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Greetings and thank you for staying in touch with friends and fellow alumni at the University of Northern Iowa.

We are looking forward to a year filled with new challenges and opportunities. While our state appropriations have been reduced to levels of 11 years ago, the UNI community’s resourcefulness in identifying revenue and cost-containment strategies and the availability of stimulus funds will allow for the most strategic response possible. Moving forward with strong alumni support, sound priorities and excellent faculty and staff, prospects are great that UNI will continue to have a powerful impact on the success of our students and the well being of Iowa.

Initiatives for sustainability and diversity complement our priorities, which are to build an even stronger undergraduate program, to lead the state in pre-K through 12 education issues, and to increase assistance to the state in economic, social and cultural development. UNI’s resources have been challenged, but many opportunities to enhance the university’s value to Iowans have already been seized.

The UNI faculty’s commitment has been strong in helping to develop the Iowa Core Curriculum and in leading the early success of Iowa Math and Science Education Partnership. Our educational leadership was enhanced further with campus visits by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, former Colorado Gov. Roy Romer of Strong American Schools, and Iowa Department of Education Director Judy Jeffrey. Planning is underway to welcome His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama to campus May 18, 2010, for an event dedicated to the importance of education.

We are very pleased that the state appropriations bill signed by the governor this spring established Iowa’s first statewide research and development (R&D) school. In alignment with our priorities, UNI’s Price Lab School will be home to the statewide R&D school. This statewide resource will strengthen our connections with the Iowa Department of Education, our collaborations with sister public institutions and our partnerships with education at all levels. The statewide R&D school is scheduled to open in 2012.

We welcome Gloria Gibson to the UNI family as our new executive vice president and provost, and, in doing so, we wish retiring Provost Jim Lubker the very best. Jim is a dedicated member of the UNI community, and his legacy is one of outstanding leadership.

I encourage you to come to campus and join us for Homecoming, Family Weekend, Maucker Union’s 40th anniversary, the 10th anniversary of Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, and the 100-year celebration of the President’s House. Wherever you are, whenever you can, I hope you’ll proudly acknowledge yourself as one of 100,000 alumni of this great university. You have every reason to do so.

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Prior to 1890, the chief executive officer of the Iowa State Normal School, now the University of Northern Iowa, lived in quarters within the classroom buildings. This space was inadequate for President and Mrs. Homer H. Seerley and their four young children, who arrived on campus in 1886. Consequently, in 1890, the state built a two-story brick house, known as the President’s Cottage, on the eastern edge of campus for the Seerley family.

As the school grew, the President’s Cottage proved too small for the entertainment and receptions the president was expected to provide as part of his professional responsibility. In 1907, the Normal School board of trustees authorized a new President’s House, at a cost not to exceed $16,000. The president and his family moved into the new house in October 1909. The original President’s Cottage is now home to the Honors Program.

The final cost of the building was $18,000. All utilities—heat, light and telephone—were brought to the house through a tunnel. The house has about 6,000 square feet of living space on four levels, is finished with maple and oak woodwork and paneling, and has 25 rooms. It’s in the Chicago prairie style, also known as Louis Sullivan style.

All UNI presidents have been required to live in the house since its completion.

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President Price’s daughter Nancy’s wedding to Howard Thompson in 1945.

The Maucker family and pets, 1957.
It serves a dual role as living space and public space for campus events. Special family functions held at the President’s House include the weddings of two of Homer Seerley’s daughters and Nancy Price, daughter of Malcolm Price, and the birth of Esther Seerley Culley’s son, Homer.

The house was the site of 125 events and hosted 1,500 guests in the past year alone. Special guests over the years have included Eleanor Roosevelt, Martin Luther King, Jr., Nancy Price, Jessica Tandy, Hume Cronyn, Van Cliburn, Marian McPartland, Myrna Loy, Ricardo Montalban, William O. Douglas and Joan Fontaine.

The exterior of the house has seen few changes, except for the addition of the porches. The interior is substantially the same as well, with minor surface changes over the years, such as paint and wallpaper.

In the summer of 1983, however, the building underwent major renovation, restoration and maintenance in preparation for a new president. This project was extensive, costing more than $200,000. The work included a new heating, cooling and ventilation system more than a decade after President Maucker recommended the installation of central air conditioning.

Other work included an electrical service upgrade, repairs to a basement wall, a new foundation under the back porch, new carpeting on the main level, refinishing the woodwork, remodeling the kitchen, finishing the basement, landscaping and installing a privacy fence around the backyard.

In the 1990s, there were substantial improvements to the exterior, the most noticeable being the driveway to the house. Formerly, the driveway leading back to the garage had opened onto College Street. That portion of the driveway was closed, regraded and sodded so the only access to the garage was to the west, from Wisconsin Street. In addition, there were substantial improvements to the drainage and landscaping. A black metal fence was erected along the College Street side of the house, and perennial beds, including hostas, were established or enhanced.

The most recent renovations occurred in 2006, in anticipation of the arrival of President Benjamin Allen and his wife, Pat. A new roof was installed and the porches repaired, and some improvements were made throughout the interior of the home. The Allens have made a personal contribution to the home by providing new furniture throughout to create an inviting atmosphere for the many guests who come to the house each year.

See more photos at www.uni.edu/presidentshouse.
"He wrote his record in the piles of rock and stones that adorn the college campus, in the walks and drives and lawns that beautify the scene and please the eye of all beholders..."

- Written by UNI professor David Sands Wright in 1926, describing James E. Robinson's role in the development of the UNI campus.

One person is nearly single-handedly responsible for the appearance of a large part of the University of Northern Iowa campus today. That individual, James E. Robinson, served as superintendent of buildings and grounds for more than 30 years. Those years saw the planning and construction of 20 buildings, including Bartlett Hall, the Campanile, Honors Cottage (first president's home), Innovative Teaching and Technology Center (formerly East Gym), the Alumni House, Lang Hall, Begeman Hall (formerly Physics Building), President's House, West Gym and Sabin, Seerley and Wright halls.

Robinson began his career in 1890 as builder of the first president's house. He became so committed to the campus that he made his home in the former chapel of the orphan's home, which was known as North Hall, until a new home was built for him.

When Robinson began his duties, the campus had 40 acres and 10 buildings; by 1935 it had grown to 137 acres and more than 30 buildings.
Alumni Association: Alma mater affinity

The University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association was born when graduates of the Iowa State Normal School gathered at Commencement in June 1879. It was agreed to meet again the following year, where a constitution was drafted and a program presented to 42 alumni. Dues were 50 cents for the first year and $1 thereafter; members were expected to report their whereabouts to the secretary every six months. The mission was to “promote interests of the alumni of the ISNS and to give social and intellectual improvement to its members.”

There were three types of meetings in the early years: literary, business and social. Members in attendance at the meetings grew from about 100 in the 1880s to more than 500 in 1902. Members were content with these activities until 1893, when they became concerned with the physical and instructional needs of the school. They supported the building of a new assembly hall, chemical laboratory and social spaces. The assembly hall became the Auditorium Building, Lang Hall today, which was ready to be used for Commencement in 1902.

The first iteration of this magazine, the Alumni News Letter, was published in 1915 and was issued from President Seerley’s office. He continued to edit it until his death. It was the Alumnus until 1986, then became The Nonpareil and, eventually, University of Northern Iowa Today.

The association was instrumental in the planning of UNI’s 50th anniversary in 1926, and the members rallied support for the proposed Campanile.

Fundraising began in 1915 and continued for many years; even at groundbreaking in 1924 the funds were not completely assured. Alumni organized the first nationwide fundraising effort in 1925, a series of special dinners “in every community all over Iowa and generally throughout the United States.” The dinners would climax with a radio broadcast over WSUI featuring President Homer Seerley and musical performances by students. Many found the “whole program just a little more thrilling” than anticipated, resulting in responses from 23 states amounting to about $6,000.

Seerley’s retirement in 1928 prompted the association to establish a fund to be called the Seerley Foundation and encourage all alumni to make a donation to it each year. The purpose of the fund was to assist worthy students and create campus activities that benefitted the student body. A gift from the Seerley Foundation helped establish the UNI Foundation in 1959.

In recent decades, the association has focused on services to benefit alumni and current students, including social and networking activities, assisting with recruiting and scholarships, career services and legislative advocacy. Its current mission is to encourage and support a lifelong relationship between UNI and its alumni and friends; to promote the interaction of alumni with each other; and to promote and advance the interests of the university and its alumni.

Today, the Alumni Association is 7,000 members strong, with a goal to reach 10,000 by 2010. Hundreds of alumni return each year for affinity group reunions, regular reunions, Homecoming and other special events.
Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center:

"Ten years of one-of-a-kind experiences that enrich your life and inspire your soul, that's what we're celebrating," said Steve Carignan, executive director of the University of Northern Iowa's Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center. The GBPAC is celebrating its 10th anniversary with the 2009-2010 season.

