For the first time in 24 years, Union College has reached the 1,000 student mark. The official count topped out at 1,015 with an FTE of 909.5. Students, staff and community members joined together for a celebration luncheon at the Ortner Center terrace on August 29. The story was featured on Channel 8 News at 5, 6 and 10 p.m., the front page of the the Aug. 30 Lincoln Journal Star and on KLIN and KFOR.

The 26th annual Project Impact is Thursday, Sept. 6. Faculty and staff are invited and encouraged to participate in this day of community outreach. Join the students under the clock tower at 8:15 a.m. for breakfast provided by ASB before splitting off to various locations. The festivities will wrap up with a pizza feed followed by the first Power Pac of the year at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be James Blake, North American Division’s director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

ASB Officers for the 2007-2008 school year:

- Brendan Nieto—President
- Alan Cupino—Executive VP
- Chris Webb—Social VP
- Wael Alfy—Financial VP
- Jimmy Phillips—Executive Secretary
- Mic Henton—Union for Christ
- Sanna Reeve—International Representative
- Jordan Lang—Academic Coordinator
- Todd Richardson—ClockTower Editor
- Justin Gibson—Golden Cords Editor
- Claudia Pech—Peanut Gallery Editor
- Eric Montgomery—Webmaster
- Debbie Gibbs—Public Relations
- Linda Becker—Sponsor
- Donene Caster—Sponsor

Union’s 30 resident assistants returned to campus for three days of leadership training that included a spiritual retreat, discussions about self-defeating behaviors and outward bound exercise training. “We have a great group of RAs who are really making a major contribution to campus,” said Linda Becker. The RAs then assisted the ASB officers in with outward bound activities during freshman orientation.

John Kurlinski will be speaking on Sabbath, Sept. 1 for the 9:15 and noon services at College View Church.

Don Abbey and Lowell Hagele led a group of 14 Ecology students on a four day field trip (Aug. 23-26) to Colorado. They studied factors affecting the type and distribution of vegetation from the tallgrass prairie in Eastern Nebraska through short prairie grass in Eastern Colorado and up to alpine tundra in Rocky Mountain National Park. The students were able to experience firsthand how community structure changes with climate and altitude. They also enjoyed worshiping and hiking in the mountains on Sabbath.

The library’s Heritage Room is open for regular service hours:

- Monday—12:30-2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday—2-3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday—12:30-2:30 p.m.
- Thursday—2-3:30 p.m.
- Friday—10 a.m.- noon

Mike Huckabee was a daily speaker for the week-long Okoboji Lakes Bible and Missionary Conference in early August. His topic, “Biblical Ethics for Today’s Challenges,” included discussions on advance directives, alternative medicine, sexuality across lifespan and professional ethics. In July, Huckabee also attended the national conference for the Center of Bioethics and Human Dignity in Chicago. The 400 attendees were given a copy of his book.

In July, Becky Stafford attended the National Health and Service Corps Ambassadors Conference in Memphis, Tenn. She continues to help build awareness among Union College PA students for federal scholarships and loan repayment for PAs who choose to work in medically underserved locations in the United States.

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In June, Gena Foster attended a bio-identical hormone restoration therapy conference in Chicago. The conference provided the latest information on important topics in our fast-paced, high stress culture such as natural hormone replacement and adrenaline fatigue.

Jeff Joiner participated in the Ultimate Workout 17 to Ecuador July 16-30. Ultimate Workouts are short-term mission trips sponsored by Insight magazine and Maranatha International. UW participants are high school students from across North America and Europe. Joiner coordinated the medical outreach team of doctors, nurses and dentists who saw more than 1,500 patients in village outreach clinics.

Veneracion Cabana and Jordan Lang, senior biology student, conducted research studies in June and July at the University of Chicago where Cabana has a summer academic appointment. They worked on a project aimed at understanding molecular mechanisms in the development of heart disease. Lang was also involved in the various gene research experiments involving mice that were used as models for the development of atherosclerosis.

Don Abbey, Veneracion Cabana and Richard Webb attended a conference sponsored by the Geoscience Research Institute in Salt Lake City, Utah, from July 27-30. The conference is a meeting of Adventist educators who teach courses that involve philosophical issues in science and faith to increase communication among university teachers, researchers and other scholars who are interested in exploring issues in origins and Scripture. Abbey and Cabana chaired sessions while Webb gave a devotional message.

\* You Are Invited \*

The annual CABL Triathlon is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 23. The events include a 1/4-mile swim, 6-mile bike ride and 3-mile run. Faculty and staff are invited to team up for the event or do it solo. Stop by Campus Ministries or call Katrina Donovan at 2508 for more information. Registration closes Monday, Sept. 17.

All Union College students, faculty and staff are invited to take part in the festivities of this year’s Library Fair on Thursday, Sept. 27. With the theme “The Citation of Thefts: An Original Union Mystery,” the fair will be in the Union College Library from 3-7 p.m. Come take part in the free food, amazing prize drawings, valuable library resource tutoring and the conviction of a plagiarist.

\* McCLELLAND ART GALLERY \*

Posters from Bruce Forbes’ spring 2007 Publication Design class and the diversity poster contest will be displayed in September. 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.

\* CAMPUS TRIVIA QUESTION \*

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

A: Current President David Smith is the longest serving President in Union’s history as he begins his 10th year. He became president in the fall of 1998.

New Question
In what year did Union become known as the “College of the Golden Cords”?

a.) 1947
b.) 1959
c.) 1912
d.) 1936

\* WEB TIP \*

Appointments at The Studio for Writing and Speaking can now be scheduled online through the Studio Moodle group (bill.ucollege.edu > Library > The Studio for Writing and Speaking). You can also meet the tutors, see a schedule or learn about upcoming events on Union’s Web site, home > Campus Services > The Studio.

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