

From Your UNIEA Chair

Judith Harrington, Emerita, Department of Communicative Sciences & Disorders

Last year, my column to you began with a note that Cedar Falls area had just experienced over 6 inches of snow. Well, we have far surpassed that in February this year, at the time of this writing. Amazingly, UNI closed because of snow depths on more than one occasion so far this month!

Elsewhere in this Newsletter you will find the list of all our current officers, committee members, and special support personnel. I encourage you to at least skim through that article; you may recognize some familiar names. In case you are wondering how decisions are made about your leadership: due to the reality of getting things done, only UNIEA members who are locally available and participate in our monthly lunches are “tapped” to assist in keeping UNIEA running. In another Newsletter article (UNIEA from College of Education to UNI Foundation), perhaps you’ll get a smile when perusing how difficult it was over 30 years ago for our predecessors to establish our Association—politics as usual!

For the second year, you will not find an invitation to the traditional spring luncheon in this Newsletter! For the current year (2018-2019) again, 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 7th year, our December (2018) luncheon was held at Western Home Communities South Campus (at Windridge Dining Room). For the first six years, emeriti Judy Finkelstein and Jo Duea arranged with catering staff for us to have a fine meal and program, juggling all the behind-the-scenes details flawlessly. Judy F. and Jo understandably have chosen to step away from that leadership, and we are most fortunate that emeritus Randy Hogancamp stepped up. Attendance has continued to grow, and this past December was no exception. About 90 joined in the festivities. Indeed, it appears that a major December event has taken the place of the traditional spring luncheon. Although my crystal ball is frosted over as I write this, my hunch is that the new tradition is now firmly in place. This was the third year the UNI Foundation graciously hosted the entire event.

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/emeritus. You’re encouraged to scroll through it; if you find any errors, please email our secretary Virginia Thulstrup, virginia.thulstrup@uni.edu. (2) As noted last year, 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, then to the link Office of the President. Near the top of the page you will find a Suggestion Box for Solutions button.

As always, 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.

In closing, as December 2018 came to an end, Lisa Baronio, VP of Advancement and President of the Foundation, left UNI after 3 ½ years. We are deeply indebted to her enthusiasm and ongoing interest in our organization and wish her much happiness and success in the future. Please note the separate article introducing you to Bruce Mack, Ph.D., who is serving as interim through June 30, 2019.

Message From the UNI President

Mark A. Nook, President

We are continually faced with great opportunities – brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems.
John W. Gardner

This July 5, we will have been known as the University of Northern Iowa for 52 years and 5 days, one day longer than any other name in the history of our institution. In those 52 years much has changed. Most of those changes were brought about as a response to opportunities that at first may have seemed like insoluble problems.

As we prepare to celebrate a major milestone, our sesquicentennial, in 2026, we are working to identify the opportunities/challenges that the university must take up in order to continue to be a leader in higher education for the 30 to 50 years that follow.

Our most immediate challenge is enrollment, as it is throughout higher education nationally. Enrollment at UNI has seen ups and downs over the past 4 decades, with peaks in 1980, 1991, 2001, and 2011. We are currently in an enrollment low and need to focus on building a strong and sustainable student body that is reflective of the changing demographics of the state. We have put in place several processes that are aimed at increasing enrollment over the long term. These include developing an integrated approach to marketing and communication, developing and marketing a clear brand, targeting particular school districts to increase our market share, and working with the regents and legislature to make sure our tuition is competitive with our peers.

The demographics of our state are changing and as a university we must adapt to meet the challenges this brings. Current estimates indicate that the number of students graduating from Iowa high schools is to increase from 34,570 this past spring to 36,902 in 2032, an increase of only 2,332 graduates. Over this same time period the number of minority graduates in the state will increase by 2,580 and minorities will represent 22% of Iowa’s

high school graduates. As an institution with an obligation to educate all students equitably, we must look for ways to recruit, retain, and graduate students from all backgrounds. We are improving our outreach to minority populations in Iowa's high schools and working to make

sure that all students achieve at the same levels of success.

As emerita and emeritus faculty members, you helped this institution through our earlier challenges and created many of the opportunities that are now our signature programs and the

foundation of our reputation. Thank you for your work to build UNI and for your continuing commitment to our success.

