The breeze is picking up and the evenings are cooling down; it’s autumn in Lincoln! Those who have yet to see campus in its fall colors are in for a treat. The Joshua C. Turner Arboretum is situated on Union’s grounds and home to some 100 identified species of trees and bushes, and a blessing in the changing seasons. A gallery and map of all the species can be found on the college’s website.

Campus News

- October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, a time to educate the public about workers with disabilities and the highly skilled talent pool they represent. In recognition of this event, Debbie Forshee-Sweeney, TLC director, presented a disability awareness video to staff and faculty at General Assembly. The TLC aims to help students with verified disabilities who need extra help with classes. Students are offered tests in audio format, extended time for tests, note takers in the classroom or whatever else they may need to assist their studies and benefit from the information. As part of the “Disability Awareness” campaign the Clocktower will publish articles featuring different disabilities and a display in the Everett Dick Building’s lobby.

- Union College has been presented with a “Certificate of Recognition” by Lancaster County’s Tobacco Free Workplace program for protecting the health of employees and students from smoke and tobacco. Rennae Anderson, wellness coordinator, accepted the award—one of 56 granted to schools, workplaces and churches around the county.

- Fifty-nine people volunteered to donate blood at the Blood Drive on Sept. 22, exceeding the campus-wide goal of fifty-four. Jennifer Michaelis, PA student and coordinator of the event, said in a statement to participants, “you made a difference in the lives of patients in the community and throughout the nation.” The PA program thanks Union College for their contribution to help others.

- Top Christian is a new afterglow show based loosely on the British television show Top Gear. David Albo, Thandani Dube, and Pablo Colindres hope to give Unionites an evening filled with fun and centered on God. The first episode will premiere Friday, Oct. 28 at 9:30 p.m. in Woods Auditorium.

- The Division of Health and Human Performance has scheduled monthly meetings to help students grow academically and professionally. The theme is “Career Opportunities” and they are bringing in professionals to discuss practical issues such as academic background, job responsibilities and how to prepare for a career while still in school. The first guest, Dr. Shantae Horst ’07, came Sept. 22 to discuss her role as a physical therapist at Midwest Physical Therapy. Dr. Bo Bryson, chiropractor and owner of Trinity Chiropractic, will speak on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 10:30 a.m. in the Larson Lifestyle Center classroom. Everyone is welcome.

- On Sept. 13, IRR majors enrolled in Principles of Emergency Management participated in a Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Drill. The SNS is a stockpile of medications and emergency supplies that can be distributed to any point in the United States within 12 hours of a disaster. Students trained with personnel in an exercise designed to tackle a flu epidemic in the state of Nebraska. The IRR students left a positive impression on state and local emergency managers by their competency and professionalism. In the event of a statewide emergency, IRR majors who participated in this drill could now be called to operate distribution warehouses for medications and emergency supplies.

- Education students taking Children and Adolescent Literature class participated in the Plum Creek Literacy Festival on Sept. 23 in Seward, Neb. The students organized and carried out “Literacy on the Lawn,” a plethora of activities designed to encourage the 4,000 children to learn to love books.

- The library has made it easier to find articles on their website, especially full text versions. The new system utilizes both the library’s databases and the Google Scholar search engine. For a complete explanation of the updates, look under the current news section on the library’s homepage.
The ESL students enjoyed a trip to the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha on Sept. 17. Thanks to an arrangement Josie Escamilla, the ESL office manager, has with the zoo administration, the international students are permitted to enter at no cost. The ESL department appreciates this agreement and takes advantage by visiting every fall and spring semester. The trip was made particularly special because the sun came out and so the animals did too.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation provided funding for five faculty in the Division of Nursing to attend the National Conference on Quality and Safety Education in Nursing (QSEN) in Milwaukee last May. In addition, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) hosted a free QSEN leadership conference that Charlotte Schober and Valerie Krueger attended in September. In May, the nursing department also taught a certified nursing assistant course to 22 students from across Lincoln. The course provides a necessary service to students who are required to have the certification in order to enter educational programs such as radiology and ultrasound, medical laboratory assisting and nursing.

