

Comments from the Chair . . .

As we move into the new Millennium, we have expectations for another good year for UNIEA.

We are looking forward to the April 29, 2000, "Recognition Breakfast" and the "UNIEA Luncheon". We are expecting a wonderful reunion with friends that will be returning for these functions.

Our "First Wednesday of the Month" luncheons at the Holiday Inn have been growing in attendance. We are scheduling speakers for some of the meetings, but at most of the meetings we enjoy fellowship and "catching up". We will meet on the first Wednesday of April, but will not meet the first Wednesday in May.

One highlight in 1999 was the luncheon given by President and Mrs. Koob. In my conversation with Mrs. Koob during the planning, I informed her that we should have 60-80 attending. As many of you know, the number swelled to 134. Sadly, we had to change the location from the President's Home to the Commons. It was a wonderful luncheon and we hope to have one again next year.

The President and Mrs. Koob's "Fall Picnic continues to be a well received event by members of the UNIEA. It is a great way to start out the fall. If you have not attended, you should make every effort to attend in 2000.

The UNIEA Web Page has been very successful and fast developing. If you have not visited the site, give it a try. Bob Kramer is continually updating it and seeking input from any and all who would like to contribute. The "Survey" results can be seen on the UNIEA Web Page.

The UNIEA Advisory Council was pleased to have such a positive response to the request for contributions from the members. Over \$4,000 was received and the Council is establishing disbursement guidelines. Any who have not contributed and would like to, send your contribution to UNIEA; Office of University Advancement; Room 205 Commons; UNI; Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0282.

We continue to have great support from Vice President and Provost, Aaron Podelofsky and Vice President of Advancement and Development, William Calhoun. Yvonne Duggan's assistance and frequent guidance is greatly appreciated by your chairman and the Advisory Council.

I have enjoyed serving my first year as Chair and am looking forward to another good year. I have had welcomed assistance from the members of the Advisory Council and, especially, Past Chair Elizabeth Martin.

Remember to send in your registration slip for the April 29, 2000, UNIEA Luncheon. We will look forward to seeing you.

– Elton Green, Chair

Music, Music, Music

by Jane Whitehead and Thomas G. Ryan

- Do you play a band instrument?
- Would you like to learn to play a band instrument?
- Would you like to play with others, none of whom is under 50, and many (perhaps all) of whom are older than you?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, think about playing with the UNI New Horizons Band (NHB).

The UNI NHB is part of a growing national movement.

The NHB concept originated in 1991 under the guidance of Dr. Roy Ernst at the Eastman School of Music, with the assistance of a grant from the National Association of Music Merchants. Group instruction is an important part of this activity. Instructors give group lessons to adult seniors at all levels. Instructors include UNI music education majors, retired band directors and community musicians.

New Horizons events such as music camps for senior adults are also offered to give players a chance to travel, to meet other players/teachers and to share common interests with other senior adults. Typically, New Horizons bands learn music for concerts and other community performances.

The UNI NHB is well into its second year, with 20 musicians from eight Cedar Valley communities: Cedar Falls, Charles City, Grundy Center, Jesup, Mount Auburn, Tripoli, Waverly and Waterloo. Bill Shepherd is conductor.

Several UNIEA members are part of the UNI NHB: Jim Hantula-clarinet; Howard Lyon-tuba; Lewis Lynch-alto saxophone; and Gail Froyen (wife of Len Froyen)-flute.

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Feedback from Members

We begin with accounts by the newest emeriti and conclude with contributions from those with several years, even decades, experience as retirees.

Jim Becker

Since I retired in June of 1999 I have gone to work for Elderhostel as a group leader in Europe. I led 2 groups of "hostelers" to Provence in France and my wife Jeannine also served as a leader of a group. After we finished, we spent 12 days in sunny Spain. We loved it and advise anyone looking for an "adventure" to strongly consider Spain.

In 2000 I will be leading four groups, including a three-week trip to England and France for Scandinavian Seminar. The other 3 Elderhostel groups will be in France and we will be learning about Food and Wine of Provence and Food and Wine of Beaujolais/Burgundy. On the last trip our group sampled 52 different wines. It was a challenge to one's liver...but then again, in true sampling, you are to only "taste" the wine and not swallow. Several of us cheated a bit. I invite Emeritus faculty to join us on a trip. Contact me for information.

