

Greetings from the chair!

I urge you to remember the Spring Luncheon at the Gallagher-Blaugher Performing Arts Center on May 2. The social hour begins at 11:00 a.m., followed by a noon luncheon. Parking is available in the lot next to the center. These yearly meetings not only have interesting and informative programs, they are also an opportunity to visit with people you have not seen for a while and to meet the new emeriti.

In the meantime, those of you living in Cedar Falls and surrounding communities should not forget the 11:45 a.m. monthly lunches at the Cedar Falls Holiday Inn. We have offered many good programs and hope to continue to do so. If you have any suggestions for programs or if you want more or fewer programs, please let me know. (There will be no meeting in May.)

Virginia Thudstrup in the Advancement and Development Office does an excellent job as secretary for the UNWEA. You may want to thank her individually when you see her or when you send in your reservations for the Spring Luncheon.

Finally, our thanks to Bill Waack for editing the newsletter for several years. Unfortunately, this will be his last Newsletter. He has done an excellent job. If anyone is interested in assuming this responsibility or knows of someone willing to be our new editor, please contact me.

I look forward to seeing you,
Dean Talbot

50 Years Ago

TC Campus School Dedicated in Honor of Dr. Malcolm Price

From the College Eye, February 27, 1959

President J. W. Maucker announced today that Teachers College High School and Grade School will be renamed in honor of Dr. Malcolm Price. Dr. Price served as president of the ISTC from 1940 to 1950.

President Maucker said in a press release, "The college and citizens of Iowa are greatly indebted to Dr. Price for his leadership in the establishment of this large and well-equipped school and teaching

laboratory. He worked on this project with perseverance borne of deep conviction. As a result of his vision and effort, Iowa State Teachers College now has a teaching laboratory second to none."

Formal dedication of the \$2,500,000 laboratory school will be held on Monday, March 23, 1959. Citizens of Cedar Falls and Waterloo, school officials, members of the state legislature, and alumni will be guests at the dedication ceremonies.

2+2: Serving Iowans Where They Live

By Dr. Roger Kueter with Carole Yates

The 2+2 program in the College of Education really does help dreams come true for Iowans who have family priorities or fixed job schedules and cannot relocate to the UNI campus. Under 2+2, students take two years of courses at their community colleges and then the equivalent of two years of courses through UNI. UNI faculty teach all classes either in person or by distance education (Iowa Communications Network and web-based courses.)

The UNI 2+2 program began in 1993 with the cooperation of Des Moines Area Community College and the Carroll, Iowa, community. It is a program unique among Iowa Regents Institutions. Dr. Roger Kueter, Director of UNI 2+2, points out that the program works with community colleges and communities that request involvement based on community needs and on UNI departments' abilities to deliver the programs. To date, 2+2 partnerships with seven community colleges and 14 branches are spread across the state.

Presently, more than 150 2+2 students have graduated from several different programs. Currently, degrees are offered in elementary education with an early childhood education endorsement or with a double major in middle level education. In addition, 35 students are enrolled in a statewide cohort with six community colleges working on a Bachelor of Arts Degree in elementary education. These programs are delivered through UNI Continuing Education.

2+2 was initiated through the collective efforts of many individuals at UNI, including then UNI President Constantine Carris, DMACC/Carroll Provost Jim Knott and then College of Education Dean Thomas Switzer. According to Art Nes, Carroll 2+2 community advisor and former Board of Regents member, these three personalities initially helped make the partnership successful. He stated, "I knew Deso Carris from my time on the Board of Regents, and we are still good friends." Also, DMACC did not try to make the program into a money-

Feedback From Members

Carl Bolwinkel (2005)

Environmental Issues Instruction, an in-service program for K-14 teachers and their students, continues to take most of my time, just as it did before my theoretical retirement. The environmental issue theme for this year's workshops is "Iowa's Roadside Native Communities: Savanna." I still direct the program from an office in the Center for Energy and Environmental Education.

Nancy Bramhall (2003)

When I retired from UNI in June 2003, I was concerned about how I would adjust to a totally new lifestyle. I am happy to report that I love it! For the last three years, Jon and I have become winter residents of Gulf Shores, Alabama. We love living in the Gulf of Mexico! It's a great place to spend the winter. When I'm at home in Cedar Falls, I enjoy reading for pleasure, lunching with friends and working on various projects for my TTT chapter. We also enjoy visiting our son and his family in Southern California.

