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Fun.

That’s the word the UNI Men’s Basketball team chose most when asked to sum up this season in one word. And you know something? It was fun.

It was fun for the Panthers as they rocked out the first top 10 national AP ranking in the history of the school; it was fun for the fans who sold out McLeod Center to cheer them on; it was fun for alumni around the country to brag about our team on the cover of Sports Illustrated.

Led by seniors Nate Buss, Max Martino, Deon Mitchell, Marvin Singleton and Seth Tuttle, and supported by a bench that announcers couldn’t stop raving about, the Panthers won games and set records just about every time they turned around.

After a red-hot 16-game-winning streak (the longest in school history), the Panthers went on to win the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) Tournament in a nail-biting 18-point comeback against Illinois State. Then it was on to the NCAA Tournament and a double-digit win over Wyoming before a heartbreaking loss to Louisville.

Looking back at the season, Head Coach Ben Jacobson has nothing but praise for his players.

“This team has changed and grown, and I am really proud of that,” he said. “Especially our seniors. Being with them and seeing not only their determination and commitment to this team, but the pride they took in wanting to be great. I hope our alumni and fans saw that as they watched them play. Their commitment to this team and to UNI never wavered.”

As the MVC Coach of the Year, Jacobson now has a career record of 197 victories – the most ever for UNI. But basketball is clearly about more than wins for him.

“I was very fortunate to play for a really good coach, Rich Glas, in college,” Jacobson shared. “He spent a lot of time talking about attitude. It’s meant a lot for me going forward. I am happy with wins, but not as much as I am when I learn Max (Martino) got into law school! All I want our guys to grab on to is that if you are going to do something, do well in life. If you do that, championships will come. Ultimately, we are looking to win the big game of life.”

UNI Today had the fun of interviewing each member of this highly talented team for their perspective on the season. It was impossible not to see the powerful camaraderie that characterized this team. The announcers said it over and over – this team is unified and unselfish.

They are also goofy, funny and secretly fear their strength and conditioning coach.

It’s also true that UNI Today discovered these fascinating facts:

- Did you know half the team can’t stop playing Pokémon?
- Did you know Coach Jacobson was ranked the second sexiest mid-major college coach by SB Nation?
- Did you know Max Martino can solve a Rubik’s Cube?
- Did you know Marvin Singleton blasts his music so loud before a game his teammates are concerned for his hearing?

You probably didn’t. But that’s the fun stuff you can use to impress your friends. So rather than repeat the many impressive sports statistics and list all the well-deserved awards and honors this team collected, we’re bringing you the personal side of the Panthers.

Now you can discover who’s the undisputed champion of the dunk; who makes them all laugh; who’s got Larry Bird’s cell number and who’s most likely to win at dodgeball, among other (fairly) burning questions.

Without further ado, we present you: the 2014-15 Panthers.
Deon Mitchell #1

In one word, this season was: Amazing
Hidden talent: Singing
Voted: The Ladies Man
Best advice from Coach: Set your goals high and you can accomplish anything.
Most memorable moment at UNI: Winning the MVC championship
“I confess that Andre is the best strength coach I’ve ever met, but I also hate him with a passion!”

Klint Carlson #2

In one word, this season was: Fun
Hidden talent: Folding his ears (It’s true – he demonstrated!)
Best advice from Coach: Have confidence in yourself.
“It’s pretty sweet to be compared to Ali and those guys by Sports Illustrated.”

Ted Friedman #3

In one word, this season was: Exciting
Best advice from Coach: If you put in your time and do the work, you’ll be rewarded.
“As a redshirt, the hardest part of being on a championship team is not being able to get on the floor and help them out.”

Paul Jesperson #4

In one word, this season was: Successful
Hidden talent: Making people laugh
Voted: Most Likely to Start a Food Fight
“Having the Panthers on the cover of Sports Illustrated is a great accomplishment – it’s nice to see but it won’t help us win games.”
**Matt Bohannon #5**

**Matt Bohannon**
Junior, Accounting and Finance

In one word, this season was: Awesome

Hidden talent: Golfing

On his playlist right now: Country

Best advice from Coach: It’s all about the little things. The more you prepare and take care of the little things, the more you’ll be prepared for life.

**Seth Tuttle #10**

**Seth Tuttle**
Senior, Sports Psychology

In one word, this season was: Dreamlike

Hidden talent: Juggling

Favorite nickname: King Tutt

Best advice from Coach: The closer we get as teammates and brothers, the better experience we’ll have together.

“The more you win, the more teams want to knock you off. You’ve got to stay focused on what got you there.”

**Wes Washpun #11**

**Wes Washpun**
Junior, Family Services

In one word, this season was: Amazing

Hidden talent: Singing

Favorite nickname: Mad Hops

Voted: Champion of the Dunk (by everyone except himself) & Best Dancer

“The advice I’ve most taken to heart by Coach is about accountability and being accountable for your actions.”

**Marvin Singleton #12**

**Marvin Singleton**
Senior, Marketing

In one word, this season was: Fun

Most memorable moment at UNI: Winning the MVC

On his playlist right now: Drake

Best advice from Coach: Never quit or give up. Always be the best you can be — you never know when it can be taken away.

“The national coverage shows our hard work is paying off. It’s good for the team, the community and the program.”

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**Matt Bohannon**

114 # of 3-pointers Matt Bohannon Made in MVC Games – Most Ever for UNI
Kasey Semler #13

**Kasey Semler** (Redshirt)
Junior, Individual Studies

In one word, this season was: Fun

Hidden talent: Playing piano

Voted: Messiest Room

“Coach says what matters most is what you do when no one is watching. That’s really stuck with me.”

Nate Buss #14

**Nate Buss**
Senior, Communications

In one word, this season was: Historical

Hidden talent: Beat boxing

Favorite nickname: Nitro or Ride the Buss

Big summer plans: Getting married

Best advice from Coach: Do it for the betterment of the team, not yourself.

“Having us featured in Sports Illustrated is surreal. It’s not something you realize you’re dreaming of until it happens.”

Jeremy Morgan #20

**Jeremy Morgan**
Sophomore, Deciding

In one word, this season was: Fun

Hidden talent: Singing

Voted: Most Likely to Win at Dodge Ball & Best Singer

“The hardest part of being on a championship team is continuing to do all the little things people don’t see — like the 5 a.m. workouts and being disciplined in the summer.”

Robbie Knar #22

**Robert (Robbie) Knar**
Sophomore, Electrical Engineering

In one word, this season was: Legendary

Hidden talent: Writing a book

Voted: Funniest Guy

“This is one of the best teams I’ve ever been on. Coach says we always have to be prepared for our moment — be prepared to help each other.”
TAYLOR OLSON #23

TAYLOR OLSON (Redshirt)
Junior, Computer Science

In one word, this season was: Exciting
Best advice from Coach: Worry about things you can control.
On his playlist right now: Drake

“Having the Panthers on the cover of Sports Illustrated is great. Better than anything I imagined.”

