An endless supply of appointments, meetings and deadlines this time of year can be overwhelming and seem like an infinite cycle. But don’t let your daily struggles get you down as we have an inexplicable hope in Christ. **Tash Copening** is the director of Union for Christ this year and has some exciting events planned. She also has a weekly blog entitled “Connecting to Christ,” in which she outlines some of her own spiritual journey as well as words of encouragement and advice. You can follow her discoveries via the ASB website or at www.unionforchrist.blogspot.com.

**Campus News**

- **Denise White** and Larry Ray participated in the 4th Annual Forum of the Conference Board of Mathematical Sciences (CBMS) in Reston, Va., October 2-4. Their expenses were covered by the Brookhill Foundation, the same institution that has funded Union’s summer math workshops for K-12 teachers over the past three years. The forum concentrated on model programs to engage college mathematics professors as partners with their education department colleagues. This focus will help provide K-12 teachers with career-long professional development in mathematics. Because U.S. students’ performance has fallen behind many other countries in international mathematics exams, CBMS is challenging mathematics professors to deliver content-rich workshops for K-12 teachers across the country.

- **National PA Week** was Oct. 6-12. The week serves to celebrate the significant impact PAs make in health care, and to expand awareness and encourage growth of the profession. On Oct. 4, Union students Corlan Vonderschmidt and Megan Leveranz were guest speakers at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Pre-PA Club. On Oct. 5, many Union PA students and faculty joined with the Division of Nursing to provide foot care to more than seventy people at the annual citywide “Project Homeless.” PA faculty and students also gave presentations on Responsible Sexual Health at Lincoln East High School on Oct. 6, and at Lincoln High School on Oct. 11. The talks emphasize abstinence until marriage.

- **Sixty-nine Unionites helped with Huskers for the Homeless** on Oct. 8. The combined efforts of all the volunteers raised $33,000 for the Matt Talbot Kitchen, which uses the money to help cover operating expenses in its mission to feed the homeless and impoverished in Lincoln. Campus Ministries would like to thank all those who took part in the fundraising.

- **AJ Oetman** and friends e-mailed the Ellen Degeneres show on Oct. 9 to convince her to fund their plans for a TV show called “The Epic of Josar: American Expedition.” The team hopes to begin filming in April, when six men will canoe more than 3,900 miles from Montana to Louisiana. They will begin on the Jefferson River, connect to the Missouri, travel to the Mississippi in St. Louis and finish their quest in New Orleans. They will pass through 13 states, multiple native reservations, and five major cities, all the while addressing important humanitarian issues. They hope to discuss topics such as sex slavery, native cultures and ethical treatment of animals with the people they meet, and engage them in the global conversation. You can see their promotional video on YouTube.

- **Union College Drama** has experienced a major setback in their spring production. Music Theatre International, the company that holds the performance rights to Fiddler on the Roof, informed **Mark Robison**, professor of English, on Oct. 13 that the rights to the show were restricted, and that it is not available for the expected performance dates. Union was refused the rights to the show because a national touring company has prior claim and will perform it in Omaha in April 2012. “We will be selecting a different show to announce soon,” said Robison. “This is sad news, but we shall overcome this setback by employing CAP—communication, adaptability, and problem-solving.”

- **Tyler Anderson**, senior international rescue and relief major, helped organize an Emergency Preparedness Camporee for 250 Boy Scouts on Oct. 15. Tyler recruited the

**VW Bus Turns Heads**

A steady flow of attendees stopped to admire the shiny two-toned classic in the exhibit hall at the 2010 General Conference in Atlanta, Ga. The red and white 1967 Volkswagen Microbus was the star of the show and appealed to people across generations and cultures. “We didn’t consider the universal appeal of the VW,” said **LuAnn Davis**, vice president for Advancement. “Many people stopped to share stories of their own VW buses in North America, Europe, Africa: all over the world.”

Thanks to the generosity of alumni donors, Union College recently purchased the thirteen-window passenger van and has made it a permanent member of the college’s recruiting efforts.

What started as a clever image in a Union College magazine advertisement back in 2008, morphed into a real-life attraction at the General Conference. The group planning the GC session booth were inspired to find a real VW bus from their ad for the exhibit. After discovering that restoring a bus would be cost prohibitive, **Steve Nazario**, the planning committee chair, searched for a bus to rent for the ten-day event. “I started reaching out to Volkswagen clubs in the area,” Nazario explained. “I met Pete Klucas, a guy who restores classic Volkswagens. He told me about a bus he restored here in Lincoln that might be available.” The owner agreed to allow Union College to use the bus as part of the General Conference exhibit at no charge.

“The bus turned out to be a huge hit at the session,” said Nazario. “The Union College booth received lots of attention from attendees and the media.” Inspired by what they saw at the session, an alumni couple offered to gift funds to purchase the VW bus for the college.

