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Three Centers celebrate 10 years of service

The Upper Iowa University Wausau Center celebrated ten years of service to the greater Wausau community in October. In conjunction with this celebration, on Tuesday, November 5, the UIU center hosted a signing ceremony to renew the articulation with Northcentral Technical College, UIU's partner in Wausau.

NTC officials attending included Dr. Robert Ernst, president, and Dr. Mary Kay Rudolph, vice president of learning. UIU was represented by Dr. Suzanne James, senior vice president for the Extended University and Tim Hunt, regional director, Wisconsin.

Vicki Anderson, center coordinator, and Diane Sem, administrative assistant, have had important roles in maintaining our level of service to NTC students, faculty and the greater Wausau area.

Upper Iowa hosted two key events at the Milwaukee Center on November 22. UIU's partnership with Milwaukee Area Technical College was renewed with the signing of a new articulation agreement.

Also on the 22nd, the Milwaukee Center celebrated their ten-year anniversary of being in Milwaukee. The event was hosted by Karen Ruskin, center coordinator, and the Milwaukee Center staff, including Traci Griffin, Wendy Sandmire, and Rebecca Hilliard.

Distinguished guests included the mayor of West Allis, who presented a city proclamation in honor of Upper Iowa University–Milwaukee Center. Attendees also included numerous faculty, staff, students and alumni to help mark this important event.

Upper Iowa University is celebrating ten years of provid-

New center opens in Elkhorn, Wisconsin

Upper Iowa University is pleased to announce its first student enrollments at the new UIU Center located at Gateway Technical College in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Gateway Technical College serves over 1,500 students in southeast Wisconsin through four campuses.

Response to the new UIU Elkhorn Center has been very positive. The official signing ceremony in September formally started our relationship, and since then, through work with Gateway's public relations, marketing, and academic advising departments, we've

been able to spread the word to students completing their two-year degrees on campus.

Tim Hunt, regional director, Wisconsin, and Mavis Wait, Blackhawk Center coordinator, are providing enrollment assistance and advising to students on-site from the UIU office at Gateway Tech.

If you know of someone who would be interested in attending UIU Elkhorn Center, or have questions about the Center operations itself, please contact Tim Hunt at huntt@uiu.edu or x5943.

ing baccalaureate programs to the soldiers and other members of the military family at Fort Riley, Kansas, and is hosting an anniversary reception on December 5, following the Fort Riley University combined graduation ceremony.

The center, established on July 1, 1992, has grown from a program offering four majors and an initial enrollment of 23 to a program now offering eleven majors, seven minors, and five certificate programs, and which last year averaged well over 250 enrollments each term.

"We are here for

one reason—to provide a quality educational experience for the Fort Riley community," explained Wayne Converse, regional director for all of UIU's military centers. "We look forward to our next ten years and helping more soldiers and family members achieve their educational goals—whether here at the center, or through our external degree or online programs."



Karen Ruskin (left), Milwaukee Center coordinator, was presented a city proclamation by Jeannette Bell, mayor of West Allis, at the ten-year celebration held November 22.

Proclamation

Whereas, providing post-secondary education is an important process that prepares students with the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to meet the challenges inherent within our complex, evolving nation and world; and

Whereas, Upper Iowa University provides post-secondary education to a widely diverse student population that will serve the community; and

Whereas, the Milwaukee Center of Upper Iowa University is celebrating 10 years in West Allis.

Now, therefore, may it be known that I, Jeannette Bell, Mayor of the City of West Allis, State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim public recognition of Upper Iowa University's 10th Anniversary celebration of its West Allis location, and I invite all citizens to join with me in showing our appreciation for the University's academic service and accomplishments.

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Student-Athletes Honored

Upper Iowa seniors **Billie Hunt** and **Ben Jass** were named to the 2002 Verizon College Division Academic All-District VII Teams as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Hunt was named to the All-District Volleyball Second Team and Jass was named to the All-District Football Third Team.

