

Noon News



Today
High: 78 Low: 49
Mostly sunny



Tomorrow
High: 82 Low: 54
Sunny

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“What if everything is an illusion and nothing exists? In that case, I definitely overpaid for my carpet.”

—Woody Allen,
American humorist

UI ordered to release documents

Sixth District Court Judge Douglas Russell has ordered The University of Iowa to turn over about 1,100 new pages of documents related to a sexual assault investigation involving two former Hawkeye football players. The order is in response to a January 2008 lawsuit filed by the *Press-Citizen*. Bob Brammer, from the Iowa Attorney General’s office representing UI, said they are “reviewing the decision and considering our next steps, including the possibility of appealing the decision.”

Teen dies, two others hurt in I-380 crash

Alyssa Benedict, a 16-year-old girl from Tiffin, died and two other teens were injured in a rollover crash on Interstate 380 last night. Iowa State Patrol authorities said Benedict was a passenger in a van driven by 15-year-old Rachel Stewart of North Liberty who lost control as the northbound van rolled near the Iowa River bridge. The other passenger was 16-year-old Rachel Petersen from Tiffin. Both Petersen and Stewart remain hospitalized.

Iowa City Council to consider curfew ordinance

A proposed curfew ordinance, requiring Iowa City children to be off the streets by a certain time based on their age, will be discussed at a special work session Sept. 10.

University profs picket

Professors at Oakland University in suburban Detroit are on strike after their salaries were frozen one year after the university’s president received a \$100,000 pay raise. The local chapter of the American Association of University Professors authorized the strike in response to a proposed three-year wage freeze and cuts in health-insurance benefits. Classes are canceled indefinitely.

Mississippi high schooler gets hero’s welcome

Twenty-two children, ages 5 to 18, were saved from potential catastrophe by a high school football player in Yazoo County, Miss. Kaleb Eulls, 6-foot-4, 255-pounds, was awakened by his younger sister on the school bus after a 14-year-old girl brandished a .380-caliber semi-automatic handgun. Eulls tackled the girl and wrestled the gun from her grasp as the other children evacuated the bus. Eulls, who has committed to playing football for Mississippi State University, received a hero’s welcome when the bus finally arrived at school.

Boy cries tears of blood

Calvino Inman, a 15-year-old from Rockwood, Tenn., panicked when he saw tears of blood streaming down his face. Doctors were baffled after tests showed nothing unusual. Finally, Dr. Barrett G. Haik, director of the University of Tennessee’s Hamilton Eye Institute, said “crying blood” is a rare condition called haemolacria that may occur after extreme trauma or head injury. Inman’s case, however, remains a medical mystery.

Arctic temperatures going up

Arctic temperatures in the 1990s were the warmest they’ve been in at least 2,000 years, according to a study published in *Science* magazine. Darrell Kaufman of Northern Arizona University, lead author of the study, said the results show that recent warming is more unusual than previously documented.

NATO airstrike kills 90

A U.S. jet blasted two fuel tankers hijacked by the Taliban in northern Afghanistan today, killing about 90 people, according to news sources. The airstrike ignites concern over civilian casualties in the Afghan war as dozens of civilians, who had rushed to the area to collect fuel, perished.

Hayden Fry exhibit opens Fry Fest

The exhibit, “Me, Myself and Hayden: The Faces and Folklore of Coach Fry,” opens today at the UI Athletics Hall of Fame and at the Johnson County Historical Society in Coralville. The exhibit is part of the “FryFest” celebration to kick off the first Iowa home game against UNI at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fry Fest at Wild Rose Gifts continues today with t-shirts, ornaments, and streets signs available for purchase. Free Hawkeye tattoos with all purchases (excluding stamps) while supplies last. Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends.
- Book Bonanza! The Patients' Library Book Sale will be held until 3 p.m. today in the East Room, Elevator F, Level 8.
- Friday prayers for those of the Muslim faith are held at 12:45 p.m. in the Meditation Room, Elevator B, Level 1.
- Physicians: HCIS is offering open lab time from 1 to 4 p.m. today in the HCIS Training Room, 11605 PFP, Elevator L, Level 1. If you need support with orders, notes, In Basket, or maneuvering through Epic, you are invited to attend for assistance. HCIS staff will be providing support. For more information, contact Teresa Lane at 356-0002.
- The Medical Museum and Patients' Library will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and closed Monday, Sept. 7 for the Labor Day holiday. Questions? Call 356-2468.
- Spiritual Services holds a Protestant service at 10:30 a.m. and a Catholic Mass at 3:30 p.m. Sundays in the East Room, Elevator F, Level 8. Services are televised on Channel 5.
- An Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Conference Room G, Elevator F, Level 7.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tomorrow is this season's first Hawkeye home football game. Special parking arrangements have been made for staff who work during home games. UI Hospitals and Clinics buildings are on restricted access on game days. Staff may only gain access with photo ID cards or by coming in at the main entrance. For specific details, please contact your manager/supervisor, your departmental HR representative, Hospital Human Resources, or visit [The Point](#).
- Jack Koehn, 13, of Mount Vernon, Iowa, the first Kid Captain from UI Children's Hospital, will take the field for the coin toss before the Hawkeye game with the University of Northern Iowa tomorrow. Thirteen current and former patients of UI Children's Hospital were selected to participate in the Kid Captain Program, a partnership between UI Children's Hospital and the Iowa Hawkeyes to honor pediatric patients and celebrate their inspirational stories. For more information and to "meet" the kids, go to www.uihealthcare.com/children.
- UI Health Care employees, take the Internal Communications Survey! Watch your e-mail for a link to the 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. Deadline: Wednesday, Sept. 16.
- Support the Back to School Socks and Underwear Drive through Sept. 11 by bringing in new, packaged socks and/or underwear (sizes toddler to adult) for the North Liberty Food and Clothing Pantry. Items may be dropped off in Volunteer Services (8025 JCP), any of the four UI College of Medicine Learning Communities in MERF, Hospital Mail Room (1002-2 Shipping Receiving Facility), or UI Health Care External Relations (4144 Westlawn). Distribution will take place in late September. For more information, e-mail tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu or call 384-1745.
- The UIHC Child Care Center, located in Westlawn, has two full-time and three Tuesday/Thursday openings for child care in the pre-Kindergarten room. Children in this room will go to kindergarten in the fall of 2010. Please call 335-9666 for information or e-mail uihc@brighthorizons.com.
- On Tuesday, UI Health Care staff and physicians will be able to submit PSN reports via the Patient Safety Net Help Line. Call 467-6543 any time to submit a report. You will be asked for information about the patient and the event. You may still enter PSN reports by clicking on the PSN icon on all clinical desktops. Questions? Call the Patient Safety Office at 467-5595.
- Help raise funds for kids with cancer at UI Children's Hospital by participating in the Walk for A Cure event at City Park in Iowa City from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 17. Proceeds from the 2.7 mile-walk, which starts and ends at shelter #6 in Lower City Park, will benefit the Aiming for a Cure Foundation. To register, sign up at www.aimingforacure.com.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Individuals age 18 and older who have fewer than three bowel movements per week, abdominal pain or discomfort, and experience straining or hard stools may be eligible to participate in a research study evaluating an investigational medication for the relief of irritable bowel syndrome with constipation. For details please call 384-9756 or jessica-paulson@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.