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Welcome back to fall in Iowa and another great semester in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences! You will notice a change in this fall’s newsletter. As you know, the College places a high priority on engaging CSBS students in both academic pursuits and activities that encourage them to use their academic knowledge outside the classroom, which are generally referred to as co-curricular activities. And many of you, our CSBS alumni, have generously provided funds to help students participate in these endeavors. This year, we thought we would highlight some of these activities — so you can judge for yourself their value in enhancing the educational experience students receive at UNI.

You will read one student’s account of her travels to Nicaragua to see firsthand how Central American Social Services work. You’ll also read tales of CSBS undergraduates who have studied in Italy, Poland, New Zealand, and Ireland. You will see how UNI psychology majors demonstrated to Waterloo middle-school students the importance of research and investigation in the solving of crimes in their unique version of CSI-UNI. And, of course, there will be information from every college program about discipline-specific efforts to provide the highest quality education for UNI students.

In addition to all of these endeavors, the college supports programs to defray the cost of tickets to the Gallagher Performing Arts Center and provides funding for the Textile and Apparel spring fashion show, the CSBS undergraduate research conference, and a number of multicultural events and interdisciplinary efforts. This year we co-sponsored the Holocaust Remembrance and Education Program, which explores the history and lasting impact of the Holocaust, and sponsored an Art Merit Award, which recognizes excellence among UNI art students. We also worked with the Department of Political Science to help support the Saudi-U.S. Relationship Conference, held on campus October 24 in order to gain further understanding of Saudi Arabian economics, politics, culture, and relations with the US.

And, naturally, being in Iowa provides the opportunity to experience firsthand presidential politics! UNI has scheduled several on-campus presentations by major candidates to discuss their stand on educational policy, and we almost had the opportunity to host a national debate on MSNBC.

Getting a bachelor’s degree is no longer just about passing 120 credit hours of classes. Students, when they choose a college, choose one that will engage them 24/7. They look for a college that will provide them with high-quality dorm rooms, state-of-the-art technology, superior advising and career services, and a variety of activities in the arts, recreation, and athletics. Students are not disappointed when they come to UNI. In fact, a recent National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) asked students if they could start college all over again, would they choose their current institution — and UNI students more than any of our peer institutions answered “Yes”!

We in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences are grateful that so many of our alumni consistently say “Yes” — to CSBS programs, faculty, students, and activities. Your support of the College helps maintain the superior level of teaching at UNI and creates new and exciting opportunities for our students to be engaged in an ever-changing world.

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Features

MSW student recounts experience in Nicaragua

In July, a group of students from the Department of Social Work and UNI’s Department of Communication Science and Disorders traveled to Nicaragua, the second poorest country in Latin America, for the study abroad course “Social Welfare in Latin America.” The group spent their time visiting such places as a school for disabled children, an orphanage, a long-term care center for abandoned children, an inclusion school, and several other governmental and nongovernmental organizations working to fight poverty and empower communities. Cheryl Lyon, a student in the Master’s of Social Work program, was among the group. Following is her account of the trip.

It has been two weeks since my return from Nicaragua. It has taken this long for me to feel ready to put into words what the trip meant — both professionally and personally.

I was most interested in taking this trip for the opportunity to see how another country functions on a macro level, and how the citizens’ lives are affected by the environment around them. This goal was met many times over the course of the trip. We visited the home of a family that makes pottery. Cheryl is one of many students to have received a CSBS study-abroad scholarship. To read about other students who have had life-changing experiences abroad, turn to pages 7 and 8.

Above left: MSW student Cheryl Lyon (left) and Carol Cook, director of the U.S. Department of State work field instruction, are shown holding chickens at an orphanage in Managua.

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 CSI:UNI

Professional, in the past I had the benefit of working with people from all over the world that live in the United States. I feel as if now I can see issues more broadly, and see the need to think outside the box in proposing solutions. I also have a renewed appreciation for our form of government and the benefits citizens enjoy.

This trip helped me to fulfill some of my personal wanderlust and need to see how people in other areas of the world live. It was an emotional and powerful experience in many ways. I am very glad I was fortunate enough to be able to make this trip. My trip to Nicaragua was a life-changing experience.

