

Noon News



Today
High: 50 Low: 45
Showers



Tomorrow
High: 52 Low: 41
Cloudy

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More TA cuts on the way?

UI officials said more graduate TA (teaching assistant) positions may be cut as budgets tighten, the *Daily Iowan* reports. So far this year, the UI has lost 150 teaching and research assistant positions, said John Keller, dean of the Graduate College. About 1,800 TA positions are generally available. Graduate students typically use these positions to help fund their education.

State revenue plummets again

The Legislative Services Agency reports show that Iowa tax collections plunged 19.2 percent last month, the eighth straight month of decline. "This is the worst month in decades," said Jeff Robinson, a fiscal analyst with the agency.

Area radio personality passes away

Dic Youngs died yesterday at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. The 68-year-old Youngs was a well known Iowa rock 'n' roll DJ on KIOA radio since 1969. He was inducted into the Iowa Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame in 1997 and received its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006.

BofA CEO to retire in high style

Bank of America CEO Ken Lewis will collect a \$53 million pension when he retires at the end of the year. Despite the current low value of the bank's stock, a frozen supplemental executive pension fund will pay him \$3.5 million per year for the rest of his life, CNNMoney.com reports.

Letterman admits to doing "creepy things"

Last night on his "Late Show," David Letterman shared details about the arrest of a 20-year-plus CBS News veteran, Joe Halderman, who was charged with attempted grand larceny in the first degree. Letterman admitted to doing "creepy things" and said that Halderman attempted to extort \$2 million from him in exchange for his silence about sexual liaisons Letterman had with female employees.

Obama meets with top Afghanistan commander

President Obama met today with General Stanley McChrystal, the top military commander in Afghanistan, to discuss McChrystal's proposal to deploy as many as 40,000 more U.S. troops to Afghanistan. The meeting took place aboard Air Force One.

Northeast Philippines braces for Typhoon Parma

Tens of thousands of villagers fled their homes as Typhoon Parma dropped heavy rain in the east coast mountain region. The typhoon is forecast to hit the area tomorrow, with winds of up to 120 mph. Officials fear it may develop into a "super-typhoon," the government's weather bureau said.

U.S. missile may have killed top Pakistani militant

Tahir Yuldash, leader of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, who is linked to al-Qaida, is believed to have died from a U.S. missile strike in Pakistan, intelligence officials said today. However, a top Taliban militant called the Associated Press to insist that "these reports are all fake."

IBM takes on Google

IBM will introduce an inexpensive Web-based corporate e-mail service next week to compete with Google Apps, Reuters News reports. An IBM spokesman said the company will sell LotusLive iNotes at \$36 per user per year, about 25 percent less than what Google charges for a similar application.

Gosselin says no more reality TV for kids

Last night, Jon Gosselin of "Jon & Kate Plus 8" said on "Larry King Live" that he doesn't want his children to continue being part of the TLC reality show. "They're 5 and 8 now; let them experience a normal childhood," he said. The popular cable show has been running for four years.

Hawks battle Red Wolves at home tomorrow

The UI football team will play its final nonconference game of the 2009 season against Arkansas State University at 11:05 a.m. tomorrow in Kinnick Stadium.

"The best way to cheer up is to try to cheer someone else up."

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—Mark Twain,
American author
and humorist

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Early satellite voting for the Iowa City Council Primary will be offered until 5 p.m. today in the Pappajohn Pavilion lobby (Elevator I, Level 1). This is a service open to all Iowa City residents.
- Internationally recognized cellist Steven Elisha will perform from noon to 1 p.m. today in the Colloton Pavilion atrium (Elevator E/F, Level 7). Elisha is in Iowa City as part of a three-day residency at the hospital, playing for patients and visitors.
- Friday prayers for those of the Muslim faith are held at 12:45 p.m. in the Meditation Room, Elevator B, Level 1.
- University of Iowa Dance Marathon is Flippin' for Kids from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. tomorrow at Hawkeye Village, adjacent to the UI football practice field. Pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee! Purchase \$5 tickets at the door, by phone at 335-8484, or e-mail cmn@uiowa.edu. Proceeds benefit pediatric cancer programs at UI Children's Hospital.
- The Patients' Library and the Medical Museum, Elevator F, Level 8, are open 1 to 4 p.m. weekends.
- 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.
- Learn about fire safety during UI Health Care's "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned!" event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday in the Pappajohn Pavilion atrium (Elevator I, Level 1). A puppet show by the UI Burn Treatment Center will be held at noon. The event, part of National Fire Prevention Week, will feature safety products from the [UI Children's Hospital Safety Store](#), displays, hand-outs, information, and more. For details, contact Mary Thompson at 356-2277 or mary-thompson@uiowa.edu.
- Help celebrate the dedication of the new UI Sports Medicine Center at two public festivities—a ribbon-cutting and an open house—on Homecoming weekend. The ribbon-cutting will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, and the open house will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10. The UI Sports Medicine Center is located at 2701 Prairie Meadow Drive in Iowa City (near the Roy G. Karro Hawkeye Hall of Fame building. For more information, visit www.uihealthcare.com/sportsmed.
- "What's New in Treating Prostate Cancer" is the next Health For Your Lifetime program, which will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, in the East Room. Richard D. Williams, MD, and Fadi N. Joudi, MD, both from the Department of Urology, will present. Call 335-8886, 877-MEDIOWA, or visit www.uihealthcare.com/register to register for the free event.
- 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.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tomorrow is a 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, Health Care Human Resources, or visit [The Point](#).
- Jacob Endress, 6, of Geneseo, Ill., is tomorrow's Kid Captain for the Hawkeye game against Arkansas State. Jacob received third-degree burns in May when he fell into a fire pit while playing. He spent 10 days in the Burn Treatment Center at UI Children's Hospital and returned for follow-up visits over the following months. Jacob's recovery continues, but that doesn't stop him from playing his favorite sports and practicing Tae Kwon Do. To learn more, visit www.uihealthcare.com/children.
- UI Health Care Human Resources Office will not be printing ID badges today due to staff training. The office will reopen for badging at 7:30 a.m. on Monday. Questions? Call the UI Health Care Human Resources office at 356-2008.
- The UIHC Child Care Center, located in Westlawn, has openings for children ages 27 months to 36 months old. Please contact the center at 335-9666 or at uihc@brighthorizons.com.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Breast-fed babies less than 28 days of age are invited to participate in a one-year nutrition study. Compensation is available. For more information, call 467-4525 or 778-5118 (UI Health Care pediatric nutrition staff).

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.