MAX MARTINO #24

MAX MARTINO
Senior, Economics/Psychology

In one word, this season was: Ineffable
Hidden talent: Playing the ukulele
Self-nominated for: Best Hair (He also donated 11” to Locks of Love his sophomore year)
On his playlist right now: Beastie Boys

Most memorable moment at UNI: Cutting down the nets at St. Louis

“The hardest part about being on a championship team like this is keeping the core of the team focused; not believing all the media hoopla.”

BENNETT KOC#H #25

BENNETT KOC#H
Sophomore, Deciding

In one word, this season was: Fun
Hidden talent: Great hair
On his playlist right now: Marvin Gaye

“Growing up, my brothers had that experience with Sports Illustrated so it’s always been a goal of mine. It’s an honor.”

Wyatt Lohaus

Wyatt Lohaus
Freshman, Exercise Science

In one word, this season was: Exciting
Best advice from Coach: Just because you win something does not mean you should change who you are.
On his playlist right now: Drake

“Yes, Larry Bird is my godfather. My mom texted them and they’ve been watching us when we were on ESPN.” (Lohaus wears #33 in honor of Bird, the famous Boston Celtics player)

Can’t get enough of the Panthers? Follow all the fun and drama with the behind-the-scenes documentary of the season with UNI Basketball All Access on YouTube.
Pay it Forward

College is not a cheap endeavor, as anyone paying tuition bills will tell you. It took a solid investment of time, effort and funds to achieve that UNI diploma hanging on your wall.

But the actual cost of college is much higher than the price of tuition. It takes the combination of state support and private donors to fully fund a student’s college career — a fact the UNI Advancement Division is working to help current students understand.

UNI declared February as Student Philanthropy month and kicked off a variety of activities to help educate students about the true cost of college and encourage the spirit of giving.

• Love a Donor: a card-writing event that spanned two days in the Union and gave students the opportunity to write personal thank you’s to donors. In 2014, 700 cards were written. This year, they wrote more than 1,200.

“Lawther Hall actually held their own version, with Donuts for Donors,” said Connie Hansen, B.A. ’89, UNI Alumni Association assistant director of student and alumni engagement.

“They talked about what it means to give and filled out the cards together. It was a great program that we’re hoping to expand next year.”

• Thank you calls: the Connecting Alumni To Students (CATS) organization called Lifetime Alumni Association members simply to say thanks for their support; those they couldn’t reach were sent a personal note.

• Pay it Forward banners: a public way to share facts about donations to the university and the impact they made. UNI combined it with a social media contest for students to take a selfie with all nine banners and post on Facebook.

• Pay it Forward day: CATS members roamed the campus, giving students at the Union, 23rd Street Market and elsewhere free lunches as an example of how donors are paying it forward for students on a daily basis.

“That was a lot of fun,” said Hansen. “The students couldn’t believe there wasn’t a catch! Many donors gave for something they never got to experience — they paid it forward, and we’re doing our best to educate and encourage the students of today to do the same.”

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It all started as part of a problem-solving project through Lego League. A team of eighth grade students from BCLUW in Union noticed that some elementary and middle school students, specifically a young girl with cerebral palsy, had difficulty manipulating the standard math wraps used in the classroom - boards with strings that are frequently used in early education.

Their solution was to develop an iPad app that completely replaced the boards and was accessible to anyone and everyone.

Teaming with the UNI AppsLab, a program of the John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center, the students trekked to Cedar Falls every week for six weeks and worked hand-in-hand with UNI staff to help design and develop the app, all while learning the real-world process of app development. The culmination was an iPad app which was introduced to the BCLUW elementary students and is now in use.

Since the completion of this project, the team at AppsLab has continued to refine the app's design and functionality to release it to the public via the App Store. It will be available by late spring - early summer.

The AppsLab assists UNI students, faculty, and staff with the development of mobile applications. It is a pilot program that started in the fall of 2013 to help faculty and staff with the development of applications which UNI believes have commercial or educational value.
THERE’S AN APP FOR THAT

The Traditions Challenge arrived on campus a few years back. Led by the UNI Alumni Association’s student group, CATS, it’s a bucket list of campus activities that encourages students to make the most of their time at UNI and create a personalized yearbook. Once they complete the 45 traditions, they’re awarded a special medallion at graduation.

Traditions committee members Joslyn Aldape and Shauna Happel (both seniors) wanted to encourage more students to complete the achievement.

After brainstorming, they came up with society’s ubiquitous answer: “There must be an app for that!”

As it turns out, there wasn’t – at least not one that did what they wanted.

And then they talked to Russel Karim, a senior computer science and entrepreneurship major from Bangladesh who had recently started his own web and mobile app business through the Student Business Incubator at the John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center.

“Seriously every time we met with Russel, we came out of the meeting completely amazed,” said Aldape. “We are so excited to launch this!”

Producing the Traditions book initially took over a year and thousands of dollars to publish each year; the Traditions app took about three months and a one-time fee.

“All we wanted, he could do,” said Jenna Salzbrenner, Traditions committee VP. “There weren’t many no’s!”

“It made it easy since the client knew what they wanted,” said Karim, owner of 4axiz IT Solutions and producer of the Traditions app. “Since I’m a Panther too, I knew what I wanted it to look like. When you love what you’re doing, it’s not that difficult!”

The new app has a clean, fun, Panther-meets-Instagram feel and allows students to keep a tracking profile on their smartphone of all the traditions they’ve completed.

They can fulfill a tradition in just one click by taking a picture and uploading it directly from the app, sharing it with social media if they choose. They can also create their own traditions and see how they’re progressing compared to others of their graduating year.

“It’s just a great feeling to know that UNI students will be using my app,” said Karim. “That’s the best achievement for me as a true Panther.”

Traditions Challenge goes high-tech
He started out with a down comforter thrown over a PVC frame, a basic microphone and his computer. “I can only imagine what some of my friends thought!” said Matt Wiewel, B.A. ’90.

It was 2010 and after 18 years in corporate America at a comfortable, well-paying job, Wiewel had decided to take a leap of faith into the unseen world of voice over artists. “At one point in my corporate career, I worked with clients to hire voice talents,” said Wiewel. “I was fascinated by this. I’d never really understood how it worked.” He was so intrigued that he started taking weekly voice coaching lessons at night. “I was dabbling,” he admitted. About a year into it, he cut a demo and posted it online for auditions. “I got booked and thought ‘how cool is this? I get paid to say stuff!’” shared Wiewel. With the support of his wife and daughter, he quit his job, stopped dabbling and got serious.

Fast-forward to 2015 and a success story still in the making. “I’m in complete control,” Wiewel said. “I think the flexibility that this job offers is one of the best things about it.” His commute involves walking upstairs to his in-home studio, where that original PVC frame has been replaced by a high-tech booth imported from Spain. He credits his business degree from UNI (and subsequent MBA from Baker University) for allowing him to approach voice acting as a business venture rather than a hobby or creative outlet.

On an average day, Wiewel will go through 10-20 auditions. Responses range from getting a project booked and recorded in one day to waiting six months for a decision. While the vast majority
of his work is “nothing to write home about,” he works internationally and his client list includes Amazon, AT&T, United Airlines, ESPN, Hallmark, Nissan and ABC.

