

# Feather Notes

Upper Iowa University eNews



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## We're Number One!!

On October 31 of last year, President McKay received a surprise e-mail from the president of the Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. The Dallam Report—the official enrollment report for all colleges and universities in Iowa—had just been released, showing Upper Iowa leading the independent institutions with its fall enrollment of 5,177, edging out Drake University for the first time. In his e-mail, the IAICU president wrote, “There’s a new leader in the clubhouse of the independent colleges!” In announcing the news, Dr. McKay paid tribute to everyone who had worked so hard to contribute to our success, and we want to echo that tribute in this issue.

### 145 YEARS AND GOING STRONG!

On January 7 of this year, Upper Iowa achieved yet another milestone, celebrating its 145<sup>th</sup> anniversary. When the doors opened in 1857, only Alexander-Dickman Hall had been built, and only the first two floors and part of the third were actually completed. The third floor was the dormitory, and students had to climb ladders to reach their quarters. There was a grand total of six faculty and staff members. Today, with learning centers and degree programs all over the globe, we remember our humble beginnings and marvel at the progress that has been made over those 145 years. Upper Iowa University is truly “the miracle on the hill.”

## Dr. Langerman Travels to Asia

Dr. Phil Langerman, vice president for residential university, ventured to southeast Asia once again this past December for a graduation at Open Institute of International Education, Upper Iowa’s partner in Hong Kong, where 108 students received their degrees from UIU.

“We are currently exploring expansion into various People’s Republic of China locations, and we will have a graduation ceremony on April 7th at HELP Institute in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia,” said Dr. Langerman.

He also visited UIU’s center in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and Singapore as well.



Edwin Tan and Dr. Langerman with students in regalia.



A wedding of one of the staff from the Hong Kong Campus, Wendy Cheung. Pictured are: Eddy Lau, president, Open Institute of International Education, Dr. Langerman and his son, Jayson, and Edwin Tan, director of international studies. Behind them are Wendy and her new husband in traditional Chinese attire.



Dr. Langerman in Fuzhou, China, at a branch campus of Fuzhou University.

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## Arielle Beck – Olympic Torch Bearer

Arielle Beck, a senior education and psychology major at Upper Iowa, was chosen to be an Olympic torch bearer for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City. Arielle was nominated by family and friends from her hometown of Moab, Utah, and being well-known there and with the flood of nominations for her, it made a lot of people happy when she was chosen.

Being a standout guard/forward for the Lady Peacocks' basketball team (see accompanying article) made a tight schedule for Arielle, leaving Fayette on February 3, carrying the torch on February 4, and getting back on the plane that day heading back to Des Moines to join her teammates for a game against Simpson College the next night. But the excitement and experience were well worth it.

Arielle was the 19th runner after the torch got to Utah, and she carried it two-tenths of a mile through downtown Moab. It was handed off to her by a silver medalist from the last Winter Olympics, and she handed it off to the chief of staff of the Salt Lake City mayor's office.



The best part of the whole experience for Arielle was seeing the thousands of cheering people as she went by and how happy they were and how proud they were of America.

Arielle is shown in the new UIU Recreation Center wearing the jogging suit she received and the torch she carried on her leg of the Olympic flame's route to Salt Lake City.

## Beck and Heller Join 1,000 Point Club

Arielle Beck and Tara Heller became just the seventh and eighth players respectively in Upper Iowa University women's basketball history to score 1,000 career points, as they reached their marks in games against Coe College January 25 and Wartburg College February 16, both at Dorman Gymnasium.

Beck, a senior guard/forward from Moab, Utah, entered the game against Coe needing three points to reach the milestone, and finished the game with 11. She finished her career at UIU with 1,088 points.

Heller, a senior guard from Fayette, needed 13 points as she entered the game against Wartburg, and finished the game with 20. She finished the season with 1,043 career points.

The two join Vicky Ringenberg (1,431 points), Walida Hawkins (1,424 points), Diane Feltes (1,243 points), Jamie Luchtel (1,141 points), Marla Morgan (1,103 points) and Rochelle Atkins (1,053 points) in the 1,000 Point Club for the women's team.

Beck is Upper Iowa's career leader in three-pointers made with 165. She is also third in school history in rebounding. Her 651 career boards trail only Ringenberg (887 rebounds) and Luchtel (760) in Upper Iowa history.

The Peacock women finished the season with a 19-7 overall record and a 13-5 mark in the Iowa Conference. The 19 wins are the most ever for the UIU women's basketball program. They also set or tied 12 school records this season.



