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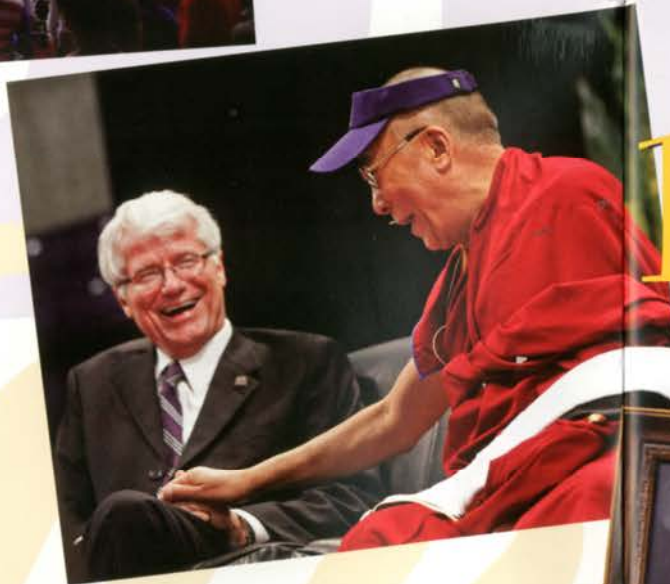
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The University of Northern Iowa is an equal opportunity educator and employer with a comprehensive plan for affirmative action.



UNI alumnus Matthew Ford, B.A. '99, and his wife, Jennifer, are Purple for Life! Their twin boys, Grant and Hayes, want to be Panthers someday too.

WANT TO BE A PANTHER! <<<<

Photo taken by Sally Sandberg, M.A.E. '11 Blink Photography

Many of our proud alumni have children, grandchildren and other family members who are big Panther fans. We love seeing that purple pride start early! From cultural events to sporting activities, there are countless opportunities to get kids involved at UNI all across campus.

And if you know a student who's looking at colleges, encourage them to visit UNI. Share your stories – and your enthusiasm!

Admissions counselors will tell you that the campus visit is far and away the top selling point for prospective students. UNI makes it easy to visit with a variety of options:

- **Panther Peek Visit Days:** featuring a campus tour, panel session with UNI students, academic breakout sessions with faculty and staff, lunch and group sessions that cover admission requirements, academics and majors, financial aid and residence living
- **Saturday visits:** featuring a presentation from admissions, lunch and a campus tour
- **Office visits:** available Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a week's notice

"I just loved campus!" It's true – the UNI campus is beautiful, friendly and easy to navigate.

Visit uni.edu/admissions/studentreferral for more information.

The UNI Admissions team is now accepting future Panthers!



THE PANTHER EVOLUTION

From his debut in the 1930s, to the highly popular TC of today, UNI's mascot has always been the school's biggest fan. Take a walk through TC's story and learn the background of "The Cat."

The Panther was chosen as the mascot because of his grace and ferocity.

1957

The three-dimensional panther mascot made its debut at a basketball game.



1931

Burl Berry submitted the winning entry to name the school's athletic mascot, the Purple Panthers.



Pepi began appearing at other events outside of athletic games.

Favorite memory as TC: "Developing the famous slide down the UNI-Dome stairs at half-time of Homecoming. This was not fun to practice... but the crowd loved it!" Matt Stockdale, 1998-2002

1958

1960

Early 1960s

The panther was nicknamed Pepi Panther.

Student John Shannon took over the program and personally funded and constructed a new panther to resemble other state schools.



The panther took on another nickname, Rocky, because of its resemblance to a raccoon.

The Pink Panther made its debut when UNI graduate Barry Delp took the helm of the mascot program.



Lorenz began to sign autographs as The Cat, and later shortened it to TC.

Early 1970s

1973 1976

Early 1980s

1985



Chuck Patten, wrestling head coach, allowed the Pink Panther to amp up the crowd with the mascot's first pre-game introduction. Production included house lights off with a single spotlight on the mascot as the Pink Panther theme played.



The new Black Panther was debuted by Steve Lorenz.

Favorite memory as TC: "Making two free throws in a row shooting granny style at a men's bball game. I couldn't even see the hoop!" Justin Stockdale, 1997-1998

TC began to increase appearances throughout campus and the greater UNI community.



TC made his first-ever appearance at the UCA College Mascot Championships and placed 12th.

TC finished seventh overall at the UCA College Championships.



The Kitten (TK), TC's sister, made her inaugural appearance at the Homecoming football game.

TK receives a full-body makeover.

The Panther's first name was actually Pericles, with Perky as a nickname.

1990s

Late 1990s

TC received a few makeovers throughout the decade, finally deciding on a slimmer, more athletic design.

2001

2003

TC received another new look!

2007

2010

2011

2011-2012



Together, TC and TK appeared at more than 170 events.

UNI students, like UNI alumni, are pursuing their passions across the country and around the world. Check out these stories from students who decided to make the most of their summer vacations.

What I did on my...

SUMMER VACATION

Ashley Quick

textiles & apparel major;
marketing minor

Hometown: Maysville, Iowa



Working with the fabric selection catalogue system at Natori

Summer job: Product development and merchandising intern with Natori, a high-end fashion design company based in New York City

My goals for the summer:
"Just dive head first into the fashion industry & get some real world experience in the big city."

Top 3 experiences:

- **Market Week** – This is where all the hard work pays off! All showroom samples are showcased for the buyers to make decisions on and purchase our products for their stores.
- **Quarterly Party** – I was able to help plan and set up for this party. It was so much fun to feel so involved with the company and get to help on such a fun project like party planning!
- **Leaving** – After working there for three months and being involved in so many projects, I really felt like a part of the Natori family. They were all so nice and welcoming, but it was only in the end that I realized just how much I'll miss working for such a great company.



Out on the town in New York City

What I Learned:

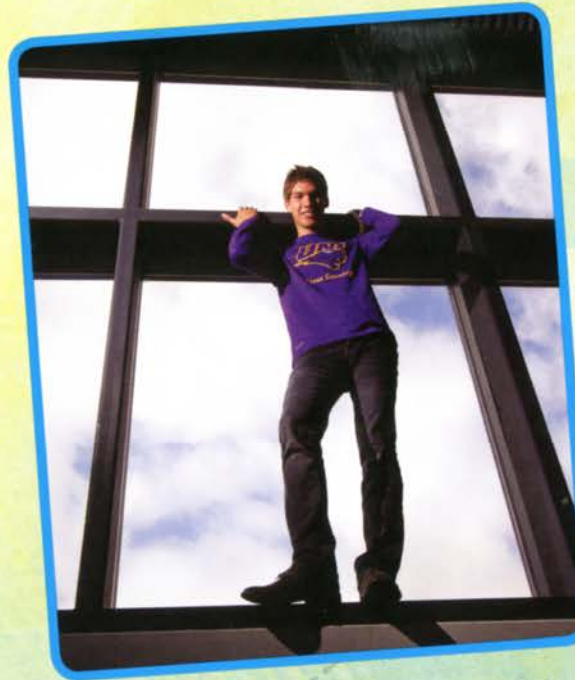
"This internship really made it clear to me what I want in a future career, as well as a future location! The big city might have been a little too big for this small-town girl from Iowa, but the small company of Natori was just right!"

It all comes down to a summer that was:
"Unforgettable"

Brendan Thompson

marketing major; emphasis
in advertising

Hometown: Mason City, Iowa



Summer job: Brand marketing intern with DreamWorks Animation in Glendale, Calif.

My goals for the summer:
"It was something totally different than I've ever done before, so I wanted to do my very best. I wanted to continue my design work but learn more about the business side of the company."



The beautiful DreamWorks campus in California

What I Learned:

"I liked the bigger city, and I think that's where I need to be if I want to continue in the film industry. I also discovered I enjoy people-to-people interaction more than sitting at my desk doing design work."

