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Partly sunny to somewhat cloudy, breezy, 40% chance of rain/T-storms.

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Jessica McAllister answers a question regarding her nomination for director of the Board of Directors of the Idyllwild Homeowners Association during a meeting at the Coralville Public Library on Monday. The homeowners are in favor of putting off rebuilding in hopes of receiving a buyout from FEMA.

## No easy road for Idyllwild

By Alyssa Cashman  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Frustration and confusion reigned at the Idyllwild Homeowner's Association meeting Monday night.

At the Coralville Library, approximately 100 people filled a meeting room to discuss the possibility of a federal buyout as well as whether they wanted to start the long and expensive task of rebuilding.

After the three-hour meeting, many heated arguments, and input from nearly 20 different people, the group finally decided to delay making a decision on the rebuilding, as well as to keep the Board of Directors intact.

"To lose the [board] would be the worst thing that could happen," said Iowa City attorney

Tom Gelman, who served as an adviser.

According to Iowa law, a decisive vote must be made within a month of the flooding by the homeowners in order to keep the board of directors up and running. That date, July 12, loomed as homeowners and lone board member Phil Zell struggled to reach a compromise.

Philip Reisetter and Jay Stein were two of the more outspoken homeowners, urging the group to delay the decision on whether to rebuild until more information on costs was available.

Gelman and another lawyer, Joe Holland, also warned the residents against making hasty decisions.

The residents heard from Iowa City officials about the buyout program through the

Federal Emergency Management Agency. They told the residents that the process would be long, and a final buyout plan would not be completed for over a year.

The residents have the option to ask Iowa City officials to submit buyout applications to FEMA, but they won't know how much they will get for their property until the plan is finished.

"There will probably be more demand than allocations available," warned Jeff Davidson, the director of Iowa City Planning and Community Development.

The council has to submit a final application to FEMA by Sept. 12. Afterwards, it could take up to six months for FEMA

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### Idyllwild to Idyllwilderness?

The owners of homes in Idyllwild must either rebuild or seek buyouts from the federal government through FEMA. The buyout process is long:

- First, the residents would have to push for the city to include their homes in its application for buyout funds to FEMA.
- If the city does include Idyllwild, the application wouldn't go out until September.
- After that, FEMA could take up to six months to respond.

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**Who benefits**

The Funded Retirement Insurance Committee is pushing for these changes:

- Increase coverage for married UI employees from 75 percent to 80 percent
- Decrease long-term disability insurance from 70 percent to 60 percent
- Each employee receives \$90 per month for credit toward uncovered health expenses
- Offer a \$200 per month incentive to employees who use insurance outside of the UI
- Those who don't use UI dental insurance receive \$25 per month for credit
- Employees who choose \$50,000, or less than two times their salary, in life insurance receive \$40 per month for credit

## Down on the floodplain

Iowa City floodplain maps, updated in 2007, are not likely to change.

By Adam Sullivan  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Government officials aren't adjusting their floodplain maps, despite two "once in a lifetime" floods in 15 years.

"Just because a community has a flood bigger than the flood shown on a map doesn't mean you'll get a new map," said Bill Cappuccio, a representative of the Department of Natural Resources' Flood Plain Development Program.

Floodplain maps are compiled and published by the

Federal Emergency Management Agency. Those maps show the statistical likelihood that a body of water will rise into a certain area.

For instance, areas in the 100-year floodplain face a 1 percent chance of flooding in a given year.

"It doesn't show the biggest flood that ever happened or the biggest flood that could ever happen," Cappuccio said. "It's just the flood that has a 1 percent chance of occurring."

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### Floodplains (representation of flood probability)

The probability of a floodplain flooding in any given year:

10-year floodplain: 10 percent chance of flooding in a given year  
50-year floodplain: 2 percent chance of flooding in a given year  
100-year floodplain: 1 percent chance of flooding in a given year  
500-year floodplain: .02 percent chance of flooding in a given year

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

## Main Library to reopen

Campus workers are getting further along in the cleanup.

By Olivia Moran  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The UI Main Library will reopen Wednesday, roughly three weeks after the crest of the flood, officials announced Monday.

A group of library and UI administrators met at 10 a.m. Monday and determined that the library will run on normal summer hours.

UI spokesman Steve Parrott said the library's neighbors — the Adler Journalism Building and the English-Philosophy Building — will not reopen this summer. EPB will reopen in time for the fall session, but Adler won't be available until later in the first semester, Parrott said.

Classes in Adler are in the process of being relocated, but Associate Provost Barbara Eckstein said university officials are planning for all different scenarios.

"We're making [at least] two sets of plans: plans without those buildings, plans with those buildings, and plans with one of them and not the other," she said.

Adler and EPB were evacuated on June 14 along with 11



Lindsey Walters/The Daily Iowan  
Storm clouds roll over the blocked-off Main Library on Monday. University officials announced Monday that the library will reopen Wednesday.

other campus buildings, including the entire Arts Campus. Adler also lost power that day. Water had filled the adjacent section of Iowa Avenue at the time, fewer than 100 feet from EPB.

Only days later, the basements of both buildings plus the basement of the Main Library were flooded.

Since then, workers have been

dehumidifying the buildings and pumping water out of the lower levels, attempting to save the underground utility systems. This can sometimes be the biggest problem, Eckstein said.

Although most of the water is out of the basements, she said, the cleanup can be difficult.

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# Pump prices = travel choices

Rising gas prices are forcing some UI employees to look for less expensive ways to get to campus.

**By Ben Travers**

THE DAILY IOWAN

While many students at the UI might consider it ridiculous to ride their bicycle from campus to the Coral Ridge Mall, James Lambert makes the lengthy trek every day.

Lambert, a graduate student who teaches rhetoric at the UI, bikes the five miles from his home near the mall instead of driving because the recent rise in gasoline prices has forced his family to cut costs.

He said he used to come back to campus at night to get more work done, but now he cannot afford it.

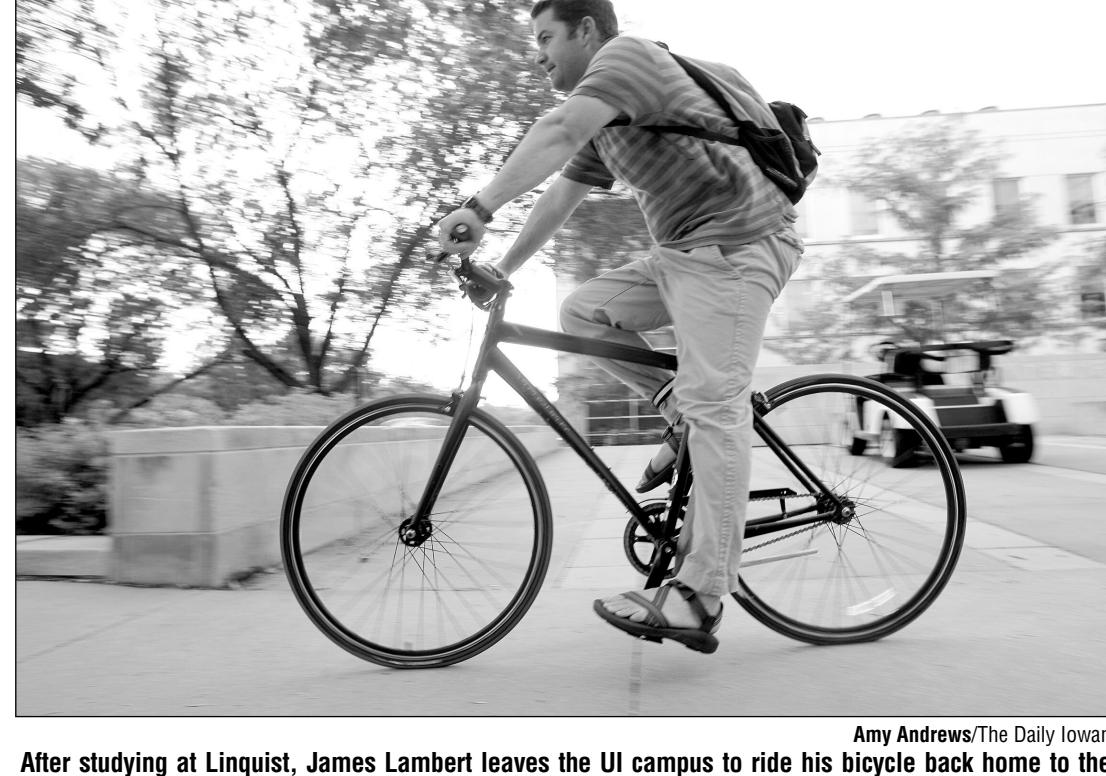
"I usually come a little bit earlier in the mornings so I can get my work done and not come back later," he said. "I just don't want to spend money on gas."

