Greetings to all Emeritus Faculty. It has been an eventful year on the UNI campus. We said farewell to President Ben Allen as he retired and we welcomed Bill Ruud as UNI’s tenth president. Many of you may have met President Ruud already, either when he visited with Emeritus faculty at our January meeting or at some other campus or community activity. He has been an active and engaging leader during his beginning months on campus. We invite all of you to meet him again at our Spring Luncheon on May 3, which is announced elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Emeritus Association has been active this year. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, usually at the Cedar Falls Clarion Inn, for a luncheon and an interesting program. Besides President Ruud’s presentation to us last January, some of the other programs this past year have concerned athletics on campus, a history of the College Hill commercial area, health insurance, using drama for youths with autism, the diversity of Iowa’s immigrant and refugee newcomers, and local weather and temperature patterns. In December we had a special holiday luncheon at Wind Ridge on the Western Home south campus. We hope that you can join us in our activities this coming year. If you are not receiving monthly email announcements of our meetings, please contact me at david.duncan@uni.edu and I will get you added to our electronic mailing list.

This newsletter contains a number of interesting contributions from your fellow emeriti, plus some updates on campus activities involving the Library, Student Housing, the Accounting Department, and the STEM initiative. We hope it provides interesting reading for you.

The UNI Emeritus Association's Program Committee invites you to help identify this coming year's luncheon programs!

We live in an area rich with events, entertainment and learning experiences. What community activities or UNI projects would make good programs? Have you heard a speaker you would like your colleagues to hear? Do you know someone who has made a contribution about which you would like more information?

Your program committee would like to hear from you! Please contact us with your ideas. Thanks so much.

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Feedback From Members

Lee Thomson
The past year has been a pleasant one for me. Health problems were minimal and lots of energy has enabled me to enjoy the retirement years in Cedar Falls. I swim every day at the Athletic Club in Waterloo and attend many of the athletic events at UNI. Playing trombone in the New Horizons Band (UNI), El Kahir Shriner’s Band (Cedar Rapids) and the Iowa Military Veterans Band (Des Moines) provides much pleasure. Seeing many of the wonderful people every day that I knew at UNI is also enjoyable!

Walt DeKock
I lost my wife Joyce on November 5, 2013. With more difficulty and more slowly I am still enjoying Iowa winters and Minnesota and Canadian summers. At 84, my gardening and fishing are done with less vigor.

David Whitsett
After spending the winters in the Texas Hill Country west of Austin for several years, I decided last June to make it my permanent residence. So I sold my home in Cedar Falls and moved here to Kerrville. It’s a town of 22,000 with mild winters, lots of hills and twisty roads for motorcycle riding, lots of live music and many fine wineries. I teach the AARP Smart Driver course, deliver meals-on-wheels and do lots of that motorcycle riding I enjoy so very much. The only thing I miss is the stimulating conversations with UNI faculty and students, but I’m working on finding replacements.

Jim Kelly
After completing “Tutors to Panthers,” I approached Nancy and Bob Justis about writing another book that told a more complete story of one of UNI’s major sports. Nancy and I had discussed this possibility while we were developing “Tutors to Panthers.” We decided that we should do this and have now embarked on writing the story of men’s basketball. It will feature the history along with individual stories from athletes, coaches, parents of athletes, and fans in the stand. Data will be entered as necessary, knowing that data is a moving number and will continue as such. We have just begun, but look forward to offering this bit of UNI history to future readers and fans of UNI athletics.

