

UNIEA

Comments from the Chair

The advisory council voted to change the date of the publication of the Membership Directory. Previously, it was published in January and was out of date in June when the new retirees acquired emeritus status. You should receive your new Directory in late September or early October. By that time emeritus status will have been granted to those who retired at the end of the spring semester or during the summer.

This year only we have included in the Newsletter a supplement to update the membership directory. Please keep it with the 2001 directory until you receive your 2002 edition.

KUNI, like other state-funded operations, has had reduced state financial assistance during the current fiscal year. To help meet that reduction, the station conducted a special "Budget Buster" fundraiser in December.

UNIEA contributed \$275.00 in the form of a "challenge pledge." KUNI listeners more than met the challenge, contributing \$446.50 during the time period in which the challenge had to be met to qualify the station for our organization's grant. After deducting that contribution to KUNI, our current balance is \$2527.13.

The Spring Luncheon will be May 4, 2002. Please mark the date on your calendars. More information and reservations forms will be mailed later. The Recognition Breakfast will be held the same morning.

From the Editor . . .

UNI in process of forming a Professional Development School partnership



On February 21, UNI issued a press release announcing that "Malcolm Price Laboratory School (MPLS)...is in the process of forming a Professional Development School partnership with the Cedar Falls and Waterloo schools."

According to Dean Thomas Switzer of the College of Education, "...UNI faculty and teachers from Waterloo and Cedar Falls would collaborate on how to best improve teaching and learning; curriculum development; and field experiences for UNI teacher- education students."

Planning will soon begin to shift the instruction of MPLS grades 10-12 to Cedar Falls, and other area schools, beginning with the 2003-04 school year.

"Under this arrangement," said Switzer, "our present faculty will be able to better carry out the lab school mission, and UNI will enhance its ability to educate the best teachers in Iowa."

"Decisions regarding NU High grades 10-12 must be sensitive to the needs of students while responsive to the needs of the University of Northern Iowa Teacher Education Program."

"The university expects a discussion to be completed by January 2003. It notes that "All appropriate processes and procedures will be followed."

Unlike most university proposals to restructure one or more parts of the curriculum, or the organization itself, this plan impacts a sizeable local constituency which believes it will pay a heavy price when the change is implemented.

Change, and proposals for change, often elicit support from some and opposition from others. It is not surprising the MPLS students, their parents and others with fond memories of their Price
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News from UNI . . .

by Bill Calhoun

The University has enjoyed great success with its Students First Campaign with nearly \$70 million raised toward the \$75 million goal. The McLeodUSA Center has already achieved its original goal of \$15 million and the UNIFoundation Board of Trustees has authorized an increase in that goal to \$18-\$20 million.

One of the Campaign components, the construction of the Early Childhood Education Center on the Allen College Campus, has already achieved its goal. The Center opened in the summer of 2001 with the first class enrolled that fall.

The faculty/staff/emeritus branch of the campaign began in the fall of 2001 and has been very successful, thanks in part to the good work of emeritus professors Joan Dueda and Willis Wagner, the emeritus faculty have responded generously.

The National Campaign Kick-off is scheduled for the weekend of October 25-27, 2002.

Plans for a UNI retirement village on the campus are proceeding, aided by the assistance of emeritus professor, Ron Bro. The University has engaged the firm of ProMatura to conduct the first phase of a detailed market feasibility assessment for the development of such a facility. During the second phase of the study, a marketing consultant will be in contact with area alumni, friends and emeritus faculty to gauge their interest in such a development.

It is expected that the final results of the study will be available for the May meeting of the UNI Foundation Board. If the study shows a strong market for the proposed facility, the University and the UNI Foundation will enter into discussions with potential developers.

Thanks for the opportunity to update you on these activities. Please stop in my office in 204 Commons for a cup of coffee. Best wishes.

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Bill Calhoun is President of the UNI Foundation.

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Lab years, voiced opposition to the elimination of grades 10-12.

