

UIU Update

A monthly newsletter for Upper Iowa Faculty and Staff

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Grants awarded

President Alan G. Walker has awarded the following Teaching with Technology grants: Graeme Armstrong, *Project Classroom Clicker*, \$11,000; Nigel George, *Online Symbolic Math Answer Checker*, \$143; Janet Kehe, *Technology Integration: Motivating Students To Learn Content Literacy*, \$2000; John Longeway, *Smart, Safe, Savvy: The Use of PDAs in Nursing Education*, \$10,000; Kata McCarville, *Technology Support for Active Learning—Classroom Response System*, \$6300; and Mickie Wimmer and Steve Stein, *Asynchronous Tutoring in Writing and Math for Adult Students*, \$10,400. Teaching with Technology is an annual grant program to promote the use of technology in classrooms.

Outreach opportunities

Faculty and staff are invited to participate in two outreach opportunities—a community forum (a rescheduled event) and the annual Legislative Reception. The forum will be Sunday, Feb. 15, beginning at 5 pm in the East Cafeteria. The Legislative Reception will be Feb. 25 from 6-8 pm at the Des Moines Botanical Center. A number of state legislators have already committed to the event, which will provide an opportunity for exchanges on issues impacting higher education.

Jensen earns PhD

Carol Jensen, an adjunct faculty member who teaches for the Independent Study program, Online program and at the Waterloo Center, has earned her doctoral degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dr. Jensen has taught business classes at Upper Iowa since 1994. Her dissertation examined the challenges and opportunities of private funding. Her work will be profiled in an upcoming issue of *The Bridge*.



Team Peacock registrations due March 18

Faculty, staff, alumni and friends of Upper Iowa interested in participating as a member of Team Peacock must register by March 18. Bikers and support crew are needed. Participation will be limited to the first 30 bikers; up to 15 people can register for the support crew.

Team Peacock will participate for the fifth straight year in the statewide bike ride sponsored by the Des Moines *Register*. Upper Iowa uses the ride to raise funds for student scholarships by securing pledges and corporate sponsorships. To date, Team Peacock has raised over \$250,000.

The dates for the ride are July 19-25. Overnight stops are: Red Oak, July 19; Greenfield, July 20; Indianola, July 21; Chariton, July 22; Ottumwa, July 23; Mt. Pleasant, July 24; and Burlington, July 25.

Registration fees for Team Peacock members are paid by the University. Full and partial week participation is available. All participants must provide two signed waivers, one required by the Des Moines

Register and one required by UIU.

To join Team Peacock, log on to the RAGBRAI website: www.ragbrai.org. Click the “registration/entries” link on the left. Select either “log-in for returning users” or “complete an entry form online.” From the right-hand column on the next page, create a profile (new riders) or log in (previous riders). Register as part of a group. Team Peacock group number is 10240. For more information, contact Jackson Hayek at hayekj@uiu.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thru March 6: Exhibit by Barbara Fedeler, associate professor of art, Wartburg College, Edgar Fine Arts Building, Fayette Campus

Feb. 15: Community forum, East Cafeteria. Reception, 5 pm; forum, beginning at 5:30 pm

Feb 25: Annual Legislative Reception, Des Moines Botanical Gardens, 6-8 pm

March 18: Team Peacock registration due