Grant to transfer

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Iowa wide receiver Marcus Grant and offensive lineman Dan Heiar will both be leaving the UI and the football program following the conclusion of the 2011 fall semester, head coach Kirk Ferentz said in a statement released Friday.

Grant <u>announced via Twitter late Thursday evening</u> his decision to leave the football program and transfer closer to home. It should be noted that Ferentz bars current players from tweeting in-season. Meanwhile, Ferentz's statement said Heiar will leave school to "pursue other interests."

Grant, a true freshman, appeared in five games for the Hawkeyes this season and had one catch for 12 yards, which came in Iowa's 34-7 win over Tennessee Tech in the season-opener on Sept. 3. Heiar, who like Grant was a member of the 2011 recruiting class after transferring from Iowa Western Community College, didn't play in any games this season. Last April, Heiar was hospitalized following a single-vehicle accident that led to drunken driving charges during the summer, according to official documents.

With the departures of Grant and Heiar, Iowa has now lost three members of its 2011 recruiting class. Defensive end John Raymon left school during the middle of the season.