

Noon News



Today
High: 78 Low: 60
Mostly sunny



Tomorrow
High: 72 Low: 59
Showers possible

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

More faculty and staff news:
thepoint.healthcare.uiowa.edu

UI posts record year in external funding

External support to The University of Iowa for fiscal year 2009 that ended June 30 rose 10.3 percent from the previous year to a record-setting \$429.5 million, UI officials reported today. Funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services rose 5.5 percent to \$216.4 million. Grant applications increased 33.4 percent in the past fiscal year, according to the UI Division of Sponsored Programs.

Fraternal Order of Eagles 'racing' for diabetes research

Saturday's NASCAR race at the Iowa Speedway in Newton will help raise funds for the Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE) Diabetes Research Center at the UI. The No. 10 car, driven by Kelly Bires for Braun Racing, will feature the research center, and the Grinnell Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie will host a meet-and-greet Friday night for three Braun Racing drivers. FOE aeries across the U.S. and Canada also will hold fundraisers in conjunction with Saturday's race.

Council denies license renewal for bars

The Iowa City Council last night denied the renewal of liquor licenses for downtown bars Etc. and The Fieldhouse. Both had PAULA rates greater than 1.0 per police visit over the past year, which triggers an automatic recommendation for license denial by the police department. The businesses can appeal the denials to the state Alcoholic Beverages Division and stay open during the appeals process.

Iowa ranks No. 2 in wind power

Iowa has 3,043 megawatts of wind-generation capacity, which puts the state second nationally in wind power, according to a report yesterday from the American Wind Energy Association. Texas leads the nation with 8,361 megawatts of wind-generation capacity; California is third with 2,787 megawatts.

Gates: Some U.S. troops could leave Iraq early

The U.S. may speed up its withdrawal from Iraq due to the sustained drop in violence there, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said today following meetings with top commanders. One of the current 14 combat units could come home early, Gates said, cutting roughly 5,000 soldiers.

Heat wave continues in Seattle, Portland

The Pacific Northwest will continue to suffer from a record heat wave today. Seattle saw temperatures hit the upper 90s yesterday while thermometers in Portland registered 106 degrees. Since these areas normally see summertime temperatures in the 70s and low 80s, few residents own air conditioners.

Car bomb in Spain targets police

A powerful car bomb destroyed a police barracks that housed officers and their families in northern Spain today, injuring about 60 people and causing major damage in the surrounding area. The attack in the city of Burgos was blamed on the Basque separatist group ETA.

Ireland to take two Guantanamo prisoners

Ireland has agreed to accept two inmates from the Guantanamo prison camp in Cuba within the next two months, Irish Justice Minister Dermot Ahern said today. The two men belong to a group of about 50 prisoners who are no longer regarded as a threat but who cannot return to their own countries.

Microsoft, Yahoo join forces

Microsoft Corporation and Yahoo Inc. today announced a 10-year partnership that gives Microsoft access to the Web's second-largest search engine audience and adds a potentially potent weapon to the software maker's Internet arsenal as it looks to gain on search and advertising leader Google Inc.

Bob Barker looks to close bear pits

Former game-show host and animal-rights activist Bob Barker met with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in North Carolina yesterday to ask the tribe to close its bear pits used as tourist attractions.

Favre stays retired

Retired NFL quarterback Brett Favre ended months of speculation yesterday, telling Minnesota Vikings coach Brad Childress he was staying retired and would not join the Vikings for training camp.

Today in history

On this day in 1958, the U.S.

Congress passed legislation

establishing the National

Aeronautics and Space

Administration (NASA), a civilian

agency

responsible for coordinating

America's activities in space.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Elevator D, Car #2, in Roy Carver Pavilion will be out of service until approximately 8 a.m. tomorrow in order to replace the flooring. Questions should be directed to Scott Wieneke, Engineering Services, at 353-6423.
- Blood and platelet donors needed. Visit DeGowin Blood Center, Elevator B, Level 2, or call 356-2058. Weekday and evening appointments available. All donations used at UI Hospitals and Clinics.
- Do you need sunscreen, vitamins, Tylenol, or Tums? The UI Hospitals and Clinics Ambulatory Care Pharmacies offer a variety of over-the-counter products for faculty, staff, patients, and visitors. If you need something you don't see, ask a staff member about special ordering for next day availability. Payroll deduct, credit cards, checks, and cash accepted.
- UI Obesity Surgery is proud to offer an additional type of weight loss surgery—laparoscopic adjustable gastric band. An evaluation with a surgeon is necessary to determine which procedure would best suit your weight loss goals. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 356-1887 or visit www.uihealthcare.com/weight to obtain a pre-evaluation questionnaire and program information.
- Interested in starting an 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. North Liberty vanpool? Contact Sara Knepp at sara-knepp@uiowa.edu.
- The 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tipton vanpool is looking for a driver. Contact Kristy Foulks at kristy-foulks@uiowa.edu or call 563-212-0583.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. West Liberty vanpool has two openings. Contact Bruce Browning at 335-1226.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cedar Rapids vanpool as an opening. Contact Don Johnson at donald-johnson@uiowa.edu or 319-213-1390.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Keota vanpool has an opening. Contact Necole at 353-4343.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Davenport vanpool has openings. Contact Pam Arp at 356-8842.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Kalona vanpool has an opening. Contact Kylie at 384-7038.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tipton vanpool has an opening. Contact Teresa at 353-5595.
- Interested in starting a 7 a.m. to 4:30 or 5 p.m. Solon van pool? Contact Brian at brian-cornwall@hawkeyesports.com.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Children between the ages of 4 and 6 who do and do not stutter are invited to participate in a research study. The study consists of one visit per year over a five-year period. Each visit will consist of several one- to two-hour sessions scheduled over five or six days. Compensation. Children must speak English as their native language. For more information, contact Patricia Zebrowski at 335-8735 or Amanda Berns at 335-9766.
- Volunteers between the ages of 50 and 70, who have not had joint replacement surgery and are generally in good health (both normal weight and overweight) without current neuromuscular or orthopaedic problems, are invited to participate in a research study. The research protocol requires one 90-minute visit to the Orthopaedic Gait Analysis Laboratory. During the visit, you will be required to wear shorts and have markers placed on your lower limbs and trunk as you walk and stand up from sitting. Compensation. For details, e-mail gait-lab@uiowa.edu or call 384-6893.
- The UI Department of Leisure Studies is conducting a study about caregivers in the “sandwich generation.” Are you a caregiver for a parent with dementia? Do you also have a minor child who lives with you? If you would like to participate, involvement will consist of an interview to talk about your experience. E-mail lisa-schumacher@uiowa.edu or call 400-0628.
- Have you been diagnosed with a mood or affective disorder? Are you age 18 or over? If so, you may be eligible to enroll in The Mood and Affect Research Registry (MAR). The purpose of the registry is to allow individuals with mood disorders to be notified of research opportunities. For more information, contact Lois at 384-9379 or lois-warren@uiowa.edu.
- Volunteers age 21 and older who have been diagnosed with atrial fibrillation (an abnormal heart rhythm) are invited to participate in a research study evaluating the safety and effectiveness of an investigational blood-thinning medication in the prevention of stroke. Qualifying participants will receive study-related laboratory evaluations, physical exams and electrocardiograms, and study medications. Compensation. For details, call 384-5046 or 1-800-887-6917.

View the most recent study announcements at www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html.

Contact *Noon News* at noonnews@healthcare.uiowa.edu. Persons with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations in order to participate in programs at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics may discuss their needs with Concierge Services in advance at 356-1900.