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Greetings!

It is with great pleasure that I write to you as the newly elected president of the Iowa Western Alumni Association. I am honored to serve my alma mater in such a capacity. My family’s connections to Iowa Western are long-standing and ever-growing. My wife, Carolyn, and I both are alumni, three of our four children also are alumni, and our youngest is beginning his sophomore year at Iowa Western. Truly, we are a family that bleeds Reiver blue!



Since graduating from Iowa Western in 1981 I have had the opportunity to witness the amazing growth of the campuses, the expansion to more than 100 programs, and the incredible impact our alma mater has on thousands of students and the communities it serves. While more than 80 percent of Iowa Western’s alumni base remains in Nebraska and Iowa, there are Iowa Western alumni in all 50 states and a multitude of countries.

As an Iowa Western alum, you should be proud of your association with one of the top educational institutions in the country. On behalf of Iowa Western students, faculty and staff, I thank you for your interest in the college and encourage you to become actively involved in alumni activities. I invite you to connect with the Alumni Association: “friend” us on Facebook (Iowa Western Community College Alumni Association), follow us on Twitter (twitter.com/IWCCAlum), send us an email at alum@iwcc.edu or call us at 712.325.3269.

Best wishes,

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John Cool, '81
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Dear alumni and friends,

As I write this article for Iowa Western magazine, the college is buzzing with various activities. Over the past weekend, more than 1,200 students moved into the housing facilities on campus. Activities and athletic competitions are beginning to start their seasons. Our faculty members and students fill the hallways and classrooms with rejuvenated energy. It truly is a great time of year!

Throughout this issue, you will learn more about the many happenings taking place at Iowa Western. Congratulations to the Iowa Western baseball team for winning its second national title in three years. It's a great accomplishment!

We are constantly looking at ways to improve or expand our current programs, or to add new programs that are linked to high-demand jobs. We are excited about the Robotics Technology program beginning this fall. With the support of Ellison Technologies we are working to educate Iowa Western students in an area where there is a need for more trained employees.

As you will read about in this magazine, Iowa Western has a new logo. We are excited about this new look. As alumni, we have a variety of ways for you to become involved with your alma mater. Four possibilities:

1. Encourage college-age students to take a serious look at what Iowa Western has to offer.
2. Visit our College Store to get some Reiver gear! It's an easy way to strike up a conversation about Iowa Western.
3. Say "yes" when you are asked to be a professional contact for an Iowa Western student. Your professional success can inspire others in their academic and career goals.
4. Stay involved! Your attendance at events, participation in alumni activities, and updates to the Alumni Class Notes will make us better – and keep you better informed about Iowa Western.

As always, we invite you to come to campus, join us for one of the many student activities taking place or check us out online at www.iwcc.edu to learn more about the happenings at Iowa Western. You should be proud of the great accomplishments taking place at your alma mater.

It will take all of us working together to achieve our goal of making Iowa Western the college of choice for southwest Iowa!

Thank you for your support,

Dan Kinney

Dr. Dan Kinney
President



Ever since he was a youngster, Brian Ogle has had a soft spot in his heart for large animals – especially elephants.

So when the opportunity arose to volunteer at the Henry Doorly Zoo in middle school and later work with exotic "big cats" like white tigers and snow leopards at a private wildlife park near Wichita, Kan., shortly after graduating from Iowa Western's vet tech program four years ago, he knew he was on the right track for what has become a lifelong passion.

"Animals have always been a part of my life, and I can't imagine not having them around," says Ogle, a 2008 IWCC graduate with his associate's degree in applied science. "Growing up, I had a variety of pets, including reptiles, fish and small rodents. Right now, my two rabbits and I are fortunate that two cats allow us to live with them ... plus, the small flock of parakeets that call my office home."

It was the vet tech program, which Ogle calls "well-rounded" and which "provided an equal opportunity for hands-on experience with domestics, exotics and farm animals," that lured him to Council Bluffs from west Omaha.

That experience brought him closer to his career goals of working with animals – first as the supervisor of the zoo's volunteer program and currently as the director of placement at the Nebraska Humane Society.

During his three years with the zoo, he oversaw educational experiences for general zoo guests, developed curriculum, and evolved and grew the youth volunteer programs. In his current role – working with domestic animals rather than the predators he cared for in Kansas – his primary role involves overseeing the adoption programs at the Humane Society, including offsite adoption centers at local pet stores.

Ogle says the difference in working with exotic versus domestic animals basically comes down to two things – height and weight of the animals as well as the all-important teeth size. But what he learned at IWCC has helped propel his career to new levels and paths even he couldn't have imagined.

"My favorite part of the program was the semester in which we were able to have field experiences at a horse ranch and various farms," Ogle says. "During those times, we combined theory with practice, and it was a major eye-opening experience for a city kid like myself who has never spent time on a working farm before."

"The experiences not only provided medical training for the animals but also basic husbandry, handling and just how the whole

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Picture Perfect

by Anthony Flott



Team photographs of the 1892 Nebraska Football Team featuring George Flippin, the first black NU football player (inset).
Page 7: Jim Fields.

The temple in the Fields home had red icons on the wall and green, artificial-turf-like carpeting on the floor.

A homage to all things Husker football. “That was a little uncommon then,” Jim Fields, Iowa Western English instructor, says of his parents’ south Omaha home. “People came over and didn’t know what to make of it.”

That was in the 1970s when Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne prowled the sidelines, piling up victories and establishing the modern Big Red brand. “The golden age of the game,” Fields says.

Mom and Dad had season tickets. At away games, the family gathered around a TV. Thanksgiving battles against Oklahoma were the most memorable. “There would be a lot of screaming,” Fields says. “I remember my aunt throwing things, my dad getting irate and throwing things. I guess people were throwing things at the TV a lot.”

