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Al's Field Getting New Look

The 51-year-old press box at Al F. Caniglia Field began a facelift in April, one that will replace it with a three-story, multi-functional facility featuring 1,854 square feet of space.

The new press box will allow for such amenities as three floors accessed by elevator, a first-floor VIP area that seats approximately 40 persons, space for game-management functions, dedicated areas for radio and television announcers, permanent camera locations for television, storage space for equipment, private areas for coaching staffs and operable windows at all levels. The \$752,200 project, which is privately funded, replaces the old press box, which only spanned 600 square feet. The project will be completed in late August.

Walking on the Wild Side

A projected \$187,145 was raised by walkers in conjunction with April's Diet Pepsi/UNO Women's Walk, a new record for the annual event.

The Women's Walk, now in its 15th year, has raised more than \$1.4 million for the women's athletic department since its inception. More than 1,300 women participated in this year's walk, which raises money for scholarships and travel for UNO's female student athletes. It is the primary fund raiser for the women's athletic department. Carol Schrader served as chair of the 2000 walk.

Swing Away

The 20th annual UNO Chancellor's Scholarship Swing will be held Sept. 12 at Tiburon Golf Club with a Shotgun start at 11:30 a.m.

The UNO Alumni Association's premiere fund-raising event of the year, the Chancellor's Scholarship Swing raises more than \$40,000 for UNO student scholarships, including a \$20,000 match from the association. Some features of the tournament:

- An 18-Hole Texas Scramble format
- Company Hole Sponsorship of \$1,250 that includes golf cart, prizes, lunch and dinner for a foursome. It also includes the company's promotion in the program, at the awards banquet, in the UNO Alum magazine and on signage throughout the course and clubhouse.
- Foursome Entry Fee of \$500 that includes golf, cart, prizes, lunch and dinner for each golfer.
- Prizes for the top 5 Flight winners
- A raffle for two United Airline tickets to anywhere in the continental United States.

A limited number of opportunities remain to be involved in the UNO Chancellor's Scholarship Swing. For more information, contact Activities Coordinator Sheila King at (402) 554-4802, or e-mail her at kings@unomaha.edu.



Spring Commencement Adds to Alumni Ranks

More than 1,000 students received degrees during UNO's spring commencement at the Omaha Civic Auditorium.

Four students graduated with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average: Vickie L. Seitner of Omaha, who graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology; Brian Dietrich of Omaha, summa cum laude, bachelor of science degree in economics; Joni Dick of Omaha, summa cum laude, bachelor of music; Lori Bonner of Lincoln, summa cum laude, bachelor of science degree in human resources and family sciences.

Clark Diffendaffer of Scottsbluff was the student commencement speaker. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in biology and spoke on "The Complete Collegiate Experience." Diffendaffer was a recipient of the UNO Vice Chancellor's Award, which recognizes outstanding scholastic achievement and demonstrated leadership on campus and in the community.

Paul Kennedy, former dean of UNO's College of Education, delivered the commencement address and received UNO's Order of the Tower. Kennedy joined the UNO faculty in 1955 and served the campus in a variety of roles, including dean of the College of Education, chair of the department of secondary education and professor of educational administration and supervision. The Diamond Professorship in the College of Education, which bears Kennedy's name, is awarded to a professor who has distinguished himself through a combination of teaching and research.

The Order of the Tower is UNO's highest non-academic award. It is bestowed upon community leaders whose service and/or financial support has made it possible for the university to address the academic, cultural and economic needs of the people of Omaha and the citizens of Nebraska.

Also honored at commencement:

- Eugeniu Hriscev, director of the Academy of Economic Studies in Chisinau, Moldova, who received an honorary doctorate of philosophy.

- Rebecca L. Means, associate director of records and registration for academic support processes at UNO, who received the Chancellor's Medal.

- Larry King, executive editor of the Omaha World-Herald, who received the 2000 Citation for Alumnus Achievement from the UNO Alumni Association (see story, page 7).

Read All About It: King Receives Citation

The UNO Alumni Association bestowed its Citation for Alumnus Achievement on Lawrence D. King at the university's spring commencement May 6. A 1974 UNO alumnus, King is executive editor of the Omaha World-Herald, Nebraska's largest newspaper.

The citation, instituted in 1949, is presented each year at UNO's spring, summer and winter commencements to a graduate who has achieved distinction in his career. Kathleen Olson, 2000 UNO Alumni Association Chairman of the Board, presented the award.



King received his bachelor's degree in journalism from UNO, also writing and editing for the university's student newspaper The Gateway. After graduating he worked briefly for a suburban newspaper near Minneapolis, then joined the World-Herald in 1975 as its night police reporter. He later served as day police reporter, then covered the courts, Nebraska Legislature and city hall. He also

worked as a general assignment reporter.

In 1982 King was assigned as an assistant city editor. That was followed by a decade spent as the World-Herald's metro editor. In 1993 he was promoted to assistant managing editor, assuming his present post five years later.

"He is the consummate newsman," says World-Herald reporter Henry Cordes. "He loves a good story – and he loves getting it before anyone else."

Adds Roger Oglesby, former World-Herald editor before becoming a vice president for the Los Angeles Times, "I think Larry King is one of the finest journalists I've ever known."

