

## From Your 2018 UNIEA Chair

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

In December 2019, local emeriti, guests, and UNI Foundation representatives celebrated our 7th annual winter luncheon, an event that has replaced the old traditional late April/early May event. The Foundation once again contributed its hospitality for this event as a generous thank-you to emeriti. (See the articles about the Foundation's new president, Jim Jermier, elsewhere in the Newsletter.)

We also continue to have lunches at a local hotel (originally known as the Holiday Inn, then the Clarion Hotel, and now called Lifestyle Inn) other months of the year, with the exception of our June and July hiatus. Conversations during lunches are brisk, with camaraderie borne of our one common thread among us: untold years of dedication and service to UNI. Monthly lunches include programs varying from topics of importance within UNI, to community arts, and other stimulating events in the Cedar Valley. Just a few examples of the variety of our programming since our last annual Newsletter: Last May, local and internationally acclaimed artist Gary Kelley displayed and discussed images from his long-term project, *The Spirit Lake Massacre*, a graphic novel set in Iowa. Last August, Linda Nebbe, Ph.D., local wild life rehabilitator and animal/nature assisted mental health practitioner, brought along her stunning barred owl, unable to be released due to blindness in one eye, but who supports Linda in her presentations! Our timely January program's topic was reflections on the 2020 caucuses presented by two professors from UNI's Department of Political Science, Chris Larimer, Ph.D., and Donna Hoffman, Ph.D.—both actively called upon by local and national media because of their expertise. They hinted at what turned out to be the unfortunate struggles to report the Democratic Caucus results. This semester, we honor the exciting anniversaries of two local cultural icons:

(1) The Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony's 90th year, with presentation by Jason Weinberger in his 18th year as Artistic Director, formally referred to as the Pauline Barrett Artistic Director for the past 5 years, accompanied by Rich Frevert, the Symphony's Executive Director for 2½ years. (2) Our campus' marvelous Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center (GBPAC) is turning 20! Steve Carignan, Associate Dean for Special Programs & Executive Director of the GBPAC will present a program informing emeriti about all the celebratory plans.

Announcements of these events are emailed only to emeriti residing in the local area. However, no reservations are needed. So, if you are going to be in town, check our website to find the calendar and upcoming programs. You will be most welcome, I assure you! There are several ways to locate our website: a simple one: in your search engine, type University of Northern Iowa Emeritus Association, click on the name, then click on the link which takes you to our home page. There is our calendar and programming for each academic year August through May. While you're at the site, click on Membership and check your listing to assure its accuracy. If you find any errors, please contact our Foundation secretary: [virginia.thustrup@uni.edu](mailto:virginia.thustrup@uni.edu), to arrange for corrections.

Wherever you are, it's a pleasure to connect with you.



## Message From UNI President, Mark Nook

Speaking before 2,500 students at Oberlin College on October 22, 1964, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., affirmed “the time is always right to do what is right.” Dr. King’s words ring true at UNI as our actions today are creating an even stronger, more inclusive university.

Like many other institutions, UNI is confronting bias on campus. This spring, we formed the President’s Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). Comprised of faculty, staff, and students, this standing council will guide our campus into an era of inclusive excellence.

We are also confronting an extremely competitive enrollment market. From 2010-2017, enrollment across Iowa’s public and private colleges and universities declined by more than 57,000 students. For-profits yielded the largest decline (-55%) during that period, but private non-profits (-6%) and community colleges (-15%) fell, as well. Declines were also observed in Iowa’s bordering states. Several initiatives are helping us enhance our competitiveness.

### Tuition and Net Price

With support from the Board of Regents, Iowa legislature, and Governor’s office, UNI received \$4 M in additional appropriations for FY20 and was authorized to differentiate tuition from our Regent peers. These steps are helping the university provide a reasonable cost to Iowans.

### Marketing and Branding

We are working with Michael Patrick Partners (MPP) to integrate our community-wide marketing and branding research into a plan that will strengthen UNI’s competitiveness for prospective students.

### Academic Positioning and Shared Governance

Faculty are facilitating a campus-wide initiative to support academic planning in the midst of profound change to higher education and our external environment. In addition, we are building on shared governance through newly formed presidential advisory committees on diversity, budget, benefits, and retirement; Lee Nicholas is representing Emeritus Faculty on the President’s Advisory Committee on Retirement. These initiatives help us continue making strategic decisions that affect the university and our students, employees, and retirees.

### UNI@DMACC

In Fall 2020, UNI will offer a Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLS) degree at Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC). Iowans living in the Metro area, particularly those who are place-bound, will have better access to UNI. We will also offer our online degrees, and deploy the director of UNI@DMACC to bolster recruitment in Central and Western Iowa.

