

# Feather Notes

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## University announces 20th president

The year-long wait for a university president has ended. The board of trustees recently announced Dr. Alan G. Walker as the University's 20th president, effective July 1. Walker is currently the vice provost of academic affairs of the extended university programs at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

In addition to providing leadership, Dr. Walker foresees that one of his most significant roles will be that of facilitator. "Universities are all about relationships between faculty and students. One important role of presidents is to provide support

and to nurture that environment, whether it is in a classroom on the main campus, at a branch campus, or through the use of technology," said Walker.

Walker holds degrees in Fire Science (AS), College of Southern Idaho, Trade and Industrial Technical Education (BS), University of Idaho, Adult/Vocational Education (MEd), University of Idaho, and Higher Education Policy and Administration (PhD) from the University of Kansas. During his distinguished career, he has also received many awards, recognitions and honors including the International Inaugural Visiting

Fellowship to the Fire Service College in England in 1995 (and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, an academic honor society.)

"I found Upper Iowa University attractive because it is an ascending institution and the kind of university where the president can have personal relationships at all levels of the academy, which, by the way, is exactly what I discovered students find attractive about UIU."

Walker will be joined in Fayette by his wife, Debbie and their daughter Emily. "My family and I are excited about moving to Fayette and becoming part of the community. Our nation



was built on communities like Fayette and schools like UIU," said Walker. "There is a very rich heritage here."

## Online MBA is listed "Best Buy"

GetEducated.com, a counseling center dedicated to showcasing accredited online degrees, has named Upper Iowa University's online Master of Business Administration Degree Program as a "Top 25 Best Buy MBA."

As a Top 25 Best Buy, Upper Iowa delivers a high-quality distance learning educa-

tion to a national audience at tuition below the national average of \$16,400. Upper Iowa ranked number 17, beating out more than 100 other accredited universities with the same nationwide program.

UIU inaugurated the online program in 1999 and has seen its enrollment steadily grow. More than 500 students are currently

pursuing their MBA degrees through the online MBA program.

Upper Iowa's MBA program is accredited by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education, an organization that looks specifically at the quality of business programs. Fewer than 90 MBA programs in the country have

been accredited by the IACBE.

The online program also offers a master of public administration degree, bachelor of science degrees in 11 concentrations, ten minors, and five certificate programs.

## Green Goddess shipped for facelift

Since the fall of the "Green Goddess" in early March, the statue that once stood on top of Alexander-Dickman Hall has been shipped away for repair.

The physical plant employees built a crate for the copper statue and shipped it to Oberlin, Ohio. There the statue,

originally entitled "Peace," will be examined by employees of McKay Lodge Conservation Laboratory.

The company specializes in renovation of historical art objects including sculptures, print and watercolors. Workers are familiar with the material and

have recently finished a similar project with a zinc statue.

University officials do not expect the "Green Goddess" back until late fall around November. When it returns there will be a resetting dedication ceremony.

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## UIU & Fayette receive cooperation award

The Iowa Urban and Community Forestry Council has named Upper Iowa University an outstanding local partner for its long-term commitment to community forestry in Fayette.

The University's dedication to enhancing the beauty of the community dates back to the 1880s when UIU showed its vision for the future by planting two rows of pine trees along a street that passed through campus at the time. The pines still stand today.

In April 1994 the recently chartered Fayette Community Tree Board, led by chairperson and Upper Iowa biology professor, Lewis Churbuck, with help from students and community members, planted 80 trees along the streets of Fayette. This was to repair the urban forest damaged by the infamous 1969 tornado which decimated both public and private trees within the community.

One year later University students, city employees and local volunteers planted 242

linden, ginkgo, tartarian maple and crabapple trees. It was acknowledged as the most successful planting project to date in the history of the community.

The support continued in 1999-2001 when Professor Churbuck won government grant money for community service work to assist the Tree Board with pruning and mulching jobs around Fayette.

In the spring of 2002 the Fayette Tree Board held the first annual "Campus Walk." This

event was a walking tour of some interesting trees on the Upper Iowa Fayette campus and emphasized how well or poorly they have withstood the long years on the campus.

