**Campus Conversations**

**Highlighting news at Union College**

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**Campus News**

- Please welcome Mid-America Union Music Festival students Feb. 3-6!

- **This just in: pirate’s booty!** Get your *That’s What Makes Them Pirates!* t-shirt in the Campus Bookstore today. And keep a weather eye on campus for ways to win free tickets.

- **Todd Huston** will be speaking for chapel Feb. 16. Huston is the world’s only disabled athlete to complete a world record-setting Summit America expedition by climbing to the highest elevations of all 50 states in only 66 days 22 hours and 47 minutes, shattering the original record by 35 days!

- **The Ultimate Love Banquet**, a formal banquet for homeless people from People City Mission, was a huge success. More than 40 Union students got involved with make-up, cooking, serving, and music. A big thanks to Sandy White, the coordinator of the event.

- **The Business Division and Enrollment Services** sponsored a visit for more than 50 seniors from Forest Lake Academy in Florida. Thanks everyone who hosted students in their rooms, provided meals and entertainment. Especially **Kelly Vogler** and **Charles Tamay** who put in long hours in between studies to make this giant event happen!

- **ASB offices**: Would you like to expand your leadership experience and make a difference on campus? If you are interested in running for an ASB executive officer president, executive vice president, social vice president, or financial vice president; please pick up a packet in Student Services. All applicants must complete packets by Feb. 8 to qualify.

- **El Salvador Literacy Project**: It only takes $40 to teach one adult for one year in the El Salvador literacy project. Join the penny wars by contributing your change to a container near you. A pizza feed will be given to the dorm floor that raises the most money.

- **Union College library has a new website**. You can still find an appointment form for the Research Assistance Program on the library’s website under the Research Help tab.

- **Dr. Frankie Rose** will present a seminar on Monday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. in Jorgensen Hall 300. Rose will be joining the Union College faculty as a biology professor in June 2010. Please give Dr. Rose a warm Union College welcome.

- **Ricardo Escobar** of Loma Linda University Department of Earth and Biological Sciences will present a seminar on Monday, March 1 at 7 p.m. in Jorgensen Hall room 300.

- On Tuesday, March 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 will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Jorgensen Hall room 300. Refreshments will be provided. For more information contact Darla Peterson at 402.486.2515 and d4peters@ucollege.edu.

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- **How You Can Help Haiti**

  - Help Union College IRR efforts with a tax-deductible donation via credit card. To designate the Haiti trip, please select “other” as the gift designation and then type “IRR Haiti” on the online donation form found on the IRR Haiti donate webpage.

  - **Kids in Distressful Situations**: Donate online at http://www.kidsdonations.org/

  - **The American Red Cross Donations**: by phone at (800) REDCROSS or online at www.redcross.org. To donate $10 to the American Red

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**IRR in Haiti:**

International Rescue and Relief students accompanied by John Thomas, assistant IRR director, have been busy saving lives in Haiti. They spent most of their time assisting physicians at the Adventist hospital in Port-au-Prince after doing some initial search and rescue work.

The first team arrived back in Lincoln on Sunday, Jan. 29. The IRR department sent a second team to Haiti on Tuesday, Jan. 26.

“I would go back in a heartbeat,” said Ginger Hany. “It was hard to leave. It was amazing to be able to help people.”

**First Team**: Ginger Hany, Sarah Sexton, and Jeffrey Schall.

**Second Haiti relief team**: Daniel Rogers, Brittany Nunez, David Skau, Joe Galan, Jonathon Hoewing (recent IRR graduate) and Garrett Brass (recent IRR graduate).
Cross, text Haiti to 90999. The amount will be added to your next phone bill.

❖ The Salvation Army is accepting donations via www.disaster.salvation-armyusa.org and (800) SAL-ARMY

❖ The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has created a special advance fund for earthquake relief in Haiti. Credit card donations can be made by calling (888) 252-6174. Online donations can be made at new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor.

❖ InterAction has a list of agencies responding and how to donate to them: www.interaction.org/crisis-list/earthquake-haiti.

McClelland Art Gallery
❖ Bruce Forbes’ photography will be displayed from Jan. 31-Feb. 13.

Enrollment Matters
❖ Spring 2010 Preview Days: March 4-6, March 25-27, April 15-17, April 22-24

Kudos
❖ Peter Blankenship was been voted by the Leadership Cohort and Student Senate as one of Union’s Heroes. His dedicated service in the cafeteria greatly improved the dining experience this year.

Campus Ministries
Chapel Calendar (Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.)
Feb. 2 Division of Religion
Feb. 9 Ashley Groeneweg and Magabooks
Feb. 16 Todd Huston
Feb. 23 ASB Convocation elections

Vespers (Fridays at 7:30 p.m.)
Feb. 5 Music Festival
Feb. 12 Break
Feb. 19 Fernando Ortega concert
Feb. 26 Power Pac with Sam Leonor

After vespers

February
Feb. 5 Friday Night Live
Feb. 19 UFC
Feb. 26 Late Night with Reece

Understanding the Mind
Union College Division of Science and Mathematics Biology Seminar Series: Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in JH300 at 5:15

Mar. 11 I’m all stressed out! Anxiety and stress disorders by Miriam Yonazi.
Mar. 25 The chemistry of love. The link between feelings and our body’s chemistry by Leslie Bruff.
April 1 Do you remember when… How we store and retrieve memories by Stephen Wasemiller.
April 8 What did I just stay? Disorders and diseases resulting in significant memory loss by Michael Wombold.
April 15 Laughter is the best medicine? What role does the mind play in the onset of illness of recovery from disease? By Jazmine Martin.
April 22 I’m all split up. Schizophrenia by Benjamin Korf.
April 29 Savant syndrome by Brock Reichart.

Bright Lights
❖ Bright Lights is a summer enrichment program for students K-9 in Lincoln. Each year the program has more than 2,000 students who attend a variety of classes that provide learning in science and technology, art, and language arts. There are 125 classes for all kinds of students including an international program with Japanese ninth grade students.

Bright Lights needs assistants that can work for one or two sessions. The program runs the weeks of June 14-18, June 28-July 2, and July 12-16. Application process starts Feb. 15 and runs through March.

Contact Barb Highstreet
Assistant Coordinator Bright Lights: Summer Learning
Phone: (402) 420-1115, Ext. 49

Return of the Riddle
❖ I can be cracked. I can be made. I can be told. I can be played. What am I?

(Silly) Love Quotes
❤ Love is like any other luxury. You have no right to it unless you can afford it.

Anthony Trollope

❤ Love is like the measles; we all have to go through it.

Jerome K. Jerome

❤ The bravest thing that men do is love women.

Mort Sahl

❤ Love is blind – marriage is the eye-opener.

Pauline Thomason

Web Tip
❖ Retention, recruitment and marketing is everyone’s concern at Union College, not limited to specific departments. Noel-Levitz surveys students on these subjects and reports the data they collect on their Web site, www.noellevitz.com. This data may help you find ideas to help the college as a whole meet its goals.

Next content deadline Feb. 9
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