

Noon News



Today
High: 80 Low: 64
Partly sunny



Tomorrow
High: 77 Low: 67
Showers

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Mason: Hancher recommendation later this year

University of Iowa President Sally Mason told the state Board of Regents at its meeting yesterday she wants to recommend a new site for flood-damaged Hancher Auditorium later this year, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* reports. Two potential sites for Hancher were announced at a public forum last month—one near its current location and one in downtown Iowa City. A second forum is expected this fall.

Regents OK Art Building East location

The state Board of Regents yesterday approved a site selection for the UI Art Building East, permanently closed by the 2008 flood. The UI can now start negotiations with property owners along both sides of River Street. In the meantime, the UI will invest an additional \$6 million to upgrade the temporary Studio Arts Building at the old Menards location, according to the *Iowa City Press-Citizen*.

Atheists' ads removed from buses

Des Moines Area Regional Transit authorities say Iowa Atheists & Freethinkers advertising signs have been removed from its buses, the *Des Moines Register* reports. The ads read, "Don't believe in God? You are not alone," and led to complaints from bus riders after they first went up on Saturday.

Sotomayor awaits confirmation

Sonia Sotomayor prepares to make history as the Supreme Court's first Hispanic justice despite staunch opposition from Republicans who call her ill-suited for the bench, the Associated Press reports. Sotomayor is expected to receive Senate confirmation today, replacing retiring Justice David Souter.

Concern over Clinton trip to North Korea

Some Republicans are worried that former President Bill Clinton's recent mission to North Korea to negotiate the release of two jailed American journalists sets a bad precedent, ABC News reports. The White House said Clinton's trip was not linked to its foreign policy objectives regarding North Korea.

Hurricane Felicia heads toward Hawaii

Hurricane Felicia intensified over the Pacific Ocean yesterday with sustained winds of 140 miles per hour, the U.S. National Hurricane Center reported. Felicia is expected to hit the Hawaiian Islands by Monday, although its journey over Pacific waters is expected to weaken the storm, CNN reports.

Ferry sinks in Tonga

An overnight ferry packed with sleeping passengers sank near the Pacific island nation of Tonga, leaving more than 30 people missing, according to the Associated Press. Rescuers have pulled more than 50 survivors from the water. Many of the still-missing passengers are women and children.

Hiroshima mayor calls for banning nukes

At a ceremony today marking the 64th anniversary of the world's first atomic bomb attack, the mayor of Hiroshima, Japan, urged global leaders to back President Barack Obama's call last April to rid the world of nuclear weapons. Hiroshima was destroyed and an estimated 140,000 people were killed or died within months after the U.S. dropped its deadly payload in the waning days of World War II.

GM plans plug-in SUV

General Motors' product development chief said today that GM will introduce a plug-in rechargeable midsize sport utility vehicle sometime in late 2010 or in 2011, the Associated Press reports. The new vehicle will get double the city gas mileage of a similar-sized SUV, such as the Chevrolet Equinox.

Steven Tyler takes a tumble

Aerosmith singer Steven Tyler was taken to a hospital after falling from the stage at a concert at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota last night. Tyler, 61, reportedly suffered minor injuries.

ESPN to televise Iowa high school game

ESPN plans to broadcast Aplington-Parkersburg's Aug. 28 football game against Dike-New Hartford, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports. Longtime Aplington-Parkersburg coach Ed Thomas was shot and killed while leading a weight room session in June. ESPN had a crew in Parkersburg after the shooting.

Today in history

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On this day in 1984, the album *Purple Rain* by Prince was released.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Institute for Clinical and Translational Science is hosting an informational meeting at noon today in the East Room, Elevator F, Level 8. Vince Magnotta from the UI MR Research Facility and Laurie Ponto from the UI PET Imaging Center will give presentations about their respective areas of imaging and expertise.
- An Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting for patients, families, visitors, and hospital staff is at 7:30 tonight, Conference Room G, Elevator F, Level 7.
- Visit the Books are Fun Sale until 3 p.m. today in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. A portion of the proceeds will benefit UI Children's Hospital.
- Join Project Art and Volunteer Services for Jeffrey Morgan and Friends, performing as part of the Summer Concert Series, from noon to 1 p.m. today at the Rooftop Café, Elevator F, Level 8. Enjoy "fun folk" music, mixing traditional songs and stories, along with promotional food specials. Rain location: 7th Floor Atrium Dining Room. To join Project Art's mailing list, send an e-mail with "subscribe" in the subject line to uihc-projectart@uiowa.edu.
- Tune in tomorrow to hear an interview with Lisa Falkers-Mackey, a nurse in UI Hospitals and Clinics Burn Treatment Center, about the fourth annual UI Hospitals and Clinics Burn Treatment Center Golf Invitational happening later this month. The interview will air at 7:30 and 9:50 a.m. tomorrow on the AM-800 KXIC "University of Iowa Health Care Today" program.
- UI Health Care faculty and staff are invited to a seminar, "Healthy Land, Healthy Food, Healthy Eaters Cultivating Sustainable Food Systems to Advance Health" presented by the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, from 8 to 9 a.m. tomorrow in 102 CDD. CME offered. For more information, contact Brenda Nosbich, 353-6008.
- Summer reading: Recycle your books at the Patient's Library, then come to the library's book sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 4—one day only—in the East Room, Elevator F, Level 8. Questions? Call 384-8908.
- Register for Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction, an eight-week program to manage stress and chronic conditions and/or promote wellness. Upcoming classes are scheduled for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 15 through Nov. 3; 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 16 through Nov. 4; and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 30 through Nov. 18. Attendance at an informational session is required prior to registering. The cost is \$400; tuition support is available through UI Wellness. For more information, visit www.uihealthcare.com/mindfulness, e-mail mindfulness@uiowa.edu, or call 384-5089.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The date and hours for the planned steam and heating water service outage to the Main Operating Room Suite in Colloton Pavilion have been revised. The outage, necessary to repair a steam valve and water line, will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday and last approximately five hours. Questions? Contact Robert Leslie at 356-8273.
- Domestic hot water service to Pappajohn Pavilion patient areas (all floors) will be interrupted on Tuesday from 6 to approximately 10 p.m. in order to replace leaking valves. For more information, contact Merle Hagie at 384-9575.
- Personal mail should be deposited in U.S. mailboxes located throughout the main level of UI Hospitals and Clinics.
- Interested in starting an 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. North Liberty vanpool? Contact Sara Knepp at sara-knepp@uiowa.edu.
- 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.
- 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

- 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.

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.