Top 3 experiences:

- **Release of Madagascar 3** – DreamWorks threw a big party to celebrate the release of the movie.
- **Colleagues** – I worked with about 30 other interns from all over the world and really enjoyed the cultural atmosphere. I also got to meet a variety of directors and producers and celebrities – including Steven Spielberg.
- **The company campus** – DreamWorks is a great place to work. They even provide breakfast and lunch on campus for their employees.

It all comes down to a summer that was:
"Unique"

Seven business-minded students traveled halfway around the world in the first Entrepreneurship in Taiwan study-abroad program through the UNI John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center and UNIBusiness. Majors included: management, marketing, economics, public relations, construction management and education.

They spent eight days abroad and blogged about their experiences at www.uni.edu/cota/taiwantales.

Blog Excerpts

"My favorite part of the entire trip? The 'buddies!' We had five buddies that were university students at National ChengChi University and were with us throughout the entire trip. Daniel, Alicia, Max, Joyce and Nicola were great! If only anyone had counted how many questions we asked them throughout the week, I'm sure it would be thousands."

From Taylor



Front row: Katherine Cota-Uyar (instructor), Therese Kuster, Paige Woodruff. Second row (l to r): Jake Kopriva, Jordan Queckboerner, Parimal Aryal and Taylor Smothers. Not pictured: Josh Koppes

From Jake

"We have been extremely busy the last couple days taking classes and sightseeing. We have learned a lot so far about the Taiwan culture. So far we have:

- Taken Mandarin, Cross-Straits Political, and High-Tech Industry classes
 - Visited Radio Media Services Company
- We have also visited:
- National Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall
 - Longshan Temple
 - Huaxi and Raohe Night Markets
 - Taipei 101 (my favorite!)"

From Therese

"Thursday classes were really interesting: Chinese Thought and Decision-making, and Consumer Behavior. We did a lot of homework beforehand for Consumer Behavior. That was the reason we visited all the shopping places – to study the different types of consumers in Taiwan. Our buddies came back to the hotel to hang out with us and ended up staying for hours. We talked about everything, and it was one of the most informative things we've done. It was nice to learn about their culture from our own peers."

It all comes down to a summer that was:

"Amazing!"

Alexandra Poppinga

biology, biochemistry and bioinformatics triple major

Hometown: Hampton, Iowa

Summer job: Air quality research team member for NASA Airborne Science Program in Palmdale, Calif.

My goals for the summer: "To experience and participate in a NASA Airborne Science campaign and to use our findings to investigate the atmosphere in Southern California."

Top 3 experiences:

- **Flying in the NASA P-3B** - We did six flights to collect whole air samples. The flight crew also agreed to do a parabolic flight at the end of each mission, so that we could experience positive and negative changes in gravity. The zero-G was really cool - people were floating, laptops were floating and my water bottle left my hand and sailed through the air!
- **Visiting the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory** - We got to tour the Mission Control room, which is the same room that you saw when watching the Mars rover landing!
- **Living among my fellow interns** - We were from all over the country and across many fields, from chemistry to meteorology to geology to physics and mathematics, etc. But despite our differences, we all shared one important thing in common: a love for science. And having so many different backgrounds really influenced how we approached problems and the discussions we had concerning our projects. It was great!



In front of one of the NASA Shuttle Carriers at Dryden Aircraft Operations Facility in California

What my plans are now:

"I am looking into graduate programs in atmospheric chemistry. I now have a list of excellent labs that do this kind of field work and research, and I will be spending this fall visiting them and applying."

Our mentor, Greg Hartt, and me in front of our vacuum air canister system aboard the NASA P3-B



It all comes down to a summer that was:

"For science!"



SUITE NEW DIGS

The newest housing option for UNI students opened this fall. With all furniture provided, air conditioning and an on-site fitness room, Panther Village is taking residence life to a whole new level. The on-campus apartment complex is designed for juniors and seniors, with up to four private rooms in each apartment. Phase I consists of 204 bedrooms; Phase II, currently under construction, will add another 246 bedrooms.



Panther Village features an array of sustainable design elements, including:

- a green roof that provides additional insulation, plus a natural filtering system for rain and run-off water
- daylight sensor lighting in shared spaces
- specially-designed window awnings to control heating and cooling needs
- in-room recycling

UNI alumni and friends honored at Distinguished Awards Celebration

The University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association and the UNI Foundation hosted the Distinguished Awards Celebration in September. The awards program included the annual Heritage Honours Awards and the new President's Philanthropy Awards. Alumni and friends were recognized for their professional accomplishments and service to the university.

Heritage Honours Awards recipients:

- **Alumni Achievement Award:** Mildred Wood, B.A. '56, M.A. '62
- **Alumni Service Award:** Sandy Stevens, B.A. '62
- **Young Alumnus Award:** Jason Kilborn, B.A. '94
- **Honorary Alumnus Award:** Ed Gallagher

President's Philanthropy Awards recipients:

- **Purple and Gold Award:** Gary, B.A. '62, and Myrna, B.A. '63, Floyd
- **Corporate and Foundation Award:** John Deere
- **Faculty and Staff Award:** Carl, B.A. '51, M.A. '59, and Wanda, B.A. '52, M.A. '66, Wehner
- **Emerging Philanthropist Award:** Michael, B.A. '92, and Jacqueline, B.A. '93, Mrosko

To learn more about the award recipients or the UNI Alumni Association, visit www.unialum.org. To learn more about the UNI Foundation, visit www.uni-foundation.org.



Front row: Myrna Floyd, Jacqueline Mrosko, Wanda Wehner, Mildred Wood
Second row: Gary Floyd, Mike Mrosko, Carl Wehner, Jason Kilborn, Ed Gallagher, Rich Czarnecki/John Deere, Don Wood, Sandy Stevens

\$1.5 million gift

from former UNI professor will benefit math students



The University of Northern Iowa has received a \$1.5 million gift from the estate of Bonnie Litwiller. Litwiller retired from UNI as a professor of mathematics in 2000.

The gift, given through the UNI Foundation, will be used to support the Bonnie Litwiller Mathematics Teacher Scholarship for students who demonstrate academic excellence and financial need. Preference will be given to students pursuing a degree in secondary math education.

"We are grateful for Dr. Litwiller's lifelong contributions to and confidence in the programs at the University of Northern Iowa," said UNI President Ben Allen. "Her gift for scholarships will help provide an outstanding educational experience for more students and will prepare them to meet an important need for mathematics teachers not only in the state of Iowa, but across the nation."

Joel Haack, dean of UNI's College of Humanities, Arts and Sciences said, "Dr. Litwiller's gift will honor her legacy of national leadership in mathematics education by encouraging gifted students to become mathematics educators, thus bringing a new generation of potential leaders into the profession. Of course, it will provide an impact on these educators' students as well, so that this gift will reach generations of students."

Litwiller was awarded the 2003 Iowa Council of Teachers of Mathematics Lifetime Achievement Award, the 1995 University of Northern Iowa Outstanding Service Award and the 1993 Regents Award for Excellence from the Iowa Board of Regents. She co-authored more than 900 journal articles, published four books and edited 26 books for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Bonnie H. Litwiller died at her home in Morton, Ill., on Jan. 27, 2012. Her gift is part of UNI's Imagine the Impact campaign. For more information about the campaign or the UNI Foundation, visit www.uni-foundation.org.

Gold Medal Goals



When the U.S. women's soccer team won the gold medal at the London 2012 games, they played in front of a record crowd of more than 80,000 fans. UNI alumna Hollie Walusz, B.A. '05, may have had the best view of all – standing on the field as the team's athletic trainer.

"It's been quite the whirlwind of a summer," she said. Admitting the trip was far beyond her career expectations, Walusz said, "I don't know if people ever think they'll end up at the Olympics!"

For Walusz, her Olympic journey started in Feb. 2012 when she was asked to join the team for their Olympic run.

"I always planned to work at a college, make an impact and do big things in my profession," she said. "I never thought about going on at an international level, but it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity – I had to go!"

