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In Appreciation  
Given and For Rich  
in memory of  
Lori Rich  
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Emily DeCosta  
Makawao School Principal  
Thank you

Students, Teachers, and Parents  
of Makawao School  
2005 - 2006

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of Makawao School  
2004 - 2005

Alexander and Baldwin  
Foundation  
Matson Navigation Company

Donna Quincke  
Art / Ceramics Teacher  
Julie Vandervoort  
Teacher / Project Director

## A teacher's gift



# New home, old tradition

Students catch up on their 'reading' as the visiting team is introduced at the first men's basketball game in the McLeod Center, home of the Robert J. McCoy Court. The Panthers beat UW-Milwaukee, 69-58.

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# A Teacher's Gift

By CJ Hines

*Installed in May 2006 at Makawao Elementary School, the mural is a tribute to student teacher Lori Rich.*

**A** long one wall of Makawao Elementary School in Maui, Hawaii, is a colorful 6-by-16 foot mural of children playing hopscotch, climbing a jungle gym and enjoying other playground activities, all set against the backdrop of the Haleakala Mountain.

All 450 Makawao students designed the mural with things they loved about school or the "Upcountry" where they lived. But there was a deeper purpose: to honor student teacher Lori Rich, who believed art is an important part of life, not an afterthought.

The 216-ceramic-tile display stands as a tribute to Rich, who died in 2004 from Wegener's Granulomatosis, an autoimmune disease where blood vessels become inflamed and destroy normal tissue.

"We designed a mural of our school playground with the mountain in the background because this was where Lori participated in our lives," said Julie Vandervoort, Makawao teacher and project director.

The mural gave Lori's parents, Steve and Jerilyn Rich of Kalona, a way to honor their daughter. They donated \$1,500 to the school in Lori's name, who student taught there in 2002.

When Lori applied for her teaching assignment, she knew where she wanted to go—Hawaii. But no UNI student had taught there before. UNI officials were reluctant to grant her request; first they had to find an on-site university supervisor in Hawaii to oversee her assignment.

Marilyn Colvin from the University of Hawaii first thought Lori was another 'beach bum girl from the states' who wanted to come to Hawaii," Jerilyn said. "But Lori persisted."

Lori's persistence also involved reconnecting with her first-grade teacher, Wendy Conlan, who taught at Centers of Learning at Shiloh, a private school near Kalona, before moving to Maui 18 years ago.

"After high school Lori's parents brought her to Maui. It was fun to hear she was going into teaching," said Conlan, her co-op teacher at Makawao. "Later on, she called and said she wanted to do her student teaching in Maui. I was surprised she was serious about it. Lori was persistent and eventually her name came up on the list of student teachers interested in working at our school."





Above, l to r: Wendy Conlan, Lori's cooperating teacher; Janey Montgomery, associate professor for UNI's Out of State and International Student Teaching Program; Rich, and Marilyn Colvin, on-site supervisor from the University of Hawaii.

Right: Rich teaches a session to first-grade students at Makawao Elementary School in Maui.

Lori's parents, Steve and Jerilyn Rich, also donated \$1,500 to Koko Head Elementary School.



Dr. Janey Montgomery from the UNI Office of Field Experiences, developed the agreement with Colvin to oversee Lori's assignment.

"She did her student teaching after 9/11 when many students changed their minds about going out-of-state or international," said Montgomery, who traveled to Hawaii to visit Lori's class. "Lori was full of energy and excited about student teaching in Hawaii with her own kindergarten teacher from Iowa. She was a natural teacher, she never missed a beat—always in tune with the children. She believed that learning was fun and within the grasp of each child."

Lori graduated from UNI in 2002, with degrees in elementary education and early childhood education, then returned to Hawaii in early 2003 to teach preschoolers in Waikiki. Six months later she was teaching fourth-graders at Koko Head Elementary School in Honolulu.

In late 2003, after suffering from what she thought was a persistent ear infection, Lori was diagnosed with WG. In 2004, she was hospitalized, the disease attacking her lungs. Although she didn't return to work her students didn't forget her; they sent letters and pictures she displayed around her room. Teachers and staff at both schools donated sick leave and vacation time so Lori would get paid through the end of the school year.

When she was well enough to travel, her parents brought her home, where she died in September. She was 24. "Lori was very much a people person. So many people could have benefited from her touch," Jerilyn said.

Although those who had Lori as a teacher are now in middle school, some come back to visit. "When I see them I mention Ms. Rich and they have good memories of her," said Conlan. "They are very proud of the work they did on the mural."

Her parents have not seen the mural, which was installed last May, but plan a trip this year. "It was important to remember Makawao," said Jerilyn. "I know Lori would've been honored. She had a real drive to make a difference in her students' lives." 🍌

(Photos courtesy of Janey Montgomery, Marilee Bos & Jerilyn Rich)



## A focus on positive impact

**S**tan Askren always aspired to make a positive impact in life. Now as chairman, president and CEO of HNI Corporation, he's leading the second largest office furniture manufacturer in the world and one of the country's 1,000 largest publicly held companies.

*Fortune* magazine has recognized HNI Corporation as the "Most Admired Company in its Industry," and *Forbes* magazine has called HNI one of the "400 Best Big Companies in America."

Askren came to HNI Corporation in 1992 as corporate vice president. He ran Hearth & Home Technologies and some of the other office furniture companies owned by HNI before being named president of HNI Corporation in 2003. He was named chairman and CEO in 2004.



### Stan Askren

1982, B.A., management  
1987 M.B.A., Olin School of Business,  
Washington University  
Advanced Management Program,  
Harvard University  
Chairman, CEO, HNI Corporation,  
Muscatine, Iowa  
Family: wife, Mona ('82); daughter  
Natalie, 18; Ryan, 16; Tyler, 12

"I never worried about the path. I was focused on making a positive impact," Askren said.

**Employment is one obvious measure** of impact resulting from the success and growth of HNI. The corporation employs 14,000 people directly and keeps thousands more workers busy as vendors and suppliers.

"It's not only about the pay and benefits paid to our members (employees); it's also the taxes, community involvement and money we contribute as a corporation. We contribute heavily in Iowa. The best thing we can do is be a strong economic engine that attracts outstanding people, which raises the overall quality of life and has a huge financial impact," Askren said. "The company isn't going to be successful because of me but I can have an impact on it. It feels like a big stewardship responsibility."

Askren said part of that responsibility is helping others find their purpose, just as people did for him as he moved through the ranks. "I can name the people who guided me in each of my jobs."

His first job after graduating from UNI was working for Emerson Electric in St. Louis. He worked long hours and attended night classes at Washington University in St. Louis, obtaining his MBA in 1987.

In 1989, he went to Wilcox Electric, a subsidiary of Thomson, S.A., a multinational electronics manufacturer and media services provider, to oversee human resources. Three years later, HNI Corporation—now a \$3 billion company—hired him.

**Founded in 1944 by two engineers** and an advertising executive to provide jobs for returning servicemen, HNI actually began operations in 1947 in Muscatine. At the same time, the three founders, Max Stanley, Clem Hanson and H. Wood Miller, also established a profit-sharing plan.

"They were way ahead of their time," Askren said. "Our company is unique and

different. These three wanted to create a great place to work. It's a member-owner culture; members own stock in our company, and participate in profit sharing," Askren said. "When you have this culture, you get a highly motivated working environment and people can focus on what's important."

Professional demands have kept the Askren family on the move. After living in Orlando, St. Louis, Kansas City, Muscatine and Mount Pleasant, the Askrens are happy to be back in Muscatine. "When we left Iowa after graduating from UNI, we said we'd never move back to Iowa. We traveled the world, lived a lot of places, started to raise a family and realized Iowa is a great place to live. The values and the convenience are unparalleled."

Askren was born in Oregon, then lived in Idaho and the Minneapolis/St. Paul area before moving to Cedar Rapids prior to his junior year at Jefferson High School. After graduating, he attended a Midwestern university for two years before transferring to UNI.

**"What attracted me to UNI** was the personalized approach—a "Students First" atmosphere with professors who are competent and thoughtful. UNI is big enough to have all the resources and the diversity to get an outstanding education but small enough and focused enough to get a personalized experience," he said.

As a UNI student, Askren worked in the Academic Advising & Career Services office, which led to an internship with Lutheran Mutual (now CUNA Mutual in Waverly).

"When I started my career and went on and got my master's degree, I found my choice to attend UNI was outstanding. At Washington University, the MBA program was pretty rigorous, but thanks to UNI, I had everything I needed," Askren said.

— CJ Hines

# 'People believed in us.'

In the midst of the Vietnam War, race riots and sit-ins, Lee Rainey and Kathy Rechkemmer met at the heartbeat of the campus, the Commons. This word became the keystone of their friendship for they had many things in common—history majors, student leadership positions and career dreams.

Their friendship ultimately grew into a love that was celebrated through marriage in 1969.

During the past 38 years Kathy and Lee have built impressive individual careers. Lee's road was from a sharecropper's child to senior vice president of sales for a Fortune 500 company to president of his own consulting firm. Kathy grew up in a small town in Iowa with dreams of becoming a teacher. She is now an executive director of corporate and human resources.

Together, they have a successful partnership built on faith, friendship, family and community support. The challenges faced by an interracial couple in the emotionally charged '60s could have been overwhelming, but their love prevailed over matters even more fundamental than those of color or culture.

"The fact is, we really like each other," Lee said. "We made commitments to each other in terms of how we would raise our children, whose career we would follow and how we would always respect each other," Lee said. "We still honor those commitments."

"We've had a blessed journey," Kathy said, "We have a wonderful friendship. I've been enriched beyond measure by the diversity in our family."

The Rainey's recall with gratitude the people at UNI, in the Cedar Falls community and in corporate America who demonstrated faith in them over the years. "When we got married, I was assistant director of Campbell Hall," Kathy said. "We were living in a hall of 735 girls. Lee was one of the first males to ever live in a women's dorm. That may seem minor now, but it took great courage on the part of Dean (Mavis) Holmes."

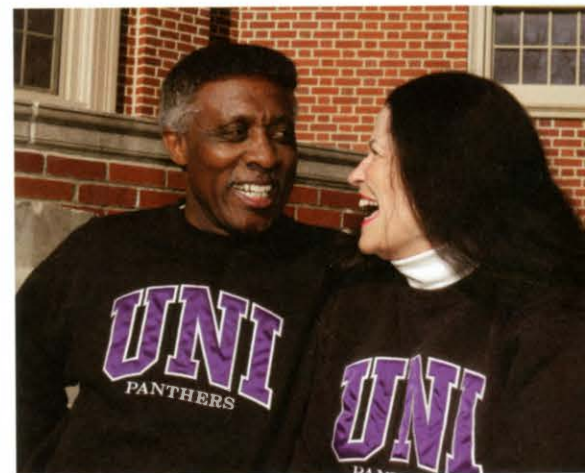
The first interracial couple to be married by Pastor Homer Larsen at Cedar Falls' Nazareth Lutheran Church, the Rainey's were invited to Cedar Falls High School several times to speak to students about their relationship. Still, the challenges they faced as a couple didn't dominate their college experience to the exclusion of other activities. Kathy participated in a long list of campus organizations, including marching band and Tri Sigma sorority. Lee was an RA in Rider Hall, and was voted 'Favorite Man on Campus' in 1968. He was also the lead singer in IBTC, a popular rock/soul band of the day.

As undergraduates they both shared a desire to teach and make a difference in the world. They credit their liberal arts education with giving them the tools to persevere. Lee said, "Without the liberal arts training and education we experienced at UNI, we would not be who we are today."

Kathy said, "I would hope that we have lived our lives in such a manner that would pave the way for others to follow regardless of their racial or ethnic backgrounds." It is fitting that the church to which they've belonged for more than 20 years—the nationally celebrated Park Avenue United Methodist Church—is a place where people from myriad social and economic backgrounds can celebrate their faith together.

"Park Avenue is unique because the congregation includes a full spectrum of people, from professionals to people who don't know where their next meal is coming from," Kathy said. "We like to say it has 'blue-eyed soul.' It has helped add to the pluralistic makeup of our family and the world in which we live."

Lee recently began working with UNI's College of Business Administration staff to assist in diversity initiatives, specifically to recruit and retain a more diverse student and faculty population in the college. It is a contribution that reflects the couple's respect for the people who were "in their corner" as they advanced their careers.



