Hawks may test helmet devices

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Helmet crash between two linemen, each weighing in at more than 275 pounds, every play before the whistle blows, there is a possibility of a concussion.

University of Iowa officials are researching how a patch the size of a quarter could predict patterns, plays, or positions at higher risk for head injuries.

The UI Sports Medicine Center will partner with a West Coast company to conduct research on the impact athletes suffer.

X2 Biostystems will provide devices designed to measure the impact and location of hits to the head on Hawkeye football players.

These gadgets may be seen behind the ears of up to 50 Hawkeye football players in coming seasons to aid in research on concussion management already in place at the UI.

Controversy over concussions in athletes is due to the controversy of athletes returning to the field too soon after an initial concussion, sustaining a second head injury, and suffering from second-impact syndrome, in which an athlete can collapse on the field and die, doctors say.

X2 Biostystems’ software includes an sensor in an adhesive patch placed behind an athlete’s ear. The patch can then send information about the impact of a hit wirelessly to the sidelines.

“This won’t replace clinical care in any way. Athlete will still receive the standard medical care on the sidelines,” said Dr. Robert Dionne.

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UI eyes Seashore rehab

UI officials would like to renovate Seashore Hall once plans are completed for a new pharmacy building.

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A locked door confronts students who venture to the original entrance of the University of Iowa’s Seashore Hall — a state building the university treasures and feels white walls within.

Renovating Seashore Hall is becoming a priority for university and regent officials, who are committed to the progress of the Pharmacy Building replacement project. Seashore was built in 1899 as the UI’s hospital.

“The building is not in good shape, even the parts that are considered newer,” said Regent Robert Dorer.

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Q&A

Mason on sexual assaults

The Daily Iowan: A sexual assault on a female was reported by the University of Iowa police on Feb. 3. This marks the sixth assault of the current academic year. What is the university doing to increase awareness of sexual assault? Has this education been beneficial for students, as more sexual assaults have been reported this past school year?

President Sally Mason: Well, more assaults reported. I think, that’s a key thing, and a key point that we need to keep in mind is that more people are coming forward and telling us about it now. It’s not that they weren’t occurring previously. You know, the real danger when bad things happen is that sometimes peo

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Council to move on shelter

City officials want to move forward with construction plans for a new animal shelter.

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Life is quickly becoming cramped for the furry residents of the Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center.

So the City Council will step in.

“The space that we are in was not built for an animal shelter,” said Ken Leyden, the executive director of the Friends of the Animal Center Foundation. “We need to make sure that we are keeping the public safe.”

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On the 185-acre campus where the main campus of the University of Iowa is located, many buildings have been around for more than a century. In 1930, Seashore Hall was built as University Hospital. In 1929, the hospital moved to the West Side, and the building was turned into research and laboratory space. Currently at the UI, X2 biosystems is not the first company to develop a device to measure the impact on the field. The Michigan football team has been using similar software called head impact telemetry system around seven years, said Dr. Martin Bragin, a certified athletic trainer and director of the Neuroports, a research laboratory at the University.

"We initially began using the software in 2008," Bragin said, "and now we're up with a threshold of force that we think is too low. But we're not there anymore." Bragin said: "If you've found it's not possible to do something that will go a long way toward covering the cost, it won't cover the entire budget of the project. One tire estimated $3.1 million, as effective objective tests, physicians use a computerized device to measure the impact on the head. These systems try to determine if the player has suffered a concussion and whether he has sustained another frequent impact," said Richard Stedman, a concussion specialist at the Southern California Orthopaedic Institute. "The data can alert the program to try to come up with a system that will reduce the number of cats and dogs; it's terrible." Stedman said.

"We have to be involved with this," Mason said. "We should be involved with this, and where better than at these great research universities with some of the best research centers on campus. We're looking at this, so I'm very excited about this."
Opinion

You probably thought you just barely survived February, but you’re already looking forward to it — not my young friend. (It’s not my young friend, by the way.) At least according to The Moon spinning away, your country at a rate of 3.8 meters a year, the Lunar polar vortex.

You wonder? (Well, you’d be wondering if you’re talking lunar things). The Moon is moving away from the Earth by a big deal. To be precise, a big deal.

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Iowa City, Johnson County, and the state of Iowa.

The initial trailers produce such an effect. The least likely film to do so.

The high youth unemployment rate is often the soul of society lies in the heart of the standard enterprise of collecting Orwellian iron fist but indefinitely this is all you can say about the future of the American economy...
I'm better on paper

• What I mean: “My new professor is driving me crazy. I’m not getting along with my old one in an old way.” What I said: “I’ve been having a bit of a drug problem lately.”

• After those came in a single, abrupt moment, I unceremoniously told the Hill rep that I had a bad Code Blue habit.

• At a bar, I once clumsily hit on a rather short woman by telling her I liked little people.