The $23-million facility was a major component of the UNI Foundation's "Students First" campaign. The building, inspired by 19th century opera houses, has three performance spaces and can seat 2,000 for simultaneous events. All three spaces are acoustically sealed from the others, and no patron is farther than 100 feet from the stage.

Nearly 300 Artist Series performances have been offered in the last decade, from Hal Holbrook as Mark Twain to "RENT," "Chicago" to Joan Jett. "We've worked hard to bring internationally recognized performances to UNI and we've been able to do it because we have a world-class venue," said Carignan.

"We believe the community deserves high-end entertainment, and they've supported us in return." The UNI School of Music and the

A decade of discovery

Waterloo/Cedar Falls Symphony are the two other largest users of the building.

The GBPAC has been recognized as a leading center for performing arts education in the country, and has partnered for the past six years with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. This partnership provides professional development for teachers and integrates the use of the arts in teaching across the curriculum.

A collaboration with the Iowa Arts Council allowed the GBPAC to develop a robust teacher outreach program to enhance learning for greater student achievement. Creative Classrooms will offer 10 workshops this year in topics such as animal folklore, West African culture and history, the underground railroad and the association between math and music.

Thanks to an eight-year partnership with Allen Hospital and ongoing support by the Friends of the Gallagher-Bluedorn of the "Buck a Kid!" program and the Kaleidoscope Series, the 250,000th child will enjoy a school-time performance during this year.

"Kaleidoscope days are my favorites. I love to see kids excited by the performing arts," Carignan said.

It's not only the local community and surrounding schools that can take advantage of the GBPAC's programming. The success of the Kaleidoscope program and the Artist Series has led to on-the-road shows. The coming year will see performances across Iowa in Waterloo, Red Oak, Spirit Lake, Fairfield and Oelwein.

The GBPAC's service to the state will be a big part of the future. Satellite partnerships for performances, developing arts infusion curriculum for teachers and providing professional development in the arts for educators will ensure that the arts don't get left behind in Iowa.

"We've planned a special season for our anniversary, some old favorites as well as new inspirations, and some special birthday events. I invite everyone to come for a visit, either in Cedar Falls or where we're visiting," he said.

For more information on the GBPAC's season, visit www.gbpac.org.

Maucker Union: Forty years of serving students

Space for recreation, dining and student gatherings became important early in the life of the University of Northern Iowa. The Commons opened for this purpose in the fall of 1933, but by the late 1950s, it proved to be too small for the growing enrollment. By 1964, a proposed remodeling project for the Commons developed into the construction of a new student union. Maucker Union opened in April 1969 and is celebrating its 40th birthday this year.

Designed by award-winning architect John Stephens Rice, Maucker Union was selected as one of the 50 most significant buildings in Iowa by the American Institute of Architects, Iowa Chapter, in 2005. It was quite a departure from the rest of the campus buildings, with most of it below ground, allowing foot traffic to cross its roof. Though its location originally caused controversy, being centered at the hub of campus proved to be the right choice.

More than 5,000 students, faculty and staff, as well as the general public, pass through Maucker Union each day. It's home to a variety of food options, comfortable seating and study areas and numerous student programs, as well as the Center for Multicultural Education, International Student Services, the student radio station and newspaper, a credit union branch and a fitness center. Events held in the union such as

Thursday, designed to provide an on-campus entertainment option on Thursday nights, cultural festivals, lectures and appearances by well-known entertainers all help provide a well-rounded student experience at UNI.

Since its opening in 1969, Maucker Union has undergone numerous renovations and additions that have doubled the original footprint. The 40th anniversary is being celebrated with the completion of an extensive renovation project on the lower level. The project includes moving and updating the computer lab; upgrading the lower level meeting rooms; providing flexible, high-tech gathering spaces for students; and improving accessibility to the multiple sub-levels within the lower level. Renovated spaces in the building reopened before the start of the fall semester. Rededication will take place Oct. 2.

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UNI Foundation: Making an impact for 50 years

It would have been hard for the first board of directors to imagine the impact the newly established Iowa State Teachers College Foundation would have back in 1959. The initial assets of $14,000, provided by the Alumni Association and the Seerley Foundation, have been parlayed into thousands of scholarships, laboratories, equipment and buildings important to the University of Northern Iowa campus and the community. During the last fiscal year, the UNI Foundation raised nearly $18 million.

Wendell Bragonier, ISTC faculty member, was named the first president of the foundation, which was led by a nine-member board of directors. The members were required to give at least $100, “be sympathetic to the activities of the foundation” and “possess a special knack in working with people and stimulating action from others.” Their mission was to raise and administer funds for the college and help students attend the institution.

First indications of the impact the foundation would have include 16 scholarships awarded in 1960 from the Merit Scholarship and Alumni Scholarship funds; the establishment of the Alumni Athletic Scholarship Fund (now the Panther Scholarship Club) in 1963; and support for a 10-watt FM station on campus that would “implement the cultural influence of the college by providing good music for those interested.” That station is KHKE today.

Five decades later, the UNI Foundation continues to make a positive impact. Last year about 1,450 scholarships were awarded, and the UNI Foundation continues to garner support for lectureships, professorships and endowed chairs to enhance academic programs and student learning experiences; and to equip computer labs, music studios, laboratories and athletic facilities. Physical examples of the foundation’s impact can be seen across campus: the UNI-Dome, McLeod Center, Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, the Human Performance Center, Russell Hall addition and McCollum Science Hall equipment. Those facilities enhance the student experience and contribute to the cultural and economic development of the Cedar Valley and the state.

“It’s gratifying to look back over the last 50 years and realize that we haven’t strayed from our initial mission. We’re still all about helping students attend UNI and supporting projects that enhance both the academic experience and the wellbeing of our community. We’ll continue to be committed to that for the next 50 years,” said Bill Calhoun, current president of the foundation.
On July 1, Gloria Gibson became the University of Northern Iowa’s executive vice president and provost. Gibson was formerly the dean of the College of Humanities & Social Sciences and professor in the Department of English, Folklore and Ethnomusicology at Arkansas State University. The editorial staff at UNI Today had an opportunity to ask Provost Gibson a few questions as she got acclimated to life at UNI.

What is your first impression of UNI? UNI is a dynamic place to work.

What is your first priority on the job? I want to meet as many people as possible and begin to understand the culture of UNI.

What do you think are the most important aspects of the provost’s role at the university? The most important aspects of the provost’s office are to: 1) provide leadership in shaping the academic mission; 2) oversee academic policies and activities throughout the university; 3) encourage and foster campus collaborations that contribute to academic life; and 4) seek outreach partnerships that will enhance UNI’s relationship with various constituencies and community groups.

What role do you feel our alumni have in advancing the academic pursuits of the university? Alumni play a crucial role in advancing the academic pursuits of the university. They can serve as mentors, provide opportunities for internships and collaborations, and assist with funding initiatives beneficial to students, faculty and staff.

If you could name three characteristics that describe yourself, what would they be? I’m a person of integrity, with a sense of humor and sensitive to the needs of others.

Coming from warmer weather, what winter wonderland activities are you most looking forward to? And, the least? I’ve never tried cross-country skiing. I understand it’s a great workout. I am anxious to try it. When driving, I hate getting stuck in the snow or ice. I hope that doesn’t happen.

Welcome Provost Gibson to the UNI family via e-mail at gloria.gibson@uni.edu.
108 countries or bust!
Grandmother's lifetime adventures inspire UNI alumna

by Barry Yeoman

In November 2004, Helen Ebersole issued a challenge to her granddaughter, Lindsey Alena Schill '03. Ebersole, who was then 87, belonged to the Travelers' Century Club, an organization whose members have visited 100 or more countries during their lifetimes. Ebersole had bicycled through Western Europe at the brink of World War II; circled the world in 1939; parachuted into Death Valley on her 70th birthday; and in 2007, when Ebersole was 80, she swam in the waters off Antarctica. As a child, Schill was the T ravelers' Century Club, an organization in Agra, India; the Schweizerhof in Berlin; the Bagangenna in Bamako, Mali.

Earlier in 2004, Ebersole had fallen and reinjured her hip, and Schill spent part of that summer helping out at her grandparents' house in La Verne, Calif. During that time, "I really got to talk with her about the importance of the trips," Schill said. "She always said it was a matter of druthers: whether you 'druther do this' or 'druther do that.' They preferred to spend their money on experience."

That November morning during a family gathering, Ebersole stood with Schill in front of a world map covered with thread and push-pins to mark the countries she had visited. "One hundred and seven is pretty good," Ebersole told her granddaughter. "But I'll bet you can make it to at least 108."

Ebersole died at home two days later. As Schill grieved, she found comfort by thinking about how to carry out her grandmother's 108-country challenge.

