

## From Your 2018 UNIEA Chair

*Judith Harrington, Emerita, Department of Communicative Sciences & Disorders*

Warm greetings to all emeriti, although “warm” is a euphemism, as this is being written just after Cedar Falls received 6.5 inches of snow!

My term as your Chair began in January and runs through this December. On occasion, soon-to-be-emeriti will ask me how one “joins” UNIEA. Answer: If you retire with emeritus/a status, you automatically are part of this group and will receive this yearly Newsletter. Established in December 1986, after years of effort spear-headed by Ross Nielsen, the UNIEA rolls along with no dues, a minimum of “officers,” and under the careful nurturing of UNI’s Advancement Office. If you live in the local area, you will also receive announcements of our lunch/meetings. Local emeriti continue to gather most months at the Cedar Falls Clarion Inn (formerly the Holiday Inn for those of you who left Cedar Falls years ago). Following a buffet lunch, we have intriguing speakers. We’ve had some changes in programming this year. You will not find an invitation to the traditional spring luncheon in this Newsletter! For

the current year (2017-2018), your active Program Committee decided it was time to take a hiatus from that event after 28 years, as it seemed to have run its course with decreasing attendance. Instead, for the 6th year, our December (2017) luncheon was held at Western Home Communities South Campus (at Windridge Dining Room), where emeriti Judy Finkelstein and Jo Duea arranged with catering staff for us to have a fine meal; and Scott Cawelti, Chair of the Program Committee, brought talented UNI student musicians for entertainment. The past two years, Lisa Baronio, Vice President for University Advancement, kindly hosted those events. In April, we are returning to Windridge for our final monthly lunch of the current year, because our speaker will be UNI President Mark Nook; we anticipate a good turnout!

A few links for you to consider: (1) The Association has a website at UNI, tended with our appreciation by Walter Beck, that includes monthly programs, an Association Directory, and other items: [uni.edu/emmeritus](http://uni.edu/emmeritus). While currently undergoing

some updating, you’re encouraged to scroll through it; if you find any errors, please email our secretary Virginia Thulstrup, [virginia.thulstrup@uni.edu](mailto:virginia.thulstrup@uni.edu). (2) Should you continue to have thoughts about UNI that you would like to share with President Nook, you can find the link by going to [uni.edu/president](http://uni.edu/president). Near the top of the page you will find a Suggestion Box for Solutions button. (3) Or for a nostalgic review, do go to the YouTube address below. Joe Marchesani, Media Services, has created a 9 minute 25 second tape showing the advances in UNI technology from 1972 to the present. You will see colleagues from long ago, and perhaps there’s a clip of you in the tape! <https://youtu.be/7bMRO60ganA>.

In closing, my appreciation to cheerful Vice Chair, Gail Froyen, our excellent Newsletter Editor David Duncan, and supportive Program, Advisory, and Scholarship committees. On behalf of the UNIEA, our gratitude to Virginia Thulstrup, Secretary, University Advancement.

## Message From Scott Cawelti, Program Chair

This year’s Emeritus Program Committee (Scott Cawelti, chair, Sue Doody, Jim Lubker, Gene Lutz) are pleased to announce a 2018-19 program that we believe will appeal to current general interests and concerns of UNI’s Emeritus Faculty.

All lunch programs occur on the first Wednesday of the month at the Cedar Falls Clarion Inn (except for December at Windridge) from 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. with summer hiatus from May through July.

These lunches offer monthly golden opportunities for stimulation and collegiality!

See Judy Harrington’s comments in this Newsletter for further details.