In my spare time I deliver Winnebago RVs all across the country and have been in twelve states so far. It challenges my driving skills, especially in the winter behind the wheel of a \$100,000 machine.

Hugh L. Beykirch

No, I have not experienced too many hours of longing for return to the political arena of academia. When I realize that it must be time for another semester to begin at UNI, I miss the interaction with our students and clients. Otherwise, I am very content with life in the high country of Colorado. My new profession as a watercolorist has opened doors of which I never dreamed. Involvement in workshops at excitingly beautiful venues and studying under and with professional artists, has been a stimulating experience. More recently, I have joined a fascinating group of writers of fiction. Who knows, there may be some "Bridges of Grand County."

What do I do the rest of the time? Playing bridge, gardening, hiking, snowshoeing, skiing and attending the local seniors group and an investment club.

Lynne and I walk 2-1/2 miles in thirty minutes early each morning come rain, snow, or shine. In between, I play an active part in Lynne's passion for entertaining friends in our home; the shingle should be changed from Beykirch to Mesta. She, too, is always on the go with numerous volunteer activities; and she likes to do assorted handwork every chance she gets. In other words, we love retirement--especially in Colorado--where the sun shines an average of 300 days per year.

Bruce Chidester

Now that I have finally retired, my life can be summed up with one observation, "Retirement is highly underrated." After 30 years of teaching at UNI, I have finally found the perfect balance in my life.

After breakfast each morning I go out to my newly designed studio and carve decorative birds from wood. What was once part-time hobby has now become a full-time hobby.

Couple this with the desire to travel: Texas three times, New Mexico, Colorado, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Florida (all of March) etc., my wife Karen, and I are very busy. Any free time is usually taken up with hunting, fishing, Karate (I earned a yellow belt last semester) or my latest interest which is building a 1969 Chevy truck into the "coolest" street rod you'll ever see on University Avenue driven by a retired professor and grandpa of two.

If someone would ask me what I would change in my life, I would have to say "nothing." God has blessed me with much more than I deserve.

John S. Cross

I retired from UNI in June 1999 and have enjoyed life in retirement ever since. Before retiring I had heard some people caution that time would hang heavy and it would be difficult to find things to do. Just the opposite has been true.

Mary Ann and I have especially enjoyed traveling much more than when I was working. We have taken day trips in Iowa and enjoyed Minnesota, Wisconsin and Missouri travel very much. We went on a ten day Caribbean cruise in December and had a marvelous a week in London in March.

There is also more time for hobbies including stamp collecting, gardening and easy cooking, along with an interesting variety of volunteer activities. A highpoint of my week is when a group of five of us retired math teachers meet to drink coffee and solve the problems of the world.

Forty years of teaching was probably enough for me and I really don't miss the classroom. Also I don't miss writing and reading exams, committee meetings, or conforming to a weekly schedule. I enjoy the social interactions with colleagues and students that come along and interacting with many interesting people from the community. The freedom to come and go as I wish is really great. Retirement may not be for everyone, but it certainly suits me.



Robert Hardman

For several years I have looked forward to early retirement so that Becky and I might be able to do those things that we were unable to do when we were both busy in our professional positions.

Just before retiring, I was honored to have been asked and appointed by Governor Vilsach to serve on a special task force. Our assignment is to study and make recommendations on the establishment of a new department of state government, The Department of Information Technology. This challenging and interesting assignment continues into the spring of 2000. I still try to maintain some sense of change in technology, which is not an easy task.

While I am enjoying retirement, my hobbies and volunteer work, I do greatly miss my colleagues and the students of UNI. I have always felt that my colleagues kept me professionally challenged and my students kept me mentally young.

We enjoy life in Cedar Falls and plan to continue making it our home. We look forward to participating in the many activities offered by the University.

Virginia Hash

Reading a novel in mid-morning; trying to determine what kind of a landscaping plan will work in the sandy and infertile ground on which our new home is built; spending time with two grandsons; listening to and talking with some kids in a nearby elementary school about their readings; corresponding, by e-mail, with friends from all parts of the world; becoming involved with church activities or, often, just sitting on the deck and watching the birds, squirrels, and other "varmits" that live in the four acres of wooded wet lands which is our private back yard...

These are among the threads that weave into the cloth of my retirement days. The exciting part (for me) is that there is no set pattern; I am able to set my own agenda! Although it seems like the blink of an eye, nearly six months have elapsed since I left Iowa. I can't believe how quickly the days fly by; retirement (for me) is certainly NOT a drag!