Panther Proud!

Emeritus Feedback

Ronald Bro

My retirement from UNI in 1992 opened up a new era for me of teaching and traveling in foreign countries. As a Fulbright Scholar, I was able to teach and travel in Egypt and Zimbabwe, Africa. These experiences led to other opportunities to travel or serve in other countries, including South Africa, Ghana and Israel. My wife Mary and I now live at The Western Home and enjoy going on their tours of the USA. I also enjoy serving on the Eller Scholarship Screening Committee for UNI students desiring to study abroad.

Lee Weber

Lee Weber recently retired from the Department of Teaching after 27 years at UNI. Lee's professional interests include First Amendment Rights of Educators and Students, and Small Group Instruction in Secondary Classrooms. He regularly conducts workshops on the topic of "Teaching About Religion in the Public Schools." Lee was NUHS Golf Coach for 20 years, and was inducted into the Iowa Coaches' Hall of Fame in 2012. Wife Lou was PLS librarian for 12 years and then worked in the Youth Department of the CF Public Library. They have 5 adult children and 2 grandchildren.

Kenneth L. Lyftogt

The worst part of retirement is the loss of day to day contact with wonderful, accomplished colleagues. The best part of retirement is to be able to babysit my grandson; getting to know him is an old guy's joy. The major accomplishment after retirement has been the completion of my ten year project, a three volume history of Iowa and the Civil War. Volume One, "Free Child of the Missouri Compromise", was published in April to very good reviews.

Jim Becker

I look forward to reading about colleagues in the UNIEA Newsletter. Jeannine and I call Arizona home now for ten years in Fountain Hills. Lowell Hoeft, my Lab School colleague for years, came for a visit and we had lunch and caught up on our lives at PF Changs in Tempe. Amazing guy he is. Travels the world and has so many friends. Me, I remain a guide at the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture in Scottsdale. Come and take my 90 minute tour. I meet people from all over the world and get to speak lots of French.

John Tarr

After 20 years living in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, I can say that this is where I belong. I enjoy following the local teams, in particular the Rockies, Nuggets, and Broncos. My retirement community is perfect for me, but I also enjoy eating out at local restaurants, especially Cajun and Mexican. Several days a week I play bridge and go to movies or concerts. My exercise consists primarily of shuffling/dealing cards, chewing food, applauding performances and walking nearby trails. Life is good!

David Whitsett

I have been living in Kerrville, Texas for about the last 5 years, but I recently moved about 300 miles north to Grapevine, TX. Both of my daughters live here and they convinced me it would be a good idea if I moved closer to them. They found me a very nice home with a fine, big garage for my three BMW motorcycles, which I ride almost every day. There are some very pleasant trails around the lakes here, and that is important to me since I still walk about 40-60 minutes each day.

I am in the process of getting oriented to the new location, including arranging bank accounts, medical people and volunteer opportunities. Grapevine is a nice town but it is located

between Dallas and Ft. Worth so there is a bit more traffic than I would prefer. But I can take one of the bikes and get to the twisty roads of Arkansas in just a day's ride so I'm sure I will adjust. And, of course, there is no snow!

Mike Klassen

Retired June 30. Lived in Santa Barbara since January 2018. Swim in the ocean every day, one mile. Spend time promoting my last book, Hippy Inc.

John Swope

In 2013, John Wilson Swope and Mary Jo Wagner retired to Nags Head, NC. He participates in a weekly watercolor studio through the Dare County Arts Council. Via home exchanges, they've traveled to Puerto Plata, San Francisco, Paris, and Puerto Vallarta. Recently, they witnessed the great migration of zebra, wildebeest, and numerous species of antelope across the Serengeti. They also saw elephants, giraffes, ostriches, lions, cheetahs, leopards, and rhinos from the Land Cruiser in numerous game reserves. They also enjoy several home football games at Virginia Tech each season, and frequently have friends and family visit their ocean-side beach house.