The nearly 100-year cooperation between the Fayette community and Upper Iowa University has successfully demonstrated dedication, leadership and ingenuity to the mutual advantage of both parties.

## Garbee gets air conditioning; Dorman gets roof

Garbee Hall is going through several improvements this summer. New air conditioning and window replacement projects are underway and expected to be completed in the late summer.

A new patio, nicknamed the "Peacock Plaza," was installed outside of Student Services in Garbee Hall; furniture and accessories will be added during the summer.

Also renovated this summer will be the showers in the men's residence side, the south end of Garbee Hall. Individual showers will be installed.

Dorman Gym will also be improved. A new roof will be installed on the barrels of the roof. This will reduce heating costs and increase the comfort level in the summer months.

### Students awarded for success

At the Student Services Awards Ceremony this spring, students, faculty and staff spent the night celebrating the contributions students made on the Fayette Campus. Some highlights were:

Academic Program of the Year:  
Beta Theta Omega—Women's Leadership Week

Physical Environment Program of the Year  
Beta Theta Omega—Habitat for Humanity

Community Program of the Year:  
Phi Beta Delta—Culture Day

Organization of the Year:  
Beta Theta Omega

Advisor of the Year:  
Dr. Doug McReynolds

International Student of the Year:  
Diana Kwan

### Muhammad named Outstanding Presenter

Diaab Muhammad (right) ('07), Chicago, Illinois, earned the Outstanding Presenter Award at the February conference of the Midwest Institute for Students and Teachers of Psychology. Muhammad's presentation was titled "Our Nation's Youth: Are they 'at risk' of being 'at risk' and what can we do about it?"



This issue of Feather Notes has been created by Gina Burken ('04), Advancement Office intern.

## Field trip gives students a look at television career

In the last term of the year, communications students were privileged to visit one of the more popular TV stations in eastern Iowa, KWWL. Located in downtown Waterloo, the Iowa News Channel has been the dominant news station in the Cedar Valley, Dubuque and Iowa City market since 1953. KWWL is an NBC affiliate and wears its peacock colors proudly—sounds like a similarity with Upper Iowa.

Melle Starsen, assistant professor of communications,

arranged this opportunity for the students.

A couple of years ago, KWWL sportscaster Rick Coleman was invited to speak in a special topics class, and Ms. Starsen requested a backstage tour at the station. Since then, a visit to KWWL has become part of the program for the Introduction to TV Production course.

The field trip gave students a chance to see the actual day-to-day operation of a television station and learn the duties that accompany the career. Students

saw the high-tech equipment and controls used for news and TV production as well as witnessed the everyday working life in the “glamorous” television world. They met the news anchors and watched the actual news broadcast live from behind the camera. It was an eye-opener for most of them.

“Before the field trip, I thought I had an idea what went on in TV news, but I realized I don’t. The hours that the TV crew puts in is amazing,” said SuEllen Shaffer. Shaffer feels

that this field trip taught her more than she could learn in a classroom environment and gave her a clearer idea about television work. Ms. Starsen could not have agreed more about that.

“Part of this trip is to give a reality check to the students who are interested in TV as a career,” said Starsen. “This is probably the best way to allow the students to witness the real thing themselves and help them make a wise career decision.”

## Faculty & Staff Notes

**Dr. Richard A. Barker**, professor of management, presented a paper on college administration at the annual Midwestern Business Administration Association conference in March. He also served as a member of a discussion panel on teaching ethics, and as a session chair and a discussant.

**Dr. Doug McReynolds**, Bissell Professor of English, recently had an essay published in the tenth edition of the *Wapsipinicon Almanac*. His essay is titled “A Lesson Learned if only Partially Understood.”

**Lewis Churbuck**, associate professor of biology, secured a grant from The Coleman Foundation to update equipment used by the science and math faculty. The \$22,500 grant was matched by the University. The funds will be used to upgrade multimedia equipment in Baker-Hebron Hall.

