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SAND COUNTRY



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

A broken tree limb sticks out of the ground in mounds of sand next to the Iowa River in City Park on Tuesday. Where there was once grass in this area, sand now covers the ground in the wake of the flood.

Iowa Ave. bridge closed again

A sinkhole approximately the size of a car standing on end forced local police to close the Iowa Avenue bridge Tuesday.

Police said the cavity's presence just east of the bridge indicated soil had washed out underneath the road.

The hole, which occupied part of the median in the center of Iowa Avenue, was more than 4 feet in diameter and numerous feet deep. The sound of moving water emanated from the sinkhole.

Several pedestrians walked down the sidewalk across the street from the cavity around 11 p.m. Tuesday. Streetlights in the immediate vicinity were off. The hole was surrounded by several orange traffic cones on one side and a permanent black chain fence dangling waist-high on the other.

Police tape blocked off the road on Iowa Avenue near the rail bridge, stopping short of the sidewalk.

The hole was spotted Tuesday afternoon in the median of Iowa Avenue. Officers then closed Iowa Avenue between Madison Street and Riverside Drive, Iowa City police Sgt. Vicki Lalla said.

Lalla didn't say when officials expected the bridge to be reopened.

— by Brian Stewart and Nick Petersen



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

A sinkhole sits in the median of Iowa Avenue near the English-Philosophy Building on Tuesday evening. Police have closed Iowa Avenue from Madison Street to Riverside Drive.

Flood won't stop sloth project

A team of UI scientists receives a \$20,000 grant to continue the excavation of three giant sloths in southwestern Iowa.

By Brian Stewart
THE DAILY IOWAN

Seven years ago, Bob and Sonia Athen stumbled upon a historic discovery in the backyard of their southwestern Iowa home in Shenandoah.

Since then, a team of scientists from the UI has been working to uncover and excavate the skeletons of a giant Ice Age sloth and two juveniles researchers said are unquestionably associated with the adult.

But when floodwaters swept across the state, the site of the skeletal remains was covered by roughly 30 feet of water.

Over the past two years, the area, which is intersected by a creek, has flooded several times, said the project's leader Holmes Semken, a UI professor emeritus

of geoscience. "I'm reasonably confident that the waters are not doing a whole lot of damage to the sloth," he said. "It's difficult to erode."

Flooding isn't always bad news to the researchers with the Tarkio Valley Sloth Project; Semken said the bones from the now-extinct mammals were likely uncovered by the flooding in 1993. And the news of the 2008 flooding at the site came within days of the news that the group had garnered a \$20,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.



Semken
UI professor emeritus

SEE SLOTH, 3

Fitting the smoking rules

UI officials work to implement the state-mandated smoking ban.

By Christopher Patton
THE DAILY IOWAN

With a ban that will try to extinguish smoking on all UI grounds, sidewalks, and roads — including in the cars driven on them — university officials hope the campuswide prohibition won't require coercive enforcement.

Jonathan Carlson, the cochairman of the UI smoking policy implementation team, said he is confident most people will voluntarily comply with the ban, which went into effect July 1.

"What is being attempted by the state law here is a culture change," he said. "It takes time for that kind of change to become accepted and widespread — people shouldn't have an expectation that henceforward they won't see a smoker on a campus."



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While the state has banned smoking on the UI campus (among other places), the sidewalks that run adjacent to city streets are owned by the city and are not subject to the ban. A map of which sidewalks are covered by the ban and which are not is available at www.uiowa.edu/homepage/smoking/.

Citing jaywalking and parking in inappropriate areas as other ongoing law-enforcement issues on campus, he said he expected smoking in prohibited areas to be a similar problem.

"After we get the signs up, people will become more aware of the new rules and follow them," he said. "But if that

turns out not to be the case, there's always the possibility that the UI police will issue some tickets."

Though new no-smoking signs are not yet in place, Carlson said they have been ordered. The signs will mark

SEE SMOKING, 3

Flood cost up

UI damages rise to a 'tenuous' \$231 million, a figure officials say will continue to fluctuate during the recovery process.

By Brian Stewart
THE DAILY IOWAN

The estimated damage figure for the UI jumped more than \$150 million to \$231.75 million Tuesday after UI risk management professionals and FM Global, the university's main insurance carrier, compiled new figures.

Those figures will probably continue to rise as recovery efforts progress.

"Everybody had her or his own idea [on how high the figure will be]," said Doug True, the UI senior vice president for Finance. "Even this is a very preliminary number. I wasn't surprised, but on the other hand, I didn't know exactly what the estimates would be."

University officials had previously estimated that the campus had suffered around \$75 million in damages, but the Federal Emergency Management Agency requested the UI compile a more comprehensive and detailed estimate by July 3.

SEE DAMAGES, 3

Repairs at UI to top \$230 million

See **Metro, 3** for a comprehensive graphic that breaks down how much damage individual UI buildings suffered.



Somewhat messy, but open

All floors of the Main Library are open, but the second-floor ITC and some space is still unavailable.



Amy Andrews/The Daily Iowan

Heating tubes pump hot air up stairwells into open areas in the Main Library. The air acts with the university's chillers to maintain proper temperature for storing books.

By Alayna Wilken
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Main Library is open for business today, despite the stacks of books and boxes that still clutter the upper floors.

The first floor looked relatively normal Tuesday; the only thing missing was people.

"It's a little bit eerie in here," said Kristi Bontrager, a coordinator and public-relations representative for the UI Libraries.

Library staff members had been scrambling to get the building up and running. The job required a lot of reorganizing and attention, even though little water actually seeped in.

Only 2 to 3 inches of water got into the lowest level after the building was evacuated on June 13, but it was ground water — not river water — which made all the difference, said Nancy Baker, the university librarian.

With the water level that low, it did not reach the bottom of the shelves in the basement, where all the archival storage is located, she said.

As a precaution, though, all the books were taken out, one by one, and carried up to the upper floors.

The maze of shelves extends from wall to wall in the basement storage rooms. Still-empty spaces were visible on the bottom shelves Tuesday. Down the basement hallway, a damp smell permeated the Special Collections storage room. Fans droned as they circulated air into the room.

Valuable materials, such as the papers of James Van Allen and vintage films of Iowa football games, were some of the first items to be moved. At first, only books on the bottom 18 inches of shelves were moved. When flood predictions worsened, the empty-shelf level was raised to 4 feet.

Now, an improvised catalogue system consisting of scraps of paper is taped to the shelves, marking where books should be returned.

In a fifth-floor study lounge, rows of books line the floor and cover tables, waiting to be returned to the basement.

The third floor resembled the fifth, with boxes stacked 4 feet high for the length of the hallway.

However, the air was hot and stuffy, because of the tubes pumping hot air into the building.

With the UI's steam tunnels

not at full capacity because of the flooding, the library is pumping hot air into all floors of the building to keep the temperature and humidity levels normal for the books' preservation.

A convoluted network of white, barrel-sized plastic tubes twisted to each floor in a stairwell on the west side of the building.

Materials even littered the west reading lounge on the second floor. All of the tables were stacked with books, leaving no room for study space.

The library faces the challenge of limited seating capacity in the library. Of the approximate 1,450 seats normally available, the reshuffling has taken over around 800 of them, Bontrager said.

But lost computer and storage space will keep the the library very busy, Baker said.

In addition, the Main Library needs to find space for courses this fall that have lost their classrooms.

All the floors will open today, despite the mess. An electrical problem found Tuesday closed the second floor Instructional Technology Center, however.

The library's opening will

Main Library flooding

The building is dry but not quite back to normal.

- 500,000 books are still in basement storage
- Only 800 of 1,450 seats are available
- Second-floor ITC computer lab still closed

Source: Kristi Bontrager, UI Libraries public-relations coordinator

provide much-needed space for students taking classes this summer.

"I'm going to enjoy it there," said UI student Katharine Oldberg.

Oldberg, who is taking a full load of classes this summer, has been hanging out at the Old Capitol mall between classes.

The library makes it a lot easier to have somewhere to go rather than going home and coming back again, she said.

Meanwhile, Baker was trying to get the space presentable. "Welcome back; pardon our mess," she said.

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Coralville discusses buyout

Coralville officials discussed a buyout program for homes affected by flooding late Tuesday night.

By Ben Travers
THE DAILY IOWAN

Coralville officials announced Tuesday night that they are backing an Iowa hazard-mitigation program, or "buyout" program, aimed at helping flood-affected area residences.

The program provides funding for cities to purchase homes damaged by flooding directly from homeowners for the building's pre-flood market value.

"In this case, I think we're all behind it," said City Councilor John Weihe.

Priority for funds is given to certain severely flooded homes that meet federal definitions of a "floodway," but other than buildings on Edgewater Drive, officials were unsure as of Tuesday night how many houses that could include.

Elle Habel, as Coralville assistant city administrator, said the

process is voluntary, and the city plans on holding an open house sometime next week to discuss options with affected owners.