“There is literally no limit to the types of work or amount of money you can make,” he said. “I have several friends who make seven figures – and they are not Robert Downey, Jr.!”

He’s represented by numerous agents around the world and recently achieved a personal major goal of signing with one of the top agencies in Los Angeles.

Voice over narration covers a wide variety of genres, including documentaries, local and national TV commercials, corporate product and promo videos, benefit training videos, TV narration, cartoons, video games, audio books and more.

“I want to achieve a certain level of respect,” said Wiewel. “I want the large corporate and network broadcast projects.”

In order to be successful, he had to figure out both who he was and who he wasn’t. “I’m not a man of 1,000 voices. I always knew how to be professional and corporate but I had to learn how to be goofy and wacky. My worst fear was that I would take this leap and have it fail, so I’ve pushed myself.

“The project I’ve had the most fun with has to be one I recently finished,” Wiewel said. “I did a video for a major auto manufacturer’s Vegas convention. It was really off the wall and irreverent. The director just let me go and have fun with it!”

His only regret? “I wish I would have done this 15 years ago. I have a blast!”

Fun fact: one of Wiewel’s mentors is the voice of Yoda.
UNI’s Local Food Program knows a little something about planting seeds and helping them grow. Back in 1997, it began with Director Kamyar Enshayan, a few students and a vision of strengthening the local food economy.

Today, the program is housed in UNI’s Center for Energy & Environmental Education (CEEE) and aimed at improving the food and agriculture system in the Cedar Valley by increasing access, education and infrastructure.

“When people think of local food, they think of farmer’s markets but really it is a whole infrastructure that includes grocery stores that buy from local farmers; meat lockers where you can buy locally-raised beef and pork; farmers who raise chickens; creameries; canneries – the whole thing. We used to have a more fully developed food infrastructure that connected us with the people around us,” says Enshayan. “But we’ve lost that with cheap fuel; now everything is imported.”

Nationally, UNI is known as a leader in the local food movement – a movement Enshayan says is thriving around the country. In fact, UNI was one of the founding four institutions that collaborated to create the well-known Buy Fresh, Buy Local marketing campaign.

“Our work, up until a few years ago, focused entirely on that aspect of working with farmers and food buyers; making those connections,” says Enshayan. “But at the same time, there is something major missing – food access. There are lots of people who cannot afford fresh, local produce or live in areas where no grocery store is serving them.”

While food access may seem like a Third World problem, Enshayan says the need is here and now. “In Black Hawk County, one of every two students in our schools are eligible for the free and reduced lunch program;” he points out. “That’s astonishing. It’s an increase of 32% since 2006.”
Panther Plot is a student-run garden on UNI’s campus supported by the CEEE and the Office of Sustainability. Students manage the garden, then sell the produce to UNI Dining Services and through the campus produce stand. Excess produce is donated to the NE Iowa Food Bank.

UNI Dining Services has been a staunch ally of the Local Food Program since 1998. UNI annually spends $100,000+ with local growers and processors in the seven-county region around UNI and more than $1 million on local growers, processors and companies within a 250-mile radius.

To combat the issue, Enshayan and his team are working on several long-term initiatives.

Cedar Valley Grows is a partnership with Black Hawk County Extension Office and the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, among others, that works to create more community gardens. Last year was the inaugural year of the garden at the Food Bank. It involved 30 volunteers, summer cooking and gardening classes for underprivileged children and yielded 900 pounds of produce for the Food Bank.

Currently, plans are underway in conjunction with Allen Foundation and the Black Hawk County Extension Office to create a large garden specifically for families who have recently arrived as refugees. “Many are low income with few resources, but they have a strong agrarian background,” Enshayan says. “We want to help them be rooted here in a literal way.”

This summer, students from the UNI Honors program will be working with Enshayan to set up mobile food produce stands in under-served areas of Waterloo. Produce will be locally harvested and offered at very low prices.

“That’s why we’re here!” says Enshayan. “It’s great to have students listen to what the needs are around us and then take leadership.”
ALAN HUBBARD grew up in Tracy, Minn. Interested in electricity and radios from an early age, he wanted to be an electrical engineer but found math challenging. Fortunately for his future career, his advanced math teacher at Tracy High School was Miss Ethel Saupe.

“Miss Saupe (she was ALWAYS addressed as Miss Saupe) was ‘old school’ – stern, but with a twinkle in her eyes,” shared Hubbard. “She earned respect and was loved by her students and their parents. Miss Saupe was very patient and spent a lot of extra time after class tutoring me in advanced algebra.”

Saupe was known for her passion for mathematics and her patience, teaching elective college prep math classes from grades 10 through 12 until her retirement in the early ‘70s. She passed away in 1979.

“In the classroom, she spent most of her time at the chalkboard showing how to solve various plane and solid geometry, trigonometry and advanced algebra problems,” said Hubbard. “A permanent fixture in the classroom was a large slide rule (8 feet long) that was attached above the chalkboard. Miss Saupe used it to demonstrate how logarithms worked. Students were often called out to answer her difficult questions and those who were unprepared usually did not make that mistake twice.”

After graduating high school in 1967, Hubbard continued his studies, earning his electrical engineering degree from Iowa State University and an MBA from the University of Iowa. He and his wife, Barbara, moved to Illinois with Caterpillar, then to California where they each held a variety of finance positions in the Silicon Valley before retiring in 2010. They now enjoy adventure travel around the world and spending time with family.

The Hubbards wanted to encourage high school students to study math in preparation for studies in the fields of science and engineering. Combining that priority with Alan’s wish to honor Miss Saupe, they decided to make a significant estate gift to UNI despite having no ties to the school themselves.

“Miss Saupe showed me that if you worked and studied hard, you would learn even the most difficult subjects,” said Hubbard. “Many students would include math in that category. Once a student has mastered math, many careers in science and engineering become attainable — careers in fields that offer good career opportunities that are challenging, interesting and well-paying.”
Show your Panther pride, share your enthusiasm for all things purple and gold, and encourage those potential Panthers to visit campus. Our admissions team will tell you that the campus visit is by far the top selling point for prospective students.

UNI offers a variety of options to make it easy to visit campus:

**PANTHER OPEN HOUSES**
Panther Open Houses are held several times throughout the year for transfer and high school students. Students and their family members will talk with faculty about majors, minors and classes, and current UNI students will take them on a campus tour and eat lunch with them in one of our dining centers. This half-day visit wraps up with a group session on admission requirements, financial aid and living on campus.

**INDIVIDUAL VISITS**
Individual visits are held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Encourage prospective Panthers to call 319-273-2281 at least a week in advance so our admissions team is ready to greet them. They will learn about academics, campus life, admissions requirements, financial aid, take a campus tour and have lunch in one of our dining centers.

