Campus Conversations

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Campus Highlights

❖ Sabrina Riley and DeForest Nesmith attended the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians conference at Helderberg College, Somerset West, South Africa, June 19-22, 2007. As president-elect, Sabrina served as program chair. She will be the organization’s president until June 2008. DeForest Nesmith, traveling with his fiancée Janet Gibson, made a side trip along the way for their wedding in Paris on June 13.

❖ Malcom Russell and Kathy Bollinger set out on July 22 on an epic bicycle ride as a part of Register’s Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI). RAGBRAI is an annual seven-day bicycle ride across the state, and is the longest, largest and oldest touring ride in the world. They rode a total of 520 miles in one week, camping in yards of Iowa church members along the way.

❖ Union College has placed fourth among colleges sending students abroad to study with Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA). Union’s ACA coordinator Ashley Barber and adjunct Spanish faculty Amber Guaita have worked hard to significantly increase the number of students Union sends abroad through ACA in the past few years. Twenty students from Union are planning to study at Adventist colleges in Argentina, Spain, Italy and France this year.

❖ The 26th annual Project Impact will be held a bit later than usual this year, on Thursday, Sept. 6. In contrast to last year’s all-day expanded event, PI26 volunteers will return to serving a half-day at approximately 50 sites throughout Lincoln.

❖ Union College hosted a class of Japanese nursing students July 12- Aug. 2. Students attended nursing classes in the mornings, covering information about medical terminology and physical assessment practices in the United States, translated by a Japanese translator. They also participated in English classes each morning, emphasizing conversational and practical language use. In the afternoons the students toured various area medical facilities. Each student stayed with an American host family during their time in Lincoln to help acquaint them with American customs and cultures. They also enjoyed social activities such as bowling, picnics, swimming and shopping.

❖ Union welcomes several new faculty and staff to the college family this year. Look for more detailed biographies of newcomers in upcoming issues of Campus Conversations.

❖ Frank Restesan—associate professor of music, Division of Fine Arts
❖ Ken Lehmann—general maintenance, Plant Services
❖ Amanda Simpson—enrollment marketing assistant, Enrollment Services
❖ Richard Young—promoted from intern to full-time enrollment advisor, Enrollment Services
❖ Greg Merchant—institutional research assistant, Records; and Microlab director, Division of Business and Computer Science
❖ Seth Perkins—assistant professor of physical education, Health and Human Performance
❖ Roger Schmidt—computer science lecturer, Division of Business and Computer Science
❖ Gary Dickerson—associate professor of computer science, Division of Business and Computer Science
❖ Thomas Dunion—professor of mathematics, Division of Science and Mathematics
❖ Nicholas Madhiri—professor of chemistry, Division of Science and Mathematics
❖ Nicole Orian—nursing instructor, Division of Nursing
❖ Katie Lechler—visiting instructor of composition, Division of Humanities
❖ Jennifer McFadden—dining and catering manager, Union Market
❖ Donna Kopf—EMS coordinator, International Rescue and Relief.
YOU ARE INVITED

✦ Mike Mennard will be holding a benefit concert on Saturday, Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. for Friendship Home, Lincoln’s only safe shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Tickets are available online at www.mikemennard.com, costing $8 for children and $10 for adults.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

✦ New student orientation has a new format this year. Orientation will be held Thursday, August 16, through Sunday, August 19.

✦ Union’s annual move-in earned top ratings in parent and student evaluations last year. The 10th annual student move-in will be held Thursday, Aug. 16, and Sunday, Aug. 19, with two-hour volunteer shifts from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. To volunteer, please call Janya Mckelburg at ext. 2503.

✦ Registration for the 2007-2008 school year will be held on Aug. 20. Classes begin on Aug. 21.

COLOQUIUM SCHEDULE

✦ The faculty and staff colloquium continues through Sabbath, Aug. 11. Sabbath events will be at the Mid-America Union Office.

Friday, August 10
8:30 a.m. Worship—John Kurlinski
9:30 Break
9:45 Administrative software update—Lisa Forbes
11:30 Faculty Senate
7:00 p.m. Prayer Walk—Meet under the clock tower

Sabbath, August 11
MAUC Offices: 84th and Pine Lake Road
10:00 a.m. Sabbath School
11:15 Church—Dave Smith
12:30 Potluck lunch

✦ Potluck will begin immediately following the church service and all employees and their families are welcome. Please bring two of the following dishes that will each serve your family plus three other people: salad, entree, vegetables, bread or dessert.

McCLELLAND ART GALLERY

✦ Jim McClelland, art professor, will present his paintings in the gallery July 30-Aug. 26.

✦ Posters from Bruce Forbes’ spring 2007 Publication Design class and the diversity poster contest will be displayed Aug. 27-Sept. 23. Winning posters will be based on originality, visual impact and message appeal. The Multicultural Committee, a diversity awareness group on campus, are collaborating with the Wellness Committee to make this event happen.

CAMPUS TRIVA QUESTION

Last Issue
✦ Q: When walking from the clock tower to the Mill on Prescott St., approximately how many steps are taken?

A: A walk to the Mill from the clock tower would require approximately 335 steps.

New Question
Q: Who is Union’s longest-serving college president? What years did he serve?

WEB TIP

✦ The teacher education program has launched Union’s first departmental blog. The microsite is a way for the department to keep in touch with alumni, student teachers and current students and allows for dialogue through comments. Special thanks go to Sherri Gregory, Todd Richardson and Jon Stacey for bringing together the technology and content. See it for yourself at http://blogs.ucollege.edu/education/.

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Please begin sending in news for the first issue of the new school year, which will appear in August.

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