Temporary Shift in Association Leadership
Scott Cawelti & Judith Harrington

At the close of the December 2016 holiday luncheon, our Association Chair, Erv Dennis, announced that after much deliberation, he had decided that he could not continue as our leader. Erv explained that he and his wife travel extensively throughout the year and are not in town often enough to participate in Association events or conduct business. Having been our Chair from January 2015 through December 2016, Erv had just been elected to a second term by the Association. Scott and Judith had been the nominating committee. We reflected on our options and came to the conclusion that rather than call for a special election, we will serve as interim co-chairs until the regular election next fall, at which time a new nominating committee will be formed, and a new Chair will be elected for the January 2018 through December 2019 term. We are fortunate that the Association’s current Vice-Chair, Gail Froyen, has agreed to stay on through the rest of her term, which ends December 2017. The Association’s Advisory Committee was informed of the temporary shift in the position of Chair.

On behalf of the membership, we want to express the Association’s deep gratitude for Erv’s years of leadership and service; we look forward to seeing him when he’s in town!

2017 UNI Emeritus Luncheon

Be certain to mark your calendars for the Twenty-Eighth UNI Emeritus Luncheon on Saturday, April 29th. Our annual event will be located in the Grand Lobby of the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center. Parking is ample and convenient near the Center. Since the luncheon is buffet, arrangements will be made to assure that there will be assistance for any guests.

After our luncheon, we will have the pleasure of hearing comments from our recent Interim President and current Executive Vice President and Provost, Jim Wohlpart, whose title is: UNI 2017: A Provost’s Eye view.

Scott Cawelti, Co-Chair, UNIEA

UNIEA Program Committee: Scott Cawelti, Chair, Sue Doody, Jim Lubker

Look for the reservation and other details inserted in this Newsletter.
Mary Bozik
I am enjoying retirement, especially the ability to get away from Iowa winters. Dennis and I enjoy spending the winter months in Sarasota FL. When we get back I volunteer for the Cedar Falls Tourism Center and serve on the Board of the Friends of the Cedar Falls Library. We’ve been blessed with seven grandchildren, ranging in age from 18 to 5.

Nile and Ann Vernon
Nile and I continue to spend October-May in Tucson AZ and the summer and early fall at our lake home in northern Wisconsin, 2 hours from Minneapolis, where our son Eric, his spouse, and our two grandchildren (ages 7 and 9) live. While in Tucson I volunteer at a low income clinic doing mental health counseling and Nile tutors Mexicans who are here as legal residents and want to take the citizenship exam. We find those endeavors to be very rewarding. We both play golf (mine never seems to improve) and have an active social life and great friends. I still am writing books and doing workshops in different parts of the world, and teach a school counseling course in Romania each year. A highlight of last year was taking Eric and family to Spain, where Nile spent significant time teaching for many summers. We travel quite a bit, our favorite continent being South America, and do our best to stay active and healthy so we can continue to enjoy life for years to come!

Robert Dean Talbott
Alice and I moved to Nomandy Park, a suburb of Seattle, in June of 2016. We are not yet completely settled, but close. Alice had an accident and broke her left wrist and dislocated the middle finger on the right. She was in a cast for 6 weeks and in a brace for 4 more weeks. She is now in therapy and is improving.

Our older grandson, James, graduated from Case Western Reserve University in December, and our younger grandson, William, is a junior at Montana State University.

If you are in the Seattle area, look us up!

Robert Gish
Judy and I continue to live in our hometown of Albuquerque. We spend time with our seven grandkids; we explore the state; I teach literature and writing courses at the University of New Mexico in the “Osher Life Long Learning Program” and “Growth and Enrichment.” I enjoy social media and continue my writing there and elsewhere. Hope we can communicate on Facebook: robertf.gish.com. Some of my songs are on Sound Cloud: “Look to the Sky.” All best regards.

Les Hale
It seems unbelievable that I have been retired from UNI for almost 29 years. After I retired, I continued to teach private voice in my home studio, and directed the Les Hale Chorale until 2006. Some health issues reared their ugly heads a few years ago, so I had to stop teaching as of May 2016.

Our children, Cyndi and David, our three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren (all in Texas) are doing well and Colleen and I are still in our own home, so we feel very blessed.

We’re not big travelers, but in the early 2000’s we did go to London and Paris, followed by two cruises and a trip to San Diego, plus many trips to Texas.

Lee Thomson
Retirement life in Cedar Falls is wonderful! I live about five minutes from the UNI campus and enjoy the athletic and music opportunities that are available at this excellent university. Being with longtime friends at these events is also enjoyable.

