



More than twenty employees granted early retirement

By the end of July twenty-one Business Services employees with a combined 549 years' experience at Iowa will have moved on, having been approved for early retirement.



Dave Gray

ADMINISTRATION

Dave Gray, *Laundry Services manager*, 31 years, has overseen implementation of its barcode tracking system for garments, construction of a new, state-of-the-art building for the service, and automation of many of the labor-intensive functions in processing laundry.

After retiring, Dave says, he has “the obvious work at home to fix things up, at last. My wife and I have been talking about moving to Troy, Michigan, to be near our daughter, her husband, and their three children.”

Dave also plans to continue playing cornet with the Eastern Iowa Brass Band, which he has done for eight years. “I’d like to do some brass band arranging. And I’d like to see how many worms I can drown fishing at a few lakes—and how many golf balls I can hit straight!”

Friends and colleagues are invited to a reception for Dave on Tuesday, June 29, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Iowa Memorial Union South Room.

Gary Anderson, *Business Services associate director*, 25 years, began working at UI in Physical Plant Stores, moved to Surplus, added management of General Stores, then took on leadership of Printing, Mailing, and Equipment Rental. He has seen the consolidation of the latter five departments under Business Services, negotiated the University’s office-supply

contracts, coordinated several departments’ location changes, and facilitated the merger of Printing and Mailing during his time at UI. Over the years he participated in or sponsored ten Improving Our Workplace Award winning teams.

He plans to enjoy reading, racquetball, traveling with his wife Nancy and son Christopher, and tormenting his cat Maggie Mae. He says he’s not ready to spend all his time relaxing: “I plan on working part time after I retire.”

“My father has been retired from the University for 25 years and is still enjoying it. I hope I can follow in his footsteps. I have really enjoyed my career, especially working with people around campus and participating on various projects and teams. I will miss my fellow Business Services employees and all of our loyal General Stores customers.”

EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Gerry Miller, *Equipment Rental manager*, 39 years, began at the University in UIHC nutrition, then moved to the Business Office, Internal Audit, scholarship accounting, property management (where he spent the bulk of his time), Surplus, and, finally, Equipment Rental. He says that during his first week off “I’m going downtown in the mornings to drink coffee and watch everyone else go to work!” Beyond that, he does not have many specific plans, he says. “I don’t think that far ahead.”

However, he does intend to continue singing with his barbershop quartet, catch up with yard work and painting, garden, maybe travel to Great Britain, and spend time at his family’s heritage farm in Story County—which has been in the family for 150 years. “Mainly,” he says, “anything that doesn’t have to do with computers.”

Ed Allgood, *storekeeper*, 27 years, retired from Equipment Rental in January.

GENERAL STORES

Dan Wyjack, *University Receiving clerk*, 35 years

“I started work full time at UI in 1975 at General Stores as a Motor Vehicle Operator delivering gas cylinders and bulk items around campus. After about three years I transferred to a position at Stores as a storekeeper and was in charge of Central Receiving. Then I took over stocking and ordering some of our inventory items. In the early 90s I became a clerk and was in charge of ordering the majority of our stock.

With retirement coming soon, I hope to spend a lot of time with my family—my wife Deb, my daughter Sarah, son-in-law Kyp and granddaughter Mirin Oxley, and son and his wife, Tom and Heather Wyjack, and the many dogs that are in the family. I hope to keep running and riding an exercise bike, as I have done for over thirty years. I also



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plan on reading a great deal and listening to music. Once I am settled in I hope to find part-time or volunteer work.”

Rich Robbins, *motor vehicle operator, 26 years*, retired in October.

LAUNDRY SERVICES

Aggie Rochwick, *production worker, 40 years*, came to Iowa from the Arkansas cotton farm where she grew up, at her sister’s suggestion, to work at Laundry Service. Her sister, then an employee at the Laundry, moved on. Aggie stayed. She has seen many changes over the years, including her supervisors. “I’ve had a lot of bosses,” she says. “You’ve gotta break ‘em in!”

She will spend her first three retirement months traveling. “I’ll spend time with my great-grandson in Missouri and go to Michigan to see family. I may move there,” she says.

Bev Worrell, *laborer, 20 years*, says the biggest challenge during her time at the Laundry was keeping it open when there were thoughts of privatizing it a few years ago. “I met with the union, our legislators, the board of Regents, and University and hospital administrators. The legislators even toured the building,” she says. “We [she and Aggie] went to the state capitol.”

Bev and Aggie have become close friends and expect to stay in touch after retiring. Bev also plans to garden, together with her husband, and move a daughter to Texas. She says they may decide to winter there. They have three children and expect to travel. But settling into their new house (which they moved into a year ago) is also on her immediate to-do list!

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Starr Jennings, *secretary, 26 years* says “I began my career at UIHC in 1984, then transferred to Public Safety (then called Campus Security) for eight years, transferred back to UIHC Info Systems (then called Telecommunications) for two years, and finally transferred in 1995 to Parking and Transportation as secretary to the director of the department, where I am retiring from. I am looking forward to retirement but will miss everyone at the University and the contact I have had with so many individuals and departments.”

“To start my retirement my husband and I will take a vacation and upon returning I will have back surgery, then take time to recover. I enjoy gardening, bowling, sewing with my embroidery machine, and sports—especially Hawkeye football guided by Coach Ferentz and his assistants! Go Hawks! Thank you all for a great 25 years and 8 months!”

Sandy Mossman, *account clerk, 17 years*, whose hobbies include quilting and gardening, enjoys celebrating her birthday on Valentine’s Day.

Sheila Farmer, *clerk, 15 years*, counts among her hobbies golfing, crocheting, and watching her grandchildren’s sporting events.

Jerry Slezak, *parking & transportation attendant, 37 years*, well known by College of Dentistry parking lot patrons, will retire in June. He always has a smile on his face and a joke to tell.

Judy Hemmen, *van pool coordinator, 17 years*, retired earlier this year.

PRINTING AND MAILING SERVICES

Margaret Wilson, *bindery operator, 35 years* will move back home to Maquoketa. She plans to live on the Century Farm her family has owned for more than 100 years and hopes to reconnect with old friends.

Joan Stearns, *copy editor, 31 years*, plans to keep busy with freelance book indexing, proofreading *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (as she has for 28 years), working for assisted-living clients through Therapy Solutions in Cedar Rapids, and expanding her stamp artistry business.

Other Printing Services retirees include **Barb Hill**, *offset platemaker, 22 years*; **Jerry Kilts**, *press operator; 15 years*, **Steve Wilson**, *plant manager, 10 years*; **Susan Pauley**, *customer service representative, 20 years*; and **Carol Waldschmidt**, *mail clerk, 40 years*.



Aggie Rochwick, left; Bev Worrell



Dan Wyjack



Margaret Wilson, left; Joan Stearns