She has been involved with the U.S. women's national soccer team since 2010. "They have a rotation of physical therapists and athletic trainers that they work with," she said. "I was recommended by a previous supervisor; they tried me and liked me."

Walusz left her job as head athletic trainer with the professional women's team, the Philadelphia Independence, and spent the next five months on the road with the U.S. team.

She and a physical therapist were responsible for all healthcare aspects of the team. With 22 team members and 10 staff members on the road together 24/7, "You get some entertainment," she said. "The girls liked to play pranks on each other. There was a lot of cracking up."

"We played in Glasgow, Scotland, for the first few rounds of the Olympics," she said, "so we missed the opening ceremonies. But the girls got all gussied up in their Ralph Lauren gear and paraded around the hotel in our own version of the ceremonies. It was all very memorable!"

By far, her top experience at the Olympics was winning the gold. "You can't ever put into words what that was like," she shared. "To end on a note like that and accomplish all your goals – it was awesome."

The U.S. beat Japan 2-1 at Wembley Stadium in London on Aug. 9. Afterwards, Walusz said there was a lot of congratulations back and forth between the teams, as the Japanese team is highly respected. "Then everyone was crying and screaming, very emotional. I think we celebrated until the closing ceremonies (Aug. 12)!"

Walusz loved staying at the Olympic Village for the finals as well. "Just to see and be around athletes in that environment was amazing," she said. "Very surreal – these are the people you've been watching on TV, and now we are living side by side with them."

After the games, Walusz returned to the U.S. to begin a new chapter in her life as an athletic trainer at Boston University. She loves Boston so far, but definitely plans to stay involved with the U.S. women's team as well. She's already planning for the upcoming World Tour.

"It was never my plan to concentrate just on soccer," Walusz said. "I didn't play it in school. But I knew I wanted a contact, high-profile sport to work in and it feels like I've found just what I wanted in soccer."



Walusz' bio:

- UNI, B.A. '05, Athletic training
- University of North Carolina, M.A. '07, Sports medicine; emphasis in athletic training
- College of William & Mary, athletic trainer
- Philadelphia Independence professional women's soccer team, head athletic trainer
- U.S. women's national soccer team, athletic trainer
- Boston University, athletic trainer

Hollie Walusz shows off her teammate's gold medal. Staff members receive gold rings instead of medals.

Allen announces Retirement from UNI

UNI President Benjamin Allen announced in August that he will retire by July 1, 2013.

In making the announcement, UNI's ninth president cited several major initiatives that were completed during his tenure.

"It has truly been an honor serving as president of UNI these past six years," said Allen in a message to faculty and staff. "Pat and I believe this is a very special place and we have enjoyed working alongside so many talented students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the university."

During his six years at UNI, Allen has stressed three primary goals for the university: to become the leading undergraduate institution in the state; to be known as a national leader in pre-K through 12 issues; and to enhance the economic, social and cultural development of the state.

Allen's key accomplishments at UNI include:

- A leadership role in Iowa's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) initiative
- Establishment of the Richard O. Jacobson Center for Comprehensive Literacy
- Meeting the UNI Foundation's "Imagine the Impact" campaign's \$150 million goal one year early
- A visit to UNI by His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet
- Managing UNI through some of the toughest economic times in recent history

The Board of Regents, State of Iowa, will conduct a search to

replace Allen. He plans to retire no later than July 1, 2013, based on when a new president is appointed and is ready to take over. Allen assumed his presidential duties in June 2006.

"Pat and I believe this is a very special place and we have enjoyed working alongside so many talented students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the university."



HOMER SEERLEY'S great-grandson honors heritage with gift to Rod Library

“Cemeteries are an open history book,” says Stan Culley. As an avid genealogist, Culley devotes many hours to reading and restoring grave stones. Of particular interest is the cemetery where his great-grandfather, Homer Seerley, is buried. Homer Seerley was the second president of the University of Northern Iowa. From 1886 to 1928, he led the college under two names, Iowa Normal School and Iowa State Teachers College.

Culley has traveled the United States researching the Seerley family ancestry and collecting stories and photos from as far back as the 1830s. One of his most treasured photos is Homer Seerley holding Culley’s father, Homer Culley. Baby Homer was born in the upstairs bedroom of UNI’s President’s House.

Many of the stories that Culley has documented are archived in UNI’s Rod Library. He has worked with UNI historian Gerald Peterson to preserve the Seerley family history. Culley knew there was a hand-written journal by his great-great-grandfather, Thomas

Seerley, but for 30 years it remained elusive. So he was thrilled to learn a friend of the family had donated it to the Rod Library Archives. He remembers holding it in his hands and imagining all the places Thomas described.

“Education has always been so important in our family,” said Culley. “With my interest in education and in preserving history, it made sense to include the Rod Library in my estate plan. Libraries are changing, but they are still important as a centralized location of information and knowledge for students to do research. It is critical to keep up with technology, so I hope my future gift will make that happen.”

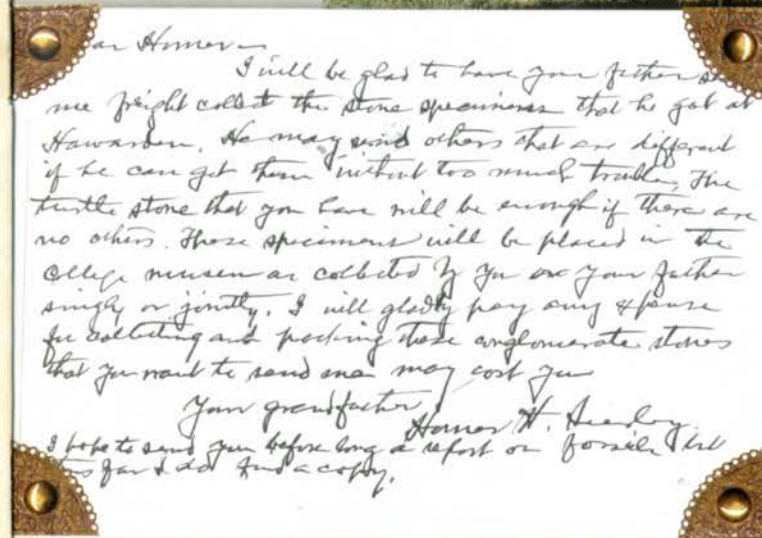
To read the preserved copy of Thomas Seerley’s journal and a biography written by Homer Seerley, visit the Rod Library website and type Thomas Seerley in the search box.



Above: Stan Culley, genealogist and great-grandson of Homer Seerley.

Far left: Homer Seerley holding grandson Homer Culley.

Near left: A letter from Seerley to Culley.



Honor your collegiate experience with **UNI**'s class ring

The University of Northern Iowa experience creates a lasting impression on those who choose to learn, live and grow here.

You know that as a Panther. Your personal UNI experience is certainly wrapped around good times and great people. You are a part of the fabric that weaves the rich history and tradition that is UNI. We, as a university, celebrate every person who became a Panther and every success of each individual. It is who we are. It is who you are.

UNI's traditions and values are based on a dedication to providing the highest quality university experience for all students – past, present and future. One of the traditions is the Official Class Ring, which symbolizes the link between all Panthers and the rich traditions of UNI.

To wear the official ring is an honor – a privilege that you have earned. The ring is available exclusively to students and alumni. The ring design will remain unchanged and will forever identify you as a member of the UNI family.

Your journey is filled with great UNI memories; they are cause for celebration and remembrance. You are invited to become part of a proud UNI tradition by wearing the Official Class Ring of the University of Northern Iowa.

For more information, please visit www.balfour.com and select University of Northern Iowa.



Athletics honors new

HALL OF FAME

inductees

The UNI Department of Athletics Hall of Fame 2012 class includes Ryan Brunner, B.A. '01, baseball; Mark Farley, B.A. '87, football; Dennis Roloff, B.A. '76, track & field; Amy Swisher, B.A. '04, M.A. '08, women's basketball; Deb Vangellow, B.A. '86, track & field and golf; David S. Peters, B.A. '78, Jitu Kothari Meritorious Service Award; and the 2001 UNI Panther women's volleyball team.