Of course, the invitation to visit us is always open so whenever any of you are in the area of Middleburg, Florida (a suburb of Jacksonville), do not hesitate to contact us.



John J. (Jack) Jennett

I retired in May 1999. I find that I am busier now than when I was working. I enjoy watching sport activities, especially track. I hunt, golf, play pool, cards, and walk my dog daily. I take part in church activities such as community meals, Board of Trustees, and odd jobs that need to be done.

We have nine grandchildren, four of them in college. The younger five are very active in school activities so we try to watch them perform in St. Louis and Des Moines.

Our three daughters always have plenty of honey-do jobs for me when we visit their homes. Of course, Myrna has plenty of those for me at our house. I have built three decks, remodeled two bedrooms, and built two bedrooms with closets and doors. I do enjoy building.

I am just getting started with an old computer and my e-mail is jpapajj@aol.com

Robert E. Kramer

This summer will mark the second anniversary of my retirement. What do I think of it? I love it! I thought at first that I would probably really miss the daily contacts with colleagues, staff and students, and the enjoyment of teaching and conducting research, but much to my surprise that has not happened. Well, maybe not totally. I must admit that at times I think about campus life and the pure enjoyment I had working at UNI.

I have kept myself busy doing some traveling, working on the UNIEA web site, cruising the Internet, paying more attention to my TIAA-CREF accounts, dabbling with Internet on-line stock trading, and trying to spend more time with my grandchildren.

Another activity I really enjoy is "beta testing" new computer software. This is probably the one thing I enjoy the most and the activity that gives me the most headaches. For those of you who also do this, I'm sure you know what I mean by "headaches." For those that don't, it boils down to the fact that beta testing can sometimes set you back several days trying to figure out why your computer suddenly stopped working. Fortunately, retirement gives me the time to deal with these issues.



Robert T. Ward

For three years I was on phased retirement. Three times I had the wonderful feeling of finishing teaching and knowing I had an eternity of free time (well, 8 months) ahead of me. Of course two times I had to face starting up teaching again after an 8 month break, but overall I enjoyed it.

But finally I fully retired in May, 1999. After making the many decisions about TIAA/CREF, arranging for social security and continued health insurance, and cleaning out my office I found myself teaching again in fall 1999. It was just one course, filling in for someone who left part way through the semester, but it didn't seem like retirement. In addition there were some activities I had agreed to when I thought I would have more time.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Last year you had an opportunity to read about plans for UNI's Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center (GBPAC), in a guest article by Bruce Marquis, the GBPAC's first executive director.

His enthusiasm for the center and its opportunity to enhance the role of the performing arts in our lives was evident in every sentence he wrote, none more so than his conclusion.

"Imagine ... it all begins in just twelve months."

"Imagine ... you can almost hear the applause now, at Iowa's *new* center for the arts, the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center."

Now, 12 months later, the bricks-and-mortar part of the vision is complete, and the performing side will be on display with an opening festival, April 6-27, featuring 15 performances. The most visible early events will be inaugural concerts on April 15 and 16. The April 15 concert sold out in just 18 days, so a Sunday afternoon encore performance has been scheduled for the next day. Tickets for this event are available by mail and by telephone. Mail address is GBPAC, UNI, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50614-0801; telephone is 319-273-3660.

The second GBPAC production for which tickets are now available is Allen Health Systems 75th Anniversary Celebration starring Bill Cosby on May 13. For ticket information, call Staci Schmit at 319-235-5296.

The entire list of GBPAC productions for the next 12 months will be released in a few weeks. The staff would be pleased to add your name to their mailing list.

A final note regarding the GBPAC, UNI New Horizon's Band lessons and band practices are now held in ---you guessed it --- the GBPAC.

— *Thomas G. Ryan*



What would you have done?

by Ross Nielsen

Tommy Thompson e-mails a reminder about each of our monthly emeritus luncheons. Ross Nielsen is among those on the mailing list and is one of our most faithful participants.

His written response to the reminder about the October 6 luncheon, however, suggested that he had something more important to do that day. After reading his reply, you will surely agree that the other activity was even more important than the one Tommy suggested.

"Sorry, Tommy, but I will be a "no-show" at the luncheon tomorrow. Today I played golf with Bob Leahy--as I do quite regularly. But today turned out to be rather special, and we agreed that we should try tomorrow to duplicate what we did today.