Deadline June 30 To Enter Ticket Drawing

The UNO Alumni Association is planning to put the freeze on one of its UNO Annual Fund donors.

On July 1 the association will randomly select the name of one of its donors to receive a pair of UNO season hockey tickets. The drawing will

be among UNO Annual Fund donors who have submitted their contributions by June 30, 2000.

Get your donation in the fast way — contribute on-line at www.unoalumni.org through the UNO Annual Fund page.

Homecoming 2000: Whole Lotta Family Fun

The UNO Alumni Association will once again host a homecoming extravaganza, with the annual event set for Saturday, October 7.



The event will feature lunch, games for the kids, entertainment and more. Then we'll head over to Al Caniglia Field and watch the Mavs take on Northern Colorado. For more information, e-mail Activities Coordinator Sheila King or call her at 402-554-4802.

Get Out and Vote On Alumni Survey

Results from the last three UNO Alumni Surveys follow below. To take part in the monthly surveys, visit www.unoalumni.org.

MARCH

The UNO Alumni Card benefit I enjoy most is:

- 25%** Bookstore discount
- 27%** Access to Library
- 19%** HPER membership option.
- 9%** Alumni Center discount
- 20%** 2-for-1 Mav tickets

APRIL

How much time, on average, did you spend looking for a parking place while a student at UNO?

- 42%** 5-10 minutes
- 6%** 30 minutes
- 26%** 1 hour
- 26%** I'm still looking

MAY

Who paid the most of your tuition?

- 27%** Myself
- 16%** My parents
- 15%** Scholarships
- 7%** The government
- 35%** I still owe



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to “Last of the Red Hot Lovers.” “It was as if Neil Simon had written the play for that man,” says Manhart. “His family could not believe what it did for him. It made him a young man.”

Coleen Moreno, one of many volunteers, shines behind the scenes. “She has been taking our reservations simply for the pleasure of it for the last eight years,” says Gill. Moreno was itching to get back after a lengthy recuperation from heart valve replacement. “She kept bugging her son, ‘I’ve got a job to do,’” says Gill. “I think that is what keeps some of these people going.”

Manhart recognizes that kind of dedication with the theater’s Ernie Gorr Award. One of many given out yearly, this award was dedicated to a UNO physical fitness instructor who they say

rehearsed at the theater on a Saturday and died on a Sunday.

The award is one of several ties back to UNO. Gill received her bachelor’s degree in journalism with a certificate in gerontology in 1986. She completed her master’s in communication in 1998. Manhart received his DDS from Creighton University in 1962 and completed his bachelor’s in biology at UNO in 1988. Eight of 10 Manhart/Gill children are UNO grads.

The theater itself serves as a UNO gerontology practicum. “I don’t think there’s a better place on earth to see firsthand mentors in aging,” says Gill.

For some, joining the theater is a turning point. “I got tired of playing cards with my cronies and waiting to die,” Manhart recalls a new member

saying. “It [acting] is a great hobby that a person can carry into their older years,” says Manhart. “Thank God I have a hobby or I’d have to deal with dentists my entire life,” he jokes.

Manhart has 38 years in dentistry and no plans to retire. Gill works on the advertising side of AAA’s Home&Away magazine. Asked how they juggle busy careers and a hectic theater schedule, Manhart answers simply, “It’s how you use your time.”

Gill is quick to add, however, that the entire theater group is so dedicated. “We could leave and this theater would continue.”

(“Love in the Cafe” opens in June.) ■

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BRENT BOWEN

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time, Bowen found fame in his new position when he and a colleague produced a research report on the quality of passenger airline service. The national airline quality rating report is read by nearly 75 million people each year, Bowen says, and is featured on every major network and cable news outlet. The Chronicle of Higher Education labeled Bowen “The Watchdog” of the airline industry.

“A local reporter put it on the evening news in Wichita,” Bowen says, referring to the extensive airline report. “A producer from Good Morning America got a hold of it and then things took off.”

Bowen’s career took another unexpected turn when the UNO aviation position opened in 1992. Bowen says he “reluctantly” faxed a resume on the

final day the college accepted applications. “I was happy at Wichita State, but this job came up and I decided to look into it,” he said. “I liked what I found at UNO. It was a new program with pilot training, which we didn’t have at Wichita State, and UNO had a solid faculty and strong community support. I knew that if we focused on research, flight and aviation management, we could move right to the forefront of national aviation education.”

Scott Vlasek, who completed his bachelor of general studies degree in aviation in 1995, also realized the potential of UNO’s Aviation Institute. He was on the UNO campus studying criminal justice when he decided to enroll in two aviation courses. “I signed up for two more classes the next semester and then I just kept getting more

involved in the program,” he says.

Vlasek worked as a graduate assistant in the program and developed a strong computer background. After earning his master’s in public administration in 1998, he remained on board as manager of technology-based educational systems for the Aviation Institute. He is in charge of the institute’s distance education program, which offers the nation’s first Internet-based aviation degree. Candidates receive a bachelor’s degree with a concentration in aviation through the College of Continuing Studies. The first two Internet grads, one residing in Columbus, Neb., and the other in Louisville, Ken., received their degrees in May.