### Comprehensive Campaign

In 2019, UNI received a generous \$10 M gift from Dave and Karen Takes. The university is on track to have the best fundraising year in its history. Since February 2017, UNI has raised more than \$80 M, and we recently surpassed \$20 M in gifts from the Roy J. Carver Trust over a 30-year period.

As emerita and emeritus faculty members, your dedication to our university and your commitment to student success made UNI a special place. We are grateful for the strong foundation you laid for our continued excellence for years and generations to come.

Panther Proud!



## Emeritus Feedback

**Janice Abel** Retirement has become a way of life after 28 years. Yearly I spend time in Sanibel, Florida each January, and always like to travel USA west or to art museums most anywhere. Asked recently if I still write-- only on occasion but fiction work continues to be available through Amazon. In Cedar Falls I especially enjoy options offered at Gallagher-Bluedorn and keep up with some UNI activities including women's basketball. At home I enjoy the summer with the gardens and flowers that surround us. This past year I worked with sister Ruth establishing storyboard on main in La Porte City for our parents who were long time business owners and supporters. This called upon my returning to memories of my childhood growing up during World War 2 and compiling my Dad's photos and movies surrounding the town's history at that time. So much to do on this. Best to you all in your retirement journey- it indeed can be exciting and rewarding.

**Roy R. Behrens** I retired 13 months ago after 47 years of teaching. I hadn't realized how stressful it was. Nearly all my stress these days is self-induced. Albeit I spend more hours working now (publishing, designing, exhibiting, public speaking, researching, reading, genealogy, corresponding) than I did while teaching. It's a sweet life, as long as I ignore the news (not possible) and stay away from American airports (in favor of places where people are both efficient and civil). The primary regret of not teaching is that I now have less opportunity to contribute to the future success of wonderfully capable students.

**Hugh Beykirch** Our travels in 2019 were somewhat less global since the "getting there" is becoming a greater challenge with each year. We crossed the Atlantic and did a river cruise from Passau to Budapest. We spent only a week in the Midwest and did an extensive driving trip that took us to California, Colorado, and New Mexico. While still painting, I spent more time writing. A Trilogy, "The Birken Saga",

was published in 2019 and a collection of short stories, "Harald's Garland" and "Lighthouse Mystery" are now available through the usual channels. All my books appear under my pen name Harald Lutz Bruckner. Discussions with book clubs on FaceTime are fun; I would hate traveling all over the map for promotional purposes.

**David Buch** I hosted and lectured for the ten-session series "Opera Insider" at Lyric Opera of Chicago (the 2019-2020 season). I also gave ten pre-opera talks at Lyric Opera for Verdi's, La Traviata in February and March, as well as ten pre-opera talks for Mozart's Don Giovanni in November-December. Family visits included six weeks in beautiful Buenos Aires, as well as extended stays in southern California and Michigan.

**Bruce Chidester** The year 2020 continues to be a busy time for the Chidesters. Our move to Robson Ranch in Denton, Texas was a wonderful decision for us and we are taking advantage of all that is offered.

Karen is active in three Bridge Clubs, a Stamping Club, Womans Club as well as enjoying our beautiful community swimming pool and workout center.

I formed the Robson Chamber Ensemble two years ago, and this all-resident instrumental ensemble continues to grow and entertain audiences in the area. What began as a trumpet duet has now grown to an ensemble of eighteen to twenty members ranging from seasoned veterans to dedicated amateurs.

Living so close to our children (Scott, Kari and David) has made it possible to share wonderful times with our children as well as our five grand kids.

For all you trumpet players, be sure to visit my Internet Blog for trumpet related information. [thetrumpetblog.com](http://thetrumpetblog.com) has been chosen "the Best Trumpet Blog" on the internet for the past two years and our sister site, [trumpetensemblemusic.com](http://trumpetensemblemusic.com) offers more than 1,800 arrangements and compositions for brass instruments. If you

are considering a move in your future, check out Robson Ranch which is only fifteen minutes south of the University of North Texas and all that it offers in entertainment and educational opportunities.

**David Duncan** I have just begun my 15th year of retirement; how could this time have gone by so fast! My wife Helen and I have enjoyed a good year of activities with our children and grandchildren, our friends, and our aging but loyal black lab. We are enriched by attending very many UNI events. We have maintained reasonable health, for which we are very grateful. A high point of each week is a 90-minute time with a group of retired mathematics faculty, most of whom taught together beginning in the 1960s. We support each other—and solve the world's problems!

