Union is hosting the third annual **Homeschool Sneak Peek** on April 17-19. Please remember to welcome the 23 students and 10 sponsors visiting our campus.

On March 26-28, Union held the **Spring Preview Days** for high school students in public school. The visitors, 23 teens and eight sponsors, were the most diverse group Union has experienced for Spring Preview Days. The 31 guests came from Canada, Missouri, Michigan, Idaho, Minnesota, Illinois, Nebraska, New Mexico, Texas, Maine, California, Florida, Maryland and Washington state.

On April 8 approximately 35 Union students and employees enjoyed the **Start Heart Walk Day** by walking a mile around Union's campus. This event kick-started a month of walking, with participants keeping track of each mile they walk until May 1.

The **Institutional Development** class taught by LuAnn Davis has designed and is currently implementing a fundraising campaign for the American Heart Association in preparation for the annual Heart Walk. On May 13, Union will be hosting an alternative date for the American Heart Association's **Lincoln Heart Walk**.

**GOLD STARS**

**Sabrina Riley** and **Jacque Smith** both brought new lives into the world this week. **Josiah Paul Riley** was born on April 15 at 6:46 p.m. and **Branson Conley Smith** was born on April 12 at 11:58 p.m.

**Tanya Cochran** was chosen as 2009’s **Library Teacher of the Year**. She will receive $500 spending credit beyond her regular divisional allocation toward library materials requested for the 2009 to 2010 fiscal year.

On March 31-April 5, the publication editors and executive **Associated Student Body** officers for 2009/2010 as well as the ASB executive officers from 2008/2009 attended the yearly **Adventist Intercollegiate Association** conference. The group, accompanied by AIA Sponsor **Linda Becker** and AIA Social Vice President **Alicia Castillo**, traveled to Columbia Union College and met with student leaders from Adventist colleges and universities across North America.

While in Washington, D.C. the Union students had the opportunity to meet Congressman Jeff Fortenberry and Senator Mike Johanns.

**The 2009-2010 ASB officers:**
- President: Phil Thompson
- Executive Vice President: Topher Thompson
- Social Vice President: Daniel Martinez
- Financial Vice President: Jared Weikum
- ClockTower Editor: Michael Steingas
- Golden Cords Editor: Helena Howard
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- Eric Ransone

Union College's **Amnesty International** chapter attended a banquet hosted by UNL's Amnesty group on April 9. **Chris Blake**, faculty sponsor for Union’s Amnesty International, appeared as a guest speaker along with **Tom Weber**. Chris interviewed Tom, an Iraqi refugee, about the torture he suffered at the hands of Saddam Hussein's men. **Header**, Tom's teenage son, translated and also answered questions about his own experience growing up in America.

On April 21, UNL will travel to Union's campus for a joint Amnesty meeting. In addition to writing letters on behalf of prisoners of conscious, the group will discuss working together next fall for the convention on human trafficking hosted by UNL.

**From March 9-13, the students at George Stone Elementary School** participated in the 14th annual **Pennies for Patients** fundraiser benefiting the **Leukemia and Lymphoma Society**. They raised $340, surpassing their goal of $200. The students raised the money in honor of their former principal, **Dr. Virginia Simmons**.

**Jim McClelland** judged for the **Lincoln Artists’ Guild** at an art exhibit at the Nebraska State Building. The two-part exhibition, which included works by the Lincoln Artists’ Guild and the Art Clubs of Nebraska, was the second time Jim has judged on behalf of the Guild.

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The third showing of an interview with Jim McClelland and Elder Don Schneider, president of the North American Division, was aired in April on the Hope TV Channel.

On March 22, the Wellness Methods and Management class brought National Kidney Month to Union's attention. Rachel Welsh handed out information about how to avoid kidney disease, as well as information about two of the major risk factors for the disease: diabetes and high blood pressure. Blood pressure screening was available to all that passed by the table set up in the Dick Building's lobby, and kidney stress balls were handed out. Around 100 people stopped to find out more about kidney disease.

In February, the wellness class hosted awareness for Organ and Tissue Donation with Rachel Schlotthaer leading out. Grant Berthelsen is highlighting Child Abuse Awareness during April.

Sanna Reeves and Kristina (Tackabury) Pastor have two pieces each featured in the sixth annual Nebraska Independent College Foundation Art Show hosted by the O'Keefe Elevator Gallery in Omaha's Old Market. The exhibit, running April 1-30, includes paintings and drawings with a few photographs and sculptures. Sanna and Kristina's artwork employs pencil, pastel and illustration.

Check It Out

Do you doodle? Maybe during class next to your notes, during church in the bulletin, during board meetings on the minutes? Enter them for inclusion in “Margins,” a back-to-school exhibit in the McClelland Art Gallery.

“Margins” is not about high art, so don’t be worried if you don’t consider your work a masterpiece. Let your inner child take control and freely fill whatever medium you have handy.

Drop your submissions at the Ortner Center desk with your name, and you will be entered in a drawing for one of two $15 cash prizes. Anyone may enter. Multiple pieces are definitely welcome, but you only receive one chance at winning. Scribble away!

The Feed Your Mind sessions, a part of the Creative Leadership class co-taught each spring by Linda Becker and Marsha Bartulec, have expanded this year. Instead of meeting once a week, the discussions facilitated by students in the Creative Leadership class are held multiple times per week. The discussions range from Union College topics to issues outside of campus, such as the economy or music in the church. Each Feed Your Mind session, held in Union Market, draws around 10-15 students and employees. Watch for weekly e-mails about the times, dates and content of upcoming Feed Your Mind sessions.

Come enjoy free food and fun under the clock tower on Wednesday, April 22 from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for Peace and Creativity Day sponsored by the Peace and Social Justice Club. There will be sandwiches, popcorn, a music swap (so bring a CD or vinyl to trade) with couches and a record player, sidewalk art, care packages for soldiers related to Union students, face painting, yoga sessions and crafts. Everyone is invited. In the event of bad weather, Peace and Creativity Day will be held in the atrium.

Interested in the environment? Thursday evenings at 5:30 from Feb. 19-April 30, the biology department is hosting free seminars in Jorgensen Hall, Room 300. Upcoming seminars:

- April 23 Danae Daniels “Global Warming—the myth?”
- April 30 Gary Lin “Powering the future”

Spring Concert Series

- April 17, 7:30 pm. Unionaires Spring Vespers Concert in College View church
- April 18, 8:45 p.m. Concert Winds Spring Concert in the gymnasium
- April 19, 6 p.m. UC Chamber Orchestra Spring Concert in the atrium

Chapel Calendar (Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.)

- April 21 ASB “Passing of the Torch”
- April 28 Student Missionaries and Task Force workers dedication

McClelland Art Gallery

Aprille Okimi, graphic design student, will showcase her senior exhibit, “Contradications and Connections,” until April 21. Ben Santiago, an art education student from Fredericksburg, Vir., will be showing his senior exhibit the following week.

Getting to Know You

Last Question

Q: What employee has lived in 50 different places in the United States and Canada, parasailed over the Atlantic Ocean, white-water rafted in the Smoky Mountains, hiked the Appalachian Trail, ridden a mechanical bull, snorkeled in Hawaii and seen the spring cherry blossoms in Japan?

A: Peggy Wahlen, ESL program director

Share in the conversation.
Submit information for Campus Conversations or other public relations purposes to news@ucollege.edu.

Next Deadline: April 21

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