“From where the program started to where it is today is amazing,” Vlasek

Life's pace shows no indication of waning for Ronald W. Roskens. "As long as I have energy and enthusiasm," says Roskens, chancellor at UNO from 1972 to 1977, "I'm not yet ready to retire — in any sense of the word." Since 1995, Roskens has served as president of Global Connections Inc., an international business consulting firm. His duties there, as well as with the numerous other boards and advisory councils upon which he sits, enable the 67-year-old Spencer, Iowa, native to tap a lifelong passion for international relations. "I've had a very deep interest in global affairs," he says. "I have felt, and still feel, it is imperative for schools, colleges and universities to think and act in a global context. The global economy is no longer a concept. It is a fact."

Roskens came to UNO after serving as executive vice president of Kent State University in Ohio. After serving at UNO, he became president of the University of Nebraska system, a post he held until 1989.

Roskens later served as administrator of the U.S. Agency for International

also serving as a part-time advisor to President Dr. Jennifer Braaten. He is a member of the board of Friends of the World Food Program, a United Nations agency that annually provides assistance for 75 million people in 80 countries. The agency is especially devoted to easing the plight of hungry

own land, and in improving yields and processing foods obtained from those lands. "The project has been going four years, and the progress is very visible," he says.

So successful, Roskens says, that former Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachev seeks to duplicate the effort in his home province, and has met with Roskens and others to personally state his interest.

"Chatting with Gorbachev is like chatting with anyone," Roskens says. "It is thrilling, yet it's also a matter of *Continued on following page*

On the Ron

By Nick Schinker, '79

Development (A.I.D.) after appointment by then-President George Bush. The agency administers more than \$7 billion in U.S. assistance annually.

While with the university system, Roskens was a staunch promoter of international studies, including the establishment of the Center for Afghanistan Studies, and faculty foreign exchange programs that he believes benefited both the professors and their students.

"I am proud that each student had the opportunity to advance his or her own educational interests at the feet of some very distinguished professors," he says. "That, indeed, is a very positive memory.

"I also receive joy in seeing the international element infused, not completely but slowly, into the university fabric."

Today, Roskens' career closet is crammed with many hats. He serves as honorary consul general of Japan for the Nebraska region, a diplomatic post aimed at enhancing Japan's trade and investment in the area. He is a board member and a foundation board member of Midland Lutheran College,

children worldwide, an issue dear to Roskens, a father of four and grandfather to 11.

In a separate effort to ease hunger, Roskens points to the Kid's Kitchen Program, a joint effort in the United States that includes Con Agra Foods in Omaha, where he serves on the board of directors. The program helps provide after-school activities, including an early-evening meal, for elementary school pupils. "There is a vast number of kids in this country whose only food is what they are provided in school breakfast and lunch programs," he says. "It's a terrible scourge; a negative mark on our own national social conscience. I am very proud of Con Agra's commitment to do something of a considerable magnitude to alleviate hunger."

Roskens has a hand in the non-profit Russian Farm Community Project benefiting people in the Dmitrov Province approximately 70 miles north of Moscow, assisting natives there in obtaining their





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BARTON, LEFT, AND REEDY.

ful and something not obvious to a person ordinarily skilled in whatever field you're pursuing," explains Barton. "We reformulated our claims and had to look tediously at the rejection complaints and repair them. We then sent it back to the office with modifications."

This time, their idea was accepted. A patent was issued to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents in the fall of 1999. It is the first patent for a UNO inventor sponsored by the UNO Technology Transfer Committee. Now, it's up to the University of Nebraska Office of Technology Transfer in Lincoln to market the goggles. Any proceeds

from the patent license, after expenses, will be split, with one-third going to the inventors and two-thirds going to the University of Nebraska.

It is a dream come true for Reedy, who has been inventing things since he was 10 years old. "I've always been coming up with ideas; I have an inquisitive mind," says Reedy, who adds that he has at least 10 other ideas for obtaining future patents.

One of those may soon become a reality. Reedy, along with Barton's help, just received an initial rejection notice for a patent on an invention for a gas mask that uses the Peltier Effect to cool down the interior temperature of the mask. In essence, it is

an air conditioning effect capable of making a 30-degree difference inside the mask, cooling the entire face down. The UNO inventors hope the revisions they recently submitted will earn them their second patent.

"It's a lot of fun and very exciting, once you get started," Reedy says. "It's complicated, but we've learned a lot in the last three years. I've come away with a new way of looking at things. Everything can be improved or changed, and now I know it can be done and I have the confidence to do it." ■

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win stuff.”

It’s exactly what Stephanie was looking for in late 1998 while managing the interactive sales division for Omaha Steaks and its web site, omahasteaks.com. The job was an unexpected detour after she graduated from UNO in 1991 as a history major. She had hoped to attend law school, but Mark, whom she married in August of that same year, already was pursuing his master’s degree at UNO. The couple needed a breadwinner, so Stephanie, who worked direct marketing as a student, headed back to that field. She served three years as general manager for the Educational Software Institute in Omaha before

assuming her post at Omaha Steaks in 1997.

Her duties at the direct mail giant known widely enough to merit a mention on “Seinfeld” included e-mail marketing. It was a difficult task. While omahasteaks.com drew plenty of visitors, few left a calling card, i.e., an e-mail address, to which the company could respond. Seeking to pad her little black book of e-mails, Stephanie initiated monthly sweepstakes. That doubled Omaha Steaks’ database of addresses, but Stephanie wanted more. She sought an outside company that might offer the same service, only on a larger scale, “but came up with a goose egg,” says

Mark.