**Cyndi Dunn** Haiku for my first year of retirement by Cyndi Dunn:

Time to read and play

Hike mountain trails, drink red wine

Colorado Springs

**Jay Edelnant** This is my first note to the News since I retired in May of 2017. The Department gave me a lovely send-off at the opening of my last show for them: Into the Woods at the Gallagher Bluedorn. Since then my time has been spent adapting to retirement and traveling for a little extra directing work or for pleasure.

My wife, Vicki, retired a year before me after 20 years at Wartburg College and we go after local theatre in Spring Green WI, Chicago, and Minneapolis as well as Theatre Cedar Rapids, the local community theatres, Riverside and Hancher Auditorium in Iowa City. Lots of exciting things to see and lots of alumni running theatres, acting, designing, and directing. Our daughter and grandchildren live close by and our son recently relocated to Des Moines from Oregon, so it's great to see them much more frequently.

Since 2017, I directed productions of John Loves Mary in Cedar Falls, August: Osage County at Cornell, A Soldier's Tale for

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Gallagher Bluedorn, and Big Fish in the Quad Cities.

We took off right away on some longer trips that had been on hold while we were working: Hawaii, San Francisco, Austin, Washington DC, theatre week in NYC (Evan Hansen, The Band's Visit, The Play That Goes Wrong, Waitress, Three Tall Women), an East Coast Leaf road trip: Maine, Vermont, Delaware, Rhode Island, North Carolina), then Costa Rica followed quickly by Africa (Capetown, Praetoria, Johannesburg, Victoria Falls, Botswana, Zimbabwe). Just back from a Thanksgiving cruise of the Danube (Budapest, Vienna, Nuremberg, Prague). Getting ready for Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, St. Petersburg this summer.

We're also getting ready to move from our house to a duplex (a villa!) at the Western Home Communities, joining a consort of emeriti there. So, lots to do, finally getting back to reading long novels instead of plays and finally catching up on streaming old and new movies, TV shows, and the like. So much to see & do.

**John Fecik** After 31 years at UNI, I retired in 2012. Approximately 10 years ago, Stephanie and I purchased a home in Bradenton, Florida. While retaining our home in CF, we did several years of renovations in FL. We have been in CF during the summer months so we can spend time with our grandchildren in Iowa and Wisconsin.

We have traveled in the US to Oregon, Virginia, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Oklahoma. Our travels have also been to Spain, Portugal, and China (Beijing and Xi'an) and we will attend the Passion Play of Oberammergau in June, 2020.

We have season tickets to the wondrous Sarasota Opera! Around Florida, visits to Pensacola, Apalachicola, Crystal River, Key West, St. Augustine, Fort Lauderdale (where we honeymooned 56 years ago), West Palm Beach and Venice have been made.

**Robert Gish** Old Baker Hall Bob Gish here. "How am I doin'?

Well I guess I'm doin fine. Gee ain't it funny how time slips away?" Remember that country/blues hit? I'm hitting 80 this year. I was 27 when George Day, Jim Hiduke and I walked together into the Old Auditorium for our new faculty orientation with Dean Lang. Thus began my higher education education! My UNI years were years of maturation and true growth. Those days ripple through my life still and always will. Hope you're all doin fine. Take care.

**Lynda and Peter Goulet** First, for those that don't yet know, Lynda Goulet, Management, passed away quietly on New Year's Eve after a very long illness. In addition to attending to Lynda in recent years I have maintained active engagement with the academy through serving on the review boards of several case-related journals. I am also a regular contributor to several financial blogs.

Those who wish to remember Lynda are urged to contribute to the UNI Foundation in her name at: <https://www.adv.uni.edu/foundation/pledgeForm.aspx> Designate your gift to the: Lynda Goulet Women in Business Endowment, account # 223002.

**Elton Green** I have difficulty acknowledging that I have been retired since 1990. Time does fly. In the last couple of years changes have occurred in the lives of my wife and me. We have moved from our home of 50 years to the Western Home Community. Our move has been very pleasant and enjoyable. We still like to travel to meet with family. A couple of weeks in Winter Park, Colorado in July and then to Palm Desert, California for at least a week. During January and February we travel to Yuma and visit a daughter. Nice missing some of Iowa's cold, windy and often snowy times. At 92 I have cut back on some of my volunteering in the community and church. We still stay active and with good health habits we are staying healthy. Walking, biking and weight work is still possible and enjoyable

for both of us. I look back over the years I taught at UNI and realize that they were very rewarding and enjoyable. June and I feel we have been blessed by moving to the Cedar Falls community.