In 2011, Fields took his Husker passion from small screen to big screen with “Bugeaters,” a documentary about the early years of Nebraska football. Fields wrote, edited, directed and produced

“Bugeaters,” which received wide acclaim, including a “best documentary” award at the Estes Park Film Festival.

“A total surprise,” Fields says.

Film Fanatic

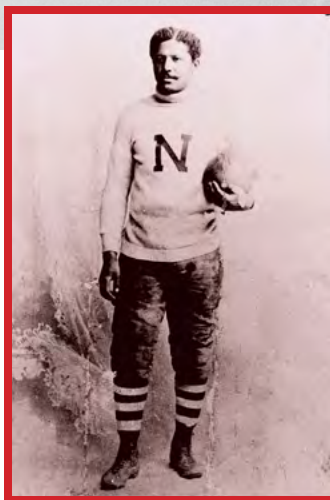
Fields’ midlife transition to filmmaker might surprise some, but it’s the career he’s always envisioned.

“I’ve always been a huge film fanatic,” says Fields, who has an extensive movie poster collection begun when he was 12. His dream was to attend film school after graduating from Omaha Bryan High School in 1976. That didn’t happen.

“Never had the money,” he says.

He certainly had the passion. Friend and collaborator Shaun Vetick says Fields has seen “far more” movies than anyone he knows. He’s a walking Wikipedia of all things Hollywood, and not just trivia.

“He pays close attention to marketing and production values,” says Vetick, who met Fields six years ago through the now-defunct Nebraska Film Group, which helped local independent films get produced. “He knows exactly how some



filmmakers made and killed their careers.”

You might say Fields’ career is being made in slow-mo. In 1976 he enrolled at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as a music major. Two years later, though, the pianist/keyboardist was out of school and making a living touring with bands. In 1982 he returned to UNL and, in 1984, earned his degree. He continued playing with bands and studying – in 1995 he earned a master’s in English from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. That led him to the classroom. Fields has taught ESL classes at UNO and English at Metro Community College. In 2005 he joined Iowa Western and now is a full-time faculty member teaching developmental writing.

All the while, Fields kept collecting his posters ... and movies ... and books about movies. His own break into the industry came in the late 1990s, he says, as digital technology emerged and made movie-making feasible and affordable.

“Now I could explore what I’ve always wanted to do,” he says. “I wasn’t so sure how far I could go with it or what it would entail. I thought I’d get involved and see what happened.”

He began attending filmmaking seminars and joined independent film groups. He learned equipment and software. “I’m self-taught,” he says.

In 2004 he produced his first documentary, “416,” about Nebraska Initiative Measure 416, which amended the Nebraska Constitution to ban same-sex marriages/civil unions. It was shown at a handful of film festivals and won four awards, including Best Feature and the Audience Award at the 2005 Central Nebraska Film Festival.

Two years later came “Preserve Me a Seat” documenting efforts to save historic movie theaters in Boston, Chicago, Salt Lake City and Omaha (Indian Hills). It showed in the United States and Europe.

Fields, it appeared, had a knack for filmmaking.

Bugging Out

He began working on “Bugeaters” in 2008. The idea sprang from Dave Harding’s book, “The Mighty Bugeaters: The First Decade of Nebraska Football.” Fields knew the Nebraska football team’s original nickname, but not much beyond that. For six months he drove to Lincoln

every Sunday, combing through UNL student newspaper archives of game reports. He began crafting a script, sketching a year-by-year look at the first decade of Husker football.

The documentary includes game and practice reenactments, interviews with historians, monologues, and lots of photographs. Costumes were era-specific and music was commissioned. Fields learned a complex animation software to transform several parts, a process that sometimes took 36 hours to render on his computer.

Actors, all volunteers, reenacted football games during the summer at Omaha’s Biltmore Park. It was 100 degrees then, but sweaters were worn to simulate the November games Bugeaters played. Scenes of players gambling and playing cards were filmed in IWCC television studios.

The script included the exact dialogue of 1890s-era Bugeaters. “It gave the actors problems,” Fields says, especially some of the “tongue-twisting monologues. It was a very verbose time. The way they talked is so much different than

today. They didn’t always get to the point.”

The biggest surprise of the film, Fields says, is the large role given to George Flippin. Flippin was the first black Nebraska football player, and his presence at times fanned flames of racism among opponents. Fields follows Flippin beyond football to his career as a doctor in Stromsburg, Neb., where he died and was buried. Fields found photos of Flippin in a shoebox tucked into a corner of the Stromsburg Public Library and interviewed a one-time patient of his.

“I didn’t realize how important the Flippin story was going to be until I went to Stromsburg,” Fields says. Many people wondered why Fields focused so much on Flippin, but the director says, “The Flippin part of

“Given more resources Jim will only take things to the next level again and again. He has more curiosity than a teenager, and his contribution to the world is entirely positive and artistic.”

Shaun Vetick, friend and collaborator

the movie is the part everyone talks to me about after the movie is done. He really touches something in a lot of Husker fans.”

It also touched reviewers at the Estes Park Film Festival, who in September 2011 named it best documentary.

Flying High

The success of “Bugeaters” opened collaborative and creative doors. Talent on the “technical end,” like cinematographers, are asking to work with Fields, he says. And he’s moving from documentaries to feature films.

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Leading by Example

by Mike Watkins

Tammi Kroll admits she isn't a born leader. In fact, she never wanted to manage people at all.

She knows she's very singular in her approach to business – preferring to work independently and be held accountable for her own projects and outcomes rather than those of others.

But as she has ascended through the various roles and ranks in her career and as more responsibility crept onto her resume, Kroll hasn't always had that luxury.