That’s when the wheels began to turn.

“It’s kind of funny,” Stephanie says. “It’s one of those, the things that are right under your nose are your best ideas. I wasn’t even thinking of starting my own company. I was thinking, ‘Gosh, I want to keep growing my own (Omaha Steaks’) opt-in e-mail base. There has to be a place where you can buy e-mail addresses.’ I couldn’t find one. I said, ‘That’s crazy. That’s a real good idea that might work. Why can’t I start one?’”

So she did. The couple, which has a 2-year-old son, Collin, began earnestly pursuing the idea in the spring of 1999. They contracted with a handful of merchants, designed a site and secured several domain names before finally settling on winfreestuff. It launched in July 1999

It didn’t take long for their server to start humming.

PC Data Online, an Internet research firm specializing in web commerce measurement, ranked winfreestuff.com 307th among all Internet sites worldwide based on its April number of “unique visitors.” The firm puts winfreestuff’s total visitors at just more than 2 million in April. While “We’re No. 307!” may not seem like much to brag about, consider that (according to the Internet Software Consortium) in January there were more than 72 million web sites globally. Of these, nearly 25 million were dot-coms. All of a sudden, 307 sounds pretty good.

The April ranking continues winfreestuff’s torrid climb up the PC Data charts. They first appeared on the list in September 1999 with a mere 94,000 unique visitors. By January they were 719th (851,000 visitors), 507th in February (1.12 million) and 371st in March (1.65 million).

The increased traffic is reflected by a similar boost in the company’s bread and butter — e-mail addresses. In March winfreestuff added 100,000 e-mails to its database, bringing its total close to 400,000.

Sounds easy, doesn’t it? Not so, says the company’s first full-time employee. “The hardest aspect is underestimating

for winfreestuff, Stephanie met with Backus and Draper Atlantic in late January. "I didn't know how good our chances were." Mark says. "We hadn't been in that environment before." Stephanie met Backus in Virginia on a Thursday. "That was probably one of the most stressful days of my life going down there and pitching my baby, hoping someone would say, 'You know, that's a pretty good idea,'" she says. "I didn't want to come back and tell people in my office they didn't like my idea."

She didn't have to. That same Thursday, Draper offered to come on board — with \$2.5 million. "That was the day it really sank in that is really going to work," says Stephanie. "These are very smart people. The leaders in the industry believe in our company. That was a revelation." And it may not be the last cash they see from Draper, which typically antes between \$250,000 to \$3 million in first-round investments, then chips in another \$3 to 4 million for second or third round needs in their top-performing companies.

The quick response was warranted, says Backus. "We don't do biotech, healthcare, hardware or lots of other things," he says. "So, we know quality when we see it, since we are so focused on the Internet space. The cream has to rise to the top quickly."

Backus, who joined winfreestuff's board of directors, was even more impressed with the brains behind the business. "Stephanie knows Internet marketing better than just about anyone I have seen. Stephanie is A-plus," he says. "We always bet on the entrepreneur first, and the business plan second.



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Touted as a third-party Internet database marketing firm, winfreestuff.com lures visitors to its site with sweepstakes offered by numerous retailers. Surfers can register to win prizes and may "opt-in," or provide, their e-mail address to both winfreestuff.com and individual merchants.

We have a motto that says, 'A good entrepreneur will figure it out.' We need entrepreneurs that are smart and flexible and can anticipate change and be there when the market changes. We want entrepreneurs who . . . are there for the market shift. Stephanie has that knack."

Future

With Draper's backing, winfreestuff's future looks brighter than ever. Marketing is becoming more ambitious. Most of it is web-based, such as ad banner exchanges with partner companies (more than 12,000 of them) and e-mail newsletter sponsorships. There's also "Tell-A-Friend" promotions where each friend's e-mail address forwarded to winfreestuff enters the visitor in a drawing for \$100. The company also dabbles with some snail mail inserts, as well as radio and television ads. Stephanie, though, notes that advertising through the old media has not been effective. "We find it's harder to get someone offline to go online," she says.

Which makes one less expensive for the company ("We found out in October we weren't going to be doing any Super

Bowl ads," Mark says with a chuckle.) While most Internet companies eat up money like the Love Bug Virus, Mark expects that "we could potentially look at starting to step into the black in six months. Not many online companies can do that. Our business model being so simple is helping facilitate the move to profit."

Backus anticipates no less. "We expect winfreestuff to keep climbing the PC Data charts and become the largest opt-in e-mail company on the web," he says. "They have that potential."

All of which, naturally, has spurred talk of an IPO. "Of course," says Mark, "we want to bring as much value to the table for our investors. We want to provide opportunities to liquidate somewhere down the line, maybe in a potential merger or IPO. We're taking things at a very reasonable pace. We don't want to rush the market — especially this market — and set ourselves up for failure. We have revenues growing on a monthly basis and we're very excited to see that next level."

Sort of like winning free stuff. ■

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It's not every day you get to meet the pope. But that's just what a contingent of UNO representatives and alumni did in March, meeting Pope John Paul II during his highly publicized visit to the Holy Land.



