CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS

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CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

- ASB officers for 2004-2005 are:
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- Union has a new history book, entitled Union College: Light Upon the Hill. The book is available for a limited time, until April 23 for $32. After that date, the price will raise to $37. This book is a compilation of excerpts from Everett Dick's original book, Union College of the Golden Cords, combined with previously unpublished manuscript copy by George Gibson and articles from CORD magazine, college staff and student writers. The text is accompanied by more than 200 color and black and white photos. This keepsake book is only available through the Advancement Office. Payment options include cash, checks, credit cards or payroll deductions. Remember, the price raises to $37 after April 23.

- Looking for that special card for Mothers Day or a great graduation gift for a friend? Come to the Campus Bookstore Spring Fling Sale on April 22. Cards and gifts will be 20 percent off. Candy and drinks will be 15 percent off.

- After spending a few years away from Union, Robert Weaver has returned to serve as vice president for enrollment and student financial services. From 1994 to 1998 he was an associate professor of marketing and management. During his time away from Union, he took graduate classes in San Francisco, worked as vice president of marketing at American Direct Marketing Services in Dallas, Texas, and for the past two years, has operated his own business providing marketing and strategic planning services to hospitals, financial services firms and other businesses. He has two children, Alex, 12, and Rachel, 10. “Thank you, Union College family, for making me feel so welcome here,” Weaver said.

- April 13 to 19 was National Student Employment Week. Union College employs about 460 student workers on campus. Supervisors are grateful for the professional contribution that each makes in serving others. Student appreciation cards were created by supervisors and displayed along the sidewalk between the Dick Building and the Don Love Building during the week. Thank you to Union’s student employees. Apply now for summer student jobs. Bonus opportunities are available.

WEB TIP

- You can now find current news announcements on the lower right of Union’s home page. These headlines will link to more detailed information, so visit frequently to find out what’s happening on campus. Also, a completed list of faculty/staff forms is now available to download under Human Resources Forms.

KUDOS

- Thank you to everyone who volunteered time from busy schedules to help make Homecoming 2004 a success. Thank you for sharing your space, your time and your potluck food. Thank you for your enthusiastic spirit that continues to make Union a great place to work, study and for our alumni to visit. Many of them were so complimentary of their entire experience of coming back to campus. Special thanks to the untiring efforts and encouragement of the Advancement staff: LuAnn Davis, Kandra Luke, Todd Mekelburg, Stephanie Meyer, Steve Nazario, Angela Peach, Linda Skinner, Jacque Smith and Laura Rumsey. Also, extra kudos to Plant Services for going the extra mile to set up-take down, set up-take down and set-up take down. You make my job much easier.

  ~ Janya Mekelburg

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ORTNER CENTER EVENTS

- Thank you to all who helped make the Ortner Center celebration events a success. On Friday, April 2, more than 150 guests gathered on the Tribute Terrace for a dedication of the facility to service for campus and community. Lincoln Mayor Coleen Seng praised Union for opening the campus to the community. “On this beautiful day, I wish all citizens of Lincoln were here to enjoy this beautiful place,” she said. Other special guests included project contractors, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce representatives, and Pat and Ralph Watts, daughter and son-in-law of the building’s namesake, Alvin Ortner.

- On April 7 and 8, more than 260 visitors toured the Ortner Center during open house events. In addition to seeing the Lang Conference and Guest Center, McClelland Art Gallery and Union Market, tour guests also learned about other campus services and programs available to the community. Tour topics included presenters from Union’s Division of Fine Arts, drama program, Web site, Teaching Learning Center, campus library, Larson Lifestyle Center and Kiddie Kollege. At the end of the tour, guests enjoyed a reception in the President’s Dining Room with entertainment by musicians from the Division of Fine Arts.

- The next time you are in the Ortner Center, make a detour to view the President’s Dining Room mural by Jim McClelland. The painting illustrates Union’s heritage, mission and values. Copies of a summary sheet describing components of the mural are available in the room.

- The vegetarian cooking classes held in the Ortner Center have been a huge success. Community response has been so overwhelming for the Wednesday evening classes that the announcement had to be pulled from the Lincoln Journal Star. So far, more than 100 people have attended the international cooking demonstrations. Thank you to those on campus who have given up a reservation space to allow community guests to attend.

DIVISION NEWS

- The Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants (NAPA) has awarded two $1,000 scholarships to Union physician assistant students: Darryl Peterson of Duluth, Minn., and Heather Austin of Denver, Col. Peterson also received a $500 scholarship from the Minnesota Academy of Physician Assistants (MAPA), along with fellow PA student Randy Wuori of St. Paul, Minn. NAPA scholarship recipients were selected on the basis of their academic performance, reference letters and personal statements about how they hope to meet a critical health care needs as a physician assistant.

- Union’s SIFE team was named First Runner Up in Minneapolis on Tuesday, April 13, at the SIFE Regional Exposition. They presented before 15 corporate judges and were able to interact with recruiters from a number of companies. 2004 SIFE team: Marcia Ashcraft, Angela Bolejack, Josh Miller, Ben Murray, Alan Oteno, Matthew Roque, Sissel Schlisner and Marsha Steiner.

- Six Union College nursing students were inducted into the honor society of nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International. Inductees included Wing Chan from Hong Kong, Renee Dick from Greeley, Colo.; Stacee Evers from Roca, Neb.; Dan Fale from Sheboygan, Wis.; Nicole Olsen from Valentine, Neb.; and Lisa Taylor from Portland, Tenn. Union College jointly operates the Nu Rho chapter of Sigma Theta Tau with Nebraska Wesleyan University. Inductees were honored at a ceremony held April 5 in the President’s Dining Room of the Ortner Center.

FACULTY NOTABLES

- The following faculty were acknowledged for their professional achievements during the awards convocation Friday, April 2: Janella Abbey, Kathy Bollinger, Osa-Karin Berg, Veneracion Cabana, Bruce Forbes, Michael Huckabee, James McClelland, Michael Mennard, Malcolm Russell, Mark Robison, Tom Shepherd, Benjamin Thornton and Brian Wong. A description of their work can be found on the Academics page of Union’s Web site. Select ‘2004 Faculty Awards.’

- Linda Wysong has been elected as incoming President of Adventist Student Personnel Association. ASPA is the association for deans, counselors and student services administrators. She was elected at the annual conference at Southern Adventist University in late March.

Share in the conversation. To submit news to Campus Conversations, direct campus mail to Jacques Smith, Marketing Communications or e-mail jasuth@ucollege.edu. Don’t let your good news go unnoticed.

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