**CAMPUSS CONVERSATIONS**

March 7, 2008

**CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS**

♦ The last showing of the *Eumenides* is Saturday, March 8 at 8 p.m. In addition, the Union College drama department will be putting on a second production. *Some of my Best Friends are Smiths* is a British play directed by Mary Christian. Get your tickets at the campus bookstore, the show starts after spring break. Showtimes:

- *Some of my Best Friends are Smiths*—Directed by Mary Christian
  
  Thursday, March 27—7 p.m.
  
  Saturday, March 29—8:30 p.m.
  
  Thursday, April 3 (Homecoming guests)
  
  Saturday, April 5—9 p.m.

♦ The Union College library is seeking nominations for the 2008 Teacher of the Year Award. The winner will be someone who actively uses the library, encourages student use, supports library programs and regularly recommends new materials. The winning teacher will receive a $500 credit towards library material they recommended. Last year’s winner, Ed Allen, helped increase the religious section of the library. “The library now has an excellent set of church history books covering the first 1,000 years of church history,” Ed said. “It also has a number of scholarly works with direct bearing on Adventist beliefs.” To nominate a teacher, e-mail Sabrina Riley at sariley@ucollege.edu or stop by the library **before March 31**. The winner will be announced between April 13-18 during National Library Week.

♦ The IRR Bouldering Wall is open for use Monday-Thursday until 5 p.m. and on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. and only during these times. Please refrain from climbing at other times even if the department is open.

♦ In the last issue, it was incorrectly stated that LuAnn Davis, Lou Ann Fredregill and Linda Skinner were the three-person team that planned David and Cherie Hardt’s 10-year tribute. It was actually LuAnn, Lou Ann and Linda Becker. In addition, Linda Skinner was part of an important team of volunteers who helped pull the evening together. Our thanks to these people and an apology for omitting them: Tom Becker, Michael Calkins, Tanya Cochran, Angie Hardt, Stan Hardt, Jennifer McFadyen, Pat Parmele, Malcolm Russell, Sharon Russell and Linda Skinner.

**GOLD STARS**

♦ There’s only one month until Homecoming 2008—April 3-6. Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend the special programming throughout the weekend. If you plan to attend any event, please order your tickets before Homecoming Weekend. For any of the meals, children 0-2 are free and ages 3-12 are half price. By registering early—by March 21—you get discounted ticket prices and you can be assured availability for each event. Thank you for your support of the weekend and for welcoming our alumni back to campus.

♦ On Feb. 20, all upper division business and computer science students participated in the annual Business Field Day. Business Club officers coordinated the event that included visits to 17 local companies. The students spent the morning job shadowing and meeting with local professionals.

♦ On Feb. 21, social work policy students visited the Nebraska State Legislature for Legislative Day. The day’s activities began early at the Lincoln Women’s Club with Senator Gwen Howard addressing the large assembly of students from Union College, Creighton University, UNO, UNK, Nebraska Wesleyan University and others schools. Participants learned lobbying techniques and legislative advocacy for important social issues. Union students Salvador Armendariz, Katelyn Rabanal and Jillian Brown stood in debate fashion before the assembly to ask questions of the senators concerning legislation on such issues as refugee resettlement support and comprehensive health care programs for returning troops. Students participated in breakout sessions on prison reform, welfare, foster care and sexual identity issues.

♦ Through sponsorship from the local International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) chapter, Jacque Smith attended IABC’s Leadership Institute in San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 21-22. Jacque will continue her involvement with the IABC Lincoln board serving as chapter co-coordinator/president for a second term.

♦ During the Mid-America Union Basketball Tournament, the Division of Business and Computer Science raised awareness of the division among acade- 

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On Jan. 24, Scott Cushman presented “In Your Facebook” to 20 members and guests of the Lincoln IABC chapter. Scott’s presentation explained the basics of social networking and the demographic differences between Myspace and Facebook. He also introduced how to get started with a Facebook presence, the pitfalls new users should avoid and the limitations of social networking as a medium for business communications.

CHECK IT OUT

“Something on Sabbath” has an exciting schedule of Sabbath afternoon activities in March:

- March 8
  2-3 p.m.—Bible study with elderly at Orchard Park, meet in Prescott Hall.
  3-4 p.m.—Singspiration, meet in Rees Hall.
  3:45-7 p.m.—Feed the homeless at the People’s City Mission, meet in the Ortner lobby and sign up ahead of time in Campus Ministries.

- March 29
  2-3 p.m.—Bible study with elderly at Orchard Park, meet in Prescott Hall.
  3-4 p.m.—Singspiration, meet in Rees Hall.
  3-4 p.m.—Random Acts of Kindness, meet in the Ortner lobby.
  3:45-7 p.m.—Feed the homeless at the People’s City Mission, meet in Ortner lobby and sign up ahead of time in Campus Ministries.

On April 18, the Maximum Impact Simulcast: Advance will include over 80,000 business professionals participating via satellite in 600 churches across North America. Union College and the College View Church are one of the host sites for the unprecedented leadership event. Featured speakers include simulcast founder John Maxwell, ESPN’s Dick Vitale and New York Times bestselling author Patrick Lencioni. Tickets for Union students are only $10 and only $20 for employees. Come, and enjoy this live seminar which has impacted the lives of over 250,000 business professionals in the last six years.

FRESH FACES

- This school year, Seth Perkins joined the Division of Health Science as an assistant professor of physical education. He previously served as athletic director at College View Academy. Seth attended Southern Adventist University where he received degrees in both religion and physical education. He then completed his master’s in physical education at Azusa Pacific University. Seth and his wife Luenda have two children, a five-year-old son and infant daughter.

CAMPUS TRIVIA QUESTION

Last Issue

- Q: What profitable trade was a foundation for Union’s emphasis on industrial education in 1897?
  A: Broom making

New Question:

In what year was the first parking lot built exclusively for student vehicles?

WEB TIP

- Union is made great by its people—including you. The personnel directory is a key way of telling the public who you are and your role at Union. Please help the college to present itself accurately by updating your entry in the personnel directory. On Union’s site, go to Human Resources > Personnel Directory > scroll to the bottom and fill out the Web form.

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 March 25.

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