

Noon News



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UI enrollment drops slightly

Fall enrollment at the University of Iowa is 30,328 students—233 fewer than last year’s record total, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* reports. UI enrollment numbers released yesterday show that 563 fewer Iowans—17,843 students total—are enrolled at the university. The number of out-of-state students has risen by 330 to 12,485 students this year. Non-residents make up 41.2 percent of the total student body.

Count suggests poor pheasant season

Pheasant hunting, a popular fall activity in Iowa, could be a little less enjoyable this year. A statewide count by the Department of Natural Resources found 15.5 pheasants per 30-mile route, down from last year’s 18 birds. The record low was 13 pheasants in 2001. Poor weather and a loss of habitat are blamed for the declines. The DNR estimates that hunters will harvest 350,000 pheasants this year.

Job openings fall

Job openings fell to the lowest level in nine years in July, the Associated Press (AP) reports. A Labor Department survey found that businesses and government advertised 2.4 million open positions on the last day of July—the fewest openings since the department began collecting data in December 2000.

Trade deficit climbs

The Commerce Department said the nation’s trade deficit rose 16.3 percent to \$32 billion in July, as a surge in shipments of foreign oil and autos pushed imports up by a record amount. Imports rose by 4.7 percent—the largest monthly advance on records that go back to 1992, according to the AP.

Lawmakers slam ‘You lie!’ outburst

Democrats and Republicans denounced Rep. Joe Wilson for shouting “You lie!” at President Barack Obama during his speech to Congress last night, the AP reports. The South Carolina Republican’s outburst came after Obama said extending health care would not mean insuring illegal immigrants.

Search continues for Sierra Leone boat survivors

At least 221 people—including many schoolchildren returning from holidays—remain missing today after a wooden boat capsized yesterday in Sierra Leone. Eight passengers were killed in the accident. A police official said the boat may have capsized due to overcrowding, the AP reports.

Ballots tossed in Afghan election

The commission investigating fraud in Afghanistan’s election threw out votes from 83 polling stations today, the AP reports. President Hamid Karzai has more than half of the preliminary vote count. If the lead drops below 50 percent, Karzai would face a run-off with challenger Abdullah Abdullah.

France’s Sarkozy urges carbon tax

French President Nicolas Sarkozy wants to tax carbon dioxide emissions by households and businesses, a measure aimed at helping France slash its output of greenhouse gases over the coming decades. Polls show that around two-thirds of the French people oppose the move, the AP reports.

Old Farmer’s considers new technology

Janice Stillman, editor of the 218-year-old *Old Farmer’s Almanac*, said the publication is looking into creating an iPhone application. The latest print version of the almanac, released this week, has a circulation of 3.5 million readers. The book is known for its weather predictions and advice tidbits.

DeGeneres joins ‘Idol’

Comedian Ellen DeGeneres, one of country’s top talk-show hosts, was named yesterday as the new fourth judge on Fox’s “American Idol.” DeGeneres will replace Paula Abdul, who quit the most-watched American television show last month, when the singing talent show returns in January 2010.

Oudin drops U.S. Open quarterfinal

Melanie Oudin’s magical U.S. Open run ended last night. In her first Grand Slam tennis quarterfinal, the 17-year-old American lost to No. 9-seeded Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark 6-2, 6-2. Oudin had defeated four more established players at the Open, including three-time champion Maria Sharapova.

Today in history

**On this day in
1972, singer Don
McLean hit #1
with his song,
“American Pie.”**

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Y105 Radiothon in Dubuque is raising money for Children's Miracle Network to benefit UI Children's Hospital. Listen live over the Internet at www.y105online.com from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and tomorrow, or tune your station to 105.3 FM if you are near Dubuque.
- An Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting for patients, families, visitors, and hospital staff is at 7:30 tonight, Conference Room G, Elevator F, Level 7.
- Tune in to an interview about Child Safety Month with Pam Hoogerwerf, community services coordinator with UI Children's Hospital, airing at 7:30 and 9:50 a.m. tomorrow on the AM-800 KXIC "University of Iowa Health Care Today" program.
- Project Art presents the Court Hill Woodwind Quintet, which will perform from noon to 1 p.m. tomorrow in the Colloton Atrium, Elevator E/F, Level 1.
- Hardin Library is offering an open workshop, "How Can We Help You Search CINAHL?" from 3 to 4 p.m. tomorrow. Contact kelly-thormodson@uiowa.edu for more information.
- Wild Rose Books will be hosting a Technology Event on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby. Stop by for Snow Leopard demos and to test-drive popular Apple and Dell computers, and check out the store's new line of consumer audio and computer accessories. Receive a free Apple tote bag with a purchase of \$20 or more! Educational discount prices apply for UI students, faculty, and staff on selected technology. For more information, call 384-5151.
- The UI Department of Family Medicine is offering a six-week, highly interactive Chronic Disease Self-Management Program designed for people with chronic health conditions and/or people close to someone with chronic health conditions. Topics will include weekly goal-setting, effective problem solving, improved communications, managing symptoms and medications, fitness, relaxation, healthy eating, and dealing with negative emotions. Sessions run from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Oct. 15. Cost is \$40, which includes the resource book "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions," and a relaxation CD. For information or to enroll, call 384-8994.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- UI Health Care employees, please take the Internal Communications Survey! Find the online survey on [The Point](#) or pick up a paper copy wherever you get *Noon News*. Drop boxes for paper copies are located in Melrose Dining Room, Fountain Dining Room, EMRB Café, MERF Information Desk, Center for Disabilities and Development, and Bowen Science Building main level. Don't forget to wait five seconds after you submit the survey for an optional quick question. Deadline: Wednesday, Sept. 16. Your opinion counts!
- Normal electrical power service to several offices and a telecommunications room on Level 2, General Hospital, will be interrupted for approximately eight hours, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Red emergency outlets and emergency lighting will be available during this interruption, which is related to the Institute for Clinical and Translational Sciences project. Questions? Contact Tom Davin at 356-2582.
- Beginning Tuesday, UI Health Care will power down computers to reduce expenses and conserve resources. Most computers will power off at 6:30 p.m. and power on at 6:15 a.m. While most desktop computers are included in this program, certain machines have been excluded, including those requiring special accommodations and those in inpatient areas. Check your e-mail for complete details, including FAQs, or contact the HCIS Help Desk at 356-0001.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Do you need two dental fillings on your permanent front teeth? The UI College of Dentistry is recruiting volunteers for a research study. You may qualify if you have a space between your front teeth, two fractured or chipped front teeth, or two discolored restorations in your front teeth. The study requires seven visits over three years. Compensation. Contact the Dental Clinical Research Center for a screening appointment at 335-7414.
- Adults ages 56 to 80 who previously received the smallpox vaccine at least 10 years ago and are in good overall health are invited to participate in a smallpox vaccine study at the UI. Participation involves a total of seven visits over approximately nine months to evaluate the safety and efficacy of an investigational new generation of smallpox vaccine in people over age 56. For more information, call 356-4848 or e-mail recruit-vaccine-research@uiowa.edu and put "BN-024" in the subject line.
- 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.