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UNI Represents USA at World University Games

By Josh Lehman

The UNI men's basketball team recently returned from the Far East, as the Panthers were chosen to represent the United States in men's basketball competition at the World University Games. UNI was the first college team ever picked to wear the Red, White and Blue of Team USA in a major international competition.

"This trip was a once-in-a-lifetime experience," UNI head coach Ben Jacobson said. "Representing the United States on behalf of our university is something none of us will ever forget. The time we've spent over here has certainly helped us become a much better basketball team."

Held from Aug. 7-18 in Bangkok, Thailand, UNI went 5-1 on the trip. The Panthers posted wins over Angola (84-26), Turkey (87-65), China (88-51), Finland (59-44) and Israel (63-57), while its lone loss was to eventual gold medalist Lithuania (97-63).

Forward Adam Koch was the team's leading scorer, averaging 12 points per game. Jared Josten (10.7 ppg), Travis Brown (10.5 ppg) and Eric Coleman (10.5 ppg) also averaged in double figures.

The Panthers finished ninth in the 24-team event. UNI did not advance to the medal round (final eight teams), as after its first four preliminary games, it finished in a tie with Turkey and Lithuania with 3-1 records. Only two of those three teams moved on to the final eight, and Team USA barely lost out due to a point differential tiebreaker.



Congratulations!

Panther First Awards



May 2007 – July 2007 Recipients

Dave Andersen	Angel Stigler
Eric Blake	Marlyn Weber
Russ Myers	Michael Zwanziger

New to the Neighborhood!

Athletics

Matthew Harken, Director of Football Operations
Ryan Jacobs, Softball Head Coach
Jeremiah Johnson, Video Coordinator/Football

Facilities Services

Chad Case, Power Plant Boiler Operator
Antonio Greer, Custodian I Building Services
James Thompson, Power Plant Boiler Operator



Goodbye to....

Christopher Abbott, Facilities Services
Jeremy Gold, Athletics
Robin Gurien, Human Resource Services
Christy Hebert, Athletics
Thomas Knickerbocker, Athletics
Kathleen McCombs, Facilities Services
Allison Pohlman, Athletics
Tammy Utley, Athletics

Retirements....

Connie Billings, Custodian I, Facilities Services
Chuck Neil, Purchasing Coordinator, Business Operations

30 Years in Athletic Facilities

By Sarah Harms

Dave Kohrs started at UNI in 1977 as an Athletic Facilities Attendant. Today, he is Assistant Director of Facilities for the Sports and Event Complex.



Dave's responsibilities include the facility maintenance and event planning for both the UNI-Dome and McLeod Center. Once an event is booked Dave begins planning with groups on and off campus for the successful coordination of each event. Event setup may need the expertise of Physical Plant electricians and other crafts or Department of Residence catering, just to mention a couple. Dave likes his job and says it is interesting because every day is different. He notes, "There are different people and different events, but different challenges for every event." It gets particularly challenging when events are scheduled back-to-back and Dave and his crew need to setup, tear-down and then setup for another event within just a few hours. This occasionally calls for an "all nighter," but fortunately it is not an every week occurrence. Although Dave plans each event with care, there is always something that crops up at the last minute. Dave says he and his team make things work for each event and react to needs as they arise. Planning an event includes coordinating all aspects of events from getting the facility ready, to lining up food for event participants (UNI catering or outside catering), having the "stars" dressing rooms equipped with items requested by their managers, to security and other details. Throughout his tenure at UNI he has seen a lot of people come and go. However, his role within the athletic facilities has remained constant and that is a relief to the staff that collaborate with Dave.

While interviewing Dave I couldn't help but ask if he gets to meet all the stars that perform at UNI. In this day and age, he said, he deals more with stars promoters and managers and the stars remain more secluded. According to Dave, "back in the day, a favorite and really fun star to talk to was Willie Nelson...he was really personable and down-to-earth." When asked about some of the memorable events that have occurred over the years, Dave fondly remembers the concerts of the Rolling Stones and the Who. He also recalls the huge crowd in the Dome when the UNI men's basketball team first hosted the University of Iowa Hawkeyes. That event continues to be popular.

