CAMPUSS CONVERSATIONS
Highlighting news at Union College

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CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

✦ On Oct. 26–29 the annual College Days will be taking place on campus. Approximately 250 MAU seniors are expected to participate. The theme this year is superheroes. Campus tour guides are needed. Call ext. 2504 to volunteer.

✦ Audition for the UPrase Four CD; it’s not too late. Individual composition auditions will be on Oct. 22 and 29 in Woods Auditorium. Audition forms can be picked up in the Campus Ministries office. Call Campus Ministries at ext. 2508 or Nat Beedle at ext. 2914 for more information.

✦ The Golden Cords had their first tour of this semester Sept. 21–24 to the Dakotas. Their next performances will be in Nebraska on Oct. 21 at the Grand Island Seventh-day Adventist church and then at the Columbus Seventh-day church. The 2006-2007 Golden Cords members are: Tom Shepherd, Derek Bower, Tanya Freeman, Cherise Hill, Valerie Robinette, Amber Sell and Raymond Torres.

✦ On Oct. 1, nearly 2,000 volunteers went door to door collecting spare change for Friendship Home. The 4th Annual Safe Quarters Drive had 162 teams and collected approximately $50,000 that day for battered women. Since then an additional $30,000 as been collected. Union College was the headquarters of this event and had eight groups represented at the drive. Additional funds are still needed to meet the $112,000 goal for this year’s drive. Contributions can be given at any Union Bank location throughout October or mailed to Friendship Home, Attn: Safe Quarters, P.O. Box 85358, Lincoln, NE 68501-5358.

✦ The international rescue and relief, nursing and social work programs joined together with Adventist Community Services and hosted a workshop to prepare volunteers during a disaster. The ACS Disaster Response Training workshop was held Oct. 6–8 in the Dick Building Amphitheater and Ortner Center. Joe Watts, North American Division disaster service director conducted the workshop. Marti Cash is the Adventist Community services coordinator for the Lincoln-Lancaster area. “There were approximately 82 students, 20 community teams that made a grand total of 102 participants.” Cash said.

✦ Peanut Galleries can be picked up in the library.

✦ On Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 6 p.m., Information Systems will begin the move from the old SNOOPY computer system to a new SNOOPY system. This major change involves new hardware and software. This means:
  • access to a more powerful system that can process e-mail faster.
  • more than 50 times more storage space for e-mail and no more warnings about attachments.
  • an updated Web-based interface allowing access to your e-mail from anywhere.

✦ The Teaching Learning Center invites the campus to celebrate disability awareness and visit displays in the Dick Building lobby. Wear a purple ribbon on Mondays in October in support of disability awareness. Ribbons are free and will be available in most departments around campus. Each Monday a different disability will be highlighted.
  Oct. 16: Deafness
  Oct. 23: Mental Health
  Oct. 30: Learning Disabilities

EMPLOYEE NOTABLES

✦ On Oct. 3, Rennae Anderson was recognized for her nomination by Union’s Wellness Committee as a leader in wellness. The 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Work Well awards was held at the Country Club of Lincoln. “Anderson is an integral part of the program, which would not be able to function without her valuable service. She has lived the wellness plan as well as been part of the planning,” Becky Stafford said.

✦ Kathy Bollinger and senior education majors Cale Prindle, Casey Prindle, Sheila Wells, Elizabeth Kreiter, Emily Chapman, presented at the 33rd Plains IRA Regional Conference, held in Omaha on Oct. 6. They performed a series of stories entitled, “Presenting the Protagonist.”

✦ Fourteen members of the advisory board for the Division of Business and Computer Science met on Sunday, Sept. 24. They provided input into ongoing initiatives such as mentoring and recruiting while hearing and providing feedback on new initiatives to benefit the division.

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Tanya Cochran and Elizabeth Rodacker-Borgens attended the National Conference on Writing Centers as Public Space at the University of Illinois in Chicago Sept. 29–Oct. 1. Cochran conducted a workshop with colleague Beth Godbee from the University of Wisconsin Madison entitled, “The Power of Space: Allying Writers, Tutors and Directors.” Rodacker-Borgens presented, “Writing Centers without Walls: Community Gardens as a Site for Teaching English Language Learners.”

Joe Allison and Kathy Bollinger took 21 education students to LaVida Mission in New Mexico on Sept. 26–Oct. 1. The trip was an extension of the Educational Diversity class taught by Bollinger. The days were spent in the classrooms with Navajo children or working onsite. The students participated in worship in the children’s homes and in the Sabbath service.

McClelland Art Gallery

Check out the exhibit displayed by James Goff from Oct. 2–20. He has photographs from a trip to Arches National Park in Utah. The theme is “High Desert.”

Kudos

Jacque Smith, director of public relations, has earned the professional designation of Accredited Business Communicator (ABC) through the International Association of Business Communicators. The yearlong accreditation process included participating in monthly study sessions, taking an ethics quiz, submitting two comprehensive portfolio samples for evaluation and passing a four-hour essay exam and a half-hour oral exam.

A big thanks for everyone who came out and supported the Bachelorette Basket Auction. This event raised $1,050 for ADRA through bids and donations. A special thanks to all the bachelorettes who put so much work into their baskets and did a wonderful job during the program. –David Carlson

The new month is here for Share Cards and that means lucky winners for the Share parking spots for the month of October. Last month, Laura Zumwalt submitted the most Share cards and Cheri Blue received the most. If anyone is interested in writing a Share card to someone, go online to the Union Web site or to one of the boxes around campus in the following locations: Dick Building, Jorgensen Hall, Engel Hall, Rees Hall and Larson Lifestyle Center.

Kathy Bollinger has recently been elected president of the Eastern Nebraska Reading Council, a section of the International Reading Association. This council holds literacy festivals along with presentations by authors and illustrator workshops.

You Are Invited

Union College presents, “The Majesty of Mozart,” a free vocal and instrumental concert on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the church. The program will be a celebration of the 250th birth year of one of Austria’s great composers, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The concert will feature the Summit String Ensemble and Union College Unionaires and Chamber Chorale led by Dan Lynn. Performers also include Union College music faculty Rudy Dennis, Ken Hoppmann and Ryan Wells; Marina Fabrikant, adjunct piano professor; and Clark Potter, University of Nebraska-Lincoln professor. At the beginning of the concert, Malcolm Russell will present an overview of Mozart’s life. Music will include “Trio in E-flat Major,” “Sonata in D Major” and four of Mozart’s most well known choral works including, “Lacrimosa” from “Requiem,” and “Ave Verum,” K. 618—a penitent prayer of hope and Mozart’s last completed work.

Campus Trivia Question

Q: This year Union College announced its highest enrollment in how many years?

A: 23 years

Q: The Union College student body represents how many states and how many countries?

a) 46 states, 24 countries
b) 39 states, 20 countries
c) 42 states, 26 countries
d) 31 states, 18 countries

Web Tip

Because Google is the search engine of choice for most acts of plagiarism, it can also be a useful tool for checking academic honesty. Type a questionable sentence or phrase into the search field surrounded by quotation marks (the rule of thumb for most anti-plagiarism software packages is to check for 30-character strings). It’s a surprisingly effective anti-plagiarism tool.

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