

Noon News



Today
High: 52 Low: 34
Drizzly and cloudy



Tomorrow
High: 47 Low: 30
Showers

Friday, October 9, 2009

More faculty and staff news:
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H1N1 flu vaccine arrives in Iowa City

Johnson County public health officials announced arrival of the first shipment of H1N1 flu vaccine. The 500 doses of the nasal spray FluMist® will be used to immunize health care professionals based on priority needs. More vaccine doses will arrive over the next several weeks.

Culver orders budget cuts that will affect UI

Iowa Gov. Chet Culver announced yesterday a 10 percent across-the-board state budget cut, effective immediately. Layoffs, program closures, and government service shut-downs will follow. UI leaders have convened emergency meetings. The Iowa Board of Regents will direct UI program cuts or layoffs that may occur. Regent President David Miles announced a hiring freeze and construction moratorium on all projects except UI flood recovery projects.

Obama wins peace prize

President Barack Obama was awarded the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize today, announced by Thorbjorn Jagland, chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee. The committee said it honored Obama for his “extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples.”

Astor’s son guilty

A Manhattan jury found the son of philanthropist Brooke Astor and his lawyer guilty yesterday of stealing millions of dollars from the late socialite’s estate, CNN reported. Anthony Marshall was convicted of 14 out of 16 charges, including first-degree grand larceny and scheming to defraud.

Atrazine herbicide safety reconsidered

An herbicide used on Iowa cornfields is being studied once again by the Environmental Protection Agency. Atrazine, certified in 2006 for continued use, may pose health dangers to people and animals. “Studies point to significant concerns about this chemical’s impact on wildlife, babies, and developing children,” said Mae Wu of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Youngest breast cancer survivor

Eleven year old Hannah Powell-Auslam, a sixth grader from Fullerton, Calif., has been battling breast cancer since April. After her last chemotherapy treatment, the cancer was no longer detectable. She is believed to be the youngest breast cancer survivor in the country, ABC News reports.

Car bomb kills 49 in Pakistan

A suspected suicide car bomber killed 49 people today in the Pakistani city of Peshawar, Reuters reports. There was no claim of responsibility, but Interior Minister Rehman Malik said, “all roads are leading to South Waziristan,” referring to the Taliban headquarters in the northwest.

Study says global warming encourages terrorism

A report written by 11 U.S. generals and admirals, “National Security and the Threat of Climate Change,” says that man-made climate change assists terrorist recruitment. The leaders contend that worldwide droughts—particularly in poor countries—leave young men without meaningful work. U.S. Army Gen. Gordon Sullivan told ABC News, “Probably, the poster child is Somalia. Famine created by drought [leaves many people] ripe for picking for terrorist groups.”

\$79 million search for moon water

NASA crashed a rocket and a satellite into the moon’s surface this morning in a \$79 million mission looking for water on the moon. NASA televised live images of the Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite, or LCROSS, as it crashed into a crater near the moon’s South Pole.

Big game tomorrow

Iowa faces Michigan tomorrow night in a nationally televised football game—the first UI Homecoming game played under the lights. Coverage begins at 7 p.m. on ABC. Hawkeye fans are encouraged to wear more black than gold to create a “Blackout” effect at Kinnick Stadium. This is the first time the No. 12 Hawkeyes have played Michigan since 2006.

“Life is my college. May I graduate well and earn some honors. ”

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—*Louisa May Alcott*
American novelist

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday prayers for those of the Muslim faith are held at 12:45 p.m. in the Meditation Room, Elevator B, Level 1.
- 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. today and the open house will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. tomorrow. 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.
- 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.
- Tune in to an interview about prostate cancer with Richard Williams, MD, airing at 7:30 and 9:50 a.m. Monday on the AM-800 KXIC "University of Iowa Health Care Today" program.
- Hardin Library is offering an open workshop "How Can We Help You Master Endnote?" from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday. Contact kelly-thormodson@uiowa.edu for more information.
- Join a free informational seminar on the latest advancements in laser vision correction (LASIK) from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday in the Blodi Conference Room in Pomerantz Family Pavilion, Elevator L, Level 1. For reservations or more information, call 353-7625 or e-mail lasik@uiowa.edu, or visit <http://webeye.ophth.uiowa.edu/dept/laser/reg-seminar.htm>.
- 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

- Normal electrical power service to the first and second floors of John Colloton Pavilion (clinic side only) will be interrupted on Saturday for approximately five hours, beginning at 7 a.m. and ending at noon, to perform electrical maintenance. Red emergency outlets and emergency lighting will be available. Affected areas include Surgery Clinics and the Vascular Lab on the first floor and Peds Specialty Clinic and Peds X-Ray on the second floor. Questions? Contact Tom Davin at 356-2582.
- Tomorrow is the Hawkeye homecoming 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](#).
- Brothers Lucas and Nathaniel Anderson of Davenport are tomorrow's Kid Captains for the Hawkeye game against Michigan. Both boys were born with serious medical issues—Luke, 9, had narrowing of the aorta and other cardiopulmonary abnormalities, and Nate, 12, had a rare spinal cord tumor. Thanks to major surgeries and ongoing treatments at UI Children's Hospital, the brothers lead active and healthy lives. To learn more, visit www.uihealthcare.com/children.
- Engineering Services requests that any department with extra foam for use in the pneumatic tube system call the Pneumatic Tube Line at 356-3742 to have it picked up. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
- Would you like to learn tips and ideas on becoming a more resilient person? Does a better night's sleep interest you? Then contact the Employee Assistance Program at 335-2085 or e-mail EAPhelp@uiowa.edu for more information. The EAP has a variety of resources to assist you, including sleep CDs that are available for checkout.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

More studies listed at: www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html.

- The UI Department of Psychology is inviting adults 18 years of age and older who are currently receiving mental health or substance abuse treatment to participate in a research study on personality, mood, and anxiety symptoms. Participants have two options: completing a questionnaire and interview in the lab that takes about two hours, or completing an online or mail-in questionnaire that takes about 1.5 hours. Compensation. For details, call 335-2036 or e-mail mood-personality@uiowa.edu.
- Transit, school, and charter bus drivers are invited to participate in a study that will look at the effects of an FDA approved medication used for short-term treatment of insomnia. Must be 18 to 65 years of age and live within a 30-minute drive to University Research Park (Oakdale Campus). Approximately nine study visits over a six to eight week period. Evening and Saturday visits available. Compensation. Call 335-4719 for more information.

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.