CAMPUSS CONVERSATIONS
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Highlighting news at Union College

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

✦ In a recent storm, the clock tower’s motor housing was damaged, possibly by lightning. Thus, for the last couple weeks, time has stood still at the center of campus. Unfortunately replacement parts are no longer available. However, Plant Services has found a machine shop that believes they can manufacture the necessary parts. Don Murray says it could be up to 60 days until clock is operating again.

✦ This year, a new element was added to the 26th annual Project Impact. Multiple clubs and organizations from across campus participated on specific projects. Ric Spaulding took the women’s volleyball team to the Lighthouse and Cedars youth homes where they painted and did yard work. Ric said that service to others “has the ability to change who we are and how we look at the world we live in.” Among others, the Communication Club, led by president Tatiana Ryckman, painted the KZUM radio station. The ASB officers spread out across four Goodwill stores to help sort clothes and process donations. More than 750 students, staff and faculty participated at 50 sites across the city.

✦ Did you know that refugees from more than 100 countries are living in Lincoln without the basic English speaking skills they need to lead a normal life? The Good Neighbor center is requesting volunteers to tutor basic conversational English to these refugees. Volunteers will receive free certification (normally a $25 fee) in literacy tutoring from the Lincoln Literacy Council. A commitment of just one hour per week will not only broaden your worldview, but it will help improve the community. To find out more call the Division of Humanities at 2523.

✦ On Aug. 29 Charlotte Schober and Kirk Brown led 30 students to the Glore Psychiatric Museum in St. Joseph, Mo. Charlotte has been taking her nursing class to the museum for about 12 years and Kirk has recently joined her with his Christian Counseling class. He says that the purpose of the trip is to “learn about historical methods of treating the mentally ill.” The three-floor museum includes exhibits from 500 years of mental health treatment.

✦ Nursing Club Officers for 2007:
  • President—Jessica Dorval
  • Vice President—Joe Van Den Hoven
  • Treasurer—Ann Lacy
  • Communication—Jocelyn Brewer

✦ The climbing wall in the IRR department is now open for use. James Goff will be managing the wall on Mondays and Tuesdays from 5-8 p.m. It will also be open for four hours on Sundays, although the schedule is still being determined.

✦ On Aug. 25 the Division of Health Sciences hosted its annual welcome back luncheon in the atrium. More than 175 new and returning students, faculty, staff and guests attended the Sabbath meal.

✦ Need help fine tuning your writing and improving your public speaking? The Studio for Writing and Speaking is now open and available to help with documenting sources in appropriate styles, fine-tuning drafts, developing ideas and other writing challenges. The studio is located on the ground floor of the library in room 116 and is open Sunday-Thursday during regular Union business hours.

GOLD STARS

✦ Jill Morstad, adjunct professor of English, will be hosting a Monday morning radio show on KZUM 89.3 FM from 7:30-8 a.m. The show, Canine360, is a public affairs program focused on an increased understanding of the changing role of dogs in the human family. Topics will include dogs and kids, responsible dog ownership, dog bites and breed-specific legislation. The format involves discussion and commentary, interviews and listener call-ins. The show will also be available on the Web at www.kzum.org.

✦ This summer, Mike Mennard performed more than 15 concerts for kids in the Lincoln area. He visited several Lincoln libraries, the Lincoln Children’s Zoo, Children’s Museum and Lancaster Event Center. In August, Mennard released his second CD for families: When Mother Goose Laid an Egg. The CD takes a non-traditional approach to 25 classic mother goose rhymes. It is available in the Union College Bookstore.

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This summer, Marsha and Tomas Bartulec participated in the yearly “Find Private Shannon” expedition. The Private Shannon adventure takes place in northeast Nebraska and covers 16 historical towns. To participate in the contest, Marsha and Tomas had to collect stickers from each of the towns marking their progress. In 1801, Private George Shannon was the youngest member of the Corps Discovery expedition and was lost after being sent to collect one of the group’s horses. Shannon was found 16 days later having survived on berries and a rabbit he killed. For more information visit www.shannontrail.com.

You Are Invited

Enjoy listening to or telling stories? Then you’ll enjoy the monthly meeting of LIPS (Lincolnitites Interested in Perpetuating Storytelling) on Sep. 25 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Shawnee-Porter Room of the Ortner Center. The point of the group says Mike Mennard, is to “keep the art of storytelling alive...because stories are life.” The group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month and is open to all ages. Contact Mike at mimennar@ucollege.edu to get involved.

October is Disability Awareness month. This year the TLC will be sponsoring a Disability Awareness Fair on Monday, Oct. 1 from 3-5 p.m. in the Atrium. Several vendors will be there with information about various agencies and organizations that assist persons with disabilities in Lincoln. The event is open to everyone and refreshments will be served.

The annual CABL Triathlon is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 23. The event includes 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

Currently showing in the Gallery is an exhibit on fossils made possible by the Creation Works group of College View Church. Union alumnus Jesse Dorval ‘85 says that fossils are important evidence to both evolutionists and creationists and that the difference lies in how our biases shape our interpretation. The exhibit is on display until Sep. 24 and is serving as a precursor to this spring’s Origins class taught by Don Abbey.

Beginning on Sep. 24 the McCelland Art Gallery will feature a photography exhibit by sophomore nursing major Michael Steingas.

Campus Trivia Question

Last Issue

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

A: During the hanging of the Golden Cords in 1936, then President M.L. Andreason made the suggestion that Union be known as the “College of the Golden Cords.”

New Question

This year Union has students from 26 countries and 49 states. What is the only state not represented by a student at Union College this year?

a.) Alabama  
  b.) New Hampshire  
  c.) Hawaii  
  d.) Rhode Island

Web Tip

Union’s blogging abilities, piloted by the education program, are expanding. Campus Ministries, Enrollment Services and the international rescue and relief programs have all begun using blogs to communicate with their audiences. New blogs continue to be added. To keep up-to-date with the latest posts, visit Union’s blog homepage at http://blogs.ucollege.edu.

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The next Campus Conversations deadline is Sept. 20.

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