Jim Kelly

January 2018 I had *Hardwood Journey: a history of UNI basketball* printed and ready for sales. As with *Tutors to Panthers: a brief history of UNI athletics*, *Hardwood Journey* was underwritten so all proceeds from the sale of the book would be directed to the UNI basketball program. Since that release, I've begun to write the history of UNI football. I'm calling this book, *Gridiron: a history of UNI football*. With some 61,000 words at this time, I'm into the early 1970's, the Stan Sheriff era. Once completed, this book will be printed and released with all proceeds directed to the UNI football program. As with both previous

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books, this one is a puzzle to put together as the content materials are all over the university and elsewhere. Loaded with photographs, a key photo features Kurt Warner and Mike Hudnutt with Leo Kagan, the oldest living football player at 103 years young. It is a joy to find these treasures and bring them to the pages for future readers to enjoy.

Bruce Chidester

Texas has been good to us, for this starts our second year living there. Robson Ranch, where we now live, is a wonderful 55+ community which offers everything we need and could ever want.

When first moving to Robson Ranch, it was my goal to establish an instrumental program, and currently we are rehearsing and performing with the Robson Chamber Ensemble (20 members), a Saxophone Quartet, A Wind Quartet, a Dixieland Band as well as smaller ensembles in the area. Arranging the music for these ensembles has kept me very busy.

David Buch

Hosted and lectured for the nine-session series "Opera Insider" at Lyric Opera of Chicago (2017-2018 season). Wrote and recorded the commentary on "La Traviata" for Lyric Opera's website. Wrote the program for the Salzburg Festival production of Mozart's "The Magic Flute." In June Lucy and I were guests of the Tiroler Landestheater in Innsbruck, Austria for the production of my edition of the opera "The Philosopher's Stone." I also participated in a panel discussion on Mozart's contribution to the music. And Lucy and I again spent a glorious six weeks with family in lovely Buenos Aires.

Germana Nijim

This past year was full of surprises. In a totally unexpected birthday party, I found friends from around the US in my son's (Sharif) house, ready to celebrate my 80th birthday. Some of these friends I had not seen in years. It was a breathtaking event! We laughed, I cried with joy. We celebrated with Asti Spumante and with delicious food that my daughter-in-law (Allison) had prepared. She made not one, but THREE birthday cakes for me, each one better than the others. Did I tell you that she is a SUPERB cook? and a generous person?

Two days after that I flew to Italy, where I spent a month in the fantastic Veronese mountains. My hosts and I walked on trails in the woods, and climbed to a challenging 1200 meters from the 800 meters where the house was. My legs still felt strong and secure. I took long breaths, filling my lungs with as much of that mountain fragrant air as I could.

Another birthday gift was a couple of days in Trieste, where I had never been. (My Veronese hosts inserted me into their family ten years ago. Lucky me!) We visited the Miramare Castle, where Queen Victoria lived with Prince Albert. From each room in the round castle one can see the sea. Dream like!

Faris (my first born) came to be with me for my lonely wedding anniversary. His presence brought me much unexpected joy.

All in all, life is good, as Faris reminds me. I am grateful for many, many things. And I am happy.

Leonard Curtis

In September 2018 Leonard Curtis moved his residence from Waterloo to Webster City, Iowa, the place of his birth. He is currently renovating two houses located within a block of the house where he grew up. One of them, his residence, is a 1915 Craftsman bungalow that his cats absolutely adore. The other one is an 1878-1888 Folk Victorian with Second Empire details where efforts are devoted to establishing a studio and gallery.

Jerry Intemann

Since my retirement in 2013 as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), my wife, Chris, and I have been enjoying the good life in western rural Pennsylvania with our two Portuguese water dogs at our home located on 20 acres of mostly woods and wildlife. Our continued good health has enabled us to engage in a fair amount of travel, including international trips to Norway, New Zealand, Spain and France, as well as trips to Montana, Iowa, and Wisconsin to visit our children. We have also returned several times to UNI to see old friends and former colleagues.

Phyllis L. Baker

After my retirement from UNI I went to work at the University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign. I started as a Special Assistant for the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Full Teaching Professor in the Department of Sociology. Since that time I have moved into the Office of the President of the University of Illinois System, where I am currently a Special Assistant to the President and Acting Director of Academic and Research Initiatives for the Discovery Partners Institute. In this role I serve as the chief academic officer and provide leadership to and assure the integrity of academic program development, curriculum, shared governance, academic policies and procedures, instructional delivery, and student life.