Arielle Beck (above) and Tara Heller (below) receive the game ball from Coach Bill Wilson after reaching their 1,000-point milestone.



## Wilson Becomes Winningest Coach in UIU Women's History

Upper Iowa women's basketball head coach Bill Wilson recently became the program's all-time winningest coach. The Peacocks' 78-73 victory over Loras on January 4 was Wilson's 68<sup>th</sup> win at UIU, moving him past Mike Sinkovitz for most career wins.

Through his six years as head coach, Wilson's .523 winning percentage (79-72 record at Upper Iowa) is also tops among all women's basketball coaches at Upper Iowa.

Wilson also was named the Iowa Conference Women's Basketball Coach of the Year. He



Bill Wilson

directed the Peacocks to a 19-7 overall record and a 13-5 mark in the IIAC. He is the first coach of a women's sport at UIU to earn conference coach of the Year honors. UIU closed the year with 12 straight wins at Dorman Gymnasium.

Wilson is quick to spread

the credit around. "This is a credit to the players who have come in every day and work hard and do what I ask of them," said Wilson. "Because during these wins, I've never made a jump shot or gotten into a defensive stance."

During Wilson's tenure, the Peacocks have defeated five nationally ranked teams, including the number two ranked team in the nation during the 1999-2000 season. Upper Iowa also completed one of the biggest comebacks in college basketball, eras-

ing a 28-point deficit to defeat Loras during the 1998-99 campaign.

"The thing I'm most proud of is the progress our program has made over the last few years," said Wilson. "And I also hope that our players and I have represented the University in a positive manner."

On a personal note, Wilson added: "As a coach, I've never set personal goals of achieving so many wins. To be honest, I'd rather be known as the coach who caught the most fish."

## Eischeid Stadium Named "2001 Field of the Year"

The Eischeid stadium recently was awarded the "2001 Field of the Year" honor by the Sports Turf Managers Association of Iowa. This prestigious award is selected once a year from all of the football fields in the state of Iowa.

Tim Carr, John Staffenhagen, Mike Steinbronn, Jesse Pleggenkuhle, and a number of summer work study students are to be commended for their fine work on this field and all of campus. They are truly responsible for not only this field but the entire beautification of campus.

Pictured receiving the award are L-R: Mike Steinbronn and John Staffenhagen, grounds technicians, Tim Carr, director of grounds, and Jesse Pleggenkuhle, grounds technician.



## Rec Center Update

*Do you know where your Upper Iowa University ID is? You need it to get into the Recreation Center!!!*

The UIU Recreation Center opened on January 2, 2002. The current hours for the facility are:

Monday - Thursday	6 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Friday	6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday	1-8 p.m.
Sunday	1-9 p.m.

The court area is available from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 6:30-10 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed from 6-9 a.m. and 3:30-6:30 p.m.). Rec Center hours may change depending on the usage.

The Recreation Center provides opportunities to get active by walking, jogging, running, playing basketball/volleyball/tennis, using cardiovascular equipment and weight training. The building has many functions and activities scheduled, so a weekly activity schedule is posted by the service desk.

If you're searching for a quick and easy exercise plan to help get into shape, try circuit training! It is easy to use and requires a minimal commitment of 20 minutes, three times a week. Circuit training includes a physical fitness assessment that takes about 45 minutes, and allows you to measure your progress by assessing your blood pressure, body composition, flexibility, strength and cardiovascular health. During your assessment, you will be educated on correct usage of the weight equipment. Call the Rec Center today at 425-5669 to schedule your assessment! Circuit class times are MWF, 6 a.m. and 5 p.m., or you can do the circuit program on your own time! Come, check it out, and **remember your ID!**

**NOTE: General memberships for community and alumni will be made available by September 2002.**

## New Course Offerings in Madison

The Madison Center will be offering a very unique course in Term 4, BIO 450 Building an Eco-Economy. We are one of only a very few universities across the nation to offer such a course. Its primary focus will be to examine a variety of strategies to better balance continued urban and rural economic growth, increased population, and the need for greater protection of natural ecosystems which support this activity. This issue is one of the most complex and timely challenges that face state, county and city governments today.

Alan Capelle, Madison Center coordinator, will be teaching the course in partnership with the state DNR, Dane County, and other environmental and land-use organizations. "Already there is considerable support for this course from numerous state and county leaders in the highest levels of government in Southern Wisconsin," said Capelle. "Some of our field trips to wind-power farms, and car dealerships to view hybrid gas-electric cars as alternatives to our depleting fossil fuel economy, will likely be covered by a few major TV stations as well. We are looking forward to a very exciting and enriching course!"