**OPEN HOUSE DATES: JUNE 10 • JULY 8 • AUGUST 3-6**

Learn more about our Panther visit days by visiting uni.edu/admissions/studentreferral or calling 319-273-2281.
You asked; we listened! From exotic ports of call to majestic natural wonders, the UNI Alumni Association has expanded our travel options. So pack your bags - and your Panther spirit - and head off on a new adventure!
Cal Poly – Panther Football
September 19, 2015
Travel to beautiful San Luis Obispo in California to cheer on the Panthers as they take on Cal Poly on September 19.

Iberian Princes and Palaces
October 23–November 3, 2015
Sail along the Iberian Coast and North Africa aboard Oceania Cruises’ intimate Marina to destinations brimming with exotic beauty and fascinating history. From Spain, France and Morocco to Portugal and Gibraltar experience a dazzling array of landscapes and cultures.

Isles and Empires of the Adriatic
October 29–November 7, 2015
Immerse yourself in ancient history and stunning landscapes as you cruise the azure waters of the Adriatic aboard the deluxe Oceania Cruises’ Riviera. Wonders come to life with visits to captivating ports on the shores of Italy, Greece, Montenegro, Croatia and Slovenia.

Hawaii Diamond Head Classic – Panther Basketball
December 22–25, 2015
Spend Christmas cheering on the Panther men’s basketball team in beautiful Hawaii as the Panthers compete in the Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic.

Tasman Treasures
February 21 – March 9, 2016
Visit the land of koalas and kangaroos as you explore charming seaside towns down under. Discover the stunning landscapes and rich heritage of Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand while cruising aboard Oceania Cruises’ Marina, a masterpiece of sophistication.

Palms in Paradise
April 24 - May 10, 2016
From palm-studded, emerald landscapes to man-made wonders and majestic colonial architecture, experience the highlights of Central America as Oceania Cruises’ regal Regatta takes you from Florida to Colombia, through the Panama Canal and on to Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Mexico and California.

European Hideaways
June 1-9, 2016
Experience the elegance and excitement of the Mediterranean aboard Oceania Cruises’ majestic Riviera. Explore the lovely Spanish city of Palma, take in Marseille’s old town and Monte Carlo’s glamorous charms, and enrich yourself among celebrated art and natural beauty in Portofino, Cinque Terre, Florence and Pisa.

Southern Culture & Civil War
June 4-13, 2016
Southern culture and the American Civil War spring to life on this unique Mississippi River cruise aboard the grand American Queen. Take in historic sites from Memphis to New Orleans, visiting Shiloh National Military Park, Greenville, Vicksburg, Natchez, St. Francisville, Baton Rouge and Plantation Road.

Alaska Passages
July 25 – August 4, 2016
Experience Alaska’s rugged beauty while sailing aboard Oceania Cruises’ graceful Regatta. From Seattle, sail north to the picturesque Alaskan ports of Ketchikan, Wrangell, Juneau, Skagway and Sitka, marvel at the magnificent Hubbard Glacier, and explore lovely Victoria, B.C., before returning to Seattle.

Royals and Vikings of the British Isles
August 3-15, 2016
Discover the brilliant architecture, centuries-old landmarks and dramatic scenery of the British Isles on a luxury cruise aboard Oceania Cruises’ majestic Marina. Watch picturesque landscapes and enthralling city centers unfold in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Ireland.

Grecian Delights
October 1-9, 2016
Discover incredible ancient wonders and delightful, sun-soaked islands on this Aegean adventure aboard Oceania Cruises’ state-of-the-art Riviera. From Istanbul to Athens, encounter stunning landscapes and historical treasures in Volos, Kusadasi, Patmos, Rhodes, Santorini and Mykonos.

Cuban Discovery
October 2016 (Firm dates TBA)
Specially designed to showcase the island’s authentic spirit, this nine-day adventure goes beyond the tourist surface to reveal the rich culture, compelling history and architectural majesty of this long-forbidden island on the verge of great change.

For trip details, visit www.unialum.org/alumni-travel.
JIM WOHLPART has been named provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at the University of Northern Iowa, pending official approval by the Board of Regents, State of Iowa. Wohlpart is currently dean of Undergraduate Studies and professor of English at Florida Gulf Coast University. He will assume his new duties at UNI on May 31.

"Dr. Wohlpart has an extensive background in academic leadership," said UNI President Bill Ruud. "He has engaged and advanced student success and academic excellence through developing special skills, knowledge and ability at Florida Gulf Coast University. I am excited that he will be bringing those skills and expertise to the University of Northern Iowa."

Wohlpart earned his Ph.D. in English and B.A. in English and philosophy from the University of Tennessee. He earned an M.A. in English from Colorado State University. During his 21 years at Florida Gulf Coast University, Wohlpart held the positions of chair of the Division of Humanities and Arts and associate dean for planning and assessment in the College of Arts and Sciences. He participated in the development of the Liberal Studies degree and the Interdisciplinary Core, and he was instrumental in developing the First Year and Transition Experience.

"I am deeply honored to be joining the faculty, staff and students at the University of Northern Iowa at such an important time in the history of higher education," said Wohlpart. "With its focus on transformative education and rich community partnerships, UNI is a leader in providing innovative learning experiences that prepare students for professional careers, engagement with their communities and lifelong learning. I look forward to joining President Ruud and the UNI community to advance the long trajectory of academic excellence and student success that make this institution a special place."

The provost and executive vice president provides vision for academic excellence, guides the academic planning and assessment of university academic programs, and provides administrative leadership and organization for all the academic components of the university.

Wohlpart replaces Michael Licari, who has served in an interim position since 2014.

Show your Panther spirit in the sweetest way possible with University of Northern Iowa Team Dough. Treat yourself with this decorated sugar cookie kit featuring edible Panther logos. A portion of each kit sold helps fund programs and services for alumni and students. 

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Gift creates endowed chair in International Business

ROBERT AND MARGARET BRADFORD recently gave one of the largest gifts ever provided to UNI Business to establish an endowed chair — the highest academic designation to be bestowed on a faculty member.

The holder of the Robert P. and Margaret C. Bradford Chair in International Business will be devoted to enhancing UNI’s global presence, creating new international internships for students, enlarging the network of partners around the world, and infusing international content into UNI’s curriculum at home.

“I am so grateful for this wonderful gift, one of the largest we have ever received,” said UNI Business Dean Farzad Moussavi. “For years Bob and Margaret have touched the lives of our students with their generous scholarships. Their enthusiastic support has also been instrumental to our internationalization efforts. With the expertise and resources made available to us through this endowed chair we will now be able to solidify our international presence in ways we could not have done before.”

Robert Bradford, managing partner of Bradford & Associates, was a pioneering entrepreneur who turned a small local firm into a thriving global business. He passed away in March 2015. Margaret Bradford is a painter, musician and world traveler with a Ph.D. in archaeology.

In addition to participating in numerous business and community boards and activities, Robert Bradford served on the UNI Business Executive Advisory Board since 1997 and on the UNI Research Foundation Board since 2001. The Bradfords are members of the UNI Foundation President’s Club and have long supported the college and UNI’s music, arts and athletics programs.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS YOUR CARD?