**August 1:** Former local physician Mark Louviere on prison life and prison reform

**Sept 5:** Alan Heisterkamp, Director of the UNI Violence Prevention Center on UNI’s current anti-violence programs.

**Oct. 3:** Karen Showalter, Black Hawk County Elections Manager, on upcoming election issues

**Nov. 7:** Eller Scholars on experiences abroad (student panel presentation)

**Dec. 5:** Holiday Dinner at Windridge (music)

**Jan. 2:** Jay Robinson, Director, Cedar Falls Public Library, on CF Library issues and changes

**Feb. 6:** Ryan Frost, Instructor, UNI School of Music, demonstrating and explaining drum circles

**March 6:** Eller Scholars on experiences abroad (student panel presentation)

**April 3:** Jeff Olson, Cedar Falls Director of Public Safety Services/ Chief of Police, on Cedar Falls Public Safety issues

**May 1:** No lunch or speaker currently scheduled

## Emeritus Feedback

### Lee Thomson

Retirement is wonderful! I attend most of the music and athletic events at UNI. The campus is only a five-minute ride from my house. My daughter is with the Iowa Department of Agriculture in Des Moines. Visiting her and other family and friends is enjoyable.

### Robert Krueger

My and Alida Bakuzis' 35+ year project collecting Brazilian slave narratives gained institutional support in Brazil for electronic publication. My Portuguese translations and dramaturgy of Mahommah Gardo Baquaqua's ex-slave narrative collaborated in stage productions in Brazil. My play script "Chicotealma" (Giostri 2014) attracted interest of theater companies. I led the UNI study tour "Global Skills: Brazil" to the Amazon and Brasilia in May. Alida and I conducted research on the Brazilian slave texts in Minas Gerais. I deliver a paper on the slave narratives in Rio de Janeiro in 2018, followed by trips to several capitals to contract publications and stage productions

### Robley Wilson

All in all, Florida remains an okay place, despite being a red state: benign climate, lovely beaches, and no state income tax. Susan retired in December, so now we are both on Medicare—which makes us certifiably ancient, if not yet senile. My fourth novel, *After Paradise*, was published in September, and disappeared without a trace! It was a sad year for our cats; we lost three to various organ failures (heart, kidney, liver). Our two surviving felines act a bit lost. We, on the other hand, are flourishing.

### Roger Hanson

In June, three of my children and other family members accompanied me on a visit to Denmark. Our entire family had lived there for a year in 1966-67 when I did research at Aarhus University (on leave from Grinnell College). It was a good opportunity to see again where we had lived, travelled, and children had attended Danish schools. We renewed friendships with Danish family members

with whom we had been close during that year. In October, all four of my children and families gathered in CF to help me celebrate my 90th birthday.

### Sue Joseph Mattison

After five years as dean at the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay, I came to my senses and returned to Iowa. Since July 2016, I've been serving as provost at Drake University in Des Moines. In our spare time, my husband, Todd, and I enjoy fine arts and music performances, and lead Habitat for Humanity international experiences. Following volunteering in Nepal, we have led builds in Armenia, El Salvador, and Jordan. We hope to lead the next build in Bolivia this summer.

### Steve Corbin

During my five years of retirement, four developments have occurred. First, I'm "trying" to learn the game of golf. Secondly, my wife, Doris Kelley, and I are traveling overseas every summer and we've become snowbirds every winter in sunny La Quinta, Calif., hiking every day in the beautiful Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains. Third, I'm volunteering three days a week as a reading and mathematics tutor in two Cedar Falls and two Waterloo elementary schools. Finally, I've become an every other week non-paid and freelance guest columnist for 69 newspapers in six states, having submitted over 125 Op Eds.

### Antonio Planells

Not knowing what 2017 had in store for my seventh year of retirement, its revelation came in late February and violently unfolded before me. My heart was shattered by the death of my beloved wife, colleague, and best friend Lila. I will remain eternally grateful to the Great Spirit for giving me the blessed privilege to share my life with such an adorable and extraordinary woman. The house in which we lived is now an empty space ready to be sold, but the warming and harmonious home atmosphere she built remains in the air. By the end of spring I will move to New Mexico with our cat and my books in search for a better climate. Already in my eighties, both Faith and

Courage will guide my steps along this elusive and unmeasurable extra mile of my journey ... until we meet again.