Lynn Brant (2007)

This is my second year of retirement, and things are going well. My wife and I like to travel in April and October, which we could not do before retirement. I am still doing research on diatoms (microscopic algae), and I've done some writing and speaking outside my area of research. The year 2009 is filled with many plans, providing health and economy permit.

Ronald Bro (1992)

My wife, Mary, and I are now residing in a Western Home Villa on South Main in Cedar Falls. We are dividing our time between here and our cabin in Northern Wisconsin where we spend most of the summer and fall. Our condo facility here is conducive to traveling, which we continue to enjoy. Last fall we toured the Rockies of British Columbia, visiting Banff, Jasper, and Lake Louise. On this cold winter day in February we are looking forward to April when we will be out attending our 13th Eldershostel. It will be in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Life is good!

David Buch (2007)

After retirement from UNI in 2007 I was appointed Professor of Music at Wayne State University. I resigned from that position last August and accepted a position as a three-year visiting professor at the University of Chicago (Committee on Theater and Performance Studies). Lucia, my wife, accepted a full professorship in pathology at the UC Medical School.

In December The University of Chicago Press published my latest book, "Magic Flutes & Enchanted Forest: The Supernatural in 18th-Century Musical Theater." Also in December Lucia and I were guests of the Neuköllner Opera in Berlin, where they produced a modern staging of an opera I re-discovered in 1987: "The Beneficent Dervish."

Bruce Childster (1999)

Karen and I enjoy life in the Ozarks. During Christmas season I played for Bobby Vinton and had some great concerts with my trumpet group, the Branson Trumpet Ensemble. Karen enjoys her job with the Stone County Water District (two hours a week). Our kids continue to be a blessing, and we are proud of their accomplishments. Scott and David are in Dallas, and Karl is in Chicago. Our grandkids are 15, 9, 6 and 4. We are blessed with good health and many friends in Branson and are looking forward to a wonderful year.

George Day (1994)

I continue to write reviews for the Waterloo-Courier, usually classical music concerts, but recently more and more dramas. I finished and published a book (actually a booklet) of my grandfather's reminiscences. He fought in the Civil War, and when he was a young boy met Abraham Lincoln and then saw him on two other occasions. In the book I reproduce his handwritten recollection of those events.

Sporadically, I try to write my memoirs (though that is much too dignified a term for what I put down). I flew to Boston in June to visit my son, while Clara went to a family reunion in Costa Rica. I have

been steeping myself in history and especially the life and works of Abraham Lincoln. I call on some people in nursing homes, but compared with many of my colleagues I do not do nearly enough community service.

All thanks to the Emeritus Association officers for keeping things going so nicely.

Erv Dennis (1998)

For LaVada and Erv Dennis, 2008 was a banner travel year. We spent 77 nights away from Cedar Falls visiting family, friends, and places such as Phoenix, Antarctica via Chile and Argentina, the Drake Passage, Fairbanks, AK; the Dalton Highway; the Arctic Circle; Coldfoot, the first fuel station north of Fairbanks; Wiseman, AK for two nights; and the North Slope. During the remainder of the year we traveled to Calgary, Fairmont Hot Springs, B.C.; Kansas City; Lewis, DE; Cincinnati; Chicago; Honolulu and Lihoe, HI; Charlotte, NC; and Rochester, MN. Staying home is not an option for us at this time!!!

Albert R. Gilgen (2001)

Our physical universe has pretty much shrunk to Cedar Falls and environs, but with no regrets. While popular among many retirees, extensive travel has little appeal for us now. I was born in Ohio, lived in Switzerland as a small child, went to Princeton (New Jersey) as a undergraduate, met Carol, my wife-to-be, at Bryn Mawr College (Pennsylvania); and sailed to Cuba, New Brunswick, and the Galapagos Islands as an NROTC midshipman at Princeton. After graduation I circumvented the world in a destroyer as an officer in the Navy (1952-55); got married in New York State; and earned my MA at Kent State (Ohio) and my Ph.D. at Michigan State. I spent a year teaching at University College Galway in Ireland on a Fulbright (visiting Switzerland, Paris, and Rome during the breaks); and presented papers in Moscow, Acapulco, Ecuador, Salzburg and Montreal. I taught at Beloit College (1963-73) before coming to UNI. Incidentally, Carol lived in New York, Florida, California and Colorado

More Feedback

before we get married. We're happy to stay home now. P.S., I want to thank Bob Hardman for suggesting that we get stringless shorts. We took his advice recently.