Each year in August, nursing faculty conduct a children’s foot clinic where school-aged children receive foot care and new socks and shoes. This year, eighty-five children were served with the help of several senior nursing students. They also try to provide basic school supplies to the children. The College View Church Kingdom Kids and the Nursing Honor Society Sigma Theta Tau, Nu Rho Chapter are already busy collecting school supplies for next year. The hope is to be able to provide each child with the basic necessities to start school.

Edward Allen encourages students to write “Seventh-day Adventist” in their papers correctly. This past week after he had quizzed students over the correct name, several pointed out that the link of Google to the official church website had written it incorrectly, and that the wrong letters were capitalized. Upon discovery of this information, he e-mailed Garrett Caldwell, Public Relations director for the General Conference, and requested that it be fixed. Caldwell agreed, and so this week browsers will find that a Google search results with information on the Seventh-day Adventist Church (spelled correctly).

To get more information on stories and events visit the website at www.ucollege.edu. To join the conversation send news to news@ucollege.edu.

The Art Exhibit

Linda Stephen is an award winning paper artist who concentrates on a 3D wall art variation of origami, the art of paper folding. She has traveled extensively, including seven years spent in Japan, where she became fluent in the language and passionate about Japanese paper. Her work has been featured in more than 40 exhibits across the country and her projects include a commercial for “Tobacco Free Nebraska” and pieces celebrating downtown development. Stephen currently resides in Lincoln with her husband and two children. She describes her art as celebrating “both the festive and the quiet moments in our lives.” The exhibit is on display until Oct. 16.

Words from the Wise

“If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.”—Mother Teresa

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On-Campus Updates

Preview Days is Oct. 6-9, and Union will host students from Midland, Maplewood, Highland View and Auburn Academies. Union College students are encouraged to open their arms and rooms for these students as well as those coming for the women’s volleyball tournament; Oct. 20-23. Enrollment Services is offering redeemable tickets and prizes to anyone who hosts students during volleyball and basketball tournaments. Go to www.ucollege.edu/hosts for more details.

On Oct. 14-15, during midterm break, Union will host 300 public school guidance counselors who make up the Academy of Nebraska Guidance Counselors. This will be the third year they have held their meetings at Union College and they will convene mainly in the Division of Business and Computer Science.

A Cup of Conversation is a new event for faculty to relax and have a tête-à-tête midweek. It will be hosted monthly in The Studio for Writing and Speaking on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The next meeting is on Oct. 19 and faculty are encouraged to come and check it out. Keep an eye out in Campus Conversations for subsequent meetings.

Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, October 6:
7 p.m. Women’s volleyball vs. York College in the gym
9 p.m. “9 O’clock” thirty minute praise opportunity in Rees Hall chapel

Friday, October 7:
Vespers will be faculty and staff soup suppers; please ask your host for time.

Saturday, October 8:
3:30 p.m. Huskers for the Homeless sign up in Campus Ministries to collect donations for Matt Talbot Kitchen from 80,000 football fans
6:30 p.m. V2 is hosted by Kiley and CABL at CVC
8:30 p.m. Almost Anything Goes in the gym

Sunday, October 9:
8:20 p.m. Ice cream and football in Woods Auditorium to support AJ Oetman and friends as they write letters to Ellen Degeneres to gain funding for their tv show proposal: the Epic of Josar

Tuesday, October 11:
10:30 a.m. Chapel featuring Pastor Belcher of Allon Chapel
7 p.m. Women’s volleyball vs. Grace University in the gym
Student recital in Engel Hall

Wednesday, October 12:
7 p.m. Women’s volleyball vs. Nebraska Wesleyan JV in the gym

Thursday, October 13:
6:30 p.m. Union Market closes for Midterm Break

Friday, October 14:
Midterm Break, no Vespers

Saturday, October 15:
No V2

Tuesday, October 18:
10:30 a.m. Academic Convocation will be a leadership Symposium featurting Richard St. John
7 p.m. Union hosts Manhattan Christian in volleyball at the gym

Wednesday, October 19:
12:30 p.m. Faculty are invited to “A Cup of Conversation” in the Studio for Writing and Speaking.