Dave cannot look at the past, however, without recalling the collapse of the UNI-Dome roof. People may be surprised to know that Dave and his crew were actually on the roof attempting to get the weight of the snow off when an ice dam headed towards them and went through the roof. The crew moved inside to clear materials from the Dome floor as another crew tried to patch the roof. Unfortunately, the roof deflated. This was an unforgettable experience for Dave.

Dave was born in Decorah, but spent most of his life in the Cedar Valley. He is a graduate of Waterloo East High School. Dave has been married to his wife Sharon for 31 years. He credits his wife for his successful career. He could not survive the hectic schedule without her understanding and help. Dave is quick to point out that Sharon steps up to shovel snow or mow the lawn when he has to put in a long day. When not at work, Dave enjoys golfing and bowling.

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Looking for a Day Trip this Fall?

Nostalgia Abounds in St. Ansgar

By Eunice Dell



On Main Street, "Reminisce" is appropriately named as a delightful destination for lunch and/or dessert. Lace curtains, linen napkins and fine china provide an elegant atmosphere that prompts one to reminisce about childhood days at Grandma's. The antique furniture and old pictures provide a relaxing mood. You are not in a hurry. Four or five lunch entrée selections are lite, seasonal and reasonably priced. Or, you can try the quiche of the day or the chef's daily special, which this day is a chicken breast baked in lemon sauce with wild rice. Both selections are served with a spinach salad topped with berry vinaigrette and fresh fruit on the side. The presentation adds to the flavor which is already spectacular. Don't overlook the unique gifts for sale all around you, on the back porch and upstairs as well.

The huge Victorian house next door, called "Thymeless Treasures," offers an old fashioned soda fountain for specialty drinks. Unusual gifts and gourmet food items for sale here are cleverly tucked into every corner and cupboard. Sampling the wine and appetizers help with the decision making and add to the day's fun. It's easy to spend money here. A short walk into the next block reveals more opportunities for gift, antique and collectible shopping at the Picket Fence Antiques and Gifts, Side Door Antiques, and the Turtle Creek Trading Company. There is something for everyone! If the shopping makes your weary, the Bed and Breakfast called "Blue Bell Inn" can accommodate you overnight.

Let's return to "Reminisce" for dessert. The creamy cocoanut cake is a favorite that's always available and brings in visitors from miles away. Today's cheesecake selection is triple chocolate. Add a cup of hazelnut coffee and now the day is complete! From Cedar Falls take U.S. 218/27 north past Charles City toward Mason City. At Floyd, continue on U.S. 218 through Osage to St. Ansgar.

Autumn Leaves and Apple Orchards Plentiful

By Sandy Law

Traveling to Gays Mills, Wisconsin in the fall will give you awesome views of autumn foliage plus you can stock up with apples fresh from the orchard. A simple route is traveling U.S. 63 N to U.S. 18 E, to Prairie Du Chien, then hwy 27 NE to Gays Mills. The trip will take approximately 2½ hours one-way. If you have time, "must stops" in Prairie Du Chien are Cabelas and the Cannery, a large gift and home furnishing shop. To enjoy a tasty hamburger for lunch, be sure to stop downtown at Pete's hamburger stand for a delicious boiled hamburger (unusual but very good).



