

Bakeshop robbed at gunpoint Saturday

By Jared Taylor
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A robber made off with the cash, but left the dough. An armed robbery was reported at 11:43 a.m. Saturday at the Old Home Bread store, 125 Kitty Hawk Dr. There were no injuries. "A lot of these places are targets of opportunity," said Ames Police Sgt. Randy Kessel. "If it's an out of way location, [the robber will] take advantage of the situation." According to an Ames Police press release, a store employee told police a white male entered the store, displayed a silver-colored handgun and demanded money. The robber left the store with an undetermined amount of cash, but took no baked goods, Kessel said.

The incident could be connected to other recent robberies in the Des Moines area, Kessel said.

Pam Litchfield, Ames Police dispatcher, said that all investigations are ongoing.

"We've seen that Des Moines has had quite a rash of armed robberies down there, so we have our investigator seeing if there are any similarities," Kessel said.

The robber is described as blond, 5'10" to 6 feet tall with a slender build and in his early twenties, according to the release. He was described as wearing a light-colored stocking cap, blue jeans and a black windbreaker-type jacket with white stripes down the sleeves.

Kessel said the store had no surveillance cameras to capture images of the suspect.

Charges would include first-degree robbery, a Class B felony, which carries a minimum sentence of 5 years and maximum of 25 years, Kessel said.

"Any time you use a defensive weapon like that, the penalty goes up, whether it's real or not," Kessel said.

Kessel said anyone with information regarding the robbery is asked to call the Ames Police Department at 239-5133.

Legislators back E-85 tax break

Lawmakers hope bill will stimulate economic growth

By Fred Love
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Area legislators say they would support a bill introduced in mid-January offering tax breaks to Iowans who buy vehicles compatible with E-85 fuel.

Lawmakers say they hope the bill will stimulate economic and agricultural growth in the state, and encourage consumers to depend less on gasoline.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Steven Olson, R-DeWitt, and currently assigned to the House Committee on Agriculture, would grant Iowans who buy vehicles propelled by E-85 fuel a \$2,000 income tax deduction.

Rep. Beth Wessel-Kroeschell, D-Ames, said she would support such a measure, but she would like to see more work done to encourage energy efficiency.

"I think it's one step in the right direction, and I would support it," Wessel-Kroeschell said, "but I think we need to be more broad when it comes to this area of policy."

She said she would like to see more encouragement of research done at Iowa's universities to develop new energy sources.

"Ethanol is a bridge, but it's not the final solution," she said. "I'm very interested in the research that gets done at the Regents institutions, and I'd like to see more implementation of what gets done there."

She said the state should utilize more research done in the areas of biodiesel, wind energy and hybrid vehicles that utilize two sources of fuel such as electricity and gasoline.

"We need to be more broad when it comes to energy, not just focus on one aspect like E-85," she said.

"I'd like a similar bill that would grant tax reductions for the purchase of hybrid vehicles as well."

Rep. Jim Kurtenbach, R-Ames, said he would vote in favor of the bill, but would also prefer the measure to encompass more than just E-85.

"As it's written now, I believe



Photo: Morris L. Manning/Iowa State Daily
This self-serve Heart of Iowa Co-op fuel station in Nevada is one of the few offering E-85, a fuel blend of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline. Iowa legislators will soon consider a bill to provide tax breaks to citizens who purchase vehicles that will burn the fuel.

I would support it," Kurtenbach said. "I would probably have to amend it to include biodiesel products, though."

He said he thinks the bill would promote Iowa's economy from several angles.

"Those items do benefit agriculture by promoting ethanol, but the byproducts of benefiting agriculture are widespread," he said.

"This could benefit the auto industry by encouraging buying. It also encourages gas stations to convert to selling E-85, which is a costly process. So this is really more encompassing than simply

agriculture."

Kurtenbach said he expects the bill to pass in the House, but he said the bill may not become a law for some time.

"This is the first year it's been pushed in Iowa," he said. "We anticipate two to three years to gain acceptance for a new bill unless everyone agrees on the concept, which could happen."

ISU researcher Larry Johnson told The Associated Press that approximately 100,000 cars in Iowa already are equipped to run on E-85, but "70 percent of the owners ... don't know they have that kind of a vehicle."

Flexible Fuel Vehicles*

Daimler Chrysler	
2006 4.7L Dodge Durango 3.3L Caravan & Grand Caravan	2003 3.3L Dodge Cargo Minivan 2.7L Chrysler Sebring Convertible & Sedan
2005-2006 4.7L Dodge Ram Pickup 1500 Series 2.7L Dodge Stratus Sedan 2.7L Chrysler Sebring Sedan	2000-2003 3.3L Chrysler Voyager minivan 3.3L Dodge Caravan minivan 3.3L Chrysler Town & Country minivan
2004-2005 4.7L Dodge Ram Pickup 1500 Series 2.7L Dodge Stratus Sedan 2.7L Chrysler Sebring Sedan	1998-1999 3.3L Dodge Caravan minivan 3.3L Plymouth Voyager minivan 3.3L Chrysler Town & Country minivan
2003-2004 2.7L Dodge Stratus Sedan 2.7L Chrysler Sebring Sedan	
Ford Motor Company	
2006 3.0L Taurus sedan & wagon 4.6L Crown Victoria (Excluding taxi & police units) 5.4L F-150 (Available in December 2005) 4.6L Lincoln Towncar	2004 4.0L Explorer Sport Trac
2005 4.0L Explorer Sport Trac 4.0L Explorer 3.0L Taurus sedan & wagon	1999-2004 3.0L Taurus LX, SE & SES sedan
2002-2004 4.0L Explorer (4-door)	2001-2003 3.0L Supercab Ranger pickup 2WD
	1999-2000 3.0L Ranger pickup 4WD & 2WD 3.0L Taurus LX, SE & SES sedan
	<i>Many 1995-98 Taurus 3.0L Sedans are also FFVs</i>
General Motors	
2006 3.5L Chevrolet Impala (LS, 1LT & 2LT) 3.5L Chevrolet Monte Carlo (LS and LT models only)	2002-2004 5.3L Chevrolet Silverado & GMC Sierra half-ton pickups 2WD & 4WD 5.3L Vortec-engine Suburban, Tahoe, Yukon & Yukon XLS
2005-2006 5.3L Chevrolet Silverado & GMC Sierra half-ton pickups 2WD & 4WD	2000-2002 2.2L Chevrolet S-10 pickup 2WD 2.2L Sonoma GMC pickup 2WD
ISUZU	
2000, 2001 2.2L Hombre pickup 2WD	Mazda
	1999, 2001-2002 3.0L Selected B3000 pickups
Mercedes-Benz	
2005 3.2L C320 luxury & sport sedan & sport coupe 2.6L C240 luxury sedan & wagon	2004 3.2L C320 sport sedan, wagon & sport coupe
	2003 3.2L C320 sport sedan
Mercury	
2006 4.6L Mercury Grand Marquis (two-valve)	2001-2005 3.0L Selected Sables (look for "Road & Leaf")
2002-2005 4.0L Selected Mountaineers	
Nissan	
2005-2006 5.6L Titan King Cab & Crew Cab	