A similar proposal at any time from 1963-1987 would have undoubtedly stirred Jane and me to oppose such a change. The five Ryan children attended the school for a total of 69 student-years. That figure indicates how pleased we were with it.

MPLS exists, as does the College of Education, to assist in the education and preparation of the best possible new teachers for Iowa students. The rest of us,

implicitly at least, support the College of Education in this important assignment.

Although some individuals and some families will be inconvenienced by the elimination of grades 10-12 at Price Lab, the men and women we employ to educate the best possible new teachers tell us that they believe they can carry out their assignment even more effectively without these three classes than with them.

We should let them begin the changes they propose.

Feedback from Members

John Aldrich

My feelings towards retirement are mixed. If it comes off according to plan, this period in my life can be great. However, if your plans hit a snag and are interrupted by one or more unfortunate circumstances, retirement may fall far short of your original expectations. Such was my case.

I have been retired for sixteen years. At an early stage of my program, I confronted a devastating situation that completely 'upset' the applecart and caused a drastic change in my retirement plans. My precious lifetime companion was found to have cancer and fell victim to this dreadful disease a year later.

Yes, this was a 'low blow,' but far from being a 'knock out punch.' I have been blessed with four strong, wonderful, and caring children: two sons who live in Cedar Falls and two daughters. Life must go on and having a close relationship with my Creator and family members, my retirement years have been good, but not near as satisfying as originally planned.

Since the death of my wife, much of my time has been spent hunting, fishing, attending athletic events, playing bridge plus a little traveling.

However, you must realize, as one gets older, retirement becomes less busy. Sacrifice seems to be the key word now and many of those activities that once occupied much of my retirement time have been replaced with a lazy-boy and television set. To date, retirement has been a relatively smooth journey, eluding a bump or two in its travels.

Wayne I. Anderson

Life continues to go well since retiring from the Department of Earth Science in June of 2000. Jan and I now spend part of the year at our cabin along the east flank of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in south-central Colorado. We are active in the Sangre de Cristo Mountain Council, helping to plan and conduct programs and field trips on the area's natural history.

We enjoy spending time with four grandchildren in Ames and with a granddaughter in Fort Collins, Colorado. In May of 2001, we visited Norway with some of Jan's cousins to explore their Norwegian roots.

I like to stay in touch with colleagues and former students and can be reached by e-mail either in Iowa or Colorado at wayne.anderson@uni.edu

Jackson N. Baty

Jeanette and I have stopped cruising, partly because we have become Iowa's leading authorities on "Hundred Year Floods!" We share a combined 156 years of age -- and we have experienced five (5) "Hundred Year Floods" -- three of them on the Mississippi and two on the grossly misnamed Dry Run Creek..

So, we plan to spend 40 percent of the year at Panther Lane and the other 60 percent at Mile 632 on the Upper Mississippi (our Indian Isle cabin).

I am involved with the Mississippi River Museum (vice president of the National Rivers Hall of Fame), which is becoming a world class destination, thanks in part to that wonderful Vision Iowa grant..

We are very happy with the 2001-02 winter so far -- when will the shoe drop? Our only grandson (we have three granddaughters, the middle one a senior in education at UNI) is **very unhappy** with the winter weather. He is a snowboarder living in southwestern Wisconsin.

Let us know if you need any information on Hundred Year Floods or the Mississippi River Museum.

Emil Bock

When asked to write a few words about my experience as an Emeritus Professor of Music, I was relieved to learn that I did not have to write about "The Meaning and Importance of Retirement."

I write as a professor who has been retired for seventeen years. That is a long time to be set free to do as I wished.

I found that old violinists never die, they just become arthritic. About five years ago Russ Baum and I did manage to perform our last and 50th annual sonata recital. By that time I found that I could fiddle for only a short while at a time, so that I had to give up orchestra and chamber music. After I retired on January 1, 1985, I, however, did have about thirteen more years of active playing.

During the emeritus years I continued to grow orchids in my free-standing greenhouse and did not stop until a couple of years ago, when I could no longer give them the necessary care, especially during the winter months.