They didn't meet him empty-handed, either. University of Nebraska Regent Nancy O'Brien and University of Nebraska at Omaha dean Thomas Gouttierre were among seven people who gave gifts to John Paul II March 24 at the UNO-sponsored



O'BRIEN, LEFT, AND FREUND

Papal Audience

archaeological dig in Israel.

The gifts included a replica of an iron key unearthed at the Bethsaida dig, two volumes of site research and a drawing of an ancient cross that was discovered on a pottery shard. The key holds particular significance for the pope because Bethsaida is the home of Peter, a fisherman and the first pope, and of Andrew and Philip, two of Jesus' other disciples.

The meeting took place after the pope's afternoon prayers at Tabgha, a monastery by the Sea of Galilee that has served as a place of devotion for pilgrims seeking the site of the Feeding of the Multitudes. He stopped on his way out of the chapel to greet the Americans. "It was really exciting," O'Brien told the *Omaha World-Herald*. "It was really a great honor to be with the pope."

The pope's visit coincided with the VIP Millennium Tour of Israel sponsored by both the UNO Alumni Association and UNO's International Studies and Programs. Alumni

Association President Jim Leslie, his wife, Nancy, and former International Studies director Dr. Richard Freund hosted the tour. Freund now teaches at the University of Hartford in Hartford, Conn. The tour included visits to various sites, including Caesaria, Mount of the Beatitudes, Megiddo, Capernaum, Nazareth, Qumran, Masada, Jerusalem and Bethsaida.

Bethsaida is home to UNO's ongoing archaeological excavation. The whereabouts of the city had lay shrouded in mystery for centuries. In 1987, Rami Arav, lead archaeologist and adjunct professor at UNO, found artifacts dating to the Roman period while conducting test probes on a 20-acre mound two miles from the Sea of Galilee Digs began in 1990, and, one year later, the Israeli Antiquities Authority sanctioned UNO as the supervising institution. Now, 16 other universities worldwide co-sponsor the dig with UNO and the University of Hartford.

The key that was presented to the



REPLICA OF KEY

pope is property of the Israeli government. It is a simple Roman-period key to a large wooden door lock. Freund said it was encrusted with rust when found and slightly broken where it would have fit on a key ring. A second replica will be returned to the United States for display at the University of Hartford and at UNO.

Other representatives on the tour included University of Nebraska Regent Robert Allen of Hastings and UNO Vice Chancellor James Buck. ■

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class notes

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1940

Howard M. Winholtz, BS, writes from Rochester, Minn., that he's now retired 15 years after employment at Rochester Methodist Hospital for 28 years, the last 17 as executive director. "I am now a widower with five children, six grandchildren and one great granddaughter. I praise the Lord for all his mercies extended to me."

1941

C. Meade Chamberlin, BA, sends an update via e-mail that he lives in New York, N.Y., and can be reached at nes12cmc@aol.com

1947

William W. Musgrave, BSBA, is retired and lives in Omaha. He can be contacted at billmusgrave@prodigy.net.

1953

Harlan Petersen, BFA, writes that he's now been retired for almost six years after working in the Los Angeles School District. He belongs to three art clubs, exhibits when possible and has won various awards. Petersen paints plain air style in outdoors. He also has volunteered with the Braille Institute for almost five years. His next trip is a river and canal journey from Amsterdam to Budapest.

1954

Margaretha E. Claeson Gibson, BS, lives in Littleton, Colo., and is retired. She can be e-mailed at Maggie.Gibson@gte.net

1957

Don McMahill, BS, writes from his home in Black Mountain, N.C., that he's a retired YMCA director but still works part time at a local high school as track and cross country coach. His girls team won the 1998 2-A State Cross Country Championship. He also works part time at the Asheville YMCA serving as a certified personal trainer. Finally, he directs several road races each year and still competes himself, recently reaching 50 years

Flashback — Go Unicorns!?

Fifty-one votes.

That's all it took for the Indians to become the Mavericks — and to avoid becoming the Unicorns.

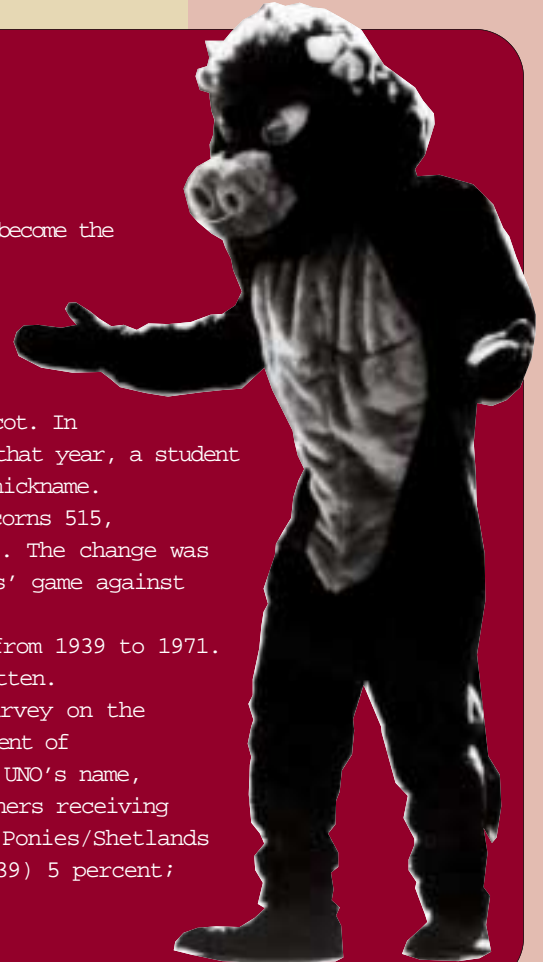
What's this, you ask?

