CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

- There will be two special events on campus over the next two weeks brought to Union by the Division of Fine Arts. Both events are free and will be held in the church.
  - Violinist Bin Huang and the Union College Chamber Orchestra will perform in the church Sunday, Dec. 7, 3:30 p.m.
  - The Fine Arts Christmas Extravaganza will take place Friday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m.

- Come enjoy the Student Alumni Association annual Christmas tree lighting program, Friday night, Dec. 12, in Woods Auditorium after vespers. There will be refreshments and students can find their Christmas ornament from their parents or faculty.

- Looking for something to do during Christmas vacation? Get a jumpstart on the Library's Union Authors Book Talk series coming second semester by reading one of these books:
  - Can't Keep my Soul from Dancing by Mike Menard—Jan. 14
  - Searching for a God to Love by Chris Blake—Feb. 18
  - The Transcendental Suautizers: Bourgeois and the Search for Self by David Smith—Mar. 3
  - Healing Noodle (to be released in Mar. 2004) by Mike Huckabee—Apr. 7

Books may be borrowed from the library reserve desk for one week or purchasing at the bookstore. Visit http://www.ucollege.edu/library/calendar.htm for more information.

- Union’s logo transition phase is coming to a close. Dec. 31 is the cutoff for using anything printed with the old UC oval. All Union College correspondence beginning in January should use materials with the new logo/wordmark. Official college stationery and notepaper are available from the bookstore.

- Wondering what to do with unused business cards printed with the old UC oval? Bring them (yes, all of them) to the General Assembly meeting Jan. 14. The more leftover cards you bring, the better your chances to win a prize. After the drawing, the cards will be recycled.

- New visitor parking will soon be available near the Ortner Center. Three new spaces will be created immediately south of the Dining Services loading dock. There will also be 11 visitor spaces and one handicap space east of the circular driveway between Prescott Hall and the Ortner Center. These spaces will be for visitors only. Guest parking permits will be available from the Ortner Center reception center.

- David and Cherie Smith are hosting their Biennial Come-and-Go Open House Monday, Dec. 8 and Tuesday, Dec. 9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Faculty, staff and their families are welcome to attend. The Smiths' home is located at 1001 Twin Ridge Road.

- The Ortner Center has seen significant progress in the last month as installation of Union Market food stations, carpet and tilework has taken place. Furniture and equipment has also been delivered. According to Gary Bollinger, if progress continues as planned, Dining Services will move into the Ortner Center during Christmas break and will begin serving the campus from their new location in January.

- Campus Ministries collected 93 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The boxes will be sent to underprivileged children around the world who will not otherwise receive a Christmas present this year. A big thank you to all those who contributed boxes this year.

KUDOS

- Thank you to all the area content managers who have supplied me with content for the soon-coming Web site. I appreciate your perseverance and patience with this process. Thank you also to Tom Becker and Brad Woodruff in IS for your continual work on the technical details. We can all look forward to seeing the results of our efforts next semester.

  ~ Laura Rumsey

- Thank you to Melanie Wilson for the terrific work she does in the Division of Science and Math. She always has such a positive and helpful attitude and she is always very friendly.

  ~ Carrie Wolfe

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Union Manor received an outstanding physical inspection score of 99.1 percent following a recent visit by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Because of this exceptional rating, Union Manor will not need another inspection for three years.

Anita Ahrens goes above and beyond the call of duty for her employees and the parents and children we serve. A big thank you from one of her staff.

~ Anonymous

Does someone you know deserve a little thanks? Let them know by thanking them in Campus Conversations. E-mail jasmith@ucollege.edu and let us know who you are thankful for today.

Faculty Notables

On Nov. 5, Brian Wong gave a tour of UNL’s Morrill Hall of Natural Science for parents and students who are members of the Lincoln Home Study Association. The group requested Brian as a guide so they could learn about fossil records and geological columns from a scientist with a Christian perspective. There were 24 participants on the tour with students from kindergarten to eleventh grade.

Did you know Joanne Herrington wrote the theme song used in the Grace Link children’s Sabbath School lessons used worldwide? She also composed one of the theme songs for the Adventist Vacation Bible School program. She is in the midst of recording the vocals on the 2nd Kindergarten Memory Verse CD, which is sold throughout the North American Division. Joanne was also involved in making two other recordings both with a ladies vocal ensemble.

Elizabeth Anderson, Jennifer Forbes and Debbie Forshee-Sweeney attended the International Dyslexia Association conference, Nov. 12-14. Features included presentations by many notables on dyslexia and brain research.

Veneracion Cabana attended the American Heart Association Scientific Sessions in Florida, Nov. 9-11. She also conducted health lectures for two evangelistic campaigns in San Jose, California, Nov. 14-15 and Nov. 21-22. Some topics she covered included “God’s Wish For Our Health,” “Fats that Heal and Fats that Kill,” and living a cancer preventative lifestyle.

Mark Robison presented a paper titled “Great Plains or One Big City?: Dreiser, Sinclair and Cather Go to Chicago,” at Regionalism and the Humanities conference, Nov. 20-22. Held at Lincoln’s Cornhusker Hotel, this was the inaugural national conference of the nine Humanities Centers from throughout the United States.

Happy Holidays

From Marketing Communications

This is the last issue of Campus Conversations for the semester, but we still want to hear news from you. Watch for the next issue in January 2004.

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