Swimming daily at the River Plaza Athletic Club and being involved with concerts and parades in four music groups keep me busy and happy.

My daughter, Margaret Ann, lives in West Des Moines and is employed at the State of Iowa Agriculture Department.

David Duncan
We have completed another year in Cedar Falls, enjoying our friends, a host of concerts and plays, local athletics and our church family. We also experienced our first grandchild wedding — a joyful occasion.

My wife Helen had an auto-immune disorder last spring in which her immune system tried to kill her, and almost succeeded. It took a while to diagnose the underlying cause of the many and diverse symptoms, but aggressive treatment eventually brought it under control. We are grateful to our local family physician (Dr. James Peterson) and the University of Iowa specialist (Dr. Rebecca Tuetken) for their caring expertise.

Jim Becker
2016 slipped by quite rapidly but not without some excitement for the Beckers. My wife Jeannine and I had the opportunity to travel to Bath, England, with our veterinarian daughter, Karen, for a medical seminar. It was so much fun that we are going back again in March for two weeks where she will be lecturing. This trip will take us to Tethoven and Bristol with a side trip to Glasgow and Edinburgh. I continue to enjoy my work at Taliesin West in Scottsdale and as a guide at the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture for the past eight years.

Bob Krueger
Since 2009 retirement, I have worked part time for the CBA, teaching an MBA course on Brazilian business culture, and presenting the same topic to MBA students from Colombia. Currently, I am teaching for the second time the capstone course “Global Skills: Brazil,” a study tour in the Amazon rainforest and at the University of Brasilia in May 2017, examining topics like sustainable development, alternative energies and UNI’s Brazilian partnerships. My wife Alida Bakuzis and I are coauthoring the premier publication of our collection of Brazilian slave narratives. My play “Chicotealma” was published in Brazil in 2014 and I am negotiating its stage production there. We continue to promote capoeira and Brazilian friendship in the Cedar Valley.

Elton Green
I have been retired since 1990 and have enjoyed good health and keep busy.

We usually spend January and March in
Yuma AZ, or at least in the southwest.

After 25 years I retired from teaching a Sunday School class and turned it over to two other retired profs: David Duncan and Larry Leutzinger. Still living in our home but we hope to move to smaller place this year.

Jim Kelly

2016 has kept me fairly busy as I continued working on the history of men’s basketball at UNI. In the final stages of the manuscript, it should be ready for printing this summer and released next fall. Like Tutors to Panthers, this book will also be underwritten so that all proceeds will go towards athletic scholarships. While on this venture, I’ve been working with a former UNI player and his final research paper, as it is also tied to the history of basketball. He will be graduating this spring with his Master’s degree. When spare time exists, like everyone, there are plenty of options to occupy one’s time if you reside in the Cedar Valley. What’s up for 2017? Maybe the history of another one of UNI’s athletic adventures.

Janice Abel

Greetings to all colleagues. How time does fly. I looked at the UNIEA roster and found names I did not know. Hello to you all. Retiring in 1992, I found a wonderful life after having one with so many of you. I like traveling USA to national parks and this past year did a remote one, to the Theodore Roosevelt National Park in North Dakota. I continue to enjoy UNI activities at Gallagher and some sports events. I continue to do some fiction writing and am always interested in travel to art museums. My books are on Amazon and my pastel paintings are on fineartamerica.com. I would be happy to hear from you through my Facebook page.

Jim and Janet Doud

It seems that you can take the resident out of Iowa, but can’t get Iowa out of the resident, and Janet and I have made the decision to return to Cedar Falls after an absence of 23 years. Both Janet and I have many friends and relatives living within a 75-mile radius of Cedar Falls, and we left behind some of the best friends and neighbors we have ever had. When we learned about the Western Home and had opportunities to visit and learn about that operation, it appeared to us that moving into the Western Home was a good thing for us to do before we became too old to take advantage of the opportunities it provided.

I believe that my former colleague at the Lab School, Dr. Ross A. Nielsen, was one of the primary initiators of UNIEA. He was a special friend and shared with me what he envisioned when UNIEA was formed. Since then, I’ve heard nothing but good comments about that organization from other friends and colleagues. Joan Duea has shared with us some of the good experiences she has had as a member of UNIEA, so both Janet (if she is eligible) and I anticipate that this organization will be another way of making contacts with others with whom we worked at UNI.

We will return to Cedar Falls in June and will become residents of the Western Home. Jim retired from UNI as an Emeritus Professor after 24 years, 17 as Elementary Principal at MPLS and 7 in the Department of Educational Administration and Counseling. Janet worked 17 years as an assistant supervisor in the Special Education Department. We lived the past 23 years in Gainesville FL. Jim chaired and/or taught 17 years in the Department of Educational Leadership and Foundations at the University of Florida. We look forward to joining UNIEA this fall.

