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Landegent heads new Recreation Center

Alecia Landegent is the new recreation center director for Upper Iowa University as of November 1, 2001. Alecia has completed her master of science degree in health, physical education, and recreation from South Dakota State University in Brookings. While at SDSU, she gained management and fitness experience as a graduate assistant for SDSU's wellness center. Alecia conducted fitness assessments, educated students on equipment usage, set up personal fitness pro-



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grams (nutrition, weight training, and cardiovascular training), handled day-to-day operations, sold community memberships, coordinated special events, taught wellness classes, and supervised approximately 80 interns, work study and fitness instructors. Originally from Sioux Falls, S.D., Alecia earned a bachelor's degree in sports management from Peru State College in Nebraska and an associate of arts degree from Ellsworth Community College

in Iowa Falls, Iowa. Prior to joining UIU, she was an intern for NCAA Division II North Central Conference office where she assisted with officials' contracts, compliance tasks and NCC Championships. She also has experience coaching Special Olympics softball and basketball teams in Sioux Falls.

The new UIU Recreation Center will be opening on January 2, 2002. The facility will have a broad range of accommodating hours for on-campus students, commuter students, faculty and staff. The recreation center will provide opportunities to get active by walking, jogging, running, stair-stepping,

biking, tennis, basketball, volleyball and weight training, just to name a few. Personal fitness assessments may be conducted in order to test and monitor your body composition, flexibility, strength, and cardiovascular health. The center will also provide students the opportunity for personal professional development through opportunities to work as an intern or work-study.

"I'm excited for the possibilities the recreation center will provide for the University, and I'm grateful to have the opportunity to serve the students as the recreation center director for this new facility," Landegent said.

Madison Center celebrates 20 years of educational excellence

Upper Iowa University's Madison Center celebrated 20 years of excellence in education by holding an open house on Friday, October 19, 2001. Guests, including representatives from city, county and state government, as well as Upper Iowa University, were welcomed during a program hosted by Alan Capelle, center coordinator.

Hon. Sue Bauman, mayor of Madison, expressed her congratulations and appreciation on behalf of the Madison community. Dane County Representative Terese Berceau of the Wisconsin State Assembly and Mr. Topf Wells, chief of staff in the County Executive Office, also spoke to the group. Alumnus Dennis Ureche ('89) shared how UIU's program benefited him in his career at AFLAC,

Inc. Kimberly Ruel of Wegner & Associates Data Processing in Madison spoke of the quantity and quality of UIU accounting graduates that her company employs.

A rededication ribbon cutting by Dr. Suzanne James, senior vice president for extended university, a tour of the facility including displays in the classrooms, and refreshments

rounded out the afternoon. "It was a great day to celebrate this major accomplishment for UIU's flagship center, and we look forward to serving the Madison community for many years to come!" said Capelle.



Alan Capelle welcomes guests.

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Six Modesto area football players on 2001 Peacock squad

(Excerpts taken from the 10/14/01 issue of the *Modesto Bee*, Modesto, Calif.)

The journey seemed unfathomable. Two days by train, then another three hours by car before Homer Garza reached his field of dreams.

The former Hughson High 2,000-yard running back has found a new college home, where he is surrounded by five Modesto-area friends and little else.

Meet Upper Iowa University... the new Modesto Junior College East Campus.

The private liberal arts university has 700 students on its main campus. It serves as the heart of Fayette, Iowa, a town of 1,200 people 40 miles northeast of Waterloo and about the same distance northwest of Dyersville—the home of that other Field of Dreams.

Six local layers are on the Peacocks' 2001 squad: Garza; Ceres High graduates Antone Lopez, Tom Perry and Shayne Hammond; Larry Cook of Turlock and Ara Kimbrough of Manteca.

It's Division III nonscholarship football in the hard-hitting Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. There's no shot at BCS (Big College Sports) glory here, very little chance for ink outside the pages of the *Fayette Leader*.

"What these kids are able to do is come here and compete in this league, which is one of the top D3 conferences in the country," said Jeff Bradley, *Leader* sports editor.

The six players were drawn to the small-town atmosphere for what it provides—a chance to play football and attend college—as well as for what it doesn't provide—the distractions of a larger city.

"This is Mayberry right here," Hammond said. "Picture a college in Mayberry and that's what you have. But out here you get one-on-one with teachers with much smaller classes."

None were heavily recruited, but Peacocks coach Craig Johnston is happy to have them aboard. More than that, he's thrilled with the Central California pipeline that has been established.

The first two players he landed from MJC were Josh Cheek and Matt Carne, who played at UIU from 1998-99. After graduation from UIU, Carne did his student teaching at Ceres High, then moved back to Fayette about four weeks ago.

He now serves, unofficially, as Upper Iowa's ambassador to Modesto.

"If you want to get out of town and find a place where you can concentrate on school, then this is it," said Carne, who plans to attend graduate school at Northern Iowa.



Modesto area players on the UIU football team include (left to right): Tom Perry, Shayne Hammond, Antone Lopez, Homer Garza, Ara Kimbrough and Larry Cook.