Seven area apple orchards line hwy 171 east of Gays Mills. Sunrise Orchard has a large selection of apples to guarantee just the right variety for cooking, baking, or just plain eating. Wisconsin cheese curds, Amish candy and fall squash are also available. Be sure to check out their apple corner gift shop, brimming with Wisconsin specialty foods and unique gift items. The annual Apple Festival is the last full weekend in September. This year, on September 29 and 30, Gays Mills will celebrate the apple harvest with parades, carnivals, arts and crafts, flea markets, music, dancing and food. A good eat-while-shopping experience can be found at Norskhaven Gifts and Coffee, along hwy 171. For a change of pace, a corn maize can be found near the Fleming Orchard, which is fun for children and adults alike. For more information, including an area map, events calendar, and additional attractions and activities, visit their website at www.gaysmills.org.

New Online Option to Pay E-Bill

by Gloria Wenger

University bills – tuition, room/board, parking permits, etc, now have an online payment option. In MyUNiverse, under My Personal Records, there's a button that says "Pay My E-Bill." When selecting this option, the individual's E-bill will be opened with buttons to View Past Billing, Print in PDF, Pay My E-bill, or start over. When choosing the "Pay My E-Bill" button, a website is opened. This website is run by authorize.net, the company UNI contracted for this service. The site provides guidance on when the payment will be taken from the individual's account, when it will be applied at UNI, and where to find the routing and bank account numbers from the individual's savings or checking account.

The response paying E-bills electronically has been tremendous! This feature was rolled out on June 21, 2007 without an announcement to allow staff to refine their procedures using a limited number of transactions; even without promotion people were using it the first day. To date over 600 people have paid their E-bill electronically. Watch for our posters, table tents, and ads in the Northern Iowan aimed at Fall 07 semester bill payers.

Wanted

UNI Sports Memorabilia for Hall of Fame



UNI Athletics is preparing to open the new UNI Athletics Hall of Fame this fall and needs your help. There are obviously many outstanding historical items to represent the wide and varied history of Panther sports. Whether it is a jersey, a helmet, a game program, a photograph, or something else entirely – they're looking for items for possible inclusion in the new Hall of Fame.

The area is limited in space, so they may not be able to include everything they get. However, if you have something that you think might fit in this new and exciting area, feel free to send it to them. Send items to Rick Hartzell, Director of Athletics, University of Northern Iowa, NW UNI-Dome Upper, Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0314.

The Hall of Fame will be located within the connector between the UNI-Dome and the McLeod Center. A grand opening ceremony is planned around the Homecoming football game, October 13 against Southern Illinois.

If you have questions, please contact Leon Costello 319-273-7044; leon.costello@uni.edu or Josh Lehman 319-273-3642; josh.lehman@uni.edu.

Life Outside of Work

By Penny Becker

We all have our jobs to do while working at UNI, but what does “life outside of work” include for us. Most of us have family, friends, hobbies and activities that keep us busy and energized while we are not at work. Here is a glimpse into one employee’s “life beyond work.”

Jane Campbell



Jane started sewing at 4 years of age when her great aunt, a very special seamstress, and her grandmother sat her down with a threaded needle, button, and fabric. She was making her own clothes by age ten with the help of her mother; doll clothes for children of family friends in high school, and then her own bride’s maids’ dresses as well as her own wedding dress.

She’s made everything that could be stitched from drapes and table cloths, to dog outfits, to baby blankets, bonnets, clothes, and accessories. She draws the line at auto upholstery, but everything else is fair game. Peeking on the back or inside the brim of a hat and seeing her label “Made by Jane Campbell,” tells you that you have just received a special item handmade by a very special lady.



Some of Jane’s creations

Students have the Power

A student can now authorize a third party to view their E-bill activity, grades, financial aid, or other personal records at UNI. Access is through the Parent Portal, but the individual(s) being authorized can be any third party the student chooses – parents, spouse, stepparents, grandparents, etc. The student is in complete control from setting up the individual with a user ID and password to deciding what access each person has. Individuals can be authorized for full access or as little as a single item from the list; access can be changed by the student at any time, 24/7.

When students give their parents access to their E-bill, it also gives them access to pay online. From a student accounts’ perspective, it has made dealing with third parties much easier. When a person, other than the student, calls wanting information about a student’s bill, student accounts’ staff can refer them to their student to have the privilege setup allowing the student more control over their privacy.