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ulose. The goal would be to that, to never have another sexual as-

assault. That’s probably not a realistic goal just given human nature, and that’s unfortunate, but the more we understand about assault and other kinds of violence our students should have bystander training because I think that if you understand there are things you can do to help your friends and protect your friends from being in dangerous situations, then you’re willing to do those. There’s no doubt that students who have been assaulted have found it very useful and they recommend that other people adopt as a practice to help their friends to go through it, that you try to understand that it wasn’t your fault, and that you can do something to be helpful. I’m not happy, obvi-

ously, that we’ve had re-

port of sexual assaults. I am pleased that we think about opportunities for us and our ability to better protect our students will be enhanced by all of this.

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Penn State hires former dean as new president

By MARK SCOLFORO

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Eric Barron, a former professor and dean at Penn State University and the president of Florida State University, was chosen Monday to replace current Penn State President Rodney Erickson, who will retire in June. Barron is expected to lead Penn State through the trials and tribulations of managing a major state university known as much for its storied athletics programs as its academic missions, as well as the fallout from a sex-abuse scandal with ties to big-time college football.

Penn State trustees unanimously approved the selection at a special meeting in State College after a 15-month search process in which university officials had kept the new president’s identity secret, refusing to confirm whether Barron was even being considered until the meeting began.

Barron, who worked at Penn State for 20 years, including four as dean of its College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, will succeed President Rodney Erickson, who plans to retire in June. Barron is getting a five-year contract that includes a $600,000 a year salary and will start July 1.

Erickson, Penn State’s former provost who served as acting president from November 2011 after then-President Graham Spanier was forced out following child sexual abuse claims against Sandusky, a former assistant football coach.

Sandusky is serving a 30- to 60-year prison sentence after being convicted last year of the sexual abuse of 10 boys during his tenure as a defensive coordinator in an alleged cover-up. Barron received his PhD from Sandusky scandal painful and sudden, but focused on the changes that have brought.

“What I see is an institution that has really taken control of compliance and no doubt now a model university that I think a lot of other universities are going to look at and say this is the right way,” he told reporters after the vote.

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Barron is a recognized scholar uniquely qualified to lead the changes it has brought. Last fall, redshirt quar- terback Jameis Winston became one of the biggest at- tractions in college football, winning the Heisman tro- phy and leading the Sem-inoles to the national title. But in November, a one- year-old sexual assault complaint against Winston became public and was passed along by Tallahassee- area police to the Florida state attorney’s office for a full investigation. A Florida State student claims Win-ston raped her. Winston’s attorney has said the sex- uld in police to the Florida state attorney’s office for a full investigation. A Florida State student claims Win-ston raped her. Winston’s attorney has said the sex-
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By CODY GOODMAN
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Before the 2014 Senior Bowl, Christi-
an Kirksey was virtually an unknown on
most NFL draft boards. The majority
of experts saw the defensive end as
that he was used in pass coverage more
often than run defense, that he over-per-
formed on occasion, that he struggled with
closing speed. It didn’t help that his posi-
tion in Phil Parker’s defense wasn’t really
a spot that allowed Kirksey to consistent-
ly flash his athleticism on film.
And really, those comments baffled peo-
ple who recently saw Kirksey play the
last few years. A product of Hazelwood
East High in St. Louis, Kirksey spent his
entire senior campaign making plays for
the Iowa men’s basketball team seems kind of … well, scratch that, dead on.
I have a hunch about the Iowa wom-
nen’s basketball team. It’s more than a hunch, actually. It’s a strong feeling in my gut. And my gut feelings are usually pretty accurate —
watch that, don’t lot.
This hunch? I believe that the Iowa women’s basketball team is poised to make a big run in the 2013-14 postseason: either in the Big Ten Tournament, the NCAA
Tournament, or even both.
On first impressions, the women’s
basketball team seems kind of … well, lacing, particularly in the depth de-
partment. And its true. You know it, I know everyone on the team knows it.
Five players on the squad average dou-
ble-digit scoring on the season, but Kirksey “doesn’t
appear that big on the football field, but
the praise, writing that Kirksey “doesn’t
the Hawkeyes. The Hawk- keys’ defense, which ranked among the top
country. He tallied 104 stops, made 15 tackles for loss, recorded 2.5 sacks,
biggest example of
the conference has affected
the Big Ten season.
And yet, despite the lack of depth, Iowa
would love to have Kirksey around.
Iowa looks down on the draft as
Hawks worry of Hoosiers

By IVAN PRAUSCH

No one, not even its veter-
nan coaches and players, have
been able to figure out what’s
going on in the Big Ten this
season.

Indiana, after being ranked No. 1 in the coun-
try last year age,

Iowa vs. Indiana

When: 8 p.m. CST
Where: Assembly Hall

How will Kirksey fare in the Big Ten? How will he be handled by the conference teams?

By IVAN PRAUSCH

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We have over ranked
quadrant Michigan and Wis-
cconsin. But with losses to en-
emy teams in the bottom half of the Big Ten (minus itself) and a 4-8 conference record, many wonder if Indiana is
even NIT-worthy.

Iowa and Indiana in the Big Ten.

Iowa is one of the highest scoring teams

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