Get your card today! Go to unialum.org/uni-links

Show your UNI pride wherever you go and help support the UNI Alumni Association with every purchase you make, at no extra cost to you.
The UNIAA has partnered with University Book and Supply to offer a special alumni collection. A portion of these sales will go to the UNIAA to enhance programs and services for alumni and students. Items will be added periodically, so check back often!

Alumni Clubs unite a Panther-nation

UPCOMING DATES

MAY
22 Central Iowa: Habitat for Humanity Build

JUNE
14 Denver: Alumni Club Kick-off Picnic
TBA Central Iowa: Panther Scholarship Club Golf Outing
TBA Twin Cities: Welcome to the Cities Young Professional Event
TBA June 29 Central Iowa PSC golf outing

JULY
9 Twin Cities welcome event

AUGUST
5 Twin Cities: St. Paul Saints Baseball Game
13 Central Iowa: TC's Tailgate at Jasper Winery

UPCOMING CLUB CITIES

Kansas City and Cedar Rapids

ESTABLISHED CLUB CITIES

Central Iowa, Denver, Twin Cities and Chicago

Watch your email for dates and upcoming communications from club leaders. Need to update your email? Go to unialum.org/update-your-info.

Register for events at unialum.org/events. Do you live in a club city and are interested in serving in a leadership capacity? Contact Heidi for more information at heidi.riese@uni.edu.

800+ Panther fans cheered on the Panthers vs. Wichita State in our club cities

150+ Twin Cities alumni attended the April club kick-off event

Alumni Clubs

Guess the alumni populations in the current Alumni Club areas:

A. 2,200
B. 13,800
C. 1,200
D. 3,500

Answers:

A. Chicago
B. Central Iowa
C. Denver
D. Twin Cities

Clubs have coordinated more than 10 events on their own so far

ALUMNI MERCHANDISE PROGRAM

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PANTHERSUPPLY.COM/ALUMNI.ASP
RAGBRAI is coming to Cedar Falls and the University of Northern Iowa on July 22, 2015!

As an overnight stop, UNI will host thousands of new friends and we want you to join in on the fun! Grab your bike, wear your purple and gold, and ride the 56 miles from Eldora to Cedar Falls showing your Panther pride! Enjoy entertainment west of the Dome starting mid-day and going into the late evening.

Planning is underway. Stay up to date by liking us on Facebook (Cedar Falls RAGBRAI) or follow us on Twitter (@CFRAGBRAI) for updates and some fun between now and July 22.

cedarfallsragbrai.org
First There Was Black Friday, then Cyber Monday, then #GivingTuesday and then #WeAreOneUNI.

On Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014, the University of Northern Iowa joined charities, families, businesses, communities and students around the globe to come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to encourage giving.

“We believe social media is a fresh and exciting way to engage various audiences, mostly through Facebook and Twitter,” said Beth Heiter, director of UNI Annual Giving. “We Are One UNI focused on our students, faculty, staff and alumni.”

During the 24-hour campaign, 480 people contributed online to raise $138,000, surpassing the goal of $75,000. Heiter said, “One of our goals was to engage students in this initiative. We were pleased that 90 students participated in UNI’s first-ever social media campaign.”

Student-led philanthropy played a major role in the success of the campaign. UNI students not only participated on the day of giving, but they also created the logo, produced all the video pieces and helped contribute to the social media presence on, and prior to, the day. They also coordinated targeted events to engage students.

The campaign featured ten challenges issued by university leadership and alumni. For example, Michael Licari, interim executive vice president and provost, offered $1,000 to the college with the highest level of alumni participation—and the winner was—the College of Humanities, Arts & Sciences. Also, prior to the day of giving, a generous UNI alumnus pledged $10,000 if We Are One UNI received 1,500 likes on Facebook and 500 tweets through the Twitter account. The challenge was met within 30 hours of its announcement.

We Are One UNI lived up to its name and proved that we are all one at the university. While the UNI Advancement Division (UNI Foundation and Alumni Relations) initiated the concept, the entire university embraced it in unexpected ways. Participants included faculty and staff from each
UNI Dance team joins the crowd

BAKE SALES ARE OUT - and crowdfunding is in - for organizations that need to raise funds in a short time span. Students at the University of Northern Iowa are learning how to unleash the power of this fundraising platform thanks to PAWprint, a social media program launched this year through the UNI Advancement Division.

The UNI Dance Team took advantage of the PAWprint platform to raise funds so they could compete at the Universal Dance Association College Dance Team National Championship in Orlando, Fla. The team raised more than $3,000 in 30 days.

“We contacted friends, family members and UNI Spirit Squad Alumni,” said Megan Wolcott, UNI dance coach. “The dancers were each responsible for contacting a specific number of people each week. We engaged people through personal emails, Facebook and Twitter.”

Social media and email are key to successful crowdfunding, but equally important is the planning that precedes the launch. A PAWprint campaign is live for 30 days, but requires about three months of commitment from start to finish. Staff from the Advancement team provides student organizations with the training, tools and support they need to conduct a successful social media campaign.

“We were thankful for the generous donations,” said Wolcott. “Each donation made a difference! The team was a finalist in Division I Pom and the squad placed seventh in the category. Attending nationals is a great way for the dance team to represent UNI on a national level.”

Learn more about PAWprint at uni-foundation.org/pawprint.

Honor Your Collegiate Experience with UNI’s Class Ring

Your journey is filled with great UNI memories; they are cause for celebration and remembrance. You are invited to become part of a proud UNI tradition by wearing the Official Class Ring of the University of Northern Iowa. Available exclusively to students and alumni, the ring is a privilege you have earned.

Please visit www.balfour.com and select University of Northern Iowa.
Prexy’s Pond, located on a portion of the site now occupied by the Curris Business Building and the open area to the south, was a landmark on campus for more than fifty years.

If you recognize anyone in these photos or can tell us what year they were taken, please contact Christy Danielsen in Alumni Relations at christina.danielsen@uni.edu or Gerald Peterson in Rod Library Special Collections and Archives at gerald.peterson@uni.edu, or by calling 888-UNI ALUM.

Thank you for your help as we work to preserve the history of UNI!
Hello Panthers,

Panther nation has really shown its strength over the past several months—and not only on the basketball court!

We have reintroduced the alumni club concept to central Iowa, the Twin Cities, Chicago and Denver and they have really started to roll. Game watches, kick-off events, brewery tours and networking opportunities have filled the past several months, and we are looking forward to even more in the coming year. This summer, these clubs will host “welcome to the city” events to greet the newest Panther alumni to their area. We hope this helps our new graduates with their transition into the alumni world.

We have a great plan to establish a club in our top population areas. Please contact Heidi Riese (heidi.rieze@uni.edu) if you are interested in starting a club in your area.

Riding in RAGBRAI? Be sure to don your purple Panther gear for July 22 as you ride into Cedar Falls. UNI will be opening our doors—literally—to riders. Even if you’re not riding, it will certainly be a great time to visit Cedar Falls!

We hope to see you soon!

Leslie Prideaux
leslie.prideaux@uni.edu
Director of Alumni Relations
President, University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association

CLASS Notes

1950s


‘59 Paul Kellerhals, BA, MA ‘65, New Braunfels, TX, was inducted into UNI’s Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services Hall of Excellence on 11/1/2014.

