Campus Conversations

March 28, 2008

Campus Highlights

✦ Homecoming Weekend Schedule—April 4-6

Friday
• 8 a.m. Breakfast President’s Dining Room
• 1:30 p.m. Campus Division Open Houses
• 5 p.m. Banquet College Auditorium
• 7 p.m. Young Alumni Reunion
• 7:30 p.m. Vespers CVC

Saturday
• 9:15 a.m. 1st Church CVC (Rex Bell)
• 10:40 a.m. Sab. School CVC
• 12 p.m. 2nd Church CVC (Ron Halvorsen Jr.)
• 1:45 p.m. Lunch College Auditorium
• 3:45 p.m. Class Pictures College Auditorium
• 8:30 p.m. Ice Cream President’s Dining Room

Sunday
• 8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast Ortner Center
• 10 a.m. Classic Car Revue CVC Parking Lot

*For a complete schedule of events or any additional questions, contact the alumni office at ext. 2032.

✦ There are still three performances of Some of my Best Friends Are Smiths. The play, directed by Mary Christian, is a British play set in the English countryside. Tickets are available at the door or at the campus bookstore. Showtimes:
  • 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 sriley@ucollege.edu or stop by the library before March 31. The winner will be announced between April 13-18 during National Library Week.

✦ The second annual career e-fair will run from April 1-30. Last year over 400 positions—including summer internship opportunities—were posted across a variety of majors. To learn how to upload your resume so it can be accessed by prospective employers, e-mail Deborah Bogdon at debogdon@ucollege.edu or stop by the career center.

✦ Did you know you can earn over $3,000 by working in the Enrollment Services office at Union College this summer? In addition, dorm room rent will be reduced. However, openings are limited. Contact Paula Carlson at pacarlso@ucollege.edu for more information. Positions include:
  • Executive assistant
  • Data entry
  • Mailroom
  • Prospect relations
  • First Impressions

Gold Stars

✦ Joe Parmele, Donene Caster-Braithwaite, Kirk Brown, Linda Becker, LeAnn Merth and Kyra Eddy attended the annual Adventist Student Personnel Association convention in Loma Linda, Calif., from March 12-15. Linda presented her research on leadership at one of the breakout sessions and Kyra was presented with an Excellence as a Student Life Staff Member award at the closing banquet. Donene currently serves as the CSDE (Certified Student Development Educator) committee chair, and LeAnn was elected to serve as vice president for communication for the next three years.

✦ On March 14, Melanie Gabbert and Trudy Holmes-Caines, along with psychology students Amber Gathje, Angela Lyons and Sara Thigpen, attended the 28th Annual Great Plains Students Psychology Convention at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kan. Sara Thigpen made a poster presentation on The Effect of Background Music on Reading Comprehension. Students were able to attend several paper presentations by undergraduate psychology students attending various universities in Nebraska and surrounding states.

✦ The March 27 issue of the Adventist Review is dedicated to articles written by college students on the Beatitudes. The issue features articles by seniors Becky Dewey, Jimmy Phillips and Todd Richardson.

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Laura Hansen, Alyssa Seltman, Lawrence Francis, Jordan Lang and Y. J. Moses participated as judges of Hawthorn Elementary School fifth grade science fair exhibits on March 6. Each judge evaluated three exhibits and each exhibit was evaluated by two judges. They also interviewed the student exhibitors about the hypothesis, procedures and results of their experiments.

From March 26-30, Union College music students Derek Bower, Kian Conopio, Rachelle Nelson, Brittany Nunez, Tim Osborn, Tim Parfet, Stephen Baker, Brittany Barter, Courtney Duppers, Tierney Gibbons, Jon-Eric Hart, Pablo Moguel and Andi Vanderlvere participated in the Rocky Mountain Fine Arts Festival held at Campion Academy. Also participating were faculty Frank Restesan, Cindy Stokes, Ed Allen and Carrie Wolfe.

The March 13 edition of the Adventist Review featured the debut of Jimmy Phillips’ 2008 column “Introducing the Why.” The article, “The Best Spiritual Times” focuses on how spiritually defining moments rarely occur sitting in the pews of a church. The first article of Jimmy’s online exclusive series is also now available under the “Online Exclusives” tab at www.adventistreview.org

From March 13-18, Jocelyn Collett, Ross Eichele, Lindsey Frick, Jacob Miller, Brendan Nieto, Heather Perry, Todd Richardson, Brittany Spaulding, Malcolm Gaskin and Arlie Fandrich went to Chicago for the Division of Business’ annual field trip. The trip was subsidized by the Business Advisory Board and included stops at the Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago Options Exchange, a Chicago Blackhawk’s hockey game and the Hancock Center.

CHECK IT OUT

On April 1, come to chapel at 10:30 a.m. to hear Paul Volk, Union alumnus, share his experience with the NEW START program.

Stop by the Campus Store between March 31 and April 6 to take advantage of the “Alumni Spring Sale.” The bookstore will be open on Friday, April 4, until 5 p.m. and on Sunday, April 6, from 9-12 a.m.

For vespers on April 11, UFC Director Mic Henton and Pamela Torres will be presenting a musical drama called Beauty from Pain. The drama is a musical testimony of the life of Pamela Torres covering the topics of divorce, abandonment and forgiveness. Actors include Ruth Ibudo, Justin Demps, Carissa Hieb, Hiroshi Oda, Johnny Yau, Ryan McCabe and students from George Stone School.

McCLELLAND ART GALLERY

From March 23-April 12, Jim McClelland will exhibit some of his wildlife paintings.

FRESH FACES

For the 2007-2008 school year, Nicholas Madhiri joined the faculty of the Division of Math and Science as assistant professor of chemistry. Madhiri earned a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry/physical electro-chemistry at West Virginia University in 2006, where he researched fuel cells as an alternative source of energy. His wife, Embedzayi Tzanzi, graduated in May 2007 with a master’s degree in human nutrition from West Virginia University. They have two sons, Ryan and Seth.

CAMPUS TRIVIA QUESTION

Last Issue

Q: In what year was the first parking lot built exclusively for student vehicles?
A: 1964

New Question:
In what year did Union begin to recognize honor classes at alumni weekend?

WEB TIP

Have you been following the adventures of the IRR students in Honduras? If not, visit the trip blog at http://blogs.ucollege.edu/jofew. The Honduras trip and nursing/PA Nicaragua trip are also featured on Senator Nelson’s spring break service page; see the Google Maps mash-up at http://bennelson.senate.gov/springbreak. If you engaged in service projects over the break and would like to gain exposure for the people and organizations with which you worked, contact Scott Cushman in Marketing Communications for help submitting to Senator Nelson’s office.

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 April 8.

Edited by Jimmy Phillips