



**Office of the Vice President for
Student Services and Dean of Students**

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Dear University of Iowa Scottish Highlander Alumni and Friends:

I am writing to thank you for your previous support and, for many of you, your participation as members of the UI Scottish Highlanders. I also want to provide you with an update on some exciting plans.

Some of you may be aware that interest among current University of Iowa students in the Highlanders has fallen in recent years and there is no longer a recognized Scottish Highlander student organization at The University of Iowa. Several local Highlander alumnae Heather (Adamson) Stockman, Penny (Klockseim) Hall and Karen (Rummells) Laszczak approached staff in my office with an interest in preserving the memorabilia, uniforms and other items remaining from the student organization for some type of future campus display. They offered to assist with preparing an inventory of all of the remaining items. The inventory was completed before the floodwaters entered the IMU last summer and I am pleased to report that nearly all of these items are now in safe storage. We are very appreciative of the dedication and assistance these Highlander alumnae provided with this project and their initiative in proposing the campus exhibit.

With their input and assistance, we are currently preparing plans for a campus exhibit to share the Highlander tradition with visitors to campus. While all of the details have not yet been worked out, I wanted you to know that the funds some of you have generously donated in the past to the Highlander fund at the UI Foundation will be used for this purpose. We anticipate that additional funding will be required and will be in touch with you when we have more details about how you can help make this exhibit a reality. If all goes as scheduled, we hope to have the exhibit completed by the next Highlander reunion in the Fall of 2011- the 75th anniversary of this University treasure.

In the meantime, we are very interested in learning of individuals who may not be in our current database and we would appreciate you sharing information about individuals you are aware of by emailing vp-student-services@uiowa.edu. You may also contact Heather Adamson Stockman (thstockman@aol.com), Penny Klockseim Hall (penelope-hall@uiowa.edu) or Karen Rummells Laszczak (kklasz@aol.com) to share memories. They would love to hear from each of you.

Thank you again for your support. I will be back in contact with you as soon as we have information to share about the new exhibit. In the meantime if you have questions please feel free to contact me or a member of my staff.

Sincerely,

Tom Rocklin
Interim Vice President for Student Services and Dean of Students