape Victim Advocacy Program.

Both of these positions are now full-time, and the university hired a third full-time prevention educator.

“It’s enabling us to really increase both the quality of the prevention work that we’re doing, as well as the quantity,” WRAC Director Leah Stewart Kruos said.

She said a larger staff enabled WRAC and RVAP to reach out to approximately 10,000 students per year through in-person workshops and presentations as well as training students in being a part of a training program for student peer leaders.

**Loebsack to shun Netanyahu speech**

Iowa Rep. Dave Loebsack won’t attend Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s address to Congress today.

By AARON WILSON

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will address a joint session of Congress today in which he is expected to speak about the threat a nuclear Iran would pose to the United States and the world.

Democratic lawmakers are skipping out on the speech.

“Netanyahu is the one, which is ensuring Iran doesn’t achieve nuclear-weapons capability.”

— Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa

“I also don’t believe that this speech will move us towards the common goal that is shared by every- one, which is ensuring Iran doesn’t achieve nuclear-weapons capability.”

— Joni Ernst, R-Iowa

Both Iowa Sens. Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst plan on attending the speech. Ernst and Grassley were two of many Republican lawmakers who believe Speaker John Boehner’s invitation to speak about the threat a nuclear Iran would pose to the United States and the world.

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The University of Iowa Athletics Department is chopping $50 off the price of student football tickets in an effort to increase attendance.

The timing, student season tickets will cost $125, which will save them $50 from last year’s price of $175, if ordered by May 15.

“The goal, of course, is to increase participation by our students at our home football games by making it more affordable,” Rick Kliet, the associate athletics director for external relations, wrote in an email.

He said the decision to provide a discount on student season tickets was a response to the decline in student attendance, according to the Athletics Department, around 6,400 students attended tickets were sold for 2014, which was a decline from 7,300 in 2013.
COGS mostly on fees

By CANDY MATTHEW

Next year, University of Iowa graduate students will see increased salaries and a paid winter break, among other negotiation gains.

The Graduate Student Organizing Committee in Organize Graduate Students (OGS) sought "affordable living wages" and "responsible health care," among other demands, in a two-year contract negotiated with the Board of Regents.

At first, the regents said no to salary increases, but after a "significant" student campaign and "considerable" student pressure, the regents agreed to a "differential pay" system.

"It’s surprising how difficult it is to get things, this is the most progress we’ve made," said Alena Zidanek, COGS campus chief organizer.

The UI will create 25 new research assistantships, and all graduate students will see their living wages increase to at least $10 per hour. The contract will end May 15, 2017.

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The Daily Iowan previously reported the 10,000 tickets allotted for students at football games had sold out in previous years.

Klatt said he hasn’t put a number on the boost the department would like to see, but things are looking up.

“We are optimistic based on our research and the student input that we received directly from UI students, that by making season tick- ets more affordable, we are addressing one of the primary reasons stu- dents told us they didn’t review or purchase sea- son tickets,” he said.

Despite the decreases in cast, some UI students are still going to keep the few purchas- ing student tickets.

“I think season tickets because tailgates are more interesting than seeing before-aver- age fans that feel like junior Trevor Heimke says.

The tailgates culture was a common UI student view, and not just Klatt’s.

“I would have just as enjoyed it if I wasn’t at the game,” UI freshman Nick Adkison said.

He said although he is interested in the season, it could have an ef- fect on other students.

“I believe because 50% of our state re- duction that students will buy the tickets,” Ad- kison said.

Klatt said in a release Monday around 4,000 students weren’t where the department wants to be, but more students have to balance academic de- mands, keeping jobs, and being with their friends.

“If I were in his shoes, the price would have been a major factor in purchasing tickets,” UI sophomore Megan Mahoney said.

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The Republican Party of Iowa quickly blasted Lobsick for his decision not to attend the speech. The remainder of Iowa’s congressional delegation will be in attendance.

“It is outrageous that Congressman Lobsick won’t attend the speech by the prime minister of Israel,” Iowa GOP communications director Charlie Snaid said. “It’s a strong friend in the region of hostility, and Congressmen and congru- ent’s actions are embar- rassing to the state of Iowa.”

Rep. David Young and Rep. Rod Blum both plan to attend on the speaking.

The AV is unable to reach Rep. Steve King, R-IA, for confirm- ation, but he is expected to attend.

“I believe that this is an important and time- ly discussion led by a trusted ally,” Young said in a statement. “It is important that we understand the intensity of poli- cies, and that we support or re- fute a partisan statement, that I will be attending this address.”