The actual buyout would not begin until the spring of 2009, when homeowners would be notified whether they qualify for the program.

The deadline for applications is Sept. 12, but Coralville City Administrator Kelly Hayworth said he hopes to have it filed much sooner.

"We need compliance from homeowners for the program to go forward," he said. "We'll try to [have it] ready by August."

In other business, the Coralville City Council passed a number of ordinances aimed to stimulate the city's economy and help flooded businesses get back on their feet.

Members passed an ordinance waiving building-permit fees for properties damaged by flooding

after discussing the option in a work session last week.

Jim Kessler, a building and zoning official, said five to 10 requests for permits are coming in every day, and more than 25 have been issued since the flooding.

"We're just beginning to get requests in," he said. "Just about every building from Rocky Shore Drive to Sixth Avenue had damages."

Permits cost a minimum of \$23.50, but fees are usually much higher because they are based on the amount of work that has to be done on each structure. Kessler said for every \$1,000 in work on the building, the fee increases.

He said the city had been asked to evaluate a request for more than \$450,000 worth of work.

Kessler said the fees for the permits already issued will be refunded for each applicable

business.

The council also passed an ordinance granting permission for the development of a business park on Highway 6 near James Boulevard.

Though there are no definite plans for what stores will open in the park, Kessler said it could be a home retail center made up of stores with home-improvement specialties.

"We are trying to promote any business growth we can," he said. "Development is down across the board."

In order to speed up the development process, the council voted to collapse the second and third readings into one final reading at the next meeting.

Kessler said the actions were not irregular for a valued development, especially while city officials are trying to aid the local economy.

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2. Passion-filled Idyllwild meeting leaves questions of future unanswered
3. Main Library to reopen tomorrow
4. Chemistry among Hawkeyes apparent at Prime Time game
5. Dan Wiese Marketing Research makes valiant Prime Time comeback

POLICE BLOTTER

Jonathan Lovell, 22, Coralville, was charged Monday with third-offense public intoxication.

Yadira Salamanca-Martinez, 21, 2018 Waterfront Drive Lot 120, was charged Monday with driving while barred.

Tonyae Shaw, 28, 2401 Bartlett Road Apt. 2C, was charged July 4 with possession of marijuana and possession of an open alcohol container in a vehicle.

Jeffrey Wells, 51, address unknown, was charged Monday with criminal trespassing.

Stanley Ziewacz, 57, 304 Ronalds

St., was charged July 5 with public intoxication.

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METRO

Man gets 7 years in domestic assault

A man accused of abusing his wife in the presence of his children was sentenced to seven years in prison, online court records show. Tommy Brown, 33, of North

Liberty will serve five years in prison for willful injury causing bodily injury, a Class D felony, and two years for domestic-abuse assault while displaying a weapon, an aggravated misdemeanor.

An additional domestic-abuse assault charge and a child-endan-

germent charge were dismissed. Two other original-child endangerment charges were not filed, according to online records.

Police arrested Brown in April after he attacked his wife with a knife, choking her and biting her on the face and fingers while she was driving.

The couple's three children were in the car at the time. One child is known to be 12 years old, and another is 5 years old, according to reports.

The woman was reportedly taken to UI Hospitals and Clinics for severe swelling and bleeding.
— by Olivia Moran

UI implementing ban

'There are no designated smoking areas on campus — state law does not allow for designated areas.'

— Jonathan Carlson, cochairman of the UI smoking policy implementation team

SMOKING

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all nonsmoking areas, which includes all campus buildings and grounds as well as some sidewalks and streets.

"There are no designated smoking areas on campus — state law does not allow for designated areas," he said, adding that people will need to cross over onto city property to be able to smoke.

Streets and sidewalks on which smoking is prohibited on the East Campus include the portion of Madison Street north of Market Street as well as several other minor access roads.

Technically, the ban forbids smoking in cars on UI-owned roads.

Those on the West Campus will have more difficulty finding city property to smoke on. Large sections of Hawkins Drive and Newton Road and most smaller roads in the area exist entirely on university grounds.

Beatriz Mate-Kodjo, a UI student and self-described light smoker, said the ban doesn't concern her very much.

"Some people I know are trying to quit because it will just be too inconvenient," she said.

The university is making an effort to assist those who do decide to quit, Carlson said, adding that information about quitting is available on the university's website.

"We very much hope that

Much less smoke on campus

UI police said they don't plan to take an iron fist to smoking ban offenders, such as drivers, who could technically be fined for smoking inside cars on UI streets. Some streets on campus, however, are owned by the city and don't fall under university jurisdiction.

Smoking Prohibited

UI streets: smoking not allowed



Nelle Dunlap/The Daily Iowan

people who are smokers will take advantage of the resources that are being made available to quit," he said.

A nonsmoker, Hayes McCurry, who lives near several UI dorms, said he has some concerns about the additional number of cigarette butts that may wind up on the sidewalks surrounding the dorms.

"Kids are still going to light up regardless," he said. "I guess it will just be on the sidewalks instead of right in front of the dorms."

Mate-Kodjo said she wishes the city or the university

would install more trashcans with ashtrays to minimize littering.

Though the UI has yet to make any specific plans to deal with increased cigarette butts around campus' edge, Carlson said discussions are ongoing with the city about possible solutions.

"Some problems we can't fix," he said. "If people choose to smoke off campus, it's not obvious what the university can do about that."

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Giant sloth site OK



Contributed photo/David Brenzel

Lindsay Eaves-Johnson, graduate assistant, anthropology department works on bones.

SLOTH

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The funding will help the team with research into a historical discovery — the Tarkio Valley find marks the first time a juvenile sloth has ever been unearthed in connection with an adult skeleton. In Shenandoah, the excavators have uncovered more than 100 major elements to the adult skeleton, 40 bones of the older juvenile, and one bone belonging to a third infant sloth.

The sloths, many the size of elephants, roamed the plains of Iowa until they went extinct 10,000 years ago. Semken said the find could give researchers an important and rare glimpse into the Pleistocene extinction event — a period when almost 40 species of mammals vanished at once.

"It's a breakthrough project for the university," sloth project co-leader David Brenzel said in a statement, noting that the grant allows the scientists to help educate the public about the science behind the research the team is conducting.

The team has already sent DNA samples from the adult and elder juvenile sloth to McMaster University in Ontario, where funds from the grant are financing study of

the fossil's DNA. Capital from the grant will also be used for several educational programs related to the discovery, Semken said.

"You can't realize the potential until you know how much you have," he said, noting that researchers should be able to complete the project within the next year or two years. "And I was the one that said it would be done in two months in 2002," he added and laughed.

The recent flooding has removed all of the levees erected near the creek, causing the cost of the project to increase slightly "but not substantially," Semken said. The owner of the excavation company near Shenandoah is "very interested in the sloth and is very prompt about getting out there" to secure the site and help rebuild levees.

After the project is complete, the remains will eventually be on display in the UI Museum of Natural History alongside Rusty, a life-size replica of a ground sloth.

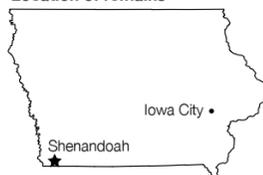
Sarah Horgen, the education and outreach coordinator for the Museum of Natural History, said she hopes the exhibit will increase the number of visitors "because it is such a unique find, and we will have a display like no other because the site itself is unique."

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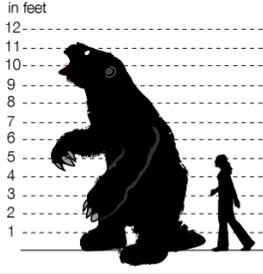
Giant sloths found

Fossil remains of three giant sloths were discovered near Shenandoah, Iowa. The estimated height of a giant sloth is more than 11 feet.

Location of remains



Approximate size of adult sloth in feet



Kate Rhomberg and Nelle Dunlap/The Daily Iowan

UI FLOOD

Damage estimate soars

DAMAGES

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When river waters began to rise and flooding became a concern, UI President Sally Mason said she never expected the damage to be this severe but said the figure "is what it is."

"I didn't know what to expect," she said. "We knew we were going to see damage, and it was clear once Mayflower was involved that it could get serious."

The estimate breaks down the total into five areas: damages to buildings, damages to content stored in buildings, debris removal, emergency protection measures, and miscellaneous expenses.

Included in the miscellaneous expenditures is the cost of leasing space for music, theater, and art classes, which can't be held in their normal facilities. While the UI has begun leasing space for some of those courses, the number is still an approximation, True said.

Three "high-profile and high-traffic buildings" suffered water damage in the millions, according to the report. Estimates put the IMU at \$20 million in damages, followed by Hancher Auditorium with a \$13 million tag, and the Museum of Art ringing in at around \$4 million.

Just north of the IMU, the Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories tops the price list with a total of \$42 million in damages — \$34 million of which comes from harm to content in the high-tech research facility. Together, the Power Plant and utility systems, which includes the utility tunnels, acquired more than \$40 million in damage estimates.