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Right: The UNI group visited the home of a family that makes pottery. This photo is of the third generation of potters in the family. The sale of the wares provides a livable income for them and even allowed them to replace the dirt floor in their home with cement.

Gender Violence Prevention Project

Professors Annette Lynch and Michael Fleming from the Department of Design, Textiles, Gerontology, and Family Studies have received a grant of nearly one million dollars to address gender violence on college campuses. The grant, funded by the Iowa Department of Justice, will allow the award-winning model of campus violence prevention developed by UNI faculty and staff to be expanded to Iowa State University and the University of Iowa.

The grant will support the creation of a Regent’s Campus Gender Violence Prevention Task Force under the leadership of the Campus Violence Prevention Project (CVP) and the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault (Iowa CASA).

The new program will be directed by Dr. Lynch with Dr. Fleming as the associate director. Other UNI members of this collaborative effort include Karen Mitchell (Communication Studies), Harry Brind (Philosophy and Religion), Dave Zarifis (Public Safety), and Julie Barnes (Phoenix Center). Other collaborators include the Iowa Board of Regents, Iowa State University, the University of Iowa, CASA, the Rape Victim Advocacy Program, and the Iowa Attorney General’s Office.

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While there’s no “CSI:UNI” spin-off ready for television (yet!), we hope that this fun and engaging event can be offered again in the future.

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Look for the star symbol throughout this issue to learn more facts about Sabin Hall.

Sabin Hall near completion in the winter of 1913 - 1914.

A new laboratory school was built in the 50s, and in 1957 the original building was renamed Henry Sabin Hall. Sabin, an early president of the Iowa State Normal School board of directors, was a leading figure in the development of teacher education practices.

In the mid-50s, the departments of Social Science and Business Education moved into the building. They later formed the College of Business and Behavioral Sciences but were separated in 1980 into the College of Business and the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, which remained in Sabin Hall.

Sabin currently houses the CSBS Dean’s office, the departments of Political Science and Social Work, the Center for Social and Behavioral Research, 17 classrooms, two computer labs, and over 40 faculty offices. The building has been upgraded several times over the years, but nearly a century of use has taken its toll. CSBS faculty, staff, and students look forward to the upcoming changes that will provide a state-of-the-art environment for the next generation of students.
The Geographic Alliance of Iowa sponsored a workshop in Costa Rica this summer. Twenty teachers and families participated and experienced the rain forest; visited volcanoes; saw macaques, crocodiles, poison frogs, and iguanas; and experienced both the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea.

A new Criminology master’s degree began this fall. The program includes courses in theory, policy, and criminological issues that expose students to a combination of theoretical, scientific, and practical approaches to criminology.

The Center for International Peace and Security Studies sponsored several speakers last year, including Saudi ambassador Prince Turki Al-Faisal, Governor Bill Richardson, and former President Jimmy Carter. This year’s event included a lecture on old resources and new technologies for understanding the geography of the bible.

The Department of History continued its active involvement in summer study abroad programs. Courses are offered in Greece, Italy, and Poland and will be coordinated by departmental faculty Greg Bruess, Jay Lees, and Konrad Sadkowski.

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Student News

CSBS Students again Lead NISG
For the second year in a row, the Northern Iowa
Student Government (NISG) leaders are both CSBS
majors. Student-body president Andrew Morse (I), a
junior in Psychology, and vice-president Adam Bentley
(R), a senior in Political Science, will spend this
year representing over 12,600
UNI students by lobbying
state legislators, working with the community, and
consulting with campus administrators.
Morse, from Akron, Iowa, has the goal of earning
a Ph.D. in social psychology. Bentley, from Iowa
City, would like to become a city administrator and
eventually get into state or national politics. Whatever
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CSBS Student Research
Each spring, the College of Social and Behavioral
Sciences hosts a Student Research Conference in order to
facilitate scholarly activities, and promote fellowship in the social sciences. Students from universities and colleges across Iowa are invited to present original research supervised by a faculty member and is work beyond regular course research.
The 2007 conference was chaired by Professor Bever-
lery Kopper from the Department of Psychology and co-
dordinated by students Erica Spilka (Family studies 307)
and Emily Nordoff (Psychology). Following is a small
sample of the research projects that were presented at the
conference by CSBS student scholars.