Germana Nijnim

When I was young, I did not fully understand the saying that “old age is not for sissies.” Well, I do now. Since surgery in December, I have been in a cast from foot to knee on my right leg. I would list this as a form of torture... But I hope to be as good as new in a couple of months, trusting that the two screws that keep my ankle together will do the job.

I am more in love than ever! My little grandson will be two on Valentine’s Day, and by now we can carry on real conversations—in two languages. When he and his brother and two sisters come to spend time with me, the sun shines in my house. Children are such a joy!

Sharif and Faris are caring for me with love and attention during my long convalescence. I could not ask for more.

I had to postpone my trips to Jerusalem and Italy—but the year is long. I will catch up.

I will say not a word about our politics, except to say: God help us all.

Marilou Kratzenstein

Musical highlights of 2016 included a trip in February to Oaxaca, Mexico, where my husband and I attended a fabulous festival highlighting historic 18th-c organs in remote mountain villages and in the city itself. I was a recitalist on one of these beautiful old instruments. In the summer we traveled to England and Scotland with a tour that focused on the 5-day English Southern Cathedrals Choral Festival. Such glorious music! After all of that happiness, I reached the point where I had to stop playing because of osteoarthritis in my fingers. A musical milestone in my life was reached when I resigned my church position on Dec. 31, 2016.

Randy Hogancamp

First, a BIG Thank You to UNI for many, many years of wonderful experiences! Beginning with the ISTC Malcolm Price Math & Science Institutes during the summers of my junior high years, the SCI Tallcorn Band & Jazz Festivals all throughout high school, my exceptional undergraduate education in the Dept. of Music, and 44 years of teaching and working with so many first-rate students and faculty, I have had a most enjoyable and inspirational 55+ year connection with UNI! I look forward to the next chapter through UNIEA!

Peter Goulet

Since leaving UNI for the KC metro nearly 10 years ago I have been busy working with several small firms and non-profits in Iowa. I am on the editorial boards of three journals and write an increasing amount of blog commentary in the investment blogsphere. I enjoy my daughter’s family and our
grandchild. Love the culture and food in KC. If any of you come down, give me a call (816-350-1997). Finally, I also spent several years as Lynda’s primary care giver until moving her to full nursing care for her severe Alzheimer’s two years ago.

Pat Geadelmann
I retired on January 12, 2016 and proceeded to immediately immerse myself at First Presbyterian Church, Waterloo as Minister of Care and Visitation. [I received the MDiv degree from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in 2004.] My primary responsibilities are to work with the Deacons, visit the sick and homebound, and assist with preaching. On January 22, 2017, I was ordained at First Presbyterian Church, Waterloo and continue in service there as Associate Pastor of Care and Visitation. This has been a wonderful transition from a wonderful career of 43 + years at UNI.

Myra Boots
Ray and I are still at home and doing fairly well. On January 17, 2014, Ray had a stroke and in two months he will be here at home for three years, needing my care 24/7. Doctors’ appointments and a few lunches out are our only activities. Friends and family sustain us with their visits and occasional dinners here. We both miss our UNI activities, the wonderful students, and the great faculty friends. Best wishes to all of you.

Hugh Beykirch
I’m sure many of you will agree that the year 2016 did not lack for excitement and discovery. Thanks to continued good health, we managed to tread the pavements of many new lands and places. In April we discovered the magic of Morocco, including a stint in the Sahara, camel ride and all. It was fun to try for a couple of hours but not to be chosen for cross-country travel. We found ourselves with a group of Colorado friends on a 35-day cruise through the lands of the Vikings, sailing through the North Atlantic in July and August. Greenland, Iceland, Norway, and Ireland were among the personal highlights for us on a journey which touched many lands. We ended the year with a month in Viet Nam and Cambodia, fascinating countries with the most friendly people. It was great to see the ravages of war healed and to meet the people with their infectious smiles and dispositions. Their varied cultural heritages were a marvel to behold, but their most friendly reception was what it did for us. When we are home, we continue to enjoy our various involvements that make living in Green Valley an ongoing joy.

Nancie Handorf
Traveling has been my theme as I celebrate my 80th year. Family trips to California, a Caribbean cruise, and a trip to the Oregon coast and Crater Lake have been great; I even squeezed in a short trip to Arizona. A friend and I took a bus tour to Charleston where we were chauffeured in a police car because we got lost walking in a bad section of town. In April my son will join me on a Western Home bus trip.
Becoming 80 has been a delight. Hope it has been for other UNI Emeritus as well.