True said one factor that could drive the number higher is the water-logged tunnels. For safety reasons, "some of our tunnels have not been entered, and so many of these costs are speculative," he said.

And expenses associated with "business interruption," or the week the UI spent closed, are not included in the estimate for FEMA, True said. Those costs will be absorbed in the budget units of the respective departments across campus.

Board of Regents' President David Miles, who toured the campus shortly after the flooding peaked, said the current estimate seems "very reasonable."

"I'm sure the number isn't perfect, and I think [UI officials] would be the first to admit that," he said. "It gives us an idea of just how devastating the flood has been to the university."

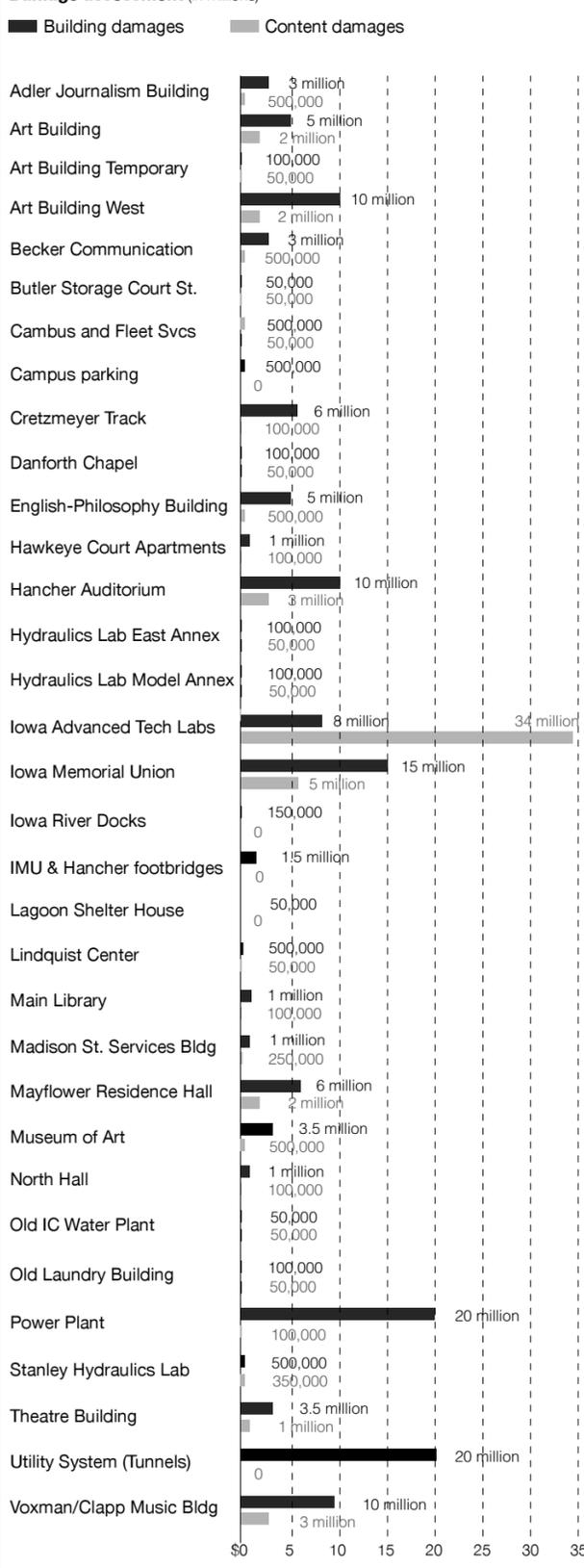
True echoed Miles in calling the number "tenuous" and said it will certainly fluctuate over time. Because many of the figures are ballpark numbers, as the UI begins to bid projects and contract with companies for reconstruction efforts, the estimates will be replaced by actual dollar figures.

"Literally, all the time

Flood damages

The UI released the costs of damages to campus buildings.

Damage assessment (in millions)



Kate Rhomberg and Nelle Dunlap/The Daily Iowan

throughout our recovery process, the estimates will become more precise and the cash flows out more precise," he said.

Regent Robert Downer, an Iowa City resident, called the most recent estimate startling.

"To say the least, it takes your breath away," he said. "I guess I had assumed, without a particular justification for it, that when the \$75 million number

came out that it probably represented more than half of the damage instead of less than one-third.

"This is going to be another challenging year and perhaps several years from a funding standpoint," Downer said. "I wasn't prepared for a number this large."

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Plain idiotcy

One reason that I don't really rate economics as a science is that it doesn't do a very good job of actually predicting behavior or outcomes. The supposition that humanity as a whole will behave rationally and according to its economic needs is ridiculous, not to mention destructive. There's nothing particularly enlightened about self-interest. Although now that nobody's buying SUVs anymore, I suppose I should tone down the criticism.

In this spirit, I wonder at the decisions that people are trying to reach now about rebuilding homes and businesses in the floodplain. Specifically, I'm amazed that people are even considering it. Once bitten, twice undaunted, I guess.



JON GOLD

By writing this, I'm not trying to discount the strong attachment home and business owners have to their current locations. I'm simply pointing out that it's a bad deal both for them and for everybody else. (And not just because I can't get food from the Hunan anymore, though I truly miss its shrimp-fried rice.)

Here's the central issue: Most homes and businesses, specifically those on a floodplain, do not have flood insurance. The federal government has a list of areas in which property owners *must* purchase such insurance to qualify for mortgage loans, but the list is way too small. The result is that there are a lot of flood-prone areas in which you're not legally obligated to have insurance. Private insurers, knowing perfectly well what the chances of a flood are in these places, charge exorbitant amounts of money for coverage there. Small business and home owners, who are a lot less canny about figuring out the odds — and 33 percent of whom don't even know that flood damage isn't covered by standard homeowner's insurance, according to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners — simply skip the insurance and build in unofficially hazardous areas anyway.

Some of the libertarians in the audience — the more short-sighted ones, anyway — will shrug at this point and say that these people made their own soggy beds and should now sleep in them. Unfortunately, the taxpayers are the ones who are getting soaked, because they're on the hook for disaster relief funds through FEMA.

Now, on the dexter side of our second "100-year flood" in 15 years, it behooves us to have a different response than "I sure hope that doesn't happen again." With global climate change now inevitable, we have to view this latest "100-year flood" as a wake-up call.

We could take a lesson from the communities that, after the '93 floods, accepted FEMA's offer of preventative buyouts of flood-prone properties. Some 25,000 properties, according to a 2006 *Time* magazine article, were converted into wetlands, which "act like [sponges] in storms." Sounds a lot better than waiting until the next "100-year flood" comes along and suffering through the same traumas.

Iowa City's leaders seem to have the right idea. The City Council will create a flood-mitigation plan in order to qualify for FEMA buyouts of particularly at-risk properties. The feds would pay the lion's share of the buyouts, which would be voluntary. "The program is aimed at helping the community by moving [people] out of harm's way," Jeff Davidson, Iowa City's director of planning and community development, told the *DI* last week.

The frequency and severity of natural disasters are going to get worse before they get better, thanks in no small part to our species and its habit of polluting the world's air and water. Greenhouse gases mean higher temperatures, which mean rising sea levels, which mean unpredictable — and undeniable — climate changes. The Stern Review, commissioned by the British government in 2006, asserts that 1 percent of the world's gross domestic product must be invested in combating the effects of climate change and gives stern (sorry) warnings that a "business-as-usual" policy for carbon emissions could cause a shift of 5 degrees Celsius by the end of the century. Putting it much better than I can, the review states: "An illustration of the scale of such an increase is that we are now only around 5 degrees C warmer than in the last Ice Age." Great, let's go the way of the woolly mammoth and the saber-toothed tiger. A fitting end.

Without lapsing too far (OK, any further) into a global warming-tirade, let me just say that my point is merely that we should expect this to happen more often and act accordingly.

If we want to protect our homes and livelihoods from the next disaster, we've got to stop putting ourselves in harm's way, and our leaders should stop encouraging us to do so. ■

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Editorial

Drop in student-loan interest rates deserves applause

College graduates may not be quite as shell-shocked by financial stress after receiving their degree thanks to a recent and significant drop in interest rates on student loans.

The lowered interest rates, which have dropped to 4.06 percent (the lowest in decades), are an attempt by the Bush administration, according to Secretary of Education Rod Paige, to "help students and their families finance college and career training."

The drop in interest rates is also an ideal way to encourage people to get a college education. What better way to persuade students that a college education is the way to go than to make interest rates more fair and affordable so that, along with finding a job and buying a home, college graduates don't also have to deal with paying back loans that have accumulated interest almost as costly as the original loans themselves. Falling interest rates just might be what seals the deal for many high-school graduates: the federal government ushers students off to college, and in return, students are offered a more affordable education. And we say anything that makes college more affordable and more appealing to students is a step in the right direction, not just for the education process but for a nation in need of more teachers, doctors, researchers, and engineers.