Esperanza Pintor (center) spent several weeks in Africa this summer. She is shown here in front of a local hospital with four public health workers from the city of Faranfenni in The Gambia.

Social Science Major Studies in Poland
Steven Steele, a senior Social Science Teaching major from Fairfield,
spent part of his summer studying the Holocaust and taking a Cap-
stooning in Poland.
“Studying in Poland was probably one of my greatest experiences,”
he says. “This was my first time out of the country and really my first
time ever going on a trip, and I truly enjoyed the whole time.”
While in Europe, Steele was able to experience other unique oppor-
tunities. He traveled to the Czech Republic, where he toured the city of
Prague and visited the site of a former concentration camp, and he also
visited the Italian cities of Rome, Pisa, and Milan.
“Since my return,” he says, “I have told everyone that I talk about to
my experience and how it has changed my life forever.”

CSBS Student Research: The World
Esperanza Pintor is a senior from Des Moines majoring in Sociology and minorin in Anthropology. She is an Alder-
man Scholar and a McNair Scholar and has been very active on campus in such groups as the Hispanic Latino Student Union, the Discipleship Council at St. Stephen’s, the Jump Start Committee, and the Honors Student Advisory Board. Esper-
anza spent her summer in four foreign countries, and she has shared with us a brief account of her experience.
In May I traveled to Romania, Greece, and Hungary as part of my Capstone class. During this experience, five UNI students and I implemented a Global Health and Health Disparities Education program with the gypsy community in Romania. I am obtain-
ing the Global Health and Health Disparities Certificate at UNI and therefore was able to fulfill my mission require-
ment through the planning and organizing of the dental health outreach program.
During the months of June and July I interned in The Gambia, Africa. This internship was provided by the Univer-
sity of Northern Iowa and the University of Iowa in partnership with Minority Health & Health Disparities Inter-
national Research and Training (MHI), a program that enables students from under-represented minority groups in the U.S. to gain international research experience in a health-related area.
“During my stay in The Gambia, I was an intern at a total of seven non-governmental organizations, hospitals, and clinics. My focus during the internship was on women’s health, but at each organization I was able to learn about the current health issues that all Gambians encounter.
Being exposed to other cultures, ideas, traditions, and ways of being is a great opportunity for people to grow personally and should be recommended to all individuals. Many question studying abroad due to cost, but funding opportunities are available. Take advantage! I know I benefited from being exposed to everything I saw in Romania, Greece, Hungary, and The Gambia!”

Where in the world have CSBS students been?
Here is just a handful of other amazing international opportunities that CSBS students have taken advantage of.

Steven Steele (R) spent several weeks in Europe this summer. Among his many experi-
ences was meeting Holocaust survivors in Poland.

Funding for student travel
CSBS encourages every student to take part in an
international experience. The perspective these
students bring back are priceless to our mission of helping students become global citizens, and the
personal development is life-changing for these
students. Too many students, however, feel that such opportunities are out of their reach due to the
high cost involved.

One of the many ways in which alumni can help
students is a gift to the Dean’s Fund for Excellence. These funds have been established in each of UNI’s
colleges to support activities not eligible for funding
from other sources. CSBS, however, has devoted the
bulk of the money from its Dean’s Fund specifically for
the purpose of increasing the ability of undergraduate
CSBS students to study abroad.

Students returning from abroad consistently
describe it as the one of the best events of their lives. After reading the personal accounts of students like
Cheryl Lyon (page 2) and Steven Steele (page 8), two of the many students to have received CSBS study-abroad scholarship, it is easy to see that such an experience can have on a student’s perspective and personal journey.

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Elena Drinova (center) spent three weeks in Poland this summer. She interned in the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs and worked with the Polish Health Insurance Fund.

Dancing in the Rain
This design by Alyssa Stokesbary was inspired by the “Greedy” segment of the 2007 design show, Unfor-
given: The Seven Deadly Sins. For photos of more
designs, visit www.uni.

Student Textile and Apparel Show
Every April, students
in the Textile and Apparel
(TAPP) program produce
design show. This runway
show is the culmination of a
year’s work for students and
showcases their creativity in
construction, merchandising,
and promotion.