Though gas prices have been a prevalent issue for quite some time, the national average for gas has been rising steadily during the summer, and the effects can be seen locally.

As of Monday afternoon, gas prices near the center of Iowa City were just shy of \$4 a gallon. The national average is \$4.108 for regular gasoline, according to the American Automobile Association's website. One month ago, the average was \$3.988.

However, solutions are available to UI employees.

The university offers travel alternatives for employees, including special parking benefits and a van-leasing program meant to encourage carpooling.



Amy Andrews/The Daily Iowan

After studying at Linquist, James Lambert leaves the UI campus to ride his bicycle back home to the western side of Coralville on Monday. Lambert usually experiences quite a bit of traffic on Highway 6.

Three months ago, there were 76 groups of university employees that rented vans. The program leases vans owned by the UI to groups of employees living out of town for a monthly fee between \$37 and \$138, which pays for fuel and maintenance.

At the end of June, there were 80 groups composed of more than 800 riders total.

Though there is a van available in her hometown of Solon, Kelly Smith, a clinical instructor

of nursing, said it would be just as costly to drive to the carpool meeting place as it is to get to work.

Despite the high prices, she said, her family does not worry too much about the rising costs.

"We think about it more, but it doesn't necessarily stop us from doing what we want to do," Smith said.

Some university employees, however, see benefits in driving less.

Lambert said he gets to see

more of his family because he cannot afford late-night trips to the office anymore. He also said he felt a stronger sense of community by using public transportation.

"I plan my days more efficiently so I can get everything done in one trip," he said. "It's sad when we have to use half our paycheck to fill up the car, but this is kind of a good excuse to make our lives a bit simpler."

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# A mile marker in space

Two UI physicists observe a scientific breakthrough near the edge of the Solar System.

**By Lauren Skiba**

THE DAILY IOWAN

The breakthrough was a "shock" for UI astronomy Professor Don Gurnett and research scientist Bill Kurth.

That is, the pair worked together to see the Voyager 2 spacecraft make contact with the solar wind termination shock.

The shock is a barrier at the outer edges of the Solar System created by weakening solar winds. It exists when the winds slow down rapidly and objects encounter more of the material that exists between solar systems.

The term may be a mouthful, but the two men can describe the scene in virtually every detail. They have known for some time about the shock and had been eagerly awaiting Voyager 2 to make contact.

The solar wind slowdown marks the weakening of the sun's influence on the outer reaches of the Solar System.

"We've sort of reached the first step [toward leaving the Solar System]," Gurnett said.

He works as the principal

investigator of the plasma-wave instrument attached to the Voyager 1 and 2 spacecrafts. The plasma-wave instrument is a low-frequency radio receiver that measures the waves and plasma that the shock produces in outer space.

UCLA planetary physics and geophysical Professor Christopher Russell knew exactly what it felt like to finally find something he's been looking for.

"If you think about going back to the early days of exploration, and you have a good idea that the Pacific is over there, but you landed on the Atlantic," he said, "and you fight your way across the country, and it takes you a long time, and even though you might have guessed it, when you finally see it, that's important."

The professor admitted it was hard to see where this would lead research down the road, but he is convinced that the discovery will clear things up and aid in creating better models.

"It's as if someone is pushing on the screen against you, but you can't see through the screen," he said. "We knew

something was pushing, but we didn't know what was pushing it."

The mission started in 1977, when the two Voyager spacecrafts started moving away from the Sun with a goal of making measurements of Jupiter and Saturn. But they both held up well and continued in separate directions.

"Every day, they entered new, uncharted territory," Kurth said.

Though Voyager 1 hit the termination shock late in 2004, the probe couldn't send data back at the time.

"We didn't get to see the boundary itself," Kurth said. "Now, we actually have measurements in the boundary that we might not have again for the next few decades."

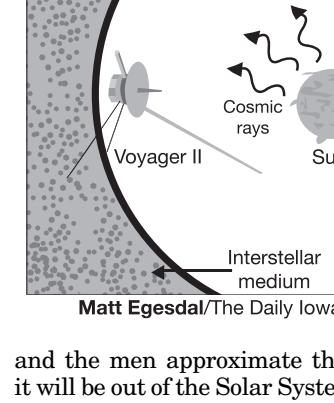
Gurnett said the cosmic ray that is produced by the solar wind termination shock has many of the same characteristics of that coming from a supernova.

He predicted that the Voyager 2 will reach other stars in around 30,000 years. But the essential step of passing through the shock has begun,

## Slow it down

Solar winds propel cosmic rays at extremely high speeds. The rays must slow down in order to pass into the interstellar medium, creating a force known as "termination shock." UI-developed equipment aboard the Voyager II recently measured this shock.

### Termination shock



Matt Egesdal/The Daily Iowan

and the men approximate that it will be out of the Solar System by 2020.

"We've never been there before," Gurnett said. "We just went through a crucial mile marker."

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## METRO

### 1 killed in motorcycle-car crash

One man died and five others were injured Sunday evening in a collision between a motorcycle and car.

Iowa City resident Jeremy Brenneman, 23, was pronounced

dead after the motorcycle he was driving crashed head-on into a car occupied by two adults and three young children, according to the Iowa State Patrol.

Reports showed that the motorcycle was southbound on Highway 965 near Swisher. The car was traveling north on the same road prior to

the collision and was in the process of turning west on Cou Falls Road when the two vehicles collided.

Brenneman was reportedly thrown from the bike.

All occupants of the vehicle — driver Mohammed A. Alterbal, 33, and passengers Lisa Alterbal, 33, Aliyah Alterbal, 3, Hazma Alterbal, 1,

and Bethany Campbell, 9 — were injured in the accident. All are from Cedar Rapids.

Those injured in the accident were transported to the UI Hospitals and Clinics.

An investigation into the incident continues.

— by Carla Kepler

## POLICE BLOTER

**Mario Battle**, 20, Milwaukee, Wis., was charged July 1 with interference with official acts.

**Bonnie Beck**, 20, Brooklyn, Iowa, was charged June 29 with PAULA.

**Lakeisha Burkley**, 22, 2509 Bartelt Road Apt. 1C, was charged July 1 with obstructing an officer.

**Daniel Ceresa**, 25, Coralville, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct.

**Nathaniel Davis**, 20, 1900 Muscatine Ave., was charged July 1 with disorderly conduct.

**Mario Glee**, 24, address unknown, was charged July 1 with interference of official acts, possession of marijuana, public intoxication, possession of an open alcohol container in public, and littering.

**Robert Gregory**, Keokuk, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Rebecca Hillis**, 21, 517 S. Linn St. Apt 16, was charged Sunday with criminal trespassing.

**Brandt Hockman**, 25, 19 E. Burlington St. Apt. 108 was charged

Sunday with criminal trespassing. **Allison Jaegers**, 20, 405 S. Dodge St. Apt. 6, was charged Sunday with criminal trespassing.

**John Johnson**, 50, Des Moines, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Daniel Liechti**, 19, Batavia, Ill., was charged June 29 with PAULA.

**Brian Mell**, 38, Akron, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Amber Newman**, 20, 626 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 5, was charged

Sunday with criminal trespassing. **Gerald Turner**, 24, 2680 Indigo Court, was charged Sunday with OWI.

**Terrell Wilkins**, 24, 902 N. Dodge St. Apt B9, was charged July 5 with obstructing an officer.

**Robert Wilson**, 27, 812 Benton Drive Apt. 11, was charged July 4 with domestic assault with injury, second-degree robbery, and obstruction of emergency communication.

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# Benefit plan draws fire

## BENEFITS

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committee, said the plan hasn't been changed for 20 years, and its cost is getting pretty high, raising from \$5 million to an estimated \$20 million.

Under the proposal, some may lose an estimated \$4,000 each year that was previously allotted for unexpected expenses, said Richard Saunders, the senior associated director of UI Human Resources.

Whatever money is left over from health, dental, life, and retirement coverage in the current system can be used to purchase additional life insurance, childcare services, or out of pocket expenses for health or dental.

Employees would still be able to use \$90 a month for the additional expenses, which is less than married UI couples now receive, though singles would get the extra money for the first time.

Single employees and married couples employed by the UI will receive 100 percent health coverage. Coverage of families with one spouse who doesn't work for the UI will increase from 75 percent to 80 percent.

Many UI couples at the meeting were angry that UI and non-UI families got more than 50 percent coverage, saying it was disproportionately high coverage for only one UI worker.

The committee members responded that they would still receive full coverage and that

benefits are a balancing act.

Recently married UI research assistants Angela Collins and Brian Berger said they depended on the previous benefit system to start a family. Now, they have to reconsider their options.

