

Sustainability featured at UI's State Fair exhibit

IOWA CITY — The University of Iowa will demonstrate its efforts in energy sustainability and flood recovery at its 2008 Iowa State Fair exhibit Thursday through Aug. 17 in the Varied Industries Building on the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines.

On Thursday, the first day of the fair, the Iowa Center for Assistive Technology Education and Research in the College of Education will show how people with disabilities can partake in everyday activities in both academic and non-academic environments using such devices as a head-controlled mouse, scan-and-read programs and a screen enlarger.

The "Iowa Archaeology on the Road" exhibit on Aug. 16 will reveal Iowa's history through 650 generations of artifacts. This year, UI archaeologists took Iowa archaeology on the road to communities

along the route of RAGBRAI.

The exhibit will display some of Iowa's historic artifacts, provide opportunities to use prehistoric technology, show video scenes from an award-winning documentary and ride the route across Iowa with Team Archaeology on a virtual field trip to archaeology sites.

Visitors also are encouraged to bring along their own local artifacts for examination and identification by an expert.

A full listing of UI events and special appearances scheduled throughout the fair is available online at www.uiowa.edu/statefair/

For more information on the Iowa State Fair, visit www.iowastatefair.com/