George Glenn

A couple of years ago Sandy and I made the decision to move from our 50-year-old house on Tremont to a new under-construction "villa" in the Western Home Communities. We found that we are surrounded by numerous UNI emeriti.

We've also been traveling (Europe mainly), enjoying our eight grandchildren, playing bridge and golf (for George). George has been working on an update, revision and expansion of his and colleague Richard Poole's 1993 *The Opera Houses of Iowa*. This necessitated considerable travel with Sandy as navigator, followed by hours on the computer, and the book will be published this year.

Hugh Beykirch

It's still hard for me to believe that I retired twenty years ago. Starting the year in Jerusalem was an eye-opening experience in more ways than one. In retrospect, we were glad that we were there before more serious confrontations presented challenging scenarios for travelers and visitors. We enjoyed a transatlantic cruise that allowed us to visit numerous charming places on the Emerald Isle. Thank goodness, we did not have to deal with Brexit issues. We were pleased that we had visited Iceland under more pleasant weather conditions a couple years earlier; the first part of May with freezing temperatures and driving snowstorms was not to our liking, being conditioned to low humidity and warmer temperatures after living in sunny Arizona for more than fifteen years. Visits to

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the Vaterland with family and friends made for a couple of enjoyable weeks. Between entering numerous art competitions, I succeeded in publishing “The Blue Sapphire Amulet” under my pen name Harald Lutz Bruckner in September. It’s available in paperback and “E” format by Amazon, B&N, and the usual outlets on the net. Having gone through the hoops of publishing once, it ought to be easier with subsequent ouvrages.

Bob Washut

My first year of retirement has been busy and rewarding, through composing/performing, travel, golf, reading, and exercise. Travel has included trips to New York City (jazz clubs), Kansas City/St. Louis (golf & baseball), and St. Martin (sun & sea). A trip to Florida is planned for March for the St. Louis Cardinals’ spring training. Upcoming professional activities scheduled are 1) guest artist with the Nebraska Jazz Orchestra, 2) jazz composer-in-residence at the University of Montana, and 3) adjudicator for the Arizona State University Jazz Festival. (And, of course, visiting my 2.5 year old granddaughter whenever possible.)

Janey L. Montgomery

I have enjoyed my relocation in Des Moines, Washington, a suburb of Seattle near my son’s family. I continue to work online with UNI’s Camp Adventure with their early childhood internships on military installations around the world. Recently I joined the Rotary Club of Des Moines and Normandy Park and have enjoyed assisting with their charitable events including the Des Moines food bank and especially those that involve the local school district, such as giving a Houghton Mifflin School Dictionary to every 3rd grader in the 4th largest school district in Washington and enhancing lives of at risk and homeless teenagers with clothes and food via local high schools.

Loretta Kuse

My sister Hildegard and I are further developing the nature facilities and materials that we share at no cost to the students and educators at the nearby elementary and high school as well as with the general public. We were delighted to know that information we have provided has been used by others throughout the United States and beyond. Check out our web address at:

<http://www.kusemuseum-naturepreserve.org/main/index.html>

Dhirendra Vajpeyi

This is my 4th year of retirement. I have been somewhat busy in activities which I have always enjoyed. In January 2018 I took a 10 day vacation in Cancun, Mexico to finalize my book “Globalization Reappraised: False Oracle or a Talisman” (Lexington 2018). In November I was invited to make a keynote presentation on “Emerging Realities and Perspectives on Global Governance” at the Institute of Philosophy, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, China.

In 2019 my coedited book “Contestations in Global Civil Society” will be published. I am one of the co-organizers of a Conference on “International Peace and Security” to be held in Nagasaki, Japan on August 8-11. I will be attending the conference.

On family front I am doing fine. My older son Eashaan is an attorney with Ball, Kirk and Holm in Waterloo, and the younger son Varun is with IT program, University of Colorado, Denver. Both are doing well. I will be going to India for 15 days (Feb. 26-March 14) to visit my sisters, brother, nephews, nieces and friends .

One thing I miss in Cedar Falls is a good restaurant for lunch.