**Fred Hallberg** We found the Janesville farm house I had lived in for 42 year too burdensome to maintain, so my wife Lorraine and I moved into a retirement condominium complex built by Bartels Care Center and Wartburg College in Waverly.

We lived happy and uneventful years in this so-called "Eisenach Village". Everything here reflects its German heritage. Eisenach in Germany was where Luther translated the Bible from Latin (and some Greek) into the vernacular. Then 2 years ago I had a stroke. I was taken to Allen Hospital when Waverly Hospital decided I was too serious for them to treat. I have no idea what Allen did for me, but it involved rolling me this way and that. And asking questions about my early childhood. Whatever they did, it probably saved my life or at least prevented severe nerve damage.

After my treatment at Allen, I was sent to rehab at Bartels. Miracle of miracles, I could read. No one grounded in history is ever alone or cut off from adventures of discovery. I have many 'friends' from the classical era who lived and died 2000 years ago. In short, so long as one can read, one has a 'life'. There were persons in the activities office of Bartels who appreciated this, and helped keep me supplied with books from the Waverly Library. But many of the floor nurses did not.

I had to continually fight to keep any area of autonomy against their efforts to keep me safe and dependent. But safety without autonomy is no life at all.

I learned to walk with a walker and began agitating to come home. Many on the staff did not want me to leave. One nurse asserted dogmatically that "if he goes home he will soon fall and have to be readmitted." I did return home in August.

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I walk with a walker. We attend church regularly, participate in Wartburg-related seminars, and frequently eat out. I cannot handle steps, but all ramp-accessible facilities are available to me. And I have not fallen once since returning home!

**Roger J. Hanson** I am fortunate that things continue to go well for me at age 92. A walk of a mile every day helps me to continue to be in good health. In winter I take my walk at College Square Mall. Last summer I was with two of my children and families in the Twin Cities. We did some sight-seeing together at Interstate Park on the St. Croix River. It has sections in both Wisconsin and Minnesota. Also we visited a beautiful section on the south shore of Lake Superior; where my son and wife camped, and I stayed at a nearby B & B.

**Randy Hogancamp** Jane and I spent 2019 enjoying working on home projects and traveling! Jane teaches 6th grade Language Arts and Reading at Blessed Maria Assunta Pallotta Middle School, while I managed several home improvements, both indoors and out, including remodeling bathrooms, replacing our garage, adding a storage shed, and preparing for additional yard and patio work in the spring. In July we had a great time in Spain, exploring both Barcelona and Madrid for five days each! From experiencing Guadi's architecture in Barcelona to visiting the Prado and seeing authentic Flamenco dancing in Madrid it was a memorable time - not to mention the food and sangria!!

**Jerry Intemann** Chris and I continue to enjoy the good life in rural Pennsylvania. We still take advantage of our relatively good health by traveling (mostly by auto) to Philadelphia and the lake region of New Hampshire. We did take a 14-day north Atlantic cruise in October from New York City to New England and the eastern Canadian provinces to enjoy the fall foliage and explore the cities of Quebec City and Halifax, Nova Scotia. We hope to visit UNI and Cedar Falls this coming fall during Homecoming.

**Lathon Jernigan** Lathon Jernigan unfortunately experienced several mini-strokes in late 2018 and early 2019. These mini-strokes left him extremely weak; therefore, he is now living in the intensive care unit located at Deery Suites of the Western Home Communities. He can speak and participate in simple activities, but otherwise, he needs help with all of his daily activities, including walking. He is basically dependent on a wheelchair and the Deery Suites employees' care. He greatly misses his former musical life but attends some of the musical events held at the Diamond Event Center. If anyone would like to contact him, his address is:  
Lathon Jernigan

Room 313, Deery Suites at Western Home Communities, 5301 Caraway Lane, Cedar Falls, IA 50613

**James Kelly** As has been the case in the past, I continue to work on the history of UNI athletics. After releasing *Tutors to Panthers* and *Hardwood Journey*, I decided I would next write my version of the history of UNI football. It is a lengthy book as football began at Iowa State Normal School in 1895. Football, in general, has had an interesting history through the ages and that equates to what has been the story at UNI. At this moment I am on the 2007 season with 12 more years to write about. My goal is to release this book with next year's football season. As with the other two books, the proceeds will go to UNI athletics, and specifically with Gridiron, to UNI football. Such research and writing has become the mainstay with my retirement. With the advent of warmer weather, golf will once again take a greater portion of my time whether here in Cedar Falls or at my summer home in northern Minnesota.

**Roger Kueter** I have officially been retired from UNI since May 2019; however, I have found a new outlet to utilize my love for educating and meeting new people. A couple days each week I am a tour guide for Waterloo John Deere plants. A proud moment of mine this summer was

being recognized in June as the 2019 Representative Citizen for Cedar Falls.