"It's going to require a bit more planning and potentially harsher choices," Collins said, adding that one option would be to leave the UI.

The proposal will now be sent to the UI administration, where a committee will use forum comments, editorials, and e-mails to decide what the best plan of action will be.

The proposal would also offer \$200 to those who seek insurance outside of the UI's plan.

"We tried coming up with a number to entice people to stay

on their spouse's insurance plan outside of the UI," Saunders said. "Is \$200 the right answer? We don't know. We will determine that after figures come in."

The committee members mostly stuck together in favor of the proposal, but they divided on one point, which was whether it should be implemented in increments or all at once.

Attendees voiced that implementing it all at once would be a huge blow to their income.

The committee said the proposal was more than competitive among other Big Ten schools, but several in the crowd said they would have to consider leaving the UI if the proposal were implemented.

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# Drinking games turn deadly



Jim Mone/Associated Press

This May 30 picture shows a portrait of Jenna Foellmi on her gravestone in Brownsville, Minn. Foellmi, a student at Winona State University, died Dec. 14, 2007 after a night of drinking. Between 1999 and 2005, 157 people between the ages of 18-23 died from drinking too much alcohol.

By Amy Forliti  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WINONA, Minn. — On the morning after the house party on Johnson Street, Jenna Foellmi and several other 20-somethings lay sprawled on the beds and couches. When a friend reached over to wake her, Foellmi was cold to the touch.

The friend's screams woke up the others still asleep in the house.

Foellmi, a 20-year-old biochemistry major at Winona State University, died of alcohol poisoning on Dec. 14, one day after she had finished her last exam of the semester. According to police reports, she had three beers during the day, then played beer pong — a drinking game — in the evening and downed some vodka, too.

Foellmi's death was tragic, but typical in many ways.

An Associated Press analysis of federal records found that 157 college-age people, 18 to 23, drank themselves to death from 1999 through 2005, the most recent year for which figures are available. The number of alcohol-poisoning deaths per year nearly doubled over that span, from 18 in 1999 to a peak of 35 in 2005, though the total went up and down from year to year and dipped as low as 14 in 2001.

"There have always been problems with young people and alcohol, but it just seems like they are a little more intense now than they used to be," said Connie Gores, vice president for student life at Winona State. "The goal of a lot of them is just to get smashed."

Over the seven-year span, 83 of the college-age victims were, like Foellmi, under the drinking age of 21.

A separate AP analysis of hundreds of news articles about alcohol-poisoning deaths in the past decade found that victims drank themselves well past the point of oblivion — with an average blood-alcohol level of 0.40 percent, or five times the legal limit for driving. In nearly every case, friends knew the victim was drunk and put her or him to bed to "sleep it off."

"Her friends were with her. It's not like they just left her alone," said Jenna Foellmi's mother, Kate Foellmi. "She went to bed, and she was snoring. She just didn't wake up."

Schools and communities have responded in a variety of ways, including programs to teach incoming freshmen the dangers of extreme drinking, designating professors to help students avoid overdoing it, and passing laws to discourage binge drinking.

Charges were filed in around 40 percent of the cases in which outcomes of criminal investigations were known — most often against fraternity members or others who

obtained alcohol for someone underage. There were a few hazing charges. In most cases, plea bargains were reached and the penalties included fines, probation or community service. Jail time was rare.

The federal data showed deaths spiking on weekends — when young people are more likely to go out with the goal of getting drunk — and in December, when college students wrap up finals. Most of the dead were young men.

College students on average drink only a little more than adults in a typical week or month, said Scott Walters, an assistant professor of behavioral sciences at the University of Texas School of Public Health. But college students "tend to save the drinks up and drink them all at once."

The federal figures do not indicate whether a victim was a student or not. But the 2006 National Survey on Drug Use and Health showed that adults ages 18 to 22 in college full-time are more likely to binge-drink than those not in school.

AP's analysis of news articles found freshmen at greatest risk, with 11 of 18 freshmen deaths occurring during the first semester.

Walters said one reason is that freshmen are on their own for the first time and trying new things. Also, there is a mentality that "if you're under 21 and someone's got alcohol, you've got to drink it, because you never know when somebody's going to have it again."

One practice — drinking 21 shots on a 21st birthday — has proven especially lethal. Of the college-age deaths that made news, 11 people, including eight college students, died while celebrating their 21st birthdays.

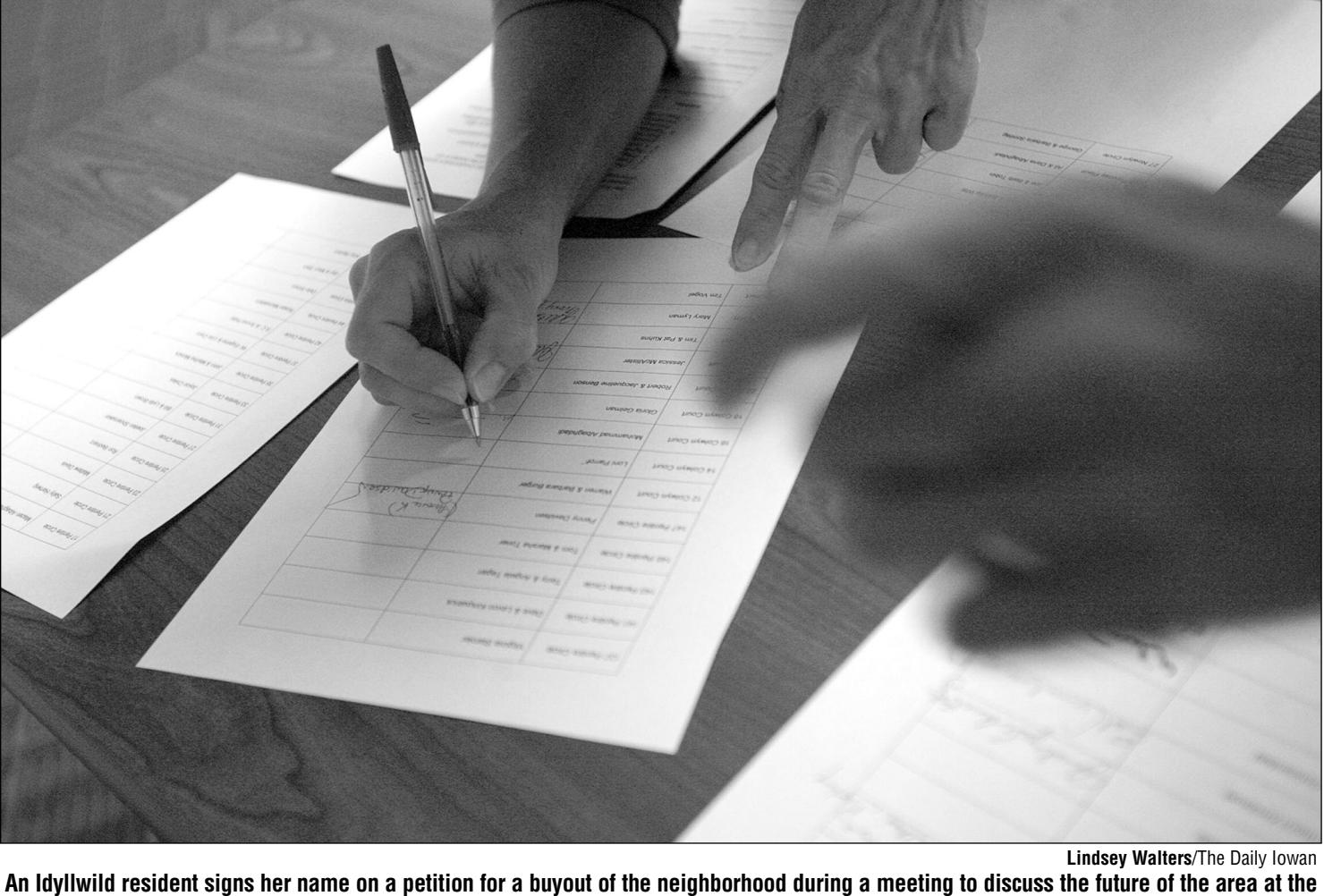
"The 21st birthday, we knew was coming. We didn't know about the 21-shot thing," said Cindy McCue, who lost her son Bradley McCue, a junior at Michigan State University, in 1998 after he downed 24 drinks in fewer than two hours.

The McCue family started a nonprofit organization nearly 10 years ago called Be Responsible About Drinking, or B.R.A.D., to teach young people about the dangers. The foundation created birthday cards reminding those turning 21 to celebrate responsibly.

Some universities are trying to send the same message with websites and programs that feature slogans such as "Remember Last Night."