A report last year from the Career College Association states that one of the top reasons high-school graduates choose not to attend college is that they simply cannot afford it. Cost is also a reason many college stu-

dents choose to quit school and opt out of college altogether. In a study, Campus Progress found that between 2001 and 2010, an estimated 2 million academically qualified students won't be able to go to college because they can't afford it. And for those students who do choose to attend college: The average college senior is expected to graduate with at least \$3,200 in credit-card debt alongside \$18,900 in student loans. Add accumulated loan interest to this equation, and student debt becomes even higher.

To think that there are students — future doctors, nurses, lawyers, engineers, and artists — who will choose alternatives to a college education simply because the cost of this education is too high is saddening.

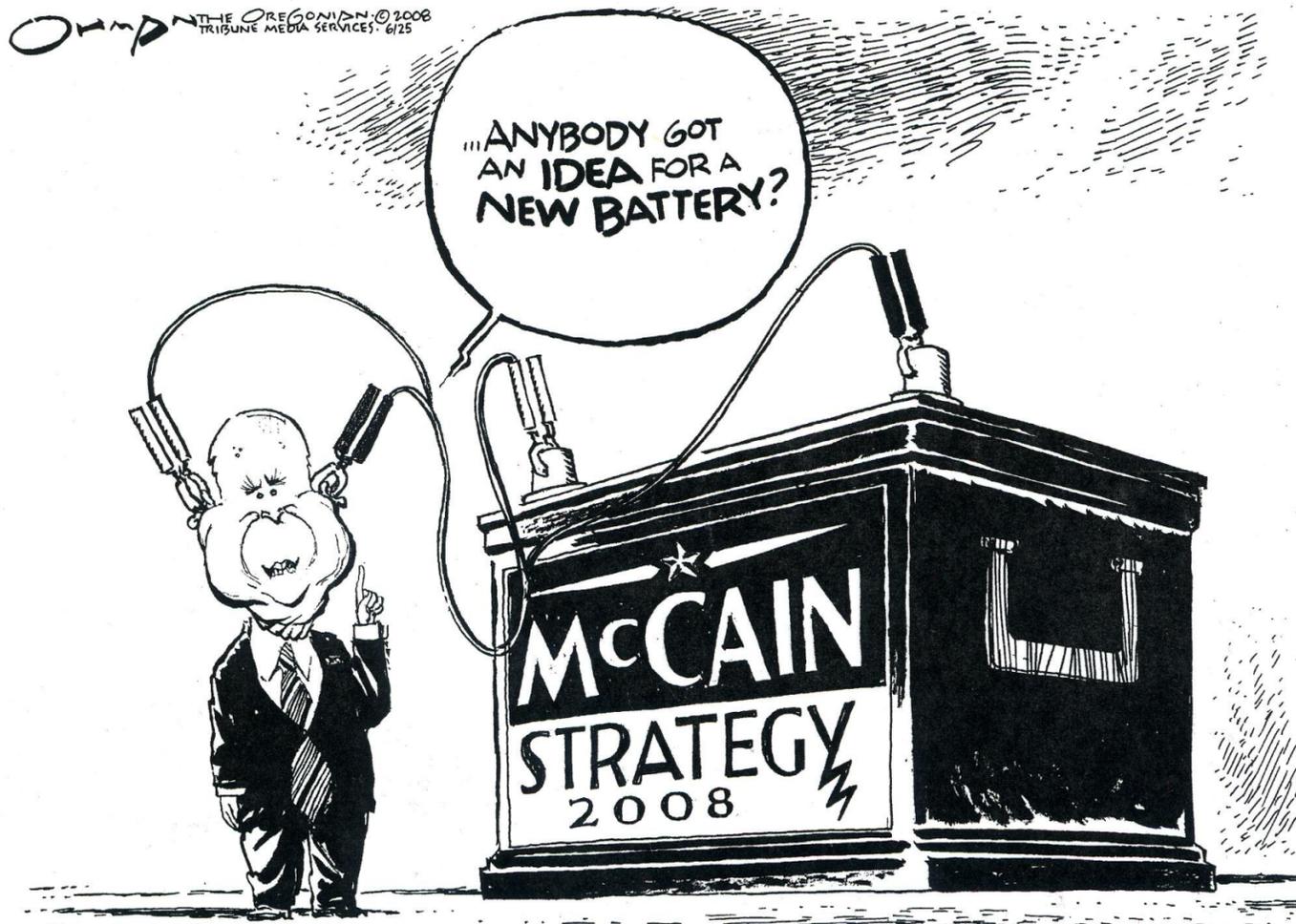
To think that cost discourages students from having what great leaders such as Nelson Mandela have coined "the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" is a cause for great concern, not just for potential students but for a society that needs these professionals to advance.

The federal government should be applauded for its efforts to make a college education more affordable to all students, in any way possible. Though there will always be more that can be done to open the doors to a college education for every single student, lowering interest rates is a good first step in making education more affordable for those who wish to pursue a higher education.

Letters

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Guest Opinion

Did the Corps perform adequately?

The UI and the cities of Iowa City and Coralville have all lost many assets in the past several weeks. The most recent estimate of the losses due to the flood of 2008 suggests it is at least \$238 million at the UI alone. Clearly, this was an unusual year for rainfall. But still, we need to ask whether human error contributed to this flood. If we don't, we will not learn from the possible mistakes that were made. Of course, we might examine decisions regarding where we have selected to build in our city and on our campus, but many of these decisions were influenced by assumptions and assurances regarding the role and function of the dam north of town. Hence, a logical starting point in analyzing past decisions is to compare the dam's maximum flood-control functions with the actual record of its functions. Related to this disaster, we need to know whether the dam operations, had they functioned optimally in their flood-prevention role, might have averted the Iowa City flood of 2008.

An obvious question is why higher levels of discharge were not utilized in the weeks prior to the flood. If the Corps of Engineers had implemented the highest level of controlled discharge during the months of May and June, could the flood have been prevented? The Corps should issue a performance report for evaluating its role in flood prevention. For instance, we need to know why the river was lowered for a week in May. The Coralville Reservoir was very high during that entire month. What was the decision process for lowering the river and reducing the discharge? Are there formal values or weights placed on recreation versus flood control? Is the level of release a

seat of the pants decision? Could we do better with an empirical model? Is there a need for public input? Is there a need for oversight? Is there a need for simulation-based modeling? Is there an equation governing discharge that differentially weights various competing interests? Can we have a look at these weights? It is our river! Before we rebuild, the Corps needs to report to the area residents regarding past performance and its plans to avert future flooding.

Not being a hydrologist, I obviously cannot determine whether mistakes were made without a formal report from the Corps. It needs to address these questions and report to its constituents. This is simply Accountability 101. We citizens should be informed about what is going on with our polluted river and its management. The Department of Natural Resources has already set a very low standard in the area of pollution, allowing the Iowa River to become one of the most endangered waterways in the United States. Both the Corps and Natural Resources need to be accountable and present the facts to the citizens they serve. The Corps should additionally tell us what it has learned from previous errors. For instance, the second and most costly flood in the summer of 1993 was a preventable event had the Corps had appropriate command and control procedure in place. How has it responded to this past error? Has it implemented measures to prevent a reoccurrence? We deserve answers.

Clarence Kreiter is a professor in the UI Carver College of Medicine.

Swing into Prairie Lights Books (15 S. Dubuque) today at 7 p.m. for a free reading from Elizabeth Hartley Winthrop. She'll read from her second novel, *December*, which details a family's struggle with their daughter's voluntary muteness.



Arts & Culture

The red skirts are coming

Great Britain: land of Earl Grey, fish and chips, and now the breeding ground for successful female musicians.

By Jake Jensen
THE DAILY IOWAN

I love Britain double-decker buses, the changing of the guard, the London Eye; it all captivates me. And, it seems, my fellow Americans are similarly interested, at least as far as popular music is concerned.

In the 1960s, Dusty Springfield crossed the Pond and became a phenomenon. The late-80s found Scottish singer Annie Lennox helping to popularize the synth-pop sound of the decade along with the Eurythmics. Then came the '90s, the Spice Girls, and more platform-shoed, peace-sign-flashing 12-year-old girls than one could count.

But now that Ginger Spice and friends are settling down, having kids, and hosting TLC competition shows, it's fitting that a new British invasion is seeping into the American music scene.

British singers have been finding critical and commercial success here in the colonies for the past few years, as evidenced by the careers of Amy Winehouse, Lily Allen, Kate Nash, and M.I.A. And now that up-and-comers Estelle and Duffy have cracked the U.S. Top-40 singles chart, it seems as if 2008 is truly their year.

The trend officially took off in April, when "The X Factor" (the UK's "American Idol" predecessor) winner Leona Lewis came tearing through the States with her chart-topping album *Spirit* and song "Bleeding Love," which became the first single by a English female artist to top *Billboard's* Hot 100 since Kim Wilde in 1987.