Lori and I always had the time to travel extensively until a couple of years ago when our whole family met at the Tetons for a stay. Marty, now Professor of English at the University of Minnesota at Duluth, and Pam, a coloratura soprano teaching at the San Francisco Conservatory are both seasoned travelers. So about three years into my retirement we decided to take them and their spouses to Italy for two weeks. We drove all over central Italy in a rented van, spending our time in San Gimignano, Florence, Bellagio on Lake Como, and all points between there and Venice. Lori and I love Italy so much that we visited there and Sicily a number of times. For less active travel we spent a half dozen winters in Green Valley, Arizona, usually at the month of March.

When at home I found a new and almost passionate interest in the study of seashells (gastropoda only). My friend Roy Eblen helped me get started with shells and I returned the favor by helping him with his new interest in orchids. We had a great time identifying the shell collection in the UNI Museum.

Since 1989, I have acquired almost 400 different shells, specializing in such species as volutes, cones, murexes, and cybraea. All told, I have about fifty different species. The study of shells (Conchology) can be quite absorbing if done carefully. My many books on the subject are quite a help. I have learned that shells can be as beautiful as orchids.

What professor is not an enthusiastic reader? I usually have two or three books going at the same time. Lori often wonders how I do it. I guess it is a life-long habit to be planning what book to read next. My complaint is the same as yours, that there are not enough hours in a day. My only disappointment is that I did not retire twenty years earlier.

James C. Chang

When I retired in 1995, I decided to do three things in my retirement -- read, write, and travel. I have done all three and have also found time to drive two handicapped emeritus around Cedar Falls and Waterloo. I have myself an office, which I call a glorified closet, on the fourth floor of Rod Library, and started reading English literature, which is one of my weaknesses in knowledge. While in the library, I walk up and down the stairs for my exercise. Every spring and autumn my wife and I go to New York City, since her family lives in Queens and our daughter and her family are in Yonkers, and use that as our starting point for overseas travels. We have visited, among others, London, Ireland, Copenhagen, Munich, Prague, Budapest, Vienna, and Slazburg, plus cruises to Alaska and the western Caribbean.

My writing started in 1995 when my aunt in New York showed me a biography of Yuan Shi Kai, the first President of China (1912-1916), written in the abbreviated Chinese characters of the People's Republic of China. Since my family members cannot read this kind of Chinese characters, and some cannot even read Chinese, I translated the book into the original Chinese characters and to English. I found so many errors in the book, that I decided to write my own book on President Yuan, not for publication but for the family, to set the record straight. The book was completed in 2000.

Now I am planning to write a book on the life of Chien Shiung Wu, the Late Professor of Physics at Columbia University, who is regarded by many as the foremost woman physicist since Madame Curie and Lise Meitner. She was a speaker at the UNI Science Symposium in 1969, and is somewhat related to me.

George F. Day

I thoroughly enjoy retirement, but I must admit that occasionally I miss teaching. When I read a novel or a poem I like or find challenging, I immediately think how much fun it would be to lead a discussion with a bunch of eager students. However, I have yet to miss committee meetings or campus politics.

One aspect of my life has changed greatly. In 1993, I went to Spain to work on a book with two other professors. The book was published and sold well, but a more important thing came out of the trip: I met Clara whom I married a year and a half later! A way to celebrate retirement!

Although we do not "go south for the winter," we have taken some interesting trips to Spain, Costa Rica, and Peru, and several places in the U.S. (One of my biggest thrills was a visit to Gettysburg last year). Every fall we go to New England, to attend a college reunion, see the autumn foliage and visit my son in Boston. One of the most exciting moments came a couple of years ago when I was able to join my old college glee club in concert in Carnegie Hall.

I continue to work in American literature, attending conferences, writing reviews, even giving an occasional paper. Reviewing classical music concerts and plays for the Waterloo Courier gives me a chance to write about as well as listen to good music.

Teaching at UNI was a wonderful experience and I treasure many former colleagues and students. And I am grateful for being able to continue my connection with the University through the Emeritus Association and my frequent use of the Library.

