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Extended University Scholarships

Dr. Suzanne James, senior vice president for the Extended University, is delighted to announce the first UIU scholarship opportunity specifically for Extended University learners.

Through the generous donations of EU alumni and UIU employees, one student at each civilian center, one student at each military center, one External Degree student, and one undergraduate online student will be awarded a tuition voucher good for one free class at UIU, along with a second voucher

good for \$100 toward the purchase of books.

Scholarships will be awarded based on current GPA and number of semester credits completed at UIU, along with an essay written on the topic: "How UIU has helped me reach my personal goals."

The scholarship idea was so exciting that each member of the

EU senior management team immediately made a pledge to begin the scholarship. Last fall EU alumni earmarked gifts to further build the scholarship fund.

In order to continue to offer scholarships to EU students, EU alumni, adjunct faculty, and staff are encouraged to make gifts to the EU scholarship fund. Pledge forms may be downloaded at:

<http://www.uiu.edu/alumni/support.html#giving>.



UIU receives grants

Instructional Technology

Upper Iowa University has received a \$150,000 grant from



Artist's sketch of Andres Center for Business and Education

the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust. The grant has been awarded to Upper Iowa in support of instructional technology for the University's teacher education program.

In making the announcement, Dr. Alan Walker, president, said, "This grant will allow us to furnish classrooms and a computer lab in our new

Andres Center in order to better prepare future teachers to enter a technologically advanced world. We continue to be grateful to alumna Betty Andres for her support of the new building."

Construction has begun on the Andres Center for Business and Education, with completion scheduled for late spring 2005.

Hispanic Heritage Comes to UIU

Through the efforts of Dr. Roland Vazquez, assistant professor of social sciences and anthropology, and Magda Vazquez, Spanish instructor, Upper Iowa

will commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 through October 15. Dr. Roland Vazquez was awarded two grants—one from the Iowa Arts Council and another from the Program for Cultural Cooperation between Spain's Ministry of Culture and United States Universities (located at the University of Minnesota).

Activities during the month-long commemoration include a concert by the Latin American group Calle Sur on Tuesday, September 21 (7 p.m., C-W Auditorium, in conjunction with the Office of Student Activities), a concert by the Spanish classical guitarist Francesc de Paula Soler on Tuesday, September 28 (7 p.m., C-W Auditorium), and a Latin dance demonstration by dance teacher Ignacio Anguiano-Reyes on Saturday, October 2 (7 p.m., Garbee Hall, East Cafeteria). Dr. Vazquez has also arranged for Mr. Soler to promote his concert with an appearance

Please indicate "EU Scholarships" on the form.

It is hoped that this scholarship fund will grow and expand through the continued support of EU alumni so that multiple scholarships can be awarded as the years go by.

Questions regarding the EU scholarship and alumni group support for the scholarships may be forwarded to Joyce Czajkowski at 608-326-4086 or czajkowskij@uiu.edu.

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Faculty & Staff Notes

Dr. John Craddock, a faculty member of the Online Program, has been named to the Editorial Review Board of the International Journal of Applied Management and Technology.

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Wrestling coach **Heath Grimm** was a guest on Takedown Radio on July 10, along with UNI coach Brad Penrith. The show was heard on AM 1460 KXNO (Iowa), 101.5 FM KRRW (Minn.) and Takedownradio.com.

Grimm will be inducted into the Luther College Athletic Hall of Fame on October 16. **Congratulations, Coach Grimm!**

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Rainbow Land Preschool/Daycare is the proud owner of a new children's work bench and tool set. The bench includes a ruler for measuring and a vice on the side to hold blocks. The bench is the creation of **Dr. John Mason**, assistant professor of criminology, who donated the materials and his time to build the unit. This bench is made from the wood flooring that once was a UIU bowling alley lane.

Dr. Mason presented the bench to Rainbow Land on August 3 just in time for the upcoming school year. This isn't the first time Dr. Mason has given of his time and talents to the preschool. Earlier in the year he gave Rainbow Land a children's doll house that he designed and created.

Nearly two-thirds of the children at Rainbow Land are sons and daughters of UIU students, staff and faculty.

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L-R: Dr. John Mason, Bethany Merkle, Jenna Pagel, Colin Gavin, Josie Merritt, Haylie Jo Yearous, Reed Davis.

**Manzoor Murshed**, assistant professor of management information systems, recently

completed the Information Assurance Certificate Program from Iowa State University. While enrolled in the program he was fully involved in active research for information security, digital data hiding, cryptography and computer network. ISU has acquired a national reputation for education in computer security through



Manzoor Murshed

its many graduate level network and security courses, and was named a Center of Excellence in Information Assurance Education by the National Security Agency in 1999. Murshed received the highest scores and grade in all the courses he took at ISU, and his GPA for the Information Assurance Certificate program was a perfect 4.0.

Professor Murshed also attended the 2004 Shelly Cashman Series Summer Institute from July 25-31 at Purdue University

School of Technology, in West Lafayette, Indiana. From this workshop he received hands-on training on Microsoft Office applications, programming, web design, desktop publishing and more. He successfully earned five Continuing Ed Units (CEUs) from this workshop.

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Melle Starsen, assistant professor of communications, has had her second book accepted for publication. "Not Quite Heaven," scheduled for publication in 2005, is the story of love and redemption on a man who dies and is forced to relive his mistakes.

Starsen won three third-place ribbons and two first-place ribbons at the Fayette County Fair in August. She won a blue ribbon for her photo of autumn leaves in Fayette, two third-place ribbons for two black-and-white portraits of UIU students and one third-place ribbon for a color photo of a decaying old barn near Sumner. Her other first-place ribbon was for a fruitcake for which she created the recipe.