Ruth Ratliff

I have been teaching, with a Jewish and a Muslim woman, courses related to Women & Religion through UNI’s Lifelong University and Wartburg College’s Keep on Learning program. During the past year, I also have increased my involvement in monthly suppers for an interfaith group of women. It continues to be rewarding to serve as a deacon at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, whose monthly newsletter husband Jan Robbins and I edit. I also enjoy participating in a book discussion and some study groups and taking remedial piano lessons through UNI’s Community Music School.

Myra Boots

Ray and I hope that all you retirees are having a busy and joyful retirement. Ours borders on the dull, dull, dull. Ray suffered a severe stroke over five years ago and is now a hemiplegic. He has learned to do many thing with his left

hand and arm, but the going is slow. I have remained in our home as Ray now resides in New Aldaya Lifescapes on the extended care floor. I visit every morning and afternoon for several hours each, so my activities within the community have been drastically reduced. We can no longer attend, but we follow all UNI sports on TV and radio. Our life has slowed to a snail’s pace but at least we are still together. Love supports and endures forever.

Victoria Robinson

My retirement from UNI after 28 years of service began in June, 2018. Taking the words of wisdom from retired colleagues, I am not rushing into major projects, commitments or part-time work. Instead, my time is now spent reading novels, traveling and spending quality and relaxed time with my two daughters in Phoenix and Minneapolis.

Travel has been wonderful: A Caribbean cruise, beach time on Sanibel Island, site-seeing in Virginia, lake-side relaxation on the shores of Lake Erie and exploration of Savannah. Next two trips include a return to Sanibel in March and a visit to Quebec City in October.

When people ask me how I am adjusting to retirement, I respond, “I had been a human doing for 48 years. Now I am a human being.” Life is good!

Jim Chadney

In past Newsletters, I’ve mentioned several trips abroad that Bobbi and I have taken since my retirement. I’m afraid those trips have come to a screeching halt. My health has deteriorated significantly over the past few months and I’m pretty much restricted to local road trips.

Paul Whitson

I am privileged to share several hundred pencil sharpeners from my collection in the inaugural Elena Diane Curris Biennial Design Exhibition: The Reach and Richness of Design, UNI Gallery of Art, October 8 - November 16, with lectures by Jessica Barness (UNI alumna, Kent State U) and Dennis Ichiyama (Purdue U), an endowment in memory of Elena by the Curris family. It was a pleasure to again visit with Deno, Jo, Robert and his wife Bobbi--especially Robert and Bobbi, as I had Robert in summer class during Deno’s tenure at UNI and Bobbi is a native of NW Arkansas, as am I.

It was my honor to again collaborate with exhibit curator Roy Behrens on his final exhibition at retirement following our 45-year friendship and first collaboration on a publication in 1976. Best wishes, Roy and Mary. And, many kudos to Director Darrel Taylor for the ease of participation and security at the Gallery of Art.

Antonio Planells

Last June I moved permanently to the old Village of Corrales--adjacent to the city of Albuquerque, where 39 years ago I met my beloved wife, colleague, and best friend, Lila, at the University of New Mexico. February 21 was the second anniversary of her transition.

I am now living alone with Miss Iowa, our devoted cat, and with some of my remaining books, a few necessary personal belongings, and a broken heart, trying to make sense of the rest of my life. Fortunately, a few friends and distant relatives are my occasional contacts. I keep reading and writing as usual, and I am a new member of the Advisory Board of the Corrales Senior Center, and also a volunteer at the Corrales Community Library. In both places I organize and participate in round tables on the 'phenomenology of grief', 'therapeutic humor', and 'conversational Spanish'. Supporting

groups for seniors living alone, and church activities complete my new routine.

Having left behind the calamitous weather of the Midwest, I am experiencing a considerable relief in my asthmatic condition. At the same time, I am enjoying this magnificent climate, the beauty of the Sandia mountain range, and the colorful Native American and Hispanic cultural environment.

Finally, this extra mile in my journey to the Other Side is allowing me to reflect upon the real meaning, purpose, and value of life and relationships ... with my feet on the ground and my eyesight on the sky. The rest--like Paul Verlaine used to poetize--is just literature.

Lee Thomson

This has been a busy and pleasant year with lots of activities in this part of Iowa. One of the highlights away from here was attending and participating in events at the Central States Shrine Convention in Branson, Missouri. We played and paraded in this fine event. Also spent some time at the College of the Ozarks close to Branson. This is a very interesting and worthwhile institution.