Lewis, though, has her fellow Brits to thank, specifically Winehouse and Allen. Most Americans are now quite familiar with Winehouse, from her ongoing drug problems to her five-time Grammy-winning album *Back to Black*. Allen also found herself with Grammy recognition, as well as numerous tabloid mentions for her outlandish behavior.

LEFT: Kate Nash, 21, (hometown: London) is known for having red hair, being adorably quirky on her album *Made of Bricks*, a series of VH1 "You Oughta Know" promos.

Now come one-named wonders Estelle and Duffy. They are well on their way to reaching the same heights that their fellow Brits did — combined, the videos for their singles have received more than 22 million hits on YouTube. Estelle's single "American Boy" features Kanye West, an endorsement that can do wonders. Duffy's "Mercy" is continuing to climb the chart, jumping up three spots this past week.

So, what is it about these artists that Americans find so appealing? That their respective hits are all insanely catchy doesn't hurt. Whether it's the retro vibe of "Mercy" and Winehouse's soul-inspired look and voice, the gunshot-sampling chorus of M.I.A.'s "Paper Planes," or the sweetly sassy *All Right, Still* by Allen, their sounds are varied and appeal to many different audiences.

There's also the fact that they're British. Their homeland holds a certain amount of exoticness, but it's not intimidating. The accents are different, yet can still touch the masses because the language they sing in is familiar.

Maybe American listeners are growing weary of their own, homegrown pop starlets. Britney Spears' disheartening decline has left her without the mega hits she once had, while Christina Aguilera's and Jessica Simpson's latest efforts have sold a fraction of what their previous discs did. Their counterparts from across the ocean offer something different and refreshing.

Will any member of this new crop of UK talent become the cultural icon that the Spice Girls did? Who knows. But what's certain is that their music has struck a chord (pun intended) with American audiences, and I, along with their other millions of fans, eagerly anticipate what comes next.

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RIGHT: Lily Allen, 23 (hometown: London) is known for dying her hair pink, dating a Chemical Brother, being outspoken, and her awesomely sassy single "Smile."



Publicity photo

Amy Winehouse, 24, (hometown: London) is known for having a deep, soulful voice, bringing back (or at least attempting to) the beehive, wearing lots of eyeliner, fighting drug addiction, winning awards.



Publicity photo

Duffy, 24, (hometown: Nefyn, Gwynedd, Wales) is known for her current '60s influenced single "Mercy" and equally retro fashion sense.



Publicity photo



Publicity photo

Estelle, 28, (hometown: West London) is known for having Kanye West rap in her song "American Boy," criticizing Duffy.



Publicity photo

M.I.A., 30, (hometown: London) is known for being of Sri Lankan descent, being a political activist, mixing a large assortment of genres, the infectious singles "Boyz" and "Paper Planes."



Publicity photo

Worth more than a penny each

Thanks to Fire Records, you can keep using your copy of *Ulysses* as a doorstop and celebrate Bloomsday just rockin' out.

By Tara Atkinson Gunyon
THE DAILY IOWAN

Didn't get to fly out to Dublin for Bloomsday? Waiting to celebrate until you finish the book (next year)? Don't even know what I'm talking about? If you think it has something to do with flowers, you're wrong. But don't worry, there's a pretentious English major available to enlighten you — me.

Bloomsday, celebrated June 16, is probably the nerdiest holiday celebrated worldwide. Though it *sounds* like it might be a festival of flowers, its name actually derives from something way cooler — Leopold Bloom, the burping, farting, middle-aged, mopey, and sexually challenged protagonist of the greatest Modern novel of all time, James Joyce's *Ulysses*.

And the point of this article is to brag to you all that I've read *Ulysses*.

The end. Actually, you don't need to have read *Ulysses* to appreciate Fire Records' recently released Bloomsday project, *Chamber Music* (technically, only released

in the UK as of now, though you can get it on iTunes or download it directly from Fire Records if you don't mind paying in pounds. It's also set to be released on LP in the States July 22.) *Chamber Music*, in fact, doesn't really have anything to do with *Ulysses*.

Broadly speaking, Bloomsday celebrates James Joyce and takes place on the day that all of the events of *Ulysses* transpired, so, it seems, any aspect of the artist's life and work are up for celebrating. *Chamber Music*, the book, is one of Joyce's collections of poetry. And while *Ulysses* might be one of Modernism's greatest masterpieces, *Chamber Music* is decidedly not. (In 1931, Joyce wrote: "I wrote *Chamber Music* as a protest against myself.") Sure, some Joyce scholars probably throw some praise its way, but these one-page rhyming poems aren't exactly something to write your thesis on. They are, however, extremely adaptable to song, which is the central idea behind the album Fire Records produced.

Without altering the words, an exciting lineup of 36 artists including Lee Ranaldo of Sonic Youth and Peter Buck of R.E.M., set each poem in Joyce's *Chamber Music* to song (which is sort of amusing if you think about how a book of poems titled like music was turned into music titled like poems), brought to you by the independent label based in London that has signed such bands as Jackie O Motherfucker and Liars.

The end result? Way better than trying to sing your way through *Ulysses*, which, like a lot of Bloomsday projects, is one bad idea that keeps turning up like pennies. With the exception of Mercury Rev's rendition of "XXIII," which is basically just a reading of the poem set to inappropriately creepy atmospheric music — the way you'd expect a poetry slam to go in a Tim Burton movie (thumbs down, you slackers), the songs are not only innovative but actually likable. The occasional phrase doesn't translate well — "mien so virginal" is the gem Chicago band Califone got stuck with, but overall you can't even tell you're listening to 100-year-old poems set to indie rock.

And you don't have to feel bad about rocking out to James Joyce, because now all the cool kids, like Minutemen/ Iggy and the Stooges performer Mike Watt, are doing it, too.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	48	43	.527	—
Florida	46	44	.511	1½
New York	46	44	.511	1½
Atlanta	43	48	.473	5
Washington	34	57	.374	14
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	54	36	.600	—
St. Louis	51	40	.560	3½
Milwaukee	50	40	.556	4
Cincinnati	43	48	.473	11½
Pittsburgh	42	47	.472	11½
Houston	41	50	.451	13½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	45	45	.500	—
Los Angeles	44	46	.489	1
San Francisco	39	51	.433	6
Colorado	38	53	.418	7½
San Diego	36	55	.396	10½

San Antonio 83, New York 79
Seattle 79, Sacramento 64
Today's Games
Atlanta at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Houston at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Phoenix at Seattle, 2 p.m.
San Antonio at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Sacramento, 8 p.m.

PRIME TIME STANDINGS

1. Jill Armstrong of Lepic-Kroeger Realtors	4 - 1
2. Vinton Merchants	4 - 1
3. Dan Wiese Marketing Research/ Coralville Hy-Vee	3 - 2
4. Iowa City Ready Mix/Deli Mart	3 - 2
5. Goodfellow Printing/Imprinted Sportswear	2 - 3
6. Mike Gatens Real Estate/McCurrys	2 - 3
7. L.L. Pelling/Hodge Construction	1 - 4
8. Lucky Pawz/Premier Investments	1 - 4

TOUR DE FRANCE AT A GLANCE

4th stage look at Tour de France
CHOLET, France (AP) — A brief look at Tuesday's fourth stage of the Tour de France:
Stage: An 18.3-mile individual time trial beginning and ending in Cholet.
Winner: Stefan Schumacher of Germany was fastest at every checkpoint, and he finished 18 seconds ahead of Kim Kirchen of Luxembourg and David Millar of Britain.
Yellow Jersey: Schumacher took over the race lead from Romain Feillu. Kirchen and Millar are 12 seconds back.
Quote of the Day: "Everybody dreams of this jersey. It's incredible." — Schumacher.
Next stage: Today's fifth stage is the longest and the flattest of the Tour, 144.2 miles from Cholet to Chateaufort.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Placed LHP Adam Loewen on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of LHP Alberto Castillo from Norfolk (IL).
BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with C Tim Federowicz and RHP Corbin Toles (NYP).
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Activated 1B Paul Konerko from the 15-day DL. Designated INF Pablo Ozuna for assignment.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with 2B Jeremy Weeks on a minor league contract and OF Tyreece House.
TEXAS RANGERS—Placed RHP Eric Hurley on the 15-day DL. Recalled LHP Matt Harrison from Oklahoma (PCL).
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with RHP Julian Tavarez on a one-year contract.
CHICAGO CUBS—Acquired RHP Rich Harden and RHP Chad Gaudin from Oakland for RHP Sean Gallagher, OF Matt Murton, OF Eric Patterson, and C Josh Donaldson.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Placed C Matt Treanor on the 15-day DL. Recalled C John Baker from Albuquerque (PCL).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Signed RHP Seth Lintz.
NEW YORK METS—Placed OF Lewin Church on the 15-day DL. Recalled 1B/OF Nick Evans from Binghamton (EL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Purchased the contract of OF Chip Ambres from Portland (PCL). Recalled INF Brian Myrow and LHP Joe Thatcher from Portland. Placed RHP Brett Tomko on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 6.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Recalled INF Eugenio Velez from Fresno (PCL). Optioned OF Brian Horwitz to Fresno.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Placed OF Elijah Dukes on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 6. Recalled OF Kory Casto from Columbus (IL).
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHARLOTTE BOBCATS—Signed G D.J. Augustin and F Alexis Ajinca.
MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Signed F Joe Alexander to a multiyear contract.
SACRAMENTO KINGS—Signed F-C Jason Thompson.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL—Named Jeffrey Miller director of strategic security, effective Aug. 18.
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed WR Steve Johnson.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS—Signed C Brendan Morrison to a one-year contract.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Signed G Jaroslav Halak to a two-year contract.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Signed D Joe Callahan to a one-year contract.
NEW YORK RANGERS—Agreed to terms with D Paul Mara. Named Mike Barnett director of U.S. amateur scouting and senior advisor to the president and general manager.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Signed D Jason Smith to a two-year contract.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Signed Grant Fuhr, goaltending coach, to a contract extension. Named Gord Pell amateur scout and Robert Nordmark European scout.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Signed LW Adam Henrich and D T.J. Kemp.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Re-signed RW Evgeny Artyukhin to a multiyear contract. Signed RW Mark Recchi to a one-year contract and RW Brandon Bochenski to a two-year contract.

