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The Peacock Experience

As a celebration of Upper Iowa's official acceptance as a Division II institution, UIU is offering all Peacock fans a special opportunity to see what NCAA Division II athletics are all about with the *Peacock Experience*.

On November 5-6 the Upper Iowa football, volleyball and wrestling teams will be in action at home, and the Athletic Department is setting up a package for you to catch all the events with none of the hassle! This includes a football game versus Augustana, a volleyball match versus SW Minnesota State and a wrestling dual against Iowa State University, one of

the top ranked Division I programs in the country!

Included in the package will be tickets to the athletic events, reserved parking and VIP seating, meals, hotel accommodations if desired, an opportunity to visit with President Alan Walker, UIU's head coaches and athletic director, and more.

For more information on the Peacock Experience, contact **Mike Powicki**, assistant director of athletics, at 563-425-5336, email powickim@uiu.edu or go to www.uiu.edu/athletics and click on the Peacock Experience logo. Once you have officially registered, you will be sent a

detailed itinerary with all the information you need to make the Peacock Experience an incredible one.



Kindergartners Visit UIU

On March 30, kindergartners from West Central Elementary School in Maynard visited Upper Iowa University. They were eager to listen to books written and read aloud by Upper Iowa students in their developmental reading class under the direction of **Dr. Janet Kehe**. In addition, each student from the Literature: Birth to Adolescence class read a children's book to a group of children.

The kindergarten students took a brief tour of the campus with UIU students serving as their guides. They were impressed with

the large buildings and fascinated with the construction on the Andres Center for Business and Education. They also asked many questions about the sculptures on campus. Both groups of students, Upper Iowa education majors and West Central kindergartners, learned a great deal from this collaborative experience.



Suzanne Dugan (left) read aloud to a group of kindergartners, and Nancy Staton (above) read the book she wrote about healthy snacks. Suzanne and Nancy are completing elementary education majors and will student teach this year.

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Hispanic Heritage Month

Dr. Roland Vazquez, assistant professor of social science and anthropology, and Magda Vazquez, instructor in Spanish, are once again planning events to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 through October 15). Partially funded by a grant from the Program for Cultural Cooperation Between Spanish Ministry of Culture and United States Universities (based at the University of Minnesota), performers will include Spanish guitarist Francesc de Paula Soler, who will be playing at the Fayette Opera House on Friday, September 30, at 7 p.m., and Las Guitarras de Mexico, who will grace the stage of Colgrove-Walker auditorium on Tuesday, October 4, at 7 p.m. Watch for announcements about other events, all of which will be free of charge and open to everyone.



Las Guitarras de Mexico, a group whose repertoire includes Mariachi and Traditional Mexican music, will be at UIU as part of the Hispanic Heritage Month commemoration.

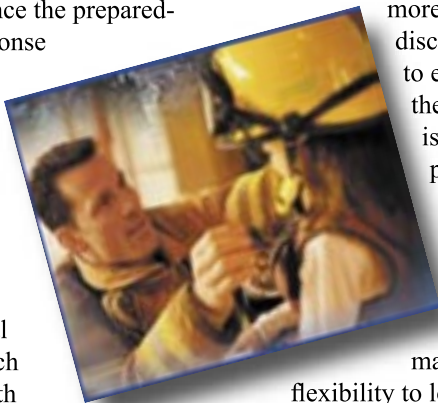
Extended University announces two new majors

Upper Iowa University—Extended University announces two new majors: Emergency and Disaster Management and Interdisciplinary Studies.

The Emergency and Disaster Management major was developed in response to a need to enhance the preparedness and response capability of our nation, post-9/11. Since 2001, there have been assessments of federal, state and local agencies which are tasked with preparing for and responding to a wide range of

natural and man-made disasters and civil emergencies. The program was developed with input from a national advisory committee.

The purpose of the Interdisciplinary Studies major is to integrate content from more than one discipline to examine themes, issues, problems or experiences. It is designed to provide maximum flexibility to learners and allow them to significantly contribute to the design of their



specific program. This interdisciplinary approach allows learners to combine various academic concentrations into a degree program to maximize their specific interests and achieve their particular educational objectives. The Interdisciplinary Studies major is flexible in scope and enables the pursuit of a wide variety of interests. Learners are encouraged to explore new relationships

between established areas of knowledge and to take an active part in the design of their personalized curriculum.

