

St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Student Center

WITNESS THE NEWS

Ministering to the students of the University of Northern Iowa



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13th Annual Golf Tournament

Clear skies and beautiful weather greeted the 106 golfers playing in the St. Stephen 13th annual golf tournament. Pheasant Ridge Golf Course in Cedar Falls, Iowa, was again the location for the four person best shot competition.

Current UNI students, UNI alumni, community members and friends of St. Stephen the Witness enjoyed reconnecting throughout the day. As in years past, golfers competed for trophies and bragging rights. During the event, golfers even had the opportunity to take part in a raffle with great prizes such as an issue of Sports Illustrated autographed by UNI alumni, Kurt Warner.

Dr. Jim Kelly, Jeff Bergman, Paul Creeden and Curt Hudnutt came in with an overall score of 55, winning the title of golf tournament champions. This trophy was a new

addition to this year's tournament and was in memory of UNI professor Dr. Patricia (Pat) Sitlington. Pat passed away in February of this year, and will always be treasured for her generous nature, unrelenting love for the game of golf and support of St. Stephen the Witness.

The Schaefer family and friends, representing Queen of Peace Parish in Waterloo, won the best parish traveling trophy. They too, came in with a score of 55. Each team will be invited back to defend titles.

While this year's tournament has come and gone, do not miss out on the opportunity to join us on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 for the 14th annual golf tournament!

~Kelly McCormick, Development Coordinator



Honoring A Witness



For 30 years, Sr. Norma Jean Holthaus, OSF, has been a wonderful blessing to many in the Cedar Valley. She has served as principal at St. Mary's in Waterloo and as an elementary counselor at schools in Waterloo, Gilbertville, Raymond, Evansdale, Jesup, and Independence. She has also ministered to the students and community members of St. Stephen for the past 15 years.

Sr. Norma Jean will be retiring to Dubuque at the end of June. On Sunday, May 3rd, a reception was held in her honor at the Student Center. Sr. Norma Jean

was presented with an original watercolor by Nadine Hawbecker.

One of her many talents included making her 'famous' scrambled eggs for each finals week breakfast. Many students cheered when they came through the breakfast line to receive a scoop full of those delicious eggs. Her work can also be seen in the multitude of beautiful vestments and banners she handcrafted for the chapel environment. As one student commented, "She has touched so many lives, in so many ways. She is a living witness to what we are called to do by God."

We pray for God's blessings in this new chapter of her life.

Congratulations Seniors



Time flies when you are having fun or when you are a UNI student!

On Sunday, April 26, the St. Stephen community honored graduating seniors at the annual graduate luncheon. Alumni Kristin Woods (Class of 1998) was the keynote speaker for the event. She emphasized the importance of sharing our faith not only in the good times, but also in the times when life offers more questions than answers. Kristin encouraged the

graduates to build upon what they had experienced at St. Stephen the Witness.

Each graduate this year was active in building up our community, sharing time and talent at every opportunity. We can take 'pride' in knowing that the graduates of 2009 are starting the new chapter in their lives with faith-filled enthusiasm.

Out & About: St. Stephen Alumni Perspective

No matter where you are from, we are glad you are here! But no matter where you go, we want to keep in touch. The following are updates, memories and thoughts shared by alumni of St. Stephen the Witness.

I AM ENGAGED!

On Saturday, February 14 (yes, Valentine's Day), I had my penultimate flute recital here at Ohio State. Tim came to town to visit and go to the recital. My recital was at noon, followed by the usual reception and socializing. After all was said and done in the music building and we were in the car to leave, Tim said, "Let's go somewhere and take Valentine's Day pictures - you are wearing your new coat (a nice red one!) and I have my tripod with me..." Well - if you know me at all, you know I take lots of pictures, so I was, of course, happy to oblige, but was unsure of a good place since most of the foliage on campus is dead right now. But - I know Mirror Lake is always pretty, so I suggested we head over there (which was what Tim was hoping I

would say, anyway).

While Tim sent up the tripod, I amused myself by photographing a duck sitting on an icy patch in the water. Then, he got the camera set up and took some various poses of me and, with the timer, us together.

Then, he set the timer to take another picture of us together and while the light was flashing, warning of the ten seconds the photographer has to get moving and get into the picture, he got down on one knee. I honestly said, "what are you doing down there!?" I thought he was going to miss the picture. He took my hand and said something like, "Just wait while the picture takes," and I suddenly realized why he was down there! The picture snapped, so we have a beautiful picture of our actual engagement that really looks staged, but it isn't at all. It is perfect! Then, Tim had

written a little speech that he delivered to me, ending by asking me to marry him, and I said "Of course," then I remembered that the official wording is supposed to be "YES," so I said, "Yes!" The ring is simply amazing - it is so beautiful!

We are so excited that we are engaged and will spend our lives together! Tim did a great job surprising me completely and picking an absolutely stunning and perfect ring. Tim and I are planning a small wedding for June 2010.

~Kathy Cameron, Class of 2001



"St. Stephen's is where I found my faith. My experiences as an Antioch candidate & leader as well as countless meals I shared with others helped my faith grow!"

~Abby (Cochren) Trout, Class of 2007

Out & About continued...

“I am a 1942 graduate of Iowa State Teachers College...and just celebrated my 88th birthday! We never had a Student Center -- just got together to walk to church!!! You have my prayers...God bless you all.”

~Mary (Ruppel) Feltenstein

OUT & ABOUT IN 2008

Reunions can happen in the most wonderful places. This one began at St. Stephen the Witness when Bob Ahlers and Sarah Menke ('04) shared the good news that they had set a date for their wedding. Bob has his own construction business. Sarah is a convention planner in Chicago. The reunion was to continue on August 30, 2008, in Algona, Iowa where many St. Stephen alumni would help them celebrate the start of their life together.