David J. Buch

Erwin Richter
Since retiring from the chemistry faculty in 1996, I have been fortunate enough to use my physical and biological sciences training in several different areas. First, I served as Radiation Safety Officer for UNI to insure that research efforts using radioisotopes were in compliance with Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations. In the year 2000, I began serving as a chemical consultant for National Ag Based Lubricants in Waverly, Iowa and served in that capacity until 2010. My wife Pam and I have traveled extensively, visiting all 50 states and many foreign countries, including China, Italy, Egypt, and other African countries, and Belize. We have either swam or fished in all of the great lakes, the gulf of Mexico, both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans as well as the Mediterranean sea. We are snowbirds and spend five months in Florida, the remainder of the year being spent in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Germana Nijim
As I write, South Bend, Indiana, is a winter wonderland! There are mountains of snow everywhere, and the temperature has fallen below zero too often. After the last three mild winters, this year I am reminded of Iowa winters, where more than once I shoveled my driveway three times in a single day. But I am flying to Brazil in two days for a whole month, and I hope all the snow will be gone by the time I come back. It will be summer time there, so packing is easy, with shorts and t-shirts. Last week, I had my three grandchildren (9, 7, 4) for three full days while their parents went to Phoenix for work and leisure time. All of us had a grand time! But I had forgotten how much work three children can be! So – that is why God sends children to us long before we are 75! I was immensely saddened to learn of the death of Don Wiedenrander, and so grateful that I had a chance to spend some time with him and other friends last summer. He was a man with a strong sense of justice. He supported the Palestinian cause with conviction and passion. Because of his integrity and clear vision he could not have done otherwise. I learned from him, and I will miss him.

Jerry Intemann
After taking early retirement from UNI in 2000 (after serving as Dean of Natural Sciences for 10 years and as Physics Dept. Head for 10 years), I began a new career as Dean of Science and Mathematics at Towson University (Maryland) and subsequently as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). I retired from IUP in June 2013. Since then my wife, Chris, and I have been enjoying the good life in western
More Feedback

Hugh L. Beykirch
Since I last wrote, we have managed to celebrate a “200-Year Event”; that is, Lynne’s 70th, our 50th, and my 80th. Between involvements in all sorts of art-and church-related events, we did manage to circumnavigate New Zealand and Australia with a stop in Bali last winter. Unfortunately, we lost our beloved “Chico” shortly after we returned from down under. With our newly gained freedom, we ventured to the Peruvian Amazon Basin, Machu Picchu, and the Galapagos Islands in July and August and discovered that we should have attempted some of these more strenuous adventures when we were 10 to 15 years younger and living at 9,000 feet altitude in Colorado. Spending Christmas in Minnesota and celebrating my “round birthday” in New York and Washington in early February made us realize how much we have learned to appreciate where we live; we have discovered that it is much easier on our bones and our general well-being to live with 100-degree days for a few weeks than to put up with Grey-on-Grey for months on end and dealing with bone-chilling temperatures and the vagaries of nature. Discovering life after academia in a totally different location and climate has been a good experience.

Roger Kueter
My 18 months of retirement have been filled with a focus on family. First, my immediate family, where Barb and I spend time with our 10 grandchildren and their parents, sharing in school and extracurricular events. My second family, our church, where I am involved with fund-raising and social activities, and my third family, community including my service as Trustee on CF Utilities Board, CF Historical Society, and Rotary. Our travels have been on land by motor home and on sea by cruise ship through the Panama Canal and to South America. Our summer focus will add our outdoor hobby of gardening and lawn care.

Len Froyen
I suspect all of us have fielded the questions, “So, what are you going to do in retirement?” I said, “I’m thinking about writing a book.” Generally I heard, “About what?” people would inquire. I replied, “Gratitude.” Generally I heard, “Oh, I should be more grateful.” I have shared this “should” and took the next step; I wanted to be more grateful. Stories became a fruitful way to visualize and feel the past. Gratitude became a focal point for understanding and appreciating my life. A slim volume Gratitude: Affirming One became a fruitful way to visualize and feel the past. Gratitude became a focal point for understanding and appreciating my life. A slim volume Gratitude: Affirming One became a focal point for understanding and appreciating my life. A slim volume Gratitude: Affirming One was published by Parkhurst Brothers and released November 1, 2013.

George F. Day
My year has not been very eventful. Once again I attended the Willa Cather Spring Conference in Red Cloud, Nebraska. After ignoring his books for years, I am now enjoying the novels of Anthony Trollope. He wrote many and none are boring. Great characterization, gentle humor, and fascinating plots. Trollope understands humanity, its virtues and its flaws. The UNI Library has several shelves filled with his works.