"Senior golfers like to seek to shoot a score equal to, or less than, their age. Over the last five years I have done that a significant number of times. But is always thrilling and satisfying to do it again. Bob Leahy is a far better golfer than I, but he is still in his "youth" at age 72, and that is much more difficult to accomplish.

"Today, however, we were both playing well, and we both accomplished the "age" goal. Bob shot a 72, having a par the eighteenth hole to make that score, and I shot my age of 81, needing only a bogey on hole 18 to make that score.

"Sooooo, with the golf season on the wane, Bob and I will try to do it again tomorrow---and will see you at the next luncheon on November 3"

(Ross has not yet filed a report on either his score or Bob Leahy's for their October 6 round. If, or when, he does, UNIEA News will share that information with you.)

In Memorium

It is the nature of faculty members achieving emeritus to scatter to the four winds, making it difficult to maintain contact with former colleagues. Therefore, it seems appropriate for UNIEA News to inform the members annually regarding emeriti recently deceased. Please remember the following, each of whom contributed significantly to the programs of the university over an extended period of years:

Lyle K. Alberts (1964-1997)
Russell Baum (1938-1981)
Randell R. Bebb (1947-1981)
Dorothy M. Koehring (1933 - 1970)
James G. Martin (1972 - 1989)
Virgil L. Noack (1967 - 1998)
Lois S. Potter (1950 - 1991)
Thomas J. Remington (1970-1998)
Pauline L. Sauer (1949 - 1981)
Julia L. Sparrow (1944 - 1974)
Betty Swanson (1949 - 1985)
Robert J. Ward (1963 - 1997)

1999 UNIEA Annual Meeting

November 3, 1999

by Jim Handorf, Secretary

Preceding the annual meeting a luncheon was held in the Slife Ballroom of the Commons for approximately 135 emeritus faculty and spouses. Following the luncheon Morris Mikkelsen spoke to the group about the renovation taking place in Lang Hall.

After the luncheon and annual meeting President and Mrs. Koob opened their home for those wanting to take a tour.

The annual meeting was called to order at 1:14 by Chairperson, Elton Green.

Approximately 44 were in attendance. Those who had an opportunity to sign the registration list were Marvin Heller, Jim LaRue, Bob Hardman, George Day, Tom Ryan, Lee Thompson, Ervin A. Dennis, Saul Diamond, Joan Diamond, Howard VanderBeek, Len Froyen, Robert D. Talbott, Hal Wohl, Jack Reed, Ben Clausen, Addeene Eiklor, Loree Rackstraw, Ray Kuehl, Bill Waack, Eleanor Crownfield, John Cross, John E. Bruha, Howard W. Lyon, Tom Thompson, Gerald Bisbey, Jerry Duea, Joan Duea, Dixon Riggs, Robert E. Kramer, Edward Amend, Gordon Harrington, Jean Trout, Leah Hiland, Elizabeth Martin, Gretchen Myers, Julia Rozendahl, JoAnne Cummings, Elton Green, and Jim Handorf.

The minutes of the 1998 annual meeting were read and approved.

Members were encouraged to visit the UNIEA web site and to give their email addresses to Robert Kramer to be included in the listing.

It was moved and seconded that a unanimous ballot be cast for the nominees for office. Motion carried. The following were elected: Vice Chairman (2-year term) Thomas Thompson; Advisory Council (3-year term) Ed Amend; and Advisory Council (2-year term) Jean Trout.

Chairperson Green encouraged everyone to return the UNI Membership Survey. He also expressed appreciation for the copies of the UNI directory being available at

the meeting.

Tom Ryan suggested sending a note to the Koobs thanking them for the luncheon and for opening their home.

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No further old or new business was presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

UNI Connection Investment Club

by Marcia Lyon

Come and join the UNI Connection Investment Club and learn how the stock market works, and how to evaluate and select stocks! Or, if you are experienced, lend your expertise to the group.

UNIEA members, spouses, or both are welcome. The group of nine meets in members' homes on the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm, for stock selection presentations and discussions. Members contribute \$300 initially, then \$25 monthly, for investment. The Club is 5 years old and has had an average annual return of 37%.

For information, call Nancy Simet, 277-2454, or Marcia Lyon, 266-9140.

