CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS
January 18, 2008

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

+ Throughout the spring semester, Union College will be producing two drama productions. The *Eumenides* is a Greek mythology play directed by Mark Robison. Mary Christian will be directing *Some of my Best Friends are Smiths*. The plays will open in late February. Tickets will be available at the Campus Store in the near future. The cast for both shows:

- **Eumenides**
  - Brian Albers—Orestes
  - Bobby Nabors-Patt—Apollo
  - Chad Kent—Jury/Herald
  - Sonia Sandoval—Priestess
  - Grace Rodhouse—Clytemnestra
  - Joan Whielden—Athene
  - Serena Stevens—Furies/Chorus
  - Jovannah Poor Bear—Furies/Chorus
  - Layna Moreira—Furies/Chorus

- **Some of my Best Friends are Smiths**
  - Sarah Bartzatt—Shirley Robinson
  - Julia Dickman—Molly Jones
  - Tori Hudgins—Dora Smith
  - Beca Salcido—Mrs. Blake
  - Sadie Wren—Miss Brown

- Many Union students, staff and faculty members have found joy in sharing the love of God and spirit of Union with schools across the country through the **Matchbox ministry**. Groups for second semester are forming now. There are opportunities in music, drama and speaking. If you are interested in being a member, leader or sponsor of a team, contact Heather Stein or Samch Bekhit at ext. 2057.

- On Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m., a **benefit concert** for Invisible Children, featuring Christian recording artist Andrew Peterson, will take place in the College View Church. Invisible Children is an organization dedicated to helping the youth of war-torn Uganda. Tickets for the concert are on sale now through the Union College Campus Store and are $10 for individuals, $8 for groups of 10 or more, or $12 at the door.

- Spring semester **IRR climbing** wall hours:
  - Tuesday 5-8 p.m.
  - Wednesday 6-8:30 p.m.
  - Sunday 1-5 p.m.

- The IRR department is in need of a **student worker** who can work **4-6 hours a week** doing janitorial work. The hours are flexible and the environment friendly. If interested, contact Leah at ext. 2980.

- The office of Student Financial Services will be closed on Jan. 22 for training purposes. Regular hours will resume on Jan. 23.

GOLD STARS

- In December, seven **International Rescue** and **Relief majors finished their preceptorship** class. The IRR preceptorship is equivalent to a senior internship project. “This class gives students a real-world experience that puts them into a situation they could encounter in their career,” said Doug Tallman. “Our attempt is to give them the opportunity to work with people that will help them further their life after college.” Here is a summary of what each student did.

  - **Cory Meidell** worked at the Lincoln Water Works. His principal responsibility included formulating a disaster plan that would house the staff of LWW within the facility for 30 days in case of an emergency.
  - **Aaron Kent** worked with the Ashland Waste and Water System. He wrote a new program to help companies deal with hazardous materials.
  - **Leonard Carvalho** worked closely with the manager of the Lincoln Lancaster Emergency Department, Doug Ahlberg. Leonard helped communicate the needs of the department throughout Lancaster county.
  - **Julia Dickman**, **Michelle Halim**, **Doug Gatz**, and **Shawndra Brass** worked at Nebraska Health and Human Services. They worked on connecting clients with the proper programs and resources as well as developing a volunteer program to help bolster the effectiveness and efficiency of the agency.

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The Adventist Review has signed Jimmy Phillips, senior communications major, to be a monthly columnist for 2008. This past summer, Jimmy was the intern for the Review and is the first college student to be a regular columnist. The column will have online only content beginning in February and in print starting in March.

Stephanie Kruger, junior business major, was featured in the January/February issue of Nebraska life. The article highlighted her work as an entrepreneur with her lawn care business. Stephanie started her business her junior year in high school and currently maintains 40 lawns in the Lincoln area.

The Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants has awarded a $10,000 grant to the Union College PA program to support the Health Science Division's monthly foot clinic for the homeless. Union College is among the first institutions to receive grant funding from NAPA. In addition, the American Academy of Physician Assistants has awarded the program a $5,000 grant that for focusing on building healthy neighborhoods.

CHECK IT OUT

From Jan. 25-28, Mid-America Union youth directors will be on campus helping with the weekend worship services while recruiting students for summer camp employment. Come enjoy a free concert on Friday night by Daniel Martinez sponsored by the youth directors and free ice cream in the cafe after church.

On Jan. 24, at 10:30 a.m. in the Dick Building amphitheater, Karl-Heinz Schroeder will be speaking for ASB academic convocation. His talk will focus on how a liberal arts education can work as an antidote to post-modern religious fundamentalism and political extremism.

Chapel on Jan. 29 will be presented by Doug Hardt, youth director for the Minnesota Conference and recently returned missionary from the Middle East. Come and hear Doug share his first-hand perspectives on Islam and Christianity.

Adventist Frontier Missions will be hosting a free Asian banquet on Feb. 7, at 5:30 p.m. Come and hear about how you can minister to the 10/40 window. For more information stop by campus ministries or call x2508.

FRESH FACES

This fall, Thomas Dunion joined the Division of Math and Science as a professor of mathematics. Previously, Tom worked at Atlantic Union College where he lead the development of online courses. After completing his bachelor's at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and master's at the University of Connecticut; he received his Ph.D. in mathematics from Idaho State University in 1995.

McClelland Art Gallery

Currently, the gallery is featuring work by Bruce Forbes’ fall photography class. Each student is represented by three photographs in the areas of portrait, landscape and architecture.

CAMPUS TRIVIA QUESTION

Q: In what year did Union College open its first indoor swimming pool?
A: 1938

New Question:
In 1908, how many acres of farm land did Union College own?

WEB TIP

Union isn't just a member of the Association of Adventist Colleges and Universities. David Smith is the current chair. To learn more about where his leadership is taking Adventist higher education, visit the association's Web site, www.adventistcolleges.org. It's an excellent resource for prospective students, parents, and anyone looking for a side-by-side comparison of majors and admissions standards for each of the 14 member institutions. Based on the work of Rob Weaver and his counterparts, the site has launched a unified application that allows students to apply to and receive information from multiple institutions.

Share in the conversation.
Submit information for Campus Conversations or other public relations purposes to news@ucollege.edu or fill out the Campus News Form under "News and Publications" at www.ucollege.edu.
The next deadline for submissions is Jan. 29.

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