Still, because of the various challenges each new position and promotion has offered, she's become more and more comfortable with leading teams, mostly by necessity than choice.

"I wouldn't say I'm a natural leader by any means," says Kroll, who now has more than 150 reports around the world as vice president

of production operations with Yahoo! Inc. "There was a time I was perfectly fine coding in a cube. But over the years, the scope of my job and responsibilities has changed, and now I feel I'm in the right job for me."

Having grown up in nearby Avoca, Iowa, Kroll's path to leading global production operations, service management and service reliability engineering for Yahoo! began as a computer-illiterate student – who inexplicably chose computer science as her major – at Iowa Western Community College in 1990.

Personal computers still were new, and their programs were largely unknown and complicated. Because she hadn't used a PC in high school – "we learned to type on electric and manual typewriters; we didn't even have PCs" – her first class at IWCC initially proved comical and frustrating for Kroll until she warmed up to the technology.

So why choose computer science with no experience using, let alone programming, computers? Kroll says she recognized PCs were the wave of the future and seized the opportunity to learn on the cutting edge of technology.

"I didn't even know how to turn it on," Kroll says with a laugh. "Here I was, learning to program with no background or knowledge at all. I just remember the computer kept beeping at me, which was unnerving. But I knew it was the future, and I knew I wanted to be a part of that future."

"It was a tough course and a tough major that few people completed. In the applied sciences program, 40 people started but only 13 finished. It was a good program that never let up and pushed you to excel. Once I got the hang of it, I really liked it."

As part of her projects class during her final semester at IWCC, Kroll began an internship with First Data Corporation. At the end of the internship, she was offered a position as a programmer in the conversion department, where she and her team were responsible for bringing new issuing banks onto the system.

She next entered business development as a programmer then a manager.

"That's really where I cut my teeth in management," says Kroll, who earned her AS degree in general studies and Associate of Applied Science degree in computer programming from IWCC in 1996. "I had the opportunity to manage several different application development teams for about nine years and then moved to the data center, where I was exposed to production operations."

"I managed a quality assurance team, a TeleCheck team and then the mainframe teams. I then became responsible for First Data production operations for the United States."

After 15 years with First Data, Kroll received an offer to work at Yahoo!, and she jumped at the opportunity to work for one of the world's largest, fastest-growing and best-recognized Internet/technology companies. She packed up and relocated to Dallas to manage her current groups. She celebrated her first year with the organization in April.

In her VP role she monitors and provides triage for the infrastructure and applications that run Yahoo!. She's also responsible for incident, change and problem management.

"It's great working for a global brand like Yahoo! that everybody knows," Kroll says. "It's definitely challenging, but the experience has pushed me out of my comfort zones and that's been a great learning and growing experience."

Despite the distance and her busy work and travel

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schedule, Kroll makes time to give back to her alma mater as a member of the college's technology advisory council. She's been involved since 2001, and the group meets once a year to discuss curriculum and learn what local businesses are looking for in upcoming and future crops of graduates.

Kroll says the varied, intensive education she garnered at IWCC – which she says has prepared her in some capacity for almost every promotion and job move she's made – is the reason she continues to give back to the college and her program.

"At First Data, we gave programming tests to interns and college graduates, and people from Iowa Western almost always tested higher than four-year graduates from other schools," says Kroll, who next year should complete her Bachelor of Science degree in leadership through Bellevue University's online degree program.

"That's a testament to the level of education at Iowa Western. The instructors were very good, attentive but tough with high expectations, who really challenged you to reach and finish. I felt very prepared when I graduated, and I love that I can pass on my work experience to help future Iowa Western students succeed." ■

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Iowa Western's Newest Program: Robotics

by Don Kohler

Iowa Western announced an exciting partnership last spring that will bring immediate benefits to students seeking careers in the high-tech field of robotics. Officials with Ellison Technologies Automation signed with the college to help train the next generation of robotics technicians at its sprawling facility in Council Bluffs.

"We have 64,000 square feet of lab space right here for Iowa Western students to utilize," says Greg Olenick, vice president and general manager of Ellison Technologies. "We will be using the newest technology available, including advanced robotics and other equipment, which will be a key benefit to Iowa Western and its students."

Iowa Western began accepting applications to Robotics this fall, and interest has been high for the associate's degree program. Robotics and automated systems technologies are producing one of the world's fastest-growing career opportunities for highly trained, skilled technicians.

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Dr. Dan Kinney, Iowa Western President

Students will spend about half of their time in the classroom learning applied robotics, robot controller maintenance, electronics, circuits and programming. The other half of their time is spent applying their laboratory projects in the lab at Ellison Technologies, working with the same high-tech robots and controllers used by today's leading manufacturing firms.

Graduates of this program will be qualified to assemble, install, program, troubleshoot and maintain robotics and automated systems equipment as technicians in many industries, including manufacturing, biomedical, government and food processing. In addition, students can apply the skills they learn to other career fields, including electronic systems and equipment, telecommunications and power distribution.

"We would not have been able to offer this exciting career field without the important partnership with Ellison Technologies," says Iowa Western President Dr. Dan Kinney.

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Olenick says the timing for this program is good because of the aging workforce in America.

"There is definitely a demand and need for employees in this field," he says. "The workforce is shrinking because the Baby Boomers are retiring. It is estimated that by 2018 there will be 70 million leaving the workforce, and only 40 million workers coming in. There is a gap that we need to fill."

Olenick says students entering the Robotics Program will be energized by the state-of-the-art technology used in the industry today. "The jobs that robots are replacing are non-desirable/heavy lifting/unsafe in the industry, and ones that young people are not interested in filling," he says.