Lee Rainey  
1969, B.A., history  
President, C-Level Consulting Services,  
Minneapolis  
Kathy Rainey  
1968, B.A., social services; 1971 M.A.  
student personnel, higher education  
Exec. Director, Corporate & Human  
Resources, Onvoy, Minneapolis  
Family: daughters Kris Jacobson  
(husband Chad), Michelle Livingston  
(husband Mike); seven grandchildren.

"Our approach to life is that if you treat people with respect and look for the good in others, then that's what you're going to find," Lee said. "We just want to be positive role models and give back."

— Denton Ketels



## From history major to financial entrepreneur

**D**onald DeWaay has always liked to work. As a young boy in Rock Rapids, while his schoolmates enjoyed a snow day in front of the TV, he shoveled neighbors' driveways.

That led to all sorts of jobs, including street repair, farm work and some profitable sales ventures while attending UNI. On graduation day, instead of being awarded a bachelor's degree in business, he received a B.A. in history.



**Donald DeWaay II**  
1984, B.A., history  
CEO/DeWaay Capital Management,  
Clive  
Recently launched DeWaay Financial  
Network (broker/dealer)  
Host of "The Profit Zone" on WHO  
Radio  
Hometown: Rock Rapids  
Family: wife, Carla, sons Donald III  
(5); Grant (4); and daughter, Lydia (1)

"History is a good background to get a broad understanding of a lot of things, and economics plays a big role. Money and wealth are big influences on political and public policy and societal trends. I've always been interested in history," said DeWaay, now CEO of DeWaay Capital Management in Clive. "I've also been fascinated with being an entrepreneur."

After graduation, he immediately went to work selling securities for American Express, later becoming a certified financial planner™ (CFP). He started DeWaay Capital Management in 1987.

DeWaay is the brains behind a multimillion-dollar commercial development that will bring together accountants, bankers, financial planners, insurance agents and finance related businesses. "Most people live complicated lives and it's getting more and more complicated by everything happening in the world. People don't have the time or the resources to research all the options to make and preserve wealth. What we've attempted to do is come into that space and make their lives easier."

The development, called Commerce Park, will eventually house five buildings on a nine-acre tract of land. More than 100 people will handle investments, estate planning and tax law in the DeWaay headquarters building.

In March, DeWaay and his staff of 60 will move into their new offices; 43,000 square feet, complete with waterfalls, plants, fireplaces, atrium and other spectacular features. The headquarters of DeWaay Capital Management will also house a financial education resource center and conference center, with the latest in technology and videoconferencing capabilities.

The genesis for Commerce Park is common sense. "When you're in my business long enough you see what people aren't getting. People have a more pedestrian approach to financial planning, to the financial planners, the

off-the-rack products and solutions," said DeWaay. "Routinely we sit across from people who want a better and more sophisticated approach. We became aware that there are better ways to do things. We think it's going to get a lot better."

His most recent venture is DeWaay Financial Network, a broker/dealer firm, which will support a nationwide network of independent financial representatives.

DeWaay says UNI's liberal arts core helped prepare him for his career, particularly in honing his communication skills. "Communication is a very important part of our business and there were various people in the Speech Department, but (the late) Professor M.B. Smith stood out," he said. "I took a lot of speech classes and I speak across the country and on my radio show. That skill I'd attribute to those professors in the Speech Department."

His call-in show, "The Profit Zone," is not a typical financial broadcast. "Things move so fast it's hard for people to grasp. It's not the traditional stocks and bonds information. We try to give a different perspective. It's more than what's happening now; we talk about what will happen in six months."

He is also editor of The Profit Zone financial magazine and speaks to investors, industry groups and Fortune 500 companies across the country.

"One of the best things is speaking to thousands of people throughout the year and hearing how they've succeeded and failed. If you listen carefully, you hear what works and what doesn't," he said. "I've sorted through all that, and by the time I was in my late 30s it gave me a different perspective. I learned a lot about myself and a lot about life."

— CJ Hines

# Got butter?

**F**or 45 years, Norma “Duffy” Lyon reigned supreme at the Iowa State Fair as the Butter Cow Lady.

After announcing her retirement in 2002, last year Duffy finally passed the scepter (or butter knife) to her longtime apprentice.

“I didn’t believe she was truly retiring until the Fair called me to ask what I wanted to sculpt,” said Duffy’s successor, Sarah Pratt of Norwalk. “The first time Duffy told me she was retiring and that I’d be taking over was in 1997. I was still a student at UNI and glad when she decided the next year she’d be returning. I just wasn’t ready back then!”

Pratt has known Duffy most of her life. Both she and Duffy lived in the Tama-Toledo area and Pratt went to school with Duffy’s grandchildren. Pratt first began working for her at 13 when she was in 4-H with Duffy’s great-niece. Both girls began by handing Duffy tools and butter as she worked on that year’s sculpture. Pratt then learned how to polish the butter for a couple of years until Duffy suffered a stroke in 1997, giving Pratt more apprentice duties.

Pratt admits to no formal art training (she was an elementary education major) but credits Duffy for nurturing her artistic abilities. “I always wanted to take art classes in high school, but there were only two spots in the schedule and I filled those every year with instrumental music and Spanish,” said Pratt, who is a special education teacher at Westridge School in West Des Moines. “In college I had the goal of graduating in four years, and with anywhere from 15 to 18 credit hours a semester plus summer courses, I didn’t feel I could fit it in. Most of my artistic training comes directly from my apprenticeship with Duffy.”

The only time the 29-year-old took time off from helping Duffy was to teach out-of-state and when she was pregnant with twins. Pratt and her husband, Andy (BA ’98) are the parents of Hannah and Grace, now 3.



*Sarah Pratt shapes the head of last year’s butter cow at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines. Pratt also did sculptures of Bill Riley and Superman.*

*Photo courtesy David Peterson/Des Moines Register*

Her first solo sculpting job came in 2004 when fair officials commissioned Duffy for a bust of herself for the fair’s 150th birthday, and she said she couldn’t do a self-portrait so Pratt took over.

But Pratt’s first year as the “Butter Cow Lady,” which included handling expenses and hiring help, was at the 2006 Iowa State Fair. Along with the traditional Butter Cow were a bust of Bill Riley, “Mr. State Fair,” and a life-size sculpture of a now-famous Norwalk resident, Brandon Routh, star of the “Superman Returns” movie. Although Pratt and Routh live in the same town, they don’t know each other.

“I wasn’t able to meet him during the project, but he did have input on the project, and his parents were a great help. He did visit the sculpture though,” she said.

Assisting her were Duffy’s grandchildren, Todd Lyon and Erin Lyon, and Jennifer Strauss, a West Des Moines chef with her own catering business. Strauss is an expert cake decorator so she did the lettering for the Riley sculpture.

“We spent one week on each of the

## **Sarah Pratt**

1999, B.A., elementary education major; minor in learning disabilities  
Special education teacher, Phenix Early Childhood Center, West Des Moines  
Residence: Norwalk  
Hometown: Toledo, IA  
Family: husband, Andy, twin daughters, Hannah and Grace, 3 years old

three exhibits. With my first year under my belt, I hope to cut that down by a few days. It will always depend on what I am sculpting and the amount of detail the subject requires,” she said.

What will this year’s butter sculpture be? A Panther, perhaps? Pratt hasn’t decided yet, but she welcomes all suggestions.

— CJ Hines



# On Ice

By CJ Hines

**Imagine** spending three months in a city built on an extinct volcano, with Mars-like conditions, no known life forms (except marine life) and a population that varies between 125 in the winter to 1,200 in the summer.

During the summer, the sun shines 24 hours a day; during the winter, the sun never rises. It's a three-hour plane ride to the South Pole.

Welcome to McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

Paul Jones has been there not once—but three times. Jones ('62), a retired science teacher, is on the ice now, operating the water plant at McMurdo. He first came in 1997 as a National Science Foundation Teacher Experiencing Antarctica (TEA). He spent four weeks in Dry Valleys, an ice-free and moisture-free area, where his team monitored glacier stream measurements to determine weather fluctuations. Jones collected water samples and tested for things such as total solids, volatile solids and total organic carbons.

"When I went as a teacher I didn't realize I was in the absolutely best place

on the continent or really anywhere in the world. My tent was 50 yards from a huge glacier, 150 feet tall, of slightly moving ice," said Jones, who taught biology, chemistry and physics for 36 years in Montezuma, retiring in 1998. "When I retired I realized I wanted to come back and thought the utilities was my best chance. Due to a power plant accident there in 2004, they needed an operator fast. They called me on a Thursday and I was in the air to New Zealand Sunday morning."

His last two times at McMurdo, he has worked for Raytheon at the water-wastewater-electric facility.

Jones' most recent trip, a 10-week contract, began in early November. "You never know when I will get out, earliest will be mid-January, the latest mid-February, I guess. I'll miss Christmas in Iowa."

Jones hasn't been to the South Pole and has no desire to do so. At 9,300 feet above sea level, it's inherently dangerous. "The South Pole is an ugly place to live and work even in the summer. Many start and get sick and have to return. Some stay

here in McMurdo; some decide to return to the United States; others heal and return to the Pole."

Jones' e-mails serve as a fascinating journal of his experience. Here are a few excerpts:

**11-09-2006** I'm back on the ice. I get my first shift tomorrow and then work one day on and one day off, 12-hour shifts. I will work days. We are preparing for the summer, as short as it is. It does get above freezing now and then. Then it is Mud Murdo for a day or two.

**11-15-2006** I've been mostly at water and they are cross-training me for wastewater and power plant. I would like to feel competent in all three utilities. The other utility workers are very helpful, which certainly makes things easier for an old guy.

**12-4-2006** McMurdo is like any other city. The same jobs here; the notable exceptions are no police or teachers. Imagine a mining city like Butte, Montana, with a science dept. like Harvard and an airport that will handle jumbo jets all packed



**“I have done lots of interesting things. I can honestly say I’ve sat down at the same table with four Nobel Prize winners in Science. They were all just nice people. I have been very lucky for an old Iowa science teacher.”**

*—Paul Jones*

close together. It’s built on an extinct (I hope) volcano and everything is on lava. The lava breaks up easily with the heavy equipment and the roads are in decent shape. All the buildings are close, with the Science Lab and dining hall the most important.

In about two to three weeks, an icebreaker will smash its way into the harbor, followed by a fuel tanker and then the supply ship. Last time I was here the tanker off-loaded 12 million gallons of jet fuel and gasoline. Imagine being able to order supplies only once a year. Nothing ever spoils or is damaged by birds, bugs, mice, as there are no living things here at all.

**12-4-2006** I’ve been shifted to nights, if you want to call it that with 24-hour daylight. It has been deader than a doornail here the past two nights. I still work 6 to 6 but now it is p.m. to a.m. There are no teachers at all but four or five that I know that are working with the science teams. We don’t have a police officer at all, if someone gets drunk or in a fight, you are on the next plane out to New Zealand.

The word ‘arctic’ means life and the word ‘antarctic’ means no life and they are correct. The highest on the food chain here is a soil microbe called a nematode. Now and then a little green algae can be found in certain spots. The life is all marine animals, penguins, seals, whales; only one bird—the skua, which is a rat with wings and UGLY.

**12-05-06** The reverse osmosis equipment does just about everything. When it works well there is not much for me to do. RO units are like screen on the kitchen window; it will let the air through but not the flies. The difference in particle size between salt and water is very small. To get the water through the hole and not the salt requires high pressure, over 800



pounds per square inch. We have big loud compressors to do this task; they need monitoring and maintenance. We also have to mix up solutions of chlorine to kill germs; we use acids and bases to balance the pH of the product water. The airstrip and some of the base camps haul water to their facilities and we load the sleds for that operation. We produce about 75,000 gallons of water a day.

**12-11-06** It is 4:30 a.m. here. (McMurdo is 19 hours ahead of CST.) I have two more hours to go and all the tanks are full; I’m dumping water back into the ocean. You don’t want to stop the process here; once you get it running correctly, you let it go. If you get full, which we are now, you let it go to the drain. In another hour people will start getting up and we will start using water again.

**12-14-06** I’m back at work tonight. Boy, you really have to watch the sun and the wind and the reflections. They keep gallon containers of California sunscreen at the dining hall’s exit doors. If you’re outside you look like a raccoon with rings where your sunglasses were. If it’s cold you also have to wear a facemask. Luckily I’m inside, not tough enough to do that outside stuff any more. It’s been tough the last couple of days, temps in the teens and ugly wind for a couple

of days. It must be straight off the ice sheet—cold and raw.