GAME TIME LEAGUE

Vets carry the day

'OLD-TIMERS' CONTINUED FROM 10

yet still keep everyone else involved — that's special." Alexander seemed never to quit during the entire contest. Though her Imprinted/Goodfellow team may have lost, she gave a gutsy effort on the defensive side of the court. At the 15:45 mark of the first half, Alexander snared two offensive

rebounds and a steal before putting up an uncontested lay-in. "I try to read everything," she said. "Guarding Kristi, when she's bringing the ball down, I try to see what's going on and where everyone is at before she gets past half-court." In a 5-for-11 effort from the floor, Draxten led Imprinted/Goodfellow with 15 points. Many of times it looked as though she and Alexander

were reading each other's minds — giving solid screens and setting up one another. "I'm happy I ended up with one of our freshmen [Draxten], because I get the chance to play with her a lot before the season," Alexander said. "We've scrimmaged with each other, but to have her on my team helps me know where she is on the floor, and I get to know her strengths and weaknesses." For Alexander and Draxten,

the Game Time League is used as a tool to refine their skills for the upcoming season. "Coming out here makes me feel like I'm back in that place in my life," Faas said. "I know I love the game, but you don't realize how much you love it until you don't have it anymore." E-mail *DI* reporter **Krisanne Ryther** at: krisanne-ryther@uiowa.edu

Ausdemore, Wahlin shine

AUSDEMORE CONTINUED FROM 10

her face or wide open, anything you give her." Ausdemore started the game strong, sinking a field goal just inside the 3-point line in the first 10 seconds of the game. Each team answered the other with baskets, and in the first five minutes, it looked as though it would be a barnburner. Hy-Vee/Pelling started slipping midway through the first half before back-to-back 3's, one of which was came from Wahlin, cut the deficit down to three points.

"Sometimes, we go through little stretches where we don't play as well or we turn the ball over too much, but otherwise I think we're doing pretty good," she said. Given the effort from Wahlin on Tuesday, plus what she has seen from the other incoming Hawkeyes competing in the Game Time League this summer, Ausdemore likes what Iowa has coming in. "We have got a chance to play with five freshmen, and they're doing a great job so far this summer," Ausdemore said. "It's fun to play with them." At halftime, the game was tied at 42. Hamlin led

Wiese/Premier with 14 points, and Ausdemore had 12 points through the game's first 20 minutes. At the start of the second half, Hy-Vee/Pelling began playing sloppy basketball, and it suddenly fell behind by 11 points. But just as quickly as it sputtered, it got right back in the game. Wiese/Premier then let the contest slip through its fingers, and it couldn't recover once it got behind. "I needed a little more offensive rebounding and probably [to] help the defense too," Hamlin said. "We can't let people have so many open shots, and I

think we need to do better keeping our composure [at] the same level through the game, no matter if we're winning or losing." Although both teams were out there to win, it was evident that this was a friendly competition. Hamlin and Ausdemore even joked during substitutions. "We're here to compete and to get better and improve on certain skills," Hamlin said. "But at the same time, it's off-season [and a time to] have a little fun." E-mail *DI* reporter **Nick Fetty** at: nick-fetty@uiowa.edu

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	55	34	.618	—
Boston	54	39	.581	3
New York	48	42	.533	7½
Baltimore	44	44	.500	10½
Toronto	47	47	.478	12½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	52	37	.584	—
Minnesota	50	40	.556	2½
Detroit	45	44	.506	7
Kansas City	40	51	.440	13
Cleveland	37	52	.416	15
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	54	36	.600	—
Oakland	49	41	.544	5
Texas	47	44	.516	7½
Seattle	35	55	.389	19

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Boston 6, Minnesota 5
N.Y. Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 0
Detroit 2, Cleveland 2
Toronto 7, Baltimore 6
Texas 3, L.A. Angels 2
Chicago White Sox 8, Kansas City 7, 13 innings
Oakland 2, Seattle 0
Wednesday's Games
Minnesota (Hernandez 9-5) at Boston (Beckett 8-5), 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Jackson 5-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Ponson 5-1), 12:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Byrd 3-10) at Detroit (Bonine 2-1), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Olson 6-3) at Toronto (Burnett 8-8), 6:07 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Jer.Weaver 8-8) at Texas (Ballard 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Vazquez 7-7) at Kansas City (Bannister 7-8), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Batisia 4-10) at Oakland (Blanton 5-11), 9:05 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Houston at Detroit, 12:05 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 2:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Cleveland, 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Toronto, 7:06 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 7:10 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	13	6	.684	—
Connecticut	13	7	.650	½
Indiana	9	9	.500	3½
New York	9	9	.500	3½
Washington	7	11	.389	5½
Chicago	5	11	.313	6½
Atlanta	1	17	.056	11½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	13	6	.684	—
Los Angeles	11	6	.647	1
Seattle	12	7	.632	1
Minnesota	9	9	.500	3½
Phoenix	9	9	.500	3½
Houston	9	10	.474	4
Sacramento	8	11	.421	5

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Phoenix 99, Houston 94
Washington 50, Indiana 48
Detroit 88, Connecticut 82

Schumacher wins Tour trial

By Naomi Koppel
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHOLET, France — Stefan Schumacher of Germany took the yellow jersey at the Tour de France, and now says everything else is a bonus. He knows his early lead won't last. "Everybody dreams of this jersey," he said on Tuesday. "It's incredible. The moment on the podium, you see it a thousand times on television, and to be there for yourself — you can't imagine." Schumacher captured the first time trial in the three-week race, but the big winner in the fourth stage may have been Australia's Cadel Evans. He gained more than a minute on his biggest challengers, a gap that will mean a lot when the decisive mountain stages arrive.

Schumacher finished the 18.3-mile individual trial in 35 minutes, 44 seconds. Kim Kirchen of Luxembourg and David Millar of Britain finished second and third, both 18 seconds back. That is also the order of the overall standings, where Schumacher leads by 12 seconds. He will probably hold the lead in today's long, flat stage, but he is under no illusions about keeping the jersey. "I didn't come to win the Tour," he said. "My goal was to wear the jersey one day and to win a stage. I reached that goal, so everything else is a bonus." That Schumacher is riding the Tour at all remains contentious. Stopped by German police for drunken driving in October, Schumacher's blood sample tested positive for amphetamines. He has consistently denied taking drugs.

He wasn't punished by cycling authorities because of the use of the drug outside of competition is not considered to be an offense. Belgian cyclist Tom Boonen also tested positive for a drug — cocaine — in an out-of-competition test. He was banned by Tour organizers, but Schumacher was allowed to ride. Schumacher said he felt sorry for Boonen but does not see a parallel in the cases. He notes that he was not caught in a doping test. "I was really not proud that I went into the car drunk," he said. "I am a public personality, and I also have to be an example for other guys. It wasn't good for me, but I didn't take drugs." AP writer Jerome Pugmire contributed to this report.