1960s

‘61 James Ferguson, BA, Clive, co-authored a book with Iowa State Senator Matt McCoy titled “McCoy, You’re Going Straight to Hell: Heartfelt Letters to a Gay State Senator on Marriage Equality.” The book features emails sent to McCoy at the time the Iowa Supreme Court was debating legality of same sex marriage.

‘61 Neil Hattlestad, BA, MA ‘65, Conway, AR, retired in 2014 after serving 30 years as dean of the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Central Arkansas. He was recognized with the title of Distinguished Dean Emeritus at the winter commencement ceremony.

‘63 Patrick Mitchell, BA, received the 2014 Walt Fiegel Coaching with Character Award from the Iowa High School Athletic Association.

‘65 Michael Pint, BA, Naples, FL, along with his son, owns Airport, Town and Yellow Taxis located in the Twin Cities. The company maintains 500 taxis and is the largest taxicab company in Minnesota.

‘66 Gene Driscoll, BA, MA ‘74, Washington, is retired and resides with his wife Judy in Washington.

‘67 Karen (Madson) Billings, BA, Petaluma, CA, was selected as the 2015 Education Technology Thought Leader of the Year by the Texas Computer Education Association. She will be recognized at their annual conference for more than 40 years of experience in the industry.


‘68 Mary (Arndorfer) Place, BA, MA ‘70, Rochester, MN, was named Alumnus of the Year from Britt and West Hancock High School at their annual alumni banquet. She taught in Rochester, MN, from 1970 to 2004 and received many honors during her teaching career.

‘69 Helen (Heller) Comeau, BA, Sterling, MA, retired in June 2014 after 45 years of teaching.

‘69 Steve Rutz, BA, MA ‘75, East Dubuque, IL, was elected to his third term on the Jo Davies County Board,
serving as finance chairman. Also a track official, he enjoys serving as starter for collegiate (including UNI) and high school track meets.

1970s

‘70 Donna Mann Barry, BA, Council Bluffs, received the 2014 Investment in Excellence Award from the Iowa Western Community College Foundation.

‘71 Margaret (Prince) Brinton, BA, San Diego, CA, published her sixth educational product in Jan. 2015, which includes vocabulary flash cards for grades 2-3.

‘71 Richard Hanson, BA, Fort Dodge, won the Purchase Award at the 94th National Watercolor Society International Exhibition for his painting titled “Contemplating Thomas Merton.”

‘71 William Martin, MA, Marshalltown, retired as dean of the Iowa Valley Community College District and currently serves as an at-large member of the Marshalltown City Council.

‘74 Xuchitl Nodarse, BA, MA ’80, Lakeland, FL, was named executive director of PACE Center for Girls, Inc. which serves to improve the lives of girls through education, counseling and life skills training.

‘74 Brian Ney, BA, Ankeny, retired in June 2014 after 40 years as an Iowa educator. He is now enjoying retirement and driving a school bus for Durham School Services in Ankeny.

‘74 Jann Weitzel, BA, MA ’89, Saint Charles, MO, was named president of Cottey College effective 6/15/2015.

‘75 Mary (Fasse) Fasse-Shaw, BA, Toledo, retired in May 2010 after 35 years of teaching and is now the development associate for the Tama County Community Foundation.

‘75 Mark McNeill, BA, Prior Lake, MN, is the city administrator for Mendota Heights, MN.

‘76 Steve Little, BA, MA ’86, Clive, is looking forward to retiring in June 2015 following 38 years of teaching.

‘78 Todd Hockridge, BA, Lincoln, NE, began his career at Kraft after graduating from UNI and retired in 2012 after 35 years.

‘78 Martha (Brown) Roweader, MA, Mill Hall, PA, retired from Keystone Central School District after 16 years as principal at Central Mountain Middle School. She is still teaching at Lock Haven University.

‘79 Frances (Bradley) Robinson, MA, Olathe, KS, is past president and 23-year member of Kansas City’s Pierian Club, an African-American literary society. Her grandmother was a charter member of the organization.

1980s

‘81 Michael Wagner, BA, Los Angeles, CA, along with his wife Ann, was appointed as co-executive director of Pacific Hills School in West Hollywood, CA. It is an independent school for grades 6-12.

‘82 Joanne Shaffer, BA, MA ’88, Muscatine, retired in June 2014 after 33 years of teaching for the Muscatine Community Schools.

‘83 Elizabeth Brooks Michael, BA, Antioch, TN, is the director of the Small Business Development Program in the Tennessee Department of Transportation, Civil Rights Office.

‘83 Michael Tatoian, BA, Middletown, DE, was promoted to president of the Dover International Speedway.

‘84 Charisse (Brown) Gillett, BA, MA ’87, Lexington, KY, is a member of the dean’s advisory board for the College of Education at Northern Florida University.

‘85 Jay Cherry, BA, Batavia, IL, retired from the FBI after 21 years and recently started his own polygraph business called Eagle Eye Polygraph.

‘86 David Messeri, BA, Grimes, was named the Army National Guard Specialty Branch Recruiter of the Year.

‘86 John Steffes, BA, BA ’93, Carroll, was named the new president of Kuemper Catholic effective 7/1/2015.

‘87 Staci (Hammer) Fry, BA, MA ’92, Burlington, is the executive director of volunteer services for UnityPoint Health-Des Moines.

‘87 Jeff Lorber, BA, Springfield, IL, received the 2014 Outstanding Fundraising Professional award from the Capital Area (IL) Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

‘87 Eric Nielsen, BA, Altoona, WI, is the senior financial services specialist for WESTconsin Credit Union.

‘88 Johanna Baedke, MA, Parkersburg, retired from Aplington-Parkersburg Community School District in June 2014 after 36 years of teaching and coaching. She now plans to travel and volunteer.

A TASTE OF SUCCESS

The husband and wife team of Hassan Atarmal, B.A. ’09 and Jennifer Betts, B.A. ’03, BA ’09, opened Fresh Mediterranean Express in Waukee in May 2014. They recently won Best of Des Moines 2015 - Mediterranean Food. The restaurant offers a variety of Mediterranean fare and nine homemade sauces and dressings.
‘89 Gregory Peterson, BA, Annandale, VA, is a colonel in the U.S. Army stationed at the Pentagon. In July 2015, he will become depot commander at Tobyhanna Army Depot in Tobyhanna, PA.

1990s

‘90 Kris Huffman, BA, MA ‘92, Greencastle, IN, earned her 500th career win as a collegiate women’s basketball coach in Dec. 2014. She is in her 22nd season as DePauw University’s head women’s basketball coach and is the program’s winningest coach.

‘90 Tim Pezzetti, BA, Gilbert, is the athletic director for the Gilbert Community School District.

‘92 Brad Buchan, BA, Johnston, is a computer applications teacher at Summit Middle School and coach for the Johnston Community School District.

‘93 Jodi (McMann) Buchan, BA, Johnston, is an instructional coach and mentor coordinator for the Johnston Community School District.