As we arrived at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Wes King was there waving and grinning in his own inimitable fashion. Robyn Richardson King ('03) was photographing the wedding and had left Wes in charge of fetching, lifting and carrying. They are living in Eden Prairie, MN, and are both working in the life insurance field. Next, we were surprised by the smiling face and open arms of Fr. John Haugen (director/chaplain at St. Stephen between 1993-2003). He was the presider for the wedding and Mass... and that was just the beginning of “Old Home Week.”

While catching up with Fr. Haugen, a parade of familiar faces began with Chris and Angela (Hagarty) Stark, both '04, all the

way from the Washington, D.C. area. Deacon Len presided at their wedding in the newly renovated auditorium in Lang Hall in 2004. They moved to Maryland to study and work in the Washington, D.C. area. Chris has completed all his of courses for a PhD in Theoretical Physics and currently is doing research for NASA. Angela never dreamt that after completing her BA in Communication/Electronic Media that she would be employed in a physics-related job working for a non-profit group in the optical field. It was a delight to be able to see them and catch up again. Angela Stark and Liz Barta Bowen ('04) were lecturers for the day. Liz is currently working with international students in the admissions division of Drake University.

Bouncing up to greet us was Kate McKenna ('06), who is beginning her third year of Medical school at Iowa. While she has not decided on a specialty, Kate leans toward pediatrics or family practice and the decision needs to be made by the end of this school year.

Sr. Jessi Beck ('04) came onto the scene. She recently took first vows as a member of a religious community, the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Dubuque. She is currently teaching at the St.

Mary's Catholic School in Manchester. She, Kate McKenna and Ashley Hinz ('06) were Eucharistic Ministers at the wedding. Ashley is living in the Chicago area working as an interior design intern at Cubellis.

Kara Butterworth ('03) was vocalist/cantor with husband Tony ('02) playing trumpet. We were delighted to be able to spend time with Bernadette Garza ('04), who shared vocal responsibilities. After graduating from UNI, Bernadette received her Master of Music from Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University where she studied with soprano Judith Haddon.

Happiness and hospitality unites us in the bonds of friendship, and usher Kevin Bott ('08) was the epitome of this relationship. He was first on the dance court on the outside patio at the Algona Country Club. Proficient as a dancer, Kevin and his fiancée Andrea from Guelph, Ontario, Canada, helped bring others into the celebration.

And for us, those friendships that had begun at St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Student Center were a wonderful backdrop for the day's excitement.

~Len Froyen, Class of 1957, &
Gail Froyen, Class of 1959

“I have many fond memories of the church on ‘the hill’ and all the newman club activities!”

~Fred Loffredo, Class of 1955

On the Road Again

Once again the summer season is upon us. Fr. Ken will be traveling the highways and byways of Iowa to share the "Good News" of Campus Ministry at St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Student Center. He will also be thanking the parishes and individuals for their prayerful and financial support! Without the foundation established by the parents and the students' faith communities, our liturgies, retreats and activities would not be possible. Fr. Ken began his road trip on May 23th and 24th at St. Mary of Nazareth in Des Moines. He will be

celebrating weekend liturgies in the following parishes:

June 20 & 21:

St. Joseph, Mason City

July 11 & 12:

St. Mary, Manchester;
St. Patrick, Ryan; and
Immaculate Conception,
Masonville

July 18 & 19:

St. James, LeMars

August 15 & 16:

Immaculate Conception,
Charles City; and
St. Michael, Nashua

If you live near one of these parishes, you are invited to come and join us for the weekend liturgies. Of course, you are always welcome to join us at St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Student Center.



Welcoming You Back

Are you planning on helping your children return to college August 22 and 23? If you need a break or some cool refreshments, make sure you stop by St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Student Center. Take advantage of our air conditioning, share some cool refreshments and

introduce yourself to the staff and student leadership. Please note Sunday, August 23, to accommodate our large crowds, we will be celebrating Mass at 8:30am, 10:30am and 9:00pm. Following the 10:30am Mass our community would like to invite you to be our

guest at our "Welcome Back Picnic" in the court yard!

Until then, enjoy the summer!

~Fr. Ken Glaser, Director of Campus Ministry

Help us Witness the News in Your Life

We would like to know the good news happening in your life! Send your updates to kmcc@ststephenuni.org or to 1019 W 23rd Street, Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

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*We are a Catholic faith community.
Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel and build up God's Kingdom.*

Upcoming Events

August 23: *ST. STEPHEN WELCOME PICNIC*

August 24: *UNI FALL SEMESTER BEGINS*

September 9: *LABOR DAY*

October 3-4: *UNI FAMILY WEEKEND & ST. STEPHEN FAMILY BRUNCH (RSVP'S REQUIRED)*

October 12-17: *UNI HOMECOMING WEEK*

October 17: *ST. STEPHEN CINNAMON ROLL & PANCAKE BREAKFAST*

OCTOBER 18: *SUNDAY EUCHARIST AT 8:30AM, 10:30AM AND 9:00PM*

November 22-26: *UNI THANKSGIVING BREAK*

December 14-17: *UNI FINALS WEEK*

December 19: *UNI COMMENCEMENT*

For more information on these and other events, please call (319) 266-9863 or visit our website at www.ststephenuni.org.

Cover Photos

*Top: Michael Cronin and Maggie Lange discuss upcoming needs as leaders of the Spring 2009 Antioch retreat.
Center: Afton (Simpson) Putney, Archbishop Hanus, OSB, & Emily Francois share a smile during the 'B Loved' fundraiser.*

Bottom: Deacon Len Froyen and alumni Kristin (Michael) Woods at the annual graduate luncheon.

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SUMMER LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sundays 10:30 AM

Wednesdays 5:30 PM

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