Ryan Brunner (1998-2001), a native of Charles City, was named UNI's Outstanding Senior Male Athlete and the MVC Player of the Year in 2001. He was also named the Outstanding Player at the 2001 Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) Tournament, where he led UNI to the tournament title and a berth into the NCAA Regional for the first time since 1968.

Mark Farley (1982-86 student-athlete; 2001-present head coach) walked on to the UNI football team in the fall of 1982. He received the Special Team Award his second year. During Farley's three years as a starter, UNI compiled a 27-7-1 record and advanced to the 1985 FCS semifinals. Farley went straight from a player to a graduate assistant and then was elevated to a full-time assistant. Farley has led the UNI Panthers to a mark of 99-41 in his 11 years at the helm of the program.



Dennis Roloff (1971-74) was a three-time NCAA Division II All-American for the Panther men's track & field squad. He set 11 school records in his time at UNI, including a clocking of 46.23 in the 400. His mark in the 400 stood for 28 years.

Amy Swisher (2000-04) is UNI's all-time leading scorer in women's basketball with 1,851 points. Swisher, a native of Cedar Falls, was a three-time all-MVC performer. In 118 games played, Swisher made 726 field goals - also a UNI career record. Swisher ranks No. 3 all-time at UNI by averaging 15.7 points per game over her career.



Deb Vangellow (1981-85 student-athlete; 1991-92 golf coach) served as a captain for the track & field squad and earned a letter in each of her competitive years. Deb is one of Golf Digest Magazine's "America's 50 Best Women Teachers," the Ladies Professional Golf Association's "Top 50 Teachers," and US Kids Golf "Top 50 Kids Teachers."



David Peters will be honored as the 2012 recipient of the Dr. Jitu Kothari Meritorious Service Award. Peters has contributed to UNI Athletics by serving on committees, making donations and helping build infrastructure. Peters Construction Corporation has built the Human Performance Center, football offices, football locker room, athletics administrative offices, McLeod Center suites and the McLeod Center ticket office.



The 2001 UNI volleyball squad posted a mark of 31-2 overall and reached the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament. The Panthers won the regular season MVC title with a league mark of 17-1. UNI then went on to win the MVC tournament title with victories over Illinois State and Missouri State. UNI advanced to the Sweet 16, held in Long Beach, Calif., against No. 1-ranked Long Beach State.

Members of the 2001 UNI volleyball squad: Jill Arganbright, Michelle Burvee, Katie Epley, Steph Germann, Erin Hirsch, Kim Kester, Abby Lemek, Kim McCaffrey, Molly O'Brien, Rachel Tink, Shari Vermeer, Miranda Weber, Jessi Worrell

*Head Coach: Bobbi Petersen
Assistant Coaches: Barb Randall and Mary Bernhardt
Volunteer Assistant: DeAnn Woodin*

*Student Assistants: Alex Auker, Maya Hirsch
Manager: Jared Penning*

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PANTHERS & COUNTING

UNI I am a legacy family.

From 1976 to the present, 14 members of the Fuglsang family have called themselves Panthers. Connie Carr Fuglsang, B.A. '78, and her husband, Steve Fuglsang, B.A. '76, were the first of the clan to graduate from the University of Northern Iowa. With a strong background in education, Connie and Steve have been valuable volunteers on the UNI Parent Association board. Connie agreed to be the spokesperson for the family in explaining why UNI is so important in their lives and careers.

UNI Today: What experiences stand out most?

Connie: Family members took advantage of strong academic programs in both the business and education colleges. We have participated in athletic training, cheerleading, SAA (Student Alumni Ambassadors), the Greek system (both fraternity and sorority), intercollegiate wrestling and the social activities presented within the residence halls.

UNI Today: How have your experiences made an impact on your careers and lives?

Connie: UNI was, and continues to be, an excellent educational institution grounded in a warm and friendly environment. The knowledge we gained in the classroom from professors, not graduate assistants, and the experiences we had while participating in extracurricular activities, gave us the skills we needed to be successful within our chosen careers, whether in the business or education world. We all have met so many people while at UNI and maintain many of those friendships to this day.

UNI Today: What drew 14 family members to attend UNI?

Connie: The size of UNI was attractive to Steve and me when we attended UNI in the early 1970s. The campus was a good fit for our siblings, and later on, children and nephews, who wanted a school that was not too large, but not too small. UNI fit the bill. Our own children (Sara Fuglsang Murphy, B.A. '03, and David Fuglsang, B.A. '07) went to many football games and visited campus as they were growing up, so the familiarity of campus was a big attraction as they began looking at colleges.



Top row l-r: Judy Fuglsang Bruns, B.A. '79; Mark Fuglsang, B.A. '81; Steve Fuglsang, B.A. '76;
2nd row l-r: Sara Fuglsang Murphy, B.A. '03; Connie Carr Fuglsang, B.A. '78; Gregg Fuglsang;
3rd row l-r: Jason Fuglsang; Matt Fuglsang, B.A. '94; Kristi MacNeish Fuglsang, B.A. '83;
4th row: David Fuglsang, B.A. '07
Not pictured: Brad Fuglsang, B.A. '98; and current UNI students, senior Evan Schultz; senior Jordan Queckboerner; sophomore Jared Queckboerner (great-nephews of Connie and Steve)

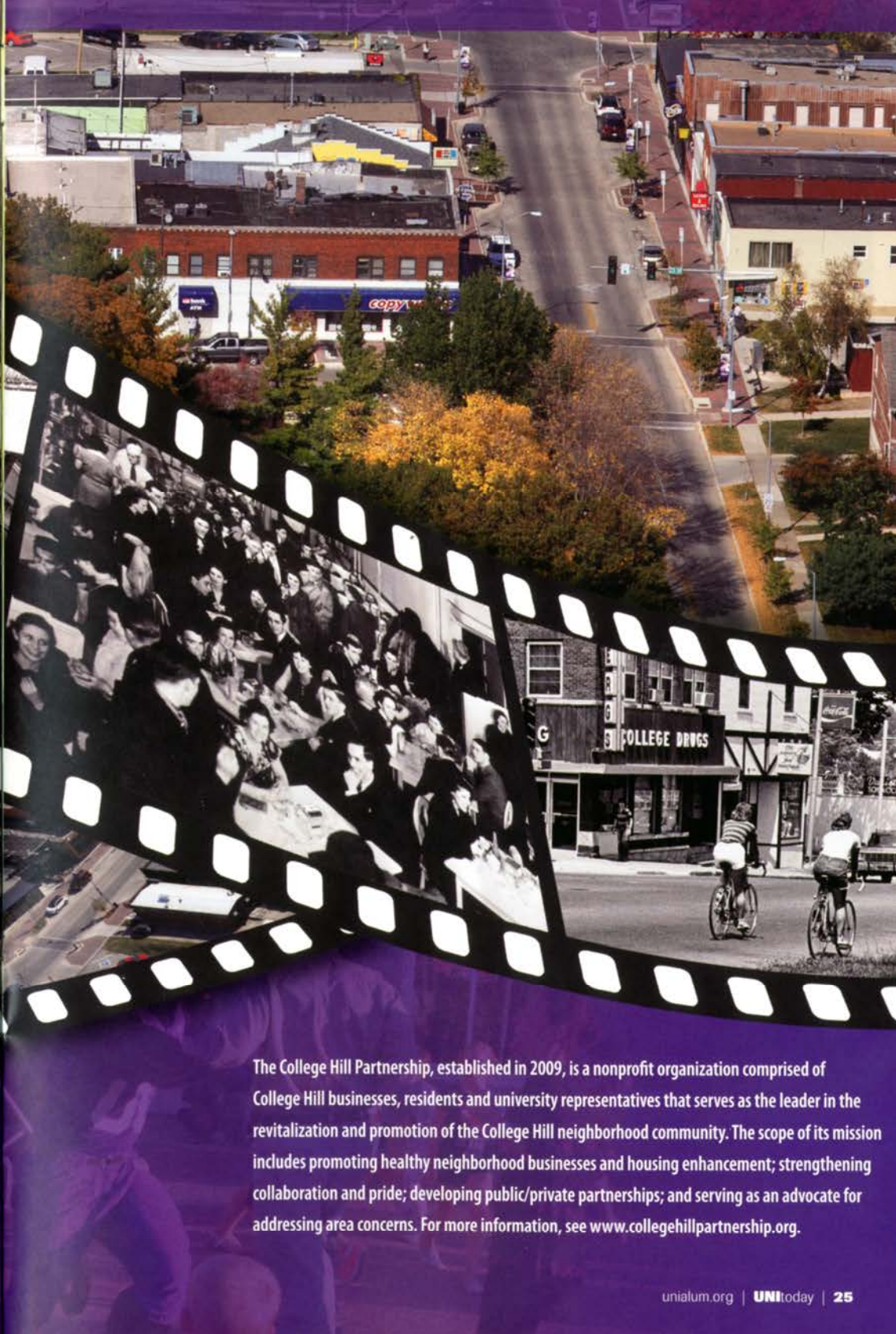
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Who is the hardest working mascot in the business? TC, that's who.