"Robots are helping businesses to fill these jobs and to become more efficient. Helping our customers compete locally and globally is our mission, and this new training program will not only be good for Iowa Western but for our customers who will benefit from hiring skilled robotics technicians."



Top: Troy Sather, director of technology and Greg Olenick, vice president and general manager;
Below: A look inside Ellison Technologies.

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Greg Olenick, Ellison Technologies vice president and general manager



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Counting the Hours

by Anthony Flott

Having “banker’s hours” might sound cushy, but in reality Doug Goodman never really bought into that philosophy. Goodman ended his 38-year banking career in 2012. He started in the industry in 1974, one week out of high school, and went from entry level to the top level. As president of Peoples/American National Bank in Council Bluffs, he supervised six branches with total assets of \$350 million.

“It was a seven-day-a-week position,” Goodman says. “That wasn’t necessarily a requirement, but I enjoyed what I was doing. You get in the habit of working on weekends and evenings and sometimes those habits are hard to break.”

“I’ve always known there were people that were brighter than I was, but I knew I could work as hard as anyone.”

On Oct. 20, Iowa Western Community College will be sounding a trumpet in Goodman’s honor as it presents him as the college’s 2012 Outstanding Alum. The honor, in part, recognizes Goodman’s outstanding career achievements in banking.

Ironically, he’ll receive the award with a new title attached to his name.

Career Change

Today, Goodman is manager and one of the owners of Clear Title and Abstract Guaranty in Council Bluffs. Though he loved banking – “it’s a marvelous career,” he says – opportunity knocked at an ideal time in his life.

“I got to a point where I wanted to slow down a little bit,” he says. “You get to a point and realize there are fewer years ahead of you than there are behind.”

Customers of his at Peoples/American National Bank approached him “out of the blue” with the opportunity at Clear Title/Abstract Guaranty.

“I was talking to my wife and I said, ‘I think this is the time to make a change.’” It was, he adds, “one of those items I think that was meant to be.”

He manages a staff of 10 for the two companies, which provides title services and real estate closings. The two companies once were separate, but now will operate as one entity – with Goodman at the top.

He keeps busy with the new career. “My days are full,” he says, “But nights and weekends have opened up.”

“My golf game is still terrible, but I am playing a few more rounds, spending more time with my family and taking better care of myself,” he says. “My wife (Deb) and I are walking every morning. Really, [just] spending more personal time I didn’t have before.”

Ties that Bind

As always, though, he’s kept time for others – one of the reasons why he’ll be receiving the Outstanding Alum honor.

Goodman has a resume stuffed with 25 years of volunteerism touching two dozen-plus organizations. That includes the

Chamber of Commerce, Epworth United Methodist Church, Westfair, Mercy Hospital Foundation and others.

“I cannot imagine living in a better community than Council Bluffs,” he says. “I was born and raised in Council Bluffs, and my parents and my wife’s parents also were lifelong residents of Council Bluffs. This community has been very good to me and my family. That is why we continue to be involved with community activities.

“I want to try and make the community a better place to live and raise a family in. Council Bluffs has given so many opportunities to me. It is our way of giving back.”

Most extensive, perhaps, is his service to his alma mater. He has been an IWCC Board of Trustee since 2004 and was a member of the Iowa Western Alumni Board for seven years.

Like his service to Council Bluffs, his toil for IWCC is all about “paying it forward.”

Goodman took his first class at Iowa Western in 1974, the same year he graduated from Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln High School. His family lived on the east side of the Bluffs less than two miles from the college. He took two to three night classes at a time while he worked at his first job, with Council Bluffs Savings Bank. He graduated from Iowa Western with an associate’s degree in 1978. He later earned a BA in accounting from Buena Vista University (1980) and a master’s of professional accountancy degree from Omaha’s Creighton University (1983).

Was he IWCC-bound no matter what?

“That’s a good question,” he says. “I have some deep friendships with people I went to

college with. We talk about how we ended up at Iowa Western: ‘Was it part of your plan or did it happen by chance?’ My dream was to go away to college but I graduated from high school when I was 17 years old and



Top: Goodman and fellow Board of Trustee member Brent Siegrist at the first Iowa Western home wrestling event, Spring 2012;
Bottom: Goodman visits with Mayor Tom Hanafan at a football game.



“There was never a doubt when I was in school, and I don’t think there’s a doubt today, the primary reason we’re there is to educate students and allow students to grow.”



2012 JUCO World Series Champions

By Don Kohler

After cruising through the regular season, the Iowa Western baseball team had to make a difficult climb back to the top at the 2012 Alpine Bank JUCO World Series. The Reivers fought their way through the loser's bracket, avenging an opening-game loss to San Jacinto (Texas) Community College to win the 2012 JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, Colo. Iowa Western rallied for a thrilling 6-5 victory over San Jacinto for its second national title in three years under Coach Marc Rardin.

"The bus pulls up to the stadium on championship night, and I just said a few words," the veteran coach says. "I said there are only two teams left in the entire U.S. playing junior college baseball, and we were one of them. It was a tremendous accomplishment in

teamwork and doing it all together, and you get one more game – win or lose – to play together before many of you go on to other places. You'll never get this moment back, you need to play for each other and enjoy that, treasure that. You deserve to be here, don't worry about that. Play for each other."

Those words turned into action, as the Reivers rallied in the ninth inning to secure another title for Iowa Western and finish with an amazing 62-6 record. Iowa Western, which finished 52-4 in the regular season, was ranked No. 1 for most of the year but had a difficult opening round draw in San Jacinto, the team the Reivers beat in 2010 for its first title. "That draw was interesting, to say the least," Rardin says. "We faced a tough pitcher and the kids were disappointed after the loss. I just told our kids to live for each game."