Ebersole was no ordinary globe-trotter. "It wasn't a materialistic, touristy type of travel," said Schill, a voiceover actor. "Every trip, she made sure that she met the people and experienced the culture."

Ebersole also kept meticulous journals, starting with the 1939 trip, when she and a friend spotted Adolf Hitler on a Munich street. "He was coming out of the museum, and the people were lined up," she wrote. "They thought that man was a god. He had a way of making them cry." Germany was getting ready to invade Poland, and Ebersole had already stumbled upon several Nazi rallies. "Somebody would say, 'Heil Hitler,' " she later told Schill in an oral history. "We would say 'Heil Roosevelt' under our breath." Other journal entries, spread over decades, chronicled a kava-juice ceremony in Fiji; a lunar eclipse in Niger; and French locals who couldn't pronounce her name and instead called her "Ellen with an H."

In the two-and-a-half years after Ebersole died, Schill wrapped up a personal goal of visiting all 50 states. Then she launched her response to Ebersole's challenge. In 2007, Schill flew to Europe and spent two-and-a-half months in 11 countries from The Netherlands to Greece, bringing her lifetime total to 16. She visited some of the same places Ebersole had gone as a young woman, taking photos from similar vantage points as her grandmother's pictures and marveling at seven decades' worth of changes. "Every country I visited was sprinkled with reminders of the war that didn't exist while she was there," she said.

A self-described "control freak," Schill nonetheless made no hotel reservations and ended up spending most nights in the homes of locals. This was her effort to learn from Ebersole's spontaneity. "She would smile and chat with somebody," Schill said, "and before she knew it, they were feeding her and bringing her in and showing her the town." When Schill got into jams, "I just remembered what she said: Enjoy people and open your heart and genuinely take an interest in their culture, and they will take care of you."

One of those moments—"when my grandmother was standing on my shoulder," Schill says—came when she was planning her transfer from Greece to Italy. Nothing was panning out correctly. "I really make an effort to think about how to carry out her challenge. In 2007, Schill flew to Europe and spent two-and-a-half months in 11 countries from The Netherlands to Greece, bringing her lifetime total to 16. She visited some of the same places Ebersole had gone as a young woman, taking photos from similar vantage points as her grandmother's pictures and marveling at seven decades' worth of changes. "Every country I visited was sprinkled with reminders of the war that didn't exist while she was there," she said.

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Aboard a Greek train, Schill met Dionysios, a slender 78-year-old with leathery skin and a deep belly laugh. Through charades and simple words, Schill explained her predicament. "You have time," Dionysios said in broken English. "You stay. I show you town." Schill thought for less than an hour, then decided, "I have time." So she got off the train with him in Diakofto, a village on the Gulf of Corinth. Dionysios, a bachelor, gave Schill his house and stayed by himself in the guest quarters. That gave Schill five days to line up contacts in Italy.

Diakofto turned out to be a highlight of the trip. "Here you call me Greek Grandpa," Dionysios instructed Schill. "Otherwise town go crazy."

Each day they took a different adventure in his beat-up Toyota: to a mountaintop monastery; to a hillside crevice where they came upon goats and waterfalls; to a ferry across the gul; en route to Delphi, where the captain lent Schill his cap and allowed her to steer. "Dionysios shares stories with me about the war when he was 13 years old, hiding under the lemon trees in the mountains, dodging bombs, and burying friends," Schill e-mailed her friends that week.

"Life has a whole new perspective after hearing all of this."

Since her return to Los Angeles, Schill says, she tries to remember Dionysios and others who took her under wing. "Going into different cultures by myself, I had to approach every single person with a blank slate," she says. "I really make an effort to focus on doing that still." Meanwhile, she's starting to dream about her next journey: at least two months (still unscheduled) in Australia and New Zealand. She figures she has decades to reach 108 countries—"my grandmother always said, 'The good Lord willing.'"
Jerry Jauron works 12-hour-days so people can play. And he loves every minute.

"I've been where you get up in the morning and you go to work and it's the same-old, same-old, and you don't have the motivation to make the world a better place. Now I have a job that's cool. It's hard work, but it's amazing because I know the work I do is so our customers can have fun. I can't think of any other position I'd rather have," said Jauron, who is CFO and president of Iowa Speedway in Newton, Iowa.

"I'm a sports entertainment enthusiast and that's what this is. What an incredible opportunity that doesn't come down the street very often. We are gaining strong national and international attention," Jauron said.

Iowa Speedway, 30 miles east of Des Moines, was designed by former NASCAR champion Rusty Wallace and is owned and operated by U.S. Motorsport Corporation.

"Our job on race day is to put on the best show we can, and there's nothing better than seeing 30,000 people grinning from ear to ear. People tell their friends and family they had a great time, and it's the coolest thing going. There's not a bad seat in the house. I had a guy tell me, 'I'm not a race fan but I'm an Iowa Speedway fan,'" Jauron said.

Since opening nearly three years ago, the speedway boasts two Indy Car races and in August held its first NASCAR race.

"Having the NASCAR nationwide series is a wonderful accomplishment for Iowa Speedway. Until you come here and witness it, you have no idea what a world-class facility we have. So many people think this is a Saturday night racetrack like you find all over the state, but this is a $70 million racetrack."

This season's racing schedule began May 17 with the NASCAR East/West challenge and concludes Sept. 19 with a USAR Pro Cup Series/ASA Late Model Series.

The racetrack has 100 acres of parking, race simulators, pre- and post-race concerts featuring national acts, fireworks, autograph sessions with the drivers, souvenir stands and games.

"You can come out here for as little as $20 and be entertained for 10 hours and choose how much time you want to spend in each venue. It's endless fun, and in today's economy people are looking for value. Iowa Speedway can't be beat," Jauron said.

Jauron is just as enthusiastic about his alma mater.

"I cherish those four years [at UNI]; they were great. I picked an absolutely wonderful school," said Jauron. "I was raised to be self-confident and take pride in whatever I did. At UNI, it was reinforced. Professors Andreessen, Davis, Halvorson and Nicholas in the accounting department pushed us very hard. They said take pride in what you do; don't settle for second best. When I walked off that campus as a graduate, I carried that pride through my whole career. I remember studying into the wee hours of the morning, always with that goal. Being the president and CFO of Iowa Speedway is cool, but there are a lot of us running major corporations. It does show the quality of UNI."
Tame your home’s energy hogs

Practical, doable energy-saving tips from the UNI Center for Energy & Environmental Education

What do an air conditioner, clothes dryer and hot water heater have in common? They’re among a home’s biggest energy users. The University of Northern Iowa’s Center for Energy & Environmental Education (CEEE) offers some low-cost, low-tech ways to reduce the energy use of these appliances.

**Air conditioner:**
- Open windows at night if it’s cool with low humidity to create a cross-breeze through the house.
- Close window shades, windows and doors during the day to keep in the cooler night air.
- Use ceiling fans to move the air—they will keep you comfortable and reduce AC running time.
- Place window fans on the shady side of your house to create cross-ventilation and move the hot air out of the house.
- Think about the energy use of other appliances in hot weather. Run the dishwasher and turn on the oven in the evening when it cools off.

**Hot water heater:**
- If the setting is higher than 120 degrees, turn it down; 120-degree water will be hot enough for showers and dish washing.
- Use cold water for cooking and clothes washing.
- Consider an on-demand (tankless) water heater. These small units heat water only when needed instead of keeping a 40-gallon or larger tank of water hot all of the time.
- Solar water heating works well in Iowa and many other states. Federal tax incentives, and some state ones, make it a good renewable energy choice.

**Clothes dryers:**
- Dry clothes for free! Use the sun and a clothesline. Drying racks work well for some families.
- Clean out the lint trap every time you use your dryer. Check the outside vent to be sure it opens and closes properly.
- If you’re considering replacing your dryer, look for one with the Energy Star label. Check out the purchase price and the operating cost.

CEEE programs promote energy conservation, renewable energy and general awareness of energy use for a more sustainable future in our communities.

CEEE programs:
- engage teachers and students of all ages for a better understanding of energy and environmental issues;
- partner with area utilities, schools, builders and communities to increase energy efficiency and renewable energy use; and
- cooperate with businesses, organizations and governments to strengthen local food economies, improve school meal nutrition, and promote environmental health programs.

Discover more at www.ceee.uni.edu.
Taking **UNI** on the road

The University of Northern Iowa will host a series of Community Visit Days this fall. Community visit days allow UNI President Benjamin Allen and university faculty, staff and students to visit with Iowans about education and economic issues in their community. The visits also provide an opportunity for communities to learn about the university’s academic, economic, cultural and social programs and outreach to the state.

Nearly 59,000 UNI alumni live in Iowa, and the university contributes to all of Iowa’s 99 counties by educating students, placing graduates in jobs and forging strong partnerships with Iowa’s businesses and schools. For more information about the UNI Community Visit Days, contact Stacey Christensen, University Marketing & Public Relations, at 319-273-6728.