Ruth Ratliff
In June 2013, I was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church and am still getting used to seeing my name prefaced by “the Rev.” Serving at St. Luke’s, Cedar Falls, is keeping me pleasantly busy. I also enjoy being a Reading Buddy to third graders in Waterloo. Last year, I was honored serve Arcturus, a local “lunch & learn” group, as president, the first woman to do so in the club’s 80- year history. I’m continually impressed by how UNI makes Cedar Falls a great place for this retiree to call home.

Leonard Upham
During Fall Term 2013, Leonard Upham was appointed part-time Senior Lecturer in Music at Wartburg College. His responsibilities involved conducting the Wind Ensemble while Dr. Craig Hancock, Wartburg College band director, was on sabbatical leave. The Wind Ensemble performed at the Homecoming Concert on October 13th and at the Fall Band Concerts on November 2 and 3. The final Wind Ensemble commitment was “Christmas with Wartburg 2013—The Marvel of This Night.” Performances were December 6 at Hope Lutheran Church in West Des Moines and December 7 and 8 on the Wartburg campus. It was a thrill to be back on the podium!

2014 UNI Emeritus Luncheon
Be certain to mark your calendars for the 25th UNI Emeritus Luncheon, Saturday, May 3. This year, we are moving our annual event back to the Grand Lobby of the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center. Parking is ample and convenient near the center. After our luncheon, UNI President Bill Ruud will visit with us about his reflections upon nearing completion of his first year as our institution’s president and his thoughts as he prepares for next year. Throughout this year, President Ruud has met with emeriti informally on occasion. Now we will learn how his vision for the year is working out and thoughts about his second year! Look for the reservation and other details inserted in the newsletter.

Judith Harrington, Luncheon Chair
Accounting at UNI

By Martha L. Wartick
Department Head and Professor, Accounting

As the years pass and the faces in the department change, the current faculty is appreciative of the legacy of the accounting program at UNI and mindful of the contributions of former faculty and alumni. One of the early hallmarks of the program was the success of our students on the CPA exam. This has proved to be a lasting foundation, and today our students continue to excel on the CPA exam.

The CPA exam itself has changed over the years. Prior to 2004, the exam was a pencil and paper exam with four parts given over two days twice a year. A comparative national pass rate was available for each of two exam dates by identifying first time candidates who passed all four parts of the exam. During the 10-year period prior to the new exam (1994-2003) UNI students were ranked in the top ten schools for each of those 10 years, and ranked number one, two or three in six of those years. The actual pass rate during this period of time was typically between 50 and 60 percent.

In 2004 the exam changed to a computerized exam given on demand at testing centers located throughout the country. Candidates could take one section of the exam at a time during an 18-month window. The spread-out nature of the new exam made it difficult to calculate a statistic comparable to the prior pass rate. Using self-reports, the department has developed a similar pass rate by calculating how many students passed all four parts on the first attempt within four month of graduation.

Our most recent results show that for 2013, 56 students took part in our CPA review program. Of those 56 students, 43 reported their results. 33 of those students passed all four parts of the exam on their first attempt. If you make the unfavorable assumption that the 13 students who did not report their scores were not successful, that is a 59 percent pass rate. Another important metric is the high number of students who prepare for and attempt the CPA exam.

Our faculty has remained committed to helping our students become CPAs and we encourage our students to attempt the entire exam as soon as possible after graduation. It is a significant competitive advantage for our students to begin their careers with the CPA exam passed.
Dining & Residence Facilities at UNI

By: Patricia Beck
Assistant Director Marketing & Conferences, Residence Marketing

Dining facilities
UNI residential dining centers, Piazza at Redeker Center (2001) and Rialto at Towers Center (2004), continue to serve thousands of student meals daily. These dining centers feature all-you-care-to-eat market place concepts where local foods are featured, international foods are introduced and favorite family recipes are upsized to serve 1,000. The dining centers are so popular with students, that Piazza was renovated in 2013 to accommodate all the students who live in apartments and choose the option of maintaining an on-campus meal plan. The expansion involved all four sides of Redeker Center and resulted in 300 more seats in Piazza, larger food preparation areas on the ground level, two new student lounges and an expanded convenience store.