Dean’s Message
Gaëtane Jean-Marie, Ph.D.
College of Education, University of Northern Iowa
It is an exciting time for the faculty, students, and staff within the College of Education (COE) at the University of Northern Iowa! After 18 months of renovations, the transition back to Schindler Education Center (SEC) is filled with enthusiasm and renewed focus on building community. We reopened its doors this spring as a vibrant, modern learning environment, inspiring creativity, optimism, and collaboration.

The renovations in SEC are already making a difference. The collaborative spaces (e.g., Learning Stair, Learning eXchange, CAT Lab, Da Vinci Lab, and HNI ITRS Curriculum Library) were intentionally created to facilitate 21st century teaching and learning. The technology in the classrooms is highly collaborative and students will have more hands-on time and greater access to the tools they will need to use in their own classrooms upon graduation. In addition, accessibility of faculty, teacher education offices, and academic advisors in a “one stop shop” is enhancing community among students, faculty, and staff, so they are connected to the college. As a state, regional and national leader in education, we will continue to inspire and be a showcase for teaching and learning. Promoting the SEC renovations will be influential to future students and their parents.

Last summer, the School of Health, Physical Education, and Leisure Services (HPELS) received approval for a name change, the School of Kinesiology, Allied Health, and Human Services (KAHHS), to better align with the programs and services we offer. KAHHS is among the six academic departments in the College of Education. With the recent renovations of SEC, we’re closer again to KAHHS faculty at the Wellness and Recreation Center (WRC), and look forward to our reciprocal presence at SEC and WRC.

As I reflect on the past seven months, I’m fortunate to lead and work with a dynamic faculty, staff, and leadership team who are making a difference in the lives of our students. To date, I’ve met with over 100 faculty and staff one-on-one to get know them, and gain insights about where we’ve been, where we are, and where we may want to go. As we look to the future and think about the positive impact we want to continue to make through our scholarship, teaching, and service to the community, state, nationally, and internationally, we will begin to plan our strategic planning process we will undertake in the fall semester.

Thank you for your continued support of the college. I invite you to join us at the dedication ceremony on Friday, March 31st at 3:00pm.
School of Applied Human Services
Dr. Annette Lynch, Director and Professor

The School of Applied Human Sciences now houses four undergraduate programs: Family Services, Gerontology, Textiles and Apparel, and Interior Design. We are also the home for both the School and Clinical Counseling Programs at UNI. We are also affiliated with both the Center for Violence Prevention and the Creative Life Research Center. Key highlights for 2016-2017 include outreach gerontology programs throughout the state, working directly with families, training police and bus drivers in how to work with dementia patients, and visiting residents and training staff at agencies serving Iowa’s aging population. The school hosted the annual statewide meeting of Family and Consumer Science Educators in June 2016, welcoming over 180 teachers to our campus. The Textiles and Apparel Program continues to be a diversity and STEM leader across the state, with gifts from Target Corporation supporting fashion and STEM camps for diverse youth both in the summer of 2016 and this coming summer. In the summer 2016 camp young designers from local schools in both Waterloo and Cedar Falls used computer aided design to create their own print patterns and sewed them into backpacks!!! Both the Interior Design and Counseling program were awarded full accreditation in the past year as a result of the efforts of faculty, staff, and students in those two program areas. Interior design students have been active designing real spaces here at UNI, including Latham 251, a classroom familiar to emeritus faculty, and also the new coffee shop area in the newly renovated Schindler Education Center. Many of the counseling graduate students travel to Guatemala for a faculty led summer program to learn best practice approaches to assist the growing diversity of clientele they will encounter when they graduate. The Counseling Program Honor Society also hosts the annual Out of the Darkness Walk to End Suicide, bringing in $16,000 in donations last year, and hosting again this year on April 1, 2017.

Camp Adventure Child and Youth Services
Christopher R. Edginton Ph.D
R. J. McElroy Professor of Youth Studies

In 1991 the Camp Adventure Child and Youth Services program was transferred to the University of Northern Iowa when Dr. Christopher Edginton was named the director of the School of Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services (now known as the School of Kinesiology, Allied Health and Human Services). Founded at the University of Oregon in 1985, the program serves children and youth of primarily US Military and US Department of State family members. Over the years the program has been offered at over 150 sites in over 30 countries and US Territories. Based on daily participation rates the program serves 500,000 children and youth with a student staff today of nearly 700. Camp Adventure Child and Youth Services has a very simple but powerful vision—we create magic moments for children and youth that last a lifetime- and- our definition of magic is that…it occurs when reality exceeds one’s expectations. The program’s mission is aimed at promoting high-quality high-impact programs and services for children and youth. Further, the program encourages global awareness and cultural sensitivity as well as diversity and inclusion. Dedicated to blending practice and theory as a service learning program, Camp Adventure Child and Youth Services encourages students to reflect on their experience and link it to their academic coursework.

