University officials respond in a public forum to controversies surrounding sexual assaults.

**By ALLISON KEIN**

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Picking up a ringing phone could mean risking identity theft for senior citizens in Iowa City.

“When I received the call, I was not very alert,” said Lora Waters, a resident of Iowa City who fell victim to a scam. “They told me that they needed to verify my information, and I fell right into the trap.”

Thieves impersonating Medicare, Social Security, or supplemental-insurance officials trick senior citizens into providing or confirming their private financial information. That information is then used to commit theft.

Iowa City Police Sgt. Vicki Lalla said the callers who are involved in these crimes have been reported as unusually aggressive, calling over and over, in an attempt to wear down potential victims. There have been cases of threats involved as well.

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According to the Federal Trade Commission, identity theft — a type of fraud — has increased 53 percent in a decade. Since 2001, 25.6 million adults, nearly 12 percent of the adult population, were victims of fraud.

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OFFICIALS TWEAK HEALTH LAW

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Associate Editor

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration announced Thursday that it will provide states with the flexibility to tailor health reform to their needs, a major shift from the original plan that would have required states to enroll all residents in a single statewide program.

The new program, which is called the "state-based marketplace," will allow states to choose how they will implement the health care law, according to the Health and Human Services Department.

Under the original plan, states were required to establish a single, statewide marketplace where all residents could purchase health insurance. The new program allows states to create multiple marketplaces, each serving a different group of residents.

"This is a major change from the original plan," said Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. "The states are free to choose the best approach for their residents, and that's what we're giving them today."
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itoring all of these things,"
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panel to review the insti-
tution's performance in
the areas of academics, com-
petitiveness, and compliance.

"The NCAA is taking this
very seriously," Lynch said.

The new program, called
"The NCAA Division I Ac-
stitutional Performance
Program," will require data
collected in a new survey
to be used in future years.

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improve in these areas,"
Lynch said.

The NCAA will conduct
the survey in spring 2014.

"These are the first steps in
this process," Lynch said.

The panel will meet on a
weekly basis to discuss
the results of the survey.

"We're making progress on
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The NCAA will provide
regular updates on the
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College sports attorney Gene Marsh spoke in Iowa City about misconceptions about the NCAA Committee on Infractions.

By JAN HEPWORTH jhepworth@the-iowan.com

Famed college sports attorney Gene Marsh und- erstands the difficulties of keeping college athletes in line.

Marsh served 10 years on the NCAA top enforce- ment committee and later represented universities and coaches, including Penn State, in high-profile cases before the same committee.

Marsh said he often re- ceives criticism from people who may not know both sides of the issue.

“In my line of work, I get an amazing line of people, and the worst are lawyers, hyped-up sports fans with law degrees,” Marsh said in the Boyd Law Building on Thursday.

Marsh and the well-pub- lished Baylor University marked basketball scandal that occurred in 2003 as an example.

“People assume, when the players were murdered and you had kids in jail, that you were also receiving payoffs from the drug dealer,” Marsh said. “That’s a breach of NCAA rules.

“To cover up for the mon- ey Donna was receiving, head coach Dave Bliss de- cided to give Donna an- other drug dealer. The conversa- tion concerning the frame was recorded on tape by an assistant and released to the public.

Marsh said after a press conference concerning the incident, which occurred during his tenure on the infractions committee, he received an email from a giant law firm in Dallas, Texas, from a guy who was Baylor under- grad, Harvard law degree, with one of the most re- nowned national law firms in the world who is on a hell bent rant about how unfair the NCAA was to the blame matter,” Marsh said. “Just that day calling me, my mom- ma, my dogs — I mean just off the hook.”

Those kinds of reactions are “bizarro common,” and Marsh later received another email from the same guy who was shocked he was at the university.

Dan Mathesson of the UI Athletics Compliance Program at the UI, who has served as the full-time committee mem- ber-Baylor, said.

Mathesson testified while Marsh was on the com- mittee and said on several occasions that Marsh always said he would prepare to write-down remarks to the committee and came prepared to ask questions about the issue.

Marsh said he never inten- ded to get into sports law and had never wanted to be a tortoise. He is a

law professor at the Uni- versity of Alaska in Was- cinals.

Marsh said he did not attend a football game during his four years of undergraduate study at Ohio State University, and he has attended only two games at Bryant-Denny stadium in Tuscaloosa since moving to Alabama.

“He was tough but fair,” Mathesson said.

Marsh has moved on to represent universities, other than Baylor, that are “fairly common,” and Marsh always read them their rights at the beginning.

“The launches, however, weren’t expected to cause trouble. North Korea fired short-range missiles, and it has a treaty with South Korea in which outside analysts say it is an attempt to win badly need- ed foreign investment and aid.

The launches March 21 were the first of that kind since 2009.

Thursday’s Scud launches are a security threat, and Pyongyang calls a re- harsal for invasion.