## External Degree Offers Global Business Seminar

The External Degree program continues to foster Upper Iowa's entrepreneurial spirit by offering a three-day Global Business Seminar on the Fayette campus June 6-8. International business executives Gerald McCauley ('61), Dr. Allen Zecha and V. David Schwantes will bring their expertise on the global business environment to the classroom. The noncredit seminar will stress the practical aspects and challenges of businesses operating, expanding and thriving in the complex international arena, with special focus on Europe and Asia. Recommended for professionals in small and medium-sized companies with some previous international exposure, registration is open to the public.

The summer schedule for the Institute for Experiential Learning (IEXL) has been announced. One-week classes will be June 10-14 and June 17-21. The schedule is available at [http://www.uiu.edu/Prospective Students/IDX external.html](http://www.uiu.edu/Prospective%20Students/IDX%20external.html). Call 1-888-877-3742, or contact [extdegree@uiu.edu](mailto:extdegree@uiu.edu) for more information.

## Faculty & Staff Notes

**Erin Norby**, a senior at Upper Iowa University and student director of the Iowa Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and **Dr. Maureen Busta**, associate professor of mathematics and president-elect of ICTM, organized an undergraduate conference for preservice teachers, which was held in conjunction with the annual conference for ICTM. The conference was held February 22nd in Ames, Iowa.

On January 24, **Dr. Doug McReynolds**, Bissell Professor of English, presented a program on W. P. Kinsella's novel,

"Shoeless Joe," at the Marion Public Library. The program is sponsored by the Iowa Humanities Board.

**Dr. Roland Vazquez**, assistant professor of social science and anthropology, gave a paper on December 2, 2001, at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Washington D.C. The title of the paper was "The Normalization of the Savage Mind: Some Reflections on Reproduction of and Change in Radical Basque Nationalism." It was presented in a panel session called "Constructing European Difference: Gen-

der, Race, Class and Culture Revisited." Basically, the paper dealt with aspects of both continuity and change in the extremist element of Basque politics and was largely based on research he conducted in Spain in 1993-94 and 1998.

Included among the numerous professional accomplishments this past year of **Dr. Tom Parish**, associate professor of psychology, are local, regional and national awards, including selection for inclusion in the 19th edition of *Marquis' Who's Who in the World, 2002*, and the 56th edition of *Marquis' Who's*

*Who in America, 2002*. He also has been recognized locally, regionally, and nationally for his service, leadership, research, and creative endeavors.

Two choral works by **Bonnie Johansen-Werner**, McCosh Assistant Professor of Music, are scheduled for release in spring or early summer of 2002. "O Lord, Who Is My Neighbor," (AP-1160) for SATB choir, piano and C-instrument, and "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine," (AP-1159) for SATB choir, organ and handbells, will be published by Alliance Publications, Inc.

### News from Alumni . . .

Jeff Keenan, class of '92, recently released his first book titled *The Main* through his Minneapolis, Minn., based publishing company, Peace River Publishing. *The Main* is the story of a young man from northeast Iowa who travels to the Eastern-European, former Soviet block country of Latvia to meet a young woman with whom he has been writing. The story is filled with self-discovery and intrigue.

To assure a compelling tale, Jeff traveled to Latvia twice, the most recent being in September of 2001. He currently lives with his family in Minneapolis and is working on his next book, due out in 2002.



Jeff Keenan

## Reminder

Nominations are still being taken until April 1 for distinguished alumni awards in the areas of service to Upper Iowa University, professional accomplishment and community service. Alumni, faculty and staff are invited to nominate alumni they feel are deserving of this recognition. The awards will be presented at the October 4, 2002, Alumni Banquet. Call the Advancement Office at 800-553-4150, ext. 5, to request a nomination form.

## Career & Counseling Services Has Moved

The Career & Counseling Services Office (along with the Academic Assessment program) recently moved to lower level Garbee Hall, near the logo store. It is a great idea in an attempt to encompass all student services in one building, and more convenient for students. Career & Counseling Services also will be open Wednesday evenings until 8 p.m. to offer extended office hours for students.

The phone numbers will remain the same:

- Ed Derr, Director of Career Planning and Counseling Services (563) 425-5208
- Jessica Paige, Administrative Assistant, Career and Counseling Services and Academic Assessment (563) 425-5229

### Welcome! to our newest employees!!

**Mike Gottsch**

Football Offensive Coordinator, Athletic Department

**Jim Maurer**

Housekeeping Staff, Plant Operations

**Bruce Paige**

Housekeeping Staff, Plant Operations