**DIVISION NEWS**

- Gina Jacob visited Southern Adventist University and Oakwood College Sept. 12-14 to begin her tour of all North American Division Adventist colleges and universities. She will be visiting with campus ministries staff and directors to find out what they do, what they need and what they could use in a campus ministries manual, which Gina is writing with Rich Carlson. Next year she will be presenting the completed manual to the colleges and universities in a training seminar on each campus.

**CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS**

- The official numbers regarding enrollment are as follows: headcount—502, FTE—848. Although overall numbers did not increase this year, Union maintains a strong enrollment with a headcount of more than 900 students for the third consecutive year. Union’s enrollment has nearly doubled since the mid-1990s and is the third highest in 20 years.

- Contemporary Christian recording artist Chris Rice will be in concert Sunday, Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the College View church. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the church office, local Christian bookstores or by calling 866-2508.

- Academic Convocation this month will be presented by Richard Webb, Brian Wong, Charles Freidline and Don Abbey on Sept. 18 in the Dick Building amphitheater at 10:30 a.m. They will be presenting on the conference they attended titled “Faith and Science.”

- If you are interested in participating in the Union College Blood Drive on Oct. 14, from 11:30-3:30 p.m., you can still sign up by contacting Karen Minear at ext. 2524.

- Interested in being environmentally friendly? Union has a recycling drop-off site down the street next to 49ers Field. During the past year, 1,891,464 pounds of material were recycled by the College View neighborhood.

**FACULTY NOTABLES**

- Ken Hoppman, associate professor of music, has been invited to present at the Music Teachers Association Tri-State Conference Oct. 30-Nov. 1 in Kansas City, Mo.

- Union’s mathematics faculty Patricia Anderson, Lowell Hagele, Larry Ray, and Keith Riese began a process of program review last semester. It has already resulted in a number of improvements in the College’s math curriculum. Their work has been motivated by recommendations from the Conference Board of Mathematical Sciences, as published in The Mathematical Education of Teachers (known as the MET Report). In April, the PMET program (Preparing Mathematicians to Educate Teachers) was announced as an outgrowth of the MET Report. PMET is a concerted national effort to enable colleges to better prepare secondary math teachers. Larry Ray was accepted into a PMET summer workshop in Potsdam, New York, June 8-20. Funded by the National Science Foundation, he will return next June for an additional two weeks, at which time he will make a presentation on Union’s process of program review and curriculum improvement. To meet PMET guidelines, Union’s process has now been extended to include collaboration with all Mid-America Union academy math teachers.

- Richard Webb, Brian Wong, Don Abbey and Charles Freidline attended the “2003 Faith and Science Conference” at Glacier View Ranch, Aug. 13-20. This was the second conference in a series of three annual meetings on the topic of faith and science sponsored by the Adventist church.

- New exercise opportunities are now available for faculty and staff to encourage participation in the employee wellness program.

- Weight Room—open on Sundays, 10-11 a.m. for faculty and staff only.

- Gym—open for walking, use of mats for sit-ups etc. Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:45-7:30 a.m. and from 12:30-1:30 p.m. every day until midterm. The lunch times will switch to only MWF after midterm.

- Water aerobics class—10 free classes are available.

Pick up a punchcard from Mary Jean Horst at Larson Lifestyle Center.

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Chris Blake, associate professor of English, has been invited to speak at a camp meeting in Brisbane, Australia, Sept. 19-27. He will also be the guest speaker for the Fall Week of Spiritual Enrichment at La Sierra University, Oct. 7-11. Both speaking engagements will highlight his books Searching for a God to Love (which was recently translated into Chinese and will soon be translated into Indonesian) and Reinvent Your Sabbath School.

CORRECTION

Our apologies to Rebecca Bolinger, for misspelling her last name in the previous issue. Here is some clarification on the pronunciation difference between Rebecca’s last name (Bolinger) and Gary and Kathy (Bollinger): Bolinger, as in “bow and arrow,” and Bollinger, as in “ballgame.”

KUDOS

Thank you to the library staff who made Trivia Pursuit @ Your Library on Sept. 4 a success! Special thanks to Greg Okimi for the publicity, DeForest Nesmith for coming up with nearly all the questions, and Evelyn Moen for coordinating the food and collecting many of the prizes. ~ Sabrina Riley

CAMPUS TRIVIA

Previous question: How did Union College get the nickname “Peanut Hill”? Union received the nickname “Peanut Hill” during the late 1800s when Lincoln residents used Union’s campus as a park. An entrepreneurial student sold peanuts to visitors as they picnicked on Union’s lawn. People began to refer to Union as “Peanut Hill” and the reputation of the peanuts spread across town to the Lincoln baseball park where vendors in the grandstand would yell “Candy to eat, gum to chew, and roasted peanuts from College View.” To keep the tradition alive, Union named the student and faculty directory Peanut Hill Populace in 1959. The name has since been changed to the present Peanut Gallery.

New question: How did Union get the slogan “College of the Golden Gords”? Share in the conversation. Because the purpose of Campus Conversations is to help inform and connect Union College employees, we need to hear from you. To submit story ideas to Campus Conversations, direct campus mail to Jacque Smith, Marketing Communications or e-mail jasmith@ucollege.edu. Don’t let your good news go unnoticed.

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