James Doud

I left the University of Northern Iowa in June 1994, after 24 years of service to Department of Teaching (17) and the Department of Educational Administration and Counseling (7), to become Professor and Chair of the Department of Educational Leadership at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL.

Having spent 54 years of my life in Iowa, the move from UNI's nearly 13,000 students to a Research I University that enrolls more than 43,000 was a major cultural change-but a great growth opportunity! I have enjoyed serving in a leadership role within the College of Education at UF. This Department was restructured in 1998, adding programs in Student Personnel in Higher Education and Educational Foundations to existing programs in Educational Leadership, Higher Education Administration, and Curriculum & Instructional Leadership. The 15 full-time faculty serve 62 masters, 41 specialist, and 159 doctoral students.

I expect to continue as Department Chair until August 2003. I will then complete my career as a professor of Educational Leadership. Janet and I plan to maintain Gainesville as our permanent home upon my retirement (in January 2005).

Joyce Gault

Retirement has presented opportunities and challenges that have determined the path my life has taken lately.

I've attended two Music Teachers national Association Conventions in Kansas City and Minneapolis, primarily to hear the best young pianists perform. I also attended the U.S. Chopin Competition in Miami, the William Kapell International Piano Competition in College park, Maryland and another in St. Charles, Illinois. Through good friends in Minneapolis, St. Louis and Chicago, I've heard fine orchestral concerts and artists like Evgeny Kissin, Murray Perahia and Alfred Brendel.

Travel has continued to be a part of my life. Favorite destinations have been Germany, Washington D.C., Aspen, and London. While in London I took a nostalgic trip to St. John's Wood to see again the house where I had lessons with Hungarian pianist Ilona Kabos, in 1965.

I'm still playing the piano, having performed recitals for my P.E.O. Chapter, Northeast Area Music Teachers Association, Nineteenth Century Club, and the Victorian Teas at the Waterloo Rensselaer Russell House Museum. Last summer I performed on the fundraiser "Creme de la Creme" for our new Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center. I am also the pianist for the Iowa Chapter of the DAR.

Since 1997 I've had to assume administrative responsibility for several organizations and their projects. Among them: chair-

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Recent Deaths

Harold E. Bernhard (1949-1974)
 Emily C. Brown (1966-1976)
 Rollin G. Evers (1965-2000)
 Walter J. Gohman (1951-1977)
 Edwin H. Harris (1982-1992)
 Jack F. Kimball (1967-1988)
 Richard T. Lattin (1947-1986)
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UNIEA 2002 Luncheon

by Nancie Handorf

The 13th Annual UNIEA Luncheon is scheduled for 12:00 noon, Saturday, May 4, in the Cedar Falls Woman's Club, 3rd and Clay, Cedar Falls. This event includes Emeritus faculty and administrators, their spouses or guests, and the spouses of deceased emeriti.

Special entertainment this year will be provided by members of the New Horizons Band.

You will probably want to attend the Recognition Breakfast for retirees earlier that morning, and then arrive at the Woman's Club early to visit with former colleagues. You will be receiving invitations to both events in the mail.

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

Where Do Emeritus Faculty Live?

The following 22 states, Austria and France, are the home bases for the 276 members listed in the 2001 directory, including the 11 new members for whom we have addresses.

State	Number	State	Number	State	Number
IA	205	SC	3	Austria	1
FL	13	TN	3	CT	1
CA	8	WI	3	France	1
AZ	6	KS	2	GA	1
AR	4	NC	2	Hawaii	1
CO	4	OH	2	MD	1
MO	4	WA	2	MI	1
TX	4	VA	1	NM	1
PA	3				

From 1998 to 2001, the percentage living in Iowa inched up from 74.3 to 74.7. The percentage living in "warm weather" states increased slightly more, from 15.7 to 17.4.

ing the Music Committee for the P.E.O. Convention in 1997; chairing the Pastoral Nomination Committee for the First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls, during 1998-99, assuming the presidency of Chapter FV P.E.O. Chapter and being Moderator of the Worship and Music Committee at First Presbyterian Church, both of the latter for the last two years.