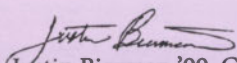
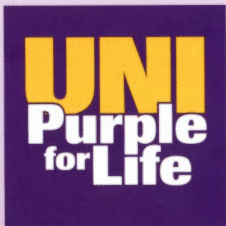
Since moving his cat carrier and squeaky toys to the Alumni House, TC has become more than just a fixture of Panther Athletics. He's everywhere. From attending community events and eating breakfast with adoring fans (young and old), to cutting a rug at alumni weddings and doing the Interlude anywhere and everywhere, he truly is a busy kitty.

As a cherished UNI tradition, most UNI alumni have a soft spot in their hearts and a favorite memory of the most ferocious predator prowling the nation. My favorite TC-related memory is from the 2008 football semifinals when my then 4-year-old son, Jake, asked if TC was leaving the UNI-Dome to use the litter box. True story.



So, take a trip down memory lane with this edition of UNI Today and see how much our cat has grown over the years and maybe you'll say "Awww, TC!"

GO PANTHERS!



Justin Bierman '99, Chairman

UNI Alumni Association Board of Directors

Class Notes

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1940s

🌟 **'42 Betty (Southern) Atwood, 2-yr Cert., BA '52, MA '56**, Urbandale, has been retired for 24 years. She is active in retired teachers' organizations, church, American Legion Auxiliary and loving life. She turned 89 in Sept. 2012.

🌟 **'47 Laurabelle (Murphy) Brewer, BA** Charleston, AR, turned 86. She is still playing golf three times a week and likes to drive west every summer.

🌟 **'48 Rosie (Maiden) Bolstad, BA**, Bremerton, WA, composed numerous original works in 2011-2012 and is continuing work on her recording projects, including, "Rosie Irene's Best Yet" and two other projects.

🌟 **'48 Warren Smith, BA**, New York, NY, wrote "Unforgettable New Canaanites," his 8th book since reaching 80 and the first since reaching 90.

🌟 **'49 Arnold Grummer, BA**, Appleton, WI, was selected for induction into the Paper Industry International Hall of Fame.

🌟 **'49 Jason Loving, BA**, Battle Creek, MI, is a writer in Corpus Christi, TX.

1950s

🌟 **'50 Newt Draheim, BA**, Clarion, participated in a Memorial Day service to honor those of the Clarion churches who gave the supreme sacrifice.

🌟 **'50 Glenn Tucker, 2-yr Cert., BA '52**, Lake Park, GA, retired in 1993 after 43 years in education, having served as a classroom science teacher in junior and senior high school, science dept. chairman, professor of science education, high school principal, associate county school superintendent and adjunct professor of science education after retirement.

🌟 **'51 Kenneth Severson, BA**, Shelburne, VT, collected and recorded life experiences of the World War II era from fellow retirement community residents and was a contributing author for the book, "Our Great War."

🌟 **'51 Lois Thies-Sprinthall, 2-yr Cert., Oak** Island, NC, served as an associate professor in the Graduate School of Education at North Carolina State University in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction prior to retirement. One of her best graduate students at that time was Dwight Watson, current dean of UNI's College of Education.

🌟 **'54 Kenneth Heflin, BA**, and **Nancy (Mortenson) Heflin, 2-yr Cert. '55**, Glendale, CA, met at ISTC and recently celebrated 57 years of marriage. Nancy honored Ken with an 80th birthday party, with 80 guests attending. Ken retired in 1997 from the United Methodist ministry after 42 years of service.

🌟 **'55 Lavon (Burrichter) Bayler, BA**, Elgin, IL, retired after 20 years as a local pastor and 21 additional years on the United Church of Christ Illinois Conference staff. She has traveled to more than 50 nations, written ten professional resource books, including more than 700 hymns and enjoys time with her four grandchildren, ages 4-20.

🌟 **'56 Elizabeth (Bittle) Belden, BA**, Alburnett, was named Woman of the Year on 8/26/09 in recognition of contributions to women's equality in Linn County. She produced a reader's theater program of readings from Eve Ensleys' "I Am An Emotional Creature."

🌟 **'57 Beulah (Johnson) Darrow, 2-yr Cert.**, Fort Worth, TX, retired after 13 years as an English instructor at Tarrant County College Northwest.

🌟 **'57 Jerry Janssen, BA, MA '59**, Appleton, WI, formerly a chemical patent law attorney, suffered a debilitating stroke in December 1999 and now resides in a care facility.

🌟 **'57 Jenese (Miller) Truelsen, 2-yr Cert.**, Milton, FL, traveled to Europe with her granddaughter, Laura Hattaway, in May. They traveled by Eurail; the high point of the trip was Zermatt and riding the cog train and cable cars on the Matterhorn in Switzerland.

1960s

🌟 **'60 Donald McClain, BA**, Iowa City, is teaching a class at the University of Iowa as an adjunct assistant professor. He also enjoys his 18-month-old grandson, Quinn Joseph Cassis, with a second grandson due 9/12/2012.

🌟 **'61 Dean Settle, BA, MA '64**, Lincoln, NE, retired June 2012 as the director of the Community Mental Health Center, Lincoln, NE, and as a surveyor after 37 years for the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), Tucson, AZ.

Gogerty honored as "Champion of Change"

Jessica Gogerty, B.A. '89, is among 12 educators nationwide to be named a "Champion of Change" by the White House for her efforts to improve academic standards at North High School in Des Moines. The program was created in 2011 to honor ordinary Americans who strive to make their communities better.

Gogerty was recognized for her work with the School Improvement Grant program with a trip to Washington, D.C., in August. North High is one of 10 Iowa schools to receive federal funds through the initiative, which seeks to boost achievement at the nation's lowest performing schools. North is in its third year of the program. Students there posted a 19-percentage-point gain in reading on state assessments from 2009-10 to 2010-11, and a 9-percentage-point gain in math over the same time period.

"It is what we do together that makes school improvement possible," Gogerty wrote on her blog. "Our work, our school, our kids. I am very grateful that I had the opportunity to represent all the Champions of Change in Des Moines."

Gogerty, a National Board Certified teacher and a past recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science, served as a School Improvement Leader at North during the first two years of the school's SIG grant. She is now in a similar role at Roosevelt High School.



'63 Mary (Rupp) Stattler, BA, MA '70, Conrad, works at the Wolf Creek Child Care and Preschool.

'64 Larry Markley, BA, MA '67, retired as Texas Christian University's Brown-Lupton University Union's director in 2009, after completing a new university union in 2008.

'65 Karen (Perrigo) Wilson, BA, Orlando, FL. After 42 years in education, she is now enjoying retirement, family and grandchildren. She has been traveling on the east coast. She was honored to be inducted into the UNI Hall of Excellence in the School of Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services for her achievements in education.

