

# Feather Notes



Homecoming Edition

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## Peacocks: It's time to come home

Upper Iowa University invites all alumni back to campus for Homecoming 2008 (October 3 and 4). Relive college memories or make new memories as you reconnect with old friends. Get to know students and visit with faculty, both those you remember and those who've joined the "flock" since your days here. **(Download brochure.)**

Activities for all ages and interests have been planned. To get you in the Peacock spirit and keep you there, the Peacock Connection (formerly the Logo Store) in Garbee Hall will be open Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, and Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm.

Homecoming festivities begin Friday with an Open House from 8 am to 5 pm at the Alumni Center. You'll have an opportunity to meet Upper Iowa's new Vice President for Advancement Mary Rettig and enjoy light refreshments.

Also from 8 am to 5 pm, enjoy an exhibit of works by three Upper Iowa alumni: Doug Davis



*"Party with Peacock Pride" homecoming T-shirts are available for \$15 (\$17 for 2XL and 3XL). Contact the Alumni Center.*

('85), Cynthia Fox ('75) and Barbara Prall ('75). The exhibit in Bing-Davis Memorial Gallery, Edgar Fine Arts Hall, includes wildlife art, abstract landscapes and portraits. Although the artists have very different styles, they share common ground. Each of these proud Peacocks has a rewarding career in the visual arts: one teaches, one is a graphic designer and one is a graduate student.

If you can't catch the exhibit Friday (or even if you can), stop by the gallery Saturday at 11 am for an artists' reception and all art and design reunion. Exhibit continues through November 5.

For duffers, a two-person, best shot golf tournament will be held at Big Rock Country Club. The fun starts at noon with a Peacock Party Grill-out to follow. Cost is \$30. Preregistration encouraged but not required.

Wrapping up Friday's festivities are the Hall of Fame Banquet (social hour at 6 pm, banquet at 7), bonfire and pep rally at 9:15 pm, south parking lot of the Recreation Center, and fireworks at 9:45. Four new inductees into the Athletic Hall of Fame will be honored at the banquet: Ron Jarms, ('58, posthumously), Dave Kolbe ('76), Joe Del Gais ('86), and Dennis Black ('97).

Saturday's fun begins at 9 am with a Peacock Club breakfast in

the Dorman Gym lobby (tickets required). An open house and continental breakfast will be held at the Alumni Center from 9-10:30 and 11:30 am to 1 pm.

More than 40 floats will be featured in the Homecoming Parade through downtown Fayette. Grand marshals are Gil Cloud, former Athletic Director, and his wife, Vickie. Parade begins at 10:30.

After the parade, there will be a tailgate picnic (11:30 am-1 pm, ticket required) in the football field north end zone. Guests can view the game from there or the stadium. The Peacocks meet the Wayne State College Wildcats at 1 pm. A goal post party follows the game.

The final event of Homecoming Weekend is the Alumni Banquet. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm in Garbee Hall followed by dinner at 6:30. Four alumni will be honored: Bob Firth ('89, '00), Service to the University; Lon Butikofer ('83), Community Service; Mark Ebetino ('98, '00), Professional Accomplishment; and Ryan Kramer ('01), Young Alumni.

### A pioneering spirit

Though many institutions speak of their forefathers, Upper Iowa has a woman to thank for its founding. Elizabeth Alexander, wife of Robert Alexander, convinced her husband to build a college in Fayette so their daughters could pursue an education close to home. That's one of many tidbits revealed in an historical salute to UIU's first 150 years.

"Pioneering Spirit," available in hardcover for \$49.95, is a 130-page book filled with wonderful photographs (current and historical) and crisp copy depicting the years leading to Upper Iowa's recent sesquicentennial. A must have for all Peacocks. For more information, call 563-425-5238.

### Care for kiddies

*Rainbow Land Day Care and Preschool in Fayette will offer care from 5:30-9 pm for alumni attending Saturday's banquet. This is a fund-raising effort for the non-profit group. For more information, call the center at 563-425-4398.*