Barb and I have continually been blessed with good health. We are fortunate to have eleven grandchildren close by to whom we can easily travel to see. Numerous trips to grandkids' sporting and cultural events fill our calendar.

**Jonathan Lu** Jonathan and Sayoko Lu moved to Kaohsiung, Taiwan in 1992 to serve as president of Holy Light Seminary. While Kaohsiung was their home, they returned to Cedar Falls every summer for "vacation". They were blessed to visit many countries with Jonathan teaching, preaching, or leading tours to the Holy Land. After retiring as president, he continued to teach at the seminary and preach most Sundays. After Sayoko had a minor stroke in 2018, they moved back to Cedar Falls. While remaining here has been an adjustment, Jonathan, at 92 continues to preach for the Chinese fellowship at Trinity Bible Church.

**Antonio Planells** Three months ago I moved to a retirement residence next to Albuquerque NM. It was a necessary move because of my health condition. Now I am enjoying the company of people my age, and participating in activities typical of the 'third age' of our lives (From Bingo to Metaphysics) and that includes humor, grief, games, memories, hope, faith, health, insecurity, trips, death and dying, loneliness, etc.

On the philosophical front, we come to terms with the fact that life begins as a quest of the child for the man, and ends as a journey by the man to rediscover the child. On the humorous side, we should not worry too much about old age because it does not last. And on the metaphysical realm, old age either transforms or fossilizes. This period of the year is especially difficult for me; January 30th was my wife's birthday, February 14th was her Saint's day, and February 21st the day of her transition (three years ago). I continue my volunteer service in our community library and the

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senior center by conducting support groups, book clubs, and Spanish conversational gatherings. Writing and reading are also two of my everlasting activities. Keeping our feet on the ground and our eyes in the sky, and also practicing the sacred art of listening is a demanding task. The year 20/20 will require an accurate vision to face what is coming. A happy and prosperous new year to all.

**Paul Rider** We still reside in Cedar Falls and Des Moines. I spend time in CF playing music with the UNI jazz faculty and making my “All-Paul” multi-track recordings, playing all the instruments of a jazz band (have made about 50 CDs). The CF Municipal Band premiered a march I wrote last summer (“Hail to the President’s Own”) dedicated to our daughter Susan who plays in the “President’s Own.” I made my directing debut. Carole and I exercise regularly and I still play basketball at the WRC with the young guys. I also keep in touch with the chemical world and enjoy making philosophical presentations to the CF Supper Club.

**Gary Shontz** Since retiring in 2016, I have been teaching Governmental and Not-for-Profit Accounting most semesters at UNI. In addition, I have toured the following: Buenos Aires, Argentina; Graz and Vienna in Austria; Copenhagen, Denmark; Fehmarn Island and Hamburg in Germany; Dublin, Ireland; Belfast, Northern Ireland; Alicante and Valencia in Spain. Domestically, I have traveled to Florida, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington D.C. When not traveling, I have been enjoying the events of my grandchildren.

**Lee Thomson** This has been another excellent year in my home in the northwest section of Cedar Falls. It’s only a five minute drive to the UNI campus that offers a wide variety of athletics, music and academic events. On August 16 I welcomed my 90th birthday!

**Katherine van Wormer** Phased retirement worked well for me as I commuted back

and forth on weekends from Madison, Wisconsin to help in the care of grandchildren. Still, I was really sad when it all came to what seemed like an abrupt end. Although I continue to write articles, blogs, and edit books, I miss the academic world and the friendly town of Cedar Falls. Fortunately, I have contact with students through my three correspondence courses. I do have one event coming up March 3rd at the University of Iowa library, which is a celebration of the lives of older African American women who moved to Iowa from the Jim Crow South. I donated the tapes (now CDs) that served as the body of The Maid Narratives so that their stories could be preserved for future generations. The recordings are now a part of the Women’s Oral History project at the UI library.

**Bob Washut** Really enjoying my second year of retirement! I remain creatively active, with recent guest composer stints at the Universities of Montana and New Hampshire, and South Mountain College in Phoenix, as well as clinician/adjudication work regionally and nationally. I formed a jazz group with current UNI music faculty called the Emeritet that has been a lot of fun. Kate and I have done quite a bit of traveling, too, with trips to St. Martin FL, Montana, New Mexico, and Colorado. Recently we returned from Charleston SC, where we enjoyed a splendid time with fellow “emeriti” Scott Cawelti and Angeleita Floyd. Also formed a stimulating book club that includes former colleague Ronald Johnson.