**12-15-06** In mid-winter it rarely hits 60 below. The South Pole does get to minus 100 each year. It was 14 below for a high there yesterday. People work outside if the temperature is above 50 below and the wind chill is less than 70 below. It is mid-teens here and today may hit 40 above, which is about the best it will get. When that happens it’s nasty in town with slop and slush everywhere. The big thing is the wind. Today it’s calm and nice, yesterday and the day before, nasty cold-go-through-anything wind.

For Christmas, there will be a special meal. Food is one thing that we have lots of and it is good. The dining hall is the social center and is open for food not quite 24 hours, but close. You could get toast and breakfast cereal and coffee 24 hours a day.

There are few decorations because it’s so hard to get that material here. Everyone usually brings one good outfit and the women really dress up. Some men have sport coats and ties but I brought a nice sweater. They allow wine that day and put out the nice tablecloths; it is really done well. 🍷

*(Photos courtesy of Paul Jones)*



# Helping others get ‘the good start’

**UNI** helped Gary and Myrna Floyd discover their passion for teaching and they credit their undergraduate years here for launching them on a lifelong quest of educating and learning.

“The most significant impact on our careers has been our start at UNI,” said Gary. “If you don’t get that good start, you might not get the foundation you need for the rest of your life. Sure, you also must ‘have it in your bones,’ but for us, UNI came along and cemented it all together.”

Gary and Myrna were science education majors who met at an orientation square dance and later worked together in food service. They began teaching in Grinnell and moved to Oklahoma where Gary earned his master’s degree at the University of Oklahoma. Myrna continued teaching middle-school science and received her master’s at the University of Miami at Ohio when Gary accepted a position to teach botany and earn his Ph.D. They moved to New Jersey where Gary was a professor of biology at Rutgers University and Myrna continued teaching junior-high science. In 1975 they moved to Columbus where Gary eventually became dean of the College of Biological Sciences at The Ohio State University and Myrna taught general science. They both retired in 1996 after teaching for a combined total of more than 60 years.

Despite their winding paths as students and award-winning educators at several institutions, UNI is where they learned to love teaching. According to the Floyds, teachers become good educators when they truly care about students and their success.

“To care about students is not a trivial thing. You have to care that they learn and when your love for that develops, you revel in it. The reward is looking at a room full of students and seeing in their eyes that they are thinking. UNI helped us develop that passion.”

—Gary Floyd

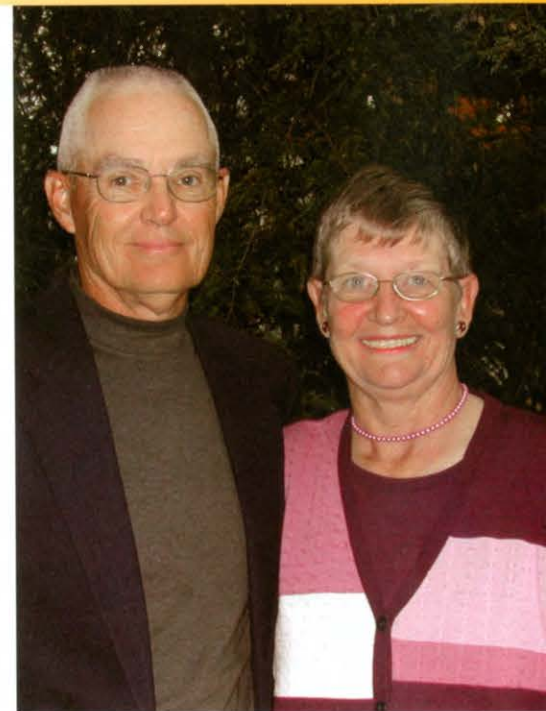
“To care about students is not a trivial thing,” said Gary. “You have to care that they learn and when your love for that develops, you revel in it. The reward is looking at a room full of students and seeing in their eyes that they are thinking. UNI helped us develop that passion. We still remember the names and faces of our instructors. I think UNI is just the right size; large enough to hire super-quality faculty and small enough for students to receive individual attention. UNI makes sure students develop their mental as well as their academic maturity.”

Myrna says UNI gave her the basics for her long and successful career in middle school science education. “UNI taught me how to teach and my core experience there was vital to my success in the classroom. I learned to be enthusiastic about what I was doing.”

The Floyds are continuing to support students. At UNI they have established the Myrna and Gary Floyd Endowed Scholarship and the Myrna and Gary Floyd Undergraduate Assistantship Fund. Through an estate gift they have created the Myrna and Gary Floyd Education Endowment for Biology and Science.

“The top priority in our lives has always been our students and teaching,” Gary said, “and by establishing these funds, we can help ensure that other students get the same good start that we did.”

What advice do Gary and Myrna give to today’s college students? “Take everything you can from the professors who students say are too hard. If you are successful in those classes, you’re well on your way.



Gary and Myrna Floyd

Don’t avoid the hard stuff.”

The couple have faced some ‘hard stuff’ of their own this past year through Myrna’s battle with colon cancer. She has successfully recovered from surgery and therapy and they are hopeful about the future. Gary says Myrna has met the challenge with her usual strength and endurance.

“We certainly don’t live each day as if it’s our last but our priorities are now very focused,” Gary said. “The good moments seem brighter and we enjoy them to the fullest.” 🍷

— Cassie Luze

## A Season to Remember for Panther Volleyball

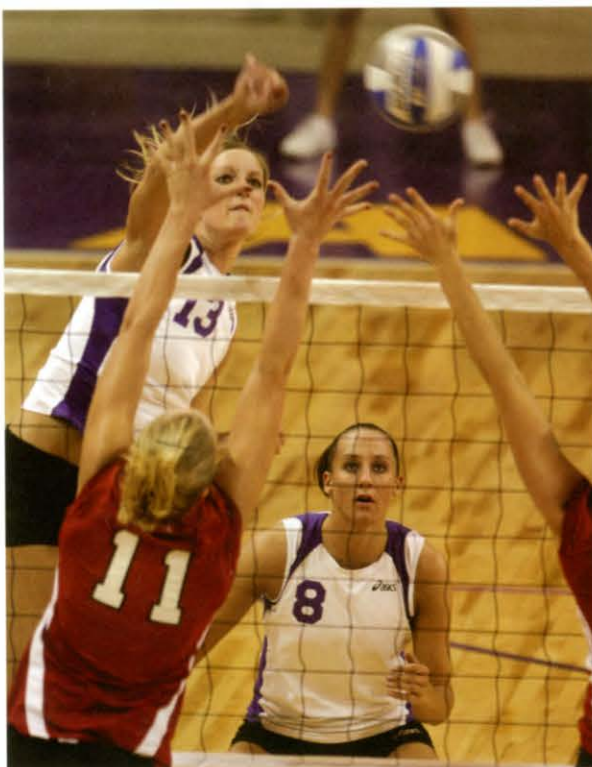
From a move across the street to an appearance in the NCAA tournament, the UNI volleyball team had a season to remember. Returning five starters, the Panthers were the team to beat in the Missouri Valley Conference and faced mounting expectations throughout the season.

UNI started the season 5-4 with a tough loss at Iowa State and a 3-1 loss to Kansas State in the Panthers' own tournament. UNI's season started to turn around during the final two matches of that tourney as it beat national powerhouses Alabama (3-2) and Notre Dame (3-2) in the West Gym. From then on, the Panthers made a 23-4 run, losing only to Minnesota, Wichita State and No. 1-ranked Nebraska.

UNI volleyball said its goodbyes to the West Gym, a place that holds many memories of win streaks and conference championships. The Panthers christened the McLeod Center with a huge win against Bradley, earning their 13th regular-season MVC title.

Head coach Bobbi Petersen took MVC Coach of the Year for the first time in her career. She holds an overall record of 181-50 in seven years at UNI's helm. UNI placed five players on all-conference teams as junior Kristin Belzung, seniors Trista Humpal and Laura Rowen earned first-team honors, junior Danielle Brazda took second-team honors and Shannon Aschoff made the all-freshman team. UNI led the Valley in hitting percentage (.241) and blocks (3.3/game).

UNI took the No. 1 seed into the State Farm MVC tournament and with sweeps over Creighton and Missouri State took the championship and the automatic berth into the NCAA tournament. The Panthers won their 11th straight in the first round of the NCAA tournament, defeating Winthrop 3-1. They fell to the Nebraska Cornhuskers, eventual National Champions. The Panthers finished the season 28-8, 16-



All-conference selections Humpal (13) and Rowen (8) powered the Panthers in 2006.

2 in the MVC.

"I am so proud of this 2006 team and what it accomplished. It was truly an historic year with the last match played in the West Gym and the first match in the McLeod Center," Petersen said. "This team started preparation for this season back in January. They were focused, determined, and they fought every day to get better."

### Football

The Panthers picked up wins at Gateway Champion Youngstown State (31-23) and against Illinois State (38-27). However, early season losses to North Dakota (35-31) and at Iowa State (28-27) haunted the Panthers throughout the season.

UNI welcomed former UNI head coach Terry Allen (1989-1996), head coach of Missouri State, back to the UNI-Dome for Homecoming with a 38-7 rout of the Bears. UNI also won Gateway contests at Indiana State (34-14) and against Western Kentucky (31-20). In the end, losses to Southern Illinois (47-23) and Western Illinois (24-13) kept UNI from the NCAA Division I Football Championship Playoffs.

Senior cornerback Dre Dokes, junior offensive tackle Chad Rinehart and senior kicker Brian Wingert were all-Gateway first-team picks. Senior wide receiver James Lindgren was named ESPN The Magazine First Team Academic All-American and freshman running back Darian Williams was named Gateway Conference Newcomer of the Year, rushing for 653 yards and five touchdowns.

UNI finished the season 7-4 overall and 5-2 in the Gateway.

### Soccer

The Panthers found their first win of the season at Illinois State, defeating the Redbirds 1-0. Junior Jackie Gielau recorded a 10-yard scoring strike and goalkeeper Heidi O'Mara finished with eight saves in the win. On senior night, UNI won another defensive battle against Creighton, a 1-0 win over the Bluejays.

Gielau and junior Amy Seubert earned MVC all-conference second-team honors and Katie McBride took a place on the MVC all-freshman team. Seubert was named to ESPN The Magazine's Academic All-District second team with a team-leading 27 shots and a 3.95 GPA. UNI finished 2-16-0, 2-4 in the MVC.

### Cross Country

The UNI women's cross country team concluded the 2006 season with a 13th-place finish at the NCAA Midwest Regionals after a fourth-place finish at the MVC Championships. Junior Traci Hawley earned all-conference honors, finishing third at the MVC Championships, while sophomore Caedryn Schrunk took eighth, claiming all-conference honors for the second consecutive season.

UNI men's cross country was led by freshman Dorian Ulrey, who took first place at the Drake Classic (4K) and won the Bradley Open (8K). He led the team to a fifth-place finish at the MVC Championships, earning all-conference honors with a second-place finish.

— Brandie Glasnapp

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## Teaching is doing in the Iowa Writing Project

Three decades ago, Iowa's Department of Education was on the brink of instituting a standard test to improve writing in the state's schools. Jim Davis, then president of the Iowa Council of Teachers of English, thought that was a bad idea and said so.

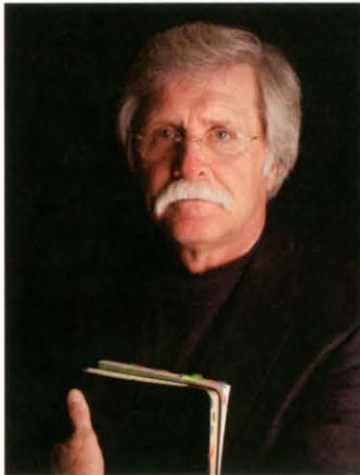
Department administrators gave him an administrative frown of consternation—and six months to come up with something better.

Davis went straight to work. With research to back him up and considerable help from his colleagues on the council, at the state's Area Education Agencies and at the University of Iowa department of English and Rhetoric, Davis authored the original grant that initiated the Southeast Iowa Writing Project.

Today the program is known as the Iowa Writing Project and Davis, an assistant professor of English at UNI, is the director. UNI hosts the program, which is jointly administered by the Department of English, Continuing Education and the Office of Grants and Contracts. Affiliated with the National Writing Project at UC-Berkely, the IWP's purpose is to improve the practice of the teaching of writing from kindergarten through college, across disciplines, in the context of systemic school improvement.

Since its inception, 9,000 Iowa teachers have participated in an array of collaborative initiatives designed to raise both the level of enthusiasm and overall writing achievement among students in Iowa schools. In 2006, elementary and secondary school teachers attended summer institutes at UNI, in Dubuque and Sioux City. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the program, which has been instrumental in establishing Iowa's reputation for producing well-educated students across the curriculum.