The Reivers swept through the loser's bracket to earn a spot in the title game before 10,000-plus fans at Sam

its own right. You are a very close group who deserves to be in this moment. You got here because of your

Suplezio Field. Falling victim to the hot-hitting Reivers were Spartanburg (S.C.) Methodist College, Western Nevada College, Neosho (Mo.) Community College and Gordon (Ga.) College.

After bringing home another title to Council Bluffs, the postseason awards began to follow. Named to the NJCAA First Team All-American list were Levi Meyer and Damek

Tomscha, both of whom earned JUCO World Series honors as well. During his sophomore season, Meyer led the team with a .458 batting average, fifth-best in the country. Meyer, the JUCO World Series MVP, signed with Florida Atlantic after graduation.

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Marc Rardin, Iowa Western head baseball coach

Tomscha hit 26 doubles in his sophomore season to break a school record, while hitting .417 with a .508 on-base percentage. The hard-hitting third baseman will take his

talents to the University of Auburn next season. Tanner Krietemeier earned Third All-American honors for the Reivers after hitting .416 and finishing with

a 12-1 record on the mound. The Oklahoma State recruit finished with a 1.78 ERA in 2012 while collecting 20 doubles, nine home runs and 62 RBIs. ■

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The 2012-2013 season has something for everyone. Iowa Western alumni are eligible for discounted tickets to any of the fantastic shows. Contact the box office at 712.388.7140.

picture comes together.” And while he’s still finding his way a bit and getting more comfortable with his new digs – he’s been with the Humane

Society since February – Ogle says he already has some plans for improvement and change at the organization.

“Currently, there are several different projects brewing,” he says. “The first involves creating a new training program for our volunteer adoption counselors and the paid staff in the department. In addition, I’m striving to create a set of strategic goals, both long- and short-term, which will help guide the direction of the department over the next five years.”

When he’s not helping find new homes for Omaha’s animals or implementing new initiatives at the Humane Society, Ogle usually can be found serving as the main instructor for the Reiver color guard. After moving on from playing the flute in the Millard North High School Marching Band, he joined the school’s color guard and was hooked instantly.

When he saw a performance by the Phantom Regiment – a nationally known drum and bugle corps including a world-class color guard – Ogle knew he wanted to continue performing beyond high school.

football games, including bowl games and other special appearances. Once the fall season is complete, the team splits into ensembles for winter guard.

He says during the fall he spends eight to 10 hours a week teaching and designing, jumping to about 20 hours a week during the winter season.

“It can be very difficult and exhausting at times, but the payoff outweighs this by far,” Ogle says. “I am very proud of the program and performers (which numbers between 18 and 20). I never lack appreciation for those who have helped to make this grow faster than anyone could have imagined. Both the performing arts and athletic departments have been very supportive.”

After completing his degree at IWCC, Ogle completed his bachelor’s of science degree in adult education at Bellevue University and a master’s in educational technology from Canisius College.



Top: Ogle with a rhino at the Henry Doorly Zoo;
Middle: with a cat at the Nebraska Humane Society;
Below: working with the Iowa Western Reiver Guard program.

He currently is working on a second master’s in anthrozoology, also through Canisius, with an anticipated graduation date in 2014. Beyond that, Ogle would like to obtain his Ph.D in evolutionary ecology and behavior by the time he turns 30 – which is a little more than five years away.

As an IWCC alum, Ogle says he is amazed by the continuous growth of the college, particularly all of the opportunities offered to students – opportunities that are new since he was a student.

He’s also impressed by the new facilities that continue to pop up on campus – especially the student center – and the varied academic and extracurricular activities that abound.

“I really enjoyed my time at IWCC,” he says. “I truly think it’s a great place to learn and develop. My education and interactions at Iowa Western helped me develop into the professional that I am today. The faculty was always supportive and encouraged me to break through my perceived abilities and boundaries.

“Iowa Western has a great future ahead, and Southwest Iowa is very lucky to have such a great academic institution available.” ■

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He now teaches and choreographs for the Reiver Guard program, and has worked with squads in Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas. He also has judged marching band and winter guard contests and been a clinician for different camps.

“The Reiver Guard program is very unique and dynamic,” Ogle says of the program that began in 2009 when IWCC started its football program. “It makes me very jealous that the program was not around when I was at IWCC.”

The Reiver Guard performs during the fall with the IWCC marching band at all



The world is waiting

Iowa Western Reveals New Brand and Logo Campaign

by Don Kohler

After months of surveys, committee work and planning, Iowa Western rolled out its new brand and logo campaign in spring 2012.

Iowa Western unveiled a new logo to the general public May 1 along with the college’s new tagline, “The World Is Waiting.” The new college logo features a progressive-looking “W” and “I” together with variations of blue and Iowa Western spelled out alongside. The new Reiver athletic logo, which features a sleek and more intimidating pirate, was met with excitement in the halls of Kanesville Arena, home to the Iowa Western coaching staff.

“The marketing department would like to thank all of the staff that took the survey and helped shape the direction of our new logo campaign,” says Don Kohler, vice president of marketing and public relations. “The board of trustees is excited with the change and how this new campaign will fit into the strategic plan of our growing institution.”

The college last underwent a branding

campaign in 2000, with the incorporation of the clock tower on the Council Bluffs campus as its main seal. After conducting campus focus visits and polling current students, area high school students and staff, the administration embarked on a lengthy process of selecting a new image and direction for the college.