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Bargains Galore - UNI's Solution for Obsolete Equipment and Furniture

By Dennis Hayes

"How are we going to get rid of all this old, tired and obsolete University equipment and furniture?" That was the question that started the concept of a Campus Surplus Store. Old equipment, computers and furniture was stored at Warehouse 1 on 27th Street. When the walls of that building started to bulge from being overfilled, an auction was held, usually once or twice a year. With the sale of the Warehouse on University Avenue to the City of Cedar Falls in 2005 and the consolidation of Campus Supply to Warehouse 1, storage space became a problem. UNI no longer had the luxury of a huge holding area. Old equipment was being moved two and three times before it found a home. With each move the risk of damage to those goods increased.

A way was needed to dispose of all this equipment and furniture that was fair, safe, legal and fast. The Campus Surplus Store was the solution. When Warehouse 1 was renovated to accept the product from the Campus Supply warehouse, a section was fenced off for the first Campus Surplus Store. This store would only serve the purpose if the goods were moved quickly because space is limited. So **items at the store are marked to sell**. If they don't go the first week, prices are slashed in half. If they don't go the second week, that price is slashed in half again and after the third week they are disposed of. All University employees have been asked the same question "What do you do with your old desks, computers or file cabinets?" The Campus Surplus Store answers that question.

The store opened its doors in December of 2005. The money from the sale of these goods all goes to the General Fund. Last year over \$23,000.00 of obsolete goods was sold. But the money is not how the success of the Campus Surplus Store is measured. The store gives everyone a level playing field to purchase these products. It is open every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You can preview the items on Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. University departments can claim any of the items at the store at no charge, as long as they do so before the sale date.

The Store sells many computers, but will only sell them if they come to the store with a University yellow clean tag attached. This tells them that the department that is sending these units has wiped out the hard drive so we are not letting any University information leave through the store. One of the ways the store saves UNI money is in the disposal of computer monitors. To dispose of a computer monitor at the landfill the University is charged \$5.00 for each monitor. The store has sold monitors for as little as 25 cents a piece, but they haven't sent any to the landfill for six months.

The Campus Surplus Store is a part of Campus Supply and run under the watchful eye of Don Perry. Don is very helpful and knowledgeable about the store products and prices things to sell. Some examples of items moved through the store and their second life are:

- Stout Volunteer Fire Department bought the old football lockers for their use
- a day care center in Waterloo now has inexpensive desks, tables and chairs for the little ones to use for coloring and drawing
- the Obama campaign office is furnished with file cabinets and desks that were once used by UNI faculty and staff

So if you're looking for a deal, don't have to have brand new, and can live with a ding or two, check out the Campus Surplus Store first. Come early, there is always a line and it's first come first served. See pictures of the Campus Surplus Store next page.



Pictures of Campus Surplus Store

Way Up Conference for Women

This year's Way Up conference will be held November 1 & 2, 2007 at the Marriott West Des Moines, near Jordan Creek mall. The theme is "Defining Your Path: Stepping Stones for Success." This conference is designed for women who have chosen or who are interested in positions of leadership or administration in higher education in Iowa and is being co-sponsored by the Iowa Network for Women in Higher Education.

Some of this year's workshop topics include: Leading with your Whole Brain, Helicopter Parents, Philanthropy, Financial Planning, E-Portfolios, Leadership, Diversity, Mentoring, Assessment, Service Learning, Communication & Collaboration, Adult Learners, Governing Boards, Career Mapping, and more. You will have an opportunity to hear four keynote presentations. The Way Up conference provides professional development and time for networking with other women in higher education.

Registration materials will be available in September. For more information, contact Doreen Hayek, Way Up Planning Council Chair, by email doreen.hayek@uni.edu or visit the Way Up web site www.uni.edu/ietti/wayup.