*Vehicles that can run on E-85 (85 percent ethanol) fuel. All above are selected models only. Check your owner's manual or visit www.E85fuel.com to ensure compatibility.

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Source: National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition

New keg registration law met with mixed opinions; Students critical of effects

By Frank Maistrovich
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With the recent passing of a new Story County keg registration law, ISU students are responding with a variety of opinions — from ignorance and indifference to indignation.

Despite the new measure passed by the Story County Board of Supervisors Thursday that requires keg buyers to provide their name and address for sellers' records, and allows police to obtain the records 12 hours after purchase, students said it wouldn't affect their drinking habits.

Conor Hall, senior in health and human performance, said he's angry about the new ordinance, not because of its effect on alcohol, but because he is against any law that abridges freedoms.

He said that he believes the new law won't have any effect on alcohol consumption and that it

is a waste of resources.

"It is completely ineffective, expensive, a waste and an abuse of government power," Hall said. "The only thing it is going to do is drive up can and bottle sales. I thought that [former President Ronald] Reagan tore down the [Berlin] Wall to prevent this type of thing."

Mario Hernandez, junior in mechanical engineering, said he goes to house parties about three times a month and that the new ordinance wouldn't have any effect on him, because he's already 21 years old.

"I don't really care. I think most people are the same way," Hernandez said.

"It won't change my pattern at all. I think people will get their alcohol no matter what. They will just get their alcohol some other way."

The ordinance will also have

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Democratic lawmakers unveil tuition program

By Mike Glover
The Associated Press

DES MOINES — A group of Democratic lawmakers presented legislation Monday that would help pay a portion of college tuition for low-income students who keep up their grades and stay out of trouble.

"We're very hopeful this program will get legs and pass this year," said Rep. Janet Petersen, D-Des Moines, one of the bill's architects. "The program will teach our students about personal responsibility, increase parent involvement in education and reward students who work hard and play by the rules."

The proposal is modeled after a scholarship program in Indiana, and is aimed at increasing the number of children who go to college.

The measure targets seventh and eighth graders who are eligible for free or reduced priced

lunches, or who are in the state's foster care system.

Those students sign an agreement to maintain a "C" average, avoid drugs, alcohol and brushes with the law.

In exchange, the state will pay the difference between the cost of tuition and the amount of state and federal student aid a student receives. Eligible students would be able to go to a community college, one of the state's public universities or a private college.

A pair of ISU students said they thought the measure would help level the playing field for all Iowans who want college degrees.

"Sounds like a cool idea to me," said Bradey McDeid, a senior in liberal studies. "I think there's too much inequality in this world, and people born into shitty circumstances often have a hard time opening up opportunities, whether it's because they're from a poor family or they don't have a family at all."

McDeid said he thought the requirements for staying out of legal trouble were unfair, but he said most students with federal financial aid face similar circumstances.

"People who get federal aid lose it if they're caught with marijuana, so I understand why that would be in there," he said.

Catherine Teed, senior in elementary education, said she completely supports the bill.

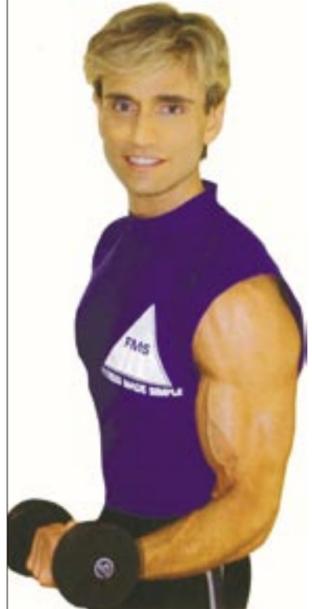
"I think this sounds like a really good way to go," Teed said. "I think it's important to encourage kids who need help, to encourage them to achieve and give them a better chance at getting an education."

She said she agrees with the demand that students maintain a "C" average and avoid legal trouble.

Roberta Johnson, director of student financial aid, said

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Forecast

Windy

High: 40°F
Low: 17°F

RETRACTION

In Friday's issue of the Iowa State Daily, the article "Decorate your dorm on the cheap" inaccurately described furniture purchased at Goodwill and Salvation Army stores as being "complete with that old urine smell." The Daily retracts its false statement and deeply regrets the error.