Just as the featured apparel is designed and constructed
by students, the planning, promotion, choreography,
music, and execution of the show is also done entirely
by students. The 2007 expo was directed by students
Amy Heinick, Lacy Hoyer and Alyssa Stokesbary, but
each design show is truly
a collaboration that includes
both the guidance of TAPP faculty and the effort of
virtually all TAPP students.

Each week, classrooms in Sabin Hall accommodate over 6,800 students.

Student News

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
CSBS Scholarships

The College is proud to offer two sizeable scholarships for students interested in the social and behavioral sciences. SBS Scholarship: The SBS Scholarship Program offers up to $6,000 per year for four years for approved incoming first-year students. Applicants must rank in the upper 15 percent of their high school graduating class, have a composite ACT score of 27 or better, and intend to declare a major in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Applications for the 2008-2009 academic year are due January 7, 2008.

Alderman Scholarship: The Everett Alderman Endowment Fund supports scholarships of up to $6,000 per year for “needy, worthy, and appreciative” students. The program is open to incoming freshmen, current students, and transfer students who intend to declare a major in CSBS. Applications for 2008-2009 are due Feb. 1, 2008.

For more information on these scholarships, call (319) 273-3584, e-mail tan@uni.edu, or visit www.csbs.uni.edu. Applications for both scholarships can also be submitted via UNI’s Common Scholarship Application at www.csbs.uni.edu/financial/.

The Alderman Scholarship is named for Everett Alderman (left), who died in 1997. Dr. Alderman’s $3.6-million gift to the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, one of the largest in UNI’s history, supports approximately 40 students each year. Alderman did not attend UNI but made the bequest in honor of his parents, turn-of-the-century graduates of Iowa State Normal School.

CSBS Facebook Group

Have you ever used your computer to write on a wall, tag someone, or poke a friend? If those terms aren’t familiar to you, then you probably aren’t one of the 4.2 million users of Facebook, the social networking web site that allows people of all ages to communicate with each other by display profiles of themselves and adding friends, family, and others to their network. Members also have the option of joining groups. For example, UNI has a Facebook group with over 15,000 members.

In order to allow CSBS students and alumni another chance to get acquainted, maintain ties, and have discussions, we’ve recently formed a new group on the site. Whatever your relationship to CSBS, you’re welcome to join! If you don’t already have an account with Facebook, all it takes to sign up is a valid e-mail address. Once you’re a member, just search for “UNI College of Social and Behavioral Sciences” and click the button to join. There is also a link on the CSBS web site, www.csbs.uni.edu, that will take you to the Facebook site.

We hope this is just another way that you can stay connected with CSBS and other alumni.

CSBS en Español

We are in the process of translating our college brochure into Spanish. The information will soon be available on our web site, www.csbs.uni.edu. You can request a copy there, or you can call (319) 273-3584.

Traducimos nuestro folleto colegial en español. La información pronto estará disponible en nuestro página web, www.csbs.uni.edu. Usted puede solicitar una copia allí, o usted puede llamar (319) 273-3584.

Sabin Hall was constructed in 1912 at a cost of $150,000. The cost estimate for the renovation of the building is just under $12 million.

Preview Days

Throughout the school year, the UNI Office of Admissions hosts Preview Days for high school students interested in learning more about UNI. These events allow students and their parents the opportunity to tour campus, learn about academic programs, visit a dorm room, talk to current UNI students about their experiences, and even enjoy a meal at one of the dining centers.

Preview Days include presentations and events in the Social and Behavioral Sciences, but the first-ever CSBS Preview Day was held this fall in order to offer students a more in-depth look at the College, our academic and co-curricular programs, CSBS scholarships, and opportunities for careers in the social and behavioral sciences.

We look forward to offering the next CSBS Preview Day in the fall of 2008. For more information about visiting UNI for Preview Days or any time, contact the UNI Office of Admissions at (800) 772-2037 or www.uni.edu/admissions/visit/.

You can also contact the CSBS dean’s office at (319) 273-3584 to discuss other options for personalized visits to the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Jessica Staudt (above at far right), a Political Science major from Charles City, speaks to parents and prospective CSBS students at a recent Fall Preview Day.

1950s

Bernard Brommel (Social Science ’51) retired as a professor from Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago after 46 years of teaching. He remains a writer and a psychotherapist.