David Duncan

My 13+ years of retirement have gone by in a flash. These have been good years for my wife Helen and myself, as we enjoy reasonably good health, with help from several doctors. We enjoy time with our friends, church activities, and many musical performances. We also enjoy the development of our grandchildren. The oldest four include a musician, an engineer, a nurse, and a trumpet major in college. Our youngest four are in elementary school in Pennsylvania--we wish they were nearer, but enjoy the times we can be together.

When I was employed at UNI, I enjoyed my work very much, and wondered how much I would miss it. I have found that I value my memories, but have no regrets about leaving. Retirement is a new chapter with its own rewards and rhythms.

Mary Bozik

The best thing about retirement for me is spending our winters in Sarasota, Florida. In addition to enjoying the ocean I play mahjong with a couple groups here. In Cedar Falls I enjoy volunteering at the Tourism Center and serving on the Friends of the Library Board.

Introducing the Interim VP and President of the UNI Foundation

Judith F. Harrington, UNIEA Chair

As noted at the end of your Chair's column, Lisa Baronio left the position of VP for Advancement and President of the UNI Foundation at the end of December 2018. To provide adequate time for a nation-wide search for her replacement, on January 10, 2019 Bruce Mack, Ph.D., began duties as interim VP of University Advancement and President of the UNI Foundation. Dr. Mack most recently served as director of Development for Regional Programs at University of Nevada, Reno. He also served as associate VP for Development and Alumni Relations and associate executive director and secretary of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation. His credentials and experiences were lauded by UNI President Mark Nook:

"Bruce is a skilled administrator with a background in managing professional and

volunteer relationships, marketing, organizational enhancement, and program development. His expertise with fundraising and capital projects will transition well to UNI, and his leadership will lay the foundation for the permanent Vice President of University Advancement."

Dr. Mack said: "I am grateful to President Nook and other members of the campus community for the opportunity to come to the University of Northern Iowa. I am impressed with what the university has achieved to date in raising private gift support and look forward to working with people on campus to identify new and increased sources of philanthropic support." Upon the end of his time with us, Dr. Mack will return to the home he and his wife have established in Louisville, Kentucky, having relocated from Reno.

Credentials of Dr. Mack include the Ph.D. in

Higher Education Administration from the University of Michigan, an M.A. in Adult and Continuing Education and a B.A. in Political Science from Michigan State University. Before his time at the University of Nevada, Reno, Dr. Mack served numerous colleges and universities in advancement and development roles.

I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Mack to explain how it is that our Association is located within the Foundation. He was most gracious during our conversation, and I learned that he had been involved with emeriti at another institution. Although he cannot make any decisions that extend longer than June 30, your UNIEA leadership is hopeful that Dr. Mack and the eventual permanent successor will continue the generous support of our Association that has become the Foundation's tradition.

UNIEA from College of Education to UNI Foundation: And other Tidbits along the Way!

Judith F. Harrington

Back Story. Well over a decade ago, as I became more involved in the UNIEA, I was handed a thick tome titled *A Review of the History and Development of Emeritus Status at the University of Northern Iowa and its Predecessor Institutions 1876-1996*, authored by Ross A. Nielson and published by the UNI Foundation and UNIEA. What a yawner, huh? Guess that depends on whether you might have any curiosity about how our modest organization came to exist! I can assure you, that just as with so many issues we all experienced in our years at UNI, forming an emeritus organization only occurred with the enthusiasm and persistence of some of our predecessors, in this case led by Ross Nielsen, whom many of you will remember as Head of the Department of Teaching, retiring in 1986. His impetus arose from conversations with a former student and long-time friend who was on Southern Illinois' faculty where they had an Emeritus College. Ross initially thought UNI should organize one, as well. He knew protocol for certain, so he obtained approval for the general idea of an emeritus organization from then-President Deno Curris and Provost Jim Martin, then formed a steering committee of seven emeriti from various sectors of the university—followed by a proposal and survey sent to emeriti at the time. From the gathered data, Ross and his committee forged ahead.

The book includes a history of retired faculty issues from earliest days of our institution by

all its names and many related documents (such as University Faculty Senate minutes, minutes of all the early organizational meetings, lists of emeriti from 1919 through 1986, etc.).