Monday morning, Net- anyahu spoke to an au- dience of around 16,000 people at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee’s confer- ence in Washington, DC.

Gerald Sorokin, a for- mer University of Iowa pro- fessor and current executive director of the Hill Fire, who was in attendance, said declining of the administration’s approach, that’s inappropriate.”

He said most lawmak- ers and even Israeli who don’t support Net- anyahu agree that a nu- clear Iran is dangerous for the Middle East, but they do not with Net- anyahu’s belief the U.S. has been suffi- cient.

“I think the controversy is about the appropri- ateness of the (Netanya- hu) in the context of an election campaign that he’s engaged in being invited to criticize the U.S. administration in Congress,” Sorokin said.

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WINTERING ON

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The key player in this fracas is Speaker of the House Boehner, who has threatened to shut down the government from lack of funding but has failed to execute this plan because of conflict in his own party. The crisis has been averted for a week, but the predation runs pressing concerns.

As troubling as it is that funding that would directly contribute to the continued protection of the American people was used as a bargaining chip against the elected leader of the country, this would not be the first time political agendas have taken priority over the need of the nation. The notable difference in this scenario is that the factions doing the fighting in this instance are splitting, blurring the lines between party allegiances and ideological viewpoints.

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Eric Holder was the first African American to be appointed to the position of U.S. attorney general. This current administration has brought triumph to the fight against job-related race relations in America. In an interview with The Weekly Herald, Holder expressed the need to stop racial profiling and make race a factor in race-related incidents.

The administration, in an article in the New York Times, proposed to address issues related to race in America by making sure there was no discrimination in the workplace or any other arena. The administration said that the problems were not only a result of discrimination but the result of poor economic policies.

Eric Holder said that it was important for the government to step in and help people who are struggling to find work.

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And, YES, I’m offended when you do not take the time to determine an ability to differentiate colors. It really makes me see red.

• No, I do not have trouble shopping for clothes. Sometimes they come in colors that I don’t want, but I can handle that. • Yes, I am stale when I dance. • Yes, I do care about college prices. • No, I don’t understand the word “especially” — except those rare Saturdays when Austin plays Bowling Green.

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Officials await fate of bar-entry bill

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State and local officials are holding their breath until Friday over potential legislation regarding bars’ entrance age, which could reverse Iowa City’s 21-ordinance.

Senate File 208 — introduced by Sen. Wally Horn, D-Cedar Rapids, and Sen. Rick Bertrand, R-Sioux City — aims to eliminate ordinances that do not allow 19-year-olds in wine-, beer-, and liquor-licensed establishments. If approved, the law would call for all patrons 19 years or older to be allowed into any establishments selling alcohol after 10 p.m. This Friday is the first “funnel” deadline, when bills are killed if they do not meet certain procedural requirements in the Legislature.

Bertrand previously told The Daily Iowan he didn’t believe the bill would move forward in the process, but he wanted to create an open dialogue about the issue. Many groups across the state have been opposed to the idea of having underage people legally in bars. The Iowa League of Cities is one of several organizations lobbying against the bill.

“There are pressures on the underage person to look and try to fit into the environment by taking alcohol, and pressure to the over-age patrons to buy alcohol for the underage patrons, so it’s just not a good idea,” said Matt Walsh, the president-elect of Iowa League of Cities. The Iowa Restaurant Association, the city of Des Moines, and the Iowa Medical Society have also voiced opposition to the bill.

“Some people say, ‘Why do we want to make it harder for them to get alcohol?’” said Victoria Sharp, the immediate past president of the Iowa Medical Society. “If [smaller towns] don’t have alternative places for them, then they should develop those types of things.”

University of Iowa President Sally Mason said she has seen the city prior to the 21-ordinance, and it “wasn’t pretty.” Because of the ordinance, she said she has seen a safer environment for university students and those visiting from out of town.

“Everyone who is 19 or younger goes to bars, it’s not just university students,” she said. “It’s not that way now. I think it’s much more healthy and safer than it’s been in a long, long time, she said. “It would be a shame to go backwards.”

However, George Etre, the president of the Iowa City Downtown District and business owner, said he sees no reason to believe that, if passed, the law would affect Iowa City in a detrimental way. Before the 21-ordinance was passed in 2010, Etre said, there were more bars in the town and fewer other types of leisure businesses.