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**UNI Recipe Roundup:**

**Strawberry (Shrimp) Spinach Salad**

courtesy of the UNI Department of Residence

4 quarts fresh spinach
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 tablespoon + 1 teaspoon sesame seeds
1 tablespoon poppy seeds
1 teaspoon onions, chopped
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1/4 cup salad oil
1/4 cup cider vinegar
12 cups fresh strawberries
Shrimp (optional)

- Trim, wash and remove bad spots from spinach leaves.
- In food processor, place sugar, sesame seeds, poppy seeds, onions, paprika, oil and vinegar. Blend thoroughly until thickened, but do not over mix.
- Make one strawberry fan per individual salad and place on a tray in refrigerator.
- Cut remaining strawberries in half (or in quarters if large).
- Divide spinach and arrange on individual salad plates.
- Sprinkle cut up strawberries over spinach.
- Garnish each plate with one strawberry fan.
- Add shrimp to each salad, if desired.
- Drizzle each salad with 2 1/2 tablespoons of dressing.
- Serve immediately.

Serves 10-12
While the University of Northern Iowa is known as the premiere undergraduate institution in the state, graduate education is an integral facet of the UNI community. The Graduate College is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2009.

For more than 130 years, UNI has fostered a premier teaching and learning environment, and providing a broad curriculum of advanced programs leading to graduate degrees is an important part of its history. The university initiated graduate degree programs in 1951, when the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, authorized a program of graduate study leading to the Master of Arts in Education. The Graduate College was established in 1969.

Today, UNI offers more than 60 graduate programs leading to degrees. Building on its excellence in undergraduate education, the university has developed outstanding graduate programs in business, education, the natural sciences, humanities and fine arts, and the social and behavioral sciences. Fourteen percent of the students at UNI are graduate students. In 2007-08, 18 percent of all degrees awarded at UNI were graduate degrees.

Graduate College faculty are committed to teaching graduate students and engaging them in scholarly activities, providing them with life-changing opportunities and preparing them to be leaders in their chosen professions; but more importantly, impacting the way they view and live in the world.

UNI Strategic Marketing Services celebrates 20th year of service

This year, the University of Northern Iowa’s Strategic Marketing Services will celebrate 20 years of conducting cutting-edge market research. Since 1990, Strategic Marketing Services (SMS) has prided itself on providing market intelligence that is accurate, actionable and affordable. These three elements have built a noteworthy reputation for SMS among its business, government and nonprofit clients.

Launched as a pilot program with funding from the state of Iowa, SMS has grown into a comprehensive resource for businesses and organizations of all sizes. Now offering a full range of qualitative and quantitative marketing research and analysis tools, SMS has grown the services it offers while helping its clients realize success.

As a result of proven performance, SMS maintains many long-term clients. One such client is Siemens Building Technologies. Brad Haeberle, vice president for marketing, says the company worked with SMS on small projects initially, but that its relationship grew with time and positive outcomes.

Ron Padavich, director of SMS since its inception, believes that building relationships with other small businesses is critical to success. “We picked a couple of simple surveys first and those were very well done, very professional,” he said. “So we expanded the scope, and they are now a trusted partner of ours.”

According to Haeberle, this insight is critical to a marketing campaign. “Market research is one of the two most important things you do as a marketer. You need to make decisions based on facts, and market research gives you the facts you need.”

Padavich finds assisting businesses with marketing services important and fulfilling. “Over the past 20 years we have had the opportunity to help a lot of businesses grow and gain success,” he said. “It’s a lot of fun to be able to help so many people achieve their goals.”
Dalai Lama to make historic visit to UNI May 18, 2010

The 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet will visit the University of Northern Iowa Tuesday, May 18, to share his views on the importance of education in an increasingly global society.

"UNI is honored to host the Dalai Lama, who has received awards from around the world that recognize his messages of peace, non-violence, inter-religious understanding, and universal responsibility and compassion," said UNI President Benjamin Allen. "At UNI, we take great pride in providing quality education and preparing future educators. The Dalai Lama imparts a message to the world that stresses the importance of learning, and the role education plays in developing socially responsible citizens. This is a great opportunity to provide inspiration and cultivate new thoughts and ideas at UNI."

More information about the day of the Dalai Lama’s visit and associated events will follow in the fall. For more information about the Dalai Lama, who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989, visit www.dalailama.com.

UNI’s MyEntre.Net system boasts bigger, better site

Social networking sites are becoming more popular and reaching more people every day. This reality spurred University of Northern Iowa MyEntre.Net entrepreneurial development system’s recent Web site overhaul.

In fact, the MyEntre.Net site (www.myentre.net) now boasts many of the same features that have helped Facebook, LinkedIn and others social networking sites realize extreme popularity, with the added benefit of being specifically geared towards the needs of small business owners.

Since 2001, UNI has connected small business owners in 14 Iowa counties through a combination of online resources and services in the entrepreneur’s home community. Last May, the newly rebuilt online community at www.myentre.net was reintroduced as a free, interactive resource for small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs across Iowa and beyond. Central to the online community at MyEntre.Net is networking. Iowa business owners can easily build a profile showcasing their company, buy and sell goods or services and create online groups to interact with owners of other small firms throughout the state.

According to Maureen Collins-Williams, director of the UNI Regional Business Center, MyEntre.Net’s new Web resources will help thousands of Iowa firms.

“Until now, it was hard for many small companies to find each other and build relationships,” said Collins-Williams. “Now, they can find and connect with like-minded business owners in a few simple steps.”

Marty Stratton ’77, founder and president of Strat Exe, Inc., believes that building relationships with other small businesses is critical to success.

“Connections I made through the MyEntre.Net community opened a number of opportunities for me,” he said. “It is a safe place to talk to peers and counselors and access a wide range of services without worry. Small business owners need this outlet.”

According to Stratton, MyEntre.Net provides entrepreneurs with the tools and technical assistance necessary to take their business to the next level while maintaining a welcoming community.

He added, “You always have a friend somewhere in the MyEntre.Net system.”

For more information or to register, visit www.myentre.net.
Competition pool to be named in honor of first men's swimming coach

The competition pool in the University of Northern Iowa Wellness/Recreation Center will have a new name this fall when it is rededicated as the Glen F. Henry Swimming & Diving Pool, in honor of UNI's first men's swimming coach. A dedication ceremony is scheduled for Homecoming weekend, at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 17.

Henry, who began coaching men's swimming in 1966, served as the head coach through the 1981 season, picking up head coaching duties for the first women's competitive swimming and diving team in his final season. Henry led the Panthers to 10 men's North Central Conference championships, and his swimmers earned 129 individual conference titles, with 35 earning All-American accolades. He served on the NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Committee, was chair of the Collegiate All-American Swimmer Selection Committee and was a state, district and national swim clinician. He refereed and coordinated 17 NCAA Division I Men's and Women's National Swimming and Diving Championships from 1977 to 1995.

Henry received the UNI Alumni Service Award in 1975, and has served as president and fund drive chair of the UNI Athletic Club, among his extensive campus and community service. A swimming and diving scholarship endowment has been established in his name with the UNI Foundation. He retired from UNI in 2004. That July, he and his wife, Karen, were injured in a motorcycle accident in Wisconsin that left him paralyzed from the chest down. With therapy, he is working to regain some of his mobility.

Former UNI swim team and Athletic Hall of Fame member Roy Fielding '73, M.A. '77, initiated the move to rename the pool in Henry's honor. "Glen has made significant contributions to UNI and beyond as an educator, especially in the area of aquatic education and competitive swimming," he wrote in his letter, adding Henry consistently received outstanding teaching evaluations while maintaining a rigorous level of excellence from his students, many of whom went on to win numerous awards for excellence in coaching and teaching at state and national levels.

Swimming alumni will gather Homecoming weekend for special events Friday and Saturday, including an alumni swim meet and the pool dedication.
Richard O. Jacobson Human Performance Complex to be dedicated during Family Weekend

Special activities surrounding the formal dedication of phase II of the Richard O. Jacobson Human Performance Complex are taking shape for Saturday, Oct. 3 during Family Weekend. Named for Des Moines businessman and philanthropist Dick Jacobson, the latest additions to the complex include a 9,136-square-foot training center, locker rooms and athletic offices.

Phase II is located in the north end of the UNI-Dome and the adjoining area in the Human Performance Center and the Physical Education Center. A focal point is the state-of-the-art weight room and conditioning center, which will allow greater flexibility for athletic teams that previously shared space with educational programming, intramurals and users of wellness programs.