- Open enrollment
- Affordable tuition
- Supportive faculty members with extensive experience in the field.

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Sgt. Martin Mulnix, current External Degree student from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, presents a U.S. flag and official certificate to Barb Schultz, director of External Degree. The flag was flown in the face of the enemy, and bears witness to the American endeavor to eradicate terrorist forces threatening the freedom of the United States of America and the world. This flag was flown on April 22, 2005, during Operation Enduring Freedom in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Sgt. Mulnix continued his college education through our External Degree Program while deployed to Afghanistan for several months. The open enrollment, length of the term, and flexibility of the correspondence program made it possible for Sgt. Mulnix to successfully complete several courses during his tour. Over 100 UIU students have completed classes through the External Degree Program while stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Faculty & Staff Notes

Dr. Thomas S. Parish, associate professor of psychology, was recently recognized for his outstanding teaching efforts. He has been included in the ninth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2005*. This publication seeks to honor the top five percent of our nation's teachers. *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, located in Austin, Texas, is dedicated to exclusively recognizing our country's premier teachers, and is a valuable resource for everyone concerned with quality education.

Dr. Parish was also cited as "One of the Top 100 Educators in the World in 2005" by the International Biographical Centre in Cambridge, England. This award was presented as a testament to the efforts made by Dr. Parish in the arenas of psychology and education. He was awarded a plaque, as well as a medallion, commemorating this recognition on May 24, 2005.

For more on the stories, go to: www.uiu.edu/news.

Carol Orr, associate director of library services, participated in the Annual Dam to Dam 5k Race held in Des Moines June 4. She placed 7th in her category with 1,112 other 5K runners. This is Carol's second year to participate. The race finished in downtown Des Moines at the Nollen Plaza for food/drink and awards ceremony.

Originally started as a 20K race in the late 70s, the 5K was added in 1995 taking the place of a fun run. Website: www.damtodam.com/history.

Becky Wadian, director of library services, attended the

P.E.O. Sisterhood Iowa State Convention held June 4-5 in Des Moines as the Fayette Chapter delegate.

P.E.O. Sisterhood, founded in 1869 by seven students on the campus of Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, provides philanthropic educational opportunities to over 70,000 women. P.E.O. has grown from its original seven members to over a quarter of a million members in chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

Dr. Ed Ogle, senior vice president for the Residential University, won his second world champion log rolling title in competition sponsored by the International Log Rolling Association. This year's



competition was held in Minneapolis during the weekend of July 16 and 17 in conjunc-

tion with the city's Aquatennial festivities. Ogle competed in the Master's division, which consists of rollers 45 years of age, and older. In July of 2003, he won his first Master's championship.

Dr. Ed Ogle, right in the photo, maintains his footing and balance in the frothy action while his opponent, Ken Merchak from Wisconsin, begins the "ol' Snoopy Dance of Doom" as he prepares for his drenching in the pool of humility.

In addition to his many duties as senior vice president at the Fayette campus, Ogle carves time out of his weekly schedule to train for his sport. UIU students frequently spot their senior VP during the lunch hour splashing in the school's indoor pool or running the indoor track and lifting weights in the Recreation Center. At Ogle's behest, several UIU students, faculty and staff have enjoyed trying their hands (or feet, as it were) with log rolling in the school's pool.

Assistant Professor of Communications **Melle Starsen** has written her second novel, *Not Quite Heaven*. For the story and a preview of her bookcover, go to: www.uiu.edu/news.

Dr. Rick Klann, Delano Professor of Science, received a grant from the Fayette Soil and Water Conservation District to conduct water quality monitoring on Mink Creek. The

grant is for three years, and the purpose of the monitoring is to evaluate the impact on water quality of land-use improvement practices implemented in the watershed.

Mink Creek is stocked with rainbow trout by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources; however, angler usage has declined. It is hoped that improving land-use practices will improve the water quality and increase trout survival, and perhaps even lead to natural reproduction in the stream.

Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) members **Abby Kepler** and **Angi Miller** won second place in the Community Service Project category in national competition at the recent PBL convention in Orlando, Florida. Their entry highlighted the very successful Fayette Food Shelf project the chapter started in April 2004 and continued this spring. **Lynn Isvik**, associate professor of business, is the PBL advisor. The competition included a written report, a short oral presentation in the preliminary round, and a 10-minute PowerPoint presentation in the final round. For their efforts they received a trophy and a check for \$400, which they intend to donate to the Food Shelf. (Continued on next page.)



The competition is part of a competitive events program sponsored annually by FBLA-PBL, an association for students pursuing business and business-related careers. Individuals, local chapters, and state teams competed in over 40 events representing a range of leading edge business, career and leadership development activities.

Dr. Thomas S. Parish, associate professor of psychology, and several of his students and colleagues had numerous articles accepted for publication in 2005-2006, and presented papers at professional meetings and workshops. Papers were published in the *College Student Journal* and the *International Journal of Reality Therapy*. Papers were presented at professional meetings and workshops, including

the 2005 Midwest Institute for Students and Teachers of Psychology Annual Meeting held in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, the 2005 International Meeting of Reality Therapists held in Dublin, Ireland, and the 2005 meeting of the Midwestern Educational Research Association held in Columbus, Ohio.

Colleagues involved were **Dr. Joycelyn Parish**, assistant professor of psychology, and **Kenneth Adderley**, assistant

professor of history. Students were: **Brad Baker, Ryan Barnes, Dan Goodson, Christine Johnson, Jason Johnson, LaCena Jones, Jeffery Ligon, Amanda Luker, Aaron Maar, Shay Mahoney, Janet Morgan, Diaab Muhammad, Elicia Munns, Renae Rothmeyer, Travis Smith, Matthew Sperfslage, Ellice Stammeyer, Michelle Truskowski, Laurence Van Dusen, Amy Wengert, and Donna Zell.**

UIU's Fair Winners!!

Upper Iowa University was well represented at the county and state fairs this summer. At the Fayette County Fair in West Union, Upper Iowa faculty and staff came away with nine First Place ribbons, six Second Place, two Third Place, and a Miss Fayette turned Miss Fayette County, who then went on to become the Iowa State Fair Queen.

Stephanie Miller, daughter of Assistant Director of Public Relations **Sheila Miller**, was crowned Iowa's 41st State Fair Queen August 13 in Des Moines, after being crowned Miss Fayette County in July. Stephanie is the first from Fayette County to be crowned the Iowa State Fair Queen. She also earned honors for her artwork at the county fair.

First Place Winners:

Joel Kunze, Director of Internet Development and Maltbie Assistant Professor of History

- Photographs, Division 9—Iowa Scene, Class 50901 (any depiction of Iowa in any medium open to amateur, professional and students)
- Photographs, Division 10—Photography, Class 51009 (Color Animals)

Melissa Savage, Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Residential University

- Textile Category, Counted Cross Stitch Pillow (also Best of Show)
- Textile Category, Hardanger Wall Hanging
- Textile Category, Counted Cross Stitch Wall Hanging Relating to America

Melle Starsen, Assistant Professor of Communications

- Photography, Autumn Scene
- Photography, Fayette County Fair 2004
- Candy Mints
- Cake, "Doctored" Mix

Second Place Winners:

Melissa Savage

- Textile Category, Counted Cross Stitch Wall Hanging less than 10 x 10 or 100 square inches

Melle Starsen

- Photography, Color Other
- Photography, Black and White Landscape
- Photography, Color Patriotic
- Photography
- Cabbage, Early

Third Place Winners:

Melle Starsen

- Photography, Black and White Portrait
- Photography, Color Animals

Joel Kunze's First Place Photograph in Division 10—Photography, Class 51009 (Color Animals)



Welcome to our newest employees!!

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- *UIU President Rides RAGBRAI in Support of Scholarships*
- *Wisconsin Author to Teach History for UIU*
- *UIU Offers Fine Arts Series for Fall 2005*
- *UIU Professor Parish Awarded Certificate*
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