The classic VW has already become key part of marketing Union College’s visit program. “The bus is a real head turner,” said Becky Dewey-Daniel, the guest experience manager. “During special events we take prospective students on tours downtown with the bus. The kids love the experience and it increases our presence in the area. The bus always distinguishes us at events.”
National Guard’s elite seventy-second Civil Support Team, the Bryan LGH Air Ambulance, the American Red Cross’ mass feeding and shelter team, the Nebraska State Fire Marshal, the Nebraska State Patrol and ten international rescue and relief students to staff eight skills sessions for the boys. The 11-17 year-old scouts rotated through the skill stations learning the basics of emergency preparedness, and at the end voted the IRR station as their favorite. The IRR students taught them to “package a patient,” secure an injured person safely for transport, and their favorite: the backboard to rescue litter carry.

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Tanya Cochran recently traveled to New Orleans, La., to deliver her paper “Fandom, Fox, and Fringe Fridays, or How Television Trailers Argue.” She presented to colleagues at the conference of the Popular and American Culture Associations in the South. Cochran plans to flesh out her presentation for future publication.

Malcolm Russell recently returned from a trip to the Middle East where he assisted in conducting a series of workshops designed to help secondary school teachers. The trip, from Oct. 6-16, took faculty from Andrews University’s education and religion departments, including Russell’s brother, to Beirut and Cairo for the meetings.

The Division of Humanities is preparing Christmas boxes to send to Rachel Allen, Christi Daniels, Kaitlin Yingling and Emily Mastrapa, who are studying abroad with the Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) program. The boxes will be sent out a week before Thanksgiving break and there is a wish list for each. Students and employees are encouraged to come by the division to drop in gifts. Note: Baked goods are not allowed through customs.

Science and Mathematics Building Update

Union College has purchased Bancroft Street from 49th to 51st streets in preparation for construction of a new parking lot. This sale means that this section of road has been vacated by the city and the college now owns it and is responsible for maintenance. Presently there are no planned disruptions or road closures this fall, but by March or April 2012 there may be some minor interruptions. Pending weather conditions, construction of the new parking lot between 49th Street and Kern Courts will begin later this fall. Additionally, diagonal parking will be added on the south side of Bancroft Street from Engel Hall to 49th Street.

Kern Courts is to remain operational until May 2013.

Construction of the new science and mathematics complex will begin in early spring 2012.

McClelland Art Exhibition

The McClelland Art Gallery is now exhibiting work from the Central America Study Tour of May 2011. The photos were taken by Union College students in a Travel Photography class as part of a study tour taken last May in Costa Rica, Honduras, and Panama. The students produced images for their own portfolio as well as for a special book of the tour. The 200-page, self-published book contains more than 250 pictures taken by students and faculty, as well as some poems and essays. It is available to view in the library, Engel Hall, Jorgenson Hall and the Division of Humanities, as well as in the exhibit.

The Central America Study Tour was led by Mark Robison and the classes included Travel Photography, Ornithology and Travel Literature. Students took two of the three classes, all of which fulfilled LEAD requirements. The next trip is scheduled for May 2013 and interested students should speak with Mark Robison (literature), Amy Utt (ornithology) or Bruce Forbes (photography). The exhibit of 23 photographs will be in the McClelland Gallery from Oct. 16-Nov. 6.

Words from the Wise

“Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.”—Dalai Lama

“A young man who wishes to remain a sound atheist cannot be too careful of his reading.”—C. S. Lewis

On-Campus Updates

Thirty-two students from Milo and Upper Columbia Academies will visit Union College Oct. 20-23. Participants in the MAU volleyball tournament will also be on campus and busy with the games. Please take time to welcome the guests on campus.

Aaron Kent has begun a series of seminars entitled “Essentials of Backcountry Living,” offered for those who are interested in spending time in the outdoors. The tutorials cover a variety of topics ranging from basic mountaineering to camp stove cooking. Kent hopes to inspire greater interest in the outdoors, as well as encourage better safety habits and more comfortable practices. The seminar is on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m.

Students are reminded that Wednesday, Nov. 2, is the last day they may withdraw from a class and receive a “W.”

Join the conversation and send stories and updates to news@ucollege.edu.

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, October 21:
7:30 p.m. Vespers: UFC concert will feature local a cappella group No Better Cause.

Saturday, October 22:
6:30 p.m. V2 hosted by Women’s Ministries
7:30 p.m. Bake sale in the gym raising money for breast cancer awareness

Sunday, October 23:
6 p.m. PG release in Woods Auditorium will feature music from Oregon based band Crown Point.

Tuesday, October 25:
10:30 a.m. Chapel: in recognition of Disability Awareness month, Sarah Kovac, an inspirational speaker who lives with arthrogryposis multiplex congenita, will share how God has blessed her.

Wednesday, October 26:
2-4 p.m. Union College’s Career Fair will host more than thirty organizations, including multiple graduate schools, and is open to all majors.

Thursday, October 27:
7:30 p.m. Power Pac will feature pastor Kent Rufo, recent chaplain at Campion Academy and current pastor in the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

Friday, October 28:
7:30 p.m. Vespers will feature Kent Rufo
9:30 p.m. Premiere episode of Top Christian in Woods Auditorium

Saturday, October 29:
6 p.m. V2 will be hosted by the Division of Human Development
8:30 p.m. ASB Bigger and Better will start in Woods Auditorium

Tuesday, November 1:
10:30 a.m. Chapel will be a special event focusing on Operation Christmas Child
12-1 p.m. Rock Pile Poets will meet in
5-6 p.m. Union Market during lunch and dinner