### Alice Swensen

After I retired from UNI in 1998 I returned to live in Decorah, Iowa, where I was born. Like a goose, I had been deeply imprinted by Decorah's natural aspects: its trails, cliffs, and waters.

In addition to its nature, I am also connected to Luther College's concerts, lectures, and seminars for life-long learners, aka old folks. This year they offered several: Dante, Psalmody, Nutrition, and Politics. Politics comes up next month and should be interesting, right?

My experiences at UNI prepared me for retirement, for reading, writing, and learning. And, the distance between Decorah and Cedar Falls allows me to continue friendships of a lifetime.

### Germana Nijim

Having finally recovered from whatever everyone else seemed to have, today I went out and shoveled some snow. For old times sake...

I enjoyed the transitory sparkling beauty the snow creates. And the silence. A small, sky-blue bird flew in front of me. It took my breath away!

Travel is always on my schedule: October in Italy and November in occupied Palestine. For the first time I was able to visit the occupied Golan Heights and was touched by the shrinking Palestinian population, their kindness to strangers and their fierce attachment to their land.

The most painful visit was to the city of Hebron, where Israeli settlers are intent on making life as miserable as possible for the people they control.

I look forward to my visit to Brazil in two weeks, and to a sunny and colorful SPRING when I return.

### Robert and Judith Gish

Colleagues, we're saying hello from Albuquerque where at this writing we need rain and snow in our drought-ridden state; however, we are thankful we've had

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no blizzards, ice storms or extreme cold. More importantly, Judy's last PET scan was clear and my new titanium knee is functioning well.

We hope to get back to Iowa in the fall with our Iowa English setter, Bix, who's tired of hunting roadrunners and wants to see some pheasants! Best wishes and fond memories.

### Patricia E. Gross

I retired Aug. 1, 2017, but taught three classes online in the fall and I am teaching a four-class spring semester 2018. So, not completely "retired" from UNI just yet I guess. After surviving the record-breaking heat in Tucson this summer, my husband and I are enjoying the warm and sunny winter we are having now. I have taken up "recreational" music and am loving it. We have been busy remodeling our home, and just trying to navigate this transition to retirement as well as we can.

### Jim Becker

Jeannine and I continue to enjoy our retired life here in Fountain Hills, Ariz., especially the weather. I keep plenty busy three days a week as a guide at Taliesin West, the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture. I am going on nine years now. Enjoy every tour.

I also continue to update my 30 language websites often and have folks from all over the world accessing them. ([www.uni.edu/becker](http://www.uni.edu/becker)) The Hindi site is very popular as well as the Spanish and French. That's about it from down south. I also have fun with my Facebook site.

### Rev. Dr. Loretta Kuse

My sister, Dr. Hildegard Kuse, and I continue to develop and care for the Kuse Farm Museum and Nature Preserve located on our farm.

There we have walking trails with 39 benches marked with QR codes so that visitors with electronic devices can access information about the plants, animals, and historical data associated with those locations. That information can also be found on our website: [www.kusemuseumnaturepreserve.org/main/index](http://www.kusemuseumnaturepreserve.org/main/index). You can use a search engine to readily find some of the nature

topics you may find useful or interesting. We are continuing to write and photograph new material for it. Enjoy exploring it.

We also share a pioneer log cabin and a museum-workroom-event space building where we display historical artifacts and our father's artwork, our artwork and writing, and offer special programs. We have made this available to public, parochial and home-schooled students, teachers and camp counselors, as well as the general public and guests from churches of many denominations.

Our guest book and diary show that we had more than 400 visitors this past year. Their interests have included state and local history, faith, meditation and stress reduction, writing, interviewing, photography, art and crafts, historical agriculture, genealogy and family history, as well as the plant and animal life here at our nature preserve, including the Luna moths and the butterflies we raise. Events for the community have included walks for enjoying fall colors and for learning about spring and fall trees and wildflowers.