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The bikes the locals ride come in all shapes, sizes, and styles. Most are old and well-worn; many are secondhand and designed for raw practicality. Spotting a flashy mountain bike or streamlined road-racer here is very rare. At nearly every corner, and at every subway and bus station, areas are set aside for bicycle parking. If your bike looks too nice, the Chinese government warns, it may be stolen. To remedy this, the tourist board recommends dirtying your new bike to make it look less desirable. America should take notice. No Schwinn or Huffy, just two wheels, a working chain, and a rideable seat. From point A to point B, no frills. E-mail *DI* columnist **Nick Compton** at: nicholas-compton@uiowa.edu

Cubs snare Harden

By Rick Gano
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs acquired pitcher Rich Harden from the Oakland Athletics in a six-player trade on Tuesday, a day after division rival Milwaukee Brewers landed C.C. Sabathia. The Cubs received the right-handed Harden and righty Chad Gaudin for pitcher Sean Gallagher, outfielders Matt Murton and Eric Patterson, and minor leaguer Josh Donaldson. "We've been working on Mr. Harden for a few weeks now," Cubs' general manager Jim Hendry said. Harden, eligible to be a free agent after the 2009 season, is 5-1 with a 2.34 ERA in 13 starts this season. He's scheduled to \$4.75 million this season. The oft-injured righty missed a month earlier this season because of a right shoulder strain. It was his sixth trip to the disabled list in his six-year career. The Cubs said they expected Harden would join the team Wednesday and that he'll pitch either Friday or Saturday night at Wrigley against the San Francisco Giants. "This gives us another weapon," manager Lou Piniella said. "He'll fit in here really nice. Let's keep him healthy and pitching and go from there." Hendry said the trade was not a reaction to the Sabathia trade by the Brewers, who were four games behind the



Jeff Chiu/Associated Press

Rich Harden of the Oakland A's pitches against the Philadelphia Phillies in Oakland on June 26. The Chicago Cubs acquired Harden from the A's in a six-player trade, a day after the Milwaukee Brewers landed C.C. Sabathia.

NL Central-leading Cubs heading into Tuesday night. "Our mode all year is we're trying to get better," he said. Chicago also received Gaudin, who was 5-3 with a 3.59 ERA in 26 games — including six starts. Last season, he was a starter all season and went 11-13 with a 4.42 ERA. To land the pair, the Cubs had to part with Murton, a former top prospect who has yet to live up to his billing. In his fourth season, Murton has shuttled between Triple-A Iowa and Chicago. He's hitting .250 in 40 at-bats. They also traded the right-handed Gallagher, who is 3-4

with a 4.45 ERA in 12 games, including 10 starts, in his second season. Patterson, the brother of Corey Patterson, was sent to the minors on July 3, the fourth time this year he's been sent down. An outfielder who can also play second base, Patterson was hitting .237 with a homer and seven RBIs in 38 at-bats with the big-league club. Donaldson, a catcher for Class A Peoria, was hitting .217 with six homers. "You're not getting a guy like this without it hurting a little bit," Hendry said. Piniella said the trade should send a message to Cub fans.

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Dempster cruises



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Chicago Cub Ryan Theriot (right) scores on a sacrifice fly by Aramis Ramirez as Cincinnati Reds' catcher Paul Bako handles the late throw during the third inning on Tuesday in Chicago.

CHICAGO (AP) — Ryan Dempster became the first Cub pitcher in 31 years to start a season 10-0 at home, and Mike Fontenot and Geovany Soto homered for Chicago in its 7-3 victory over Cincinnati on Tuesday.

Dempster (10-3) is the first Cubs' pitcher to win his first 10 decisions at home since Rick Reuschel in 1977. He allowed two hits and a run in seven innings.

Cincinnati starter Aaron Harang walked a career-high seven and gave up six runs and five hits in 4 2/3 innings.

Fontenot gave Chicago a 4-1 lead in the fourth with his sixth homer. Soto had a two-run shot, his 16th, to chase Harang (3-11) in the fifth and make it 6-1.

Ron Villone got two outs in the seventh, Kyle McClellan pitched a perfect eighth, and Ryan Franklin finished for his 12th save.

Cole Hamels (9-6) gave up three hits — including the home runs — in seven innings and struck out eight.

The Phillies have lost nine of 11 at home. Ankiel hit his 19th homer in the fifth and Ludwick hit his 18th in the sixth.

Yankees 5, Rays 0

NEW YORK (AP) — Derek Jeter had a big hit and made a big play in the field to back Andy Pettitte in New York's 5-0 win over Tampa Bays on Tuesday night.

Jeter had an early go-ahead double off starter Scott Kazmir and made a stellar play in the seventh that preserved a two-run lead. Pettitte (10-6) allowed four hits without a walk in eight innings.

The Rays, with the best record in majors, lost two straight for the first time since June 10-11.

Kazmir (7-4) gave up five hits and two runs in five innings, striking out nine.

Jeter drove in two with a two-out double in the third. Melky Cabrera hit a solo homer in the eighth off Gary Glover.

Diamondbacks 2, Nationals 0

WASHINGTON (AP) — Brandon Webb earned his major-league-leading 13th win, pitching six scoreless innings for Arizona.

Webb (13-4) struck out six and allowed six hits and two walks. It was the 16th time in his 19 starts he has lasted at least six innings.

Chad Qualls pitched the seventh for the Diamondbacks, Tony Pena the eighth, and Brandon Lyon the ninth for his 19th save.

Washington lost its sixth-straight game. Nationals starter Odalis Perez (2-6) was ejected in the third inning for arguing the second balk call in an inning against him.

In 2 2/3 innings Perez gave up an unearned run, walked four, and was called for the two balks. Perez has won only two of his 16 starts this season.

It was the 11th time this season the Nationals have been shut out.

Tigers 9, Indians 2

DETROIT (AP) — Miguel Cabrera hit two homers, Marcus Thames had one, and Justin Verlander was dominant after a shaky start to lift Detroit.

The Tigers (45-44) lead the majors with 21 wins since June 7.

The defending AL Central-champion Indians (37-52) have dropped nine straight.

Jeremy Sowers (0-5) took recently traded C.C. Sabathia's turn in the rotation and gave up seven runs and 10 hits over 5 2/3 innings.

Cabrera capped the four-run third with a two-run homer, one pitch after Thames' RBI double.

Thames hit his 17th homer, a two-run shot that put Detroit ahead 6-2 in the fifth.

Cabrera hit his second homer in the seventh, and Ivan Rodriguez added a solo shot in the inning to give Detroit a 9-2 lead.

Verlander (6-9), who allowed two runs in the first, gave up seven hits and struck out seven in seven innings.

summit of industrialized powers in Japan, his office said.

"The chief of state stressed the Olympic values of peace, friendship, and brotherhood, and wished great success to the Beijing Olympics next month, his office said Wednesday, putting an end to his threat to boycott the event over China's treatment of Tibet.

Sarkozy informed Chinese President Hu Jintao of his decision during talks on the sidelines of the Group of Eight

riots and protests there in March.

Sarkozy had pushed the two sides to talk, saying he could attend the opening if discussions between China and envoys of the Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, made more progress.

The Dalai Lama is expected to visit France in August. The French president has said in the past that it is "possible" he might meet with the visiting Tibetan leader, though China disapproves of such contacts.

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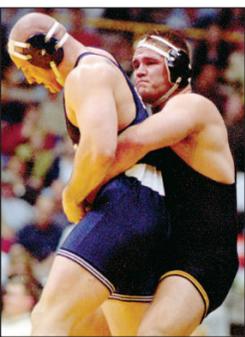
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Wes Hand

WRESTLING

Hand off experience

Iowa wrestling coach Tom Brands announced Tuesday that one of his assistants, Wes Hand, has decided to leave the Hawkeye program, saying he is planning to pursue other interests.

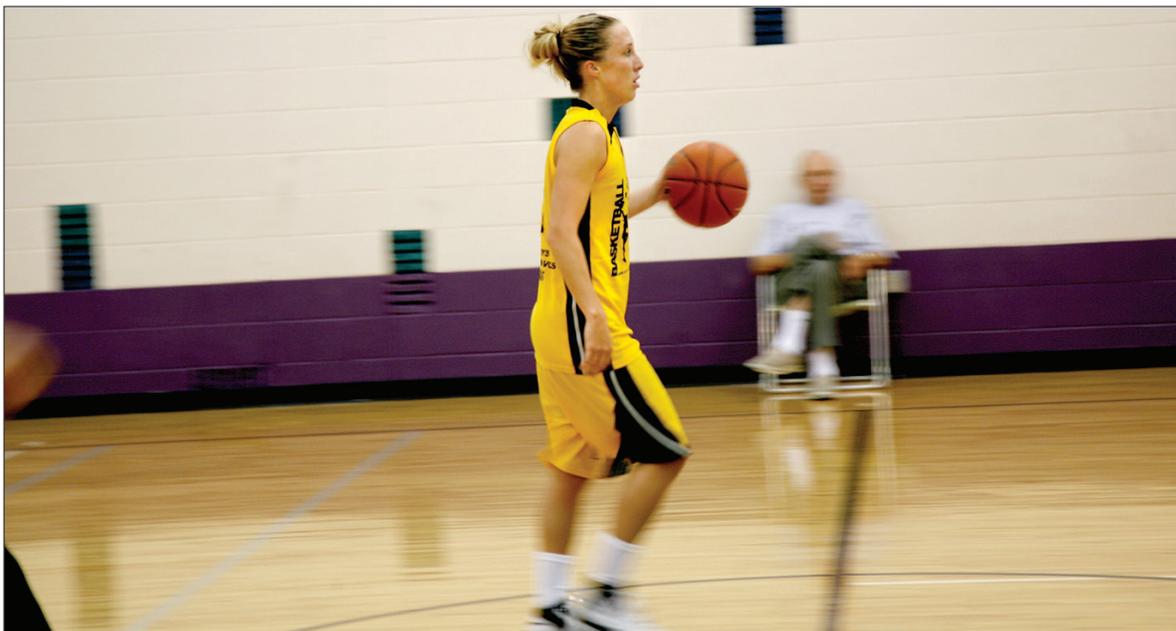
Hand was an assistant under Brands at Virginia Tech and followed him to Iowa City when Brands took over in 2006, spending a total of four years as a wrestling assistant.

