Campus News

- **Severe Weather Season**: Take a moment to find the tornado shelter in the buildings you use each day. Union’s alert system will send a text if a tornado warning is issued for the campus. If this happens or if you hear tornado warning sirens, go indoors immediately to the building’s designated tornado shelter area. An “all clear” text message will be sent when the danger has passed.

- Psychology majors Aldo Ibuado, Nikki Capps, Grace Escobar, Heather Matthews, Serena Stevens, Stephanie Halvorsen and Heidi Eisele attended the Great Plains Students’ Psychology Convention with Dr. Trudy Holmes-Caines and Melanie Gabbert at Missouri Western State University on Friday, March 26th.

- **The George Stone Elementary School Spring Program** will be Thursday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Rees Hall Chapel. The presentations are: “I am A Promise,” by K-fourth grade; “Knights of the Square Table,” by fifth-seventh grade; and “The Bomb Squad” by the eighth grade.

- This month the art of **Julia Noyes**, a Lincoln-based teacher at Union, and her students are on exhibit in the area between the entrance of the library and the Heritage Room. The following students’ art pieces are displayed: Patrick Torres, Ryan Kerbs, Greg Christenson, Cory Van Den Akker and Zachary Watkins.

- **The Union College Library will stay open until 11 p.m. during exam week, May 2-4.**

- There’s only one issue of Campus Conversations left for the semester. Remember to submit all information to kephipps@ucollege.edu.

Kudos

- **Dr. Michael Huckabee** won the library’s seventh annual Teacher of the Year Award. Huckabee was chosen for his outstanding commitment in selecting library resources for the Physician Assistant program and for encouraging student research. He receives an extra $500.00 spending credit to purchase library materials during the next academic year.

- Artwork from **Bri Norton** and **Drake Ashton** are included in the seventh annual Nebraska Independent College Foundation Art Show at the O’Keefe Elevator Gallery, 1402 Jones Street in Omaha. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 1- April 30.

- **Owen Hansen** was named Union’s third hero of the semester. The Leadership Cohort accepted his nomination due to his hard work and willingness to help people on campus and in the community at a moment’s notice.

McClelland Art Gallery

- **Amanda Clark**’s Fine Arts Senior Exhibit is April 11-17. This exhibit includes art from many mediums: painting, sculpture, pottery, photography and drawing.

- **Amanda Clark**’s graphic design and photography exhibit, “I Design With Love” will be April 18-24. Opening reception is April 18, at 7 p.m. with light refreshments.

- **Justin Gibson**’s Senior Exhibit, “Just Gibs” will include print design, fine art, and photography, focusing on how typography has shaped his outlook and style as a designer. Opening reception is Sunday, May 2, at 6 p.m. and runs through May 9.

Creative Care

*These are excerpts from Margaret Reist’s article in the Lincoln Journal Star on April 14, 2010.*

They called them “bèl fous.”

The beautiful crazies.

The ones with stickers and pipe cleaners, colors and tennis balls at the medical clinics in a city razed by an earthquake.

**Kathy Bollinger**, an associate professor of education at Union College, and two education majors – junior **Kylie Schnell** and sophomore **AJ MacEwen** – all wanted to go to Haiti the minute the Jan. 12 earthquake made news around the world.

But the trips organized by Union College’s International Rescue and Relief Program had been primarily related to medical care. And the collective medical knowledge of Schnell, MacEwen and Bollinger would fit in any one of their pinky fingers. With room to spare.

But as the college’s fourth trip was being organized for March 11-19, Bollinger and Schnell began to think maybe they should focus on their forte: teaching and children.

In the end, though, she found her work in Haiti more fulfilling. Schnell said she believes they made a difference, too.

“When you’re there with a child, you know you’re making a difference at that moment.”
Understanding the Mind

Biology Seminar Series are lectures held Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Jorgenson Hall 300.

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.

Enrollment Matters

❖ Union is getting close to accepting 480 students for Fall 2010-2011. Keep talking to our prospects and letting them know how great Union is. Union has had a record number of campus visits this year.

❖ Enga Almeida is in Brazil recruiting from April 10-17 and doing second visits to academies in Southern California from April 26-30. Buell Fogg is doing Week of Prayer at Minnetonka Academy April 19-23. Richard Young will be at the Central States Conference Youth Ministries in Kansas City April 22-24.

❖ Have a friend you want to attend Union College? Invite them to visit during our Preview Days weekend. Call ext. 2694 or e-mail Becky Dewey at bedewey@ucollege.edu for information.

Upcoming Preview Days:
April 15-18
April 22-25

❖ Enrollment Services needs student bloggers to share Union with prospective students. Four students who represent diverse perspectives on campus life—different class standings, different groups of friends, different majors, etc—are needed to post at least once a week about some aspect of life at Union. Those who enjoy taking pictures or video are especially encouraged to apply. This is a paid position. To find out more or to apply, contact Richard Young at riyoun@ucollege.edu or Scott Cushman sccushman@ucollege.edu.

Financial Matters

❖ Union has revamped the Merit Award amounts for both incoming freshmen and returning students who qualify for renewable awards. If you received a renewable merit-based award each year from Union, your amount will go up next year as long as you continue to qualify. Any returning student who fills out a FAFSA by the deadline will qualify for a $1500 award.

❖ Starting this fall, students will not be able to move into the residence hall until this is all taken care of, unless they have a signed financial plan in place, first payment made and all financial paperwork completed. Contact a financial aid advisor today to make sure everything is up to date.

❖ Union has participated in the FFELP program for the Stafford, Grad and Parent Plus loan programs, however beginning this Summer 2010 term Union is changing to the Federal Direct Loan Program. Those planning to take out a federal Stafford, Graduate or Parent Plus loan in the 2010-2011 year need to complete a new Direct Loan Master Promissory Note and Direct Loan entrance counseling online. Student Financial Services will be mailing letters explaining this change more thoroughly, including links to complete these two items. This is part of the financial paperwork that needs to be completed before moving into a residence hall this fall.

Return of the Riddle

❖ What is something someone has to take before you can get it?

Last issue’s riddle
❖ My life is often a volume of grief. Your help is needed to turn a new leaf. Stiff my spine and my body is pale, but I am always ready to tell. W hat am I?
A book

Campus Ministries

❖ Student Week of Prayer, April 12-16, is culminating with Dick Duerksen, an internationally known storyteller with Maranatha International.

❖ Vespers will start at 8 p.m. from now until the end of the school year.

❖ Friday Night Live (after vespers)
April 16  FNL’s Power Pac
April 23  Friday Night Live Season 2 Finale

❖ The Endangered Species: Young Adult Revival is 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in The Rees Hall Chapel. The theme for the revival is “Comfort Zone: It’s Time to Come Out!” Featuring:
April 16  Desiree Watterson
April 17  Steven Hutchison
April 18  Elique Semaboye

Web Tip

❖ After a long disappearance, the Union Market menu is back on its homepage. Visit www.ucollege.edu/union-market and click on the link to view it.

Next content deadline April 20
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