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## Business students represent UIU in Denver

Senior **Abby Keppler** placed seventh in the Finance event at the Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) National Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado, early in August. To earn this honor, she first won the state event, which qualified her to compete against members from other colleges across the United States at the national conference.

Junior **Angi Miller** and senior **Mark McDowell** also competed in finance and information management respectively. Other activities in the four-day conference included business and leadership training workshops

and seminars, corporate tours and the election of national officers.

**Lynn Isvik**, assistant professor of business, accompanied the students to the conference.

Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, Inc. (FBLA-PBL) is the national business education association that prepares students for careers in business and business education. Its members, belonging to more than 6,000 chartered chapters, include students from the United States, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Europe.



Abby Keppler competes at the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado.

Do you have  
a penchant  
for poetry?



The Alumni Center has, for the last two years, mailed February valentines to alumni in "UIUnions" (married couples who are both UIU alumni). In the future, we would love to feature alumni poetry in our UIUnion valentines. For more information, or to request a sample, contact **Carol Lee in the Alumni Center at 563-425-5231 or leec@uiu.edu.**

## Faculty & Staff Notes (continued)

Dr. Roland Vazquez, assistant professor of social sciences and anthropology, and Magda Vazquez, Spanish instructor, spent two and a half weeks this summer at the Center for Basque Studies, University of Nevada, Reno, conducting library research and participating in a series of lectures on Basque culture.

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John Siblik, assistant professor of art had the opportunity to take part in the Residency Program at the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson, Vermont, this past summer. This residency provided uninterrupted studio time, which allowed for the completion of painting studies from the landscape as well as the figure. The landscape and human form are the starting points of investigation for much of Siblik's recent work.

The Studio Center is an international residency program dedicated to serving artists in an open, supportive work environ-



John Siblik

ment. Artists from 13 countries in Asia, and numerous countries in Eastern and Western Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean have been selected for residencies. The center selects artists representing a mix of media and cultures to offer a wide range of exchanges with fellow professional peers, as well as interac-

Upper Iowa Assistant Professor Donates Her Hair

Melle Starsen walked purposefully into Fayette's University Barbershop this summer and said to Stan Woodson, the barber, "Okay. It's time."

Time to cut off 10 inches of Starsen's hair, that is. She had been growing her hair long in order to donate it to Locks of Love, a nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under the age of 18 who suffer from long-term medical hair loss.

This is the second time Starsen has donated her hair;

the first time was when she still lived in her native Arizona, about seven years ago.

"It's a great cause," Starsen said, reaching to feel where her hair used to be. "It will take me a while to get used to, but these kids who are served by Locks of Love need to know that somebody cares, unconditionally."



Melle Starsen says good-bye to 10 inches of her hair that barber Stan Woodson cut off for Locks of Love.

For more information on this organization call 1-888-896-1588 or see their web site: <http://www.locksoflove.org/>.

tion with distinguished visiting artists.

Each month, four prominent Visiting Artists join the VSC community for a one-week stay each. Each of these distinguished visitors presents his or her work in a slide lecture and is available for individual studio visits.

As a result of this residency, Siblik is working on scheduling shows at the Edgar Fine Arts Gallery on the Fayette Campus with Danni Xi of Beijing and Sandra Smithson of Jackson, Mississippi. Siblik's work from this residency experience will be featured in an upcoming exhibit on the Fayette Campus, as well as an exhibit at Millsaps College next fall.



New and returning students participated in UIU's first Peacock Camp. Peacock Camp, a two-day experience, was designed to introduce students to UIU history and traditions, work together on a community service project and meet new friends. The program was developed out of the Students Services Office.

If you'd only known then what you know now...

Our seniors could sure use the advice and support from a community of UIU alumni who were once in their shoes. Throughout the school year, the Alumni Center will send periodic messages of encour-

agement to our seniors, and we'd like to include YOUR best advice to them as they make a strong finish to their formal education and prepare to take their "Peacock Pride" out into the world. Please send your message

of encouragement and well wishes for our seniors to Carol Lee at leec@uiu.edu, or call 563-425-5231. *Just a sentence or two is fine!*

Alumna wears her "Peacock Pride"

Alumna **Paula Cameron** '72, Marengo, Iowa, has always had a soft spot in her heart for her alma mater. Coming back for Homecoming year after year, and many times volunteering to help the Alumni Center with activities, she again has found a way to show her love of Upper Iowa. Paula has designed Peacock pins out of buttons, beads and fabric—each one different and unique—and they are available for purchase in the UIU Logo Store.

"Paula's Potpourri Pins" are sold in art and gift shops around northeast Iowa, including the Amana Colonies near Cedar Rapids.



Paula Cameron '72 displays some of the unique Peacock pins she has created with buttons, beads and fabric.

Student and professor present symposium at international conference

Sophomore **Ryan Barness**, who is seeking to become certified in reality therapy, along with **Dr. Tom Parish**, associate professor of psychology, presented a symposium entitled "The Various Therapeutic Approaches: Where Are They Coming From and Where



L-R: Ryan Barness, Dr. William Glasser, and Dr. Tom Parish.

They Are Going?" at the Annual International Conference of the William Glasser Institute held in Schaumburg, Illinois, July 14-17.

While at the conference both presenters were able to converse with many distinguished individuals, including Dr. William Glasser himself. Dr. Glasser

is the founder of the International Center for the Study of Reality Therapy, Choice Theory and the Quality School. He has authored or coauthored 25 published books about ways people can learn how to take more efficient control of their lives—in the classroom, in the counseling setting and beyond.

Barness and Dr. Parish plan to attend the next international meeting scheduled for July 6-9, 2005, in Dublin, Ireland. **For more information regarding this conference, contact Dr. Parish at (563) 425-5346 or email him at parisht@uiu.edu.**

Welcome! to our newest employees!!

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