**Darrell Wiens** Upon retiring from UNI I moved with my wife to Kansas City. Here we have relatives near and an urban environment. We first found and renovated a 1920s period Brookside bungalow—a project requiring patience, energy and resources. Now we are enjoying many engaging aspects of city life, and I am able, finally, to learn piano! I also now have regular choral singing in my life, along with enough time for fitness, reading I

have wanted to do, and travel. Currently, however, I am still contemplating the meaning of retiring from teaching and research, and possible new directions.

**Sandra Williamson** I have moved to Springfield MO. Travel in 2019 and in Jan. 2020 were both to California.

In October 2019 I traveled with a friend to Yosemite National Park for three days, then on to Sequoia National Park for three days. This past January three of us went to San Juan Capistrano for a week and went to San Diego Zoo, President Reagan Library and to Disneyland. More plans this year may include a trip to Banff and Jasper National Parks in Canada.

**James “Jim” Chadney** I am so sad to write that my much loved husband, James “Jim” Chadney, passed away in May. We were planning the many more places we wanted to visit, but that was not to be. We had been to Mazatlán for 2 weeks in January and to our “special place”, Depoe Bay, on the Oregon Coast in March, when he became aware that something was not quite right with his health. He was diagnosed with stage-4 gastric cancer in early April 2018. Our last trip was to the same place we started our married life, Depoe Bay. We watched the whales and a beautiful sunset for our 54th anniversary; March 20, 2019. Jim passed away May 13, 2019 at home in Salem with his family by his side.

Jim always treasured his years at UNI from 1968 to 1999 as an Assistant Professor to Professor in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology until he became an Associate Dean and Interim Dean for the College of Behavioral Sciences, retiring in 1999.

By then the call, “Go West/Go Home” was becoming stronger, especially when our two sons were already established in Oregon. By 1999 Jay and Garrett had both married and each had a son, so Jim decided to take the position of Dean of Liberal Arts at Western Oregon University in 1999. To be near those grandsons was very appealing

for both of us. Jim retired from WOU in 2005. We began some “adventures” and I believe Jim mentioned some of those places in previous newsletters. The best to all of you and your families.

## Memories of Robert Eller

*Joan Duear*

Most of you know of the Robert Eller Scholarships that support the overseas study of many UNI students.

Bob Eller was a colleague, neighbor and friend from the fall of 1960 to the day he died. We worked together at Price Laboratory School, as members of the staff at ISTC/SCI/UNI, and were neighbors in homes on Walnut Street in Cedar Falls.

I first met Bob at Price Laboratory School where he worked in the Audio Visual Lab. He taught all faculty and student teachers how to use a wide array of audiovisual equipment. His learners appreciated his patience and sense of humor.

My second encounter with Bob started the fall of 1960. Bob and I ate meals in the Faculty Dining Room located in the basement of the Commons. During the next two years we would sit at the evening table with about a dozen faculty members and enjoy conversation. Bob sought advice from faculty who had traveled all over the world. It was a special delight when Leland Sage joined the group. It was the best history/geography/cultural lesson possible.

In the summer of 1962, my husband and I moved into our first rental, Hank and Margaret Buswell Nelson’s home. The first person that rang the doorbell was Bob Eller who lived two houses away.

Bob never tired of engaging in travelogues with other faculty. He was a great listener and even a better questioner. He loved the history of the countries visited, trying different foods, going off the beaten path. But most of all, Bob enjoyed the

human interaction with natives and he built friendships and goodwill all over the world. He was an ambassador for our city, state, the college and our country.

Knowing that travel had been life changing to him and that many of the students he encountered on campus were first generation college attendees and had limited travel experience, Bob created one of the greatest gifts that can be given to our undergrads. To date, \$183,649 has been awarded to 64 students who have studied in Australia, Chile, Costa Rica, England, Finland, France, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Scotland, Spain, Taiwan, Tasmania and Wales. Bob’s gift will forever enrich the lives of students.

What a legacy!! Thanks, Bob.

## Introducing Jim Jermier, New VP for Advancement & President of UNI Foundation

*Judith F. Harrington, Professor Emerita*

On a warm sunny day in late August, I met Jim Jermier over coffee on the Hill. I’d given him a month or so to settle into his new position before introducing him to our association, explaining how we wound up being housed in the Foundation, and trying to determine carefully how to approach the possibility that the Foundation might host our December luncheon, a tradition begun by his predecessor, Lisa Baronio. Jim loped into the coffeehouse, big grin on his face as he cordially greeted me. And I began. Before I even got into my ‘pitch’ about the Foundation hosting us, Jim asserted: “Of course we’ll do this; it’s an honor for us to have emeriti in the Foundation. You all have contributed so much to UNI; it’s the least we can do for you.” Wow! I

knew I was going to like this new leader! So who is he, and what’s his story? I am quoting from the UNI Foundation web site, with permission of the University of Northern Iowa:

“University of Northern Iowa President Mark Nook has announced that Jim Jermier will be institution’s next vice president for University Advancement and president of the UNI Foundation. Jermier, who currently serves as vice president for Development at Luther College in Decorah, will assume his new duties at UNI on July 29 [2019].