We find ourselves shifting frequently from one topic to another, training docents, and creating new materials

We are thankful for the outstanding expertise and service of local workers we have been able to hire to help with general building maintenance, roofing, tree trimming and trail work.

Our gardening activities were raised to "new heights" as we purchased five additional stock watering tanks from a nearby scrap and salvage yard. By filling these raised beds with compost and soil we have reduced bending when working in the garden and have put some of our plants out of range of unwanted animal visitors.

We were interviewed about local history when a Wausau, Wis., television station did a program called "On the Road to Medford." It was fun to hear from friends and former students who saw it. At nearly the same time friends in Australia shared information about their gardening with plants from Papua New Guinea on the Australian Broadcast net. One of my (Loretta's) photos, taken years ago when

I worked in New Guinea, was included in their program. We viewed each other's television presentations via the Internet.

In spring, at the time of the local Maple Fest, we wrote, illustrated and shared a Maple Coloring Book.

We are no longer traveling to distant places, but are all the more astounded at the beauty of what lies just outside our doorstep. Through research, writing and photography we hope that we can share this awareness of and concern for nature in our own back yard with those who are becoming increasingly distanced from it and each other.

In August we were humbled and honored to receive an award from the Taylor County Literacy Council. It is called the HLKuse Legacy Award and was given in recognition of our "lifetime of literacy work sharing our love of Taylor County nature and history with learners of all ages." We are thankful!

### Bruce Chidester

To quote an old and very wise sage, Mr. Billy Preston, "Will It Go Round in Circles?"

Karen and I left the Denton area to start teaching at UNI only three years short of one-half a century ago! And now we are back again and we haven't changed a bit.

I had forgotten how active and musical this area was and it feels wonderful to be back again.

Making the move to the Robson Ranch just 10 minutes south of Denton was a great move for us, for we are finally established in many of the activities offered us at the Ranch.

Karen has been enjoying many of the activities such as the indoor and outdoor pools, Bridge clubs, TaiChi classes, Travel Clubs, UNT classes, and soon to begin Pickleball.

My focus has been drawn to the establishment of the instrumental program here at the Ranch. As instrumental coordinator it is my job to offer a musical outlet to our residents who have had past experience in instrumental performances. In the relatively short time we have lived here the instrumental program has increased from two trumpet players to a regularly rehearsing

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and performing chamber ensemble of more than a dozen fine musicians.

To say that we have retired would be a misnomer, for with all of the activities of our children and grandchildren in the Dallas area we are on the move at all times.

The internet sales continue to keep me busy, as well as two blogs, three Facebook sites and arranging now for more than a dozen ensembles.

### Hugh Beykirch

We book-ended 2017 by being in two totally different parts of the world. We started the year at Halong Bay in Viet Nam and ended the year in Jerusalem. Our summer travels took us by cruise ship from Miami to Livorno where we connected to and spent nine wonderful days in Florence, Cinque Terre, Sienna, Lucca, and Pisa. We visited with family and friends in Germany and finished our European sojourn with a week on the Royal Clipper out of Cannes. Lynne managed to climb the main mast to the crow's nest on her 75th. I passed on that experience and just kept her in focus on my camera. We connected with our American family in Minneapolis and New York in late summer and the fall. The trip to the Middle East was a dream that had been canceled in 2012 for obvious reasons. Getting up there in years, I decided it was time to have the experience NOW! We started out in Tel Aviv, Jaffa, and Haifa, sailed through the Suez Canal and accessed Cairo/Giza, the Pyramids and Sphinx, on to Luxor and the Valley of the Kings and Karnak Temple, Jordan and Petra, and finished with five more days in Israel, particularly Jerusalem. We never felt unsafe and always listened to both sides of the spectrum. One thing we learned again and again was that we should stop telling other countries what to do.

We continue to enjoy our busy lives in Green Valley – when we are here. The most exciting in Hugh's life is that he is in the process of writing. Later in the spring, I'm hoping to finish the first of four novels, all of which are well on their way.