I've enjoyed retirement very much. However, I look forward to having more time for myself in the near future.

Robert Gish

While on PDL from UNI I took a consultantship at Cal Poly to enhance multiculturalism and consider instituting an Ethnic Studies program. That experience turned into a position and eventual inclusion of a cultural pluralism requirement for graduation and a new Ethnic Studies Department with several tenure track positions.

At Cal Poly I also developed courses in cultural studies, ecology and literature, and Native American Studies. In 2000 I took early, phased retirement, and returned to my home in New Mexico. I teach one semester a year at UNM and each summer at Cal Poly – and keep up my writing.

Judy and I have four grandchildren now and our own three children are established and doing well. These days I spend lots of time along the Rio Grande bosque with my chocolate labrador enjoying the flora and fauna along the river. I'm also playing the guitar again and loving every hour of it – “pickin’ and a grinnin’” as they say.

UNI and Cedar Falls were responsible for some of our best years. But change is the order of the day and there's always a new journey or two, a wondrous world filled with new experiences. “The moving finger writes and having writ moves on,” in Persian wisdom.

I keep in touch with my life-long friend and still colleague, George Day, but would love to hear from other friends and colleagues. My mailing address is PO Box 12562, Albuquerque, NM 87195. [Salud y pasa bien!](#)

Donald Gray

By not going to work I am able to bike more. I wish I could have figured this out earlier in life.

Retirement has given me time to refine my philosophy of life. My guiding principle is that almost anything will last one more year. This applies especially to clothing, but can be adapted to other matters.

Retirement brings opportunities for travel. A visit to the Little Big Horn/Custer battle site was enlightening. Viewing the terrain gave me insight into Custer's decision-making and the outcome of the course of action he pursued.

A couple of years ago we crisscrossed Iowa in order to photograph all 99 court houses. We achieved our goal and learned that one country has two official county seats.

Retirement gives one more time for gazing out the window and doing things in the yard. I have observed that crows are aggressive and apparently very intelligent. From my observation I have concluded that, in time, they will likely become the dominant creature on our planet. From my efforts to grow things I have developed great fondness for sage and chives. Both are marginally useful, require virtually no care and are indestructible.

Most of the time the retirement life style is in the agreeable zone somewhere between agony and ecstasy. That is good enough.

Les Hale

Our retirement years, starting with my early retirement in 1988 and Colleen's two years later, have been altogether a great thing. We had already lived in many great areas of the country and liked it best here, so we never considered leaving Cedar Falls. We're “at home” here and can get to any place we choose. In addition to many, many trips to Texas to visit our children (2), grandchildren (4) and great grandchildren (4), we have taken jaunts to destinations as diverse as London, Paris, Chicago, Kansas City, San Diego, Los Angeles, and Branson.

We also greatly enjoy spending a long day visiting a closer attraction, such as the bridges of Madison county or a matinee performance of a dinner theater production in Chanhassen, MN or Des Moines and returning home that same night. No packing our unpacking and we get to sleep in our own beds.

In 1996 we moved into a new home we designed around our major interests. Colleen's is sewing, especially quilting and making my shirts, so her sewing room takes up most of the area above our garage. Mine continues to be music- the Les Hale Chorale and teaching voice. My studio is half of our lower level, with a 9 ft. ceiling, which serves very well for some of the Chorale rehearsals as well as voice lessons.

Life is good, thanks in large part to TIAA-CREF. We came here in 1960 and the school's participation in it saved us, as we were too young and ignorant at the time to have made such a wise decision for ourselves. If our health holds up we will be both grateful and content.