UNIEA Membership Survey

by Thomas H. Thompson

Jim Handorf, Tom Ryan and I produced a mailed survey questionnaire testing the sentiment of the members toward a number of possible UNIEA programs and new initiatives. The returned surveys (81 of 320 mailed) have now been compiled by Gerald Bisbey and a full summary is posted on the UNIEA web site. You can access the web site by going to <http://www.its-ps.uni:216/> or by clicking Directories and Information on the UNI home page and then selecting UNI Emeritus Association. Or, if you prefer, send this writer an email (thomas.thompson@uni.edu) or regular mail request and I will send you a copy of the complete summary.

The largest number of positive responses were registered for the brief programs at the monthly Holiday Inn lunches: 58 said yes, while 15 were either doubtful or negative. The second largest number of positive responses were in favor of UNIEA day trips to Iowa points of interest: 46 said yes, while 28 were either doubtful or negative. 44 persons were in favor of permanent name tags for UNIEA events, while 31 were either negative or doubtful. 34 persons said yes to group attendance at recreational events (e.g., a symphony or play performance) while 41 were negative or doubtful. 31 respondents favored short courses or seminars on academic subjects under UNIEA sponsorship while 40 were either negative or doubtful.

The Advisory Council will be considering the results of the membership survey soon, including the written comments posted on some of the returns. If you have any further comments, send an email or a regular mail note to UNIEA President Elton Green (elton.green@uni.edu).

Schools are better with local control

by UNI President Robert D. Koob

Earlier this month, Education Week magazine released the results of its Quality Counts survey. Iowa received a failing grade in "standards and accountability", for not having state-mandated achievement levels for kindergarten through 12th-grade students. What was not reported is that Iowa is still one of the leading states in all meaningful criteria of academic performance. This is not an issue of standards. It is an issue of state vs. local control.

The Iowa educational system is a benchmark by which much of the rest of the nation measures itself. We know how to educate children, and how to prepare top-notch teachers. Iowa education succeeds because parents and communities are actively involved in local schools. Local control of school districts is a key factor in the success of our school system, and more important, the success of our children in society.

Iowa schools do what we want them to do. They graduate educated young adults who are ready to participate in society in a meaningful way – a broad concept that can't be arbitrarily reduced to simple test scores. Of course, there always is room for improvement. Constant improvement is one of the cornerstones of teacher-preparation programs at the University of Northern Iowa and other leading universities.

Ironically, the issue raised by the Quality Counts survey is not quality, it is control. The proponents of this and similar studies believe that improved student performance – improved learning – can only result from the enforcement of one-size-fits-all universal standards regardless of a school's track record. This is illogical. Simplistic solutions don't solve complex problems.

If this were the case, we would see a direct correlation between state-mandated education standards and student performance. This is not the case. For example, California and Louisiana received B-plus grades in the survey in the area of "standards and accountability." Both states routinely rank very near the bottom of the list in student achievement. The mandated-standards club is one we do not want to join.

It makes one wonder where the proponents of standardization would prefer to educate their children – in a state that blindly bends to the will of one-size-fits-all standards and turns out children who cannot read, or a state such as Iowa whose citizens are active in their schools and whose children excel?

Here are facts all Iowans should know and be proud of:

- More than 90 percent of Iowa students perform above the national average in the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic.
- Thirty-five percent of Iowa fourth-graders read at, or above, "proficient" (the highest level). Only one state does better; the national average is 29.
- The state average on the ACT is 22, third in the nation. We have never been lower than third.
- Iowa maintains one of the lowest drop-out rates in the nation.
- Seventy-two percent of our students go on to post-secondary education, an all-time high.

Student performance clearly is not a major problem facing Iowa schools. The real issue is teacher support. According to research from the Iowa Department of Education, the two most important educational variables are class size and teacher quality.

Teachers pay and class size are two of the many complex issues facing education. Any state, or school, that hopes to excel in education must devote serious thought to these issues.

A key to success will be vigorous involvement of parents and local communities. School districts that band together to make their schools better will have a greater chance of success than those that allow others to make decisions for them.

Local control means the opportunity to build upon a great educational foundation. Statewide standards mean a simplistic solution that will only serve to tear down that foundation in the short-term and, in the long-term, erode our students' chances for success in society.

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Article taken from the Des Moines Register 1-17-00.