1960s

Thomas Bruce (Social Science BA ’61, MA ’64) is a professor of psychology at Sacramento City College. He has specialized in Thanatology, the study of death, since 1975.

Edward Ahl (Social Science ’63) recently sold his motorsports business and has retired to a career of cyberspace sales.

Carroll Engelsbard (Social Science ’63) is professor of history emeritus at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. He has published a book on how the railroads shaped the cities of Fargo and Moorhead.

1970s

Kenneth Berryhill (History ’72) retired after nearly 35 years in higher education. He and wife Jenny (’75), who is also retired, live in Massachusetts.

William Donald (Sociology ’72) is a financial advisor and vice president of Morgan Stanley, where he has worked for over 22 years, and lives in New Mexico.

Janice Berry Edwards (Social Work ’71) is an assistant professor at Virginia Commonwealth University. She is also involved with the CWGE Geri-Ed Curriculum Development Institute and has a private practice.

1980s

Jon Niehaus (Psychology BA ’83, MA ’85) is a senior account manager and family studies from ISU, married Tamara in June ’06, and spent a year as a visiting instructor in Pennsylvania.

Holly (Clarke) Karr (Family Services ’91) spent 10 years working for a brain and spinal-cord injury prevention program but now helps husband Chad run their businesses. They live in Hudson with their children.

Dan Cox (Social Science ’91) is the secondary principal and activities director at Valley Lutheran Middle and High School in Cedar Falls.

News from CSBS Alumni

John Lee (Social Science ’94) is a high school teacher and football coach in Mason City. He is also a father of three.

Jennifer Meehan Brennom (Sociology ’95) earned her PhD from ISU and is an assistant professor of sociology and psychology at Kirkwood College. She and her husband have a daughter (Mar.’05).

Rebecca Hyman (Political Science ’97) is a high school teacher in Katy, Texas, where she teaches world history and world geography.

Emily (Meyer) Wegner (Nutrition and Food Science ’97) is a food safety specialist with the Iowa Department of Inspections. She and Jason were married in May ’06.

Alumni Spotlight: Charles E. Hill

Charles Hill (History ’35) came to Iowa State Teachers College from Clarion, Iowa. While at ISTC, he was active in the college choir, Minnesingers’ Glee Club, the Student Movement, Phi Tau Theta, and student government. Mr. Hill earned his master’s in education from the University of Michigan and was an educator for over forty years, including 29 years as the president of Rochester Community College. The campus’s Charles E. Hill Theater was so named in 1987 in appreciation of his many years of service and patronage of the arts.

Mr. Hill and his wife Helen have remained in Rochester where he is an active member of their independent living community. He continues to enjoy photography, dancing, and music, having even organized a music ensemble together.

As a former college administrator, Mr. Hill understands the importance of retaining quality professors and encouraging their professional development. For this reason, he recently made a substantial gift to the college to help CSBS probationary faculty find time to conduct research to ensure their tenure success. He says, “Four of the happiest years of my life were spent at Iowa State Teachers College, and those years laid the groundwork for my own career in education. Excellence in teaching is the foundation of any great school, and I am delighted that my fund will help continue that tradition at UNI.”

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences expresses its sincere gratitude for Mr. Hill’s generous support of its faculty and his dedication to the quality of education at UNI.

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A generous spirit

Cassie Benning Luze
Director of Development, UNI Foundation

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Donor Spotlight: David VanSickel

Thanks to the generosity of Des Moines attorney David VanSickel (History ’74), students in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences are receiving a helping hand to seek out study-abroad experiences. In particular, David helps students meet their travel expenses through his gifts to the CSBS Dean’s Fund for Excellence.

David understands the value of travel and experiencing other cultures. He and his family enjoy international travel, and he feels that it’s important for UNI students to learn about other world cultures and how to compete in our global society.

“From my own experience and in speaking with more recent graduates, I am convinced that UNI provides outstanding undergraduate education, and I want to support students attending the university,” David says. “I also strongly believe in the value of programs that provide students an opportunity to spend time studying in another country. In an ever-smaller world, exposure to other cultures is an essential part of a quality education.”

David and his wife Barb, an elementary school principal, have three children: Spencer (13), Alexander (11), and Madison (8).