‘93 Scott Hallgren, BA, Spencer, is the executive director of VenuWorks-managed Bridge View Center.

‘93 Molly (McCoy) Sweeney, BA, Des Moines, was named a state finalist for the Presidential Awards of Excellence, which is the nation’s highest honor in math and science teaching.

‘94 Bill Lange, BA, Olive Branch, MS, was promoted to director of sales at True Temper Sports.

‘94 Debra (Andersen) Oliver, BA, Dysart, developed a new program and serves as director of Masters of Strategic Leadership Programs for Mount Mercy University, which began fall 2013. She has also served as the director of the MBA program since 2008.

‘94 Barbara (Sabelka) Schwamman, BA, Cresco, completed the Superintendent Endorsement Program at UNI. She is currently in her eighth year as PreK-8 principal of South Winneshiek Schools.

‘94 Jeffrey Weekley, BA, Wellington, New Zealand, took a deferred retirement from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School to accept a position as manager for science and education outreach at the Research and Education Advanced Network of New Zealand.

‘95 Lauren Bailey, BA, Chandler, AZ, received the 2014 Top 25 Most Influential Inside Sales Professionals Award from the
American Association of Inside Sales Professionals.

'95 Mark Johns, MA, Decorah, was promoted to full professor at Luther College.

'95 Joy Kelly, MA, Bettendorf, was selected as 2014-2015 SAI Iowa Assistant Principal of the Year. She has been associate principal at Bettendorf High School since 2003.

'96 Jennifer (Weber) Erich, BS, Houston, TX, celebrated 15 years with ExxonMobil in April. She is currently a global commercial advisor.

'97 Shannon (Furlong) Gaherty, BA, Dubuque, was named private banking relationship manager for The Private Client Group of US Bank.

'98 Annette (Moussalli) Adams, BA, Ankeny, was named one of Des Moines 40 under 40 for 2015.

'98 Joshua Bright, BA, Stilwell, KS, is the Kansas City regional president of Union Bank and Trust Co.

'98 Heath Bullock, BA, West Des Moines, joined up with fellow alumni Marcus Pitts, BA '03 and Justin Lossner, BA '03 to establish a commercial real estate brokerage office for Jones Lang LaSalle in Des Moines in 2014. Together they have more than 40 years of experience in the industry.

'98 Brian Kiser, BM, Youngstown, OH, is the associate professor of tuba at Youngstown State University and this marks his tenth year teaching there. He also regularly records diverse musical projects in Indianapolis and Cleveland area studios.

'98 Mike Maddox, BS, Madison, WI, received the University of Wisconsin Colleges/University of Wisconsin-Extension Chancellor’s Award for Excellence.

'98 Jeremy Rasmussen, BA, Ankeny, is the director at Genlink Capital.

'98 Ryan Reed, BA, Ottumwa, was named the 2014 Pork All-American by the Iowa Pork Producers Association. The award is the highest honor an individual pork producer can receive from the IPPA.

'99 Brian Ross, BA, Excelsior, MN, is the corporate controller for MTS Systems Corporation.

2000s

'00 Peter Hosch, BA, Urbandale, was promoted to group vice president of store development and real estate at Hy-Vee, Inc.

'00 Joshua Norton, BA, Waukee, was named one of Des Moines 40 under 40 for 2015.

'00 Matthew Parker, BA, Johnston, has been teaching at SE Polk High School since 2003 and has been the head volleyball coach since 2005.

'01 Jill (Brees) Barr, BA, Spencer, was crowned Mrs. Iowa International 2015 and will compete for title of Mrs. International during the final competition in Jacksonville, FL, in July.

'01 Jack Northrup, BA, Council Bluffs, was elected president of the Great Plains Planetarium Association.

'03 Chris Hoover, MA, Maquoketa, was a nominee for the 2014-2015 Iowa Superintendent of the Year award sponsored by the School Administrators of Iowa.
‘04 Michael Rink, BA, Des Moines, received the Franchisee of the Year award from Pita Pit USA. He owns multiple locations in the Cedar Valley and central Iowa.

‘05 Eliza Bangert, BM, Chicago, IL, is an active freelance flute and piccolo player in Chicago, performing with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Lyric Opera, Milwaukee Symphony, Grant Park Symphony and others as a substitute musician.

‘05 William Daly, BA, North Liberty, was promoted to member of Shuttleworth and Ingersoll, P.L.C.

‘05 Katie Stocking, BA, West Des Moines, was named one of Des Moines 40 under 40 for 2015.

‘06 Laura (Rutt) Jordan, BA, Ames, received two awards from the Graphic Design USA magazine in 2014 - American Graphic Design Award and In-house Design Award.

Passing down the Panther pride

Molly Baumgard, B.A. ’11, and Vanessa Hall, B.A. ’10, discovered all kinds of connections when they met at the July 2014 golf outing in the Twin Cities for Panthers, Hawkeyes and Cyclones. It turns out their moms, Jayne Hall and Jackie Baumgard, both graduated from UNI in 1981 and their grandmothers both graduated from Iowa State Teachers College in 1954.

“We were the only Panther team but we had a great time!” said Baumgard.

Proud ISTC centenarians still going strong

Bertha Livingston, 2-year Cert. ’34, celebrated her 101st birthday in September. She shared that her experience at college changed her life. She was a country girl from Clearfield, IA, and she “grew up at ISTC.” When asked the secret to a long life, she said, “Keep busy -- mentally and physically.” She and her husband moved to Florida in 1970 when he retired. There she learned to play golf and bridge; while she’s had to give up golf, she still plays bridge 2-3 times a week.

Mary Enid Staker Burkhart, 2-year Cert. ’34, celebrated her 100th birthday with 50 family members and many friends at a reception last August at the Spring Valley Retirement Community in Perry, Iowa. Enid taught for a year at Peru, Iowa, before marriage and then after her children were older, taught in the elementary grades for a number of years at Woodward, Iowa. She completed her B.S. in 1964 at Drake University.

Ruth Oldsen, 2-year Cert. ’31, is the oldest living alumna UNI has been able to identify at 103 years old. She lives in Worthington, Ohio. While her health is fragile, she enjoys frequent visits from family and keeps up with happenings in Iowa. UNI Director of Collegiate Development Jim Jermier visited her in Ohio and presented her with a 50-year medal honoring her time at UNI.
2010s

‘10 Bethany Discher, BA, MACC ’11, Cedar Falls, is an assistant athletics director in the UNI Athletics business office.

‘10 Sean Eno, BA, Waukee, was appointed CAD specialist by QA Graphics.

‘10 Whitney Jackley, BA, Waterloo, is the marketing director and River Valley district executive for the Boy Scouts of America Winnebago Council.

‘10 Justin Jensen, BA, Cedar Falls, is a staff assistant for U.S. Representative Rod Blum in Iowa’s First Congressional District.

‘10 Sean Matthys, BA, Iowa City, is the associate director of development-health sciences for the University of Iowa Foundation.