**Dr. Rick Klann**, Delano Professor of Science, presented at the Fayette Soil and Water Conservation Awards Banquet a program on Grannis Creek Water Quality Monitoring. The banquet honors individuals who have implemented land improvement projects in the Fayette Soil and Water Conservation District. An area of emphasis is to introduce land improvement projects in the Grannis Creek watershed. Professor Klann is providing water quality monitoring of Grannis Creek to evaluate the success of these projects. The presentation was on the results of the monitoring obtained to date.

In March, **Kathy Guyer**, assistant registrar (pictured to the right with Tina Loper, Health & Safety Director of American Red Cross of Waterloo) attended a Volunteer Recognition Reception for the Hawkeye Chapter of the American Red Cross. She was given the Health and Safety Services Outstanding Volunteer Award for the entire Hawkeye Chapter. Kathy just received her national Water Aerobic Instructor Certification.

### Welcome! to our newest employees!!

**Karen Bednar**

Administrative Assistant, Elkhorn Center,  
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**Brett Robinson**

Director of University Choir, Ext. 5347

**Tom Shea**

Assistant Football Coach, Ext. 5342

**Eva Stanford**

Administrative Assistant, Business Office,  
Ext. 5350

**Trisha Yauk**

Associate Registrar, Ext. 5815



## Kleve receives All-American honors

Upper Iowa University senior Chyanne Kleve was recently named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District VII College Division Softball First Team. Kleve will now represent the district on the national ballot.

Kleve started all 46 games at shortstop for the Peacocks this season, helping the team to a program-best 28-win season. She hit a team-high of .419 with 11 doubles, one triple, ten home runs, and 33 RBIs. Kleve recorded 16 multi-hit games, including three-hit games and a

pair of four-hit contests.

To be eligible for selection to the Academic All-District Team and the Academic All-American Team, a student-athlete must have reached sophomore academic and athletic standing, be a starter or key reserve and possess at least a 3.20 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale. District VII College Division includes NCAA Divisions II and III, and NAIA schools in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota,

Wyoming, and Alberta and Saskatchewan in Canada.



In her four years at UIU, Kleve has set 10 career offensive records, including hits, doubles, home runs, RBIs, runs

scored, batting average, and slugging percentage. She was a three-time all-conference selection and a two-time all-region performer. She has also been honored as an NFCA Scholar-Athlete twice. Kleve graduated with a double major in criminology and wellness. She earned First Team All-District and Second Team All-American honors last year. The CoSIDA Academic All-American Softball Team will be announced on June third.

## Students sign with UIU

The athletic department has been busy signing on new students to contribute to the athletic teams. With the upgrade to NCAA Division II, Upper Iowa is now able to award athletic scholarships. Below are the current numbers of newcomers who have signed with Upper Iowa. Visit the UIU athletic web page to see names of future "Peacocks."

Football	25
Wrestling	12
Women's soccer	10
Baseball	5
Women's Basketball	5
Men's Soccer	3
Volleyball	2
Men's Basketball	2
Softball	2
Women's Golf	1

## ~ Attention, Sigma Delta Phi Brothers ~

Dinner and golfing reunion in the Waterloo area  
June 18 & 19

For more information, or plans to attend, contact:

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## Broken records

This year's track teams broke many school records. The following students now hold new records.

Long Jump	Edna Cheung	17'5" (17'2.5")
100m High Hurdles	Edna Cheung	16.27
Hammer Throw	Bob Rawlins	131'11"
Hammer Throw	Amanda Meitner	130'4"
Triple Jump	Edna Cheung	35' 9.25"



## Summer camp schedule

Below is a list of camps that will be held on the Fayette campus this summer. For more information and registration forms, visit [www.uiu.edu/athletics](http://www.uiu.edu/athletics).

June 9-17	J. Robinson Wrestling
June 20-26	Volleyball
June 28-July 1	Future Stars Basketball
July 12-14	Soccer
July 18-22	Men's Basketball
July 24	Women's Team Basketball
July 25-29	Women's Basketball
July 26-27	Football
July 31	Women's Team Basketball
August 1-5	Women's Basketball