In the fall of 1971, the University of Nebraska at Omaha decided to ditch its Indians moniker and try on a new mascot. In conjunction with homecoming festivities that year, a student election was held to determine the new nickname.

The final tally: Mavericks 566, Unicorns 515, Roadrunners 397, Demons 346, Indians 0. The change was announced prior to the newly named Mavs' game against Northern Colorado (we lost 22-17).

UNO had been known as the Indians from 1939 to 1971. Apparently, however, they are not forgotten.

In the December 1999 UNO Alumni Survey on the association's web site, a leading 39 percent of respondents said they prefer Indians as UNO's name, followed by Mavericks at 31 percent. Others receiving votes: Maroons (1920-24), 13 percent; Ponies/Shetlands (1912-13), 9 percent; Cardinals (1924-39) 5 percent; Crimson & Black (1013-20), 3 percent.



of competitive running and racing.

1958

Robert R. Trumbauer, BS, retired from Omaha Public Schools in 1994, then spent the next five years as an educational consultant in classroom discipline. Trumbauer has written the life story of his mother, an avid sports fan for both Omaha University and Creighton University. "Irma, The Legend Who Touched So Many Lives" can be purchased at the CU bookstore (800-430-5111).

1959

Ann A. (VanDemark) Ahlstrand, BA, lives in Ann Arbor, Mich., and e-mails (hefalump@umich.edu): "I retired in 1997. Conrad (Mason)

and I spend half the year at our lakeside home in northern Michigan, the rest in Ann Arbor. We're so busy in retirement we don't know how we ever had time to work. Doing all the stuff we didn't have time for before, I guess. It would be great to hear from my classmates."

1960

Elza M. "Mike" Chaney, BSBA, retired in August 1996 as one-time owner of Chaney Insurance Agency. He is married and lives in Omaha. He can be e-mailed at emcjdkc@aol.com

Gary Sallquist, BA, is chairman of the Brothers of Delta Chi Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha. The group cur-

rently is establishing a \$40,000 scholarship fund in memory of former brother Rev. Simon A. Simon. Sallquist can be reached in Woodland Park, Colo., at 719-687-8777 or 719-636-3515.

Kathryn A. (Grayson) Warrior, BS, lives in Hillsboro, Ore., with husband and fellow UNO alum Allan R. Warrior (see 1961) and notes via e-mail that she retired in 1998 after teaching school for 28 years. She was presented the 1999 Mildred Bennett Elementary Mathematics Education Award by the Oregon Council of Teachers of Mathematics in appreciation for her time and energy to improve mathematics education. She recently was awarded an Alpha Rho

"I know this will not get on there, but . . ."

Jeanne Marie O'Donnell Baker, 1973

Fort Worth, Texas. It was his second retirement, having left the U.S. Army in 1977. He plans to "travel and enjoy life. Visit friends and relatives." E-mail him at nkspud45@aol.com

Dennis J. Corcoran, BGS, is a case manager with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. He lives in Kansas City and can be e-mailed at Corkster@sprintmail.com

1973

Randy A. Grosse, BA, lives in Omaha and is vice president/communications director with World Insurance Company. His e-mail address is rpgrande@oasis.novia.net

Robert L. Knudson, BS, is a regional marketing representative with AAA Nebraska Home & Away magazine in Omaha, where he lives. His e-mail address is bknudson88@aol.com

Jeanne Marie O'Donnell Baker, BS, lives in Glendale, Ariz., and e-mails: "I know this will not get on there, but my years at UNO were great. I live here in AZ and visit Omaha each year. I have watched as the university has grown. It is wonderful to see." Ed.'s Note: All Class Note submissions are printed.

John V. Masengarb, BA, lives in St. Paul, Minn., and e-mails: "After earning my BA in Biology (Botanical emphasis), I've spent most of my career in horticulture. I earned an MS in Horticulture from the University of Minnesota in 1983. I taught horticulture off and on from '83 to '90 at the U of MN Technical College in Waseca. Late last year ('99) I became a Nursery Inspector with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture."

1974

Maria Moran, BSBA, see story, page 20.

David R. Harnisch, BGS, lives in Sun Lakes, Ariz., and is a realtor with Diamond Realty. His e-mail address is dharnisch@uswest.net

Raymond J. Tarlton, BGS, is retired and lives in Thomson, Ill.

Cynthia Herse Baker, BS, was named the Middle School North Carolina Character Educator of the Year "for her creativity and commitment to integrating character education in the standard course of study." The honor awards Baker \$3,500 and her school \$1,000 to purchase character education material. She teaches at Davis Drive Middle School and lives in Cary, N.C.

Michael Holmes, BS, was promoted to Associated Press bureau chief for Nebraska after serving as correspondent in charge of the AP statehouse bureau in Austin, Texas. He joined the AP in Des Moines after working as a reporter for the Lincoln Journal Star and the Omaha World-Herald.