Phase I of the complex, occupied in January 2008 and dedicated that spring, serves a mixture of curricular, sports medicine and leisure services programming. Included in the complex are the Center for Sports and Human Performance, Youth and Human Services, Camp Adventure™, the Global Health Corps, the National Program for Playground Safety, and a community outreach partnership between UNI, Allen Hospital and Cedar Valley Medical Specialists that provides opportunities for students to interact with physicians, therapists and athletic trainers as part of their education.

In making his initial gift to the project in 2001, Jacobson cited his view that athletics is “an extremely important department for any university or college, because it produces opportunities for leadership. And if there is one thing our country has a tremendous appetite for, it is leadership.” When he later pledged $3 million toward completion of the complex and challenged others to join him to raise an additional $2 million, he noted that it was a “phenomenal opportunity to build a first-class facility to house programs that will enhance the lives of thousands of Iowans throughout the state.”

The UNI Foundation spearheaded the drive to secure the funds for the Jacobson Challenge.
Five individuals and one team will be inducted into the University of Northern Iowa Athletics Hall of Fame during Homecoming festivities the weekend of Oct. 17.

The 2009 Hall of Fame inductee class includes: the 1950 wrestling team, former wrestling coach Don Briggs, former women's golfer Lisa Miller, former men's swimmer Mark Onstott, and former track athlete Joey Woody. Also being inducted is former sports information director Nancy Justis, who will receive the Dr. Jitu D. Kothari Meritorious Service Award.

The 1950 wrestling team captured both the NCAA team title as well as the AAU wrestling championship in 1950, outlasting Big Ten Champion Purdue by a final dual score of 30-16. Three of the Panthers—Keith Young, Bill Nelson and Bill Smith—won NCAA individual championships. The 1950 wrestling team remains the only team sport at UNI to win a Division I national title.

Briggs was the head wrestling coach for the Panthers for 15 years (1983-97), leading the Panthers to nine top 15 finishes at the NCAA Championships, including two 10th place finishes. Briggs won 12 consecutive West Regional titles and finished with an overall dual coaching record of 164-98. He coached 15 wrestlers that earned All-America honors, including four wrestlers who earned the distinction twice and two who earned three All-America citations.

Miller was a member of the UNI women's golf team from 1976-1979, earning the first women's golf scholarship in 1978. Miller became the first woman to earn her Class A Membership in the Iowa Section of the PGA and now is a member of the board of directors for the Iowa Section PGA. Miller was named a PGA Master Professional in 2005, one of just nine women to earn the distinction out of more than 25,000 members and apprentices. Miller currently serves as the golf operations manager/director of golf for the city of Cedar Rapids.

Onstott, a member of the UNI men's swimming team from 1972-1975, earned All-America honors in 1975. Onstott was a member of three conference championship teams with the Panthers and was awarded the James Witham Award as the Outstanding Swimmer of the Year. As a coach, Onstott earned National High School Coach of the Year in 2005 from the National High School Coaches Association and also by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association.

Woody became the Panthers first Division I track athlete to win a national title, winning the 400-meter hurdles at the 1997 NCAA Outdoor Championships. Woody was a four-time All-American while at UNI, placing at the national meet three times in the 400-meter hurdles and once in the 800 meters. In 2000, Woody was a member of the USA's 4x800 meter relay team that set the indoor world record along with being a member of the USA's 1999 world championship effort in the 4x400 meter relay and placing second in the 400 meter hurdles at the 2003 World Championships. Woody has spent the last three seasons as an assistant coach at Iowa, spending the five seasons prior to that as an assistant with the Panthers.

Justis, the Dr. Jitu D. Kothari Meritorious Service Award recipient, spent 30 years in the UNI athletics media relations department, including 26 as director of media relations. Justis came to UNI in 1974 and began working as the assistant editor in the office of public relations, but moved to athletics and spent three years as the assistant media relations director. Justis was a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) as well as serving as the chair for the CoSIDA Career Enhancement Committee.
Adding **strength** to athletes and academics

University of Northern Iowa student-athletes will be able to take advantage of one of the premier strength and conditioning venues in the Midwest with the completion of the Panthers' new weight room, which is one of the main elements of the Richard O. Jacobson Human Performance Complex.

"This is top-notch in every facet of the design," UNI strength coach Jed Smith said. "We will be using items that will put us on the cutting-edge of strength and conditioning. This is truly an exciting time to be a student-athlete at UNI."

And the benefits extend to academics, as well.

"We want UNI's School of HPELS (Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services) to be the Midwest's premier program for students entering the field of strength and conditioning," Smith said. "This facility will be a state-of-the-art educational tool for our students and will bring in first-class scholars from around the world to study at UNI."

The new weight room gives UNI student-athletes nearly 10,000 square feet of workout space, almost doubling the size of the previous facility.

"There are flat screen monitors placed throughout the weight room and they are hooked up to digital recorders which will show the athletes how they are performing and give instantaneous feedback," Smith said. "This type of technology will allow us to frame our athletes as they are working out with world-class athletes. This would be especially helpful on the track and field side of things as our sprinters can work on their form and then be placed digitally over someone like Michael Johnson or Usain Bolt."

Not only will student-athletes benefit from their new environment, coaches and fans alike can watch the action live on the Internet as each station will stream the activities, which Smith said is unlike anything he's ever worked with before.

"Each of the athletes will be hooked up so we can monitor their breathing and heart rates and all of that info will also go out on the Web," Smith said. "There is just so much space for our athletes to work with and then adding in all the technology—no doubt the word that comes to mind is 'impressive'."

**New Turf for the UNI-Dome**

The UNI-Dome had new turf prior to the 2009 football season's kickoff, thanks, in part, to a major grant from the Black Hawk County Gaming Association. A safe surface is vital, not only for Panther football, but also for the many university, community and statewide events hosted in the UNI-Dome each year.

Securing funds for the new turf was part of the fundraising initiative Vested in the Panthers, which seeks resources for Panther Athletics programs, facilities and scholarships. UNI invites alumni and friends to become Vested in the Panthers by pledging $15,000 over five years to any number of UNI Foundation funds that support Panther Athletics. For more information, visit www.unipanthers.com.
Alumnus wants to make a difference and hopes to inspire others to do the same

Steve Anderson earned his B.A. in economics from the University of Northern Iowa in 1988, but it almost didn't happen.

"I remember the dreaded phone call from my parents," said Anderson. "The mid '80s were bad economic times, and I was in my sophomore year at UNI. They told me there was no money to continue my education."

That news spurred Anderson to make a life-altering decision: leave college or find a way to continue. He credits two professors for giving him the skills to make that decision. Mahmood Yousefi and Janet Reeves taught him how to think creatively as well as critically and how to weigh risk versus reward. They also gave him much-needed encouragement to continue his education.

Those early financial struggles are what inspired Anderson to designate an estate gift to the UNI Foundation to create an endowed economics scholarship. Now he hopes to motivate his peers to see the importance of helping talented and financially needy students—the kind of student he once was. "Once people understand the issues, they are more apt to take action," he said.

As a leader in the financial services industry, Anderson is a strategic thinker with a strong desire to make an impact. The senior executive vice president and national sales manager for Waddell & Reed, Inc., uses critical thinking skills every day in his position, overseeing the company's national network of financial advisors dedicated to their clients' financial needs. He also is responsible for overall field sales management, recruiting and training efforts, and ongoing product and sales support.

Anderson consistently encourages his team to think outside the box. "At one training session, I asked the field sales leaders to write their own eulogy. It was a fascinating exercise and we learned something very important. Each of us wanted to be remembered as a great friend and someone who made a difference. We had that in common."

The combination of that epiphany and his early struggles was a catalyst for Anderson's philanthropic endeavors. In addition, his actions reflect the values instilled in him as a young boy growing up in Iowa—hard work and helping others.

Anderson summed it up by saying, "In the investment business, we often keep score with commas and zeros, but at the end of the day it's all about the good work we do and the positive impact we make."
Imagine a Tuba Serenade

"Hail, hail, the gang's all here." Indeed, it was. The tuba section of the University of Northern Iowa Marching Band bellowed the jolly song on Bill Hansen's front lawn in October 2003. The ensemble was honoring Hansen for his planned estate gift to benefit UNI's band programs.

"The surprise was more special because I played the tuba in junior high, as well as the East Green Bay (Wisconsin) High School band, pep bands and a North Side businessmen's band," Hansen said that day.

Hansen became a Panther fan when he married UNI alumna Mary Haskell-Hansen in 1979, living most of his married life in Cedar Falls.

He often imagined the impact he could have on UNI music students. Before his death in 2008, he made another planned gift to the UNI Foundation to establish the William P. Hansen Endowment for the Bands. His legacy provides scholarships for instrumental students; awards for an instrumental music major who intends to be a band director; the development of new music resources; and resources for travel, guest artists and conductors, and instrument and music replacement.

Hansen's gift supports the university's Imagine the Impact campaign, which seeks $150 million to enhance scholarships and programs.

