On Oct. 5, Social Work Faculty and senior social work majors attended the annual conference of the Nebraska Chapter National Association of Social Workers. Workshops and breakout sessions covered a wide range of topics including pain management, substance abuse treatment and working with transgender clients. The keynote address was provide by Dr. Monica McGoldrick, an expert in family therapy.

On Sept. 25, seven fourth and fifth graders at George Stone Elementary, along with their teacher, Jackie Simpson, got to take a step back in time and experience school as it was on the Plains in the late 1800s. The students attended Heritage school, the working one room school of the Lincoln Public School district. Students wore dressed in period clothing, packed a lunch in pales, participated in a spelling bee, sat in 1800s style desks and used textbooks of the day.

On Oct. 5, students from Children and Adolescent Literature class attended the Plum Creek Literacy Festival in Seward. The annual festival for college elementary education students features famous children’s authors and illustrators. Notable attendees included Robin Brickman, Andrew Clements and Laura Numeroff. Union students helped around 500 children create pate sculpture during Robin Brickman’s sessions.

From Oct. 11-14, Scott Cushman, Jameson Hilliard, Mike Mennard, Michelle Mesnard, Jimmy Phillips, Todd Richardson, Tatiana Ryckman, Becca Salcedo, Leah Schultz, Esther Shields, Jacque Smith and Tara Taylor attended the annual Society of Adventist Communicators convention in Nashville. Activities included tours to local media outlets and breakout sessions focused on the latest in communications. Michelle served her second year as the organization's president, while Jacque was this year’s awards chair.

Megan Ahrens and Greg Steiner attended the National Intramurals-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) Region V Big XII and Friends conference held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln from Oct. 1-4. The conference brought together recreational sports professionals and students from the United States and Canada to share ideas, discuss current trends and develop skills affecting the recreational sports profession.
Linda Becker was the main speaker for the Iowa-Missouri Women's Retreat from Sept. 21-23. The theme was "Preparing for the Bridegroom." The three part series featured "Preparing our Minds for the Bridegroom," "Preparing our Hearts for the Bridegroom," and "You are Beautiful."

On Sept. 30, the Advisory Board for the Division of Business and Computer Science had their first meeting of the year to discuss new and ongoing initiatives. Major areas of focus included the restructured computing major and recruiting. The next meeting is scheduled for April of 2008.

YOU ARE INVITED

Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln welcomes all students and faculty to College Nights this semester. The Sheldon will be open at no charge one night each month specifically for individual students, student organizations, class groups and instructors. Exhibits showcased on Wed. Oct. 7 include "The Permanent Collection: American Narratives," "Wanda Ewing's Bougie," and "Seasonal Celebrations, Daily Life: Photographs by Graciela Iturbide."

On Oct. 30, Dr. Stephen Nyirady from Loma Linda University School of Medicine will be on campus hosting an informational meeting for all students interested in pursuing a career in medicine. The meeting is at 6:30 p.m. in room 300 of Jorgensen Hall and refreshments will be provided.

FRESH FACES

Anyone that knows Kevin Erickson will tell you of his affinity for the state and schools of Nebraska. After graduating from Platte Valley Academy in 2001, Kevin came to Union College where he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in business administration in 2004 and a associates degree in psychology in 2006. Now he joins the Union College staff as an enrollment advisor. “I’m so thrilled to be able to work at a place I believe so strongly in,” Kevin said. Kevin will assist in preview days and focus on public school recruiting across the midwest.

MCCELLAND ART GALLERY

Beginning on Oct. 15, pottery exhibits from Bruce Forbes, Jovannah Poor Bear and Kimmy Wills will be on display.

CAMPUS TRIVIA QUESTION

Last Issue

Q: What’s was Union’s 1940s underground newspaper called?

A: The Torch

New Question

In what year did Union College become the first school to place a computer terminal in every dorm room?

A. 1978  
B. 1986  
C. 1984  
D. 1967

WEB TIP

International Rescue and Relief has launched a new microsite to complement their Web pages. Targeting current students, the site features news bulletins, photo galleries, and links to employers and graduate programs. View the site at http://irr.ucollege.edu.

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