Please Don't Forget the Paperwork

By Yvonne Groen

Financial Accounting and Reporting Services (FARS) processes an average of 450 journal entries a month. Although the journal entry is completed electronically for uploading into Oracle and sent by email to journal-entry@uni.edu, a printed copy with the supporting documentation attached should also be sent to FARS at mail code 50614-0009. FARS is finding that many are forgetting to print and send the paperwork and ask for your assistance with this. The printed copy and supporting documentation departments provide is filed and retained for seven years for auditing purposes. For detailed instructions [click here](#).



A&F TechTalk

News you can use from A&F
Technology Systems and Services

By Pat Whitt

Ad-Aware Upgrade

Techs in the Administration & Finance division are in the process of implementing a centrally managed anti-spyware (Ad-Aware Enterprise) solution which will take the work and worry of spyware monitoring out of user's hands.

Some of you might ask "What is spyware"? Wikipedia defines spyware as "computer software that is installed surreptitiously on a personal computer to intercept or take partial control over the user's interaction with the computer, without the user's informed consent."

Wikipedia further states "While the term *spyware* suggests software that secretly monitors the user's behavior, the functions of *spyware* extend well beyond simple monitoring. *Spyware* programs can collect various types of personal information, but can also interfere with user control of the computer in other ways, such as installing additional software, redirecting Web browser activity, or diverting advertising revenue to a third party."

With the Ad-Aware upgrade, users will no longer need to manually run ad-aware to remove spyware objects. Using a central console, TSS will schedule spyware scan and removal procedures for all Administration & Finance computers. They will also monitor and resolve spyware problems centrally.

TSS will have the roll-out completed within the next few weeks.

Call 3-2461 with questions.

DID YOU KNOW...

- [FY 08 Month End Closing Schedule](#) is available. Staff that reconcile department accounts will find this schedule useful.
- The [AFSCME Seniority Listing](#), effective August 13, 2007 has been updated and available online.
- New Parking Rules and Regulations, plus parking maps are available online and in Public Safety.
- [FY 08 Cutoff Dates for Accounts Payable Close](#) are available.
- Your July 1 Budgeted Salary Information and Fringe Benefit Statement is available in MEMFIS Employee Self Service. Your annual Fringe Benefit Statement is always available for your viewing. Log into MEMFIS, select UNI Employee Self Service, and select Fringe Benefits Statement. If you would like a current copy of your statement, please print it out. A process is currently being written so that you can go back and view your statement as of a previous date.
- Registration/Conference Fees Object Code has been revised. Object code #61950 should be used for those attending a conference. For staff travel include an employee number. This object code is used for conferences both in-state and out-of-state. The list of Expense Object Codes can be found at: <https://access.uni.edu/reports/memfis/expobj.pdf>

RAGBRAI a Success!!

By Dean Shoars

Bicycles of all shapes and sizes rolled onto the University of Northern Iowa campus beginning at 7:05 a.m. on July 25th, ending months of preparations. Road bikes were the most prevalent, but also seen were mountain bikes, recumbent bikes, tandem bikes and an occasional cross bike. The riders' outfits were as colorful as the bicycles and added to the already festive event.

Planning for this event began about six months before with a meeting of members of the City of Cedar Falls, the Cedar Falls Tourism Bureau and the University. After this initial planning meeting to determine if Cedar Falls and the University were interested in co-hosting the event, the City's Tourism Office initiated a plan to put Cedar Falls in the running to host an overnight stop.

Eventually, the City was notified that Cedar Falls would be an overnight stop for RAGBRAI XXXV and planning began in earnest. An executive committee was formed with representatives from the City and the University. The executive committee organized a number of committees that would be necessary to provide support for the expected ~20,000 riders and support staff who would be part of the event. Twenty committees were formed as part of the planning.