'66 Robert Eilenfeldt, BA, Euless, TX, retired after nearly 40 years in the mattress industry. He is now devoting his efforts to supporting a trade school in Honduras. He visits the trade school twice a year, helping them educate youth in central Honduras.

'66 Gary Stattler, BA, Conrad, retired from teaching and is busy with his pottery studio, Conrad City Council and Boy Scouts of America.

'67 Thomas Ervin, BA, Le Claire, has been elected the 137th president of the Iowa Academy of Science. He was also the recipient of the 2003 Alumni Achievement Award from the UNI Alumni Association.

'67 Lynette (Norris) Glasgow, BA, Argyle Hts, St. Vincent. June 2012 was the 45th anniversary of her graduation from UNI. Her husband, Carl Glasgow, died 3/22/2012.

'68 Michael Brinsko, BA, Overland Park, KS, retired May 2012 after 44 years of teaching and coaching; 11 of those years were in Overland Park, KS.

'68 Donna (Voss) Hancock, BA, Pella, retired after spending 42 years in elementary education in Waterloo and Pleasantville. She was an elementary principal in Pleasantville, Albia and Pella for 20 years.

'69 Janice (Lamantia) Hoeman, BA, Urbandale, retired May 2009. She visited her daughter in Asuncion, Paraguay, and taught a semester at the American School of Asuncion.

1970s

'70 Mireya Bernal-Greco, BA, Miami, FL, and husband **Dennis Wenthold, BA '72**, retired after 37 years in teaching and educational administration in Iowa and Florida. They are presently running a business in El Valle, Panama, called Cabans Potosi.

'70 LeRoy Kester, BA, MA '73 and **Susan (Helland) Kester, BA '71**, Story City, both retired 5/31/2011.

'73 James Linahon, BA, Claremont, CA, served as the chief sound engineer on a recording project for the Taipei Jazz Orchestra in Taiwan.

'74 Barb (Binley) Bakker, BA, MA '95, Dike, taught health education & coached varsity volleyball at Dike-New Hartford schools for 34 years. She is currently an instructor of school health education in HPELS at UNI.

'74 Mari (Reiher) Cramer, BA, teaches first grade in Allison at North Butler Elementary and serves as secretary for the Iowa State Education Association (ISEA) Unit 2 executive board.

'74 Carole Duvall, BA, Queanbeyan, Australia, retired from teaching but is busy with organizing local junior basketball.

'74 Richard LaRue, BA, Arundel, ME, received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation, an association of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

'74 Brent Muirhead, BA, MA '86, Alpharetta, GA, published a new book, "Wisdom: Making Good Choices With Imperfect Knowledge."

'75 Jeffrey Tower, BA, Hemet, CA, was inducted into the California Jazz Hall of Fame. He is the youngest member to earn this honor.

'76 Diane (Braun) Eckhardt, BA, State Center, is working as a registered nurse at McFarland Clinic, playing golf and anxiously awaiting her first grandson's birth.

'76 John Spilde, BA, Council Bluffs, is a recreational therapist at Regency Rehab & Skilled Nursing and also a Primerica Financial Services representative.

1980s

'81 James Harken, BA, Grundy Center, is a project manager at Hansel Construction Co.

'81 Keely (Mooney) Harken, BA, Grundy Center, is the new foundation development manager for the Grundy County Memorial Hospital.

'87 Scott Jessen, BA, Richardson, TX, is the managing director at Citadel Partners Real Estate Advisory Firm. He is also a board member in the local community leadership program with a focus on mentoring, service and regionalism.

'81 David Kwikkel, BA, Storm Lake, is the superintendent of Schaller-Crestland and Galva-Holstein Community School Districts.



Shontz receives PEASE award from president

Suzanne Shontz, B.S. '99, is among 96 researchers nationwide to receive the Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers, the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. Government on science and engineering professionals in the early stages of their independent research careers. She was presented with her award at a White House ceremony held in July 2012.

Shontz is currently an assistant professor of mathematics and statistics at Mississippi State University. She received her award for research in computational and data-enabled science and engineering.

"I design computational techniques used to solve problems in science and engineering involving motion. Scientists and engineers are able to use these algorithms for studying numerous applications including design of new cars, flapping of an airplane wing, and placement of a medical device, for example," she said. "It's a great honor to receive this award. It means that my research has been recognized by the White House as being important to the nation."

'81 **Juli (Ihry) Kwikkel, BA, MA '94**, Storm Lake, is the elementary principal for Storm Lake Community Schools.

☀️ '82 **Lora (Wypich) Kander, BA**, South Sioux City, NE, celebrated 10 years in business as Katch-A-Kup Coffee Shop.

'83 **Douglas Huey, BM**, Mason City, leads the Doug Huey Jazz Project and is a featured soloist with the Jazz Coalition Big Band and the Northern Iowa Jazz Sextet. Huey performed in eight concerts with the Jazz Coalition Big Band from December through May. He is currently teaching at the Learning Center in Mason City.

'84 **Timothy Johnson, BA**, Littleton, CO, finished his 28th year of teaching elementary school. He ran his first marathon this summer.

'84 **Mark Moore, BA**, has been invited by William Ackerman of Windham Hill Records to record at the Imaginary Road Studios in Vermont in the upcoming year.

'86 **Todd Moe, BA**, Cedar Falls, was recognized for 25 years of service at Cedar Falls Utilities. He is the supervisor of transportation services, responsible for all fleet vehicles and equipment.

'87 **Timothy Lapointe, BA**, Mason City, formed his own law firm, The Law Offices of Timothy L. Lapointe, P.C., after 17 years at Lapointe & Lapointe, Attorneys at Law.

'87 **Brenton Nair, BA**, Memphis, TN, graduated from Leadership Memphis, a prestigious program which has been shaping community leaders in the Memphis area since 1979.

'88 **Craig Dass, BA**, Humble, TX, has joined Childress Directional Drilling in Houston, TX, as the chief financial officer.

'88 **Jeffrey Liebermann, BA**, Iowa City, is the executive director of development for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Iowa. He is currently directing a fundraising campaign through the U of I Foundation to assist in the rebuilding of three UI arts facilities, which were destroyed in the flood of 2008.

☀️ '88 **Patrick Murphy, BA**, Northport, AL, coached the University of Alabama to its first national softball championship in spring 2012. He was named Division I National Coach of the Year after the victory.

'88 **Mark Walters, BA**, Jacksonville, NC, was featured in a live broadcast of a new Finnish opera, "Rockland," aired July 2011, and was also named the Olson Artist for the 2011-2012 season with Florida Grand Opera (FGO). This honor is given to one outstanding American artist each season and coincided with Walters' performances in the title role of Rigoletto with FGO in Jan. and Feb. 2012.

'89 **John Kotz, BA**, Adel, has taught at Waukee High School for 17 years. He received a Master's Degree in Education in 2010 from Viterbo University.

'89 **Eileen (Meyer) Russell, MM**, Georgetown, TX, has been teaching full-time at the university level since 1989, including positions at Vincennes University, Austin Peay State University, Del Mar College and Texas A&M. Russell currently serves as associate professor of low brass and theory at Southwestern University. She recently released an album with fellow UNI graduate **Delaine (Leonard) Fedson, BM '80**, as the duo, Unique Conversations.

1990s

'91 **John Damgaard, BA**, Victoria, MN, was appointed president of MDI Achieve, effective 9/10/2012. Based in Minneapolis, he is responsible for directing the strategic operations and also oversees offices and teams in St. Louis and Dallas. MDI Achieve is the leading provider of software to the eldercare industry.

'91 **Ann (Osbourne) Gribbins, BM**, Indianola, currently serves as the Iowa All-State Orchestra Chair. Gribbins is the orchestra director at Irving Elementary, Whittier Elementary, Indianola Middle School and Indianola High School.

'91 **Jill Hemphill, BA**, New York, NY, accepted a position in the corporate tax department with General Electric, leading all of GE's global equity compensation plans, as well as handling certain expatriate and global payroll tax matters.