According to Davis, involvement in the IWP allows teachers to get away from



*"We learn to write by doing more of it, not by studying abstractions about it."* — Jim Davis, director, Iowa Writing Project

the "assign-and-expect mode" by giving greater attention to the writing process than the writing product.

"Writing is essentially a complex psycho-socio-linguistic process, one result of which is a text," Davis said. "We're finding that the outcomes of engagement in writing are that students become more reflective, clearer thinkers with improved abilities to observe and comprehend."

The summer institutes are demanding and writing-intensive but the teachers who voluntarily participate are motivated by what Davis calls "an exceptional commitment to improve writing pedagogy" for the benefit of their students and their schools.

Four hours of graduate credit are available from the three-week summer institutes, and the IWP conducts advanced sessions in other formats designed for maximum accessibility. Teachers interested in the Iowa Writing Project's 2007 schedule may learn more at [www.uni.edu/continued/iwp](http://www.uni.edu/continued/iwp), e-mail [james.davis@uni.edu](mailto:james.davis@uni.edu) or call 319-273-3842.

## Groundbreaking for HPC

Community and UNI representatives gathered on July 21, 2006, near UNI's Wellness and Recreation Center to break ground for UNI's Human Performance Center (HPC). The 33,000 square-foot facility will be home to the Sport and Human Performance Center and the Center for Healthy Youth Development. Cedar Valley medical professionals will also have clinic space within the HPC. Expected completion for the HPC is December 2007.

### Donors Set Records

A record-breaking 15,706 donors supported UNI in 2006, contributing \$11,750,863 in pledges and gifts. The UNI Foundation's total revenue for fiscal year 2005-'06 was \$19,751,187. The UNI Foundation's 14.7 percent investment return was again one of the best rates in the nation.

## John Deere helps fund master's startup

John Deere Waterloo Works has made a \$94,500 contribution to the new Professional Science Master's (PSM) program in Industrial Mathematics. The PSM program prepares students for careers in industry through business and experiential components and advanced study in mathematics. The gift provides salary support for a new faculty member and support for a student-operated mathematics and statistical counseling center.



*His Royal Highness Prince Turki Al-Faisal, then-Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United States of America, and UNI President Ben Allen cut the ribbon opening a two-day educational exhibit featuring Saudi Arabian culture and civilization. Al-Faisal visited UNI Nov. 30., and gave a public presentation on "Saudi History and Culture." At far left is Ali Alghobary, president of the Saudi Student Club, which planned and sponsored the visit.*

## Cooperative Education & Internship Program a 'certified' success for 30 years

**A**l Stamberg came to UNI specifically to start the UNI's Cooperative Education and Internship program. Initially the program was federally funded, but now it is funded through Academic Advising & Career Services. Now in its 30th year, it has provided more than 10,000 high-quality internship/co-op arrangements. Participating students have earned \$24 million during the course of those experiences. "These numbers do not reflect students the program assisted or who did not register for credit," Stamberg said.



The program's mission is to serve students from every major in finding meaningful pre-professional internships and co-op positions to strengthen their UNI degree and assist in transitioning to full-time employment. Nearly 100 faculty members support the program as faculty co-op supervisors. Students have participated in nearly every state in the country as well as Australia, China, Venezuela, Mexico and Germany. Most of the positions, though, have been in Iowa.

Iowa companies, such as Deere & Co., The Principal Financial Group, Pella Corporation, Rockwell Collins and AEGON USA, strongly support internships, with some of these employers having more than 100 interns at a time. Some employers, such as Pella, also pay dental and medical insurance and help interns find housing.

Another aspect of the program is "The 20 Best Internships on Campus," an initiative begun in 1988 by then-President Curris. Academic and university departments and programs are eligible to submit a proposal each year to compete for

a student to support projects, programs, offices or initiatives on campus.

"When the program began in 1976, internships were a nice idea. Today they are no longer just a nice idea. Employers expect graduating seniors to have had one or more major-related internships by the time they graduate," Stamberg said. "Employers today expect to see internship or related experience on students' resumes. In a sense, it 'certifies' them as prepared for full-time employment."



Senior **Traci Ollendieck** interned at Pella Corporation in Pella last summer, in the human resources department. She spent eight weeks of her 12-week internship traveling around the country, helping present seminars on employee retention, orientation and career planning.

"You need an internship; it's a resume builder. It was a great opportunity and I got some good experience," said Ollendieck, whose major is supply chain operation and management. "Working for Pella re-emphasized that I'm in the right major, and that I do want to be in business. It really reinforced that I'm going in the right direction."



**Bill Haahes** ('06) interned at AEGON USA in Cedar Rapids during his junior year. He now works for the insurance and

pension company in the same department where he interned.

"I believe that internship was a key contributing factor to getting a job with AEGON after graduation," said Haahes, who has a degree in management/business administration. "It bridged the gap between my academic studies and the real world. It also increased my confidence and maturity. When students are exposed to a professional setting, they can begin to see their college experience through a new perspective and with more interest."



**Patty Stephens** ('01), University Relations manager at Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids, had two internships at the communications and aviation electronics company. During her first internship she helped organize professional development and social networking events for internship and co-op employees. The following spring she assisted with the hiring of more than 350 summer and fall co-op and internship employees.

"At the end of the summer internship, the student programs recruiter went on maternity leave and I was given the opportunity to manage the program during her absence," said Stephens, who graduated with a B.A. in organizational communication and a marketing minor. "I also worked part-time during my senior year, commuting to Cedar Rapids two to three days a week. My internships lasted from April 2000 to May 2001 and turned into a full-time job within the University Relations teams as a new graduate recruiter in 2001."

If you are interested in sponsoring a UNI internship or cooperative education student, contact Al Stamberg at [allan.stamberg@uni.edu](mailto:allan.stamberg@uni.edu).





'39 **Maxine (Bednar) Allen**, 2-yr., is a retired principal from the Shawnee (KS) Mission School District.

'46 **Jack Selbig**, BA, recently retired and is living in Pacific Grove, CA.

'51 **Jack Chapman**, BA, retired from the U.S. government. He spent much of last year contacting alumni to attend the 50-year club reunion. He lives in Bettendorf.

**Don King**, BA, is a committee member of the Iowa Hall of Pride, located in the Iowa Events Center, Des Moines. He is retired from coaching boys' basketball for Cedar Rapids Washington.

'56 **Jim Rosien**, BA, teaches driver education at Washington High School. He began teaching in 1956.



## Golden Graduate Society

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'57 **William P. Nielsen**, BA, is a United Methodist minister in Trussville, AL. He had been a football coach in Iowa and president/general manager of Schreiber Corp.

**Lyle Roberts**, BA, retired after 33 years as owner of 4 Seasons Fund Raising. He lives in Venice, FL.

'58 **Joyce (Paarmann) Polka**, 2-yr., retired from teaching from Davenport Schools and moved to Dallas, TX, to be near grandchildren.

'59 **Everett Follette**, MA, opened an after-school tutoring center for third- through fifth-graders at Central Elementary School Building, Spearfish, SD.

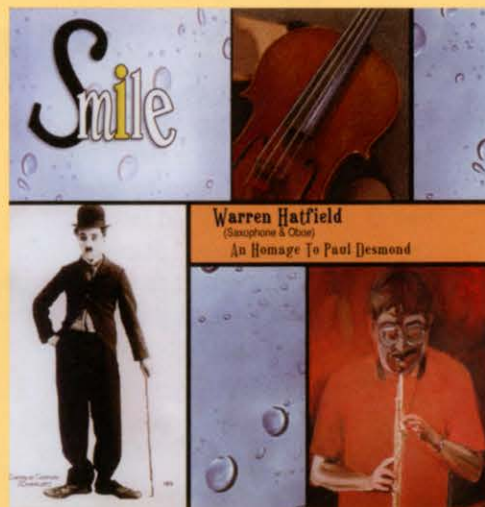
**Faye (Rennee) Glessner**, BA, retired after teaching college for 40 years. She taught in Korea, Japan and most recently, Ventura College.

**Keith McClellan**, BA, presented a paper at the North American Society for Sport History and has an upcoming article in the Journal of College Football. He lives in Oak Park, MI.

'60 **Don Hofsommer**, BA, MA '66, received an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History for his book, "Steel Trails of Hawkeyeland."

**Constance Speake**, BA, retired from Northeastern Illinois University Department of Music and became a professor emeritus. She is in Armenia for two years with the Peace Corps, teaching English and training teachers.

## Sweet Music



A recently released jazz CD by **Warren Hatfield**, '52, features UNI alums **Jim Linahon**, '73, (trumpet and flugelhorn) **Jeff Tower**, '75, (trombone) and **Jim Coffin**, '52 (drums and percussion). Titled "Smile," it is a tribute to jazz legend Paul Desmond and features Hatfield on saxophone and oboe along with an orchestra comprised of top Los Angeles recording studio artists conducted by world renowned composer John Cacavas.

The musical selections are classic standards from the Great American Songbook. The CD was recorded and mixed in Linahon's LMP Studios, located in Claremont, Calif. Hatfield and Linahon were co-producers.

'61 **Robert Jefferson**, BA, MA '63, retired as dean emeritus of the Gordon Ford College of Business at Western Kentucky University. He and his wife moved to Bloomington, IL.

**L.W. Bill Murray**, BA, a professor of finance and international business, is also international program coordinator at the University of San Francisco School of Business.

**Marlys (Mullins) Pals**, BA, 2-yr. '51, and her husband are traveling the United States, Canada and Mexico. They live in Cedar Falls.

'62 **Don Eichelberger**, BA, insurance agent and owner of Eichelberger and Associates, was recognized for membership in the Million Dollar Roundtable and Court of the Table.

**Carolyn (Heard) Thune**, BA, MA '01, retired after teaching for 38 years in the Des Moines Public Schools.

'63 **Larry Hicok**, BA, MA '69, retired after 43 years in education at Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock Elementary Schools, where he spent the last 40 years as principal.

'64 **Bonita Dostal-Neff**, BA, MA '66, who presented seminars and the plenary address at the National Institute for Faculty Development, has authored the textbook "Public Relations: from Theory to Practice" and chaired the public relations division of the Association of Educators in Journalism and Mass Communications. She is also chair of the communications/public relations track of the International Academy of Business Disciplines.

'65 **Marilyn (Nolte) Hageman**, BA, MA '71, retired after teaching 41 years at Turkey Valley High School.

**Richard Lynch**, BA, retired after 40 years as a high school and college teacher, teacher educator, professor and university administrator. He continues to work in education research and lives in Athens, GA.

**Judith Walton**, BA, was inducted into the UNI School of HPELS Hall of Excellence in 2006.

**Mary Ann (Kautman) Zanotti**, BA, 2-yr. '52, is president of the National 19th Amendment Society, which restored the home of Carrie Lane Chapman Catt. Zanotti lives in Charles City.

'66 **Dick Devin**, BA, has been the Colorado Shakespeare Festival's artistic director for 26 years and continues to teach at the University of Colorado.

**Fran Disselhorst**, BA, retired after 40 years in education, the last five as Iowa City High School as assistant principal. She also held various positions

in the Burlington School District.

**Thomas Phillips**, BA, director of community investment with Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Johnston, was named to the Iowa African American Hall of Fame.

'67 **Bernie Stephenson**, BA, MA '87, retired as principal at Fort Madison High School. He held numerous teaching and coaching positions throughout his career.

'68 **Helen (Dolan) Anderson**, BA, retired from Sioux City Schools after teaching 38 years; the last 20 years teaching kindergarten and first-grade.

**Connie (Johnson) Herbon**, BA, retired from teaching elementary music after 33 years, most recently at MFL MarMac Schools.

**Stephen Pearson**, BA, is a computer programmer for Boulder (CO) County. He has produced two CDs of his Native American flute music.

'69 **Kathy (Vrba) Bouska**, BA, retired after teaching 33 years in the New Hampton School System. She taught fourth- and fifth-grades during her career.

**Roger Hancock**, BA, retired after 37 years of teaching mathematics and physics at the Pleasantville School District.

**Connie (Sorenson) Price**, BA, retired after teaching business courses at Colfax-Mingo High School. She'd been teaching for 34 years.

**Sharon Shaulis**, BA, taught elementary art for 34 years at Oskaloosa.

**Cindy Simester**, BA, retired after teaching first-grade for 37 years at New Hampton Schools.

**Diane (Bellizzi) Stull**, BA, retired after 30 years with the Council Bluffs School District. She taught high school English and spent the last 25 years as a junior high media specialist.