Hunt is majoring in elementary education. She was third for the Peacocks in kills with 166 and finished second on the team in hitting percentage (.209) and total blocks (74) this season. Hunt was one of 84 student-athletes nominated in volleyball.

Jass is majoring in industrial technology. He completed 30 of 60 passes for 390 yards and two touchdowns this year. An injury ended his season after just three games. Jass was one of 105 student-athletes nominated in football.

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



Scott Cale, a junior from Carroll, Iowa, was honored as an All-Central Region runner after running a career-best time of 26:07 in the 8K race at the Central Regional Championships November 16. Cale fell just 26 seconds short of qualifying for the national meet. His time was good for 35th place in the 163-man field. The top 35 run-

ners receive all-regional honors.

Cale also finished 14th at the IAC Cross Country Conference Championships held November 2 at Luther College. The top 15 finishers earned All-Conference honors. Cale is the first UIU All-Conference cross country runner since 1996 (James Knoche).

Faith Wallowing Bull set an Upper Iowa school record on the women's side. Her time of 25:21 in the 6K race was nearly a minute better than the previous school mark of 26:18. There were 158 women from twenty-five teams competing in the regional meet hosted by Grinnell.

Wallowing Bull also holds the school records in the two-mile run (12:09) and the 5K (20:01).



Upper Iowa University placed 12 student-athletes on the Iowa Conference All-Academic Team for the 2002 fall season. To qualify, a student-athlete must participate at the varsity level, be at least a sophomore in academic standing and attain a 3.5 or better grade point average (on a 4.0 scale). This marks the first year that sophomores are eligible for Conference All-Academic recognition.

Representing Upper Iowa are:


Men's Cross Country:

Scott Cale (junior fitness major from Carroll, Iowa), **Jon Fiser** (senior criminology major from Marengo, Iowa);

Women's Cross Country:

Katie Hayen (sophomore elementary education major from Wheatland, Iowa);

Football: Ben Jass (senior industrial technology major from Alden, Iowa), **Mark Norman** (junior accounting major from Cedar Falls, Iowa), **Jon**



WINTER CONCERT

The Winter Concert and tree lighting will be held Sunday, December 8, beginning at 3 pm. The concert, subtitled "Shake the Timbrel, Bang the Gong," features music from the season as well as popular styles. The Wind Ensemble is directed by Fred Kinne, and the Concert Choir and Accents are directed by Bonnie Johansen-Werner. A new arrangement of "I Saw Three Ships" will be premiered in a combined performance by the Concert Choir and the West Central Middle School Choir.

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*"Broadway a la Mode" performed to a sold-out audience on November 9. The performance featured Upper Iowa student musicians from the Wind Ensemble, Concert Choir and Accents presenting music from the Broadway and operatic stages. Guest performers were "Step By Step," a seventh grade community choir from Postville, directed by Christine Enyart. A dessert buffet was provided by Sodexo Campus Services, as part of the annual Family Day activities.*

**Michael Porras** (senior psychology major from Morgan Hill, Calif.);

**Men's Soccer: Erik Petersen** (senior MIS major from Davenport, Iowa);

**Women's Soccer: Alex Schuchardt** (junior criminology/communications major from Aberdeen, S.D.);

**Women's Tennis: Jenny**

**Lawler** (senior environmental science major from Durango, Iowa);

**Volleyball: Billie Hunt** (senior elementary education major from Earlville, Iowa),

**Lisa Piotrowski** (sophomore elementary education major from Shorewood, Wis.), **Renee Reuter** (junior athletic training major from Reedsburg, Wis.).