"We are so grateful to Bill. His gift will make a tremendous impact on our band programs," said Danny Galyen, director of UNI's marching and symphonic bands. "Costs are rising and the number of talented students interested in participating in the UNI band program is growing, which means funding for student scholarships, equipment, travel and music is needed now more than ever."


Faculty and staff make an impact

With the help of 40 faculty and staff volunteers, the University of Northern Iowa Foundation launched a comprehensive campus drive to kick off the Imagine the Impact campaign in fall 2008. These volunteers shared the Imagine the Impact goals with their colleagues through presentations and a video. More than 900 faculty, staff and emeritus participated in the initial phase of the $150 million campaign, topping $6.9 million in gifts that will positively affect students across campus.
Bradley Block
Young Alumnus Award

Bradley Block came to the University of Northern Iowa to pursue a business degree and "wanted badly" to play football for the Panthers. Neither happened, but it all worked out.

"All of the defensive back positions were covered, at least two-deep," said Block.

He did, however, discover opportunity as UNI's first four-year resident assistant and the entry point to his avocation, thanks to associate professor Lynn Young Alumnus Award covered, at least two-deep," said Block.

"He made geology interesting with his antics; humor and laid-back atmosphere," Block said. "My true passion was geared toward the outdoors and involvement at www.unialum.org/heritagehonours.shtml.

Read more about Block's path to Jewel Cave National Monument and his campus and community involvement at www.unialum.org/heritagehonours.shtml.

Guang Jin
Young Alumna Award

Traveling thousands of miles from home to attend a college in a country far different from your own can be daunting—different culture, different language, different customs and different social mores.

Guang Jin knows how it feels. Twenty years ago, she came from Jiamusi, China, to the University of Northern Iowa to pursue graduate degrees in industrial technology. Breaking through the language and culture barriers seemed impossible at first, but the patience of UNI faculty and staff allowed her to find success.

Since graduating from UNI, Jin has worked at Deere & Co. in leadership roles that include quality management, project management, global supply management, operations management and manufacturing engineering.

Read more about how Jin has used her success to be a positive influence at UNI by visiting www.unialum.org/heritagehonours.shtml.

Len Froyen
Alumni Service Award

When Len Froyen was an undergraduate student at the University of Northern Iowa in the 1950s, he and his wife-to-be, Gail, spent many hours dancing in the Commons Ballroom. He never imagined that the place would hold significance some 50 years later as a venue in which to honor him for his service to the university.

As UNI emeritus professor of educational psychology and foundations, Froyen cites four projects of which he is particularly proud: chairing his class's 40th reunion, the inaugural faculty education convocation, coordinating the Stadium Hall Reunion and spearheading the campaign to renovate the Lang Hall Auditorium.

Read more about these projects and Froyen's many community contributions at www.unialum.org/heritagehonours.shtml.

Sally Carbaugh Frudden
Alumnus Achievement Award

In 2003, Sally Frudden was named Woman of the Year by the Charles City (Iowa) Chamber of Commerce, but if you look at her list of accomplishments, perhaps her award should be renamed "Woman of the Year." Since 1970, Frudden has generously worked to improve education, as well as worked on economic development and social issues.

At the University of Northern Iowa, Frudden served on the UNI Foundation board, chaired the Long-Range Planning Committee, and helped with outreach and programs for in-service and continuing education. Frudden has served on statewide boards and commissions, including the Iowa State Board of Education from 1993 to 2006; the Coordinating Council on Post High School Education; the Community College Coordinating Council; Reading Recovery to improve reading proficiency and student achievement; and the AEA Education Design Team.

Read more about what's behind Frudden's drive and passion at www.unialum.org/heritagehonours.shtml.

CJ Hines
With the addition of the May 2009 graduates, the University of Northern Iowa achieved a huge milestone: more than 100,000 living alumni! Nearly 60 percent live in Iowa and another 15 percent live in surrounding states. Learn more about who we are and where we live at www.unialum.org/alumnistats.

Golden Graduate Society Reunion

Mark your calendar: May 6-8

The University of Northern Iowa class of 1960 will be inducted into the Golden Graduate Society at the reunion May 6-8, 2010. All alumni celebrating 50 or more years since graduation are invited to join the UNI Alumni Association for this very special weekend. All 1960 graduates and those who have attended past Golden Graduate Society Reunions will receive an invitation in February. If you would like to add your name to the mailing list, call 888-UNI ALUM or e-mail info@unialum.org. Learn more about the Golden Graduate Society Reunion at www.unialum.org/goldengraduate.

Are you online?

Looking for a quick and easy way to be notified about upcoming alumni and campus activities? Want to keep up-to-date on campus news and receive information about University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association programs and services? Send your e-mail address to info@unialum.org or update your profile information at www.unialum.org to ensure you receive timely information from the UNI Alumni Association in your preferred e-mail account!

Are you a living legacy?

You're already a member of the Panther family, but are multiple members of your family Panthers? The University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association wants to register UNI legacy families: two or more members of the same family—siblings, parents and grandparents—who received a degree from or are currently attending UNI.

Register your family as a UNI legacy at www.unialum.org and read more about UNI legacies in the winter edition of the UNI Today. Remember, to receive that issue you must be a member of the UNI Alumni Association. Join today by calling 319-273-2355, e-mailing info@unialum.org or visiting www.unialum.org/legacy!
Keep the tradition alive
Alumni are the keepers of a university’s traditions. UNI Alumni Association membership dues support the Traditions Challenge, a campus-wide program designed to educate UNI students about our past and help shape their future! Check it out at www.unialum.org/traditions.

William Bevac, BA ‘61 retired after 30 years as Director of Theatre and Film at Pacific Lutheran University. He lives in Decorah.

John Raffensperger, BA ‘62 was inducted into the UNI Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007.

Stephen Simons, BA ‘62 retired from Texas Wesleyan University after 41 years of teaching and conducting.

Doris Herington, BA ‘63 is enjoying her retirement home on Table Rock Lake in the Ozarks.

Mary Stattler, BA ‘63 has retired from teaching. She works at the Steckelberg Veterinary Clinic in Conrad.

A. Ronald Kraft, BA ‘63 retired in 2008. He lives in Yankton SD.

Margaret Brady, BA ‘64 retired after 44 years in K-12 education. She worked the last 42 years in Sioux City.

Melvin Canell, BA ‘65 is the president of the Nebraska National Association for the Mentally Ill.

Stanley Brandmeyer, BA ‘66 built a home on the Lake of the Ozarks. He is retired and travels four months each year.

Rev. Victoria Roller, BA ‘67 retired from the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Methodist Church and as staff chaplain for resident care at the Regional Health Center in Pella.

Rodger Gatton, BA ‘69 is enjoying his retirement. He lives in Vero Beach FL.

Dorothy (McWilliams) Sheller, BA ‘69, MA ‘79 retired from AEA 267 as work experience coordinator in spring 2007. She lives in Eldora.

Kimm Stastny, BA ‘69 retired from his work as a teacher, art director, and school administrator in Lake Zurich IL.

Did you know?
UNI Alumni Association membership dues provide leadership opportunities for students, including support for Connecting Alumni to Students (CATS). Learn more at www.unialum.org/cats.
Did you know?

UNI's student alumni association—Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow—is one of the nation's largest, with more than 3,500 members in 2008-09. Learn more at www.unialum.org/STAT.

Steve Hagedorn, BA '71 retired from the Alaska Railroad. He lives in Anchorage AK.

Brian Knutson, BA '71, MA '74 has retired after 38 years in public education. His most recent position was as superintendent of Lake Zurich Community Unit District 95 in Lake Zurich IL.

Beth Richards, BA '71, MA '80 teaches kindergarten in Kettleman City CA.

Susan (Wulf) Osvald, BA '71, MA '88 retired after 36 years of teaching in Independence and Atlantic.

Bruce Charlesworth, BA '72 is a photographer, performance and video artist. His work has been shown in many museums and galleries throughout the United States and Europe. He is on the faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Darwin Copeman, BA '72 is the president and CEO of Jeweler's Mutual Insurance Co in Neenah WI.

John Hartson PhD, BA '72 is starting his 25th year as a pediatric psychologist in private practice in Iowa City. His latest book was published by the American Bar Association.

Jeanne (Miller) Heiar, BA '72 has taught in Dubuque Community Elementary Schools for 23 years.

James Seeley, BA '72, MA '79 retired from Cedar Falls schools in the spring of 2008.

Bill Witt, BA '72 released a book of his photography, "Enchanted by the Prairie." A copy of the book is in the UNI Alumni House library.

Marc Haack, BA '73, MA '78, EdD '91 is a clinical associate professor of educational administration and program coordinator in the College of Education and has been offered the position of faculty fellow in the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost at the University of Iowa.

