GRADUATION WEEKEND

Schedule of events:

Friday, May 7
8 p.m.—Consecration (College View Church)
   Speaker: Wendell Wall
9:15 p.m.—Reception for graduates, their families
   and faculty and staff (Atrium)

Sabbath, May 8
10:40 a.m.—Sabbath School (CVC)
   Presented by graduating class
Noon—Baccalaureate (CVC)
   Speaker: Kathy Goddard
4:30 p.m.—Nurses’ pinning (CVC)

Sunday, May 9
10 a.m.—Commencement (CVC)
   Speaker: Thomas Werner

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

- Ready for a change of pace? Plan now for fun
   and fellowship during the employee events scheduled
   for Wednesday, May 12. You won’t want to miss the
   Employee Health and Fitness Day Celebration
   and Year-end Faculty/Staff Farewell Party.

9:30 a.m.—Worship in Woods Auditorium.

10 a.m.—Frisbee Golf Extravaganza beginning at
   Woods Auditorium.

Noon—American Heart Walk begins under the
clock tower. This is the fifth year Union has hosted
the alternate date for the citywide event. Don’t forget
to help raise funds to fight America’s No. 1 killer—
heart disease and stroke. Turn in money to your team
captain the week before the walk. Please invite your
friends and family to join in this one-mile walk.
Onsite donations will also be accepted, but all are
welcome to participate with or without a donation.

6 p.m.—Year-end Faculty/Staff Farewell Party in
   Union Market. RSVP to Rose Schultz (ext. 2500) by
   Wednesday, May 5. Please note the date for this event
   is a change from the college calendar. The beach
   party will include great food, prize drawings, and
   cash awards for the Best Beach Costume Contest
   (adult and children’s categories).

- Union College will be hosting the AIA
   (Adventist Intercollegiate Association) conference
   next year from March 29 - April 2. AIA is the organi-
   zation of ASB officers from all Adventist colleges and
   universities in North America. This will be a great
   opportunity to showcase Union to other schools.
   Jared Gibbons was elected president of AIA and Jen
   Rieke will be the site coordinator for this event.

- Marilyn McArthur will be retiring this year after
   22 years of teaching in Union’s nursing program. All
   faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend a
   come-and-go reception on May 3, from 2-4 p.m. in
   the Orten Center’s Lang Lobby.

- Calling all who will be around during the
   summer. Union College will work with Co-SINC and
   plant our first community garden soon. If you will be
   on or near campus when the semester is
   over and enjoy gardening, contact either Beth
   Rodacker-Borgens (elrodack@ucollege.edu) or
   Danielle Opitz (daopitz@ucollege.edu) for details
   about how you can be involved. Students, faculty and
   staff are encouraged to participate.

- The April/May SHARE winners are Katie
   Lechler for most SHARE cards submitted and David
   Smith for most SHARE cards received.

DIVISION NEWS

- Union will host the Mathematical Education of
   Teachers (MET) workshop August 9-10. Union’s
   mathematics faculty has invited all Mid-America Union
   mathematics teachers and principals to participate.
   The MET workshop has grown out of interest and
   needs expressed by MAUC academy math teachers in
   a questionnaire sent to them by Union’s Math Review
   Committee earlier this year. Partially funded by a
   grant from the National Science Foundation, the MET
   workshop will get college and academy teachers
together for the express purpose of collaboratively
improving mathematics education in Mid-America.
Terri Ingram and volunteers from the Teaching Learning Center participated in an Annual Community Recognition event April 18 at the UNL East Campus Student Union. The event is sponsored each year by Volunteer Partners. The 12 volunteers in the TLC also attended the Annual Volunteer Luncheon held on April 25.

A new picture kiosk, donated by Margaret Hyde (class of 1953), was a popular feature for nursing alumni during Homecoming Weekend. More than 100 alumni attended an open house and reception event that highlighted the computerized class photo archival system.

Nursing club officers for 2004-2005:
President: Brandon Hart
Vice President: Kerri Tory
Treasurer: Miko Kim
Communication Coordinator: Lisa Gatz

Union Scholars
Graduating Union Scholars and their project topics are as follows:
Vickie Hughes (Dec. '03 graduate)—“Biblical Justice for Today”
Katie Lechler—“Nature’s Answers to Humanity’s Questions: A Search for Meaning”
Amy McHenry—“The Mechanism of Apoptotic Induction by Scutellaria Barbatoides on LNCaP Cells”
Greg Okimi—“Trees and Photography: Jerry Uelsmann, Eliot Porter, John Sexton, and I”
Nicole Onjuka—“Just Josepine Jenkins”

Faculty Notables
Linda Wysong has been selected as a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Examiner for 2004. This will mean a four-day training session in Washington, D.C., at the National Malcolm Baldrige Award training center and then she will go to a site visit to an organization that has applied for the national quality award. Ann Fetrick, wife of professor Robert Fetrick, has also been selected to be an examiner this year.

Laurel McClelland, Danielle Opitz, Elizabeth Rodacker-Borges and Peggy Wahlen attended the CCCC (College Composition and Communication Conference) in San Antonio, Texas. They enjoyed networking with other English/ESL instructors, attending conferences/workshops and viewing the Alamo.

Kathy Bollinger has been named the Union College Library Teacher of the Year. She was selected based on her demonstrated love of reading, passion for literacy and commitment to encouraging students to use library resources. The award allows her to spend $500 on library materials that will benefit education students.

Mike mennard’s book Shall We Gather at the Potluck was recently published by review and Herald. It is a light hearted look at life in the church. The book is available at the ABC.

Elizabeth Rodacker-Borges has recently been appointed by the mayor’s office as a lincoln/Lancaster county commissioner. Her two-year duty begins now and will end in 2006. For more information about the lincoln/Lancaster Women’s Commission visit http://interlinclincoln.ne.us/city/mayor/women/

Kudos
Kudos to the three new science faculty, Ben Thornton, Veneracion Cabana, and Richard Webb for doing their jobs excellently for quality teaching in the classroom, for spending time helping recruit science majors, for grant-writing, and for all the other invisible things they do for our students and school.
~ Carrie Wolfe

Big thanks to the Walk Across America team captains who are also doing double duty as team leaders for the American Heart Walk: Judy Joiner, Stan Hardt, Tom Becker, Deborah Bogdon, Karen Minear, Danielle Opitz, Lisa Forbes and Dan Lynn. I appreciate your help with coordinating fund raising for this event. Thanks also to the many walkers who have made this event a success for the last four years. I’ll see you Wednesday, May 5 at noon under the clock tower.
~ Jacque Smith

Web Tip
Recipes from the international cooking classes are available online. On the home page, click on “International cooking class recipes,” then follow the links for each recipe. You can also reach the page by going to Campus Services[ ]Union Market[ ]Ethnic Cooking Classes. Look for information this week about the new International Rescue and Relief major under Academic[ ]Academic Divisions[ ]Health Sciences.

This is the last Campus Conversations of the year. If you have news ideas over the summer e-mail them to news@ucollege.edu.

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