Roger Hanson (1997)

Marilyn and I had a most enjoyable and informative Russian cruise in July. In Moscow we boarded a cruise boat, which served as our floating hotel for two weeks. The Russian staff and guides were all most helpful. Highlights of our five days in Moscow were Red Square, the Kremlin and an exceptional performance by Kirovka, a professional dance ensemble. The Central Museum of the Armed Forces reminded us of the great sacrifices by the Soviets in WWII when 20 million lost their lives. From Moscow we sailed 1100 miles through rivers, canals, reservoirs, lakes and many locks to St. Petersburg on the Baltic Sea near Finland. Along the way we stopped at several small cities and villages. St. Petersburg is a beautiful city established by Peter the Great in the early 1700's in an attempt to modernize Russia as a result of being influenced by his extensive travels in Western Europe. A short

distance from the city itself he built Peterhof, an elaborate summer palace and grounds, to compete with the grandeur of the Versailles in Paris. Great changes have occurred in the transition from the Soviet communist era with some of the citizens profiting much more than others. As tourists, most of our experiences involved cathedrals, museums, historic sites and artistic endeavors with only limited opportunity to learn about the life of ordinary citizens, but it was a great trip.

Virginia Hurb (1999)

I continue to be involved as a volunteer with our neighborhood elementary school through developing and teaching all the science laboratory experiences for about 525 kids, K-4th grade, on a class-by-class basis. My other major volunteer activity involves being the president of a countrywide literacy coalition. This agency provides free ESL and literacy classes to over 100 adults, who range in age from 18 to 77.

As an aside: My husband of 35 years and I do NOT miss Iowa winters and despite of what you might have heard, Florida summers are NOT unbearable.

Larry Kovich (1994)

I continue as President of Consultants for Global Programs. We have a National Board of Directors, including Chair Dr. Les Bath from Wartburg and former UNI's Bob Lenzstamper. We work with southern China on educational and business exchange. CGP also has programs in Cyprus, South Africa, and Central America.

Sarah and I still live in Big Lagoon on the north coast of California. On April 6th, 2008, we had a family reunion and our friends all helped celebrate this event. Dean Bill Callahan visited us last summer to help renew educational relationships with UNI. Best to colleagues and friends.

Ray Koehl (1998)

I continue to cope with inflammation of muscles in my thighs and calves of my lower legs. During January and February of 2008, I completed a series of tests at the Mayo Clinic. They concluded that all of the tests were negative and, therefore, I was in excellent health. That was the good news. The bad news was that the Clinic did not know why I hurt. They prescribed the same medications as those of my doctor in Cedar Falls. I do not experience any relief - I am coping.

This is the twenty-first year in Arizona for Fran and me. We enjoy the warm weather away from the snow and ice in Iowa. Our son, Craig, has retired from the U.S. State Department. Jane, his wife, continues to work as a consultant for the World Health Organization. Daughter Vicki and husband have purchased a home in Arizona about five miles from us. I look forward to seeing the Emeritus' members upon our return to Iowa in April.

Bonnie Litwiler (2003)

I have three things to report:

1. David Darcas and I published our one-thousandth article in a mathematics journal in Scotland.
2. I have just returned from a cruise which stopped at four Caribbean islands and Devil's Island, and then spent several days on the Amazon River.

2+2: Serving Iowans Where They Live

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making proposition and provided many services for UNI without charge." Today UNI President Ben Allen and College of Education Dean Bill Callahan continue to provide their support.

In 2006, UNI's 2+2 program received national recognition for "Best Practices in Collaboration with Community Colleges" from the America Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE). "Receiving a national best practice award means that we continue to work to make the 2+2 program successful for all partners," states Dr. Kaeter. He also points out that the money generated from 2+2 goes back to UNI departments, colleges, and faculty to help the program.

This education program was also one of the first to have students go through the degree program in cohort groups of

students. After graduating, many students have related the importance of the cohort system in helping them both academically and personally to complete their degree programs. The groups of students tend to form a strong bond.