Cynthia (Marsch) Hall, BA '73 was promoted to full professor at Missouri State University and named the 2008 graduate research advisor of the year.

David Heisterkamp, BA '73 is a global manager at Deere & Company. He has worked at Deere for 35 years and resides in Cedar Falls.

William Kunzman, MA '73, retired in 1997. He works with a group that built 24 homes in Mexico last year. He lives in Nashua and spends winters in Mission TX.

Lynnette (Martin) Loula, BA '73 teaches and directs drama at Washington High School in Washington.

Donald McCullough, BA '73 retired from Starmont Community School District after 36 years as a teacher and coach. He will also retire from the Army Reserve after more than 37 years of service.

Marcia (Weir) Nilles, BA '73 retired after teaching secondary English for 34 years. She lives in What Cheer.

Richard LaRue, BA '74 was a 2007 inductee in UNI's HPELS Hall of Excellence. He is the president of the American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation and lives in Saco ME.

Richard Linn, BA '74 is owner of Ozark Veterinary Clinic in Ozark MO. He is a regular participant in short-term missions with Christian Veterinary Mission to Salem, India.

Judy (Schwake) Shimon, BA '74 retired after 35 years of teaching. She taught Business Education courses at Pocahontas Area Community Schools for 33 years.

Pamela (Larsen) Wessely, BA '74 teaches at Oak Hill Elementary in Overland Park KS. She was named the Blue Valley Schools Teacher of the Year.

Rick (Duhrkopf) Hutchcroft, BA '75 retired on June 3, 2009. She lives in Steamboat Rock.

Jane (Hoepner) Seeley, BA '75, MA '77 retired from Cedar Falls schools in the spring of 2008.

Laurie (Lakin) Meyer, BA '76 is a Spanish teacher at Perry High School.

Dixie (Davis) Walters, BA '76 has been a music teacher in Marshalltown for 33 years.

Gayle (Pearson) Gatton, BA '77 teaches 7th grade science at Osceola Middle School in Vero Beach FL.

Paula McDougall, BA '77, MA '90 was a winner of the 1999 MasterSearch contest. She was also selected as a McElroy Gold Star Teacher in 2003. She lives in Cedar Falls.

Sandra Mitchell-Woods, BA '77, MA '85 received the Passios Outstanding Elementary School Principal and the National Distinguished Principal Award.

Kathy (Santi) Monroe, BA '78 is a computer teacher for first through eighth grade at Indianola Middle School. In October 2008, she was inducted into the UNI Athletic Hall of Fame as a member of the '77 softball team that won the Women's College World Series. She lives in Methuen MA.

Patrick Esser, BA '79, MA '82 was inducted into the Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame. He lives in Atlanta GA.

Kevin Swalley, BA '79 is the President/CEO of Grundy National Bank in Grundy Center.

UNI alumni to direct U.S. Foreign Service

Nancy J. Powell '70 has been nominated by President Barack Obama as Director General of the Foreign Service, Department of State. The appointment is subject to approval of the U.S. Senate, following her confirmation hearing June 16 before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Powell will have responsibility for overseeing the recruitment, assignment, well-being, professional development and retirement of the department's Civil Service, Foreign Service and locally engaged employees. Most recently the U.S. Ambassador to Nepal, Powell is a 32-year career member of the Foreign Service. She received the UNI Alumni Achievement Award during last fall's Heritage Honors Awards presentations.
Global economic crisis creates a teachable moment for UNI alumnus

Michael Wagner ’81 saw it every day in the classroom: students eager to learn about money but with few resources and often poor parental examples.

"With the global economic crisis dominating news headlines, there couldn’t be a more appropriate time to reach out to young adults and impart some common sense lessons about managing their finances—lessons that are seldom taught in traditional school curriculum," Wagner said.

Wagner currently conducts an after-school program in south Los Angeles at Manual Arts High School, providing workforce preparation, financial literacy and college readiness to inner-city youth in grades nine through 12.

Using his experience in the classroom as a guide, he published “YOUR MONEY, DAY ONE: How to Start Right and End Rich.” The book challenges teens and young adults to take charge of their personal finances from the start to set themselves up for a lifetime of financial security. Wagner emphasizes the importance of budgeting, the financial pitfalls of credit card debt, the dangers of living outside your means and the establishment of strong savings habits early to lead to a successful financial future.

Last fall he took his message of starting early and planning well directly to students, speaking in classrooms and auditoriums to more than 3,500 students in five states, including speaking engagements at the University of Northern Iowa and UNI’s Malcolm Price Laboratory School.

Wagner received a bachelor’s degree in administrative management from UNI and a master’s degree in educational administration from the Michael D. Eisner School of Education at California State University, Northridge.

1980s

Dennis Doyle, MA ’80 received the Huffman Award for Outstanding Support of International Education. He lives in Pella.

Nancy Bennett, BA ’81 was appointed senior lifetime fellow of the American Academy of Actuaries. She lives in St. Paul MN.

Bruce Jorth, BA ’81 was appointed to the McGladrey & Pullen Board of Directors. He is assurance leader of the McGladrey Florida Practice and also leader of the firm’s Quality Control Delivery Structure Taskforce. He lives in Lake Worth FL.

Doug Mabeus, BA ’81 is the Vice President, Operations at Royston LLC in Atlanta GA.

Carolyn Prins, BA ’81, BA ’93, MA ’99 is working as a web developer at UNI Marketing and Public Relations in Cedar Falls.

Michelle Rourke, BA ’81 is director of development for Iowa Public Radio in Des Moines.

Tim Seaman, BA ’81 is a senior member of Channel 9 Eyewitness News’ anchor team. He lives in Sioux Falls SD.


Christopher Bryant, BA ’82 is the vice president and chief operating officer of Prometic Biotherapeutics, Inc. He lives in Bourbonnais IL.

Kevin Dahle, BA ’82 was elected to the Minnesota Senate in 2008. He lives in Northfield MN.

David Morton, BA ’82 is president—marketing services at J.W. Morton & Associates in Cedar Rapids.

Douglas Krumm, BT ’83 is the senior quality manager of Acciona Windpower of North America in West Branch.

Jay Anliker, BA ’84 is the president and CEO of UMR, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of United Healthcare. He lives in Wausau WI.

Cheryl Fuentes-Wagner, BA ’84, MA ’90 was named the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese Outstanding Secondary Teacher of the Year for 2008-2009. She was also named the Texas Spanish Teacher of the Year 2009 by the Texas Foreign Language Association. She has been a member of the Spanish Literature Advanced Placement Test Development Committee since 2006. She lives in Sugar Land TX.

Christopher Kealy, BA ’85 is the US Tax Desk for the Middle East. He lives in Dubai, UAE.

Martha (Paca) Mullinix, BA ’86 is responsible for community relations for the American Cancer Society in Waterloo.

Darla (Onken) Richardson, BA ’86 is teaching kindergarten in Alvin TX.

David Ohl, BA ’87 received the President’s Club Award as Retail Consultant of the Year by the True Value Company. He lives in Parker CO.

William Richardson, BM ’87 teaches 6th grade history in Alvin TX.

Tina Hemphill Hogan, BA ’88 teaches special education at Center-Point Urbana High School.

Michael Messerole, BA ’88 received an Outstanding Teacher Award from the University of Nebraska at Omaha Alumni Association. He is an associate professor in the School of Physical Education and Recreation in the College of Education.

Todd Timmerman, BA ’88 is a managing director at Principal Financial Group in Charlotte NC.

Timothy Collison, BA ’89 is a self-employed consultant. He lives in Granite Bay CA.
Lori (Melin) Fillbrandt, BA ’89 is a math specialist in the Galena Park Independent School District. She lives in Humble TX.

Dr. Jill Geering, BA ’89 has been named Philanthropist of the Year by Optometry Giving Sight. She lives in Douglas AK.

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1990s

Lori (Welch) Graves, BA ’90 teaches first grade at Davis County (IA) Elementary School.

Joyce Morrow, BA ’90 is director of financial aid at UNI in Cedar Falls.

Scott Slechta, MA ’90 received National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. He teaches at Fairfield (IA) High School.

Carol (Olson) Wooley, BA ’90 is the deputy director, equipment management in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense Reserve Affairs in Arlington VA.

Michael Lee, BA ’92 is the president-elect of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. He lives in Grimes.

Sara (Welty) Strunk, BA ’93 is the hygiene coordinator at Modern Touch Dental in Whitefish Bay WI. She has also started a small business that specializes in desserts.

Carolyn (Welch) Green, BA ’93 lives in Grimes.

Joyce Morrow, BA ’90 lives in Cedar Falls.

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Did you know?

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Cyber Cats

Network online with the UNI Alumni Association

The University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association has an official LinkedIn account—a great way to make professional contacts for business and professional purposes. A recent LinkedIn search shows more than 13,000 alumni using the professional networking service and a growing list of groups as well. You can create your account and request to join the University of Northern Iowa Network by visiting www.linkedin.com.