Before he entered coaching, Hand was a two-time All-American for the Hawkeyes, wrestling at heavyweight. In 2000, his senior season, he was ranked second nationally, and he finished his Hawkeye career with a 102-32 mark.

"The Iowa wrestling program has made monumental strides in the last two years, and Wes Hand has been a big part of our march to a national title," Brands said in a statement. "We wish him the very best in the future."
 — by Brendan Stiles

A couple of Game Time veterans guided McCurrys/Cullen to an easy 75-52 victory during Tuesday action in North Liberty.

'Old-timers' set tone



Becky Mnuik/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye senior Kristi Smith sets up the offense for McCurrys/Cullen during Game Time action on Tuesday in North Liberty. Smith's team won by 23 points against Imprinted/Goodfellow.

GAME TIME ♀ LEAGUE



By Krisanne Ryther
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Who needs the fountain of youth when you've got Kristi Smith and Amanda Faas on your side?

The two veteran guards of McCurrys/Cullen Painting/Active Endeavors looked like women among girls in their 75-52 victory over Imprinted/Sportswear/Goodfellow Printing. The triumphant McCurrys/Cullen team remains at the top of the Game Time League standings, improving to 3-1, while Imprinted/

Goodfellow drops to 1-3 with the loss.

The only graduate player on her squad, Faas has not skipped a beat since graduating from Upper Iowa more than a year ago. In a 12-point performance, she showed her swagger in the first half, nailing two treys in the span of less than a minute and then following with a hammering block on Hawkeye incoming freshman Hannah Draxten.

But all she could say is, "I'm an oldie."

McCurrys/Cullen coach Gary Altman appreciates what Faas brings to the table.

"I've known Amanda for years and years, and she'll run through walls for you," he said. "It's great to have those

PLAYER OF THE GAME

Kristi Smith,
 McCurrys/Cullen: 25 points,
 5 assists

kind of kids, because you know they're going to play defense, and work hard, and set the tone for the younger kids to pick up on."

Smith, an Iowa senior-to-be, left her mark by tallying a whopping 25 points despite being covered by a scrappy defender in Iowa sophomore-to-be Kachine Alexander. She also dished out five assists to help her other teammates flourish as well.

This isn't the only time that

Faas and Smith have worn the same team colors. When Smith was an incoming freshman, she and Faas were teammates on a Game Time squad.

"At that time I was going into my junior year, so it's really neat to see how much she's come along," Faas said.

Altman loves what he sees in Smith — she has made him look better and better for taking her with the first overall pick in the Game Time draft in June.

"The guard position is so important in basketball," Altman said. "When you have a guard like Kristi who can control a game, and take it over, and do the things she does,

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SOFTBALL

Schuelke takes another honor

Jenny Schuelke already has a year under her belt as an Iowa softball player, but it's not keeping her from racking up honors from her high-school days.

Schuelke, who will enter her sophomore year as a Hawkeye this fall, has been selected for the 2008 Jack North Award, with a formal presentation taking place at 5 p.m. July 18 at the Fort Dodge Rogers Sports Complex.

By being the recipient of this award, the Solon native has been recognized as the most outstanding high-school softball player in the state of Iowa from 2007; the Jack North Award is given to the previous year's top player. Schuelke led Solon to the Class 2A state championship in 2007 and was named the Iowa Class 2A Player of the Year.

As a freshman for the Hawkeyes in 2008, Schuelke started 20 of the 51 games she appeared in for Iowa, finishing with seven runs, two home runs, and six RBIs. One of her two home runs came on her first collegiate hit during the Metrodome Classic Feb. 17.

— by Brendan Stiles



Schuelke
 sophomore

Ausdemore more than enough

Led by the Hawkeye combo of Wendy Ausdemore and Kamille Wahlin, Hy-Vee/Pelling came away with an 87-82 win Tuesday to improve to 3-1 this summer.

GAME TIME ♀ LEAGUE



By Nick Fetty
 THE DAILY IOWAN

In a game that went down to the wire, Coralville Hy-Vee/L.L. Pelling/Lucky Pawz came away with an 87-82 victory over Dan Wiese Marketing Research/Premier Investments on Tuesday in North Liberty.

Iowa senior-to-be Wendy Ausdemore led the way for Hy-Vee/Pelling, finishing with an impressive 32 points, including 8-for-12 from 3-point range. She also pulled down six rebounds in the win. Right behind Ausdemore was incoming Iowa freshman Kamille Wahlin, who posted 21 points, seven assists, and five rebounds.

With the victory, Hy-Vee/Pelling remains atop the Game Time League standings with a 3-1 mark, while Wiese/Premier drops to 1-3.

"Ausdemore always lights up from the 3-point lane," said Iowa junior-to-be JoAnn Hamlin, who finished with 25 points, four rebounds, and an assist for Wiese/Premier. "She can shoot with a hand in

CO-PLAYERS OF THE GAME

- Wendy Ausdemore, Hy-Vee/Pelling: 32 points, 6 rebounds
- Kamille Wahlin, Hy-Vee/Pelling: 21 points, 7 assists, 5 rebounds



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Hawkeye senior Wendy Ausdemore runs down the court during Game Time play on Tuesday in North Liberty.

COMMENTARY

Making RAGBRAI seem tiny



NICK COMPTON

This is the third of DI reporter/columnist Nick Compton's commentaries about his summer experience in Beijing, site of the 2008 Summer Olympics beginning in August.

BEIJING — Bicycles. Millions of the things, hurtling down Beijing's highways and sidewalks in a perpetual RAGBRAI.

It's true that as China develops and its moneyed middle class swells, the number of cars clogging its major cities' highways is skyrocketing. Still, on any given day in Beijing, nearly 10 million locals pedal through the city, maneuvering through impossibly dense traffic, dodging pedestrians by mere inches, and stopping for nothing short of a direct order from the People's Army.

The bicycle culture here in Beijing isn't tough to break into. Even as a foreigner with limited language skills, I was able to rent a bike without much hassle.

At each major gate of Tsinghua University, there are bicycle-renting kiosks, where a \$20 renter's fee and a \$50 deposit buys the use of a bicycle for up to one year. The loaned bicycles are huge, clunky, and painted either fire-engine red or turquoise blue. They come complete with a front-mounted wire basket, an emasculating banana seat, and a pathetically quiet bell.

They're finicky, hard to maneuver, and most have brakes that work only in theory. Luckily, the renting service offers free repairs at any of the gates, and hundreds of small bicycle servicing shops dot the city's streets and sidewalks.

Getting hold of a bicycle isn't tough. Learning to navigate traffic jams, dart through throngs of pedestrians, and stay calm while honking taxis and rumbling trucks barrel by, oblivious to the narrow bicycle lanes, is another story.

At times, riding a bike in Beijing is a calm, almost Zen-like experience. All of the major highways and roads have at least one lane devoted entirely to bike traffic, and during off-peak hours, trips are smooth and peaceful. The pace is slow and relaxed. Other bicyclists and vehicles respect your space and are careful to avoid cutting you off or getting too close.

But at rush hour, it's a different story. It starts at around 7:30 a.m., when commuters bike to work and students start their day, pauses during the late morning and early afternoon and resumes around 4 p.m., when the commuters return home.

During rush hour, all lanes of the streets and sidewalks are flooded with bicyclists. Riding becomes quick, aggressive, and unpredictable. Beijing natives seize any gap, pedaling hard to occupy free space and resume their pace unimpeded.

Although an incessant drone of honking buses and throttling engines drowns out most of the bicycle sounds, the useless twinkling of bike bells is everywhere. Those in a hurry curse and ring their bells, passing ahead of one bicyclist only to be stalled behind thousands more.

While bike owners in Beijing are told to stay entirely in the convenient, ubiquitous bike lanes, riding surfaces seem limited only by your bike's capability and your willpower. I've seen bicyclists riding on train tracks, sidewalks with rumble-strip surfaces, and through garbage-strewn dirt alleys.

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