Edward Jamosky

Primary benefit of retirement is the ability to undertake projects which are not possible when one is engaged in full-time teaching. I used this opportunity to bring to UNI a poet, Vladamir Korol' Kov, that I had met in Russia in the summer of 1967, on a trip to attend a seminar in Abramtsevo, a small village about 40 miles north of Moscow. Korol' Kov was in Cedar Falls for two months in October - December 1996. He lived with Alice and me. He and I spent much time on the UNI campus as well as visiting area attractions, including Wartburg College.

During his visit, I translated a short volume, [52 Poems of Vladamir Korel' Kov](#). The book is part of the Rod Library collection. The Hearst Center hosted a reading of some of the poems.

During his visit, I completed the manuscript for a second volume of his work, *A Russian in America: Poems*. The bilingual volume of 49 poems is scheduled to be published by the Association for Textured Study and Production.

A third benefit of Korol'Kov's visit was a gift of two volume containing all of his poems. Each volume is 450 pages.

I hope that UNI students of Russia will translate this work into English. I hope that UNI students and faculty interested in examining this material will contact me.

Verner Jensen

I retired in 1991. Because both of our children lived in Florida, we made plans to spend 6 months there and the other in Iowa. We bought a manufactured home in a gated retirement community on Merritt Island 5 miles from the Kennedy Space Center. We see all the shuttle launches and hear the sonic booms when they return. Unmanned rockets are launched at Cape Canaveral 7 miles to our east, so we live in an exciting place. We're very much aware of the heightened security now.

However, the most important criterion for selecting this site was its proximity to the homes of our children, who both live with their families about an hour's drive from here. It's interesting and exciting to see the four grandchildren grow and develop.

The division of time seemed ideal. During the summers in Cedar Falls, we volunteered for many community activities: Habitat for Humanity, meals-on-wheels, museum docents, Metropolitan Chorale, and Waterloo Junior Art Exhibit.

In 1994 it was discovered that I had Parkinson's disease. Its progression is not rapid thanks to vigorous exercising. I can still do most things, however slowly; but there wasn't enough energy to maintain two homes. So in the summer of 1999 we sold our home in Cedar Falls. We registered to vote here just in time to take part in the infamous Florida election process!

We keep occupied with family interactions, church activities (choir), activities at Brevard Community College, Elderhostels, Elderlearning programs, and activities in our own community.

We enjoy retirement.

the Amazon and through the Canal, and also went to Egypt and Greece, to Israel, to Scandinavia and Russia, as well as around our own country more.

Then, a week before Christmas 2000, my beloved wife Ellen died of cancer. It goes without saying that she is still missed and that life has changed.

But it goes on. My machinery works more slowly, but at least it works. My son, Howard III, lives with me and looks after the old geezer. We travel, and his hotel management degree taught him how to get cheap rates at the most elegant hotels. He likes duplicate bridge, and we play together quite often. Otherwise, I'm usually at my computer, doing genealogy, following some eBay auctions, and just messing around.

Howard Lyon

My life in the classroom taught me to seek out what seemed best for my people, while managing knowledge transfer and safe handling of unsafe materials. My life since the classroom has been teaching me to do the best I can for the people with whom I work, through Greater Black Hawk Habitat for Humanity. Now I manage building materials, applying skills I had forgotten I had, in some very unfamiliar settings.

The people include single mothers with two, three or four children; Hispanic families; Black families; some learning disabled or wheelchair-bound clients; dedicated older volunteers. Sometimes I communicate with wild gestures, but the building gets done.

Marcia and I have traveled to Yunnan Province, China to study deforestation to the old, walled town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Germany and to Kingston, Jamaica, where I was asked to oversee the re-roofing of an "arch" 35 feet tall, over the entrance to Union Theological College of the West Indies.

I sing in church and in the Metropolitan Chorale, and am a tuba player in the U.N.I. New Horizons Band. Of course we garden, and check up on the farm at Lexington, Nebraska. Marcia is in Audubon, but I feed the birds at home. Marcia also does Meals on Wheels. But most of our energies are concentrated on family. We have 10 grandchildren, four of them stop-grandchildren. Two have graduated from the University of Northern Iowa. We are grateful the whole bunch. The Lord's Providence always exceeds our wildest expectations!