And don’t forget to check out Facebook!

More than 230 Facebook groups feature UNI, ranging from the UNI Gaming League to the UNI Flute Studio to the official UNI Alumni Association. Thousands of alumni, students and friends are on Facebook. If you haven’t already joined in, create a profile at www.facebook.com, search “University of Northern Iowa” and join the UNI Alumni Association official site and become a fan of the UNI Alumni Association!
Angeles. According to its Web site, "Sound Sweep is "a mobile platform for recording and reprogramming sonic space."

2000s

Stephanie (Roehlk) Emmons, BA '00 is assistant marketing manager for CMI in Chicago, IL.

Kelly (Luke) Kennedy, BA '00 is executive director of Retail Confectioners International. She lives in Springfield, MO.

Scott Mikkelson, BA '00, joined the East Des Moines Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He is an associate of the Davis Law Firm Business Division. He was one of the Davis Brown Law Firm members recognized for his outstanding service to the Polk County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project in 2008. He lives in Grimes.

Did you know?

UNI alumni can receive career direction from CareerBeam, and Alumni Association members can access the UNI job board, CareerCat, through UNI Career Services.

Matt "Bob" Pedersen, BA '00 received an MA in international business from ESC Rennes in France. He is a northwest territory representative for Timm Medical Technologies. He lives in Robbinsdale, MN.

David Trebel, BA '00 was promoted to vice president-account executive at Hellman Associates in Waterloo. He was previously a senior account executive.

Laura (Tutskey) Zielsinski, BA '00, is director of therapeutic recreation at Bloomfield Health Care Center in Bloomfield, CT.

Kathy Cameron, MM '01 won first prize in the Arts Division of the Hayes Graduate Research Forum at Ohio State University for her presentation titled "The Effects of Vibrate Production Techniques and Use on Musical Collaborations among Woodwinds." She is currently a candidate for the DMA in Flute Performance and plays piccolo in the top Wind Symphony at Ohio State. She lives in Columbus, OH.

Matthew Cole, BA '01 has accepted a three-year visiting contract at University College Dublin.

Debrah (Rusch) Fordice, MA '01, EdD '08 won the ING Unsung Heroes award in 1996. The global financial institute awarded 100 of the nation's most innovative educators with $2,000 to enhance classroom learning. She lives in Dubuque.

James Morrison, BA '01 is the owner of Student International Travel Experiences, a nonprofit organization that offers scholarships to students at Title One schools for Educational Tours of Europe. He lives in Tarzana, CA.

Lisa (Petersen) Paul, BA '01 is a 7th grade reading teacher in the Muscatine School District.

Abigail (Oglesby) Remund, BA '01 is global women's training footwear product line manager for Nike Inc. in Beaverton, OR.

Kindra (Helton) Barber, BA '02 is the owner of Barber Photography in Des Moines.

Kara (Mahaffey) Kent, BA '02 teaches sixth grade in Republic MO.

Ryan Murdock, BA '02, is an inventory specialist for HyVee in Marion.

Jeffrey Frazier, BA '03 is the director of Christian Education and Youth at Waterloo First United Methodist Church.

Jennifer Hinchman, BA '03 is a marketing analyst for Lee Enterprises in Davenport.

Did you know?
The UNI Alumni Association hosts reunions and on-campus programs through membership support.

Rebecca (Kreekelets) Johnson, BA '03 is lead librarian for the Cedar Rapids Community School District. She was certified in library media in fall 2008 by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Justin Rogers, BA '03 is an Executive Group Leader at the Target Distribution Center in Cedar Falls. He lives in Waterloo.

Jennifer Sinkler, BA '03 is a senior editor at Experience Life magazine and a member of the U.S. Women's National Rugby team that recently traveled to Dubai for the Rugby World Cup.

Timothy Jones, BA '04 is the Assistant High School Band Director in Garden City KS and is pursuing a master's degree.

Ann (Zimmer) Kegler, BA '04 is a sales representative for C.H. Robinson Worldwide in Iowa City.

Bradley Kennedy, BA '04 teaches in the biology department at Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs. He has been accepted into Penn State's doctoral program in clinical anatomy and has been awarded a research assistantship.

Michelle Long, BA '04 is a mortgage sales specialist for Wells Fargo Financial in Des Moines. She is currently involved with Young Professionals Connection in Des Moines and Habitat for Humanity.

Amy (Matthiessen) Morrison, BA '04 is the owner of Student International Travel Experiences, a nonprofit organization that offers scholarships to students at Title One schools for Educational Tours of Europe. She lives in Tarzana, CA.

Ann (Frazier) Rohret, BA '04 works at Principal Financial Group. She lives in Altoona.

Collan Traver, BA '04 works at Fehr Broadcasting as the graphics department manager. He lives in Waterloo.

Kate Westercamp, BA '04 is public relations and marketing account executive for Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

Ryan Muhlbauer, BA '05 is a barber/dresser (personal clothier) for Tom James Clothing Company in Minneapolis, MN.

Allison Quandt, BA '05 is district manager for Frito-Lay in Cedar Falls.

Zinka Samardzic, BA '05 is practicing medicine at the Covenant Clinic's Gastroenterology Clinic in Waterloo.

David Schick, BA '05 served in Afghanistan and Kosovo with the US Army. He is currently working in the nuclear power industry. He lives in Cedar Rapids.

Amanda Vanous, BA '05 is marketing coordinator for the VGM Group in Waterloo.

Megan Rosch, BA '06, MA '08 is an exhibit program manager at the Children's Museum in Seattle, WA.

Matthew Jackson, BA '06, is a service sales representative at KONE Inc. in Denver, CO.

Erika Ovel, BA '06 is a medical supplies specialist for Martin Brothers Distributing Co. in Cedar Falls.

Matt Rodemeyer, BA '06 is general manager with Kum & Go in Grimes.

Christopher Simonis, BA '06 is a programmer specialist in the registrar's office of Des Moines University.
Did you know?
The University of Iowa and Iowa State University have nearly 25-percent participation in their alumni membership programs. The UNI Alumni Association's goal is 10 percent in 2010—an increase of 3,000 members. Paint your life purple and join today! Visit www.unialum.org/membership.

Paul Van Gorp, BA '06 is a funeral director with White Funeral Homes in Apple Valley MN.
Sarah Appleton, BA '06 is working as a preschool teacher at Maquoketa Valley Community Schools in Delhi.
Troy Vogel, BA '06 is corporate support specialist with Iowa Public Radio. He lives in Des Moines.
Hilary Allen, BA '08 is the new account coordinator and sales assistant at Cintas in Des Moines.
Nicholas Hellman, BS '08 has successfully passed the U.S. Green Building Council Certification Exam and has earned the designation of LEED Accredited Professional. He works at Peters Construction Corporation in Cedar Falls.
Tyler Schmitz, BA '08, is a technical analyst for State Farm Insurance. He lives in Bloomington IL.

Weddings
Jenny McElmeel-Bryant, BA '93 married Cary Bryant.
Walter Martinez, BA '94 married Phyllis Thies-Martinez.
Sheri Sedlacek Granville '98 married Richard Granville.
Stephanie Roehlk Emmons '00 married Thomas Emmons.
Laurie Olson Tims '01 married Geoffrey Tims.
Brenda Boxler BA '06 married Matt Jackson '06.
Nichole Cathcart Swales BA '06 married Ryan Swales BA '04.

Births
Julie Baker Davidson BA '95 & Tate Davidson, Lakewood OH, daughter Zella born 8/19/2008.
Scott Arlen BA '97 & Kathleen Arlen, Dubuque, daughters Elizabeth and Natalie born on 2/22/2008.

Did you know?
UNI Alumni membership dues support networking opportunities across the country.
Melinda Dunkel Thornton BA '00 & Matthew Thornton BA '01, Urbana, son Jensen born 2/3/2009.
Candace Hatch BA '01 & Brian Hatch, Knoxville, son Jaxon born 2/25/2009.
Michelle Sitzmant Midthus BA '01 & Brian Midthus BA '00, Cresco, daughter Mackenzie born 1/12/2009.
Laurie Olson Tims BA '01 & Geoffrey Tims, Ames, daughter Adelaide born 7/13/2009.
Shelley Hoschek Weinstein BA '95 & Matthew Weinstein, Libertyville IL, daughter Finley born 2/12/2008.

The University of Northern Iowa Today features class notes and information updates that have been self-submitted or are submitted by family or employers. To submit your information, e-mail info@unialum.org, use the online form at www.unialum.org or mail to UNI Alumni Association, 1012 W 23rd, Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0284.
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 UNI calendar at https://access.uni.edu/acal/  
 UNIAA calendar of events and event details at www.unialum.org/events.shtml

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