‘10 Darius Robinson, MA, Ann Arbor, MI, is the veterans recovery court coordinator for Michigan’s 15th Judicial District.

‘11 Tammie Cass, MA, Atlantic, was named a state finalist for the Presidential Awards of Excellence, which is the nation’s highest honor in math and science teaching.

‘11 Adam Haselhuhn, BA, Des Moines, is the director of development -annual giving and donor relations for Central College.

‘13 Kelly Wiltjer, BA, Cedar Rapids, was promoted to client consultant in the retirement division of Transamerica.

‘14 Stephanie Hogan, BA, Seoul, South Korea, is a graduate student in the renewable energy program at Dongguk University in Seoul.

‘14 Alysia (Grant) Owens, BA, Cedar Falls, is a prep analyst for TestAmerica.

‘14 Maddie Pike, BS, College Station, TX, is enrolled in the geology graduate program at Texas A&M University.

Marriages

‘76 Joseph Ryan, BA, married Paula (Southerly) Ryan, BA ’79, on 5/5/2014.


‘90 Tim Pezzetti, BA, married Cindy (Richards) Pezzetti on 7/12/2014.


‘09 Ria (Hansen) Jenson, BA, married Luke Jenson, BA ’10, on 8/2/2014.

‘09 Brenda (Turnis) Klepper, BA, MSW ’11, married Mitchel Klepper, BA ’10, on 9/27/2014.

‘10 Megan (Radij) Pray, BA, married Larissa Pray, BA ’10, on 7/12/2014.

‘12 Cayla (Price) Quandt, BA, MPP ’13, married Andrew Quandt, BA ’13, on 9/6/2014.


‘14 Chance Finegan, MPP, married Kate (Hein) Finegan, MA ’14, on 6/7/2014.

‘14 Alysia (Grant) Owens, BA, married Ryan Owens on 8/22/2014.

Births


‘00 Karah (Bomgaard) Spahn, BA, MA ’03, and Mason Spahn, Grundy Center, daughter Anna Rose Spahn born 9/21/2014.


‘03 Mark McConnell, BS, and Heather (Robb) McConnell, Pella, son Kallen Matthew McConnell born Nov. 2014. He was welcomed by brother Luke, age 2 years.

‘03 Karen (Sorensen) Vander Broek, BFA, and Nate Vander Broek, Fort Collins, CO, son Elias Maxwell Vander Broek born 1/9/2015.

Senior graphic design student Aaron Van Fossen, of Bettendorf, had four of his graphic design works selected by Communication Arts Magazine for publication in the Student Showcase section of the March/April 2015 issue.

“This is an amazing achievement, one that underscores the extraordinary quality of Aaron’s work,” said Roy Behrens, professor of art at UNI. “It is also an endorsement of the excellence of the Department of Art’s graphic design program. Most likely, there is no student design judging that is more competitive than that of CA Magazine. It affirms that Aaron is one of the top graphic design students in the country.”
‘06 Stephanie (Gipple) Liautaud, BA, and Ted Liautaud, Belton, MO, daughter Isabella Lynn Liautaud born 8/15/2014.


‘09 Emma (Reinertson) Westrum, BA, and Adam Westrum, Boone, son Reid Adam Westrum born 7/26/2014.

Deaths

‘31 Maxine (Wildman) Herbert, 2-yr Cert., died 9/29/2014 in Fort Worth, TX.

‘41 Mildred Middleton, 2-yr Cert., BA ’43, died 1/19/2015 in Cedar Rapids.

‘45 Beverley (Smith) Davis, BA, died 1/15/2015 in Mechanicsburg, PA.

‘46 Helen (Madsen) Deinema, BA, died 11/14/2014 in Canby, OR.

‘46 Earl Dunn, BA, MA ’54, died 12/15/2014 in Muncie, IN.


‘54 Gladys (Redlinger) Wagner, BA, MA ’62, died 11/11/2014 in Durand, IL.

‘58 Raleigh Magee, BA, died 12/20/2014 in Cedar Falls.

‘59 James Harmon, BA, died 10/16/2014 in Fallon, NV.

‘62 Donna (Bleich) Hrubes, BA, died 7/26/2014 in Spencer.

‘64 James Maxwell, BA, died 2/26/2015 in Leander, TX.

‘67 William Taylor, BA, died 10/31/2014 in Waverly.

‘70 JoAnn (Johnson) Barnes, BA, died 11/22/2014 in Ankeny.

‘71 Jean (Seacat) Kimball, MA, died 11/18/2014 in Cedar Falls.

‘71 Jim Marshall, BA, died 1/13/2015 in Aurora, CO.

‘75 Richard Snedden, BA, died 1/25/2015 in Mason City.

‘79 Mark Eddy, BA, died 10/2/2014 in Flower Mound, TX.

‘04 Jennifer Rudd, BA, died 9/21/2014 in Omaha, NE.

‘04 Jennifer Rudd, BA, died 9/21/2014 in Omaha, NE.

Physics research endowment created

A past dean and department head continues to support UNI more than a decade after leaving. Gerald Intemann has founded the Dr. Gerald Intemann Endowed Undergraduate Research Fellowship in Physics Fund in an effort to improve and maintain the quality of research and education on campus. Intemann joined UNI as head of the Physics Department in 1980 and also served as dean of the College of Natural Sciences.

“Since my departure from UNI fourteen years ago, I have stayed in touch,” said Intemann. “I have continued to be very impressed by the quality of the research conducted by the UNI physics faculty and their commitment to engaging many of their undergraduate majors in their research.”

Intemann’s motivation to create this fund was partially fueled by what he identifies as a constant funding challenge to undergraduate research due to budgetary constraints.

“The [CHAS physics] department has been very successful in securing major federal research grants over the years. However, to help create greater stability in funding, I wanted to establish an endowment that would ensure annual funds on a permanent basis.”

Moussavi announces retirement as dean

After 12 years of service as dean of the College of Business Administration, Farzad Moussavi has decided to return to faculty, effective August 1, 2015.

During his tenure, the college gathered much external recognition, generated record amounts of private funding, developed a clear strategic orientation, gained an impressive global presence, and implemented a unique program to enhance professional readiness of its graduates.

As a member of faculty, Moussavi will hold the newly established Bradford Chair in International Business. Associate Dean Leslie Wilson will serve as the interim dean of the college.
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CALENDAR of events

[ MAY ]
20 >> Des Moines Luncheon: Take Charge of Workplace Stress
22 >> Central Iowa Alumni Club Habitat Build, Des Moines, IA

[ JUNE ]
10 >> Campus Alumni Employee Social, Alumni House, UNI
13 >> UNIAA Board of Directors Meeting, UNI

[ JULY ]
18 >> Twin Cities Big Four Alumni Golf Outing, Blaine, MN
22 >> UNI Day on RAGBRAI, Eldora to Cedar Falls
31 >> UNI Night at the Water Hawks, Evansdale

[ AUGUST ]
13-23 >> Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, IA

[ SEPTEMBER ]
5 >> UNI Football at ISU Tailgate, Ames, IA
25-26 >> Golden Graduate Society Reunion, UNI

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