Howard Jones

It is hard to realize that I have been retired over ten years, except that when I go up to the campus, I find the landscape changed and I don't know anything.

I have spent those ten years largely doing nothing, and it amazes me how busy it keeps me. When I retired, I retired completely, and I missed only the contacts with the young people, but not at all reading the exams and papers.

I did become sorry that I had relinquished the UNI Artists Series, which was taken over by a dean dedicated to getting rid of dead, white, male, European composers. I grieved as the Series went downhill and my work was undone.

But that dean left, the Series began a recovery, and then the Gallagher-Bluedorn was built. I am happy to be on its advisory board.

I do complain that there are too few classical music performances, especially soloists. Since the problem is that classical music loses money, Ellen and I set up a UNI Foundation fund which some day will subsidize such performances (anybody can contribute to that fund--or start their own).

But other than my bitterness at what happened to my "baby," I have enjoyed retirement very much. There was time to travel, and Ellen and I took cruises, including sailing up

Barbara and Rex Pershing

We have been retired for several years (Rex 10, Barb 6) and have thoroughly enjoyed the freedom to do what we want when we want. We built a new home in Buck Ridge addition the year before Rex retired. Truth be known, he built a 30 x 40 garage for his workshop and attached the house to it!! We have a beautiful setting that accommodates our many interests, including watching morning sunrises, birdwatching (just saw our resident eagle fly by), and early morning walks. We have no interest in being snow-birds, although we do like to take our 5th wheel camper to a warmer climate for a few weeks in the winter. We have traveled to Australia, England (twice), Holland, Scotland and Ireland.

Rex has a well-equipped wood working shop and has made many fine pieces of furniture. He has spent consider-

able time harvesting trees for lumber and has many board feet of lumber waiting until he finds time to build more furniture. He also enjoys wood carving and Barbara has many of his carved Santa's on the mantel.

Barbara has many (too many) African violets on lighted plant stands, enjoys growing and showing her violence, and is involved in local club and national African Violet Society in several ways. We travel to national conventions each year in our 5th wheel, usually taking along our cat, dog and several show plants. Barb enjoys reading quilting, and maintains a large perennial garden and we share in planting and harvesting a vegetable garden although Rex says his hands don't fit a hoe! He says he can't run anything if it doesn't have a motor on it! (Barb is working on a motorized dust cloth!!!)

Barbara continues to maintain contact with UNI through Correspondence Courses. We learned early in our retirement that we could not share Rex's computer! We are a two-computer family!!! We are involved in several organizations including the Experimental Aviation Association, our church, and our family. Our five children and ten grandchildren all live within driving distance and we enjoy attending sports and music activities involving them.

Rex built a composite airplane, the Cozy, a few years before he retired and we still enjoy flying. We don't have trouble finding things to do and occasionally Rex will comment that he "needs to go back to work to get rested up!"

Donald O. Rod

Elsie and I are now in our 13th year at Northcrest Retirement Center in Ames, and we are slowly moving into a true retirement mode.

I was very active in community affairs here in our earlier years. Serving as Chairman of the Residents Council for 3 years, chairman of a committee developing a long-range development plan, and also chair of a committee which developed the first Northcrest Resident's Manual. We have also been active at Bethesda Lutheran Church.

But we are now at the stage where we are becoming less and less active. But we have a wonderful community of about 180 here at Northcrest (even though a high percentage are loyal Iowa State University retired faculty and students!)

Leland A. Thomson

Events at UNI provide much entertainment and opportunities to see friends and former students. The garden, lawn, and house maintenance keep me busy and physically active.

During the months of February and March, I enjoy the warm weather and white sand beach at Gulf Shores, Alabama. A year ago my daughter and I toured Germany for three weeks.