“‘I’m excited Jim has agreed to return to the University of Northern Iowa in this important capacity,’ Nook said. ‘His success with fundraising initiatives and supportive management style will provide vision and strategic direction to the Advancement division. Their work is critical for UNI’s vitality, and I’m confident his leadership will enable UNI to continue the culture of philanthropy on campus as we approach our 150th anniversary.’

“Jermier is a UNI alumnus. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in physical education in 1995 and his Master of Arts degree in philanthropy and nonprofit development in 2009.

“During his time at Luther College, Jermier was a key contributor to the college’s “Inspired. Empowered. Engaged.” 2018-2023 strategic plan, helped raise millions in support of funding initiatives, developed and launched the Regents’ Promise Scholarship Challenge, and grew awareness and understanding of development and stewardship efforts on campus. Before Luther College, Jermier spent almost 12 years at UNI in different development positions and nine years at VGM in Waterloo....

“In his new role, Jermier will serve as the chief development officer for the university. He will also provide leadership

for future capital campaigns and alumni outreach efforts.

“The opportunity to return to UNI in this role is the honor of a lifetime,” Jermier said. “I’m both humbled and excited to serve my alma mater under the leadership of Dr. Nook and his vision for the university.”

Read Jim’s article for all of us elsewhere in the Newsletter.

In closing, UNIEA joins in welcoming Jim and extends best wishes to him for successful rewarding experiences at UNI.

## Message from Jim Jermier

*VP for Advancement and President of UNI Foundation*

As I write to you today, it’s hard to believe that six months have passed since my return to UNI as vice president for university advancement and president of the UNI Foundation. What an honor it has been, and continues to be, to serve my alma mater in this role.

Now that we are well into the winter season, it seems appropriate to share that there has been a “flurry” of activity taking place in the Advancement division over the past several months. For those of you who were able to attend the UNI Emeritus Holiday Celebration last month, you heard Nate Clapham, assistant vice president for collegiate development and annual giving, share remarks about a number of capital projects and programs that we are working on.

Beginning with our capital projects, good progress has been made with our fundraising efforts to renovate and expand the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center (GBPAC). This multi-million dollar endeavor will center on improving the patron experience from the time guests arrive until the final curtain. Examples of improvements include new seating in the

Great Hall, a multi-purpose event space, new entry plaza, additional restrooms, new vending options, a patron lounge, modern box office and an added drive lane for dropoff.

The Campanile turns 100 in 2026 and in celebration of that milestone, fundraising is underway to preserve this important campus monument for years to come. Renovations and improvements to campanile include replacing the carillon keyboard, adding two carillon bells (C# and D#) to greatly expand the range of music, and improvements to sidewalks, benches and landscaping within the campanile plaza.

Another iconic space that will be undergoing renovation and expansion is the UNI-Dome. The UNI-Dome will be 50 years old in 2026 and to ensure that a first-class facility for our student-athletes, fans and community users continues for another 50 years, improvements are needed. Improvements include an expansion of the west-side concourse, high-efficiency lighting and improved sound systems, upgrades to seating, including premium seating, resurfacing the indoor track, and upgrading the press box and our guest suites.

One final capital project that is pending approval from the Iowa State Legislature is the renovation and expansion of the Industrial Technology Center (ITC). The university has requested nearly \$40 million from the state to modernize and expand this 44 year old facility. If approved by the state legislature, the UNI Foundation is committed to raising an additional \$4.2 million to complete the renovation and expansion. Funding will support the replacement and enhancement of equipment and technology, create adaptable spaces for future programs such as robotics, and improve the space for training classrooms and laboratories where students can work collaboratively on real-world projects with industry-standard equipment.

A university hallmark of investing in our students, faculty and staff continues to thrive under President Nook’s leadership. Since his arrival to UNI in February of 2017, over \$72 million has been raised in support of scholarships and programs that improve the campus community where we live, work and learn.

In closing, please accept my heartfelt thanks for your many years of service to this great institution. Your investment of time and interest in the lives of our alumni, from when they were here as students to maintaining those relationships in the years following their graduation, makes a huge difference. Be assured that you are heroes to many, and you can count me among them.

