Protesters interrupt Mason’s speech

By REBECCA ROBIN

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 assault.

“The goal would be to end that, to never have another sexual assault,” Mason said. “That’s probably not a realis- tic 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 those events.”

Her statement triggered backlash with students throughout campus.

“That’s our biggest problem with Pres- ident 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 as women we are going to be raped,” said Jeannette Gabriel, a UI Ph.D student in education.

“Last we heard, sexual assault, that’s why we have the complete lack of se- roussness 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 academic year. Two assaults were reported at off-campus fraternity houses, and six reportedly occurred on campus.

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

Human Rights Center rebounds

By DANIEL SEIDEL

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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.

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**METRO**

Man charged faces provider's

The arrest of a man on narcotics charges last week has added another

James Brown, 38, of Ypsilanti, was charged with two counts of


**CORRECTION**

In the article “ParkH001 over budget and delayed,” The Daily Iowan incorrectly reported

The project is set to be over budget and delayed. The developer spends $1 million more than what was expected.

In addition, the article said the building’s floors are not currently being delivered, and the building is not scheduled to open until late 2023.

The developer regrets the error.

**BLOTTER**

North Piqua, 29, of Ypsilanti, was charged on Feb. 17 with break-into

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Students, faculty, and community members held a protest on the Pentacrest in 2012 to rally against the decision to close the Center for Human Rights. The center has since moved to the University of Iowa College of Law. (The Daily Iowan/Rebecca Rant)

Weeks before his recent comments regarding sexual assault in the Levitt Center on Sunday, Mason expressed her support for victims of sexual assault as well as the protestor’s agenda. “I support them 100 percent,” she said. “We sponsored 30 events in the fall.”

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No denying climate change

Kerry went on to twist the knife by comparing our climate to the “Flat Earth Society.”

The only living room I know that is exquisitely comfortable is one with a fireplace. Too cold for outdoor living? I myself have not yet had a fireplace in a room that I have not used. I find the fireplace to be a comfortable and pleasant addition to any home.

ADAM MOORE

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UI graduate student Paul Capobianco, who spoke at the event, focused on misunderstoandings and stereotypes that come from both sides. He added that increased dialogue would lead to better relationships between international and domestic students, but for any real change to happen, a larger audience is necessary.

“UI students have lots of great ideas, and they are given the chance to develop them in a forum that will help them in their future lives,” he said. This will lead to mutual understanding, he said. “[It] leads to mutual understanding on what each other is thinking, what they are doing.”

Students already involved in international programs to bring students together. Although Polumbaum said that “we need to see how responsive the students are going to be to the new things that will happen next,” she also hoped that “the university will implement some of the ideas formed at the workshop to create new programs for bringing students together.”

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

Hello, homeless man. Your sign says “Will Work for Food.”

Broke it off by phone.

Could this be a joke?

Might as well be me.

You should write him a haiku.

…the ledge

by Eugenia Last

They really do have something in common, “ Benjamin of White Dwarf Stars and Quantum Information Processing in, “Laboratory Spectroscopy, 2 p.m., Hardin Library East Information Commons

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Old IC treatment plant closed

By MEIGA DEPEY
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Iowa City officials have torn down the continued development of the North Wastewater District by shutting down the plant that treated sewage from the north part of the city.

The plant was shut down on Monday morning after all of its operations were shifted to the newly expanded south plant.

The plans for the two plants stems from the 2003 flood in which the north plant was heavily damaged.

The plant cost an estimated $50 million, said Jeff Dres- sen, the director of the City’s Planning and Community Development Department.

The project received a $40 million federal disaster assistance state grant in December to help with the demolition of the North Wastewater Treatment Plant, which Dres sen said helped the process along.

“They funded it and we used that to help us demolish the building,” he said.

The money will also help respond to the area after the plant’s demolition for the city. In the event of a flood, the site will need to be cleaned before construction on the new plant begins.

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Unlicensed cabbies may pose problems

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

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Hawks snare 1st win

Iowa versus Illinois


Iowa women's gymnastics team

The Iowa women's gymnastics team

finished its home schedule on a
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Wrestling

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held in Madison on March 7-8.

The Wolverines have

lost eight of their last nine

matches since February 1.

Michigan's win at Michigan State

is the first in a series of trips

to compete against Michigan State.

"The first game, I was
decidedly one of our

season. We looked forward to the
event during the last meet.

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men's team defeat

the Flames, 195.125-193.800.

Iowa defeated the Flames, 195.125-193.800. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

Iowa's Bee is shown during a meet at the event against the Illinois State in Carver-Hawkeye on


"I am always thankful for this
day as a Hawkeye.

her best day on the

beam as a Hawkeye

for 31st place among 42 gymnasts.

During the Hawks' struggles

in the season.

"That's what it's going to mean to stay. With four

matches against Michigan, was not

the Wolves," said Iowa's

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minutes left, we came

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it's our first official win,

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The last time Iowa softball won a regular-season Big Ten title was in 1979, when gas cost 90 cents a gallon. "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, but 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, 3-5 Big Ten record in 2008 (22-5, 9-6) in the second half but it wasn’t enough. Iowa senior forward Zach McCabe reacts after being fouled early in the first half in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 22. Wisconsin narrowly beat the Hawkeyes, 79-74. (The Daily Iowan/ Tyler Finchum)