Dining practices
Department of Residence purchasing agents work with local farmers to provide the freshest produce, meats, dairy, honey and more. This practice contributes to the local economy and informs students of the natural cycle of fresh food availability. In 2012, $2,683,976 was spent on local foods and food processed in Iowa. Panther Plot, an on-campus garden managed by students, is also utilized as a food source. Sustainable practices in the dining centers go beyond local food purchases. Pre-consumer waste such as peelings are composted and returned to campus landscapes in the form of nutrient rich mulch. The composting program has diverted 28 tons of organic solid waste from landfills. The Department of Residence earned the 2013 CARE Award for the composting project. (CARE stands for Creating a Responsible Environment.) Meal plan changes include adding “all access” meal plans. These popular plans allow students to access the dining centers (now open from 7:15 a.m. to 9:45 p.m.) as often as they want to for meals, snacks or to use the bright and comfortable spaces for studying and socializing. Residential dining centers and food services at Maucker Union have earned Blue Zones designations for “making healthy choices the easy choices.” This includes removing salt shakers from tables, giving fruits and vegetables premium display locations, offering half-size servings of entrees and more.

Dining Scholarships
In 2013, a generous donation from Bill and Adele Myers endowed scholarship awards for University of Northern Iowa full-time undergraduate students who are employed in UNI dining services and majoring in management, marketing, management information systems or other major related to the food service industry. This award acknowledges students who are using student employment to manage their college expenses and gain useful workplace skills and habits.

New Cookbook
The Department of Residence has published a cookbook of student favorites and most-requested recipes from UNI award-winning catering. It features more than 175 recipes. It is available for $12.50 at campus convenience stores in Redeker Center and Commons, at University Book and Supply and online through the Panther Pantry.

Residence Facilities
Panther Village is the newest residence community on the UNI campus. 450 students live in one-, two- and four-person furnished apartments that feature single bedrooms, concrete walls for sound control, a fitness room, conference room and grand lobby. Panther Village is located south of Noehren and Shull Halls on property previously used as College Courts. Panther Village includes two buildings which opened in fall 2012 and 2013. The project qualifies for Silver LEED Certification for Leadership in Environmental Engineering and Design. Student preferences for apartment lifestyle spaces makes Panther Village an important addition to Department of Residence inventory; students are encouraged to retain the academic and social advantages of living on campus until they graduate. Floor plans and video tours or Panther Village are available online: uni.edu/dor/housing/panther-village

Sustainability practices
In-room recycling is now offered in all residence halls. Most students come to UNI with the good habits of recycling at home and they expect access to this practice on campus. Energy efficient windows, entry systems, lighting and heating/cooling systems also contribute to responsible use of financial and energy resources in Department of Residence facilities.
Living Learning Communities
Living Learning Communities are organized around a shared academic major, a shared interest or shared classification. Five academic Living Learning Communities will be among students’ options when they come to campus next fall. Business, Elementary Education, Music and Honors Living Learning Communities will be joined by a Biology Living Learning Community. There is also an Exploring Living Learning Community for students who are learning more about their interests and options before declaring a major at UNI. Additional Living Learning Communities are: Springboard for freshmen, Wellness, Substance-Free, Second-Year Experience for sophomores, Transfer Students, and Upperclass housing for sophomores, juniors and seniors. At least one Living Learning Community is available in each residence hall and apartment community.

The STEM Education Program
By Jacci Linn
Communications and Marketing Specialist, Iowa Governor’s STEM Advisory Council

The Iowa Mathematics and Science Education Partnership (IMSEP), a key contributing entity identifying, recruiting and preparing quality math and science educators in the nation, was first housed at the University of Northern Iowa in 2008. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education has played an important role at the University of Northern Iowa ever since. After an executive order in July 2011, IMSEP’s vision became a greater movement with the Governor’s STEM Advisory Council. The Council was under close leadership at UNI with then president, Ben Allen, and Executive Director and Associate Professor of Biology at UNI, Jeff Weld.