This spirit of giving has been bred into us by the first immigrants on our shores. When the communities of our young country were being created, building the local school, church, hospital, and even the neighbor’s barn was a community effort.

Studies show time and again that the tax relief we may enjoy from giving is outstripped by our simple impulse to give. The philanthropic streak ingrained in our national psyche compels us to ask, “Why don’t we do something about it?” rather than “Why don’t they do something about it?” We continue to work in the spirit of community.

You who so generously respond to our needs are a community of alumni and friends who are doing something about it when your gifts help relieve student loan debt or provide vital program support. In the coming year UNI’s next campaign will be formally announced, but it will most certainly highlight the creation of scholarship and program endowments. Will you think about how you can provide assistance to our students and faculty?

Endow a scholarship. State support for UNI has declined to less than 50 percent of our budget, and our students have experienced significant tuition hikes since 2000. Endowed scholarships create a permanent fund that provides financial support for our students and help give UNI an advantage when recruiting students.

Support the CSBS Dean’s Fund for Excellence. The Dean’s Fund provides direct support to students and faculty in different ways each year including student research, educational technology study abroad, and public service programs.

Give to the UNI annual fund. With an annual fund goal of $1,000 or more, you will become a member of the Campaign Society, which will join others who are committed to the long-term growth and mission of UNI. The annual fund is critical in providing funds to the university that can be used immediately, as they are needed most.

Join UNI’s Old Central Associates by creating a legacy for the future with a planned gift. UNI is important to you and played an important role in launching you into life and a career. By including UNI in your estate planning, or making a planned gift now, you can help students and programs in a way you never thought possible.

Thank you for your steady financial support and your loyalty to the University of Northern Iowa! Please feel free to contact me at (800) 782-952, (3 19) 273-6078, or cassie.luze@uni.edu.

Funding for Sabin Hall was provided by Iowa’s mileage tax, a real-estate tax used by the General Assembly for capital improvements at state institutions. Most of the red brick and limestone buildings on the eastern part of campus were also financed with this tax.

Cynthia Sweet
History, MA, ’07, is a qualified men’s volleyball coach with Southeast Polk High School.

Janell (Dessel) McElree
(Social Work ’03) is a social worker; hospice social worker; and bereavement coordinator for Palmer Lutheran Health Center and Heart of Iowa Hospice. She and Matthew were married in Oct. ’04.

Jeremy Robert Riley
(Criminology, Sociology ’04) is an operations specialist with the US Coast Guard. Based in South Carolina, he spends much of his time conducting drug interdiction operations in the Caribbean Sea.

Chance McElhany
(Public Administration ’07) is a staff assistant in the Washington, D.C., office of Sena- tor Charles Grassley.

Tim Menge
( Geography ’07) finished an internship with the Waste Water Management division of the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C., and has entered a master’s program specializing in development and planning.

Cynthia Sweet (History MA, ’07), the first graduate of the master’s track in Public History, was recently named the executive director of the Iowa Museum Association.

Construction of Sabin Hall began in 1912, and the building was ready for use in January 1914. The current estimate is that the renovated building will be open for classes in the fall of 2010.

Alumni Updates

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CSBS international study tours

The Department of History has added a new international study tour to the university catalog. A new course in Italy joins two others, those in Poland and Greece, that are offered by CSBS faculty, are held in international locations during the summer terms, and satisfy UNI’s liberal arts core Capstone requirement. “Italy: Sacred Space” was offered for the first time during the May 2007 session. Incorporating anthropology, religion, architecture, art, and history, the course aims to help students identify and understand the meaning of sacred places.

The group spent most of the two-week class in the area called Umbria and visited such places as Lake Trasimeno, where Hannibal defeated the Romans; Gubbio, where they attended a religious festival involving the entire town; and Assisi, the home and final resting place of St. Francis. The group was also able to spend a few days in Rome and Florence. Instructor Jay Lees says, “Every day held new things in store for us. Everyone who went on this trip to Italy can hardly wait to go back.”

Summer study tours, from upper left: Students in Italy making friends, visiting a medieval monastery garden, and in front of the Colosseum with instructor Jay Lees; a banquet in Poland with students, hosts, and instructors Konrad Sadkowski and Alicja Boruta-Sadkowski; and students attending a lecture by instructor Greg Bruess in Ioannina, Greece.