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Summer projects give the campus an impressive new facelift

“Summertime... and the livin’ is easy...” Although the pace does seem to slow down for much of the Fayette campus, this is perhaps the busiest time of year for the physical plant staff. It is readily apparent to campus guests that Upper Iowa University takes pride in the appearance of its grounds and facilities, and plant operations crews work hard throughout the year to provide an inviting campus. The summertime, however, is their chance to do some extra sprucing up and focus attention on larger scale projects beyond day-to-day maintenance.

While most University offices were closed on the Monday following graduation, crews arrived early in the morning to begin tearing out the wood floor in Dorman Gymnasium, the first step in a proposed renovation project. The wood floor, which was original to the gym when it was built in 1963, was in “impeccable shape,” according to Ron Crooker, executive director of operations. The sub floor, however, was not. The structure of a wood gym floor consists of a level cement foundation upon which a “sleeper system” of boards is laid. The boards, spaced about eight inches apart, have a rubber cushion beneath them and run the width of the floor. This provides a frame to which the actual wood surface can be secured. Over time, gen-

eral wear and humidity caused the beams in the subfloor to shrink and expand, thus creating several dead spots in the floor.

After two years of planning, a crew of workers, including a local contractor and six UIU stu-



Top photo: Dorman Gymnasium before renovation began. Bottom photo: the bleachers with the bottom section removed.



dents, spent four days tearing out the old floor. Scott Carpenter, director of plant operations, was pleased with how efficiently this first step was completed. Timing will be a factor for this project, as northeast Iowa summer humidity will determine when the new floor can be installed, cured, and varnished. Weather permitting, the target date for completion is just one

day before students arrive for fall term in August. Until then, summertime events usually held in Dorman Gym, such as basketball and wrestling camps, have been moved to the Recreation Center while work continues. If necessary, fall volleyball practice may be held there as well.

The old floor will be replaced with a top-of-the-line Rezill Channel maple floor. A group of University facility planners, coaches, and the athletic director visited gyms in Ankeny, Iowa, to see and “try out” several different models of flooring that varied in structure and quality. Their input led to the purchase of a high quality floor that will serve the University well for many years to come. The new floor will be dedicated to longtime basketball coach William “Pro” Prochaska on Homecoming weekend in October.

In addition to the floor, the gym bleachers will also be replaced. The new aluminum bleachers will feature handrails in every aisle, according to code, as well as blue plastic benches for more comfortable seating. The east and west sides will include pull-out bleachers as well as stationary bleachers as in the past. A new feature will be a section of approximately 150 chair-like seats with fold-down backs that can be reserved as an incentive

to season ticket holders and for other events.

For sophomore Mark Randall and other student assistants, being part of this project has been especially meaningful. Like the rest of the University community, they too are looking forward to seeing the finished results with the added pride of being part of the project from beginning to end. Each of the students will get to keep a section of the old floor, a small piece of UIU history. When the total project is complete, Scott Carpenter is confident that the high quality improvements “...will make our gym among the finest in the state of Iowa.”

Both the old floor and bleachers will see new life in other community organizations. A portion of the wood floor will be laid in the Fayette Opera House as part of an ongoing restoration project. The wood bleachers will serve the Ankeny Christian Academy in their new gymnasium. ■

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2003 Commencement

The Alumni Center is proud to welcome 1,100 new alumni to the Upper Iowa University Alumni Association. The University celebrated its 145th Spring Commencement on Saturday, May 10, with a morning ceremony to recognize Fayette campus graduates



and an afternoon ceremony to recognize Extended University and MA/MBA graduates. The move to two ceremonies came after years of steady growth, particularly in the Extended University. Over 500 graduates participated in the ceremonies, which

chosen for each ceremony to address the Class of 2003. Billie Jo Hunt challenged her Fayette

campus classmates with the words of educator W. E. B. DuBois: "Now is the accepted time, not tomorrow, not some more convenient season. It is *today* that our best work can be done and *not* some future day or future year. It is *today* that

we fit ourselves for the greater usefulness of tomorrow. *Today* is the seed time, *now* are the hours of work, and *tomorrow* comes the harvest." Madison Center graduate Col. Gerald C. Olesen encour-



would have limited seating for families and friends in Dorman Gymnasium had the programs remained combined. Although the change to two programs will reduce Fayette campus students' exposure to the breadth and diversity of their fellow alumni from the Class of 2003, families and friends of all graduates will no longer have to view the ceremony from a remote auditorium as in past years.



Student speakers were

aged his fellow Center graduates to apply the knowledge and experience they gained at Upper Iowa to benefit not only themselves, but their families and greater communities.