## UNI Art Department

*Jeffery Byrd, Department Head*

The Department of Art offers B.A. degrees in Art Education, Art History, Graphic Design and Studio Art. Students can study wide array of media areas: Ceramics, Drawing, Painting, Performance Art, Photography, Printmaking and Sculpture. The Bachelor of Fine Arts degree combines the best aspects of art school with the advantages provided by a broader university experience. As seniors, B.F.A. students get their own studio spaces to develop art for the senior exhibition. We also offer an M.A. in Art Education that is designed with working teachers in mind. The 2.5-year program is taught fully online and has graduated two large cohorts of students since it began. In collaboration with the Department of History and UNI Museum, we recently launched a certificate program in Museum Studies.

Our teaching is enhanced by frequent lectures and workshops presented by visiting historians, educators, graphic designers and artists. Students have the opportunity to meet the most successful people working in the visual arts today. The Department also houses the UNI



Gallery of Art. Through an exciting schedule of exhibitions, the Gallery of Art brings the work of nationally and internationally acclaimed artists to the UNI campus. The Gallery is truly an active classroom as students learn through the direct analysis of artwork in all media. The newly formed Friends of the UNI Permanent Art Collection & Gallery has run two successful fundraising campaigns. The first covered conservation and restoration of 44 artworks and the second has allowed us to hire a photographer who is currently making digital images of every work in the collection. Those will eventually be available on the Gallery's website.

The Art Department is also home to the Public Art Incubator. This innovative program connects UNI students with professional artists who are working on large scale commissions. The artists bring their designs to UNI and hire our students to build the works in our Sculpture studio.

## Thinking of Downsizing? An Option for your Professional Collection!

The UNI Rod Library wants to preserve your activities and contributions on our campus. They invite us to consider donating materials that "reflect your legacy to University Archives or UNI Museum."

Legacy items include:

- Photographs
- Memos, notes, reports, planning documents, and meeting minutes
- Manuscript drafts
- Correspondence
- Teaching and lesson materials
- Research files and related materials
- Programs, fliers, posters, and other ephemera from events
- AV materials, such as audio recordings of performances
- Materials related to student organizations
- Price Lab Memorabilia
- Rural school documents
- Iowa Normal School history
- Blueprints and building plans
- And more!

Not sure what you have is worth saving? You're invited to contact Jaycie Vos, who will work with you to review and determine a plan for adding your legacy to the University Archives and UNI Museum. Jaycie Vos, University Archivist, 319-273-6307, [jaycie.vos@uni.edu](mailto:jaycie.vos@uni.edu).



## **Necrology 2019-2020**

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

### **Deceased Emeritus**

Dr. James G Chadney 5/13/2019	Dr. Jim LaRue 11/01/2019
Dr. Carol Cooper 4/28/2019	Dr. H. Lewis Lynch 11/02/2019
Dr. Barbara J Darling 10/09/2019	Dr. David L Morgan 2/26/2019
Mrs. Rosa Marie de Findlay 06/11/2019	Dr. Dale W Olson 5/7/2019
Dr. Lynda Goulet 12/31/2019	Dr. Warren Picklum 9/17/2019
Dr. Glen L Hansen 3/3/2019	Dr. Douglas T Pine 7/10/2019
Mrs. Argelia Colon Hawley 7/19/2019	Dr. Charles Quirk 10/21/2019
Mr. Jack Jennett 10/20/2019	

### **Spouses of Deceased Emeritus**

- Alice McCollum (Clifford) 10/07/2019
- Merle Riggs (Dixon) 10/12/2019
- Roberta Chadney (James)
- Mary Page (John)



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# UNI Emeritus Association (UNIEA) Officers, Committees, and Special Support

New Terms began on January 1, 2020

## Officers

Chair . . . . . Judith Harrington (12-31-2020)

Vice Chair . . . . . Len Froyen (12-31-20)

Past Chair . . . . . David Duncan

Advisory Council . . . . . 3 year terms

David Duncan

Len Froyen (12-31-20)

Sue Doody (12-31-21)

Randy Hogancamp (12-31-20)

Cindy Herndon (12-31-22)

Paul Rider (12-31-22)

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UNIEA Annual Newsletter . . . . . David Duncan, Editor

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## New Emeritus 2019-2020

Ms. Melanie Abbas

Dr. Brenda Buzynski

Dr. Mary Christ

Mr. Clifford Coney

Dr. B. Keith Crew

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Ms. Cyndi Dunn

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Dr. Jeffrey Elbert

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