Campus Highlights

- Know a professor who makes outstanding use of the library? Then nominate them for the library’s 2004 Teacher of the Year Award. The winner will win $500 spending credit toward his or her library materials requests for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. To nominate a teacher, e-mail Sabrina Riley at sanley@ucollege.edu, stop by to nominate them in person, or send Sabrina a note via campus mail. Nominations will be accepted until March 31.

- The nursing program needs your help. They are collecting soap and new toothbrushes to give out on their upcoming mission trip to the Miskito Indians in Nicaragua. You can give your donations to Judy Joiner in Student Services.

- Union Drama presents The Miracle Worker. Performances will take place in Woods Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased at the campus bookstore or at the performance. Adults-$7, children/students $5.

Performance schedule
- Feb. 26 7 p.m.
- Feb. 28 8 p.m.
- Feb. 29 7 p.m.
- Mar. 4 7 p.m.
- Mar. 6 8 p.m.
- Mar. 7 2 p.m.
- Mar. 27 7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 28 2 p.m.
- April 3 8:30 p.m.

- David Smith will present his book, The Transcendental Saunterer: Thoreau and the Search for Self, for the Union Authors Book Talk, Mar. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room.

- Union College Homecoming Weekend is April 1-4. Highlights for the weekend include the Otter Center Dedication, the Golden Cords Ceremony with guest speaker Charles Sandefur, ADRA president and executive director, second church service guest speaker Don Schneider ’64, North American Division president, and the Union College Concert Winds performance Saturday night. Look for more details in the next issue of Campus Conversations.

- SIFE presents Dollars and Sense, a seminar featuring Josh Huenergardt ’01 and Keil Wilson ’98 Monday, Mar. 8, 7:30 p.m. in the amphitheater.

- Can access to books change a child’s future? Get involved and help find out. During a luncheon on Thursday, Mar. 4. Union will celebrate a new connection with First Book, a national nonprofit organization that provides books to low-income children. Union’s Education Club will host the meal in the Presidential Dining Room for interested students, faculty and two special guests. Nebraska’s first lady, Stephanie Johanns, and well-known children’s author/poet Bruce Lansky. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend the luncheon and join Union’s First Book Campus Advisory Board. If you plan to attend the luncheon, you must RSVP by Feb. 26 to the Division of Human Development. You are welcome to join the First Book team anytime by contacting Joann Herrington at ext. 2175 or stopping by the division office.


- Union Classic Class Basketball Competition began Feb. 21 and will continue through Mar. 6. The championship games are Mar. 6: women’s 7:30 p.m., men’s 9 p.m. Look for posted schedules of other games.

- Chapel schedule for March: Mar. 2, Aaron Purkeypile; Mar. 9, Beul Fogg; Mar. 23, ASB; Mar. 30, Tony Minear

- The Voice of Prophecy will be on campus Sabbath, Mar. 27 in the church from 4-6 p.m. Their program will feature the Voice of Prophecy staff and Union’s music department with performances by the Chamber Chorale, Union Orchestra, Brass Union, Unionaires as well as the College View Children’s Choir. Walter Arties and Del Deller will also be performing. This program is first in a series of programs to be presented across the United States celebrating Voice of Prophecy’s 75th Diamond Jubilee anniversary.
Faculty Notables

- An article by Veneracion Cabana was published in the February issue of the Journal of Lipid Research. The article focused on the role of infection and inflammation upon the process of fat elimination or deposition in the body.

- Photography by Bruce Forbes was accepted into the 20th Annual Five State Photography Competition and Exhibition sponsored by the Hays Arts Center in Hays, Kansas. The exhibition opened Feb. 20.

Web Tip

- One of the new features on Union's Web site is a Personnel Directory listing contact info for all employees of the college. This directory can be found under Human Resources\Personnel Directory. Both an alphabetical and departmental listing are available. Those individuals who have submitted content for a personal page are listed in blue with a link to that page. Those without additional information are listed in black. If you would like to add a personal page with photo, additional contact info and/or text, contact Laura Rumsey (or return your Web directory form sent last semester). To update existing information, simply send the information to Laura at larumsey@ucollege.edu. The information in this directory also shows up on faculty and staff pages within each department. Any changes needed to these personnel listings (phone numbers, office location, titles, etc.) should also be sent to larumsey@ucollege.edu.

Division News

- Information Systems recently completed the installation of a new HP3000 computer, performing all the administrative functions for Union College and the Mid-America Union. This system is many times faster, has much more capacity and was approximately one-tenth the cost of the same series purchased in 1987. Time Warner has begun the installation of a new fiber Internet connection, which will significantly improve current Internet speed.

- The Mathematical Association of America has awarded Union a $4,000 grant from the Preparing Mathematicians to Educate Teachers (PMET) project. Dr. Larry Ray is serving as project director for this grant-sponsored program. This grant will help fund continued collaboration between Union's math faculty and MAU academy math teachers.

- Union's physician assistant program has received approval to convert its baccalaureate degree into a Master's of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS). The master's level degree allows Union's program to meet the growing national trend of graduate-level physician assistant studies. This change will impact students entering the program in August 2004. The curriculum schedule will shift from 27 to 30 months, which will match Union's August to May academic calendar.

- Eight Union students, accompanied by Bruce Forbes, attended the Meet the Pros seminar in Omaha Feb. 12 and 13. Students participated in round-table discussions with professionals, toured design firms and advertising agencies, and benefited from portfolio reviews. The event is sponsored yearly by the Omaha Federation of Advertising.

- Kathy Bollinger and 20 elementary education students attended the bi-annual Eastern Nebraska Reading Council (ENRC) meeting held in Lincoln, Feb. 3. The speaker's topic was "New Non-fiction Titles." Linsey Bailey, Keri Knoles, and Hollie Johnson, won International Reading Association memberships in a drawing.

- Through donations from the Business Best in Class Advisory Board and from Division of Business and Computer Science alumni, 10 new computers were purchased to be used for computer information systems and computer science majors for special programming assignments and other computer classes. Students in CPTR 200 Basic PC Architecture Fundamentals class assembled the components and will build a PC required for the final class project.

Kudos

- A big kudos to Sharon Russell for a job well done as manager of the Ortner Center. She has a lot of new responsibilities and is doing a great job. She is a joy to work for and is eternally optimistic. She is supportive of her workers and is willing to roll up her sleeves and experience the grit and grime of the job right along with them. Her workers enjoy her spirit and spunk as well as her faith in their potential. Thank you, Sharon. We love and truly appreciate you!
  ~Anonymous Ortner Center Worker

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