CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS
Highlighting news at Union College

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CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

✦ Anthony Gilmore has taken over most of the duties for Mark Robinson while Robinson spends time on his doctoral dissertation. Gilmore teaches Play Production 1 and 2 as well as Advanced Speech and Oral Interpretation classes. Gilmore, a 2002 graduate of Union College, has directed several theatrical productions at Union including “The Miracle Worker” in 2004. Since his time at Union, Gilmore has completed a graduate degree in Korean studies and finished work on a film entitled Behind Forgotten Eyes. The film follows the journey of Korean comfort women during World War II. Check out the Web site at: www.behindforgotteneyes.com.

✦ Malcolm Russell, Sharon Russell and Vener Cabana attended the Presidential Investiture and Academic Conference. There were 2,500 students at Mt. View College, in the Philippines, Dec. 12–16. Malcolm Russell did a full day presentation on global economics for business majors. Cabana gave a full-day seminar and workshop on research methods and studies related to health for science majors. Sharon Russell led the Wednesday prayer meeting for the college family. “It was an inspiration to attend this event,” Sharon said. “I was in a different country and there was a variety of dialects, but the atmosphere of the college reminded me of Union.”

✦ Thank you to all employees who have made gifts and pledges toward the campaign for the new nursing, science and math building. To date our employee gift total is $ 201,381. As a result of attaining this challenge amount, we will receive $200,000 in matching funds from a donor. Thank you for making this possible.

As we approach the Union College Board of Trustees, local corporations, and national foundations for gifts, the level of employee participation will be an item they will scrutinize closely. To date 119 of 190 have made a commitment. We have a much better chance of obtaining gifts and grants from these donor prospects if they can see the campus family supports this project 100 percent. If you have not yet made a decision to give, please consider that your participation is as valuable as the amount of your gift.

✦ Don Abbey attended the Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research in Montreal, Canada from Jan. 3–5. The conference topics included fisheries, freshwater ecology and limnology, which are relevant to Abbey’s interests in aquatic ecology.

✦ An article entitled “The Matter of Conscience and Spirituality,” by Chris Blake appeared in the January 2007 issue of Lake Union Herald. The article is an excerpt from Blake’s new book that will appear this spring, entitled Swimming Against the Current.

✦ Children’s summer clothing and flip flops are needed for the upcoming nursing mission trip. The children’s clothing should be in good condition. Any of these items can be brought to Student Services or dropped off at the nursing department by Mar. 1.

YOU ARE INVITED

✦ Get ready! Academy band musicians from the Mid-American Union will be visiting our campus Jan. 31–Feb. 3 for the annual Music Festival. There will be two performances: Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the College View Church and Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Union College gymnasium. Various classical pieces will be performed such as “Khachaturian” and “Island Jam No.7” that will feature the percussion section.

✦ If you haven’t read Blue Like Jazz by Donald Miller yet, pick up a copy soon. Come borrow a copy from the library’s reserve room or purchase the book at the Campus Store.

There are some exciting opportunities for anyone interested to discuss the book with students and staff. You can bring your lunch to these discussions.

• Jan. 31, 12:30-1:30 p.m.—discussion of social justice themes lead by Chris Blake and Amnesty International.

• Feb. 15, 12:30-1:30 p.m.—discussion led by Rich Carlson.

• Feb. 21, 12:30-1:30 p.m.—discussion led by Ken Hoppmann featuring the introduction and final chapter: “What does the title Blue Like Jazz have to do with the rest of book anyway?”

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All discussions will take place in the library, Room 121. To keep up-to-date on events and find more information about the book, visit the Web site: www.ucollege.edu/library/onebook.

♦ Calling all women: faculty, staff, guests and students alike! Come to the first VW (Virtuous Women) of the semester Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Shawnee-PorterCare Conference Room in the Ortner Center. VW is a chance to grow, connect and share with other women. The theme is “Fresh Start.” Dana Connell will speak and refreshments will be served.

McCLELLAND ART GALLERY

♦ Come check out the creativity from the fall semester Digital Imaging class on display Jan. 26–Feb. 23. Approximately 30 images from the class are included, ranging from altered photographs and Web design to surreal images.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

♦ Jan. 26–28 Engaged Encounter
♦ Jan. 31–Feb. 3 MAUC Music Festival
♦ Feb. 8–11 Winter Break
♦ Feb. 14–18 MAUC Basketball Tournament
♦ Feb. 18 ASB Banquet

KUDOS

♦ Joe Allison recently attended the College Teaching and Learning Conference sponsored by the Clute Institute for Academic Research Jan. 2–5. Participants of the conference represented 129 institutions of higher learning and came from 29 countries. Allison attended the presentation of 30 scholarly papers and presented “Enhancing the Instructional Quality of a Freshmen Level Class.”

♦ On Dec. 1, the Planned Giving Council of Nebraska elected Todd Mekelburg as vice president for programming for the 2007-2008 term. The council is a membership organization that promotes charitable gift planning, provides educational seminars and advocates on the behalf of the gift planning profession. Members include planned giving officers, fundraising professionals, attorneys, accountants, trust officers and those in allied fields. Mekelburg will be responsible for planning monthly continuing education opportunities on a wide range of gift-planning topics for the council’s membership.

♦ On Monday, Jan. 15, Ed Allen was a guest on LifeTalk Radio during Steve Gallimore Live, a call-in show that examines current events and news stories viewed from a biblical perspective. The topic for the day was “The Fountain of Immortality.” Allen participated in a discussion about the quest for immortality in society as demonstrated through the proliferation of products, procedures and policies glorifying eternal youth.

CAMPUS TRIVIA QUESTION

Last Issue
♦ Q: In 1995, what program was added to the medical offerings?
   A: Physician assistant studies program

New Question
Q: The bench monument in front of the administration building was constructed with materials from what two original buildings?

WEB TIP

♦ Spring semester is the time when students begin looking forward to summer internships and gainful employment. The Career Center faithfully posts opportunities for student work both on and off campus as well as internships tailored for most fields of study. Tell students and friends to visit ucollege.edu >Campus Services >Career Center> Job Search for descriptions of the available positions.

Share in the conversation.
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Campus Conversations Schedule
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