**Donna Vinton**, BA, is director of the UNI Office of Academic Assessment and associate director of Academic Advising and Career Services.

'70 **Larry Pagel**, BA, MA '75, was promoted to full professor in the College of Business and is chairing the Academic Senate at Northern Michigan University, Marquette.

**Tom Stull**, BA, retired after teaching driver education for 35 years in the Council Bluffs School District.

**Stephen Charles Thomas**, BA, retired as group president-Europe with Newell-Rubbermaid. He was appointed associate professor in the business department at Flagler College, St. Augustine, FL.

'71 **Edward A. Andersen**, BA, president and CEO of CGH Medical Center, was named to



## UNIAA brings two new staffers on board



*The Hansen family: parents Kevin '89 Marketing; and Connie '89 Elementary Education; Austin Hansen, future Panther 2012 and a 7th grader at Holmes Junior High; Kelsey Hansen, future Panther 2014 and 5th grader at Hansen Elementary School*

**Connie Hansen '89** has joined the UNI alumni relations staff as assistant director of alumni relations for young alumni and campus programs.

"Connie brings extensive special event experience to the program, a unique energy and creativity, and has the advantage of a broad UNI network of alumni and friends," said Mark Jastorff, president of the UNI Alumni Association. "It goes without saying that Connie is truly Purple for Life."

Hansen has worked on campus since 1989 in admissions and student activities. She has earned national and international distinction for her work with students including the Association of Student Advancement Programs (ASAP) Outstanding Advisor Awards at district and international levels. She has presented at dozens of conferences and seminars involving young alumni.



*The UNI Alumni Association represents more than 97,000 graduates and actively seeks to engage alumni in the life of the university. Learn more about the alumni relations program by visiting [www.unialum.org](http://www.unialum.org).*



*The Johnson family: parents Michael and Holly; Zachary (7), a first-grader at Southdale elementary and a hockey player in the Waterloo house league; Maguire (4), a Cedar Valley preschooler who loves Iowa "because we have Chuck E. Cheese and Toys 'R Us." Holly says, "We are all new Panther fans, and we are definitely enjoying the warm(er) weather in Cedar Falls!"*

**Holly Johnson** joined the UNI alumni relations staff in October as program assistant for Marketing and Special Projects. She was formerly director of campus life at Lake Superior State University in Michigan.

Holly has more than a decade of professional and student experience in alumni relations, campus and student life, marketing and special events as well as significant higher education administration/management. She has been very active with the Association of Student Advancement Programs and with CASE. She has been a CASE ASAP District 5 Advisor of the Year, Outstanding ASAP & District 5 Student Leader, and was the first recipient of the CASE 5 Student Fellows in Advancement. Holly adds a great deal of flexibility to an already strong and dynamic staff. Her main duties revolve around membership and affinity partnerships.

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**Robert Hanfelt, BA**, a certified financial planner in the senior financial services division of Principal Financial Group, earned membership in the Million Dollar Roundtable.

**Dennis Hoffman, BA**, received the University of Nebraska Omaha's 2006 UNO Alumni Outstanding Teaching Award. He teaches criminal justice in the College of Public Affairs and Community Service.

**Frank Tribon, BA**, retired after teaching 35 years at Harmony High and Fillmore Central High schools in southeast Iowa.

**'72 Martin Averill, BA**, received the 2006 Outstanding Service Award by the Iowa Dental Association. His practice is in Waterloo. **Lois Hartman, BA**, retired after 34 years in the Grundy Center Community School District.

**Lynn Horak, BA**, chairman and chief executive officer of Wells Fargo Bank Iowa and president of Wells Fargo's Midwest region, received the Community Leadership Award by Drake University.

**Galen Howsare, BA**, is vice president of administration and finance for Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo. He has been a teacher and administrator in the public schools for the past 30 years.

**Rita Jordan-Apel, BA**, a teacher at Nevada (IA) Middle School was accepted as a member of the

National Honor Roll's Outstanding American Teachers for 2005-2006.

**'73 Louise (Carstensen) Ellerhoff, BA, MA '78**, retired after teaching for 33 years in the Central Community School District.

**Clayton Fisk, BA**, vice president of safety at Warren Transport, Waterloo, was re-elected president of the Machinery Haulers Association.

**Charles Hohensee, BA, MA '79**, retired from teaching science for 33 years in the Cardinal School District.

**Craig Hoffman, BA**, was appointed vice president, retail manager for Liberty Bank in the Cedar Valley.

**Erlene Bishop Killeen, BA, MA '77**, is the instructional systems specialist for library and media for the Department of Defense Education Activity, Arlington, VA.

**Steve Moon, BA**, is interim associate vice president for information technology at UNI. He is director of network services.

**Anne (Harris) Voge, BA**, retired from teaching. She lives in Iowa Falls.

**'75 Julie (Brown) Bright, BA**, is the senior associate athletic director for administration at Iowa State University's athletic

department. She had been at UNI for more than 30 years.

**William Lorenz, BA**, a partner in the law firm of Moore, McKibben, Goodman, Lorenz & Ellefson, LLP, Marshalltown, was elected judicial district 2B representative to the Iowa State Bar Association's Board of Governors.

**William Nelson, MA**, co-authored the book, "1020 Haiku in Translation: The Heart of Basho, Buson and Issa." He has taught foreign studies at Osaka (Japan) University, for more than 23 years.

**Grant Roelf, BA**, is a secondary teacher at Hyde Park Middle School Academy of Science and Mathematics, Las Vegas, NV. His seventh-graders took first and third places at NASA's international Space Settlement Design Contest.

**'76 Steve Fischer, BA**, is special education strategist for the West Sioux middle and high schools. He lives in LeMars.

**Thomas Halder, BA**, is chief administrative officer at Container Components, Chatsworth, CA. He is semi-retired and lives in the Phoenix area, where he created a property investment business.

**Andrew Jackson, Sr., MA**, academic adviser at Penn State University, was elected to the Penn State University Alumni Council, is the secretary/treasurer for the American Federation of Musicians Local 660 of the United States and Canada, and



is the region No. 3 director for the National Association for Multicultural Education. He lives in State College.

**Doug Meredith, BA**, is the general manager and director of golf at The Manor Golf and Country Club, Alpharetta, GA. He had a similar position at TPC Sugarloaf.

**Merlin Nuss, BA**, is a program manager for Lucent and Nortel Switching. He had been a consultant with Telcom Accounting, IBM Global Services and the Midwest Consulting Group. He also teaches at Johnson County Community College and lives in Shawnee Mission, KS.

**Pamela Rockwood, BA**, is superintendent for the Indian Creek School District, Shabbona, IL. She held similar positions at other Illinois school districts.

**Malinda (Gilbert) Shafman, BA**, sells insurance for MLA Services, Columbia Falls, MT.

**Susan (Meyers) Ward, BA**, is celebrating a 20th wedding anniversary with her husband, **Michael, BA '89**, with a trip to Nova Scotia. They live in Waterloo.

**'77 Gerry (Adams) Garles, BA**, owns The Landscaper & Nursery with her husband.

**Gayle (Pearson) Gatten, BA**, one of the original faculty members at Oslo Middle School, Vero Beach, FL, recently celebrated the school's 10th anniversary. She teaches seventh-grade science.

**Julie Huffman-Klinkowitz, BA**, and her husband, Jerome, published the book, "The Enchanted Quest of Dana and Ginger Lamb."

**James Humston, BA**, completed 25 years of service with the Iowa City Fire Department; the last nine as battalion chief in charge of administration and support.

**Bob Leonard, BA**, who taught anthropology at the University of New Mexico, moved back to Knoxville, IA. He has been a cab driver, and produced a book of poetry, "Yellow Cab," based on that experience.

**Kristine (Cheney) Stolba, BA**, is an RN supervisor of orthopedics at St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids.

**'78 David Coulter, BA**, president, CEO and trust officer of Cedar Valley Bank & Trust, Vinton, was re-elected treasurer of the Iowa Bankers Association.

**Gary Lueders, BA**, is the activities director at Clinton (IA) High School.

**Matt McEnany, BA**, is the president of Keiser College, Daytona Beach, FL.

**Sara (Mittlestadt) Messerly, BA**, is regional manager of the Fort Dodge Iowa Workforce Development Center.

**Nancy (Conzett) Muecke, BA**, is associate dean of instruction at Western Iowa Tech Community College, Sioux City.

**Kevin Sims, MA**, was promoted to professor of political science at Cedarville (Ohio) University. He is also dean of the School of Social Science and Professional Studies.

**Diane Zisner, BA, MA '82**, a Drexler Middle School learning disability teacher, received the Tom and Brenda Wickham Educational Service Award. She has been teaching in Western Dubuque Schools since 1978.

**'79 Blair Benz, BA, BA '87, MA '91**, exhibited his work at the annual landscape show at the Olson-Larsen Galleries, West Des Moines.

**Ken Bianchi, BA**, is vice president and CFO of Affiliated Computer Services Inc., Transportation Solutions, Dallas, TX. He had similar senior finance positions at AT&T, Intelsat and Computer Sciences Corporation.

**Jann (Moser) Bowls, SpEd**, school psychologist with Keystone AEA, retired after 27 years with the agency.

**Timothy Eibes, BT, MA '83**, joined Fuel-Tech N.V., Batavia, IL, as vice president, project execution. He had been with Alliant Energy.

**Terry Swails, BA**, chief meteorologist for KWQC-TV in the Quad Cities, has written a book, "Superstorms and Extreme Weather in the Heart of the Heartland."

**Jack Swanson, BA**, is managing editor of the *Oelwein Daily Register*.

**Maryann Zaleski Dubai, BA**, directs the information technology department at Rome (NY) Memorial Hospital.

**'80 Diane (Chapman) Lloyd, BA**, is an athletic trainer for the Lea Regional Sports Medicine and adjunct assistant professor of physical education at the College of the Southwest. She lives in Hobbs, NM.

**Carl Heilman, BA, MA '83**, is president of Barton County Community College, Great Bend, KS. He had been president of Lincoln Trail College, Robinson, IL.

**'81 Timothy Carlson, BA, MBA '99**, is an accountant at AEGON, Cedar Rapids.

**Kevin de Regnier, BA**, was elected to the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians Board of Governors. He is a family physician in Winterset and a clinical associate professor of family practice at Des Moines University.

**Gary R. Schwartzhoff, MM**, is professor of music and director of choral activities at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

**Eau Claire. Jean Sorenson, BA**, was promoted to vice president of corporate underwriting at United Fire and Casualty, Cedar Rapids.

**Vicky (Hammen) Vopava, BA**, is principal at Fisher Elementary School in Marshalltown.

**'82 Glen Hemann, BA**, became a managing partner of Zimmerman, Hemann, Grover & Co., CPAs, Zumbrota, MN. He and his family live in Pine Island, MN.

**Scott Youngstrom, BA**, was named CFO at Enpath Medical Inc., Minneapolis, MN.

**'83 David Cleveland, BA**, is the business

analyst-fixed assets for Thomson Elite's 3E System.

**Kris (Eick) Bowers**, is a Head Start teacher at the Tri-County Child and Family Development Council, Waterloo.

**Peter Fagen, BA**, started a law firm, Fagen, Friedman & Fulfro, in Los Angeles and San Diego.

**Russell Minick, BA**, was named president of Beam Industries, a division of Electrolux Home Care Products. Minick had been president of The Gunlocke Company, senior vice president at True Temper Sports and worked with Ford Motor Company and Maytag Corporation. He will be based in Webster City.

**Lori (Anderson)**

**Montgomery, BA**, is the curriculum instructional facilitator at Knox County Schools, Knoxville, TN.

**'84 Cindy (Coons) Cone, BA**, received an MA in

education from Morningside College. She teaches public speaking and coaches IHSSA events at Storm Lake High School, as well as being an adjunct/early bird instructor for Iowa Central Community College.

**Edgar East, BM**, plays flute

and a variety of percussion instruments in the group Calle Sur, which tours the United States and Latin America.

**Pete Eggen, BT**, is the product manager for rolls and customer support manager at Webex, Inc. He lives in Greenville, WI.

**Scott Eggleston, BA**, is the boys' basketball coach at Cumberland County (TN) High School.

**Deb (Brobst) House, BA**, is a sales associate for Prudential Carolinas Realty in the Lake Norman/Huntersville (NC) area. She had been a national sales manager for GE Plastics.

**Elaine Johnson, BA**, a Realtor with RE/MAX Home Group, Waterloo, received the Platinum Individual Achievement Award by the Iowa Association of Realtors.