What to call the organization? Ross was enthusiastic about an Emeritus College. But as minutes of the UNI emeritus faculty on December 3, 1986 reported, it was decided that didn't fit with the traditional use of College on our campus. Thus was born UNI Emeritus Association (UNIEA) "understanding that at some future time the title Emeritus College may be given consideration as being more appropriate (p. 88)." We know that never happened!

What were the purposes? That first steering committee had many lofty objectives for UNIEA. The only ones that survive over 32 years later are to:

- provide an ongoing "roster" of emeriti—which currently occurs both in a biennial published booklet and on our website;
- distribute an annual Association newsletter; and
- "provide a program of social activities which would promote collegiality and friendship among emeriti (p. 73)"—i.e., our 9-10 monthly lunches and programs per year for local emeriti.

What I found particularly important to many of us 'grandfathered in' to this day was the energy of the early officers. Quoting: "In 1991, a dedicated and tenacious UNIEA ad hoc committee (Harry Guillaume, Richard Lattin, Edward Voldseth) worked with the university administration to develop a change in policy that enables emeriti to continue their participation in the UNI health and dental insurance programs beyond the age of seventy (p. 74)." Further, in 1994, then-UNIEA Chair Ray Kuehl and the Advisory Council received the University Faculty Senate's endorsement to add posthumous emeritus recognition of "qualified, deceased former members of the faculty (p. 74)."

What about College of Education to UNI Foundation? Wading through all the detail of Ross' book of the journey for faculty to be recognized as emeriti, I'll share with you just one more item at this time: how the University Foundation became home to UNIEA. Ross wrote that from 1986-1994, secretarial support and office space "were provided by the Dean of the College of Education in the Office of Educational Research and Development.... In 1988, [UNIEA] transferred its office to...204 Commons, which jointly serves the UNI Foundation and the Office of Alumni Relations (p. 73)." Ross doesn't identify specifically what year the Foundation assumed all support for UNIEA; but by 1996, correspondence no longer mentions the College of Education.

Interested in Remote Access to the UNI Rod Library Resources?

Judith F. Harrington

Earlier this academic year, I received the following communication from Kate Martin, Interim Dean of Library Services at UNI's Rod Library, about remote access to resources, which she asked to be disseminated to our members.

"Rod Library has been reviewing its license agreements and communicating with vendors to confirm its ability to make databases and other digital resources available to emeritus faculty. These resources are available for personal research and educational purposes and may not be used for purposes of a commercial nature.

A web page has been created to which you can link to these databases. It is located at <https://guides.lib.uni.edu/az.php?t=32157>

"It will be necessary to use a CAT ID for off-campus access. These and other electronic resources that are not available for remote access may be used on a walk-in basis at the Library."

Of course, many of you aren't able to just "walk in" to our Library! And you may not even recall what in the world a CAT ID is. But if the rest of the topic interests you, certainly contact Kate

and learn more about how you would need to proceed. Her contact information:

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UNI Lab School 129-Year History

Joan Duea, Judy Finkelstein, and Barbara Lounsberry

In 2013, Lynn Nielsen invited emeritus faculty Joan Duea, Judy Finkelstein, and Barbara Lounsberry to join him in creating a website to record and preserve the UNILaboratory School's 129-year legacy. Google pricelabhistory.org and you will find a 100-photo gallery dating from the 1890s through 2012, all extant Lab

School yearbooks to page through, profiles of notable Lab School Directors (including Guy Wagner, Dwight Curtis, Paul Brimm, Ross Nielsen—and the extraordinary Eva May Luse).

Soon to be posted on the growing website will be Gail Froyen's history of the Laboratory School Library, and Jim Kelly's and Lou Finsand's

history of the Lab School science program. The website aims to be the most comprehensive history to date of a U.S. Laboratory School. If you have photos, audio or video recordings, documents, or memories of the Laboratory School, please share them by contacting Duea (Joan.Duea@cfu.net), Finkelstein (jandm@cfu.net), or Lounsberry (lounsberry@gmail.com).