San Diego State has a website that lets students punch in information about their drinking habits and learn about the risks. Winona State is starting an online course to teach incoming freshmen the dangers of excessive drinking.

# Idyllwild meeting spirited



Lindsey Walters/The Daily Iowan

An Idyllwild resident signs her name on a petition for a buyout of the neighborhood during a meeting to discuss the future of the area at the Coralville Public Library on Monday.

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to make a decision, said Iowa City City Manager Michael Lombardo. Iowa City officials have not yet decided to include Idyllwild homes in their application.

They will take several factors into account, including need elsewhere in flood-affected areas,

location within the 100- and 500-year floodplains, and cost-benefit analysis of a buyout versus rebuilding.

Although most residents seemed to be against rebuilding, some spoke about their desire to move back in.

"I just want to go home," said Nancy Andreasen, an Idyllwild resident and UI professor.

The condo development also had to address some financial matters, specifically paying for mold removal to Clean Tech, Inc. The project is expected to cost more than \$2 million, but the company has only received \$60,000, said Leslie Brumley, who works for the firm.

The residents agreed to let the board pursue loan options to pay the company.

For now, residents will have to mull their options and wait for the board to come back with concrete damage estimates. Davidson also encouraged property owners to get their own damage assessments that could be used in the application to FEMA.

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# Main Library coming back

## LIBRARY

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"Because EPB's older, its systems are less sophisticated, and it might make it easier to fix," she said. "Adler's systems are newer and more complicated. Even though it's farther from the river and new, it may be harder to clean."

The basement of Adler is used for storage, and the lowest level of the library was once filled with

old collections. The EPB basement houses classrooms and offices.

Luckily, Eckstein said, the Main Library didn't take on nearly as much water as Adler and EPB, allowing its employees to reopen for normal summer hours.

Lori Branch, an associate professor of English, whose office is in EPB, said she's been working from home. Branch said the day the east campus buildings were evacuated, UI officials instructed the buildings' staff to pack for a

six- to eight-week displacement.

"If it's going to be longer than six to eight weeks, I really hope they let us back in," she said. "I'm definitely going to need more of my books than I could haul away that morning."

Rising waters affected approximately 20 campus buildings, and students are encouraged to check ISIS for any class relocations.

As for Adler, Eckstein said UI officials are searching for temporary space.

"We're thinking about a lot of different scenarios that includes

using, more fully, space that we have on campus that we usually don't use for general-assignment classrooms," she said.

Despite the status of many campus buildings remaining unknown, Eckstein said, the UI still has three main priorities: beginning classes on time for the fall session, having the utility systems fully operational before the cold weather, and "working on buildings as it becomes possible to do so," she said.

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# Flood probabilities shown

## FLOODPLAIN

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This year's flood was just above the 500-year floodplain. To produce the disaster, it took between 1.5 to 2 times the average June rainfall levels in the Iowa River's watershed — even with a mostly dry second half. At points in June, the rainfall was six times the average month-to-date levels.

Flood probabilities are determined by geographical topographic maps as well as readings from local bodies of water; however, the latter process is costly.

Cappuccio said the \$50 million allocated by Congress for that purpose "doesn't go very far when you consider the fact that a detailed study of a stream costs between \$12,000 and \$15,000 per linear mile."

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers often spends millions of dollars a year to collect flow-frequency information for contribution to FEMA for floodplain development.

It's a collaborative effort among the National Weather Service, the Corps, the U.S. Geological Survey, and FEMA, said Ron Fournier, a Corps spokesman.

Iowa City's flood probability has been evaluated under the

Flood Map Modernization project, begun by FEMA in 2002 to update the floodplain mapping system. The group issued a new flood map for Iowa City as recently as 2007.

Consequently, Iowa City is not scheduled to receive any flood-map changes in the near future.

"The new map really didn't change from the map that had been published prior to that," Cappuccio said.

The main purpose of flood maps is to determine which residences and businesses are in floodplains and thus, which owners should buy flood insurance.

Additionally, City Manager Michael Lombardo said, city

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## Editorial

# Should the Renewable Fuels Standard be waived to aid gas and food prices?

### YES

The Renewable Fuels Standard must be relaxed to prevent unnecessary consumer harm in light of recent flooding.

This standard, which guarantees that certain amount of Iowa crops will be used in ethanol production, is staunchly defended by Iowa Sen. Charles Grassley, among others. But the floods have led many to question whether such a commitment remains worthwhile when so many Iowa crops are submerged under brown water.

Clearly, with countless crops destroyed, agricultural prices will rise — an outcome that inevitably leads to higher food prices at the retail level. However, by cutting back on the amount of crops diverted to ethanol, we can limit the extent to which inflated prices are passed on to consumers. After all, Iowa's industries were not the only victims of the Iowa floods; it would be injudicious not to act accordingly.

Of course, the question of consumer harm is one that will likely be given by both sides of this debate. Officials speaking for the ethanol industry will argue that reducing ethanol production is worse for consumers, because it drastically raises fuel prices. However, scientific studies have often shown that ethanol production is too inefficient to be effective in lowering energy costs overall. A recent study at the University of California-Berkeley found that it takes 29 percent more energy to create ethanol than the fuel can actually provide. And because this production process relies on fossil energy itself, the result is a net loss of overall fossil-based energy. In the end, studies such as this cast doubt on the ability of ethanol to serve as a viable energy alternative.

Unfortunately, the economic scale of the industry creates a political environment that is hesitant to cut state ties with ethanol.

In the end, both sides would do well to come to a compromise. The requests of some that ethanol production be reduced by 50 percent are not realistic considering the state's investment in the industry. Rather, because these problems have all resulted from a phenomenon beyond anyone's control, it seems illogical to do anything but allocate damages equally. That is, the amount of crops diverted for ethanol production should be reduced in proportion to the crop-loss that resulted from the flood. If carried out, this ensures that food and ethanol producers are affected equally; no industry will be permitted to avoid economic injury at the expense of another. And, while politicians may be reluctant to admit it, the concentrated harm faced by an industry is no more significant than the collective adversities faced by consumers, no matter how modest their budgets.

— Editorial writer Erik Hovenkamp

### NO

Texas Gov. Rick Perry has requested a waiver on renewable fuel use. Twenty-three Republican senators have followed suit, including presumptive Republican presidential nominee John McCain. The Renewable Fuels Standard is a provision of the U.S. Energy Policy Act of 2005, which required 7.5 billion gallons of renewable fuel to be blended by 2012 and 36 billion gallons to be blended by 2022. Though federal law requires ethanol to be blended into the fuel supply, the EPA is able to grant waivers given certain circumstances.

The solution to the high price of fuel and in turn all other commodities will not be achieved by easing these restrictions. Our dependence on foreign oil and the rising price of that oil because of the increasing demand in countries such as India and China is a serious issue. Relaxing standards every time the going gets tough is no way to solve the energy crisis. Pragmatic, strong leadership is needed if we expect to make any headway on such a sensitive and important issue; we are lucky enough to have that type of leadership here in Iowa.

Sen. Charles Grassley has taken a hard-line stance against any effort to roll back the mandated fuel standard. Earlier this spring, prior to Perry's request, Grassley sent a letter to his colleagues explaining his opposition to any waivers, partial or complete, of the Renewable Fuels Standard. In the letter, Grassley recognized that "ethanol has been a convenient target. But the truth of the matter is that we've got events around the world having a much greater impact on the price of food and gas." Citing Ed Lazear, the chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, Grassley explained that a mere 3 percent of a 43 percent global increase could be attributed to ethanol production.

A recent Iowa State University study measured the effect of ethanol production on U.S. and regional gas prices. The study suggests the growth in ethanol production has caused retail gasoline prices to be, on average, \$0.29 to \$0.40 per gallon less than regular gasoline prices. Grassley noted this study, complaining that the Grocery Manufacturers Association was attempting to scapegoat ethanol in an effort to protect its bottom line. Stating that such efforts are "intellectually dishonest" and "economically not factual," Grassley called on members of Congress not to be swayed by the association. Sen. Tom Harkin came out against the waiver, stating that the request was "without merit." The American Farm Bureau Federation has also clamored in ethanol's defense. In a letter to the EPA, the Farm Bureau disputed the effects of renewable fuel on Texas and reminded the EPA that not only the economic effect of Texas needed to be considered.

Simply put, several factors contribute to the rising price of food and fuel. The purpose of the Renewable Fuels Standard is to encourage investment in the ethanol industry, not to discourage production. Ethanol production results in cheaper gasoline prices than would be possible without the ethanol industry. The supposed purpose of the waiver is to lessen the pressure of high food and fuel prices. Granting the waiver would inevitably result in the opposite. It is a bad idea, which would certainly do more harm than good.