**Jeanette (Wallis) Keppy, BA**, works in the creative services area for Performance Food Group and farms with her husband.

**Chris Norman, BA**, is a self-employed property maintenance adviser and is on the board of directors for the Visalia Sportsmen's Association, Bakersfield, CA.

**William Troy Potter, BA**, who has been with Universal Computer Systems for 17 years, is regional sales manager for New England and lives in North Grosvenordale, CT. He also owns Wonderland Comics and Toys, Putnam, CT.

**'85 Russ Berg, BA**, is a store manager at Blains Farm and Fleet. He lives in Woodstock, IL.

**Randy Dittmer, MA**, teaches at Fire Prairie Middle School, Independence, MO. He and his family live in Liberty.

**Cheryl (Willey) Fuentes, BA, MA '91**, was appointed to the test development committee for AP Spanish language and literature by the CollegeBoard. She is the department chair for foreign languages at Bush High School, Houston, TX.

**Chris Owenson, BA**, is vice president of claims at IMT Insurance, Des Moines.



Schwartzhoff '81



**Bill O'Brien '85** has been appointed the director of theater and musical theater for the National Endowment for the Arts. O'Brien will design and lead national leadership initiatives, develop partnerships to advance the theater field, recommend panelists and manage the review process for theater and musical theatre applications.

Since 1999, O'Brien has been with Deaf West Theater in North Hollywood, Calif., as managing director, producer and producing director. His advocacy efforts on behalf of the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act of the U.S. Department of Education helped garner Deaf West Theatre the Secretary of Health and Human Services' Highest Recognition Award for "bridging the gap between the deaf and hearing worlds through theatre."

O'Brien has performed in numerous national touring and regional productions, and he appeared in all seven seasons of the NBC television drama *West Wing* as an ensemble actor.



**Jodie (Brainerd) Stockberger, BA**, is a massage therapist at Abbas Acupuncture and Chiropractic Clinic, Mason City.

**Kurt Subra, BA**, is associate superintendent of administrative services for West Des Moines schools. He had been with the Ames Schools. **Andrew Woivood, BA**, became superintendent of Twin Rivers School District while also continuing as middle school principal at Pocahontas.

'86 **David Crees, BA**, was promoted to senior vice president of Security State Bank in the Cedar Valley.

**Jenifer (Weeks) Owenson, BA**, is director of human resources at Heartland AEA 11, Johnston. **Darla Richardson, BA**, teaches part-time early intervention/title math at the CRB Schools, Coon Rapids.

**Mark Steines, BA**, co-anchor of "Entertainment Tonight," was signed to host "Gold Rush," a reality TV show.

**Patrick Williams, BA**, is the new commander of the 705th at Fort Leavenworth, KS. The lieutenant colonel was deputy brigade commander at Yong San, South Korea.

'87 **Doug Keiser, BA**, is a physical therapist at Covenant Hospital, Waterloo.

**Eric Nielsen, BA**, was elected as moderator of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies in the Presbyterian Church. He is a pastor at the First Presbyterian Church, Eau Claire, WI.

**Kathy (Addaddell) Yoder, BA**, is director of children's ministries at Morningside Lutheran Church, Sioux City. She received a 2006 Wilber Award, presented by the Religion Communicators Council, for her weekly faith column "I Believe" for the *Sioux City Journal*.

'88 **Michael Angell, BA, MA '90**, is regional sales manager at RenewData for the south central region. He will be based in Dallas, TX.

**Tom Borchers, BA**, is the high school social studies and ninth-grade girls' basketball coach at Carroll Community Schools.

**Scott Eltjes, BA**, was named CEO for WB Capital Management, Des Moines.

**Ruth (Ruff) Koltookian, MM**, Holmes Junior High vocal music instructor, received the Teacher of Award honor from the Cedar Falls Wal-Mart.

**Steve Long, BA**, is Iowa City's community development coordinator. He had been the associate city planner.

**Patrick Murphy, BA**, is head softball coach at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. His team played in the Women's College World Series this year.

**Dennis Richmann, BA**, is vice president of surety bonds for United Fire and Casualty, Cedar Rapids.

**Brian Schissel, BA**, is the Central Plains regional manager for AIG Personal Lines Claims, Kansas City, MO.

'89 **Ed, BA**, and **Sarah (Appleman) Derr, BA**, live in Springfield, MO with their two sons. Ed is the director of counseling at Drury University. Sarah works in the children's department of the Springfield-Greene County Library District.

**Jane (Brandt) Lindaman, BA, MA '95, EdD '05**, who was principal at Bunker Middle School, is the Waterloo School District's director of learning and results and middle school education.

**Chris Mendelsohn, BA**, who owns Army Post Accounting, Des Moines, received an MBA from Drake University.

**Steven Schulz, MA**, is provost at the Carroll Campus of Des Moines Area Community College.

**David Westendorf, BA**, is an assistant principal at Alamo Elementary, Las Vegas, NV, and an instructor in the teacher education program at Sierra Nevada College.

'90 **Sue (Lynch) Basten, BA**, is credit analyst with Washington Bank, Washington.

**Sharon Droste, MA**, retired after 38 years with the

Waterloo School District, most recently as director of staff services.

**Bob Hensley, BA, MA '92**, received his PhD from Iowa State and is now a psychology instructor at Mansfield (PA) University.

**Carrie (Timpany) Hill, BA**, is a radiation therapist at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Des Moines.

**Tony James, BA**, is CEO of Spheris, a medical transcription company in Brentwood, TN.

**Keith Jones, BA**, is an associate professor of psychology at Central College, Pella.

**John Netty, BA, MA '04**, former East High School English and reading teacher, was named assistant principal at Logan Middle School, Waterloo. He will continue to coach East's baseball team.

**Kevin Schlueter, BA**, was elected national chairman of the Construction Financial Management Association. He is a CPA and CCIFP and works in Des Moines.

**Kevin Shedenhelm, BA**, a teacher at Denver Elementary, received an ING Unshung Heroes Award for innovative teaching.

**Jon Shepherd, BA**, is a founding partner in the law firm of Crews, Shepherd & McCarty LLP in Dallas, TX. He had been a partner with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, Dallas.

'91 **Janet (Welch) Adam, BA**, passed the CFP exam and joined Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc., as an associate financial adviser with David Olson & Associates, Decorah.

**Janet (Rabb) Bealles, BA**, is a speech and language pathologist at Randolph Schools, Cannon Falls, MN. She has taught throughout the Midwest.

**Colleen Coke Brower, BA**, is a healthcare consultant with UnitedHealthcare, Edina, MN.

**Jeff Carey, BA**, owns WSI Resources Inc., Clive, an Internet consulting business that manages pay-for-click advertising.

**Nicolle Foland, BM, MM '93**, is a professional opera singer. She recently performed at the Telluride Chamber Music Festival.

**Scott Hansen, BA**, is the faculty and technical director in the theater department at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He had been at Kansas State University.

**Brad, BA**, and **Susan (Rolinger) Hagarty, BA**, are building a dental office in Colfax. Susan also coordinated a weekend camp for families with deaf or hard of hearing children through Iowa Hands and Voices.

**Rob Lorenson, BFA**, exhibited some of his sculptures at the Clark Gallery, located in the Boston, MA area.

**Mike Raso, BA**, is the assistant superintendent at Washington Community Schools.

**Tim Rial, BA, MA '96**, attended the MDRT in San Diego, CA, which is for the top 6 percent of insurance and investment professionals in the world.

**Denise (Cuttell) Robinson, BA**, was promoted to assistant vice president and mortgage operations officer in the lending department of Bankers Trust.

**Virginia (Bormann) Thompson, BA**, teaches first-grade and lives in Katy, TX.

**Evelyn Winfield, MA**, was appointed director of Western Michigan University's Counseling and Testing Center, where she is an associate professor.

'92 **Carla (Mulling) Coates, BA, MA '06**, received her MA in communication studies from UNI and is an associate professor at Wartburg College's Pathways Center.

**Patrick Gabel, BA**, was appointed senior lender and market manager at Security State Bank's Charles City office.

**Cindy (Davis) Gronigan, BA**, was promoted to assistant vice president/compliance and security officer as well as branch manager at the First Security State Bank, Evansdale.

**Aaron Grundman, BA**, is senior manager in

international tax at Deloitte & Touche and lives in Franklin, WI.

**Michael Harrington, BA**, was promoted to general manager of Dell Oil Company, Grimes.

**Susan (Gilles) Pecinovsky, BA, EdD '06**, of Clear Lake, received the UNI Graduate College's Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award.

**Rich Powers, BA, MA '94**, is principal at Cedar Falls High School. He had been assistant principal at Palatine, IL, High School.

**James Proctor, BA**, is a manager at KPMG, LLP, Atlanta, GA.

**Laura (Glenn) Schwickerath, BA, MA '99**, has bought the family business, Sandee's Ltd., Waterloo.

**Kris Stevenson, BA**, works at The Principal, Mason City.

**Michael Swanger, BA**, was promoted to editor of *Cityview*, Des Moines. He had been the entertainment editor.

'93 **Lynette (Hoover) Brandt, BA**, is marketing director for BankIowa, Waterloo. She had been with the Waterloo Chamber of Commerce and the Allen Foundation.

**Kathryn (Bye) Cordova, BA**, joined the accounting faculty at the University of Arizona, Tucson, after 13 years with Honeywell International.

**Stacie (Meyer) Damstra, BA, BA '98**, is a sixth-grade teacher in the Boyden-Hull Elementary School. She had been teaching at George-Little Rock.

**Brandie (Himrich) Gean, BA**, is principal at Kate Mitchell Elementary, Ames. She had been with the Iowa Department of Education.

**Shawn Hennon, BA**, teaches physics at Belleville East High School, Granite City, IL, and is working on a doctorate in science education from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.

**Andrew Kretz, BA**, is vice president and general manager of Dexter Company's commercial laundry business, Fairfield.

**Shane Lacina, BA**, works at AmerUs Capital Management, Ankeny.

**Phillip Luebke, BA**, is an inventory manager at I-Wireless, Davenport. He completed his MBA at the University of Iowa.

**Brian Sankey, BA**, is pursuing his medical degree at Des Moines University.

**Brent Scogland, BA**, is a Realtor, earning quarterly Excellence in Service Awards for the last three years in Bettendorf. He worked at Hy-Vee.

'94 **Bennett Bork, BA**, is controller at American Profol Inc., Cedar Rapids. He had been with Genesis Manufacturing, Davenport.

**Noreen Colbeck-Bush, BA** is associate principal at Prairie High School, Cedar Rapids. She had been the language arts teacher and systems thinking strategist for Prairie.

**Carla Decker, BA**, is head volleyball coach at Lander University, Greenwood, SC. She had been head coach and senior woman administrator at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

**Craig Doster, BA**, is the superintendent of the Ottawa Elementary School District and lives in Diamond, IL.

**Matthew Hill, BA**, is a physician with Medical Oncology and Hematology Associates, Des Moines.

**Brian Jones, BA**, is head basketball coach at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. He had been director of basketball operations for the University of Iowa.

**Michelle (Anderson) Kurtz, BA**, is the employee relations manager for Coca-Cola Enterprises, Eagan, MN.

**John Speer, BA, MA '00**, is superintendent at Ballard Community Schools.

**Michael, BA**, and **Maryjo (Block) Williams, BA**, live in Dubuque. Michael is a copy editor at the *Dubuque Telegraph Herald* and Maryjo is a senior high English teacher. They have four children.

'95 **Jason, BA**, and **Jessica (Koppin) Christian, BA**, live in the Dallas-Fort Worth, TX area. Jason is division manager with



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C.R. Bard Inc. in medical device sales.

**Barry Cobb**, MBA, earned his PhD in business from the University of Kansas. He is an assistant professor of economics and business at Virginia Military Institute, Lexington.

**Jason Deibert**, BA, works at Ameriprise Financial, Raleigh, NC, where he lives with his family.

**Anna (Morehouse) Smith**, is branch manager at the Regions Bank Depot and University Avenue locations, Cedar Falls.

**Anne (Deblieck) Speer**, BA, MA '03, teaches seventh-grade in Ames.

**'96 Aaron Adkins**, BA, joined the legal department of the Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Saudi Aramco), and lives with his family in Dhahran.

**Laurent Busolin**, MBA, is a sales manager for 3 Suisses, a mail order company in Toulouse, France.

**Ronda Kness**, BA, is assistant vice president, specializing in consumer loans at Hiawatha Bank and Trust.

**Nancy Kramer**, BA, nursing program chair at Allen Hospital, Waterloo, was recognized as one of Iowa's 2006 100 Great Iowa Nurses.