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Last year, North Korea fired four other short-range KN-02 missiles with a range of about 100 kilometers (62 miles) off the east coast one week ago.

North Korean official didn’t disclose the fact that 21 launches because North Korea frequently- fired missiles with a range of less than about 10 kilometers. That Kim- 1st-stage solid-fueled missile, which is capable of hit- ting all of South Korea, is a security threat, and Thursday’s final launches prove this kind is more powerful.

They are supposed to be preparing for additional missile launches.

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By Katrina Do and Jordan Hansen

The most important meet of indoor track season is finally here, and the Hawkeyes will spend their final weekend in 2013, Ohio, to compete in the Big Ten Championship. It begins at 9 a.m. today and continues through Saturday.

The Hawkeyes have dedicated the past two weeks to Big Ten preparation. After 16.5-place meets at the Feb. 21 Ohio Invitational, the team started off championship week focused and ready to work hard.

Much of the women’s team set out the Iowa Invitational, including sophomore Madison Rouw. A young team captain, Rouw has led the women throughout this season and hopes the team will show in this weekend’s performances.

“The Big Ten is the last chance to get it all out there before outdoor season, so we’re really trying to give it all out by taking a week at an at-out pace,” said Rouw.

The Hawkeyes’ field events have been strong points this season, and senior Alue Delaunay, who missed most of the season due to a stress fracture, has followed up an impressive indoor season with a solid campaign this year — despite sitting out much of the year due to a stress fracture, Delaunay has a solid 7.53 meters in the long jump and is in to practice.

Delaunay’s best jump of roughly the first month of the season. “Introducing new things might mess up my technique,” said Delaunay. “It’s just going to take one person stepping up at the right time, and at any point, anything could happen.”

While recruiting players in Tucson, the coaching staff came across Fritsch, while scouting some of her teammates. She was an athlete out of California state, and had originally come to compete, and when it was all over, she accepted her first offer from Iowa, which she decided to take.

“Her opportunity this year — a spot that Fritsch has had the door open for on the field. She should be able to come in as an impact player,” Looper said. “There are still some areas she has to be better at, but she’s got some God-given talent that allows her to go out and play the game.”

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Sports

Great moments have the power to shape the lives of those who participate in and observe them. Whether it’s the thrill of victory or the agony of defeat, sports have the ability to inspire, motivate, and bring people together. In this particular story, we are taken through a journey of a young athlete’s experiences and how they are influenced by the people around them.

Dobre-Mofid, a gymnast, draws upon her family’s support to fuel her passion. Her brother, a student at the University of Illinois, and mother, a former Olympic gymnast, instilled in her a sense of competition and dedication. Her father, a gymnastics coach, also contributes to her development, providing guidance and support.

The story highlights the importance of family in an athlete’s life, showing how the love and encouragement of family members can be instrumental in pushing an athlete to their limits and helping them achieve greatness.

The narrative also touches on the mental aspect of sports, reminding us that while physical ability is important, mental toughness and resilience are equally crucial. These moments are often overlooked but are just as vital in the journey of an athlete.

Finally, the story underlines the significance of the individual’s determination, which, when combined with hard work and mentorship, can lead to a successful and fulfilling career.

In summary, this story is a testament to the power of perseverance, the importance of family, and the transformative effect of sports on an athlete’s life. It serves as an inspiration to young athletes everywhere, reminding them that with dedication, support, and hard work, they too can achieve greatness.

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**GymHawks head to Boise State**

The Iowa women’s gymnastics team will head to Boise, Idaho, on Thursday for its first meet of the season against the Boise State Gymnastics team. The Hawkeyes will be looking to build on the momentum from the home opener against Stetson on Saturday and to continue their improvement.

**Baseball heads to Stetson invitational**

The Hawkeyes’ baseball team traveled to Deland, Florida, for the Stetson Invitational on Friday and Saturday to compete against some tough competition and prepare for the upcoming season.

**Men’s swimming ninth in Big Ten**

The Iowa men’s swimming and diving team finished ninth out of 12 teams at the Big Ten Championship on Saturday. The Hawkeyes swam hard throughout the meet but were unable to break into the top five.

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**NCAA swimming and diving championships**

The NCAA swimming and diving championships began on Friday in Indianapolis. The Hawkeyes competed against some of the best teams in the country and showed improvement from last year.

**Iowa shutout in Big Ten championship with 2-0 win over Penn State**

The Iowa women’s gymnastics team shut out the Penn State Nittany Lions on Friday night with a 195.550-195.400 win. The victory was a positive step for the Hawkeyes as they prepare for the upcoming season.

**Iowa tennis team sweeps Minnesota with 7-0 win**

The Iowa men’s and women’s tennis teams secured a sweep over Minnesota on Friday with 7-0 wins. The Hawkeyes continued their dominant run against the Gophers, improving to 9-0 on the season.

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