Robert S. Leith, BGS, is an agent with Self, Northwestern Mutual. He lives in Scotts Valley, Calif. and can be e-mailed at bleith@cruzio.com.

Brett V. Kettelhut, BS, has returned to Omaha after 18 years away and will now practice with Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Associates. He can be e-mailed at BVK52@aol.com.

Arthur G. Anderson, BS, graduated from Virginia Union University's Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology with a master of divinity degree. He lives in West Point, Va.

Jack Jones, BGS, was superintendent of the Keith County Schools for the past eight years. He retired at the end of the recent school year. "Had been active in school curriculum, accreditation, affiliations, mergers, boundary changes; a scholarship coordinator; and monitored student contracting in a three-state area, Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming," he writes.

1975

Barbara L. Chevront, BS, is director of human resources at Doulos Ministries, Inc. She lives in

Littleton, Colo., with her husband, Allan. Her e-mail address is blcheuvr@douloscorp.com

John W. Wilke, BS, lives in Omaha. He recently joined Rich, Fellman, James Moylan and Jon Natvig to continue personal injury, criminal and domestic relations law. He graduated from Creighton Law School in 1978.

1976

Merle D. Burris, BGS, is a sales manager with Applied Systems Technologies, Inc. in Fort Smith, Ark. His e-mail is dburris@alltel.net.

Tim Malone, BS, has been an associate professor at National University for six years teaching undergraduate- and graduate-level marketing classes. His research for his dissertation at The Union in Cincinnati, Ohio, dealt with the creation of customer value in transaction exchange in Electronic Commerce. He also consults with dot-com companies and specializes in developing e-business models to help companies gain funding. Tim, his wife, Julee, and their three daughters live in North San Diego County.

1977

Jerald A. Schneider, lives in Omaha and is president of Schneider Structural Engineering Inc. He can be e-mailed at jas@cjseng.com

Roger L. Humphries, BS, is a customer relations coordinator with the U.S. Postal Service. He can be e-mailed at roger@omaha.com

Doreen Jankovich, BS, lives in Omaha, where she has taught with Omaha Public Schools for 18 years. She recently received her second master's degree, in educational administration. Her first master's was in learning disabilities and recourse teaching (1981).

Randy R. Beavers, BA, is retired after service in the U.S. military. He lives in Bellevue and can be e-mailed at randybeavers@netscape.net

Bernie Brown, BA, is administrative and marketing assistant for Digital Audio Corporation. He lives in Raleigh, N.C.

Mark D. Ziegenbein, BA, lives in Omaha and e-mails (MDZieg@aol.com) that "after residing in the Los Angeles area for 14 years and now back in Omaha for five years, I am part owner and president of a private practice specializing in a wide range of psychological services called Therapy Resources Associates. My wife, Sylvia, is now in medical school, and our two girls, Lauren and Jill, are enjoying Omaha."

Alan K. Booker, assoc., e-mails (Alan.Booker@wpafb.af.mil) from Beavercreek, Ohio, that as a civil service employee, he has been promoted to program manager for a multi-million dollar logistics acquisition project at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, where he has been since 1981 (after receiving a master's degree in Systems Management from the Air Force Institute of Technology). He is a Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserves and recently completed an active duty tour as commander of the 88th Mission Support Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB. "Clearly, the best job I ever had," he writes. As a reservist, he is currently assigned as an acquisition contracting officer at the same location. He won both the 1999 Aeronautical Systems Center and the Air Force Materiel Command's Outstanding Reserve Contracting Officer of the Year awards. Boy Scouts is his second love, next to his family. He has served in many Scout leadership capacities in support of his two sons as they work toward their Eagles. Additionally, he is a Past Master of Knollwood Lodge #774, a 32nd Degree Master Mason, and has received many awards for his civic involvement, including Outstanding Young Man of America.

David L. Croll, BGS, lives in Surfside Beach, S.C., and is owner and manager of his own business. He can be e-mailed at croll@gateway.net.

"[I] am always looking for talented professionals in technology and in leadership/management roles. Being a fellow UNO alum doesn't hurt, either.

Dane P. Doty, 1992

ish removers, lotions, cremes, etc. I love it." He lives in Las Vegas.

1989

David M. Johnson, BS, lives in Omaha with his wife, Teresa Hafner. He is an engineer with First Data Corp. His e-mail address is poorfred@radiks.net.

Shawn M. Hough, BS, lives in Omaha and can be e-mailed at Luv2createit@aol.com.

Robert L. Troshynski, BS, is a consultant with ALR Systems and Software and lives in Omaha. His e-mail is rtroshynski@hotmail.com

Charles McGavren, MBA, is a senior documentation specialist with Corporate Express, a Buhrmann Company. He lives in Omaha.

1990

David S. Stoneburner, BA, is a television and video production manager at Wright State University. He lives in Huber Heights, Ohio, with his wife, Wendi. He can be e-mailed at mrstoney@hotmail.com

Daniel T. Barnes, BA, notes via e-mail that he has moved to Fort Hood, Texas, and is the operations officer for the 61st Area Support Medical Battalion, U.S. Army. His wife, Sherry, recently gave birth to their first child.

