HOMEWORKING WEEKEND

Schedule Of Events

Homecoming weekend begins Thursday, April 1. Below are the highlights for the weekend. Thank you for all you do to help alumni feel welcome.

Thursday, April 1
5:30 p.m.–Valentino’s Dinner Buffet Atrium
Doors open at 5 p.m.

Friday, April 2
11 a.m.–Scholarship, Honors and Awards Convocation
College View Church Sanctuary
Tammy McGuire ’84, Speaker

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.–Nursing Program Open House
Upper Level Larson Lifestyle Center
Division of Health Sciences

2 p.m.–Ottner Center Dedication/Open House
Ottner Center

5 p.m.–Homecoming Banquet College Auditorium
“The Light Still Shines”
Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.–Hanging of the Golden Cords
College View Church
Charles Sandefur, Speaker

Sabbath, April 3
9:15 a.m. and 12 p.m.–Church Services
College View Church
First Service Speaker: Rodney Bieber, ’79
Second Church Service: Don Schneider, ’64

10:40 a.m.–Sabbath School
College View Church
Superintendents: Mardian and Joan Peters Blair ’54

1:45 p.m.–Homecoming Fellowship Lunch
College Auditorium

8 p.m.–Union College Concert Winds Performance
College Auditorium

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Although the Ottner Center is already open to the campus and community, you may not have had a chance to show the facility to your friends and family. Please invite them to open house events on Wednesday, April 7 and Thursday, April 8, come and go from 4 to 6 p.m. Facility tours will include campus highlights and free refreshments.

Wednesday, Mar. 31, is the deadline for nominating a professor for the 2004 Library Teacher of the Year Award. Nominations will be accepted by e-mail, campus mail or hand delivery.

The March SHARE winners are Joann Herrington for most SHARE cards submitted and Joe Allison for most SHARE cards received.

Interested in vegetarian cooking? Come to the free vegetarian cooking classes held Wednesdays in April in the Ortner Center. April 7. Indonesian Cooking with Agatha Augustina and Rebecca Soegondo
April 14. East Indian Cooking with Sujanah Jacobs from Malaysia
April 21. Chinese Cooking with Joey Leung from Hong Kong
April 28. Japanese Cooking with Kanako Miyata from Japan

Classes are free, but you must register in advance by calling ext. 2077 or e-mail Elizabeth Rodacker-Borgens at erodack@ucollege.edu. All ingredients and supplies will be provided by Open Harvest.

Elizabeth Rodacker-Borgens and Danielle Opitz, working cooperatively with Community Support, Investment & Change (Co-SINC), hope to connect the diverse Union College student population and the Lincoln community. Co-SINC provides community members with organic gardening space with special invitation to refugee, immigrant, migrant and low-income individuals. Five plots throughout Lincoln will be ready for planting this spring, including a plot near Union at 46th and Pioneers. This plot will have a section sponsored by the college. Anyone interested is invited to participate by donating garden tools, wood for signs and plot boarders, bringing organic grass clippings for use as fertilizer, and

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helping to plant and advise the community garden plot. Contact Andy Witkowski at 472.0092 or e-mail kimshine2@aol.com for donation pick up and questions.

Chris Webb, Shawna Kolbeck, Mary Ellen Ruettig, Dylan Wren and Anna Hartfield spent spring break working as student leaders for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference Youth Department mission trip to the Dominican Republic. The mission team consisted of 64 people, mostly high school students, who built one church, began construction on another, ran two vacation Bible schools a day with 50-100 children per meeting and helped in a mobile medical clinic.

A three-person team representing the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges and Universities (AAA) visited Union students, faculty and administrators Mar. 29-30. Although in 1999 Union earned the maximum accreditation status of 10 years, AAA requires an interim five-year visit. During their exit interview on Mar. 30, the accreditation team specifically mentioned the positive spirit of Union College students as one of the campus’ many strengths.

DIVISION NEWS

The Frontier Nursing class went on a mission trip to Francia Sirpi, Nicaragua Mar. 10-22, 2004. Trip participants included Jessica Lewis, Amy Brown, Jeannette Lytle, Bill Lindsey, Lisa Gatz, Kerri Tacy, Wing Chan, Charmaine Hanley, Kristi Joiner, Stephanie Kreiter ’02, Shauna Joiner Finley (RN from PUC), and Jeff and Judy Joiner. Francia Sirpi, a village of 1500, is part of the service area of the Tasba Raya Clinica Adventista located in the northeastern region of Nicaragua serving the Miskito Indians. The group made clinic visits to the villages of Francia Sirpi, Santa Clara, Miguel Bikan, and were the first medical group to visit the village of Tee-Kiamp. During their five-and-a-half days of clinics, they treated almost 500 people plus provided anti-parasitic medicine and vitamins to an additional 500+ children. The group took part in the delivery of a healthy baby and a 100 kilometer emergency medical evacuation. They also visited current Union student missionary Heidi Erickson and taught the mission compound Union’s school song.

Rich Carlson, along with next year’s UFC director Michael Paradise, student missions director Cara Christensen, student chaplain Justin Okimi, and Gina Jacob, who presented at the convention, attended the NAD Campus Ministries Convention at Lake Arrowhead, Calif., Mar. 17-20. All North American Adventist colleges and universities were represented. The theme of “Leadership Through Following Christ” inspired attendees to return to their campuses and continue developing spiritual leaders.

Joann Leung and Arlie Fandrich attended the Special Interest Group of Computer Science Educators Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education in Norfolk, Va., Mar. 3-5. Seminar topics included “Paired Programming/Collaborative Learning,” “Incorporating Writing Into the Computer Science Curriculum,” and “The 2003 Model Curriculum for a Liberal Arts Degree in Computer Science.” The conference also provided opportunities to talk to book publishers and software vendors such as IBM and Microsoft.

FACULTY NOTABLES

Jack Burdick was featured in the most recent issue of NeASFAA News, the quarterly publication of the Nebraska Association of Financial Aid Administrators. The article can be found in the “Getting to Know You” section of the association’s Web site www.nasfaa.org.

Veneracion Cabana has been appointed as a writer/reviewer for the Minority Health Plan Task Force organized by the Office of Minority Health for the Health and Human Services Department of Nebraska. The task force is charged with the development of a State Minority Public Health Plan scheduled to be released late this year.

Fri., Mar. 19, baby Joshua Edward Burdick was born to Jack and Janene Burdick at 7:15 a.m. He weighed 8 lbs and was 21 inches long. He joins his brother John, age 4, and big sister, Joy, age 2.

WEB TIP

Ortner Center photos are now available on the Web site at www.ucollege.edu, Campus Services, Ortner Center] Faculty Photos. Shortcut: www.ucollege.edu/ortner/photos. Union Market photos are also available at www.ucollege.edu, Campus Services, Union Market] Visual Tour. Shortcut: www.ucollege.edu/unionmarket/visualtour. Shortcuts such as the two above are now available for all major areas on the Web site. Ask your department content manager or Laura Rumsey for shortcut addresses to the various locations.

Share in the conversation. To submit news 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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