### David Buch

In December 2016 and January 2017, I presented 11 pre-opera lectures for

Mozart's *The Magic Flute* at the Lyric Opera of Chicago. In October 2017, I presented eight pre-opera lectures for Gluck's *Orphée et Eurydice* at the Lyric. I hosted and lectured for the nine-session series "Opera Insider" at the Lyric Opera during the 2016-2017 season and the eight-session series "Opera Insider" during the 2017-2018 season. I delivered the opening remarks and wrote the program notes for the concert "An Afternoon of Chamber Music," presented by the Lyric Opera on Nov. 12, 2016, at St. James Cathedral in Chicago. I also wrote the essays for the Lyric Opera's "Back Stage Pass" on Mozart's *The Magic Flute*. My publications include: "Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Music*. Ed. Bruce Gustafson. New York: Oxford University Press, and "Mozart's Bawdy Canons, Vulgarly, and Debauchery at the Wiednertheater," *Eighteenth Century Music* 13/2 (2016), 238-308.

Lucy and I spent a glorious six weeks with family in Buenos Aires in 2017.

### Bill McKinley

I'm nearing my fifth anniversary of retirement. In the interim I've lost three brothers and a wife.

So my new "normal" is quite different than it was. Still serving St. Stephen's and as Vice Chair of the UNI Credit Union. I'm playing duplicate bridge two to three times a week and golfing a couple times a week when the weather permits. I run into old colleagues often and always have time for a cup of coffee or something a wee bit stronger, to catch up. I now have 12 great grandchildren in addition to two sons and three grandsons and five of them live close.

### Erwin Richter

I have been retired now for 21+ years. Life has slowed down a bit since 1996 but I am still vertical. Pam and I have recently visited the Maritime Provinces and last summer visited Portugal. Needless to say we are thankful for TIAA/CREF. We have a double wide trailer in Florida where we have resided for five months each winter since 1998. Life in Florida is very active for us. Biking, fishing, shuffleboard

and attending happy hours occupy a good deal of our time. Summers are spent in Cedar Falls in a condominium we recently purchased, having sold our home on the Cedar River. We do some volunteer work in Cedar Falls as we do in Florida. I am a very active woodcarver and I like to bicycle. In addition, both Pam and I work out at the Cedar Falls recreation center. Time and the Lord have been kind to both of us.

### Bob Decker

Paula and I are enjoying being missionaries at the Polynesian Cultural Center (PCC), in Laie, Hawaii, since July 2016. We are working with Brigham Young University – Hawaii students who have internships at the PCC. Our lives have changed forever as we work with students who come from 70 countries, mostly from the South Pacific islands and the Pacific Rim countries. At the present time, there are 47 languages spoken and it is amazing how everyone respects each other's culture. The Polynesian Cultural Center is the number 1 tourist attraction in Hawaii and 80 percent of the employees are students from the university. We will be returning to Cedar Falls in late June 2018 and look forward to reconnecting with friends and family. We are hopeful to be living at the Western Home with many of our friends.

### Robert Talbott

Alice and I moved to Normandy Park, Wash., one town south of Seattle, to be closer to our son and his family. We bought a house three blocks from him. Both of us have had physical problems – double vision. Mine has cleared up but Alice still has a problem, but it is improving. I had back surgery last October and the recovery will take six months. I had severe pain that is improving now. I celebrated my 90th birthday Feb. 18. We miss Cedar Falls but not the weather. Our winters are mild and very wet. The summers are not hot but very dry.

### Darrel and Kay Davis

Greetings, friends. Kay and I still live east of Rockford, Ill. Although I sold my cows and baler last year, I have acquired three more tractors – for a total of seven

– since moving to be near our daughter and grandchildren, 14 and 11. Kay is the most sought-after volunteer at the local elementary school, and I have been twice elected Township Supervisor. I am also president of the Boone County Council on Aging Board. We are well and enjoy our travels, golf, and much time with Jack and Elle. We miss our many Cedar Falls-Janesville-Waverly friends.