It is interesting to note that most 2+2 graduates stay in their home communities and find teaching jobs. They have made their dreams come true. One recent graduate stated, "It took me a few years to talk myself into starting the program because of my age and stage of life. Now I have a future in a dream job doing something I am good at and care about: Helping children."

(Dr. Kaeter is Professor and Director of the 2 + 2 Program.)

A Celebration: The New Russell Hall

Observations of Dr. John Valentine, Director of the UNI School of Music.

In September of 2008, the UNI campus was filled with the cheers of music lovers, music education advocates, students, fans and friends as the UNI School of Music proudly celebrated the grand re-opening of the newly renovated and expanded Russell Hall. One of the highlights of the weekend was the privilege and honor of seeing almost a dozen of the exceptional Emeritus Faculty members in attendance at the weekend's events.

"The renovation and new addition to Russell Hall is another milestone in the continued growth and development of the School of Music," Director of the School of Music John Valentine noted. "Russell Hall opened in 1962 at a total cost of 1.55 million dollars. In September we celebrated the opening of a \$10-plus million dollar new addition and an extensive renovation of the entire building, that now serves twice as many faculty and three times as many students as it did in the 1960s."

Audiences gathered on Friday, September 26, 2008, to celebrate the rededication ceremony as well as the 27th Annual Scholarship Benefit Concert. As the newly dedicated Hinson Lobby and Bengtson Auditorium filled, student organization leaders led building tours of their exceptional new world-class facility.

"Our educational facilities are now the best in Iowa and among the finest in the United States," Valentine proudly stated. "With the inclusion of the 23 million dollar Gallagher-Hudson Performing Arts Center that opened in 2000, our status of possessing state-of-the-art educational classrooms, labs, faculty and recording studios, practice rooms, rehearsal halls and performance spaces are insured."

While the September celebration was filled with nostalgia and a look back to how far the School of Music had come, the primary focus of the event was on the future. "The UNI School of Music will continue to educate and serve future generations of students in an exemplary manner," Valentine assured.

On Saturday, September 27, a special brunch was held honoring the School of Music Emeritus Faculty. With more than a dozen Emeritus Faculty and spouses in attendance, the morning was a time of laughter, celebration, and acknowledgment of the journey that Russell Hall had enjoyed and how facilities, programs and ideas had changed throughout the experiences of those incredibly talented and dedicated music educators.

In reflecting on the weekend and the impact and value of the Emeritus Faculty Valentine stated, "These faculty members are such an important part of our success and history. It has been an honor to invite many of them back to campus, and we invite all Emeritus Faculty to stop by to see our new facilities."



2009 UNI Emeritus Luncheon

Be certain to mark your calendars for the 20th UNI Emeritus Luncheon, Saturday, May 2nd. We are returning to the beautiful lobby of the Gallagher-Blaedorn Performing Arts Center. The ample parking lot immediately north of the center has both handicap-accessible and other parking. You can ignore the meters! Additional parking is available in two lots across University Avenue, just south of the center.

After a delicious buffet luncheon, we are delighted to present our program. Following a brief progress report of the Imagine the Impact campaign by Bill Calhoun, VP for Marketing and Advancement, our special speaker is Dr. Kurt Meredith, Interim Assistant Provost for International Programs. He will visit with us about how UNI's international programs are responding to these uncertain economic times. Look for the reservation and other details enclosed elsewhere with the newsletter.

Judith Harrington, Luncheon Chair



Campanile
and Marching Band,
circa 1960s

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"As you remember the loss, as you mourn the loss, may you also celebrate the life."

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The Tallgrass Prairies Center: Restoring a National Treasure

By Dr. Daryl Smith

The Tallgrass Prairie Center (TPC) at the University of Northern Iowa serves as a state, regional and national center to promote, educate and provide technical support in advancing understanding and appreciation of prairie and use of native prairie plants in roadside and restoration projects. We think of it as "restoring a national treasure."

Roots of the TPC extend back to 1971 when the author of this article planted the Campus Prairie to begin the UNI Biological Preserves. The Campus Prairie served as an outdoor laboratory for prairie education and a model for reconstruction of original Iowa ecosystems. Recognition from the reconstruction of the Campus Prairie led to my increased involvement in prairie education, preservation and restoration during the next decade.