Currently, Camp Adventure Child and Youth Services staff development programs are operated at California State University-Chico; Sacramento State University; University of California, Davis; University of Oregon; Washington State University; University of San Diego; University of Toledo; Florida A & M University; The University of Iowa; Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa. The program’s diffused staff development network provides greater opportunity for diversity in that students from throughout the United States have an opportunity to access the program. Over the 30+ years of the program, over 19,000 college and university students have participated in the effort. Students receive a living stipend, housing and transportation to their program site. Opportunities are available on a year-round basis for participation.

In recent years the program has provided surge care at US Army Garrisons and US Navy Installations in support of the Global War on Terrorism. As military family members are deployed or reintegrated at their home sites following their tour of duty, student interns are often placed in child and youth development centers to provide support services. In recent years the program has been offered at the US Embassy in Beijing in The People’s Republic of China. At this site this summer, Iowa Governor Terry Branstad will greet our students to their site as the newly appointed Ambassador to China. That will be a welcomed event.
A Unicorn.
The Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center is a unique beast in many ways:

Few comprehensive Universities have PACs.
Few communities our size have PACs or PACs that are as active as ours.
We have the largest k-12 performing arts education program in the Midwest, serving about 40,000 children a year.
Unlike PACs at the other regents and most universities, we are the home of our School of Music and its ensembles.
We have a resident professional symphony orchestra.
We teach – more than half our staff has routine adjunct assignments. In addition we teach our 100+ student employees, providing hands-on professional level experiences that help them integrate classroom lessons in real world settings. We are the only regents PAC that has a student crew.
We receive less general fund support than the other regents PACs while hosting MANY more academic events--most free of charge.

How we do it.
Productivity, productivity, productivity: If doing more with less is a hallmark of UNI, then we are Panthers indeed. The volume of rehearsals, performances and events in the Gallagher makes us the busiest PAC in the Midwest.
Entrepreneurship: We are continually gathering and analyzing data, experimenting, planning and working to create new revenue streams and efficiencies.
Service: We work hard not to say no. Working with our building partners we all exhibit the flexibility that is required to have both partners and the building meet their goals.
Educate: By integrating ourselves in the College of Humanities Arts and Sciences and partnering with all the colleges and many majors in our shared work we provide unique, high level engaged learning opportunities.

Current pride points
This year we serve our 500,000 child with our kaleidoscope program. That’s right – half a million. Kids from more than 50 counties get to experience, enjoy and learn from the performing arts for a buck a kid.

Uncommon Sense – The Gallagher’s first major commission – working with the tectonic theatre company – supported the creation and premiere of a play that will tell Iowa stories in a national tour that will enhance understanding of life on the autism spectrum and what it is to be human.

Dan graduated in 2002, having worked at the Gallagher two years. He parlayed his experience on our stage into a job with a first run national tour – several tours later he fell in love and with his new partner left the road and became the stage supervisor at the Guthrie theatre. Now he is working on a Master in Arts Management and has his eyes set on a job like mine.

Glass Panther
Know that the Gallagher is fragile. We have over the last ten years seen our University funding cut by roughly 30% while seeing overhead charges paid to the University go from $0 to almost $400,000.
We rely on a complex web of revenues that include tickets, sponsorships, Ovation donors and friends memberships. Only 30% of the events at the center carry the burden of supporting the operation of the other 70%, enabling the School of Music and the symphony to receive free or underwritten services and remain viable.

We need your help – consider being a part of keeping the Gallagher and our building partners viable.
UNIEA Leadership

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Necrology 2016-2017

“As you remember the love, as you mourn the loss, may you also celebrate the life.”

Deceased Emeritus

Dr. Elinor Crawford 8/27/2016
Dr. Charles V. Dedrick 5/12/2016
Ms. Joan Diamond 1/10/2017
Dr. Virginia Hash 10/30/2016
Dr. Bill Henderson 10/02/2016
Dr. Larry Kavich
Mr. David A. Kohrs 1/11/2017
Mr. Robert D. Leahy 4/18/2016
Dr. Thomas Thompson 4/28/2016
Dr. Jean Trout 6/05/2016

Spouses of Deceased Emeritus

Mrs. Elnora Y Moon (Alfred) 2/17/2016

Spouses of Emeritus

Marilyn L. Hanson (Roger) 3/17/2016