### **Jim Kelly**

On Feb. 15, 2018, we received my latest book, *Hardwood Journey*, one version of the history of UNI men's basketball. Because it was completely underwritten, 100 percent of sales will go to the men's basketball program. With that project finished, I'm now 30 years into the history of UNI football, which I'll be working on throughout the year, whether in Cedar Falls, or at my summer home in northern Minnesota. I have also been working with one Master's candidate, who should be graduating in May of 2018. Such projects have allowed me to stay connected to the university.

### **Pat Geadelmann**

I retired from UNI as Special Assistant to the President for Board and Governmental Relations in January 2016 after 43 years of service at UNI. While on phased retirement I started serving part-time as Minister of Care and Visitation at First Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, in March 2015. I had received a Master of Divinity degree from United Theological Seminary in 2004. On Jan. 22, 2017, I was ordained at First Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, and continue to serve part time now as Associate Pastor of Care and Visitation. My major responsibilities are to visit the sick and homebound, as well as work with the Deacons. I preach about 12 times a year and am involved in many of the educational and social programs as well. I am enjoying my service with the church very much. Come and visit us!

### **Karen Agee**

Karen Agee, Ph.D., emerita Reading and Learning Coordinator in the University of Northern Iowa Academic Learning

Center, has been named a Fellow by the Council of Learning Assistance and Developmental Education Associations (CLADEA). Fellows are selected based on their significant and long-term contributions to the field and are elected by the current Fellows. Selection as a Fellow represents the highest honor conferred upon professionals in learning assistance and developmental education.

### **Bob Lembke**

My wife (Alice Strand-Lembke) is now in an assisted living facility. Anyone wanting to contact her, please call me. Obviously no more winters in Texas for us. I am in fair health and "hanging in there" as I adjust to our current situation. Best wishes to all emeritus faculty. My current address is 618 Kenwood St., Alexandria, Minn., 56308. Cell Phone: (936) 240-1110

### **David Duncan**

We have enjoyed generally good health this past year, as Helen's autoimmune disease is being kept at bay. We made two trips out to the Philadelphia area to visit our youngest daughter and her growing family. In one visit we participated in Grandparents Day in three classrooms. When we were introduced as visiting from Iowa, several other grandparents looked at us in amazement as though we had come from the dark side of the moon. In another visit we attended a little concert presented by our twin 10-year-old grandsons on the violin and cello at a nursing home. The residents were most appreciative.

We also attended countless concerts in which our trumpet-playing grandson in Iowa City participated. He graduates from high school this spring, so we'll see what comes next. We are blessed to be able to stay busy with friends, family, and local concerts and other activities. Twelve years of retirement have gone by in a flash.

## **New Student Orientation**

### ***Bailey Jimmison, Orientation Coordinator***

UNI has designed an orientation and transition process that begins in the months prior to fall semester, and continues throughout students' first year on campus. UNI freshmen begin by attending a two-day summer orientation program that features meetings with faculty advisors, course registration, presentations and small group activities on the academic and social transition to college, an overnight residence hall stay, and technology sessions. Students are guided through orientation in small groups by summer orientation leaders who work to connect students with each other and the UNI community. New transfer students attend a one-day orientation program with transition topics customized to their unique needs.

Family members participate in concurrent orientation sessions on student health and wellness, financial aid and billing, and how to support students' academic success. Summer orientation brings a great deal of energy to campus in the summer months, as students and families navigate excitement for the upcoming college experience and concerns about big changes ahead in their personal and academic lives.

Next, new students move to campus two days early for the UNI Now extended orientation program. Over 2,000 students participate each year, which include a kick-off event and class photo, outdoor Panther Picnic, receptions and presentations within academic colleges, community events such as Panthers on Main and an exploration of the Cedar Valley trail system, conversations about creating an inclusive campus community, financial literacy activities, and social events. Over 300 student leaders, faculty, staff, and community members pitch in to host UNI Now events, ensuring that our new Panthers are well-prepared to succeed on campus.