In the mid-1980s, a grassroots movement of several Iowa counties initiated programs to establish and manage native prairie vegetation in roadways to control weeds, reduce mowing and chemical usage. These Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (IRVM) programs were an instant success generating interest by other counties. Based on UNI's familiarity with native vegetation, outreach capability and experience in prairie reconstruction, preservation, and management, I was asked to develop a program to assist Iowa counties in developing IRVM programs and provide ongoing technical support for established county programs. The UNI Roadside Program was initiated in 1988 with a grant from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The next year the Iowa Legislature established a statewide IRVM program including the UNI Roadside Program and the Iowa Living Roadway Trust Fund (LRTF). Currently 84 Iowa counties have some involvement with an IRVM Program. The UNI-IRVM model has influenced other roadside management programs across the nation and internationally.

Increased use of prairie vegetation in IRVM programs created a demand for

native Iowa seed. In 1996, UNI developed a program to increase seed of Iowa-origin native prairie species. The Iowa Ecotype Project (IEP) was partially funded by Iowa LRTF with initial technical support from USDA-Plant Materials Center at Elsbury, Missouri. IEP's initial goals were to increase the availability and affordability of native seed to meet the demand for Iowa-origin seed for prairie reconstructions and restorations in rights-of-way and other projects. The initial goals were achieved in 2003, but a need still exists for Iowa source-identified seed. IEP collaboration between state and federal agencies and private organizations forged a model that could be adapted to most states. To date it has been used in Missouri, Florida and Texas with interest from Oklahoma and Utah.

UNI's Roadside Program and Iowa Ecotype Project and the Iowa Living Roadway Trust Fund vaulted the state to the national forefront of roadside vegetation management. Iowa's leadership continued through the 1990s into the twenty-first century. The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21) acknowledged Iowa's national role by appropriating funds to create the Native Roadside Vegetation Center (NRVC) at UNI. A warehouse on west 27th street was renovated and occupied by NRVC staff in the fall of 2001. The center under my direction now included a Prairie Institute core, the Roadside Program, the Iowa Ecotype Project and 35 acres for seed production plots.

The Prairie Institute formalized prairie related activities designed by me during the prior three decades. The Institute includes resource management training for undergraduate, opportunities for graduate research, an educational outreach program and consultative services in prairie restoration, reconstruction and management.

The name of the Native Roadside Vegetation Center was changed to the Tallgrass Prairie Center (TPC) on January 1, 2006, to more accurately reflect the full

range of prairie-related activities of the Center.

The award winning film documentary, "America's Lost Landscape: The Tallgrass Prairie," was released in April 2004, culminating ten years of production. This film depicting the original tallgrass prairie and the awesome biological and cultural changes resulting from its conversion to cropland has proven to be a compelling educational experience for all ages. It was recently selected by the US Department of State as one of 30 titles in the 2009 American Documentary Showcase for an international tour of selected American Embassies to offer a broad and diversified look at American life. As the part of educational outreach and technology transfer, the Center recently published a Native Seed Production Manual, and two pending publications. The Tallgrass Prairie Center Guide to Prairie Restoration in the Upper Midwest and Prairie Seedling Identification Guide, are under final review by the University of Iowa Press for publication.

The current use of row crops for biofuel production and plans to significantly increase corn production in Iowa have raised environmental concerns regarding the effect of this demand on non-prime agricultural land and sensitive natural areas. Conversion of such lands to row crops would increase runoff, soil erosion and pollution from fertilizers and pesticides while reducing wildlife habitat and threatening biodiversity. In response to this concern, the TPC initiated an applied research project to determine the optimal mixture of native prairie vegetation for sustainable production of biomass for electrical generation while maintaining wildlife habitat and other prairie conservation benefits. Initial funding was provided by the Iowa Legislature with continued funding provided by the Iowa Power Fund. If the hypotheses being tested are proven successful, diverse mixtures of native prairie perennials could replace row crops, thus providing more useable

Gilchrist Hall: The Five Fires

Construction of the first Gilchrist Hall began in June of 1882 on the campus of the Iowa State Normal School. The building was built under the name of South Hall and cost \$15,010 for the entire project, including the architectural fee. Funding for the building was in part supplied by private donations. Contributors of some of the private funds were "principal" Gilchrist, professor Wright and professor Bartlett. The building housed a 700 seat chapel, a schoolroom, several classrooms, laboratories, a library, literary society halls (study rooms), an apartment for the principal and featured wooden sidewalks. On June 8, 1883, the building was dedicated by Governor Haven Sherman.