Thomas H. Thompson

For over seven years now, I've experienced retirement and still haven't quite got the hang of it. Freedom from the demands of academia is refreshing, while, at the same time the sudden disappearance of external demands leaves a void. I've

filled the hiatus with a lot of time spent on the computer and the internet. I've done some writing, some published and some in progress. I enjoyed serving a couple of terms as a member of the Cedar Falls Art and Culture Board which governs the Hearst Center for Arts. And I've found satisfaction being involved in UNIEA affairs, a Thursday lunch group, a monthly book group and the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Supper Club. I've signed up as a volunteer tutor in reading and English language at the Hawkeye Metro Center.

In a previous life, I spent time as a music major and a working musician. I've gone back to the baritone saxophone, working occasionally as a sub with the Cedar Falls Municipal Band. Years ago I carried a flute around in my sax case. That instrument proved to be unrepairable and so I've acquired another flute on which I practice now and then. In January I'll become a member of the UNI New Horizons Band on saxophone. That membership also will involve group flute lessons.

That just about sums it up, except for my so-far-failed effort trying to stay even with Scrabble whiz, Tom Ryan. I almost forgot to mention one important activity. I've taken advantage of the new GBPAC, particularly the quality musical events offered by the UNI School of Music.

James D. Welch

Mary Lou and I have a new great-grandson and we went up to Cedar Falls in October to see him. A wonderful trip and a fine baby plus visiting with family and old friends made it all worth while.

We live a quiet life here in the Ozarks. Mary Lou gets in a lot of reading, does some gardening and has been reunited with many friends as she grew up 20 miles south of here.

I play the cello every day (use it or lose it) but after 65 years I still love the instrument. I am playing the piano regularly again including the Bach Inventions (all 30) plus Sonatas of Haydn and Mozart and some of the easier ones of Beethoven. I am playing the organ at church and have learned to really enjoy a lot of new songs and Mass settings.

Our duet has become a trio, 2 cellos and a fine bassoonist, but we still play duos too. The little orchestra here is in it's third season. One of my students Played Kol Nidre as soloist with the group last May. Another is to do a movement of the Lalo Concerto in February with an orchestra near Branson.

Don Wendt

We moved to Waterloo two years ago to make Friendship Village our home for the remainder of our lives, and we appreciate the reassurance of health care here as our needs change. The fact that we are far away from our daughters (two in Virginia, and one in California), and the knowledge of a progressive illness for Don, were motivating factors in moving here two years ago. The family was pleased with our decision, and we have adjusted well to some changes in lifestyle, but continue the interests we wish to pursue. I know some of you have also made similar decisions, and are finding happiness in your new homes. Cedar Falls will always be Dot's home, but adjustment is part of life, we are not far away, and we are both adapting well. There always seem to be plenty of things to do

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with not enough time in which to do them all. Do the rest of you feel like weeks and months go by faster than ever before? It is hard to understand, but it must be this time of our lives, and it certainly beats boredom!

We certainly enjoy the Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, and occasionally opportunities to take in a wonderful show or concert. Don is still playing with the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony, and having played violin for 70 years, we are grateful he is still able to do this, and that such opportunities exist. He is frequently asked to play here at the Village with their chorus, and also with guitar for their birthday dinners.

We have both taken some classes over recent years under the Institute for Learning After Fifty at nearby Hawkeye Community College, and have enjoyed them. This is Dot's first year off the Steering Committee, so she has a vested interest in it, and we look forward to an upcoming class on Islam and the Crusades. We believe wholeheartedly that peace will

depend, in large part, on our respect and understanding of faiths of all cultures, now and in the future.

Don is enjoying a new hobby of building models, which began last year, and he is on his second boat. His real sailboat is now in Virginia with two of our daughters. Dot recently completed a new project which had been under construction for the past few months. She still finds there are more things she would like to do than time permits. We hope to make our yearly trip east to visit Carol and Kathy in the spring. We no longer do other traveling out of the state, unless it is to visit family one direction or the other. Our last big trip was to the Canadian maritime provinces, and we enjoyed Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia very much, when we were on a tour a year ago.

We wish you all a happy year ahead, with renewed hope for the future in this uncertain world, and we look forward to hearing news from the rest of you. The welcome mat is always out.