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UNI Athletic Troy Dannen— Troy Dannen, U.N.I.'s new Athletic Director, stopped by to introduce himself and his plans for sports at UNI. The Uni-



Exchangeite Don Schmidt greets UNI Athletic Director Troy Dannen

versity's biggest fan, Don Schmidt, couldn't have been more pleased. Mr. Dannen started out by telling us that we were the first outside group he has met with. He went on to say that he was glad it worked out that way, because he wants make a special effort to reach out to the folks here in Waterloo and get more involvement from this area of the Cedar Valley.

Then Mr. Dannen gave us a little of his background. Born in Le Grand, Iowa, he graduated from UNI in 1989. Then he went to work at the Girls State Athletic Union, where he most recently served as the Director.

From there Mr. Dannen gave us an overview of his perspective after five weeks on the job. He likes what he sees so far— *“great coaches, great fans and great students”* He said he hasn't found a lot of problems with the program there that need a lot of changes. For example, he said, the athletes have a higher GPA and graduation rate than the general student body. Mr. Dannen told us the biggest issue is with financing the program, which is currently running at a deficit. As he sees it, there isn't going to be an influx of cash from the State of Iowa. So Mr. Dannen is laying plans to raise the needed funds from sources he has access to close to home. He's focusing on increasing the support of donors and what he calls game-day sales. We got a little nervous when Mr. Dannen talked about *“... taking a more business-like approach”*. We were relieved to hear him say he believes he basically has a good product, it just needs better marketing and a few enhancements, like some box seats in the new facilities.

But what we liked best were Mr. Dannen's personal views of the role that athletics plays in the university setting. He clearly believes that his role is to facilitate the education and development of the young people involved in his programs, not just win games. The performance measures for his staff that he reviewed with us are aligned perfectly with that role.

Mr. Dannen put it best when he said *“I'm serving in the Athletic Department in order to serve the University.”* Fine young man. We wish him well.

NEXT MEETING LOGISTICS

Program : UNI Student Business Center
Prayer : Larry Prohaska
Pledge : Glenda Husome
Menu : Meatloaf

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Aug 11: UNI Student Business Center
Aug 18: Closed Business Meeting
Aug 25: Sculptures Throughout Waterloo
Sep 01: No Meeting—Labor day
Sep 08: Superintendent - Waterloo Schools

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH

Aug 11: Meatloaf
Aug 18: Chicken Fried Steak
Aug 25: Orange Roughy
Sep 01: No Meeting—Labor Day
Sep 08: Grilled Chicken Sandwich
Order Chef Salad one week in advance

BIRTHDAYS

Aug 05 : Monica Haag
Aug 06 : Larry Prohaska
Aug 07 : Jeff Danielson

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

President-elect Sharon Droste ably filled in for a traveling President McGriff and offered the following quote from St. Francis of Assisi : *“It is in giving of oneself that one receives”*

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Family Picnic - The family picnic being planned for Thursday, August 14TH at a location to be determined.



We'll gather at 5:00 for a social time and the meal will be served around 6:00. Folks will need to bring a side dish to share and their own table service

Winter Cruise - Check out page 3 for details on the winter cruise. Pat Cole needs to get the rooms booked by August 13TH. Contact Pat for more information—contact info is on page 3. In addition to being a great vacation, the Club receives \$80 per cabin as a fundraiser. Highly recommended.

Alaska Cruise - The group made it back from the Alaska trip. Dick Cole sent me several photo's. We'll put them in a special edition and send it out in a day or so. In the meantime, here's one we thought was pretty good.



Craig's always looking for a house to inspect, even in Eagle, AK !!!!

Health Issues - Ivan Miller is still in Rochester, MN recovering from heart surgery. Ivan had a by-pass procedure and a valve replacement. He has developed a kidney infection. The treatment of that has delayed his release. They are planning on returning home on Wednesday.

Arlan Hamer is still dealing with a painful bout of shingles affecting his eyes and ears.

Let's keep our ailing Exchangites and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

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Winter Escape

January 10-18, 2009

Carnival Victory

Southern Caribbean

Six stops in paradise:

San Juan, St. Thomas, Dominica, Barbados, St. Lucia, Antigua, St. Kitts

Price for the 7 day cruise:

Balcony stateroom \$1099

Other staterooms may priced on request

Trip Cancellation insurance is recommended.

The pre-night hotel in San Juan is unavailable at this time, but it will need to be included in the itinerary to enjoy a day in Old San Juan.

Airfare and transfers with Carnival Cruise Line \$752.70

Best rates on airfares will be researched at time of booking.

Cruise deposit \$500 per person

Make your reservation as soon as possible

Space is limited

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