South Hall, circa 1883

South Hall was renamed Gilchrist Hall by the State Board of Education in 1915 in honor of James Cleland Gilchrist, the first principal of the Iowa State Normal School. The building went through a series of renovations and additions in the 89 years it was on campus. When fire destroyed Central Hall in July of 1965, consideration was given to renovate the structure for historical reasons. That renovation never happened and the building caught fire in May of 1972. The loss was set at just over one-trillion dollars. The building was demolished in the fall of 1972.

A new 400,000 square foot administrative building had been opened on campus in March of 1965 at a cost of \$665,000. It was called "Administrative

Building" and housed some of the offices that had been in Gilchrist and the "Old Administrative Building." It featured a modular design (movable interior walls) and housed a 1401 IBM computer. The building was designed for an additional floor and the Board was considering the expansion when a fire destroyed "Old Centennial Hall." The loss of office and classroom space prompted the Board to approve an addition to the new Administrative Building in 1968.

In the same year it opened, approval to add on to the new Administration Building was granted. The first version included a third floor, but that was scrapped due to a lack of funding. The money used to fund the addition came from the Central Hall fire settlement and from State appropriations. The budget was \$631,000 and added 27,504 square feet to the east side. Classes were held in the addition until 1973.

In 1975, the building was renamed Gilchrist Hall following the loss of old Gilchrist Hall to be consistent with the other campus buildings named after former presidents.

In 1982, \$45,000 was spent on a project to provide emergency power. In 1983, \$700,000 was used to improve the HVAC systems. In 1985, a \$42,000 project encapsulated the asbestos fireproofing that had been installed in the 1960's. In July of 1987, there was a small electrical fire causing the disruption of services for a few days. In January of 2002, a renovation called the "Integrated Student Services Center" began at a cost of \$1,300,000. The center opened in August of 2004, and its name was changed to the "Sue Follon Student Services Center" to honor the former vice president for Educational and Student Services.

On Homecoming weekend of 2005, fire would again affect Gilchrist Hall when arson set fire to it and two other campus buildings. Baker and Lang Halls sustained minor damage, but the damage to Gilchrist Hall exceeded ten

million dollars. Two million dollars was paid by the State to cover the insurance deductible. The destruction and reconstruction displaced staff for almost three years.

The arsonists gained access to the building by throwing a large rock through a window on the ground floor while under the cover of the walking bridge. The fire was started in the Admissions area with papers in a file cabinet. The evaluation of the damage took over a year. On December 21, 2006, the university reached a settlement with the insurance company. At that time, the total estimated claim was as follows:

- \$7,030,150 Building restoration (code updates included)
- \$1,390,000 Equipment replacement
- \$1,000,000 Extra expense coverage (estimate)
- \$225,455 Furniture replacement in immediate area of fire
- \$100,000 Miscellaneous/unknown items (estimate)
- \$500,000 Fire clean up (estimate)
- \$10,205,000 Total potential claim (estimate)

In January of 2007, two men were charged with three counts of first degree arson. The men pled guilty to three counts of second degree arson. They were sentenced to three consecutive ten-year prison terms and ordered to pay two million dollars in restitution to the state. Both men have since been released from prison.

In March of 2007, the Board of Regents approved a project and budget for the reconstruction of Gilchrist Hall. The project included a total renovation of the interior and a face-lift for the west entrance. Bids were let in July 2007, with the anticipation of having the building staffed and open before classes started in the fall of 2008. While not all of the building services were fully complete, it opened as planned. The building houses the office for the Vice President of Student Affairs, Business Operations,

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3. My next trip is in May when I'll be taking tours of some of the national parks. This time on trains!

Germara Nijim (2000)

I will focus on the good news of 2008.