'91 **Margi (Toillion) Steffensmeier, BA**, Farmington, retired from the U.S. Army on 9/1/2011 after serving 20+ years. She has a son, Harlan, born 1/20/2000; daughter, Elizabeth, born 11/3/2001; daughter,

Isabella, born 4/24/2004; and daughters, Abigail and Brianna, born 12/21/2008.

'91 **Sandra (Luepke) Tempel, BA**, Waterloo, is a case manager for behavioral health at Covenant Medical Center.

☀️ '93 **Terry Merfeld, BA**, Des Moines, became a shareholder of Roth & Company, P.C. on 1/1/2012.

'93 **Vicki (Winter) Novak, BA**, West Union, accepted a position as a family practice physician assistant with Gundersen Clinic in West Union. In Jan. 2012, she and her husband, Greg Novak, became the owners and operators of the West Union Country Club.

'93 **Kariann (Sullivan) Voigts, BM**, Indianola, appeared as a guest artist with the Waverly-Shell Rock Symphonic Band. After graduating from UNI, Voigts earned her Master's Degree from Indiana University and performed with the United States Air Force Band of the Rockies in Colorado Springs, CO. She was a founding member of the Solar Winds Clarinet Quartet.

'94 **Shannon Risk, BA**, Niagara Falls, NY, published a book, "The Romantic Adventure Company."

'94 **Ami (Dark) Rosen, BA**, Cedar Falls, is a newly-published author. Her book is entitled, "Stronger Through Christ: A Mother's Memoir."

'94 **Darrell Willrich, BA**, Cedar Falls, was recently promoted to supervisor with ABM Janitorial, overseeing many different cleaning crews.



UNI ALUMNI HAVING A BALL ON RAGBRAI:

Mary Phillipson, Cathy Abbott, B.A. '78 (in UNI jersey); Barb Dearborn, B.A. '78

Some people claim they bleed purple and gold; **Brendon Snell, B.A. '99**, decided to prove it to the world with his Campanile tattoo. And yes, it's permanent!



'95 **Daniel Mahraun, MM, MM '96**, Fargo, ND, was appointed director of choral activities at Minnesota State University Moorhead, effective fall 2012.

'95 **Justine (Kelding) Rogers, BA**, New Bloomfield, MO, recently became an adjunct instructor of English for the Columbia College Online Campus where she teaches developmental English composition to students of all ages from all over the world.

'95 **Carrie (Jacob) Traetow, BA**, joined ME&V as a national healthcare account executive.

'96 **Teresa (Havens) Keninger, BA**, Ackley, is the elementary principal at AGWSR (Ackley, Geneva, Wellsburg and Steamboat Rock), where she taught kindergarten from 1996-2008.

'96 **Jeff Smith, BM**, New York, NY, is a resident artist of the American Lyric Theater Composer Librettist Development Program, where he is writing a one-act opera with librettist, Magda Bogin, called, "The Silence in the House." Other current projects include a musical, "Lightning Man," which received a developmental production at Tisch School of the Arts and was presented as part of the ANT Fest 2011 at Ars Nova. Jeffrey is also working on a duo percussion piece to be performed in a series of concerts in Iowa and Hungary in 2013.

'96 **Michelle Weltzin-Trainer, BA**, Davenport, completed her Master's of Social Work at St. Ambrose University and is now a Licensed Master Social Worker at Pathway Living Center, Inc. in Clinton. She married **Vicki Weltzin-Trainer** in August 2010.

'97 **Eric Allen, MM**, Batavia, IL, wrote and published a book of etudes and excerpts titled, "Success in All Keys." The book recently received positive reviews in The Horn Call (International Horn Society) and The International Trumpet Guild Journal.

'97 **Joan (Pemble) Kimball, BA**, Everly, teaches 5th grade in Spencer while her husband, Kent, farms.

'97 **Rupert Van Wormer, BA**, Cedar Falls, received his PhD in Social Work and Social Research from Portland State University.

2000s

'00 **Nicki (Hagen) Inman, BA**, Eads, TN, graduated in June from Leadership Memphis, a prestigious program which has been shaping community leaders in the Memphis area since 1979.

'00 **Meggan (Daniels) Johnson, BA**, Grand Rapids, MI, is the director of the Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center in Lowell, MI, an outdoor learning center situated on 140 acres of woodland, prairie and wetland habitats owned by Lowell Area schools.

'00 **Jason Markey, BA**, Grayslake, IL, is the principal of East Leyden High School in suburban Chicago.

'02 **Mamdoh Alhabeeb, BA**, Arlington, VA, is DBA and an application developer at GW Medical Faculty Associates.

'02 **Austin Kness, BA**, San Francisco, CA, was featured in the role of Brühlmann in the San Francisco Opera's fall 2011 production of Massenet's "Werther."

'02 **Jeffrey Zhang, MBA, MACC '03**, changed his English name from John to Jeffrey when his first son, Jeffrey, was born in Waterloo, summer 2003. Little Jeffrey is now 9; he is in 3rd grade and plays baseball very well. A second son, Alex, was born in 2009 in Rhode Island, where Jeffrey finished his PhD.

'03 **Kelly (Fenton) Coleman, MA**, Urbandale, was one of 30 educators selected to attend C-SPAN Classroom's 2012 Educators' Conference in Washington, D.C.

'03 **Megan (Gitter) Ruiz, BA, MA '05**, Farley, is an academic adviser of the Trio Student Support Services Program and a disability services coordinator for the University of Dubuque.

'04 **James Jung, MBA**, Seoul, Korea, is the chief investment officer at Korea Securities Finance Corp.

'04 **Laura Weeces, BA**, Streamwood, IL, is an internal audit supervisor with Arthur J. Gallagher and Co.

'06 **Ross Reed, BA**, Kansas City, MO, is the manager of sales with Perceptive Software.

'06 **Shelly Welch, BA**, Winter Springs, FL, received the University of Central Florida MFA Provost Graduate Fellowship for 2012-2014 and will study for her Master of Fine Arts in Emerging Media.

'07 **Katherine (Corker) Curran, BA**, Lansing, MI, finished a PhD in Psychology at Michigan State University and began a new job as an assistant professor of psychology at Kenyon College in Ohio in fall 2012.

'07 **Lindsay (Heitland) Heine, BA, MA '09**, Cedar Falls, is a teacher in Cedar Falls.

'08 **Tyler Kalina, BM**, Iowa City, is now the band director at Williamsburg High School. He was previously a graduate teaching assistant at University of Southern Mississippi (USM) while earning his MM, and served as USM Symphony Orchestra's principal percussionist. He was inducted into Kappa Delta Phi educational honorary in 2011.

'08 **Kelli (Kruckenberg) Larson, BA**, Greeley, CO, graduated from medical school at Des Moines University and began residency at North Colorado Family Medicine Residency in Greeley, CO, in June.

'08 **Jaimie Miller, BA**, West Des Moines, is a director of philanthropy for WesleyLife and a board member for Young Professional Connection.

'08 **Evan Smith, BM**, Seattle, WA, premiered two pieces at the World Saxophone Congress XVI, in St. Andrews,

Scotland, in July 2012, including one by UNI professor, Jonathan Schwabe. Smith recently finished the first year of his DMA at the University of Washington, where he also teaches jazz history. He is playing in a number of different jazz and classical groups in the Seattle area and will return to Iowa in the fall to perform a recital at UNI on 10/25/12.

'09 **Nathan Hauser, BA**, Toledo, joined ME&V as a web graphic designer responsible for the design of client web interactive and other marketing efforts.

'09 **Renee Rapier, BM, MM '11**, San Francisco, CA, made her professional opera debut with the Los Angeles Opera, singing the role of Stephano in Gounod's "Romeo and Juliet." Rapier was previously a participant in the L.A. Opera Young Artist Program and the Merola Opera Program. She also appeared at the Boston Early Music Festival with La Donna Musicale and recently began an Adler fellowship with the San Francisco Opera.