Jo Stiver, BS (MS, '94), lives in Omaha and writes, "Please take my name off the mailing list." Ed.'s Note: Consider it done, but please reconsider.

Theresa L. Chubb (Koraleski), BS, is director of training for Securities of America Inc.

Deda M. Myhre, BS, e-mails (Myhre4@aol.com) from Avon, Ind., that "I am currently the school administrator and pre-K teacher at Light and Life Christian School. I have worked with young children in three states since graduating from UNO."

1991

Stephanie M. Healy, BA, see story, page 16.

Jay J.C. Nigh, MBA, is a senior financial specialist with Enron Corp. and lives in Omaha. E-mail Jay at jaycfa@excite.com

Judith Fleming, MA, received a doctorate of education from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. She majored in early childhood special education and minored in diagnosis, evaluation and screening of young children. She will be opening a private practice in Charleston, S.C. She lives in Seabrook Island, S.C.

1992

Dane P. Doty, BS, lives in Sioux City, Iowa, and writes that "right out of school I stayed in Omaha a little while and did the substitute teacher thing, mostly in Millard, until my wife graduated from St. Mary's two years later. After her graduation, she wanted to move back closer to her parents so we loaded the trucks for Sioux City, Iowa, neither knowing what was in store. Teaching jobs in Sioux City were hard to come by so I started working at Gateway, Inc., where I have been ever since. I have spent most of my almost six-year career with Gateway as their training manager for manufacturing. I was happy in this role because I had a chance to apply my schooling at UNO in teaching classes in an environment where my love for technology has grown. After much time in this role, I was promoted to senior employment representative. In this role, I serve as the internal recruiter for Gateway Manufacturing and am always looking for talented professionals in technology and in leadership/management roles. Being a fellow UNO alum doesn't hurt, either. Need or looking for a new job? Send resume to Dane P. Doty, Gateway Sr. Employment Rep., 610 Gateway Drive, N. Sioux City, SD 57049. E-mail: Dane.Doty@gateway.com. Fax 603-649-0767. Lastly, as a fellow scholarship football player with UNO, I am always following the Mavs and catch a couple games each year. It is great to see the program doing so well.

Robert J. Anderson, BSBA, lives in Omaha with his wife, Gail, and is an analyst for Kirkpatrick Pettis. He can be e-mailed at banderson35@home.com.

Gregory L. Scharn, BSBA, is a systems administrator with Star*Free in Charlotte, N.C. His e-mail address is nebrfan@hotmail.com.

Jill C. Reiss, BS, lives in Omaha and e-mails (jreiss@home.com) that, "Actually I just wanted someone to know I will not be making my donation until this summer as my card does not expire until 7/23. I received the Annual Fund request form." Ed.'s note: All donors who have their 2000 contributions in by June 30 will be entered in a drawing for one pair of UNO season hockey tickets.

Julianne Crotty Guile, MA, e-mails that she "has been selected to be included in a biographical directory published by Marquis Who's Who, the leading biographical reference publisher of the highest achievers and contributors from around the world." She received her MA of Arts in 1992 from UNO, where she also was a teaching fellow from 1989 through 1997 in the English and Humanities Departments. She also directs piano and vocal study in her private studio, Noteworthy Music Studio, and continues to help students with Humanities and English concerns. In the past, Julianne sang for the Australian Opera Company in Australia, played and sang for various Symphonic Chorus groups out of New York City, and has written songs and poetry under the title, "Love From the Inside Out, Not From the Outside In." Her poems and songs have won international mention and merit. She can be e-mailed at jcrottyg@aol.com.

Jim M. Harris, BGS, emails (tkdeadaim@aol.com) from Tucson, Ariz., that "I think you're doing a great job with the magazine. However, you incorrectly referred to the company I work for as

Veeco Process Meteorology. This company has nothing to do with the weather. It's a Metrology (science of measurement) company. It should have read exactly as I put it in the original post: Veeco Process Metrology. This is an all too common occurrence. Someone there probably thought I misspelled the word. Thanks for your time and attention." Ed.'s note: No matter how you measure it, we were wrong.

Diane E. Simpson, BME, lives in College Station, Texas, and e-mails (dianesimpson@email.com) that, "I am currently the assistant band director at Jane Long Middle School in Bryan, Texas. On April 4, 2000, my symphonic band just earned its first sweepstakes award (six first place ratings) at the Texas regional band contest."

Marilyn Rotert Koch, MSW, notes that she and husband Gail Koch "moved to Anchorage, Alaska, in January 1993 and worked for three years at a Homeless Shelter and women's residential care. I quit my job to care for my newborn grandson in Hayden, Idaho. I started a home-based business in health and nutrition to supplement my income. I can still help people with their health and their income. I took 16 weeks off last year and still had a check in my mailbox." She and Gail, senior directors with Reliv International, were recently awarded a \$15,000 bonus for having the highest sales volume in the United States with the company. They also received the Dr. Kalogris Humanitarian Award for their efforts in helping others. Reliv International is a food science and research company based in St. Louis. The Kalogris Foundation is the charitable branch of Reliv that donates their patented nutritional soy food products to people in need throughout the world.

1993

Mark Healy, BS, see story, page 16.

Kaj E. Williams, MA, lives in St. Louis where he is a software engineer for Demand Management Inc. His e-mail is kajwilliams@mind-

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