— Editorial writer Katie Gadiant

## Letters

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## Guest Opinion

# Calling candidates to task on education

Say what you will about the Rev. Al Sharpton, it is hard to ignore — or deter — him. And that is good news for those interested in fixing the nation's troubled public schools. In giving his voice to school reform as a true civil-rights issue, Sharpton may help change the nature of the debate. Equally significant is his willingness and that of other leaders in a recently formed coalition to challenge traditional allies in the cause of black and brown children.

Sharpton has joined New York City Schools Chancellor Joel Klein in heading a fast-growing national coalition of educators, politicians, and academicians that aims to focus attention on the real issues of education reform. The Education Equality Project avoids the arcane language of policy in framing school improvement as a matter of basic human rights. How can America boast of equal opportunity when so many black and Latino children are denied a good education? How can we fully take pride in the likely Democratic presidential nomination of Sen. Barack Obama, Sharpton asks, when fewer than half of all black males graduate from high school?

The group is unsparing in its critique of a system more interested in the political interests of adults than the education rights of children. The system keeps unsuccessful teachers in classrooms, fails to place the best educators where they are needed most, and rewards longevity over effectiveness. The Democratic Party's traditional ties to labor unions and civil-rights

organizations have helped keep that status quo in place. So it's encouraging that Sharpton is confronting these old friends about the need to bring reason to teacher contracts, revamp policies that consign poor children to the worst schools, and give parents more choice about where their sons and daughters go to school.

Encouraging Obama and his Republican opponent, Sen. John McCain, to debate these questions is a laudable aim of the group. Education was backstage during the primaries, and a clear picture has yet to emerge of either candidate's positions. McCain has not been forthcoming with any detailed plan; he is said to be preparing one for the fall. Obama, as the *New York Times'* David Brooks recently observed, has promised dozens of crowd-pleasing programs but has been elusive on such thorny issues as teacher tenure and school accountability.

To some extent, both candidates are freed of the political baggage that has constricted their predecessors. Obama managed to secure his apparent nomination without help from teachers unions, and McCain can thank President Bush for challenging the traditional Republican aversion to any federal role in education. Both candidates have an opportunity to discuss what makes sense for the nation's schools, rather than what makes for smart politics.

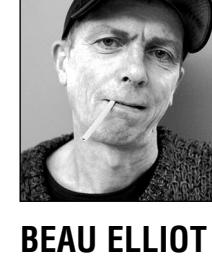
This editorial appeared in Monday's *Washington Post*.

# Brave new

So I'm sitting here in my room, watching the humidity roll in and listening to the traffic stampede down North Dodge.

No, really — my room is in the attic, and when summer whacks us, as it tends to do every, well, summer, the temperature in my room is easily 10 degrees hotter than whatever the air temp is outside. You can indeed watch sheets of mugginess stream through the open windows.

(I know that it's at least 10 degrees hotter, because no matter what the temperature is outside, 96 or 98 or whatever, when I walk outside, it feels so much cooler. It could be I'm hallucinating, but I don't do those drugs.)



**BEAU ELLIOT**

There is an air conditioner. It sits on the floor, unplugged, thus keeping my carbon footprint small. I don't feel noble about this; I don't feel like a save-the-planet, small-carbon-footprint kind of guy. I feel like the kind of guy who's sweating onto his computer keyboard. Which will probably short-out any moment now.

(The air conditioner sits on the floor, unplugged, because after measuring it and measuring the window a few zillion times or so, I've concluded that the air conditioner is too big or the window is too small or some combination of the two. It's the combinations in this life that always get you. No nobility here. If that air conditioner fit, it would damn well be in the window, plugged in, and I'd be a nonsweating, big-carbon-footprint kind of guy.)

The air conditioner, by the way, was a gift from a friend who generally calls me his favorite communist.

I don't feel much like any kind of communist, favorite or otherwise. I feel like the kind of guy who's listening to the traffic thunder down North Dodge.

And thunder it does. Stampede it does. Ceaselessly.

North Dodge is always busy with vehicular traffic, of course, but now, it's even more so, because the flood closed North Dubuque.

So I listen. I glance at a cigarette, then say, Nah. I got all the pollutants I need for the moment from the hundreds of cars and trucks that roared by in the last 10 minutes. If I squint my eyes just so, I imagine I can see the waves and waves of auto pollution shimmering through the humidity.

Then I quash that thought as being unworthy. Cynical, even. We are, after all, in a brand-new era, a fresh, friendly time, the Brave New Clean Air World.

Tell that to the traffic, Cynical Beau says. No, no, Nice Beau says, I'm trying to get with the program here. No more snide comments about the hypocrisy of Big Nannysts, deserving as they might be. No more pointing out that the two biggest studies on secondhand smoke (WHO in the late-90s, UCLA-SUNY/Stony Brook of 2003) found no connection between such smoke and disease. No more anecdotes from the two scientists I've worked for (both pure scientists quite accustomed to peer review and being a part of peer review), one of whom told me that if his data were as shoddy as the secondhand-smoke data, NIH would laugh his grant applications out of the room, the other who told me there's probably more science in "intelligent" design than there is in the secondhand-smoke studies.

No, I'm down with the Brave New Clean Air World, Nice Beau says. I can sit in a bar and not smoke.

How long did you last? Cynical Beau says.

Oh, 'bout an hour. Give or take. The bar was empty. Some guy walked in and asked the bartender where everybody was, and he said, They're all outside, smoking. Can't hold a conversation anymore; nobody sits inside for more than five or six minutes.

Isn't social interaction the main point of a bar? Cynical Beau says. Even more than the drinking?

Shut up, Nice Beau says. I'm trying to be a trooper here.

And so I'm sitting in my room, dripping sweat onto my keyboard (which will probably short-out any moment now), glancing over at the unplugged air conditioner, listening to the traffic thunder down North Dodge.

If I squint my eyes just so, I think I can see the auto pollution shimmering.

But it's probably just the Brave New Whatever waving hello. ■

**Beau Elliot**, when he's Nice Beau, thinks it's just wonderful they found smokeless fireworks for the July

Fourth celebration in Hubbard Park.



**DI Recommends:**  
Pick any of the Wimbledon finalists, and dedicate the rest of your college career to cultivating an obsessive crush and fixation on her or him. If none of the Wimbledon champions makes you swoon, stay tuned for the Olympics.

# Arts & Culture

## RECORD REVIEWS

### BECK MODERN GUILT



Beck  
*Modern Guilt*

★★★★★ out of ★★★★★

Beck is the Eighth Wonder of the World. No one will ever be able to peg him — he seems to come from nowhere with a masterpiece at his side, only to disappear once again. In this month's *Modern Guilt*, he has done it again, and I am left in absolute amazement. The 10-track album was produced with DJ Danger Mouse, a creative mastermind himself, and the collaboration soars with success.

*Guilt* is sexy, rough, and sultry. Beck has an unprecedented ability to communicate angst, sensuality, and dark humor that stands in stark contrast from the frail body of the Scientologist from Los Angeles. But this juxtaposition not only makes Beck as a performer, celebrity, and persona so alluring, it also enhances his music.

*Modern Guilt* shifts from a dark tune called "Orphans" to the surf-rock inspired "Gamma Ray" that places the listener right in the middle of the 1960s film *The Endless Summer*. "Soul of a Man" has a hard-ripping bass that makes me feel like trudging down the street and raising mayhem. The title track has a rhythmic beat, soft and deep vocals, and a '70s rock vibe that makes snapping the fingers irresistible. Beck has yet to entirely disappoint or upset me, and I knew this album would hold up to these standards. However, *Modern Guilt* surprised, amazed, and entertained me more than I imagined. Yes, the rumor is true — Beck has done it again.

**Alexis' Picks:** "Gamma Ray" and "Modern Guilt."

— by Alexis Baker

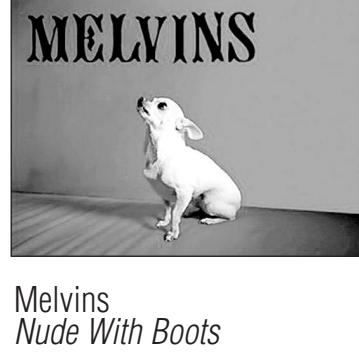
And in some ways, it's nice to listen to something that requires very little from the listener — it's enjoyable in its own right, without too much complication. Nothing fancy, nothing ridiculous, nothing worthy of a pretentious scoff. That being said, this album is catchy, starting with its first single, "GfC," a very Strokes-like tune: sing-songy backing vocals, light drums with cymbal emphasis, and a blithe pop guitar line.

Hammond and his band pick up the pace with "Lisa" — heavy on the feedback and easy to tap along to, mixing a few little keyboard riffs into the song. He dabbles in the reggae rhythms on "Borrowed Time," and rocks a tougher, heavier feel in "Rocket."

