

Noon News



Today
High: 75 Low: 60
Rain likely



Tomorrow
High: 72 Low: 59
Partly cloudy

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

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UI annual report now online

The University of Iowa has published an online annual report recapping the 2008-09 academic/fiscal year. The report is available at <http://www.uiowa.edu/annual-report-09> and includes a month-by-month review of the year's achievements, plus financial data and other statistics. It also features "One Year After," a series of audio slideshows and images recounting the year since the summer 2008 flood.

Students score high on ACT exam

Iowa City West High School 2009 graduates who took the ACT college entrance exam averaged 25.8 out of a possible 36—a school record, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* reports. The City High Class of 2009 averaged 24.8. The national average score on the ACT test is 21.1; the state average is 22.4. The average score for 2009 Iowa City Regina graduates was 23.8, down slightly from last year's 24.1.

Sutliff Bridge to be repaired

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors will receive about \$1.4 million in federal funds to repair the Sutliff Bridge in northeast Johnson County that was damaged in the 2008 flood. The bridge was built in 1898 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* reports.

IRS to get details on Swiss accounts

Internal Revenue Service Commissioner Doug Shulman said Swiss banking giant UBS will give the IRS details of 4,450 client accounts suspected of holding undeclared assets, the Associated Press (AP) reports. The deal is part of a lawsuit settlement between U.S. tax collectors and Swiss bankers.

Seattle voters say 'no' to bag fee

Seattle voters yesterday rejected a 20-cent fee for every paper or plastic bag they get from drug stores, supermarkets, and convenience stores, the AP reports. City leaders had passed an ordinance to charge the fee, but the plastics industry bankrolled a referendum to put the question to voters.

Bomb blasts rock Baghdad

A series of explosions targeting government and commercial buildings struck Baghdad today, killing at least 75 people and wounding more than 300, Iraqi police and medical officials told the AP. It was the deadliest day in Baghdad since U.S. troops largely withdrew from Iraqi cities on June 30, raising concerns about Iraqi security forces and more violence leading up to next year's national elections.

Coke, Pepsi on Beijing's worst polluter list

The Beijing plants of U.S. soft drink giants Coca-Cola and PepsiCo have been listed as among the top 12 factories causing major water pollution in China's capital, the city government announced. The Beijing Benz-DaimlerChrysler plant was included among the top 15 energy users in the capital.

Hurricane Bill reaches Category 4

Hurricane Bill became a dangerous Category 4 storm today, with top sustained winds near 135 mph. Forecasters said it could get even stronger as it moves over the Atlantic Ocean, the AP reports. Bill was centered about 460 miles east of the Leeward Islands and could reach Bermuda in three or four days.

Blockbuster to offer movies on Motorola phones

Blockbuster Inc. yesterday announced that it will offer movies that can be watched on Motorola cell phones. The plan marks the struggling rental company's first step into mobile video and is its latest effort at chasing down the customers who have abandoned its traditional video stores.

Wright, Penn to divorce

Robin Wright and Sean Penn are calling it quits on their more than decade-long marriage. *People* magazine reports that Wright filed for divorce Aug. 12 in Marin County, Calif.

Favre spurs Viking ticket sales

Time will tell whether quarterback Brett Favre delivers an NFL title to the Minnesota Vikings, but he's certainly good for business. During a five-hour stretch yesterday after Favre announced he was joining the Vikings, the team sold 2,000 season ticket packages and 6,000 single-game tickets, ESPN reports.

Today in history

On this day in
1977, comedian
Groucho Marx
died at age 86.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Physicians: HCIS is offering open lab time from 3 to 5:30 p.m. today, tomorrow, and Friday in the HCIS Training Room, 11606 PFP, Elevator L, Level 1. If you need support with orders, notes, In Basket, or maneuvering through Epic, come to the lab for assistance. HCIS staff will provide support. Directions to 11606 PFP: Walk through the Eye Clinic; at the directional marquee, turn left; proceed to the end of hallway, turn right; 11606 is at the end of the hallway on the left.
- The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Iowa is looking for local volunteers for both wish-granting and fundraising efforts. Make-A-Wish grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions—many of whom are treated at UI Children’s Hospital—to enrich the human spirit with hope, strength, and joy. A volunteer informational meeting will be held at 6 p.m. tomorrow at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 123 E. Market St., Iowa City. Please call 930-2930 for details or to R.S.V.P.
- “Zoonotic Infections: Their Importance and Neglect” is the theme of the 2009-10 College of Public Health Distinguished Faculty Lecture by Gregory Gray, UI professor of epidemiology. Gray will speak at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, in 2117 MERF. For more information, contact Kathy Hicklin at 384-5491.
- UI Obesity Surgery will hold an educational seminar and question-and-answer session from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, in the Ziffren Conference Room, Elevator H, Level 1. The meeting will address different types of weight loss surgery including gastric bypass and adjustable gastric banding. For more information, contact Debi Heitshusen at 6-7694 or debi-heitshusen@uiowa.edu.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Newton Road is closed from its intersection with Highway 6 to the north entrance of Carver-Hawkeye Arena and will reopen tomorrow. The closure will affect only traffic entering from Highway 6, not traffic entering from South Riverside Drive. The closure is due to storm sewer work as part of the Carver-Hawkeye Arena addition and renovation project. Traffic should use Hawkins Drive as an alternate route.
- The Aug. 13 Internal Medicine Grand Rounds presentation, “The Year Ahead,” by Mark Anderson, MD, PhD, is now available online at <https://www.int-med.uiowa.edu/Intranet/UI/GrandRounds/GR8-13-09/GR8-13-09.html>. You will be asked to type “healthcare!” with your HealthCareID and then type in your password.
- Volunteers are needed for the first-aid tent at the Summer of the Arts Sand in the City event Friday to Sunday, Aug. 28 to 30, in downtown Iowa City. Volunteers will provide basic first-aid services. For more information, contact Tom Walljasper at 384-1745 or tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu.
- The reopening of the Burlington Street pedestrian bridge, currently being renovated by the City of Iowa City Public Works Department, will be delayed into September. The east-west leg of the bridge across Highway 6 is now scheduled to reopen Sept. 4. The north-south leg across Grand Avenue will remain closed until mid-September. Pedestrians are directed to an at-grade crossing on the north side of Burlington Street with pedestrian signals provided, but UI officials strongly encourage the use of the Iowa Avenue pedestrian bridge as an alternate route whenever possible.
- Have you set a new HawkID password? Your current HawkID/password is now your HealthCareID/password for workstation login and health care applications (Epic, Outlook, etc.). The usernames for both will be the same, but each ID will have its own password. You’ll need to set a new HawkID password to access University applications (Employee Self Service, ICON, etc.). For more information or to set a new HawkID password now, go to <http://hawkid.uiowa.edu/project>. Pick up a pocket reminder card in any hospital dining room.
- 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.
- The Rossi Guest House is accepting donations of non-perishable and microwaveable foods, including popcorn, snack food, instant hot cereals, hot chocolate packs, fruit juices, coffee, paper plates, bowls, and plastic utensils. Items can be brought to the Guest House office, Elevator C, Level 5, or call Sharon Artman at 356-1900 for pickup.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Volunteers between the ages of 50 and 70 with a high school education and no history of neurological disease are invited to participate in a research study of cognitive function. Participants will be asked to undergo neuropsychological testing which will include two hours of involvement. Compensation. For details, call 356-8759 or e-mail natasha-feuerbach@uiowa.edu.

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.