Today, still headquartered at UNI, the Governor’s STEM Advisory Council has brought powerful STEM initiatives to the state of Iowa. Led by Co-chairs Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds and Vermeer Corporation President and CEO, Mary Andringa, the 46-member council is charged with bolstering STEM education and innovation to better position Iowa’s young people and our state’s economy for the future. The Council’s greatest accomplishments to date include Scale-Up programming, reaching over 100,000 Iowa students in its first two years in over 900 educational settings. This is in large part thanks to the statewide regional STEM network featuring six hubs established at colleges and universities across Iowa.

This year the Council is also funding four model STEM Schools, establishing statewide Microsoft IT Academy sites (150) to certify learners in information technology and implementing the International OECD Test with six top Iowa school partners. “2014, will be the year to watch for the Governor’s STEM Advisory Council,” explains executive director Jeff Weld. “Above any time in the past, now is the culminating moment when the buzz of STEM is coming to a roar. We are at the catalyst to a time in Iowa where people want to buy in; businesses, educators, students, parents—all are at this defining moment where STEM is in demand and we are providing it.” The Governor’s STEM Advisory Council is continually seeking support. Two opportunities to do so are during STEM Day at the Capitol on Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., as well as March 28 at the Iowa Statewide STEM Conference at the Iowa Events Center, which you can register for here: http://www.iowastem.gov/2014-statewide-stem-conference. The Governor’s STEM Advisory Council is proud of the partnership it continues to build with UNI. The support of STEM education is preparing world-class teachers, the Northeast Iowa STEM Hub and the new exciting connection to UNI’s STEM Coordinator.
Rod Library: Enriching Learning, Ensuring Success

By: Christopher Cox
Dean and Professor, Library

Libraries everywhere are facing challenges, from rising materials costs to declining on-site usage and new patron demands. Rod Library is no different. In response, we’ve been working to improve the library’s connection to its users and to learning, better meeting the study and scholarship needs of today’s students.

Rod Library is collaborating with other libraries across the state and the country to provide better access to information when and where students need it. We’re exploring an agreement with Grinnell, Drake, and Luther to create a print journal retention program. We’re also expanding the role of the Cedar Valley Library Consortium, which includes the Cedar Falls and Waterloo Public Libraries, Hawkeye Community College, Allen College and Wartburg College, to share materials by offering free borrowing and the ability to return items to any library.

Since many of our books can be found at multiple libraries, we’re highlighting unique materials, which provide one-of-a-kind research experiences to students and faculty. These include items found in the Special Collections & University Archives and the UNI Museums. Contrary to public opinion, the Museum still exists and is thriving as part of the library, focused on collections which serve as resources for the UNI curriculum. Over the last year we’ve developed a plan to distribute exhibits in academic buildings across campus. With faculty assistance, we’re evaluating the Museums’ collections, and hope to move the Museums’ operations and its core collection from Hudson Road into the Rod Library building in 2014.

The library’s space is changing, too. We’ve removed walls and opened up the main floor, making it a Learning Commons. Rod Library’s Learning Commons includes new furnishings and technology conducive to collaborative study, such as tables with LCD TVs and laptop hookups, and rolling whiteboards. The Learning Commons is also home to the new Digital Media Hub, a collaboration with Interactive Digital Studies and ITS. The Digital Media Hub provides expertise and equipment to create videos and graphics, including cameras, lighting, mixing boards, and editing software. We are partnering with the Academic Learning Center to offer writing and tutoring assistance. Future plans include the addition of a café and new west entrance. Long term, we’ve worked with OPN Architects in Cedar Rapids to develop a ten-year vision to guide library building renovations. It’s an exciting time at the library, and there’s more to come. We encourage you to come in and explore these changes for yourself.
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