1. A wonderful trip to Spain and Portugal in the spring, two countries new to me.

2. Hosting a young lady from Turkey for two summer months, after which she started calling me her "Italian Grandma".

3. News of a third grandchild due to brighten our days beginning in mid April.

4. A November conference in Jerusalem where I organized an impromptu demonstration at the Gaza checkpoint just weeks before all hell broke loose. 48 of us representing six countries rented a bus and went to support NGO-officers who were not permitted by Israel to enter Gaza and do their work. They set up a portable table and folding chairs and proceeded to hold their meeting in the parking lot surrounded by the rest of us, under the eyes of angry Israeli soldiers. Our message to the Palestinians in the open prison that is in Gaza was "YOU ARE NOT ALONE" . . . at least in spirit.

5. A visit to my country of birth in December, for twenty full and wonderful days. My Turkish "daughters" met me there.

6. The election of a President who makes me proud!!

As for the bad news--there certainly was plenty, but I will skip over this part.

Lorve Rackstraw (1996)

My news is the completion of a memoir about Kurt Vonnegut, the popular American novelist and essayist with whom I studied fiction writing at the Iowa Writers' Workshop over forty years ago. Based primarily upon our long friendship and written correspondence, "Love As Always, Kurt" will be published by DaCapo Press in April, on the second anniversary of his death. My book examines the experiences, values and political events that shaped much of his writing and public speaking. His four appearances at UNI were attended by overflow crowds.

Lee Thomson (1992)

I am now spending most of my time in Cedar Falls. There are many interesting events to enjoy every week. The arts and athletic events are available in excellent facilities. Playing trombone in UNC's New Horizons Band is fun and challenging. We practice weekly and then play public concerts. About 75 people are in this band. Public service projects and serving on US Bank Board of Directors consumes the rest of my free time. Retirement is great!

Jean Frost (1991)

A message from Barry Wilson: Jean has moved to extended care at the Cedar Falls Lutheran Home. She is recovering from a broken hip, which she suffered in September. Her new address is 1175 University Avenue #228, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613. She sends her greetings to old friends and would welcome visitors.

Ann Vernon (2007)

I'm not a huge fan of retirement, so I try to keep as professionally active as possible. I teach counseling classes in Singapore and Romania and do intensive therapy training workshops in Australia, Holland, Mexico and South America each year. I continue to write and have had two counseling textbooks published in 2008 and another one coming out next month. I am taking up golf and volunteer as a mental health therapist at a clinic that serves low income clients. My spouse, Nile, and I split our time between Tucson and our lake home in Wisconsin. We have an adorable 20-month-old granddaughter.

Mary Yoder (1998)

After serving on the UNI Faculty for twenty-seven years, Yonna and I moved to Kansas where I became the Academic Dean at Hesston College. In 2006 I retired, and we lived in our Colorado cabin while our new home was being built at the north end of the Wet Mountain Valley. We live between the Sangre de Cristo and the Wet Mountains about twenty miles from Royal Gorge near where two other UNI faculty members own residences. We own 35 acres, and we have seen elk, deer, wild turkeys, lizards and a bobcat on our property. Our deck is a great place to relax, and we invite anyone to come and try it out.

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energy, reduced carbon emissions, less agricultural pollution per acre, and greater carbon sequestration as well as renewed soil fertility, cleaner ground and surface waters, and increased wildlife habitat. The project was set back one year when the research plots on marginal floodplain soils were flooded in June of 2008, just three days after the research treatment mixtures were planted.

The TPC programs are operated and managed by the following personnel: one half-time faculty member, four full and two half-time time staff members, six graduate students, five undergraduate students, two associated faculty consultants, and two associated graduate students. The creativity, commitment and hard work of these individuals with funding from UNI, the Iowa legislature, the Iowa Living Roadway Trust Fund, the Iowa Power Fund, the Federal Highway Administration, and the U.S. Dept of Agriculture-Natural Resource Conservation Services have enabled the Tallgrass Prairie Center to become a leader in the development of new programs and applied research related to tallgrass prairie.

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West Entrance Gilchrist Hall, 2008

Financial Aid, Compliance and Equity Management, Career Service, Academic Advising, the Registrar, Disability Services and Vocational Rehabilitation on the upper level. The lower level houses Public Safety, Human Resource Services, International Programs, Admissions and a dozen meeting rooms. Over time, fire has affected Gilchrist Hall five times. The 2007 project included a complete sprinkler system that we all hope will never be used.

Some of the dates, descriptions and pictures used here are from the University's archives.

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