Campus Highlights

❖ On May 15, 208 associate and baccalaureate degrees were awarded to 198 students in College View church. The service recognized 31 graduates from December 2004, 121 May graduates and 46 prospective August graduates. In addition, 14 English as a Second Language students received recognition for passing the Test of English as a Foreign Language.

❖ In Prescott Hall, corrosion in the galvanized pipes has restricted the water flow. Over the summer, plumbing in the men's residence hall is being drastically renovated.

❖ From July 14 to Aug. 5, Union College’s ESL department will be holding a conversational English workshop for Japanese nurses. This is the sixth consecutive year for the three-week session. The students will visit local hospitals and experience a few regional attractions during their stay.

Kudos

❖ At a recent Adventist Enrollment Association conference, Union’s recruiting staff were prominent during a light-hearted awards ceremony. Rebecca Johnson was named most adorable, Nathan Shields was named best dressed, and Buell Fogg was named most likely to know a student’s name from two years ago, most cheerful morning person and best travel companion.

❖ First-year physician assistant student Jim Growney was recognized at Memorial Day services in Orlando, Fla., where he received a $1,250 scholarship. Christopher Darst, Rob Lamberton and Misty Roemeling were recognized at the Academy of Physician Assistants’ April meeting in Kearney, Neb., where they each received $1,000.

❖ Thanks to all who participated in the alternate date American Heart Walk on campus in May. Union employees met the campus fundraising goal of $1,000 for the American Heart Association.

Community

❖ ESL instructor Beth Rodacker-Borgens and Union student Kate Simmons are assisting with a free conversational English class for immigrants and refugees, held Sunday evenings at 5:30 at the community garden at the corner of 46th and Pioneers.

Travel

❖ Osa Berg organized and sponsored a trip to Tuscany, May 17-27, where fellow faculty members Barry and Lisa Forbes, along with 19 students, visited Florence, Siena, and took a night tour of Rome.

❖ Jeff Joiner, Charlotte Schober and Laura Karges led a group of Frontier Nursing students to the Tasba Raya Adventist Clinic in Nicaragua. The group treated more than 1,500 patients, May 23-June 6.

❖ Tom Shepherd and Malcolm Gaskin, along with students Jessica Blood, Jason Bohl, Robert Christensen, John Miller II, Lawren Morrison, Christy Parfet, Aaron Purkeypile, Elique Semaboye, Kerri Tory, and Jared and Tonya Wright will each present 19 sermons in 16 days in Rwanda, July 15-30.

GC Session

❖ Union will be well represented during the 2005 General Conference session in St. Louis, June 30-July 9. A team of administrators, faculty and staff will greet General Conference participants at Union’s booth. In addition, 37 Union students will serve as the event ambassadors. Coordinated by Ashley Bohlender, these students will assist attendees with directions and general information during the 10-day conference.

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