“What we learned throughout this process is that the image of Iowa Western has changed dramatically in the community over the last decade,” says Iowa Western President Dr. Dan Kinney. “What we discovered is that young people have very positive opinions of our institution and appreciate what we are trying to

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accomplish as a higher education institution. These changes to the Iowa Western brand reflect the changed perceptions held by people in the community.”



knew I needed some time to gain some maturity. I was always intrigued with the banking industry, and one of my teachers in high school spoke with a local community bank on my behalf.

Initially, I intended to work for a year or two before I went away to school. Fortunately for me, I enjoyed the banking industry and the bank provided many opportunities for growth that I was able to stay in Council Bluffs. I knew I needed to further my education and Iowa Western provided such a great opportunity because I could work during the day and go to school in the evenings. It was a perfect environment for me and many of my classmates.”

As a student, graduate and now trustee, he’s had a front-row seat to the college’s numerous advancements and is struck by how different the campus is than when he attended nearly 40 years ago.

“There wasn’t much student life and those types of activities,” he says. “Basically you came to school, took your classes and you went home. Now it’s much more of a gathering point as you look at all of the activities that are available. It has a very traditional, four-year university feel.”

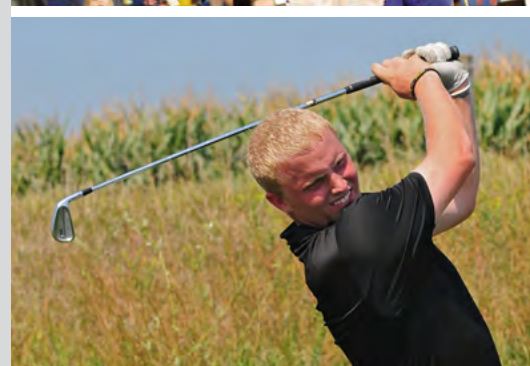
But through it all, he says, “The constant has been the academic importance of why you are there. There was never a doubt when I was in school, and I don’t think there’s a doubt today, the primary reason we’re there is to educate students and allow students to grow.”

And the Award Goes To ...

Goodman will get a chance to offer those and other reflections in October when he receives his Outstanding Alum award. It will be presented at halftime of IWCC’s game against Iowa Central Community College (whose president is Dr. Dan Kinney – son of IWCC’s Dr. Dan Kinney). Later that evening a reception in Goodman’s honor will be held.

Success doesn’t come without the help of others. When talking of his career, Goodman frequently mentions by name his family, past professors and mentors from the banking industry. He feels he has had the opportunity to work with excellent bankers and community leaders throughout his career. “I was blessed that so many individuals took to the time to invest in my development.”

With his career change and volunteer activities he should be keeping busy for the next 38 years. After all, it’s not like he’s working banker’s hours. ■



Spring Wrap-Up for REIVER ATHLETICS

Baseball

It has been quite a run for Head Coach Marc Rardin and the Reiver baseball team. Rardin, now in his 10th season, has guided the Reiver baseball team to six-straight JUCO World Series appearances. The Reivers captured their second World Series title last spring, winning in dramatic fashion over San Jacinto (Texas). Keaton Steele was named the JUCO World Series MVP for his stellar play and joined teammates Levi Meyer, Tanner Krietemeier and Iseha Conklin on the all-tournament team. NJCAA All-American award winners were Meyer, Krietemeier and Damek Tomscha; David Bruchu, Brett Bass and Ryan Popescu were named to the NCAA Academic All-American list. Rardin also was named the ABCA/Diamond Sports Company NJCAA Division 1 National Coach of the Year.

Men’s Basketball

Coach Jim Morris, in his 16th year at Iowa Western, produced another winning season at Iowa Western. The Reivers finished 24-9 in the highly competitive Region XI division and were region runner-up. Xavier Munford was named an NJCAA All-American, while Aaron Schmidt was named to the ICCAC Academic All-Region team.

Women’s Basketball

Jim Turgeon led his team to a record of 21-12 in his fourth season as head coach with Iowa Western. The Reivers continued their consistent play and advanced to the district semifinals. Taylor Turgeon, Amber McCann and Lakota Goe were named to the all-region team.

Men’s and Women’s Golf

Head Coach Tyler Schiffelbein, in his second season at the helm, guided his women’s team to a win at the Region XI tournament and an 11th-place finish at the women’s national tournament in Daytona Beach, Fla. The men’s team qualified for the national tournament in Kansas, where they finished 11th. Simon Payne was named an NJCAA All-American.

Softball

Lana Ross, in her 10th year, led the Reiver softball team to a 48-20 record and a Region XI championship. Daleigh Fossler and Greta Smeins were named ICCAC Players of the Year. NJCAA Academic All-American award winners were Smeins, Cailin Simpson, Breana Canova and Kylee Simpson.

Men’s and Women’s Track and Field

Fifth-year head coach Emmett Statzer led his team to another successful year. The men’s team finished 10th during the indoor season and the women finished 14th overall at the national tournament. Rodrigo Rocha was indoor 200 meter champion and an NJCAA All-American. Blake Hunter and Molly Lebeda were named NJCAA Academic All-Americans.

Reiver Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012



The Iowa Western Community College Athletic Hall of Fame, established to recognize outstanding individuals who contribute to the growth and development

of the athletic programs, will hold its Induction Ceremony October 20.

Following a breakfast buffet arranged by the college’s Culinary Arts department, two baseball teams will be honored in recognition of their consecutive district, region and conference championships. The 1976-77 baseball team finished its year with a record of 44-12 to place fourth in the NJCAA JUCO World Series. One year later the 1977-78 baseball team’s success placed them sixth in the world series with a 35-13 record.

Kathy Kent, a softball and volleyball player during 1992-93 and 1993-94, will be inducted for outstanding athletic achievement for leading the women’s teams to academic all-region XI, all-region first team and region runner-up both years; as well as conference champions with records of 34-16 in 1992-93 and 34-15 the following season.