**Kelli (Townsend) Olson**, BA, is a project manager in the human resources department of Wells Fargo Home and Consumer Finance Group in the Des Moines area.

**Kurt Strickler**, BA, is an independent insurance agent for Koehler Insurance, Marshalltown.

**Brett Tjaden**, BA, is COO at Iowa Metal Spinners, Cedar Falls.

**'97 Angie Boehde**, BA, is internal audit manager with CRST International, Cedar Rapids. She had been a senior accountant analyst with AEGON.

**Tyler Fell**, BA, was promoted to controller of United Fire and Casualty, Cedar Rapids.

**Sarah (Slater) Hoeger**, BA, is the member service coordinator at the YMCA in Cedar Rapids. She had been director of operations for the Boys and Girls Club, Cedar Rapids.

**Ryan Judas**, BA, is a senior investment analyst for Principal Global Investors, Des Moines.

**Brad Mattocks**, BA, a teacher at River Hills School, Cedar Falls, held an art show at the Evan Kaiulani Gallery, Waterloo.

**Darci (Balik) Ritter**, BA, is the development officer at Cedar Valley Hospice, Waterloo.

**Darrell Roberts**, BA, received his BFA and MFA from the School of Art at the Art Institute of Chicago, and is director of painting and drawing at Lillstreet Art Center. He teaches classes at the Hyde Park Art Center and the North Shore Art League. He showed his work at the L2 Contemporary in Los Angeles, CA.

**Roxanne Rowedder**, BM, a mezzo-soprano, was one of the artists featured this summer at the Opera Exposures recital at Saint Marks Church, New York City.

**Doran Schwartz**, BA, was promoted to vice president and chief accounting officer for MDU Resources, Bismarck, ND. He had been the firm's assistant vice president of special projects.

**Scott Sernett**, BA, joined the Todd Organization, a benefits consulting firm. He also is a financial adviser with the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network.

**Michelle (Loecke) Wurth**, BA, is office manager for Dalton Plumbing and Heating, Cedar Falls.

**'98 Mark Franzen**, MA, is head men's basketball coach and assistant athletic director for resource development at Wartburg College, Waverly. He had similar positions at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

**Jodi (Felderman) Murray**, BA, is a senior financial analyst at Rockwell Collins, and lives in Hiawatha.

**Andy Pratt**, BA, works at NCMIC, specializing in insurance for chiropractors, Norwalk.

**'99 Damian Hurmence**, BA, was promoted to manager of Hogan-Hansen CPA's Cedar Falls office.

**Jill (Etnier) Kolars**, BA, is a recruiter at Ruan Transportation, Des Moines.

**Clémentine (Mukeshimana) Msengi**, BA, MA '06, received the Outstanding American by Choice Award from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration.

**Jennifer Mumm**, BA, was elected the Harrison County Attorney. She had been in private practice in Missouri Valley.

**Pam (Harrison) Pottebaum**, MA, retired from the Sioux City Schools after teaching third-, fourth- and sixth-grades for 34 years.

**Sarah (Doyle) Pratt**, BA, teaches special education for K-3 in West Des Moines. She will also be sculpting the butter cow this summer at the Iowa State Fair.

**Steve Randall**, BA, MA '02, is the youth coordinator at St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Johnston.

**Megan Rovang**, BA, is an academic adviser in the Economics Department at the University of Texas, Austin, and received her master's degree in higher education administration and college student personnel administration.

**James Stephenson**, BA, is the technical director and one of the founders of Tallgrass Theatre, West Des Moines, which provides an outlet for local talent and produces original works by Iowa playwrights.

**Kristina Voyna**, BA, is an optometrist at the Washington Eye Care Center, Washington.

**'00 James Barnes**, BA, MA '05, is the coordinator of orientation and learning assistance at the University of California, Merced.

**Meg (Butikofer) Benson**, BA, is a senior financial analyst at The Sports Authority, Denver, CO.

**Jamy Clark**, BA, is president of Walls 2 Floors, Inc., Omaha, NE.

**Heather Harman**, BA, completed her master's degree in taxation from DePaul University, Chicago, IL. She is a manager at Deloitte.

**Jeremy Meyer**, BA, joined the Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home, Tama-Toledo.

**Stephanie Mohorne**, BA, MA '04, is principal at Lowell Elementary School, Waterloo. She had been a teacher at McKinstry.

**Jessie Phillips**, BA, is artistic director and one of the founders of Tallgrass Theatre, West Des Moines, which provides an outlet for local talent and produces original works by Iowa playwrights.

**Angela Schmitt**, BA, manages the Mazatlan Tanning and Massage Spa, Oelwein.

**Ryan Shoars**, BA, joined Greystone Servicing Corp., and started a loan originator office in Tampa, FL.

**Jeremiah White**, BA, will handle West Union's city legal work. He is with O'Donohoe, Stochl, Braun and Churbuck.

**DeAnn Woodin**, BA, is head volleyball coach at Coe College, Cedar Rapids. She had been with the University of Iowa and prior to that, led Kirkwood Community College to a national volleyball championship.

**'01 Teri (Martin) Bowlin**, BA, was named Bennett Elementary's Teacher of the Year for McKinney (TX) School District. She and her husband, **Brad**, BA '02, live in McKinney.

**Kathy Cameron**, MM, earned her master's degree in ministry from Lorax College. She began doctoral studies in flute performance at Ohio State and received a graduate assistantship.

**Janet Ekstrom**, BA, is vice president of finance at Iowa Metal Spinners, Inc., Cedar Falls.

**Karla (Nelson) Ellis**, BA, is an underwriter technician/accounting clerk for the north team at Pharmacists Mutual. She lives in Graettinger.

**Stephanie (Umbarger) Gott**, BA, is a human resources generalist at Corporate Express, living in Green Bay, WI.

**Jenny (Waldschmitt) Hubbard**, BA, works in the human resource office for the city of Ames.

**Valerie Jennings**, BA, founded Jennings Public Relations and Advertising, Kansas City, MO.

**Steve Jermier**, BA, is an area sales manager for

Wells Fargo Financial Bank, Sioux Falls, SD.

**Jeremiah Lehr**, BA, is the technology coordinator for the Dike-Newton Hartford Schools.

**Levi Lyle**, BA, MA '04, is an academic adviser in the Upward Bound Program at Simpson College. He had taught high school science at the Meskwaki Settlement School.

**Andrew Miehle**, BA, MA '05, former social sciences teacher at East High School, Waterloo, will be assistant principal at Bunger Middle School.

**Mike Nelson**, BA, a Realtor with RE/MAX Home Group, Waterloo, received the Platinum Individual Achievement Award from the Iowa Association of Realtors.

**Ryan Robison**, BA, is the Pineview Elementary principal, Iowa Falls. He had been teaching first-grade at Woodward-Granger.

**James Svajgl**, BA, received his law degree from DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, IL.

**'02 Tristan Brown**, BA, joined Jefferson Eye Care PC.

**Brian Flynn**, BA, was appointed to territory sales for the Midwest and the Northeast United States for Innovative Lighting.

**Adam Landis**, BA, completed a master's degree from Saint Xavier University and teaches sixth-grade in Sterling, IL.

**Samantha McClain**, BA, works in the admissions office at Iowa Central Community College, Fort Dodge.

**Jennifer Pratt**, MA, is a Realtor for the Iowa City-Coralville area.

**Michael Rueber**, BA, created Around the Corner Productions, which produces the Panther Sports Talk program on KWKB TV.

**Kristin (Rude) Schultes**, BA, was promoted to assurance manager at Grant Thornton LLP, Minneapolis, MN.

**Jayson Sime**, BA, as campaign manager, led the re-election efforts for Congressman Leonard Boswell. Sime is active in the Iowa Democratic Party.

**Toby Stanerson**, BA, is a programmer/analyst for Regional Justice Informational Services, St. Louis, MO.

**Annette Wittrock**, BA, is a naturalist in the Wapello County Conservation Department with an office in the Pioneer Ridge Nature Center.

**Christopher Willis**, BA, is an investment banker at Cleary Gull Inc., and is pursuing an MBA from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

**'03 Laura (Engle) Allred**, BA, is a graduate assistant at UNLV, Las Vegas, where she is working on her master's degree in education.

**Jared Arieux**, BA, teaches high school English, publications and creative writing at Tripoli High School. He had taught at Olin Schools.

**Joseph Bormann**, BA, an industrial technology teacher at West High School, Waterloo, was chosen as a Teacher of the Year by the local Sam's Club.

**Eric Braley**, BA, MA '05, created Around the Corner Productions, which produces the Panther Sports Talk program on KWKB TV.

**Tom Chriswiser**, BA, is a loan officer at Wells Fargo Financial, Des Moines.

**Aubrey Glynn**, BA, is a graphic designer with Loyola University, Chicago, IL, at the Water Tower Campus.

**Laura Leigh Cisco**, BA, was promoted to membership marketing coordinator at Green Gables Country Club, Denver, CO. She has her sports management master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado.

**Chad Haskell**, BA, is community relations director at Bickford Cottage, Clinton.

**Travis Heimbruch**, BA, is branch manager of Iowa Community Credit Union, Covenant Medical Center branch. He had been with Community National Bank.

**Patricia Heilskov**, MACC, is the vice president at Coonley & Heilskov CPAs, Hampton.

**Shawn Kehoe**, MIS, is a product manager for



Investment Scorecard, Nashville, TN.

**Jennifer Nicholls**, BA, teaches business classes and is yearbook adviser at Northwood-Kensett Schools.

**Sarah Noll**, BA, is education director of Tallgrass Theatre, West Des Moines, which provides an outlet for local talent and produces original works by Iowa playwrights.

**Lisa Schmitz**, BA, is public relations representative for Roush Racing NASCAR Nextel Cup's driver Carl Edwards. She lives in Huntersville, NC.

**Brent Shavers**, MA, is principal at Bunker Middle School, Waterloo.

**Guy Sims**, EdD, is the assistant vice president for student affairs at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg.

**Jill (Miksch) Spencer**, BA, is a fifth-grade resource teacher at Perry Community Schools. **Garrick Teckenburg**, BA, is the high school principal at English Valley. He had been the secondary social studies teacher.

**Kevin Wilkinson**, BA, teaches industrial technology at Williamsburg High School.

'04 **Aleksander Abram**, BA, is a staff economist in the business development department at the Chicago Board of Trade. He received an MS in agricultural economics from Ohio State.

**Nicole Agee**, BA, is an evening news anchor at KAAL-TV, Austin, MN. She had been with a television station in Columbia, MO.

**Jeff Faust**, BA, is the outbound patient care coordinator for Homelink, a division of VGM Group, Waterloo.

**Brandie Glasnapp**, BA, handles sports information duties for the UNI baseball, women's soccer and women's basketball teams.

**Kimberly Hanna**, BA, is in graduate school in preservation studies at Boston University. She will intern at Historic Boston Inc.

**Jackie (Spece) Heinz**, BA, was crowned Ms. Wheelchair Iowa 2006. She is the school coordinator for Kinetic Energy School of Movement.

**James Hutcheson**, BA, is the executive director of Louisa Development Group, Wapello.

**Jennifer (Burton) Johnson**, BA, teaches middle school math and coaches varsity volleyball at Price Laboratory School, Cedar Falls.

**Sasha Jones**, BA, is the director of the McGregor-Marquette Chamber of Commerce.

**Emiliano Lerda**, BA, is the student relations officer in the office of the Board of Regents, Urbandale.

**Laura Linn**, BA, teaches pre-school and works in the resource room after teaching second-grade in the Catholic Schools of Sioux City.

**Andrew Ludeking**, BA, was promoted to assistant branch manager of the Decorah branch of the Farmers & Merchants Savings Bank of Waukon.

**Jeff Mettelle**, BA, was accepted to the London School of Economics and is working on a master's degree in global politics.

**Brian Mumm**, BA, teaches business and computers at Wapello



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Community Schools.

**Neeley Owenson**, BA, was promoted to program manager in the community support services program at Exceptional Persons Inc., Waterloo.

**Keith Pearl**, BA, is manager of foundry engineering at Sivyer Steel Corporation, Bettendorf.

**Nicholas Schwab**, BA, is working toward a doctorate degree in psychology at the University of Wyoming, Laramie. He is a teaching assistant.

**Adam Short**, BA, is a financial analyst for Golub and Company, a real estate developer and acquisitions firm in Chicago, IL.