Graduates from the Class of 2003:

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| Residential University * | 263 |
| <i>Iowa Centers:</i> | |
| Waterloo | 92 |
| Des Moines | 201 |
| <i>Wisconsin Centers:</i> | |
| Madison | 90 |
| Wausau | 56 |
| Blackhawk | 25 |
| Milwaukee | 61 |
| Prairie du Chien | 26 |
| <i>Military Centers:</i> | |
| Fort Leavenworth, Kansas | 30 |
| Fort Riley, Kansas | 66 |
| Fort Polk, Louisiana | 44 |
| Jackson Barracks, Louisiana | 12 |
| External Degree Program | 72 |
| Master of Arts in Business Leadership | 6 |
| Master of Business Administration | 50 |

* Includes the Fayette Campus and International Centers in Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Canada. ■

The Alumni Center is committed to cultivating relationships with alumni and friends of Upper Iowa University that will result in volunteer and philanthropic support to keep the University on a path of continual success. Our vision is to raise generations of alumni who are proud of their Alma Mater and invested in her future. Our purpose is to:

- * Commemorate connections between alumni and the University
- * Create connections between alumni and current students
- * Celebrate connections among alumni

We would be happy to speak with you about how you can direct your time, talent or treasure to the program or project that brings you the greatest joy of giving.

1-800-553-4150, x 5
 alumni@uiu.edu
 www.uiu.edu/alumni

Congratulations on your retirement!

Dr. Phil Langerman
 Senior Vice President for Residential University

Dr. Ralph McKay
 President

Faculty & Staff Notes

Dr. Richard A. Barker, associate professor of management, presented a paper entitled "Organizations Do Not Have Cultures" at the Midwest business Administration Association conference in Chicago in March 2003.

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**Ed Derr**, assistant dean of student services and director of career planning and counseling services, will have a new job title and new responsibilities at Upper Iowa beginning July 1. Ed will be the assistant dean of students and director of counseling services. His primary responsibility will be to provide counseling services to residential campus students and to assist the director of academic support in meeting the needs of students with disabilities. He will also coordinate summer orientation and supervise the director of career services and the international student advisor.

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During his April trip to Southeast Asia, **Dr. Phil Langerman**, senior vice president for Residential University, gave a talk on the American Education Model at HELP Institute's seminar, "Comparative of Tertiary Education," held on Saturday, April 5, in Kuala Lumpur.

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Head men's basketball coach **Dave Martin** coached a basketball team representing the United States at the 2003 Arafura Games in Darwin, Australia, May 15-27. The all-star team was made up of collegiate athletes from around the country and was sponsored by USA Athletes International, Inc. Dave co-coached with Dakota State men's basketball coach Tim Schuring.

The United States team played six games in seven days

against other all-star teams from around the world.

The Arafura Games are held every two years in Darwin, the capital of Australia's Northern Territory. The Games began in 1991 with 1,500 participants from seven countries participating in 13 sports. In 2001, more than 3,100 athletes from 25 countries competed in 29 sports. Baseball has been added to this year's seventh Arafura Games to bring the total number of sports to 30.

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The article, "Spain: Basque Nationalism and Conflict in Democratic Spain," by **Roland Vazquez**, assistant professor of social science and anthropology, was published in the *Encyclopedia of Modern Ethnic Conflicts*, edited by Joseph R. Rudolph, Jr., and published by Greenwood Press.

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**Cindy Waters**, assistant professor of education, has been awarded a summer honorarium at Iowa State University where she is pursuing her Ph.D. in family and consumer sciences education. Cindy is part of the initial cohort group of the Family and Consumer Sciences Education Leadership Academy, an innovative delivery method for its longstanding, prestigious graduate program at ISU. The Academy focus is to provide graduate education at the master's and doctoral levels, forming cohort groups of learners who will commit to several weeks of resident experiences at ISU during the summer months. The program of study will also include distance education opportunities, assuring that the participant can maintain his or her professional position while committing to this program. The format, consisting of one to three weeks each summer at ISU, will be comple-

mented with web-based courses and assignments that can be

completed in the student's home community or institution. ■



Tim Hunt, regional director of the civilian centers of the Extended University, along with the advisors and center coordinators from Wisconsin and Iowa, attended workshops and lectures on student advising at the NACADA (National Academic Advising Association) conference held in Madison, Wisconsin, March 23-25. At the final break time, Bucky Badger, the mascot of the University of Wisconsin (hosts of the conference), came out and interacted with the groups of advisors. Pictured, along with Bucky Badger, are (front) Steve McDonnell (Des Moines Center coordinator); (middle row) Sheila Kay (Waterloo Center coordinator), Mavis Wait (Blackhawk Center coordinator), Tim Hunt, Peg Baxter (Prairie du Chien Center coordinator), Karen Ruskin (Milwaukee Center coordinator), Lynette Enlow (academic advisor, Madison Center); (back row) Alan Capelle (Madison Center coordinator), Bucky Badger, Gail West (academic advisor, Waterloo Center), and Tracy Griffith (academic advisor, Milwaukee Center).