Jim (’91 and ’95) and Gertrude Woodworth clearly encompass what being a Reiver is all about. As two of the biggest supporters Iowa Western has ever had, they will be inducted due to their great leadership and contribution to the college and Reiver sports. Together they have volunteered more than 35,000 hours for various departments, including Reiver Athletics. Booster members for more than 20 years, these longtime fans are founding supporters of Reiver football and the new Reiver wrestling program. Their additional off the field accomplishments include awards for Black Tie Investment in Excellence, Black Tie Volunteer, Governor’s Hall of Fame and the 2009 Iowa Western Outstanding Alumni Award.

Class Notes

1978
Brian J Williams graduated from the Clarinda Campus. He played baseball under Mike Wulbecker and was vice president of the student body in 1976-77. Brian received his bachelor's and master's in education degrees from the University of Arizona in Tucson. He worked at the university for many years in the athletic department in academic services. Brian and his wife recently moved back to the Midwest.

1980
Leonard Seay is an A&P mechanic for Luscent.

1981
Kevin Holloway has been employed with Elemental Scientific for seven years. Kevin previously worked for Radio Engineering Industries.

1988
Greg Messerschmidt is employed with Ralston Public Schools in Ralston, Neb., as an education interpreter.

1989
Michael Watkins is the communication specialist at QLI in Omaha, overseeing media/public relations, writing blog stories and updating social media sites along with working with advertising and marketing. He also teaches business communication courses part-time at Buena Vista University on the IWCC campus and has his own communications company, MW Communications, writing for a variety of local (Omaha Publications, IWCC alumni magazine) and national (USA Swimming) publications and websites.

1991
Jodie Beckman is the lead accounts payable at Iowa Western.



Outdoor seating at the new Pirate's Cove, located in the lower level of Clark Hall.

1992
Kendra (Lippert) Martin became a published novelist in January 2012. She published her first book, "Prairie Storms," for electronic media on Amazon.com. In July 2012 she published her second book, "Not So Far From Home," available on Amazon.com and Smashwords.com.

1993
GayLynn (Green) Turner is a surgical tech for Essentra Health in Duluth, Minn.

1996
Heather Bullock Holtmyer (1996 and 2006) is the clinical coordinator for MRHS.

1998
Dawnette Schmidt
Dawnette's husband retired this past summer and they are planning on doing a lot of traveling. Their goal is to visit every state.

Tony Simons is working as a Unix Systems administrator at InfoGroup and runs a small photography business on the side. Tony resides in Council Bluffs with his wife and two children.

2000
Nathan Hull is a general contractor for State Farm Insurance Account.

Marcia Christianson is a registered dental hygienist for Dr. Paul Bacino.

2001
Chris Hanstein is the operations manager at Security Equipment, Inc.

Debra Niimi graduated in 2001 from the Architectural Engineer Tech program. She started with the Forest Service in Roanoke, Va. in 2002. Debra has worked for the Army Corps of Engineers since 2005. Since starting with the federal government she has lived in several locations; one of the most memorable was Kabul, Afghanistan. Her current project is Everglade Restoration Project south of Naples, Fla., near "Alligator Alley."

2002
Ellen Pleake is the accounting manager at Iowa Western and recently got engaged.

2003
Jill Schurman is a stay at home mom for her two sons: Ben and Blake. Jill's youngest son was born on her oldest's second birthday.

Tama Trewet is a registered dental hygienist and just accepted a position with the UNMC Pediatric Dental Residency Program as a supervisor.

2004
Randi Pape is the foundation accountant at Iowa Western.

Lindsay Brown works at Iowa Western in the College Store.

Tara Weldon works in the accounting office at Iowa Western.

2008
Cassandra Winner recently opened a daycare in Council Bluffs.

2009
Josh Morse graduated from Grace University with an Agribusiness degree. He is planning on going into the agricultural sector of business.

Jen Hadfield received her bachelor's degree from Bellevue University after graduating from Iowa Western.

Courtney King received her bachelor's degree from Grand View University after graduating from Iowa Western.

Wayne Hill is employed with Executive Deskside Support in the advanced technology services area.

Megan Leggett is employed with the Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office as a detention officer.

Brandy & Kodie Powers
Brandy graduated from NWMSU with a bachelor's degree in business management, moved to Georgia for a year, worked odd jobs and finally found her calling. She works at Page County Public Health in Shenandoah, Ia., as a youth tobacco coordinator. She wouldn't have wanted to work with youth if it weren't for Pam Hart in the criminal justice department at Iowa Western. Pam had such passion for what she did that it made Brandy change her career avenue. Brandy's husband Kodie graduated at the same time with a certificate in building trades. He currently is going to school to become a police officer and works at Johnson Control in Red Oak, Ia., as a machine operator. The couple married last year while living in Georgia. "A big thank you for everything IWCC and especially TRiO did for us. We could not have done it without you," she writes.

2010
Tom Stiles graduated from Northwest Missouri State University in April 2012. He is employed with BASE in Adel, Iowa. Tom credits Iowa Western for helping him have a successful college career "and ultimately secure my first career job! Go Reivers!"

2011
Adam Long recently became the student life coordinator at Iowa Western. He received his Bachelor's in administration degree from Bellevue University.

Ryan Bergner is the lead preschool teacher at Children's Pantry in Milwaukee, Wis.

Angela Reineke is currently working on her psychology degree at the University of Iowa.

2012
Krystyanna Hoyt will be attending Liberty University to get her degree in Christian counseling. She will also be getting married in April or May 2013 to Coby Aufenkamp.

Cynthia L. Trepes is the assistant manager for Christopher & Banks.