Once classes begin, new students benefit from systematic peer mentoring connected

to the Liberal Arts Core (LAC). Faculty members are invited to teach “first-year only” (FYO) sections of existing LAC courses, which include an experienced peer mentor who helps support first-year students through the college transition. Peer mentors attend each class session of their assigned FYO section, meet regularly with their faculty member, coordinate co-curricular activities, reach out to students who are struggling, and hold office hours to assist with students’ academic and personal transition questions. This program has contributed to UNI achieving retention and graduation rates well above the national average, and receiving the Excellence and Innovation Award in Student Success and College Completion from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. More information about UNI’s first-year initiatives is available at [lac.uni.edu/first-year-experience](http://lac.uni.edu/first-year-experience).

## UNI Advancement

*Lisa Baronio, Vice President for University Advancement; President of the University of Northern Iowa Foundation*

When David Duncan contacted me about writing an article regarding the work of the UNI Foundation for your UNIEA Newsletter, I quickly agreed. Since then, I realized the focus of the article did not represent the work of the entire Advancement Team.

Eighteen months ago, the UNI Division of Advancement became integrated not just in name, but in function. The Alumni Relations Team moved from the Alumni House to the Commons and became part of the Annual Giving and Outreach department within the division. This unit integrates Annual Giving, Alumni Relations, Donor Relations, Stewardship and Advancement Communications.

The changes that were implemented strengthened relations across the division and allow us to reap the rewards of synergies, to create alliances, and discover common themes. These changes allow our division to work in close alignment and to

benefit from the work across units.

We found that these changes provide cost savings, increase morale, provide efficiencies to improve and increase alumni and friend engagement opportunities, and better support for our donors.

To increase engagement of our grads, in July 2017 all alumni became members of the University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association. With this transition there are now more than 117,000 living alumni that are members of the Association. This broadens our reach to those who are directly tied to UNI in perpetuity, increasing opportunities to communicate with those alumni. Today, through email, social media, mail and phone, we are able to include tens of thousands more alumni in events, activities and outreach.

It is the directive of the Advancement Division to touch our alumni regularly and to broaden our reach to them and their families and those that are friends of the institution, to educate and engage, and provide opportunities to invest in the future of our students, faculty, staff, programs and facilities. Whether personal connection, or through our outreach opportunities, it is our intent to reach as many of those constituents as possible and to increase support for the betterment of the University.

We thank you for your interest in UNI’s Division of University Advancement and your support of UNI. Thank you as well for allowing us to host your Holiday Luncheon for the last two years. It has been an honor to work with you and to provide opportunities to connect with you.

## UNI Athletics

*David Harris, Director of Athletics*

The month of February marks two years since I have had the privilege of serving as the athletics director at UNI. It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to serve in this position. My family and I are now settled into the community and feel very excited about the future of UNI athletics. Before talking about our future, let’s take a look back at an unforgettable and record-breaking year in 2017.

Our success begins in the classroom as UNI student-athletes continue to set high standards. Eleven teams had a 3.0 or higher semester GPA in the fall of 2017 and 13 of our teams have 3.00 or higher cumulative GPA.

Competitively, Panther fans found that there was a lot to be proud of as our teams’ accomplishments included:

The UNI women’s basketball team earned the program’s third trip to the 2017 NCAA Tournament – and the first as an at-large selection into the field.

The Panther wrestling team finished 18th at the 2017 NCAA Championship meet and won the Mid-American Conference regular season dual title by going undefeated in league action at 8-0.

The UNI softball team captured its third regular season Missouri Valley Conference championship by going 20-6 in league play.

The football team qualified for the NCAA FCS playoffs for the 19th time in school history.

First-year head coach Bruce Erickson guided the Panther soccer team to school records in wins (14), goals (34), assists (29), shots (309) and shutouts (11).