In addition to the committees, Marketing and Public Relations provided very effective leadership in developing a website that could be accessed by anyone interested in viewing the information about Cedar Falls and the University. Detailed maps of the campground and vending area added to the information that was available to those who accessed the website.

There were a number of challenges for the University in preparing to host that many people. As the planning meetings continued, the committee chairs were informed by the executive committee that, in addition to entertainment in the beverage garden area, there would be a concert in the UNI-Dome as well. This concert was slated to be a fund raiser to Lance Armstrong's foundation...remember Lance, the seven time Tour De France winner, the same Lance Armstrong who announced he would ride the entire RAGBRAI route with his Livestrong message and cancer survivor riders.

Needless to say, the seemingly endless planning to bring off an event of this nature was time demanding and required excellent teamwork. The University staff really stepped up and plunged whole heartedly into making this event a success and to make sure the local logo of "LIVE LARGE" was accomplished.

The most significant impact on the Physical Plant involved the Grounds staff, the Operations and Maintenance staff, the Building Services staff and the Transportation staff. The fields needed to be prepared, access and egress points established, signs made, problem areas anticipated, water stations created, electrical power enhanced, portable generators and portable lights rented, materials delivered, refuse hauled away, locations for porta-pots determined and a host of small details that seemed innumerable to address. The Physical Plant staff responded to the challenge and worked many hours to prepare for this event.

Well, the riders showed up with their support staff right on time and inundated the campus with their sheer numbers. The parking lot west of Panther Parkway sported an array of colors as vendors and bike shops set up to provide services to the riders. Welcoming the riders as they entered the University on W. 27th Street was an oversized bicycle sculpture and an arch that spanned Panther Parkway, artwork donated by a local iron artist just for this event.

Finally, the volunteers really made this event possible. The City and the University are blessed with the many community members who always seem to be available to assist with putting on these large events. Volunteers roamed the campground and vendor areas answering questions; they staffed the information tent, put together temporary refuse and recycling containers, placed them throughout the campground and later showed up to collect the containers and pick up other refuse. Volunteers assisted with the event in the Dome, staffed the communications room, set up tents, tables and chairs and completed a variety of small tasks that were necessary.

RAGBRAI XXXV was enough of a significant event that a number of local, state and national news teams came to Cedar Falls to cover the event. MSNBC was here and Chris Matthews did his "hardball" news program from a live set in the media area, which attracted many riders who watched the interviews. Channel 7's KWWL and Channel 9's KCRG news staff set up live sets, as well, and did their broadcasts from the media area, which was located in the recreation fields west of the Panther Parkway parking lot.

The activity of the day wound down and the campground area quieted shortly after 12:30 a.m. The first rider seen to leave the campground appeared to want to ride alone and in the dark, as it was 2:10 a.m. The bulk of the riders were up and leaving beginning at 5:00 a.m., and by 8:00 a.m. it was difficult to discern that so many people and vehicles had camped on the west fields. The groundskeepers, electricians, transportation staff, plumbers, student staff, committee members and volunteers were already at work removing the vestiges of the visit and by noon, most of the evidence of the visit was gone.

This event will be remembered as one that came together because of the collaboration between the City and the University.

MEMFIS Users Survey - The Results are In!

In response to the MEMFIS survey, watch for additional training classes this fall and other forms of "help" to assist you in using MEMFIS. Meetings are being held with each MEMFIS area to review users' responses and comments in order to develop action plans. More detailed information about the survey results will be shared with the campus community at a MEMFIS User Group (MUG) meeting this fall. The MEMFIS team would like to thank each of you for participating in this survey.

The survey's purpose was to gather feedback from MEMFIS users about the various financial and HR/Payroll university functions. The Center for Social and Behavioral Research developed the web-based survey, collected the responses, and prepared the final report. The user survey was sent to 614 eligible users and 187 valid responses were recorded, approximately a 30% response rate. Congratulations and thanks to the Center for a job well done.



Enjoy
this
Fall!