### Welcome! to our newest employees!!

#### Tinsley Baker

Residence Area Coordinator, Student Services Office, Ext. 5207

#### Rebecca Barker

Part-time Financial Aid Assistant, Financial Aid Office

#### Julia Fielder

Head Women's Volleyball Coach/HPER Instructor, Ext. 5763

#### Cory Jarchow

Security Officer, Student Services Office, Ext. 5372

#### Gina Meyer

Financial Aid Loan Counselor, Financial Aid Office, Ext. 5343

#### Mary Mullikin

Student Advisor, Elkhorn Center, (262) 741-8454

#### Nadine Tiedt

Financial Aid Assistant, Financial Aid Office, Ext. 5274

#### Laura VanSickle

Financial Aid Counselor, Financial Aid Office, Ext. 5663

## New University signs for Fayette

Construction began the week after commencement on three limestone signs that will better identify Fayette, Iowa, and Upper Iowa University to travelers on Highway 150. The signs will welcome visitors as they approach Fayette from both the north and the south, and a third sign is situated at the southwest corner of campus near Lee Tower. Each sign will feature bronze lettering and a silhouette of the goddess who stands atop Alexander-Dickman Hall.

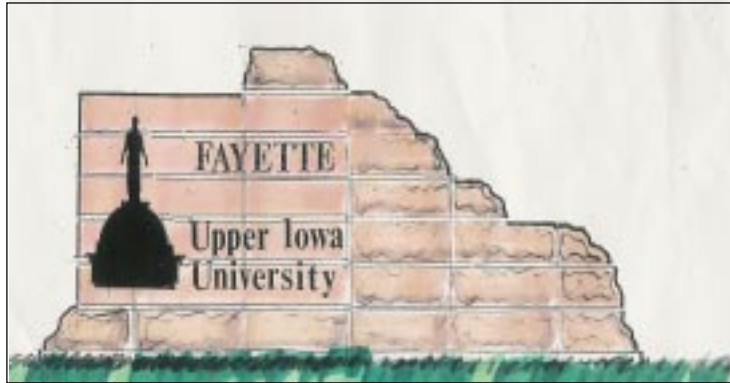
The project, a joint venture between the town and the University, was two years in planning. To the

north on Highway 150, just over one half acre of land was acquired through long-term lease about half a mile north of old 150. To the south, the City of

Fayette purchased one acre of land just south of Klock Road that had been privately held in estate. Project planners had to receive approval from the Iowa

Department of Transportation for the signs along the highway, as well as approval from Fayette County to subdevelop the lots.

Ron Crooker, executive director of operations, described the level of cooperation between the town and the University as “unprecedented.” He especially credits Christy Dennis, Fayette city clerk, and Lew Churbuck, longtime UIU professor and city council member, for their extra efforts to bring the planning to reality. After the signs are completed in June, the University will maintain the landscaping and lighting. ■



New Upper Iowa University signs greet travelers as they approach Fayette on Highway 150.

## Sports News

Sophomore [Mary Streeter](#) earned All-American honors in the discus by placing seventh at the NCAA Division III National Track & Field Championships in Canton, New York. Her throw of 146 feet, 8.5 inches was her career-best effort and also an Upper Iowa school record.

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Two Upper Iowans were among twelve Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference student-athletes named to the Verizon Academic All-District VII College Division Teams. [Chyanne Kleve](#), shortstop and a criminology major from Waucoma, Iowa, earned First Team honors in softball. [James Scherf](#), outfielder, was named to the Verizon Academic All-District VII Baseball Second Team. He is from St. Olaf, Iowa, and is majoring in fitness.

To be eligible for selection to the Verizon Academic All-District 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 Division II, NCAA Division III and NAIA schools in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

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In just his second season as head coach, [Brent Kuker](#) helped guide the Peacocks to a 21-win softball campaign. The 2003 season marked the program's first-ever winning season and the first time the Peacocks have surpassed the 20-win plateau.

The Peacocks set several team records along the way: most conference wins in a season (6), highest batting average (.266), most runs scored (160), most home runs (21), most RBIs (134), most total bases (392), highest slugging percentage

(.400), and highest on-base percentage (.317).

Individual single-season records broken were: [Chyanne Kleve](#) — home runs, 8; slugging percentage, .874; [Angie Weber](#) — wins pitched, 14; strikeouts,

222; and appearances, 34. [Keelee Conrad](#) tied the hits record of 42, and [Bobbi Jo Sanchez](#) tied the home runs record of 8 and the slugging percentage of .875. ■

### Upcoming Events

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| June 6     | Fort Leavenworth Center Commencement.            |
| June 12    | Fort Riley Center Commencement.                  |
| June 18    | Ankeny Center Groundbreaking Ceremony.           |
| July 15/16 | College Career Professionals of Iowa Conference. |
| August 1   | 20-Year Anniversary, Des Moines Center.          |
| August 15  | Waterloo Center Grand Opening (new location).    |
| August 25  | Fall classes begin, Fayette Campus.              |