The Class of 1999

by Harley Erickson

- B. Wylie Anderson
(Economics)
- Jim E. Becker
(Teaching)
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- Marion R. Thompson
(Special Education)
- Robert T. Ward
(Physics)
- Mary Lee Cathey Wright
(Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services)

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Now, I am through with teaching and getting caught up on things. Ahead is a six week trip to California and a trip to China we are arranging for a group of friends. The best part of retirement seems to be the freedom to spend your time and efforts as you wish. The hardest part is the related lack of enforced structure. You spend much more time thinking about which project or activity to focus on, or what things to take on next.



Bill Maucker

In the summer of '70, Helga and I went to our cabin in Nisswa, MN, for six months of Rest and Recreation. The next 15 years we lived in Emporia, KS. I was Academic Vice President at Emporia State University, an institution so much like UNI that it went through the same evolution from teachers college to a state college to university as UNI had, only about five years later. I was cast in the role of prophet; I could tell them what was coming.

I particularly enjoyed one year as Interim Director of the University Library. I tried to look and act like Don Rod.

In 1986 we moved full-time to our cabin. We tripled its size and loved it. But in 1989 Helga died (massive stroke). In 1993 I was lucky enough to marry Doreen (Dee) Weber, whom I had known in Cedar Falls when her husband, Harold, taught at Price Lab.

We moved back to Cedar Falls in 1994, residing off South Main, just past Green Hill Road. Major impressions: 1) the U. has, of course, grown appreciably and has spruced up the buildings and grounds in ways we never dreamed of, 2) Cedar Falls is still the same quiet residential town but the highway system and industrial areas have been improved greatly, 3) to me the university still "feels" much as it did but hardly any faculty of our day are still teaching. Thirty years! We keep in touch largely through the Emeritus Assn.

Went to the Faculty Dames Pie Party yesterday. Among the old-timers we saw were Evelyn Wood, Bill and Mary Ellen Dreier, Laura Hartwell, Doris Rhum and Mac Eblen.

All in all, it's a good life.

Clifford G. McCollum

After retirement Alice and I lived in Columbia, Missouri, from 1985 until June 1999. We now live in Kansas City, Missouri. Our address is 6511 NW Revere Drive, Kansas City, Missouri, 64151-3989. Our telephone number is (816)741-0987. My e-mail address is cmccollum@surfree.com and Alice's is amccollum@surfree.com.

While we were in Columbia Alice was quite active in P.E.O. and genealogy. I belonged to a Kiwanis Club of retired people, largely emeritus professors of agriculture. I contributed a column regularly to the club's monthly newsletter that I called *Contra Communis Mores*. (Couldn't call it *Obiter Scripta*, could I?) I still make essays available to the editor even though we've moved. He occasionally uses one of them.

We like living in K.C. where we're only ten miles from our daughter, Lisa, and her family. We enjoy being with our grandchildren, Carling (14) and Ian (10). They keep us up-to-date on computer technology and present-day education. Alice continues her work with family history. I continue reading and studying and writing.

In spite of difficulties I have traveling, we hope to make it to Cedar Falls for Recognition Breakfast and UNIEA Luncheon in the spring. Look forward to seeing you then.



Potpourri

by Tom Ryan

When you read Bill Maucker's summary of some of his experiences of the last 30 years, did any of what he wrote cause you to stop and reread any of his essay, perhaps even to say "are you sure about that?"

I refer to his second paragraph, regarding his 15 years at Emporia State University, where "I particularly enjoyed one year as Interim Director of the Library. I tried to look and act like Don Rod."

"Act" I can believe. "Look" I'm not so sure about.

Cliff McCollum's offering included the information that in Columbia he "... belonged to a Kiwanis Club of retired people, largely emeritus professors of agriculture. I contributed a column regularly to the club's monthly newsletter that I called *Contra Communis Mores*. (Couldn't call it *Ober Scripta*, could I?)"

Are any of the readers of the UNIEA Newsletter so young, or forgetful, that they aren't sure shy Cliff felt he couldn't call it *Obiter Scripta*?

UNIEA 2000 Luncheon

by: Elton Green

The 11th Annual UNIEA Luncheon is scheduled for 12:30, Saturday, April 29, in the East Dining Room of the Towers Dining Center. This event includes Emeritus faculty and administrators, their spouses or guests, and the spouses of deceased emeriti.

You will probably want to attend the Recognition Breakfast for retirees earlier that morning, and then arrive at the Towers Complex early to visit with former colleagues. You may have already registered for either or both events.

Name tags, which will serve as your "ticket" for the luncheon, will be available at the door.

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