**Darrin Siefken**, MA, owns CrawDaddy Outdoors in Waverly. He had been with the Iowa State Extension Service.

**Kai Takatsuka**, BA, is an admissions counselor and new student adviser at Southern Maine Community College and lives in Portland.

**Ryan White**, BA, was ordained by Hastings Baptist Church, Hastings, MI and has served as the pastor of youth and family.

**Erica (Thornton) Wilkinson**, BA, teaches high school science at Williamsburg High School.

'05 **Everett**, BA, and **Kathleen (Newcomb) Charlson**, BA, live in Colorado Springs, where Kathleen teaches sixth-grade.

**Autumn Ewoldt**, BA, has been named director of outreach at the Community Foundation of Waterloo/Cedar Falls and Northeast Iowa.

**Keri Foster**, BA, is the high school SCI associate and freshman girl's basketball coach at HMS Schools and lives in Hartley.

**Lynn Hageman**, BA, teaches high school language arts, coordinates the TAG program and coaches individual speech students at Kingsley-Pierson Schools.

**Rashell Hageman**, BA, is a producer with the Arthur J. Gallagher Companies, Sioux City.

**Roxanne (Shontz) Heimann**, BA, is working on her master's degree in communication education at UNI. She also is a consultant for CollegeBoard.

**Chad Hines**, BA, is a quality assurance chemist for Mrs. Clark's Foods in Ankeny.

**Kathe Kenne**, BA, is an account executive for the Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier.

**Aaron Knepper**, BA, is an account manager at Homes Murphy & Associates, West Des Moines.

**Victor Lee**, MBA, is a systems consultant for Information Technology, Hong Kong.

**Krista (Goetz) Lindgren**, BA, teaches second-grade in Cedar Falls.

**Okwudili Okeke**, MBA, is a financial specialist at Capital One in the Chicago area.

**Nicole Patton**, BA, is teaching fourth-grade in the Clearfield Schools, Mount Ayr.

**Emily Schrad**, BA, who lives in Des Moines, is an administrative assistant for Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

**Amanda Vanous**, BA, is the marketing coordinator for Nationwide Respiratory, part of the VGM Group,

Waterloo.

**Eric Vander Velden**, BA, is a K-12 PE teacher and coach at Seymour Schools.

**Steve Yongxun Wang**, MBA, is a business development executive for UPS, Delta, British Columbia.

**Heidi White**, BA, is a graduate assistant and athletic trainer at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

'06 **Michael Bowser**, BA, produces the news at KCCI-TV, Des Moines. He had been with KCRG-TV, Cedar Rapids.

**Chris Gifford**, BA, is an accounting analyst for Waterloo Industries.

**Kami Kaulzarich**, BA, is an account executive for the Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier.

**Lyndsay Ostermann**, BA, is a kindergarten teacher for the Catholic Schools of Sioux City.

**Laury (Erickson) Shonka**, BA, teaches at Prairie Grove Rural School, Jesup School District.

**Joe BA**, and **Katy (Stookesberry) Urbanek**, BA, live in Tripoli. Joe teaches middle and high school mathematics and Katy teaches

first- and second-grade reading and math class size reduction teacher at Tripoli Schools.

**Alexander White**, BA, is a Web developer at ME&V, Cedar Falls.

**Adam Zellmer**, BA, is the business instructor and assistant high school wrestling coach for the Catholic Schools of Sioux City.



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## Marriages

'80s **Michael Capesius** BA '88 married Jennifer Holmes Capesius.

'90s **Aaron Grundman** BA '92 married Gloria Grundman. **Dawn Michels** BA '96 married Carlos Rivas. **Tami Huff Cervantes** BM '98 married Andrew Cervantes.

'00s **Jennifer Noehl Rusch** BA '00 married Jesse Rusch. **Terra Swift Huber** BA '01 married Jeff Huber. **Jennifer Fishchels Pratt** MA '02 married Brandon Pratt. **Sara Dunn Wiegel** BA '03 married Brad Wiegel. **Kathleen Newcomb Charlson** BA '05 married Everette Charlson. **Eric Vander Velden** BA '05 married Amber Vander Velden.

## Births

'80s **Tracy Borlaug Pursell** BA '86 & Wade Pursell, Houston TX, daughter Linsey born 4/29/2005. **Lori Huffman Reelfs** BA '88 & **Quint Reelfs** BA '93, Chandler TX, daughter Brinn born 4/24/2006. **Denise Rawlins Bracewell** BA '89 & **David Bracewell Jr.**, Colfax IA, twins Cael and Marissa born 1/30/2006.

'90s **Todd Rullestad** BA '91 & Ashley Rullestad, Ankeny IA, daughter Merrin born 6/22/2006. **Traci Vander Schel Buck** BA '92 & **Brad Buck** BA '92, Urbandale IA, daughter Luciana born 12/4/2005. **Michelle McCullough Dinger** BA '92 MA '02 & Joel Dinger, Independence IA, son Lucas born 11/9/2005. **Brian Sankey** BA '93 & Alana Rawding Sankey, Cedar Falls IA, daughter Carly born 12/25/2005. **Katie Bohan Silva** BA '93 & Wayne Silva, Salem MA, son Jack born 4/27/2006. **Elizabeth Riley Sulentic** BA '93 MBA '02 & **Mike Sulentic** BA '91, Cedar Falls IA, son Luke born 4/8/2005. **Michele Harris Boyd** BA '94 & **Donald Boyd** BA '95, Fort Dodge IA, son Elijah born 7/11/2005. **Jennifer Bruns Coffey** BA '94 & Kyle Coffey, Carlisle IA, daughter Kate born 4/4/2006. **April Cooper Krob** BA '95 & Jeff Krob, Deltona FL, daughter Emma born 2/27/2005.



responsible for initiating contact with business owners and managers to identify their business transfer goals.

### Business Capital Corporation expands Merger Acquisition Practice

**Tom R. Cavanagh** '06, management: business administration, has joined Business Capital Corporation as a financial analyst in the merger and acquisition practice after completing a successful internship. Cavanagh, a Des Moines native, is responsible for facilitating deal flow with BCC's international affiliates through the International Network of M&A Partners (IMAP). He is also



**Becky Ahlhelm Myers** BA '95 & Anthony Myers, Cedar Falls IA, twins Lily and Evan born 9/20/2005. **Brooke Battey Rembold** BA '95 & **Eric Rembold** BA '95, Overland Park KS, daughter Gwenyn born 1/6/2006. **Bridget Duffy Fryar** BA '96 & Matthew Fryar, Waukee IA, daughter Brooklyn born 11/9/2006. **Jennifer Bowling Haglund** BA '96 & **Jason Haglund** BA '96, Story City IA, son Beckett born 5/11/2006. **Charles Silverberg** BA '96 & Jacy Silverberg, Norcross GA, daughter Elana born 7/7/2006. **Kristi Usher Techau** BA '96 & BA '97, Cedar Rapids IA, son Drew born 9/19/2006. **Melissa Godfredsen Caudill** BA '97 & Scott Caudill, Knoxville IA, daughter Delaney born 3/10/2005. **Jodi Felderman Murray** BA '97 & Craig Murray, Hiawatha IA, son Reece born 11/22/2005. **Sarah Harderson Bidne** BA '99 MA '01 & **Matthew Bidne** BS '00, Peoria IL, son Conner born 2/27/2006. **Denise Rubel Terrell** BA '99 & Mike Terrell, Peterson IA, daughter Alexa born 6/6/2006; daughter Alyse born 3/18/2005; son Adam born 4/18/2003. **Michael Whitted** BA '99 & Anna Whitted, Geneva IL, son Johnathan born 5/11/2006.

**'00s** **Traci Wegeman Funk** BA & **Mark Funk** BA '00, Waterloo IA, daughter Jenna born 8/26/2005. **Janelle Haack Hook** BM '01 & **Adam Hook** BM '03, Kearney MO, twins Austin and Noah born 3/3/2006. **Melisa McBurney Maher** BA '01 & **Ryan Maher** BA '02, DeWitt IA, son Jacob born 11/16/2005. **Angela Williams Taylor** BA '01 & **Steven Taylor** BA '01, Fort Worth TX, daughter Zoe born 11/13/2004; son Zackariah born 11/13/2003. **Stacy Frehse Travis** BA '02 & James Travis, Lake View IA, son Micah born 1/31/2006. **Brian Wheatley** BA '02 & Melissa Wheatley, Coggon IA, daughter Meghan born 5/2/2006. **Sally Morlan Marquart** BA '02 & **Gregory Marquart** BA '02, Pomeroy IA, son Declan born 3/7/2006. **Nettie Nuzum Smith** BA '02 & Trent Smith, Des Moines IA, daughter Natalie born 3/13/2006. **Sara Schroeder Converse** BA '03 & **Kevin Converse** BA, Hawkeye IA, son Lane born 7/8/2005.

## Deaths

**'30s** **Verna Anderson Coleman** 1 yr '32, 2 yr '41, San Anselmo CA, died 4/8/2006. **Ruth Swartz Blizard** 2 yr '33, BA '43, Des Moines IA, died 8/1/2006. **Beryl Dowden Koontz Dinnen** 2 yr '37, Cedar Falls IA, died 5/5/2006.

**'40s** **Margaret Christensen Cantine** 2 yr '40, Waverly IA, died 11/29/2005. **Donald Rollstin** 1 yr '41, BA '48, Grand Island NE, died 11/28/2006. **Harland Troy** BA '41, Bonita Springs FL, died 1/9/2006. **Elsie Smith Casey** BA '43, Fairfield IA, died 5/22/2006. **Mildred Hach Grimes** BM '44, Marshalltown IA, died 8/14/2006. **Dorothy Lee Harden** 2 yr '44, Aurelia IA, died 2/9/2006. **Virginia Jensen Nielsen** BA '45, Elk Horn IA, died 8/7/2006. **Leroy Alitz** BA '48, Hopewell Junction NY, died 4/15/2006. **Charleene Monkeliene Kneedy** 2 yr '48, West Covina CA, died 12/31/2005. **Donald Van Deest** BA '49, Memphis TN, died 7/29/2006.

**'50s** **Richard Knutsen** BA '50, Des Moines IA, died 6/7/2006. **Carol Bensch Wheeler** 2 yr '52, BA '54, Sibley IA, died 5/25/2006. **Jacque Filiatreau** BA '53, Wheaton IL, died 4/27/2006. **David Coerper** BA '57, Houston, TX died 1/15/2006. **Jack Weddle** BA '58, Des Moines IA, died 3/19/2006.

**'60s** **Betty Heisler Franck** BA '60, MA '93, Rock Island IL, died 6/4/2006. **Myrl Morrison** BA '66, Maquoketa IA, died 3/6/2006. **Wilda Graham Fallis** BA '67, Houston TX, died 5/27/2006.

**'70s** **Debbra Koss Huebner** BA '71, Davenport IA, died 4/5/2006. **Doris Miller Tapper Nelson** BA '72, Dike IA, died 8/22/2005. **Thomas Linn** BA '73, Gilmore City IA, died 4/30/2006.

**'80s** **Julie Kloppenborg Gorman-Mark** BA '83, West Des Moines IA, died 4/20/2005. **Sanjay Patil** BA '85, Minneapolis MN, died 4/23/2005.

**'90s** **Lucius Weathersby** MM '92, New Orleans LA, died 3/17/2006.

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# PBS to air Tallgrass Documentary

The Public Broadcasting System (PBS) will air "America's Lost Landscape: The Tallgrass Prairie" at 10 p.m. (EDT); 9 p.m. (CDT), Sunday, April 1.

Daryl Smith, professor of biology and director of UNI's Native Roadside Vegetation Center, co-produced the feature-length documentary with David O'Shields of New Light Media in Cedar Falls. Critically acclaimed actress and Cedar Falls native Annabeth Gish narrated the film, which tells the story of one of the most astonishing alterations of nature in history.

"We are very excited about it airing on PBS. It completes one of our main objectives when we started the film about 11 to 12 years ago, and that was to get it broadcast nationally," Smith said.

In the early 1820s, one of the major features of North America was 240 million acres of tallgrass prairie. By 1900 the tallgrass prairie had been converted to cropland. This drastic event also impacted the Native Americans; in a short time their cultural imprint was reduced in essence to a handful of place-names appearing on maps.

All 396 public television stations in the country will receive the broadcast.

"It's a great opportunity for people all over the country to learn about tallgrass prairie. The reception of the film has been very rewarding. We're very pleased." Smith said.

## *America's Lost Landscape: The Tallgrass Prairie*



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