Annual Renaissance Festival held on campus

The 9th Annual High School Choral Renaissance Festival took place on the Upper Iowa University Fayette Campus Tuesday, November 6, with

over 100 students attending from eight high schools across Iowa. Students came from as far away as Bloomfield, Nora Springs and Dubuque. The students spent the

day learning to sing music from the Renaissance and enjoyed lectures by UIU professors Joel Kunze on Renaissance table manners and Richard Barker on the social contexts of Renaissance songs. The day culminated in an Elizabethan Feaste where a meal of pork, potatoes, carrots, bread, soup and flaming pudding was served. Fire eaters entertained, as did all of the UIU music ensembles.

On Friday, November 30, an Elizabethan Madrigal Dinner was held. The dinner featured a complete meal of pork, potatoes, carrots, soup, bread and flaming pudding served in Renaissance style on a bread trencher. Cos-

tuned musicians from the Concert Choir, Accents, Musici Sine Nomine and Band performed. The audience was invited to join in some of the activities and were thrilled by the antics of the fire eaters and juggler. A Court Jester oversaw the evening's adventures. Food and fun were plenteous.

The merriment in the music department continued on Sunday, December 2, at the Winter Concert held at 3 p.m. in Colgrove-Walker Auditorium. This concert featured all of the UIU music ensembles performing both songs of the season and patriotic songs. The concert was followed by a reception and the official lighting of the Upper Iowa University Christmas tree.



Madrigal processional leading to the Elizabethan Feaste.

Family Day 2001

"Exploring UIU" was the theme for Family Day 2001. In an effort to increase attendance and opportunities for participation, Family Day was scheduled for November 10 instead of early September. The benefit of the later date was having the opportunity for families to attend a basketball game, wrestling meet and a football game.

Opportunities for participation included a University Fair of several departments and campus organizations; the Library's 100-Year Celebration, Recreation

Center tours, art gallery exhibit, Alumni House open house, Accents performing at dinner, and Joel Kunze's famous presenta-



tion of the history of UIU. Extra activities like air brush T-shirts, face painting, and Music Video Bingo held great interest for students and their families. Because of the many opportunities available, the University experienced an increase in attendance, much more than in recent years. The Family Day committee looks forward to another great event in 2002!

Visitors to the Teacher Education Department's display check out artifacts from the past as they see how schools developed over the past 100 years. Cindy Waters, assistant professor of education (center, in blue) brought many items from the one-room schoolhouse that her family maintains on their rural acreage.

Members of the Family Day committee are: Bishop, Wendy Burns, Jennifer Louise Scott, Gail Moorman-Behrens, Md. Manzoor Murshed, Erik Olson, Sheri Foreman, Karla Gavin, Cindy Carpenter, Alecia Landegent and Kari Solheim.



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Brett DeVore manager of UIU's new Logo Store

Located on the first floor of Garbee Hall in the space that was once the Bookstore is **NOW** Upper Iowa University's Logo Store. Brett DeVore has recently assumed the position as manager for the Logo Store. Prior to joining the UIU family, Brett was the manager of Pier One Imports in Coralville, Iowa. Sue Woodson, the former Bookstore's assistant manager, will continue with the Logo Store in that capacity.



Brett DeVore

Iowa University merchandise, gifts and supplies. With all textbook sales now being handled by MBS Direct through the online Virtual Bookstore, the Logo Store will be expanding its product mix to include a larger variety of clothing and other memorabilia. In addition to carrying UIU merchandise, it will continue to stock basic office supplies, music and gift ideas.

What is a logo store, you might ask? Well, quite simply, it is your one-stop shop for Upper

of operations, we look forward to serving the UIU community, as well as the local area," Brett said. So stop by and see Brett and Sue!

UIU has site license for CMA exam

Upper Iowa University now has a site license for the Certified Management Accounting exam. Materials are on reserve in the Library, which would allow those interested to study for and pass this nationally recognized accounting exam. It carries the stature of the Certified Public Accounting exam. The CMA, as opposed to the CPA, works internally for a company, whereas the CPA would be working for the public at large.

Persons interested in the exam are welcome to contact Duane Harper, assistant professor of accounting, at (563) 425-5253 or harperd@uiu.edu.

Welcome! to our newest employees!!

Janet Gitch

External Degree Assistant, External Degree Office

Heather Schrock

Admission Office Assistant, Admission Office

Ming Thong

Admission Counselor/International Student Counselor
Admission Office

Angie Wittstock

Counseling Intern, Career and Counseling Services Office



Starting **young**. UIU wrestling coaches Heath Grimm and Nate Skaar show four youngsters some basic moves during a recent "Little Wrestlers" clinic. The boys are children of UIU employees. Heath and Nate know the importance of instilling a love of wrestling early in life and enjoy working with younger wrestlers.

The UIU wrestling team is currently ranked #5 as a team in the country in NCAA Division III, and Cliff Thompson and Jesus Wilson are ranked #1 in their weight classes and Jorge Borgen is ranked #2.