The UNI volleyball team earned the school’s 21st berth into the NCAA Tournament by earning an at-large bid into the field and secured the program’s 15th all-time NCAA Tournament victory.

It was also a record-breaking year in fundraising as the Panther Scholarship Club set a cash record of \$1.52 million during the 2017 year.

Challenges for the future include increasing revenue, upgrading facilities, increasing attendance at events and elevating the level of competitive success across the board for all sports. In order to help us achieve this goal we will be introducing a strategic plan for UNI athletics in 2018. This plan will set the direction for the department for the next five-year period and ensure that the student-athlete experience will be at the forefront of all our efforts. Thank you for your support of UNI Athletics. We hope to see you at an event in the near future.

## UNIEA Leadership

The UNIEA is governed by the Chair, Vice Chair, and the Advisory Council, who are approved each November to begin the following calendar year.

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## Necrology 2017-2018

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

### Deceased Emeritus

Mrs. Diane Albertson (Robert) 04/20/2017	Dr. Rex Karsten (Laurie) 12/11/2017
Dr. Scharron A Clayton (Webster) 6/11/2017	Dr. Michael S Spencer (Susan) 8/21/2017
Dr. Lee Courtnage (Henrietta) 1/5/2018	Dr. Godfrey “Garf” Stych 11/26/2017
Dr. Eleanor B Crownfield 04/02/2017	Mrs. Cheryl Timion 10/28/2017
Mr. Don Gray (Barbara) 8/20/2017	Dr. William Waack (Beryl) 1/12/2018
Dr. Leslie W Hale (Colleen) 8/1/2017	Dr. Robert Waller (Linda Bow) 03/10/2017
Mr. Albert Charles “Chuck” Haman (Peggy) 3/25/17	Dr. Francis J “Doc” Winter 9/20/2017

### Spouses of Deceased Emeritus

Mrs. June Harris (Edwin) 2/04/2018
Mrs. Sydell Hollman (Telford) 11/21/2017
Mrs. Dorothy Kelso (Paul) 12/14/2017
Mrs. Frances Kuehl (Raymond) 10/13/2017
Mrs. Joanna Maricle (William) 1/22/2018
Mrs. Connie Middleton Riggs (Caryl) 7/06/2017



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## A Message from the Vice-Chair

*Gail Froyen*

Many of you may remember Dr. Lyle Schwarzenbach. He entered SCI as a freshman in 1962 and became a faculty member in 1969. Lyle loved UNI and referred to the university as family. He held countless positions at UNI including Co-Chair of the campus component of the \$25 million UNI Capital Campaign. He was actively involved in this campaign when, en route to his son's spring football game at the Air Force Academy, the small plane he was piloting crashed south of Denver, Colo., Friday, April 16, 1993. Lyle was 48 years old.

A few years earlier, Lyle and Len Froyen were preparing the memorial service for a long-time UNI faculty member. Lyle remarked, "UNI should have a meaningful way to recognize University people at

their memorial services or wakes." Lyle suggested a casket drape or certificate would be a fitting way to recognize the deceased as a member of the University family.

A few months later when Schwarzenbach died in the tragic crash his idea became a reality as his wife, Arlene, designated memorial funds to produce the drape and purchase the certificates.

The University of Northern Iowa accepted the Lyle Schwarzenbach Memorial to honor and commemorate with gratitude the dedication and loyalty of its faculty and staff who have served the institution for 10 or more years.

Lyle's idea of a drape and certificate came to fruition through the efforts of his wife,

Arlene, Len Froyen and others. The drape was designed by renowned Cedar Falls artist and UNI graduate Gary Kelley. The family will also receive a handsome certificate, bound in a University of Northern Iowa diploma frame, to serve as a lasting gesture of thanks. The interior of the certificate reads:

"The university family expresses its gratitude and honors the memory of \_\_\_\_\_name\_\_\_\_\_ for his/her matchless presence and countless contributions to the University of Northern Iowa"

Richardsons and Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof know the procedure, will notify the university and have a drape available.