He's just, well, cool. It's hard not to like — so if you're itching for something light on the ears that's also reminiscent of the Strokes' discography, *¿Cómo te llama?* is the summer-friendly album to pick up next.

**Ann's Picks:** "Rocket" and "The Boss Americana."

— by Ann Colwell



Melvins  
*Nude With Boots*

★★½ out of ★★★★★

Sludge trio Melvins is 15 albums deep and still kicking. The band's most recent release, *Nude With Boots*, not only documents its eclectic image and labeling but also its enlightened sense of marketing: The entire album is available for fans' free listening pleasure on MySpace.

Blending the heavy punk sound into the lightning-fast beat of each track swirls the album into a cynical, double-drum beat procession.

"The Savage Hippy" and "Billy Fish" both pulsate with an utterly mad ambience. Stunning to ears accustomed to major chords and bright acoustic guitars, the music shocks before inspiring pleasure. "Smiling Cobra" tantalizes while the album's namesake, "Nude With Boots" seduces and allures with treble-clef guitar before plunging into a bass heavy track appropriately titled "Sludge."

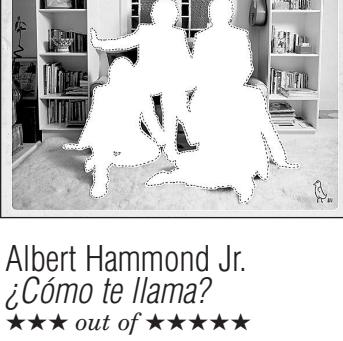
Featuring a lineup of Dale Cover, Jared Warren, Coady Willis, and Melvins' classic guitarist Buzz Osborne, the album varies little from its commercially semi-successful and critically praised 2006 release, *(A) Senile Animal*. The Washington band, which was founded in 1982, has rotated bass players out consistently while keeping the other two-thirds of the trio consistent with occasional help from auxiliary band members. The result: like brownie lava cake — sludgy/heavy goodness.

**Cole's Picks:** "Billy Fish" and "Smiling Cobra."

— by Cole Cheney

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**Keith Urban pats the stomach of wife Nicole Kidman on April 14 as they arrive at the CMT Music Awards in Nashville, Tenn.**

## A month of Sunday for Kidman, Urban

By John Jerome

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — As with most new parents, Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban might have difficulty telling what day it is.

No matter. From here on out, they'll have a little Sunday every day.

The Oscar-winning actress and her country-star husband welcomed a baby girl on Monday, then named her after the day before.

"Earlier this morning, Nic gave birth to our beautiful baby girl, Sunday Rose Kidman Urban," read the message posted on Urban's website. "We want to thank everybody that has kept us in their thoughts and prayers. We feel very blessed and grateful that we can share this joy with all of you today."

The first baby for Kidman and Urban, Sunday weighed 6 pounds, 7½ ounces, according to Paul Freundlich, a publicist for the singer. There was no immediate explanation for the name, though one thing is certain: She'll never be upstaged by the likes of Suri, Apple, Moses, or Shiloh.

Sunday — not the day on which she was born, lest she be associated with the beginning of the work week — joins a long list of offbeat celebrity baby

names, from Suri (of Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes), to Apple and Moses (of Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin) and Shiloh, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's most recent addition.

Kidman and Urban married in June 2006. She has two children, Isabella and Connor, from her marriage to Tom Cruise. Cruise filed for divorce in February 2001 after 10 years of marriage, and the divorce was finalized later that year.

Kidman, 41, won an Oscar for her role in the 2002 film *The Hours*.

During a concert July 5 in Nashville, Urban said, "I'm going to dedicate a song to my very, very, very, very pregnant wife" before singing his hit, "Better Half."

Urban, 40, won a Grammy in 2006 for best male country vocal.

The couple, who were both raised in Australia, have a home in Nashville.

In a recent radio interview in Nashville, Kidman revealed that Urban had been getting hands-on in preparation for the birth by attending Lamaze lessons, saying, "He doesn't know the name [of the classes], but he has been very good at it."

So when will Sunday's birthday finally fall on a Sunday? That won't be until 2012, when she will turn 4.

his company has been working with EA to make the look and feel consistent across platforms, giving the authorized version what he called an advantage over Scrabulous. Blecher said the backing of major companies also means better reliability, technical support and production values.

Like the unauthorized version, EA's Scrabble on Facebook is designed to let two people play without being online simultaneously. One player makes a move, then waits until the next time her or his rival logs on.

More than six months in development, the EA game will be free and won't carry any ads for now.

EA is trying to generate interest for Scrabble on other computing platforms. EA recently made it available on its ad-supported Pogo.com site, and it sells versions for Apple Inc.'s iPods for about \$5 and for various mobile devices starting at \$4. EA has rights to offer it on digital devices such as Nintendo Co.'s Wii game console as well.

Mark Blecher, general manager for digital media and gaming at Hasbro, said

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# Daily Break

## horoscopes Tuesday, July 8, 2008

— by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Don't take things for granted. If you let down your guard or rely on others, you will fall behind. Delve into what needs to be done, and you will overcome any criticism. Communication, travel, and surrounding yourself with the unfamiliar will work best.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Do you say, and you'll get the support you need. It may help you find a better position or provide you with a worthwhile proposal. Your personal relationships can bring you great joy if you put in a little time and effort.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Someone may disrupt your world by changing her or his plans. Instead of getting upset, go ahead with your own agenda. A work-related matter can be resolved if you tweak what's going on in a creative and unique way.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Love is on the rise, and you can enhance an important relationship if you are attentive or plan a special getaway. A change at home will also lift your spirits and make your place more comfortable.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You need to get away, do something different, or take on a new hobby or game plan. The change will inspire you to complete some of the things you have left undone. Talking to someone about a position or going on an interview is favored.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take on a new challenge, and you will succeed and make a statement about what you are capable of doing. Love favors your sign, so participate in activities that will enhance your current relationship or help you find a new love.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let anyone push you around or vice versa. You have to go about your business without creating emotional turmoil. You will get much further ahead if you are diplomatic and unique. Catch up on your correspondence, but avoid travel.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look for something that will change your life, philosophy, or direction. Love is on the rise, and a great time will develop if you do something you enjoy. Push hard, and you will be able to engage in a long-term, prosperous venture.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't get sidetracked by someone else's responsibilities. Emotional matters must not jeopardize your productivity. A couple of changes at home or to your financial plan for the future should be put into play.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't hold back; speak your mind. Once you clear the air, you can make decisions that can be implemented right away. Take action and follow through. If someone doesn't like what you are doing, dismiss her or his comments.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get down to business and sort through your finances. You should be able to make a few adjustments to your lifestyle or budget, allowing you leeway for the things you want to purchase. You will have no trouble getting help.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Take the initiative: Get out and socialize, network, and participate in whatever will improve your personal and professional life. Children and family will play an important role in your life and the decisions you make.

“Compare any 10 minutes of [Wall-E] with 10 minutes of any cable-news channel, and you'll soon be asking: Exactly who are the adults in our country and who are the cartoon characters?”

— New York Times columnist Frank Rich, writing in the Times on Sunday about Wall-E and a few other things.

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ANDREW R. JUHL

## Internet factoids not left well-enough alone

- Many sailors wore golden earrings in order to provide for a proper burial. Many office workers wear golden handcuffs for much the same reason.

- It takes 3,000 cows to supply the NFL with enough leather for a year's worth of footballs.

Or enough meat for one dinner with Chicago's defensive line.

- St. John was, of the 12 Apostles, the only one to die a natural death. The rest were all eaten by a grue.

- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear. That explains why they're so chewy when undercooked.

- There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball. But despite the accuracy of the charge, my girlfriend still hates it when I call her “regulation golf ball thighs.”

- Peter the Great ordered his wife's lover decapitated and the head placed by her bedside. Oh, to be in love again!

- Dublin houses the Fairy Investigation Society. [Obligatory Jay Leno gay joke goes HERE.]

- You are more likely to be killed by a champagne cork than by a poisonous spider. So, yeah, you've got that going for you.

- Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different. Those FBI files are all slimy and gross, though.

- Andrew R. Juhl thanks the Internet for supplying the world with so much useless and misleading trivia.

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## BEING SOCIAL



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Eighty-year-old Al Schroeder wears his polka suit during the annual AARP ice-cream social at the Iowa City Senior Center on Monday.