“It used to be a bar scene only,” he said. “Since it’s gone 21, 1,600 kids from the city time to show other things, like Fillmore and retail. There are so many other things going on downtown that bars aren’t as big as it used to be to fill change things for students, but downtown is already vibrant enough without the bars.”

In Ames, no one under the age of 21 is allowed in bars because of a city ordinance, said Assistant City Manager Bob Kindred. If the legislation passes, he said, the city would have to rely on the bars and police officers to ensure there is no under-age drinking occurring.

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The Iowa men’s gymnastics team posted a season-high score in a loss at Penn State Feb. 27.

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The No. 6 ranked Iowa men’s gymnastics team may have lost to second-ranked Penn State, but the Hawkeyes still managed a solid performance. Although they failed to reach the 440 mark, which scored 434.200 at Oklahoma. It was more than 20 points higher than their first event of the season – the Windy City Invitational on Jan. 17.

“In our Windy City meet, we got to the 413 mark, and this week we’re at 435,” junior Matt Loochtan said. “We sort of moving into a maintenance phase now, which for me has translated into more consistent, higher scores.”

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Iowa men’s tennis falls to shutout against Indiana

The Iowa men’s tennis team beat No. 75 Indiana on Monday morning.

BY JOSH HEIL

The courts at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex were rocking for 9 a.m. on a Monday as the No. 57 Iowa men’s tennis team routed No. 75. Louisiana-Lafayette, 4-0.

The win was a good rebound for the team after its loss to No. 22 Drake. The Hawkeyes now have an overall record of 8-2.

“I think the biggest difference of today versus when we played Drake was that we responded well coming off of the loss,” senior Domnic Patrick. “I think that we were able to regroup because we had more than just the most of us.

The dual started with single-play between several of the courts, caught fire, and won all six of the first set.

“Every single court, one through six,” said coach Ross Wilson. “It’s a huge win for us.

Qualifying fourth for the NCAA tournament, Mc- Cullary said that he was happy to have his home and phone come out and win the first set.

There’s been more to their wins than just a court advantage, and more than a lack of that home court, and how Iowa handles these trends will dictate how they perform in the Big Ten Tournament.

For Waikel, however, to defend that type of play means much more especially because Buschle (5-2, 6-0) was the only player to win both times over the weekend.

Buschle played in the diving program when Waikel took over in 2012. Waikel's goal was to build the program into a Big Ten contender, and it appears the program is finally moving in the right way.

“I see him up there and to see him perform, I was very excited,” said Waikel. “I couldn’t believe how far he has come in the program.”

Buschle competed in the consolation finals of the 3-meter board. He defeated freshman Matt Mauser in the consolation finals of the platform on Feb. 28.

For Mauser, who rarely dive from a tower in high school, what came from a 5-meter tower, to dive for a second time was an unexpected event.

“I didn’t get to the final expecting to come in," Mauser said. "Just get out there and dive. I was the only athlete in the competition, and maybe you do scratching the surface." Buschle, too, had never dived from a platform before. The two were the only men from their respective programs to live to tell the tale of their efforts.

“First day of practice, Buschle told me he thought ‘I’d be good on the tower because I was a gymnast,’ and I’ve taken to it," Waikel said.

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Iowa forward Aaron White was named by Rupp as the player of the week by the Big Ten on Monday. The honors are the first of his career. rent over Iowa and Penn State, he averaged a double-double for the Hawkeyes with 20 points and 11 rebounds. White shot 51.3 percent from the floor and went 12-16 from the free throw line in those two victories. 

White and the rest of the Iowa men finished the season on a high note, and Iowa forward Aaron White was named to the all-Big Ten. 

Aaron White received the weekly Big Ten honors for the second straight week, having both the men’s and women’s Big Ten Player of the Week. 

The record was yet another historic milestone for the Hawkeyes in terms of seedings and at-large berths in the NCAA tournament. The Black and Gold. For a team that leans heavily on the dynamic ability of its outside shooters for most of its offense, heating up early is paramount for success. 

The Hawkeyes are scheduled to face Indiana, the Big Ten’s No. 4 seed, in Bloomington, Indiana on Sunday. 

Fran McCaffery said, the distinction for head coach Fran McCaffery’s squad. 


More than home court advantage 

How has the Iowa women’s basketball team managed to find victories at home this season? 

Iowa men’s basketball at Indiana 

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La Clippers 110, Minnesota 105 

Brooklyn 110, Golden State 108 

NY Rangers 4, Nashville 1 

Chicago 5, Carolina 2 

Virginia 59, Syracuse 47 

Iowa State 77, Oklahoma 70 

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