## Alumni News . . .

**Roger Thomas**, a 1996 graduate from the Manchester Center, was elected the Iowa House representative for District 24.

**Deborah Berry** '98, Waterloo Center, will be the representative for the Iowa House District 22 in Waterloo.

**David Vaudt** '76, Fayette Campus, will be Iowa's new state auditor.

## Faculty & Staff Notes

**Bonnie Johansen-Werner**, McCosh Assistant Professor of Music, has been accepted as a Melodious Accord Fellow. As part of this program, she studied in November at a Composer's Workshop with renowned choral composer Alice Parker at Ms. Parker's farm in Massachusetts. Alice Parker has published numerous compositions on her own and in collaboration with Robert Shaw, building a significant international reputation. A total of seven participants were selected for the Composer's Workshop. Participants spent the week analyzing each other's music and strengthening their compositional skills.

A composition by **Bonnie Johansen-Werner** was performed November 9 at the Iowa Composer's Forum at Iowa State University. The work is a composition for organ on the hymn tune "Authority."

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An article by **Dr. Richard A. Barker**, associate professor of management, entitled "How Can We Train Leaders If We Do Not Know What Leadership Is?" which was published in *Human Relations* in 1997, is cited in the tenth (latest) edition of *Organizational Behavior*, by Stephen P. Robbins. Robbins' book is the most widely used text in organizational behavior courses in the USA.

A new book authored by **Dr. Richard A. Barker** will be available in December, 2002. The book is entitled *On The Nature of Leadership* and is published by University Press of America (UPA). The book contains an in-depth ontological and epistemological discussion of the phenomenon known as leadership, as well as supporting discussions of ethics, social systems, social science research, and political communities. The foreword was written by Joseph

C. Rost, author of *Leadership For The Twenty First Century*.

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**Karen Ruskin**, Milwaukee Center coordinator, was nominated to go on an educator's tour with the Army to Fort Benning, Georgia. The four-day trip, sponsored by the Milwaukee Army Recruiting Battalion, was designed to provide educators with an inside view of Army life.

The tour began in Milwaukee with a visit to the Military Entrance Processing Station and continued to Fort Benning where Karen and ten other educators from Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin had the op-



Karen Ruskin in the pilot's seat of a Blackhawk helicopter on her tour of Fort Benning.

portunity to interact with trainees and soldiers who provided demonstrations including rappelling and marksmanship.

**Joel Kunze**, director of Internet development, and **Melle Starsen**, assistant professor of communications, participated in UIU's Family Day on Nov. 9 by creating and staffing a booth publicizing their May Interim course, "Stomping Through Japanese Culture with Godzilla." Kunze and Starsen's booth displayed posters, fliers and brochures about the course, and offered free plastic dinosaurs and candy. A monstrous good time was had by all.

## Welcome! to our newest employees!!

**Jennifer Biederman**, Administrative Assistant, Career & Counseling Services, Ext. 5229

**Lauralynn Carmody**, Housekeeping Staff

**Jennifer Feudner**, Administrative Assistant for Academic Assessment, Ext. 5385

**Melanie Franzen**, Admissions Counselor, Ext. 5327

**Michael (Mike) Gates**, Teacher Education Coordinator—Des Moines Center, Ext. 5910 or 515-225-1800

**Elizabeth (Liz) Gottsch**, Financial Aid Assistant, Ext. 5392

**Bryan Hagopian**, Assistant Men's & Women's Track & Field Coach, Ext. 5336

**Erica Potter**, Financial Aid Assistant, Ext. 5392

**Courtney Severson**, Administrative Assistant for Payroll, Ext. 5350

**Cliff Thompson**, Residence Life Area Coordinator, Ext. 5207

**Richelle Walsh**, Housekeeping Staff

The educators received a lesson in military history and learned of the many education incentives currently available to enlistees.

According to Karen, "Many of our students are veterans, and we have students in the National Guard. It is helpful knowing the Army is offering 100% tuition payment and educational loan

payoff for enlistees, and that soldiers can earn credit toward education benefits when they return to civilian life. This can make the financial burden of college less of a deterrent."

Karen also enjoyed the opportunity to network with other college administrators.