## today's events

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- Bicyclists of Iowa City 2sday 2wheel-ers, 9 a.m., Napoleon Park, 2501 S Gilbert
- Art Adventure Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Iowa Children's Museum, 1451 Coral Ridge Ave.
- Felted Soap, 10 a.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- Story Time Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Coraville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- Toddler Story Time, 10:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- Iowa City Saftey Day, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., AAA Insurance, 660 Eastbury Drive
- Summer Lunch, noon, S.T. Morrison Park, 1512 Fifth St., Coralville
- The Golden Compass, Teen Movie, 1 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- Fast Meals from the Planet Kingdom, 6 p.m., New Pioneer Co-op, 1101 Second St., Coralville
- Aviation Movie Night, 6:30 p.m., Alexis Park Inn & Suites, 1165 S. Riverside Drive
- Park-tiariate, 6:30-8 p.m., North Ridge Park, Coraville

- Ballroom Dancing Lessons, 6:45 p.m., 462 Field House
  - “Live from Prairie Lights,” Elizabeth Winthrop, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
  - Inclusive Ballroom, 7 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
  - Lamrin Buddhist Center: An Introduction to Meditation, 7 p.m., Java Juice, 122 E. Washington
  - Persepctives on the Middle East Peace, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
  - The Comedy of Errors, Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival, 7 p.m., City High Opstad Auditorium, 1900 Morningside Drive
  - Rabbit Hole, Iowa Summer Rep, 8 p.m., West High, 2901 Melrose Ave.
  - Actor's Dance Club, 8:30 p.m., Old Brick
  - Devon Allman's Honey Tribe, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
  - Free Dance Party, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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## UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

12:30 p.m. News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)

1 “Live from Prairie Lights,” Archive, Kevin Brockmeier

2 News from Germany (in German)

3 “The Exchange,” author Christine Whelan, host Ben Kieffer

3:46 “Smart Men Marry Smart Women,” guest lecture by Christine Whelan

4:20 “The Exchange,” Celtic Harp, host Ben Kieffer

5:12 “The Exchange,” guest Brenda Weiler, host Ben Kieffer

6:04 Lecture Committee, former President Jimmy Carter on his book on peace in the

Middle East

7 Lecture Committee, former Attorney General Janet Reno

8:35 An Evening with former White House aide Karl Rove meeting with UI student media representatives

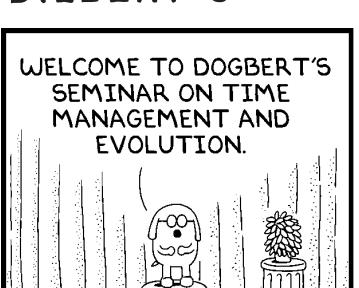
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IN A NUTSHELL, YES.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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## SPORTS 'N' STUFF

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

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East Division	48	42	.533	—
Philadelphia	46	43	.517	1½
Florida	45	44	.506	2½
New York	45	44	.506	2½
Atlanta	42	48	.457	6
Central Division	44	56	.478	14
Washington	44	56	.478	14
Chicago	53	36	.596	3½
St. Louis	50	39	.596	3½
Atlanta	49	40	.551	4
Cincinnati	43	47	.478	10½
Pittsburgh	41	47	.466	11½
Houston	41	49	.456	12½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	44	45	.494	—
Los Angeles	44	45	.494	—
San Francisco	39	50	.438	5
Colorado	38	52	.422	6½
San Diego	35	55	.389	9½

**Winner:** French rider Samuel Dumoulin of Cofidis took the sprint after a four-man breakaway led almost from the start. William Frischkorn of the United States was second, ahead of Romain Feillu of France.

**Yellow Jersey:** Feillu completed the French double by taking the race lead from Alejandro Valverde, and leads Paolo Longo Borghini by 35 seconds.

**Quote of the Day:** "I didn't ride for 2½ months because of toxoplasmosis. I could barely walk. I was extremely motivated, and maybe that gave me the will to win today," —Feillu.

**Next stage:** Today's fourth stage is an 18.3-mile individual time trial, beginning and ending in Cholet.

### WNBA

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	13	6	.684	—
Detroit	12	6	.667	½
New York	9	8	.529	3
Indiana	9	8	.529	3
Washington	6	11	.353	6
Chicago	5	11	.313	6½
Atlanta	1	17	.056	11½

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	12	6	.667	—
Los Angeles	11	6	.647	½
Seattle	11	7	.611	1
Houston	9	9	.500	3
Minnesota	9	9	.500	3
Phoenix	8	9	.471	3½
Sacramento	8	10	.444	4

#### MONDAY'S GAMES

#### TODAY'S GAMES

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# Think you're a fan?

## TRIVIA

CONTINUED FROM 10

- a) Michelle Venturella  
b) Bob Pearl  
c) Quinn Morelock  
d) Gayle Blevins
- 4.** Which baseball player led the Hawkeyes in home runs this season with seven?  
a) Caleb Curry  
b) Kevin Hoef  
c) Justin Toole  
d) Wes Freie  
e) Kurtis Muller

**5.** The Iowa men's basketball team opened the Big Ten season with three consecutive losses. The team didn't win its first Big Ten game until Jan. 12, 43-36. What team did the Hawks beat?  
a) Michigan  
b) Michigan State  
c) Penn State  
d) Ohio State  
e) Northwestern

**6.** The Iowa women's basketball team was the Big Ten Tournament champions this season.  
a) True  
b) False

**7.** Can you name the city the Hawks traveled to compete in the NCAA wrestling championships this spring?  
a) St. Louis  
b) Indianapolis  
c) Omaha  
d) Minneapolis  
e) Iowa City

**8.** Can you recall which Hawkeye led the football team with nine sacks last year?  
a) Mitch King  
b) Kenny Iwebema  
c) Bryan Mattison  
d) Matt Kroul

**9.** The Iowa field hockey was ranked fifth going into the NCAA Tournament but lost in the first round to Boston University. What was the team's overall record?  
a) 15-6  
b) 16-5  
c) 17-4  
d) 18-3

**10.** Who led the Iowa women's basketball team in scoring, averaging 13.3 points per game?  
a) Kristi Smith  
b) Wendy Ausdemore  
c) Johanna Solverson  
d) Megan Skouby

**11.** Diane Nukuri won a Big Ten championship this spring in track and field. In what event did she claim her championship?  
a) 400 meters  
b) 5,000 meters  
c) High jump  
d) Triple jump

**12.** Andre Woolridge is Iowa's all-time single season assists leader with 193. Can you name the Hawkeye who led last year's team with 92 assists?  
a) Tony Freeman  
b) Justin Johnson  
c) Jeff Peterson  
d) Jake Kelly

For answers, see the key on this page.  
E-mail DI reporter Darren Josephson at: darren-josephson@uiowa.edu

## Trivia answer key

1. b      7. a  
2. c      8. c  
3. d      9. c  
4. a      10. a  
5. b      11. b  
6. b      12. c

Now it's time to grade yourself.

**0-3:** Consider transferring, because you obviously don't care about the Hawks.

**4-6:** Not bad, but you really only needed a pulse to get some of those questions.

**7-9:** Pretty impressive; I'd be willing to bet there is something black and gold hanging in your home.

**10-12:** Excellent! (using my best Mr. Burns impersonation) Inform Gary Barta you will be taking his job immediately.

## PRIME TIME LEAGUE

# Chemistry class



Amy Andrews/The Daily Iowan  
Anthony Tucker passes the ball during Prime Time on Monday. Tucker's team, Pawz/Premier lost to Armstrong, 106-91.

## FRESHMEN

CONTINUED FROM 10

to play with them [other freshmen] and get to play with Matt [Gatens] and stuff."

Tucker's lay-up marked the beginning of his team's hot streak. John Moran of UNI stole a bounce pass intended for former Cornell University player Andrew Naeve and drove hard to basket. He dished it to Fuller, who leaped over his man for a lay-up.

The team's hot streak did not last long, though, as Armstrong's Matt Burks took off and proved to be unstoppable; he led all scorers with 38 points. His intensity on defense made Fuller and Tucker fight extremely hard for every shot, ultimately shutting the dynamic duo

down for most of the second half.

With Fuller and Tucker unavailable for shots, Pawz/Premier's offense stalled, which allowing Armstrong to maintain a substantial 20-point lead through the second half.

Fuller and Tucker took the loss in stride; they know they have a lot more basketball to play.

"We have workouts at 6 in morning Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. And then we play Tuesday and Thursday nights," Tucker said. "So, yeah ... it is a lot of basketball."

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## MLB

### Kuroda gem boosts LA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hiroki Kuroda took a perfect game into the eighth inning and settled for a one-hitter, leading Los Angeles to a 3-0 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Monday night.

The win moved the Dodgers in a tie for first in the NL West with idle Arizona.

Kuroda (5-6) retired the first 21 batters, then Mark Teixeira lined the right-hander's 70th pitch into the right-field corner for a double leading off the eighth. He was the only Atlanta baserunner.