Taylor Lawrence has plans to become a licensed registered dental hygienist in Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri.

Erin Hart married Trey Drake in June 2012.

Jessica Brown is employed with Mission Village Animal Clinic as a veterinary technician.

Rachel Eberly received a full PTK Scholarship at Peru State College to pursue her special education degree.

David Silchman is an aircraft maintenance professional and flies his own Falco F. 8L.

Brittany Otten is employed with Target and recently was promoted.

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Photographs of actors in the movie "Bugeaters" courtesy of Jim Fields.

In the forthcoming "Flyover Country," a comedy-drama, Fields puts a gay character at the center of an exploration of "friendship, betrayal and the collision of people with liberal values and people with conservative values." Fields wrote the first draft of the script in 10 days over Christmas break. He is teaming with Vetick on its writing and production. Filming began in Omaha this summer and included scenes in Chicago. Fields hopes to release it this spring.

More is likely to come. With Vetick, Fields founded the independent film company Objectif 49 Films. He says he doesn't want to "go Hollywood" but rather remain an independent filmmaker.

"It'd be great to be as

Artwork on Display at
Iowa Western Clarinda Center



Artwork on display at the Clarinda center.

successful as Alexander Payne," he says of the native Omahan and Oscar-winning director. But it's not accolades that keep him going. "I love the process of coming up with an idea and getting people together, putting it together in the editing room and then showing it to people."

Vetick says he and Fields like to say they are doing "Ego-Free Filmmaking." Off camera, Fields can be brutally honest about performance. On set, though, he "plays more the role of an accom- modating host and director," Vetick says. Story, structure and experimentation are essential.

Vetick doesn't expect "Bugeaters" to be Fields' pinnacle. "I am certain he will not reach a pla- teau," he says. "Given more resources Jim will only take things to the next level again and again. He has more curiosity than a teenager, and his contribution to the world is entirely positive and artistic." ■

See more about "Bugeaters" at www.bugeater-sthemovie.com and about "Flyover Country," at www.flyovermovie.com.



Ms. Theresa Rope Miller has generously donated her International Art Collection to Iowa Western Community College. The artwork,

on display at Iowa Western's Center in Clarinda, Iowa, is a compilation of works gathered throughout Miller's extensive international experience as a World Health Organization nurse consultant. The collection is much more than art; it is a collection of people, experiences, cultures and diversity Miller encountered throughout her travels.

As Miller shared in her book, "Journey of Art," "The most beautiful part of my journey around the globe which started at home is the people I met ... I feel the warmth of our relationship and their human spirit. Selecting items for the International Art Exhibition has been like looking into a mirror reflecting on my life, from childhood in Iowa, through my nursing career to life today."

Iowa Western thanks Miller for providing such a wonderful cultural experience to our students and the community.



Alumni Reunions

With the ongoing growth and changes taking place, it's always great to have alumni back on campus. So many are amazed (and jealous!) of the wonderful facilities, the program growth and the addition of so many student activities. Recently, alumni were on campus for volleyball, dental hygiene & dental assisting, and soccer reunions and an alumni after hours event.

There are a variety of upcoming events slated for this fall. We invite you to come back and join the Iowa Western spirit. If you are interested in planning an alumni event, contact the alumni office at 712.325.3269. It is always great to have alumni back on campus!

Upcoming Alumni Events:

- Sept. 14 – Automotive & Diesel Alumni Reunion
- Oct. 13 – First Edition/Show Choir Alumni Reunion
- Oct. 20 – Homecoming Tailgate
- Oct. 20 – Outstanding Alumni Reception

If you would like to be included in future reunion mailings, send your updated information to alum@iwcc.edu. You also can visit us on the web – www.iwcc.edu – or find us on Facebook – www.facebook.com/IWCCAlumniandFriends.

Photographs of various alumni gatherings in 2012.

2011-2012 Fun Facts!

- Iowa Western's admissions advisors/recruiters traveled 31,000 miles to attend recruiting events such as high school visits and college fairs.
- The student services division hosted a food drive and collected more than 780 pounds of food for Food Bank for the Heartland.
- Iowa Western's food service used the following products in the cafeteria each week:
 - 350 pounds of bacon
 - 600 pounds of scrambled eggs
 - 1,700 chicken breasts
 - 5,000 cookies
 - 150 gallons of chocolate milk
- Iowa Western students, faculty and staff donated 232 pints of blood. These donations potentially saved 696 lives!
- Approximately 1,000 students volunteered more than 8,300 hours in the community.

Dear alumni and friends,

As we begin the new academic year, it's always nice to take a step back and reminisce about all that's been accomplished during the previous year, especially at a progressive and growing institution like Iowa Western!



Looking back over the past 12 months, it is truly amazing to see all of the projects that are in place because of support from businesses, alumni, friends and the community at large. A few that come to mind include:

- Implementation of the Design Technology Program in Iowa Western's Cass County Center. This program was made possible because of a \$65.2 million in-kind gift from Siemens Corporation. In addition, various individuals, businesses and community organizations stepped forward and provided resources to raise nearly \$1.4 million to support this endeavor.
- Nearly \$2.4 million was awarded to students attending Iowa Western. This support is vital to our students as they look to achieve their goals and further their education.
- With the addition of the wrestling program, Iowa Western now boasts 20 athletic programs. The recruiting class for 2012-13 is being nationally recognized as a premier class.

With enrollment growth of 79 percent over the past 10 years, it is remarkable to see the impact Iowa Western is having on the students and communities it serves. As Benjamin Franklin once said, "If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

Thank you for the support that you offer the students of Iowa Western. The support of Iowa Western's alumni, friends, businesses and communities is integral to the college's mission and the fine education provided to Iowa Western students.

Gratefully,

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