2010s

'10 **Emily Brincks, BA**, Lawler, teaches at Trinity Catholic School in Protivin. She previously taught 2nd and 3rd grade in 2011. In 2012, she became 6th grade homeroom teacher and a 4th-6th grade language, reading, science and religion teacher.

'10 **Elizabeth Cooney, BA**, Northfield, MN, returned from serving in the U.S. Peace Corps in Rwanda as a community health volunteer. She is the new membership specialist for Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys.

'10 **Gregory Haines, BA**, Oskaloosa, accepted the position of coordinator of student development at California Polytechnic State University (CalPoly) in San Luis Obispo, CA.

'10 **Cory McBride, BM**, Winthrop, is a music educator with the East Buchanan School District. In summer 2011, Cory's music program was awarded a \$50,000 Pepsi Refresh Campaign award. The funds are being directed toward replacing instruments in the band program.

'10 **Amy Young, BA**, Blairstown, is teaching 3rd grade reading/math, 5th and 6th grade Title I, and 7th grade math in Belle Plaine.

'11 **Troy Delagardelle, BA**, Waterloo, is an alternative asset management intern for The Blackstone Group.

Marriages

'02 **Lisa (Swanson) Wallace, BA**, married Mike Wallace on 5/28/2012.

'07 **Lucas Brady, BA**, married Laura Brady on 6/16/2012.

'07 **Katherine (Corker) Curran, BA**, married Paul Curran on 7/7/2012.

'07 **Lindsay (Heitland) Heine, BA, MA '09**, married Nick Heine on 8/4/2012.

'08 **Amanda (Shipley) Barnes, BA, MACC '09**, married Ian Barnes on 7/28/2012.

'08 **Briana (Ritter) Goodenbour, BA**, married Douglas Goodenbour, BA '09, on 6/27/2009.

'09 **Katie (Nooan) Hillyer, BA**, married Luke Hillyer, BA '10, on 5/19/2012.

Births

'96 **Gwen Timmerman, BA**, Waterloo, adopted son Derek Paul 6/27/2012.

☀️ '97 **Sarah (Vit) Harms, BA, MA '04**, and Matt Harms, Janesville, son Connor Matthew born 4/12/2012.

☀️ '97 **Ruth (Chodur) Pottratz, BA**, and Daniel Pottratz, Ankeny, daughter Astrid Creedence born 3/5/2012. She joins brothers Atticus, Axel, Magnus and Lars.

'99 **Tina (Wiley) Stauffer, BA**, and Chris Stauffer, Ankeny, daughter Eden Louise born 7/13/2011. She joins Elijah, Caleb, Gabrielle and Naomi.

'00 **Kelly (Bockenstedt) Destival, BA**, and Micah Destival, Hudson, son Breyden James born 7/16/2012.

'00 **Meggan (Daniels) Johnson, BA** and Gary Johnson, Grand Rapids, MI, daughter Linden born 11/1/2011. She joins brother Leeland born 9/1/2010.

UNI ALUMNA NAMED 2013 IOWA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Tania Johnson, B.A. '89, M.A. '01, a teaching veteran who has worked to make a difference for generations of students and fellow educators, is the 2013 Iowa Teacher of the Year.

Johnson spent most of her 22-year teaching career in Cedar Rapids kindergarten classrooms before she accepted a teacher leadership position in the school district this fall. A Cedar Rapids native who was inspired by her own teachers to pursue a career in education, Johnson is best known for going above and beyond her work in the classroom and the hours in a school day.

"Today, teaching cannot be done with the door closed," Johnson wrote in her Teacher of the Year application. "It is a team sport. Everyone must work together to accomplish the goal of learning."

Johnson has been a role model for her colleagues as well. She has mentored kindergarten teachers, opened her classroom to student teachers and has held leadership roles in after-school programs and organizations such as the Jackson Elementary Parent Teacher Association and the Cedar Rapids Education Association. Johnson was named Linn County Educator of the Year in 2006 and earned National Board Certification in 2007.

She was nominated in May by Jamie Cummins, a Cedar Rapids teacher whose children were in Johnson's kindergarten class at Jackson Elementary School.

"Tania Johnson is the perfect marriage of traditional teaching values and modern differentiated techniques," Cummins said. "She truly sets the benchmark for what the standard of teaching should be in Iowa and the nation."



Photo by Iowa Department of Education

'02 Staci (Harper) Castillo, BA, and Aaron Castillo, Littleton, CO, daughter Kalei Mae born 5/12/2012.

'02 Amber (Diehm) Heuer, BA, and Brent Heuer, BS '03, Des Moines, son Stone born 4/2/2012.

'03 Curtis Switzer, BA, and Lisa (Groth) Switzer, BA '03, Eden Prairie, MN, daughter Lucienne Caroline born 5/17/2012.

'04 Crystal (Thompson) Bauman, BA, and Jeff Bauman, Grinnell, son Eli born 7/9/2012.

'04 Jennifer (Rubner) Nus, BA, and Steven Nus, Waverly, son Bennett Victor born 7/20/2012.

'05 Janda (Campbell) Brittain, BA, and Eric Brittain, Eden Prairie, MN, son Kellen Louis born 6/16/2012.

'05 Jenny (Rokes) Connolly, BA, MA '08, and Scott Connolly, BA '05, Cedar Falls, son Ryder Scott Connolly born 5/23/2012. He joins big brother Noah.

'05 Sarah (Christopherson) Parsons, MA, and Todd Parsons, Cedar Falls, daughter Elise Ruth born 7/31/2012.

'05 Kelly (Kaiser) Schipper, BA, and Keenan Schipper, Omaha, NE, daughter Ellison Clara born 3/27/2012.

'08 Briana (Ritter) Goodenbour, BA, and Douglas Goodenbour, BA '09, Kalona, son Aiden born 5/29/2011.

Deaths

'40 Gordon Patterson, BA, died 7/8/2012 in Wahpeton, ND.

'42 Fern (Betz) Hammelman, BA, MA '73, died 7/20/2012.

'48 Wayne Gard, BA, died 5/2/2012 in Long Beach, CA.



From Dale Klein, B.A. '91: This is a hike up Buffalo Mountain, west of Silverthorne, CO - 3,000 ft. of elevation gain to 12,777 feet with a mountain goat on the summit to greet us. GO UNI PANTHERS!!!

'49 Leora (Pierce) Smith, BA, died 5/24/2012 in Newcastle, WA.

'50 Carl Williams, BA, died 5/17/2012 in Bluffs, IL.

'52 Dorothy (Hartke) Leichsenring, 2-yr Cert., died 5/24/2012 in Cedar Rapids.

'53 Lois (Moll) Hensel, 2-yr Cert., died 7/15/2012 in Gainesville, FL.

'56 Carolyn (Sexton) Huizenga, 2-yr Cert., died 10/31/2011 in Glendale, CA.

'56 Richard Lieb, BA, died 4/26/2012 in Monee, IL.

'58 Jerald Granger, BA, died 9/24/2011 in Verona, WI.

'60 Richard Olson, BA, died 12/18/2011 in Central City, NE.

'61 Suzanne (Sparrow) Olson, BA, died 12/13/2011 in Central City, NE.

'63 David Haglund, BA, died 9/24/2011 in Bartow, FL.

'71 William Lance, BA, died 5/24/2012 in Bradenton, FL.

'71 Michael Reed, BA, died 6/6/2012 in Los Angeles, CA.

'75 Steven Lunning, BA, died 3/16/2012 in Ames.

'76 Thomas Gonzales, BA, died 5/6/2012 in Ypsilanti, MI.

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- 16 **Regent Career Networking Luncheon**
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- 19 **Alumni Board Meeting**
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- 20 **Homecoming**
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- 6 **Polar Bare Run, Walk or Roll**
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- 14 **Regent Networking Happy Hour**
Des Moines

December

- 15 **Men's Basketball Big Four Classic**
Des Moines
- 22 **Wellness & Recreation Services Alumni Weekend**
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