

Feather Notes

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First graduation ceremonies in Singapore

The first Upper Iowa University graduation ceremonies in Singapore took place on January 11, 2003, at Auston–Australia Institute of Management & Technology. The commencement speaker was Senior Vice President for Residential University Philip Langerman. A total of 250 students from Australia and British Universities participated in the commencement ceremonies, with 14 graduating with Upper Iowa University diplomas.

On February 25, President Ralph McKay and Dr. Langerman met with North Central Association (NCA) to discuss a proposal to add six additional countries to our international operation. During his January trip to Southeast Asia, Dr. Langerman visited for the first time three of the six countries—Vietnam, India and Zhangshan China. He believes that these countries, in addition to eventually Thailand, Indonesia and Taiwan, will be good additions to UIU's international operations. ■

Waterloo Center relocates; new center opens in Ankeny

Dr. Suzanne James, senior vice president for the Extended University, has announced that effective Term VI (July 2003) the Waterloo Center will move to a new, permanent location at 3563 University Avenue. The new facility will consist of five administrative offices, 12 classrooms, a classroom/computer lab that will house 25 computers, a student lounge and two conference rooms.

In addition, announcement was made of a new center in Ankeny, Iowa. Classes will begin Term IV in a temporary location in the Delaware Centre on Delaware Avenue. A permanent location will be secured this fall. ■

“Proof”—selected works from Art 310

“Proof,” an exhibit of lithographs, monoprints, intaglios, collographs and relief prints by Upper Iowa University printmaking students,



Tiny Space, by Po Wen Lai.

was on display January 27 through February 21 at the Edgar Fine Arts Gallery on the Fayette Campus.

The Gallery hosted a reception with the artists February 6 from 3-5 p.m. The exhibit featured prints by Bryan Grewe (Grayslake, Ill.), Casey Grover (Solon, Iowa), SuEllen Shaffer (Ackley, Iowa), Steven Murray (Ryan, Iowa), Po Wen Lai (Flushing, N.Y.), Sara Ohloff (Postville, Iowa), Dustin Newton

(Oelwein, Iowa) and Tatsuya Sato (Niigata, Japan).

Assistant Professor of Art John Siblik explained the title of the exhibit. “Proofs are the first impressions made from the plate or block, which allow you to check the progress of the design. Printmaking 310 is an introductory course where students are asked to explore in many variations their own ideas and then run them through a series of new media. Students are to extend beyond the ordinary and expose hidden truths about themselves, their surroundings and society. We offer the *proof* here for your examination.” ■

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Faculty & Staff Notes

Gail Moorman Behrens, director of teacher education, successfully defended her doctoral dissertation in January 2003. Her Ed.D. will be awarded by the University of Northern Iowa later this spring. Gail has been at Upper Iowa for eight years and has taught courses in special education and the professional education core.

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Head Wrestling Coach **Heath Grimm** recently was named the winner of the 2002-2003 National Wrestling Coaches Association Robert Bubb Coaching Excellence Award for Division III coaches. The award is presented annually to the outstanding coach in each division who epitomizes the qualities and characteristics of a role model and mentor for developing young student-athletes. Coach Grimm will be recognized at the NWCA Social at the Division I Wrestling Championships in Kansas City, Mo., on March 19.

In his two seasons as the head wrestling coach at Upper Iowa, Coach Grimm has led the Peacocks to two top-11 National finishes—the best two National finishes in school history. UIU finished 11th in 2001 and second in 2002. He was named the NWCA Rookie Coach of the Year in 2001 and the NWCA National Coach of the Year in 2002.

The Peacocks ended the 2003 season ranked 9th in the nation in the final dual meet team rankings, and will be sending four wrestlers to the NCAA Division III national tournament at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio, March 7-8.

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Rick Klann, Delano Professor of Science, received a

\$3,000 grant from the Fayette Soil and Water Conservation District to provide water quality monitoring of Grannis Creek. Grannis Creek is one of the few streams in the state that features natural trout reproduction, and federal monies have been appropriated to serve as matching funds to encourage landowners in the watershed to develop land improvement projects.

In order to obtain this federal funding, it is necessary that an evaluation process be put in place. This is where Upper Iowa plays a role. We are providing monitoring of physical and chemical parameters of water quality. In addition, we are sampling benthic invertebrate populations in Grannis Creek. These organisms vary with respect to their ability to tolerate pollution, hence they can serve as indicators of water quality.

The funding awarded to Upper Iowa has been used to purchase equipment and reagents necessary to complete water quality monitoring. Upper Iowa students are assisting with all aspects of this project.

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Bissell Professor of English **Doug McReynolds** has recently completed a series of presentations on Western American literature and history in Marion, Iowa. The series, "Trails Toward a New Western History," was funded by Humanities Iowa and sponsored by the Friends of the Marion Public Library. Dr. McReynolds led discussion of books by Charles Lummis and Frank Waters.

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Melle Starsen, assistant professor of communications, took the COM 276 Introduction to Television Production class on a field trip recently to the



Dr. Ed Ogle presents Congressman Jim Nussle with an Upper Iowa University shirt. Nussle was a guest speaker in Therese Slack's U.S. Government class on February 21.

KWWL-TV news station in Waterloo. Students included Likaki Malaki, Jon Osborn, Mary Jane Keppler, Amy Nelson, Rich Trevino, Willie Stewman, Jerry

Yang, Ken Reaves, Jr., Saul Harris, Patrisha Brown, and Sharlene Browne. The class enjoyed the opportunity to watch the news and ask questions. ■

Welcome! to our newest employees!!

Todd Eagen

Assistant Football Coach/Defensive Coordinator/
HPER Instructor, Ext. 5342

Mike Estrem

Director of Grounds, Ext. 5764

Courtney Messingham

Head Football Coach, Ext. 5313

David Molohon

Director of Security, Ext. 5288

Scott Peterson

Volunteer Assistant Men's Tennis Coach

Melissa Savage

Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Residential
University and the Associate Vice President for
Academic Affairs, Ext. 5347

Thanks to all who helped make our recent Phonathon a success!

Upper Iowa University received 15 workstations from The CBE Group, Inc., in Waterloo. The "office cubes" were installed in the Alumni Center basement just in time for the Phonathon, making a much more comfortable space for student callers.

A group of 28 students took turns working the phones for the past six weeks. They contacted over 1,600 alumni to update records, share recent UIU news, and ask for support for the Annual Fund. More than 1,000 alumni agreed to pledges totaling almost \$50,000!



Above: Students Jeremiah Ambrose and Nabeel Bhatti talking with alumni and friends of the University during the Phonathon held January 20 - February 27.

Right: Jenny Lawler enjoyed her conversations with alumni, and her smile could be "heard over the phone."



Below: Ken Reaves updates the address for an alumnus who has pledged support.



Call for Nominations

If you would like to nominate a UIU alumnus or alumna for induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame, please call 1-800-553-4150 (option 2), and request a nomination form. Nomination forms are due by April 1, 2003, and inductees will be honored at the 2003 Hall of Fame Banquet.

Mark Your Calendars Homecoming 2003 October 10 & 11

Reunion Years:
'43, '53, '63, '78, '93, & '98

2003 Alumni Awards

It's time to nominate your choice for the 2003 Alumni Awards. Please call 1-800-553-4150, option 5, or email alumni@uiu.edu for a nomination form and criteria for selection. We can mail or email the form to you. Nomination forms must be in by March 15, 2003.

2002 Alumni Award Winners



Mary Kimball '56
Service to
Upper Iowa University



Dick Smith '52
Community Service



Kris Hansen '92
Professional
Accomplishment