Earth and Environmental Sciences Department

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The Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences has evolved significantly over the past few years. We have had a growth of majors to levels that are above our historical averages. We've also added a few new majors. Currently students can be Earth Science BA, Earth Science Teaching BA, Environmental Science BA, Environmental Science BS (a joint degree with biology), or Environmental Resource Management BA (a joint degree with biology, geography and health, recreation and community services). In addition students can work toward minors in Earth Science, Earth Science Teaching, Air Quality, Geology, Astronomy and Environmental Earth Science. We have about 75 majors currently, the majority being Environmental Science BA/BS majors.

To support our students' interest in Earth's physical environment, we were successful in obtaining a nearly \$500,000 grant from the

Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust to upgrade our geological and air quality measurement and analysis equipment. Students are able to make precise measurements of contaminants in soils, minerals in rocks and particles in fog – yes, we also collect fog!

A very important part of our program and courses is field experience – you must take the students out to the sites of meteorological, astronomical, geological or environmental interest. The department has two vans, affectionately known as the “twinkie” and the “marshmallow” based upon their paint color, which are heavily used during the fall semester for course trips. In addition, we continue our tradition of extended field courses, often with specific topics of study. In one 12-month period, we had the following trips –

- Geology and Natural History of the Northern Rocky Mountains – Glacier, Grand Tetons and

Yellowstone National Parks were the main stops on this trip.

- Observing the total solar eclipse for northwest Missouri
- Environmental and Natural History of Big Bend Texas, with excursions into southern New Mexico
- Geology and Environmental Issues of Northern New Mexico

Apart from classes, the faculty, staff and students continue to provide outreach to the community with weekly planetarium or observatory shows during the school year, participation in the annual “Sunday at the Quarry” event, usually the first weekend in October at a local quarry, and the willingness to examine any type of rock or mineral brought in by the public. It is a very active time in the Earth and Environmental Sciences!

New Emeritus 2018-2019

Mr. Ronnie Bankston

Dr. Thomas M. Davis

Ms. Jo K. Loonan

Ms. Clare Struck

Dr. Howard Barnes

Dr. J. Philip East

Ms. Jerilyn Marshall

Dr. Frank Thompson

Mr. Kenneth Baughman

Mr. Richard Glockner

Dr. Ardith Meier

Dr. Katherine Van Wormer

Dr. Melissa Beall

Dr. Cynthia Goatley

Ms. Inez M. Murtha

Dr. Robert P. Washut

Dr. Roy Behrens

Mr. David D. Hoing

Ms. Kathy Oakland

Mr. Lee Weber

Dr. Barton Bergquist

Ms. Carla Kelley

Mr. Bruce A. Rieks

Dr. Darrell J. Wiens

Ms. Dianna Briggs

Dr. Michael Klassen

Dr. Victoria Robinson

Ms. Patricia G. Woelber

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Dr. Frank Kohler

Mr. Michael L. Savage

Ms. M Susan Wurtz

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Vice Chair Gail Froyen – term expires
 December 31, 2019

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 Chair, ad hoc

Gail Froyen, Vice Chair, ad hoc

Marianne Beck – term expires December 31, 2019

Scott Cawelti – term expires December 31, 2019

Sue Doody – term expires December 31, 2021

Randy Hogancamp – term expires December 31, 2020

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Necrology 2018-2019

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

Deceased Emeritus

Dr. Carl W. Bollwinkel
 (Steffanie) 01/10/2019

Mr. C. George Pavelonis
 10/22/2018

Dr. Phyllis B. Conklin
 09/06/2018

Ms. Loree Rackstraw
 05/14/2018

Joyce Gault
 06/04/2018

Dr. E. Russell Te Paske
 04/02/2018

Dr. Robert Hardman
 (Becky) 03/29/2018

Dr. Frank Vilmain
 (Ruth) 10/04/2018

Ms. Doris Miller
 01/07/2019

Dr. William Waack
 (Beryl) 1/12/2018

Mr. J.D. Mike Mixsell
 07/19/2018

Dr. Jack Wilkinson
 (Carole) 09/05/2018

Mr. John H. Page
 (Mary Lou) 10/30/2018

Mr. Robley C. Wilson
 (Susan) 08/21/2018

Spouses of Deceased Emeritus

Mrs. Nancy P. Newell (Richard) 09/26/2018