The Braves flew across the country after waiting through a one-hour, 50-minute rain delay in a 7-6, 17-inning victory over Houston on Sunday in the longest game ever at Turner Field.

Kuroda was attempting to become the first Dodger to throw a no-hitter since countryman Hideo Nomo on Sept. 17, 1996, 9-0 at Colorado. Kuroda, 33, signed with the Dodgers in December as a free agent after 11 seasons with Hiroshima of the Japanese Central League. He threw 91 pitches and struck out six in a game that lasted just two hours and three minutes.

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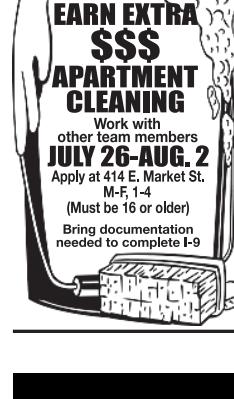
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 Boston 1, Minnesota 0  
 LA Angels 9, Texas 6  
 Seattle 3, Oakland 4

Pittsburgh 10, Houston 7  
 NY Mets 10, Philadelphia 3  
 Colorado 4, Milwaukee 3  
 Florida 3, San Diego 1  
 L.A. Dodgers 3, Atlanta 0

Tuesday, July 8, 2008



Nancilea Underwood-Foster

## DIVING

### Ex-Hawk makes Olympics

A former Hawkeye has dived her way to the 2008 Summer Olympics.

By making the U.S. Olympic diving squad, Nancilea Underwood-Foster, known as Nancilea Underwood when she attended Iowa, became the first female Iowa diver to ever qualify for the Summer Olympics.

Underwood-Foster earned one of 12 spots available last week at the USA Diving selection camp in Knoxville, Tenn., and the five-time All-American for the Hawkeyes will compete in the 3-meter springboard competition for the Red, White, and Blue.

Last month, the Conroe, Texas, native competed at the U.S. Diving Trials in Indianapolis, where she placed second in the 3-meter springboard.

"It's been a really long road," Underwood-Foster said in a statement. "I am so thankful for all the prayers and support I've received from family and friends throughout this process."

"I am looking forward to representing my country at the Olympics and to the journey ahead."

The 3-meter springboard is slated to take place from Aug. 15-17 during the Games, which will take place in Beijing.

— by Brendan Stiles



Akinori Iwamura and David DeJesus

## MLB

### Royals end Rays' streak

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Rays' seven-game winning streak ended when John Buck and Mike Aviles hit 10th-inning homers to lead the Kansas City Royals to a 7-4 win on Monday.

Carlos Pena hit a tying solo homer off All-Star closer Joakim Soria in the ninth, but it wasn't enough for the first-place Rays, who finished a seven-game homestand at 6-1.

Billy Butler reached second to start the 10th on a throwing error by Rays third baseman Evan Longoria. Pinch runner Esteban German advanced to third on Mark Teahen's grounder. After Dan Wheeler (2-4) intentionally walked Ross Gload, Buck lined his fourth homer of the season down the left-field line. Two pitches later, Aviles homered to make it 7-3.

## TV TODAY

**MLB**  
 • Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 7:05 p.m., CSN  
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MLB: Ramirez's RBI single lefts Red Sox, 7

# Comeback city

PRIME TIME LEAGUE



By Nick Fetty  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Monday's Prime Time League game between Goodfellow Printing/Imprinted Sportswear and Dan Wiese Marketing Research/Coralville Hy-Vee surprised many.

Despite being down by as many as 16 points, Wiese/Hy-Vee made a valiant comeback and pulled off a 75-68 victory.

From the opening tip, it looked to be a back-and-forth kind of contest. Goodfellow/Imprinted started strong, putting up seven points in the first two minutes, but Wiese/Hy-Vee answered that with six points in the following minute.

The game remained neck-and-neck for a while, but Goodfellow/Imprinted was up by 16 points midway through the first half. Part of the problem was that Wiese/Hy-Vee was getting outrebounded at both ends of the floor, and the offensive boards by Goodfellow/Imprinted allowed it to build its double-digit lead.

Before Wiese/Hy-Vee could climb back, it had to improve at the defensive end of the floor.

"We started off the game playing defense terrible," incoming Iowa freshman Andrew Brommer said. "Then we decided to turn it around, and we played better defense at the end of the game."

Brommer scored nine points and pulled in nine rebounds to help Wiese/Hy-Vee to victory. But even after getting the W, he definitely knew of areas where he could improve.

"[I need to] rebound better, shoot better, [and be] all-around more aggressive," he said.

Fellow incoming Hawkeye Devan Bawinkel chipped in four points, three rebounds, and three assists for Wiese/Hy-Vee.

Wiese/Hy-Vee went another week without current Hawkeye sophomore-to-be Jeff Peterson. While he was busy helping with a basketball camp last week, teammates were unsure of his whereabouts last night.

Ex-Wayne State player Brad Joens led the winning squad with 22 points, hitting 4-for-7 from 3-point range.

In a losing effort, former Hawkeye Kenyon Murray put up five points, hauled down five rebounds, and dished out four assists for Goodfellow/Imprinted. From his perspective as an alum, Murray liked what he saw from both Bawinkel and Brommer, and he predicts



Amy Andrews/The Daily Iowan

Andrew Brommer shoots during Prime Time action in North Liberty on Monday.

### PRIME TIME HAWK OF THE GAME

Andrew Brommer, Dan Wiese Marketing Research/Coralville Hy-Vee  
 9 points, 9 rebounds

bright futures for the two.

"I was really impressed with Brommer," Murray said. "He showed something that we need next year as far as a physical presence inside, the ability to block shots and rebound."

Murray also noticed some of the lay-ups Bawinkel made, which he considered impressive.

Bawinkel showed some ability to get to the basket off the dribble," Murray said. "Any help that we can get to put the ball in the basket is going to be an improvement from last year."

Murray's teammate Greg Brunner was not present at last night's game because of a calf injury suffered last week.

Also on Monday, Randy Larson announced that because of the season's delay in starting because of the flood, league play will likely be extend an additional week. However, he said, there won't be any games on July 23 because RAGBRAI will be biking through North Liberty, and those participating in the event will stop at the North Liberty Community Center, where all Prime Time and Game Time League contests take place.

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### PRIME TIME HAWK OF THE GAME

Aaron Fuller,  
 Pawz/Premier  
 27 points, 9  
 rebounds

And once

Fuller had full possession of the ball, he searched for teammate

Tucker down the sideline in hopes of scoring an easy bucket. Tucker did not disappoint

Fuller, and he finished with

26 points and five rebounds.

Armstrong's Tay Parker, a former Iowa Lakes Community College player, guarded Tucker toughly, but it was not enough to prevent him from performing his best "Michael Jordan-esque" type move. He drove hard and fast to the basket, and made a crowd-pleasing reverse lay-up.

SEE FRESHMEN, 8

Here's a chance to see how well you followed Iowa athletics during 2007-08.

# A real fan or . . .

By Darren Josephson

THE DAILY IOWAN

So you think you're an Iowa sports fan. Well, there are a lot of us around this campus. Whether you are the guy who second-guesses every play Ken O'Keefe calls on Saturdays or just into showing off your Hawkeye trivia skills to anyone who dares to listen, Iowa City is full of Hawkeye sports buffs.

But how well-versed are you? Sure, anyone can rattle off that Acie Earl is Iowa's all-time career leader in blocked shots, yet did you know that Iowa women's tennis player Milica Veselinovic broke the school record for career singles wins with 113 this season?

So to separate the pretenders from the contenders, I have devised a small test. I know nobody likes to hear the word "test" during the summer, but relax. It's all multiple choice.

So strap on your thinking cap — not the one with two cans of beer and dual straws — and see how well you followed Hawkeye athletics this year:

1. With the exception of the Syracuse game, the Hawks had trouble moving the ball through the air. Do you remember who led the Iowa football team last year with 38 receptions?

- a) James Cleveland
- b) Derrell Johnson-Koulianos
- c) Tony Moeaki
- d) Albert Young

2. This spring, the Iowa wrestling team won its 21st national championship, giving Hawkeye athletics 23 national championships overall. What two sports have won the other two national championships for Iowa?

- a) women's basketball/field hockey
- b) men's diving/women's cross-country
- c) men's gymnastics/field hockey
- d) softball/women's gymnastics

3. The Iowa softball team had a solid run into the NCAA Tournament, hosting first-round regional play. Can you name Iowa's head softball coach?

SEE TRIVIA, 8



The Palace of Auburn Hills sits empty during a break between NCAA wrestling sessions on March 17, 2007.

File photo/The Daily Iowan

SEE FRESHMEN, 8