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Dr. Benjamin Allen, President U.N.I. - Nancy Showers invited Dr. Benjamin Allen, U.N.I. President, to have lunch and give us an overview of his work the University. Nancy shared Dr. Allen's extensive and impressive resume. But, for our purposes here, let's just say that Dr. Allen is the ninth



Dr. Benjamin Allen, U.N.I. President

president of U.N.I. He came to the University in April, 2005 from Iowa State University where he served as the Dean of the College of Business and Vice president for External Affairs.

Dr. Allen began his presentation by sharing his "learning's" since coming to U.N.I. He went on to say that he finds a strong focus on undergraduate education here. And, he believes the students benefit from that emphasis. Dr. Allen likes the "personalized" learning environment he found at the University resulting from small class size and low student/faculty ratios. He likes

the "students first" mentality he sees in all parts of the organization.

Dr. Allen believes U.N.I. offers some fine programs. He likes the commitment to a liberal arts core curriculum. The Accounting program is very strong. Dr. Allen reported that U.N.I. is consistently in the top 10 business schools in the nation for the percentage students passing their CPA exams. While he was at Iowa State he was convinced that U.N.I. was somehow cheating on the exams. He has not had a chance to launch an investigation into this matter since coming to the University. Dr. Allen also is impressed with the School of Music and finds a "culture" of music on the campus. He's surprised and pleased to find some sort of music at practically every campus event. *Editor's note: We agree Dr. Allen - very strong program...*

The University also is committed to a serious investment in athletics, as Dr. Allen sees it. He reveled in recounting the success U.N.I. has enjoyed recently in defeating the other state universities. But, Dr. Allen seemed to the most impressed with the academic performance of the athletes. In fact, he said the athletes have greater than 3.0 GPA's and the Women's Basketball team is in the top 10 GPA standing nationwide.

Despite the many accomplishments Dr. Allen described, he believes U.N.I. still has a passion to get better. He described several areas of focus: developing a premier undergraduate program; becoming the leader in pre-K through 12TH grade education and growth in economic development.

Dr. Allen finished by describing U.N.I.'s leadership role in a major Regent's initiative to improve math and science education in pre-K through 12TH grade. We could use another newsletter to properly cover this topic, but let's just conclude by congratulating Dr. Allen on this critical assignment.

NEXT MEETING LOGISTICS

Program : Closed Business Meeting
Invocation : Mark Little
Pledge : Bill Swisher

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH

May 07: Orange Roughy
May 14: Fried Chicken
May 21: Chicken Cordon Bleu
May 28: Memorial Day - No Meeting
Jun 04: Roast Pork Loin
Order Chef Salad one week in advance

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

May 07: Closed Business Meeting
May 14: TBA
May 21: Gallagher- Bluedorn P.A.C.
May 28: Memorial Day - No Meeting
Jun 04: TBA

BIRTHDAYS

Apr 30 : Mark Boesen
May 03: Sharon Droste
May 03: Lynette Fitzgerald

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

President Gobeli offered the following quote from Alexander Woollcott: " There is no such thing in anyone's life as an unimportant day."

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Freedom Shrine Dedication - May is recognized as Freedom Shrine month by Exchange. The [National Exchange website](#) says this about our Freedom Shrine. *"The Freedom Shrine is an impressive, permanently mounted collection of 30 of the most important and historic American documents, including the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and the Gettysburg Address. They show our nation's youth the strength and courage of their forefathers by allowing them to read, with their own eyes, the immortal words of inspired Americans who so decisively changed the course of history."*

This year, Wendell Wexter and the Freedom Shrine Committee are rededicating the Freedom Shrine at Immanuel Lutheran School in Waterloo after it has been relocated there at the school. They would like a good representation of the membership to attend the brief ceremony. Wendell says to meet: **Monday, May 14TH at 10:50 AM -- Ceremony starts at 11:00 AM - Immanuel Lutheran School - 207 Franklin Street, Waterloo.** It's just west of the Elks Club about three blocks. Parking is available in front of the school.

Guests - Rocky Buege's wife, Gwen, joined us for lunch today. A couple of U.N.I. staff members also joined us, along with Dr. Allen. The U.N.I. folks had all been attending the same meeting right before lunch. John Goossen is U.N.I.'s Associate Vice President of Marketing and Pat Gadelmann is Special Assistant to the President for Board and Governmental Relations.

Major Gift Presentation - Nancy Showers announced the Club's donation of \$6,000 to the City of Waterloo for new picnic tables for the shelter at Exchange Park. Let's have a nice turnout of members to represent the Club when Nancy presents the gift. The gift will be presented at the **City Council meeting on Monday, May 14TH - meet in the Council Chambers at 5:15 PM or so.** This will be one of the first items on the agenda and we'll be able to leave right after the presentation.

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15th ANNUAL

Tee Off Against Child Abuse

In Memory of Bruce Estabrook

SATURDAY, MAY 12th

4-Person Best Shot

South Hills Golf Course, Waterloo

Profits will be donated to the Family & Children's Council, the area Exchange Club's Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

HOLE SPONSORSHIP of \$350.00 includes:

- * One Team Entry (four golfers and 2 carts)
- * Sign recognizing the business at a tee box and listed in brochure
- * Meal provided for all golfers
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The tournament will be flighted so everyone has an opportunity to win.



There will be numerous pin events on the course and raffle prizes.



Sponsor entries are due May 4th. No refunds will be given.



Shotgun start at 7:30A.M. (Sign in starts at 6:30A.M.) Lunch, pin event and flight winners announcement and raffle prize drawing following.



For more information, contact Mark Miller at 833-1568 or Dave Wyant at 404-8367.

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Signed by _____

Date _____