Basketball season has officially started with the first men’s and women’s games having been played at Central Christian College on Oct. 27. As time progresses you can keep track of the scores by visiting www.ucollege.edu/student-life/athletics. Spectators can also watch some home games live at www.ucollege.edu/uclive.

Campus News

- Recruiters in Enrollment Services have been steadily on the road since early September. After visiting the Mid-America Union academies together, they have spent back-to-back weeks traveling separately. Daniel Cress visited academies in the Lake Union and the Northwest, as well as most public schools in Omaha and Lincoln. Taleah Valles completed a tour in southern California and then visited academies in the Southern Union. Richard Young finished a trip to the Southern Union and is now visiting the Atlantic and Columbia unions. Nadine Nelson recently returned from a recruiting trip in Asia and has developed relationships with contacts in Shaghai, Hong Kong, Beijing, Indonesia and Singapore.

- Buell Fogg led out in a week of prayer at Central Valley Christian Academy in Modesto, Calif., Sept. 26-30, and at College View Academy, Oct. 3-7. He also spoke at the district rally in Harvey, N.D., on Oct. 29.

- Union College hosted the first Alumni Directors’ Meetings for alumni directors from Adventist colleges, universities and academies Oct. 10-12. Twenty-two people attended the meetings representing nine colleges and universities and eleven academies. They discussed topics such as alumni association boards and electronic communication, and the breakout sessions were peer directed by speakers such as Ted Hart, author and e-fundraising guru. The meetings were funded by the North America Division’s Philanthropic Service for Institutions, and the alumni directors agreed unanimously that meetings should continue annually at different locations. A Facebook group page was set up to facilitate dialogue and feedback between the directors.

- Jonathan Shields and Peter Blankenship, members of the Campus Safety Committee, attended a presentation for the Lincoln community on Oct. 25. The talk was sponsored by Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) and titled “Transcending the Flames.” Seven members of the LPS administration shared lessons they learned from the May 30 fire that destroyed the school district headquarters. Each administrative function, including Information Systems, Business Operations, Human Resources, Facilities Maintenance, Communications, Educational Operations and Executive functions shared the lessons learned through the crisis of a fire which will require a complete rebuilding of the LPS administrative complex. The information from the seminar will be considered by both the Campus Safety Committee and the Crisis Committee to improve Union College’s disaster plan.

- Kathy Bollinger attended the Nebraska Lutheran Educator’s Conference in Lincoln on Oct. 20 titled “Rooted and Growing in Christ.” She presented her paper, “Schemata, the Mental Blueprint of Reality,” which focuses on using schemata, or previously acquired knowledge, as a scaffold on which to build new information.

- Pastor Rich Carlson left on Oct. 26 to visit Union student missionaries in Cameroon. He then flew to Finland on Oct. 30 to attend The One Project, a Seventh-day Adventist conference in Helsinki from Oct. 31-Nov. 1. Afterward, he traveled to Nairobi and to Maxwell Academy in Kenya to recruit students and speak. He will be back at Union College on Nov. 7.

- Jill Morstad recently attended the Assessment Institute in Indianapolis, Indiana, which explores different methods and questions related to assessment. Her presentation, titled “Assessment Unleashed,” provided practical strategies for assessing complex and non-linear educational endeavors that depend on the integration of many qualities and skills. She also challenged her audience to reflect on how they personally assess the “un-assessable.”

- Ben Tyner and his Medieval History class recently completed a month-long game set amidst the Second Crusade of 1148. Students were assigned roles, usually actual historical characters, and were required to remain in character while they performed different tasks. The students wrote papers, made speeches and created factional alliances in order to win a series of votes on the viability, leadership and destination of a Holy War. The game was originally used at Barnard College, N.Y., and has been played in some of Mark Robison’s classes. Tyner has indicated that these games will be a part of all of his upper division history classes in the near future.

- Michelle Buller, clinical director of the PA program, and Jodi Chewakin, academic director of the PA program, will attend the national PA Education Association’s Education Forum, Nov. 2-6, in New Orleans, La. Michelle Buller will serve on an expert panel titled “Success Stories from the Clinical Side: Preceptor Recruitment and Retention.” The panel will present accounts of their achievements and Buller will share how Union builds relations with its preceptors.

- Cliff Korf, outreach director for the Union College PA program, will be participating in the accreditation site visit of Kettering College for the Adventist Accreditation Association (AAA) on Nov. 3-4. The AAA is responsible for accrediting all Adventist colleges and universities and visits Union’s PA program every four years.

- Jacob Ayuen, first-year PA student, has been awarded the National Health Service Corps Scholarship. He is one of 62 PA students across the country selected for this prestigious federal award, which includes a full-ride tuition and fees scholarship, allowance for all books, equipment and supplies and a living stipend of more than $1,200 per month during his PA studies at Union. The scholarship requires a commitment to work in a medically underserved location for three years upon graduation, which is in line with his career goals. Ayuen is the seventh Union College PA student to receive this award.

- Linda Becker attended the Association of Adventist Women’s annual conference held at La Sierra University, Oct. 13-15. She currently serves as president for the organization, whose goal is to support women in leadership and ministry, as well as to work for equality within the Adventist church.

- Erome Daniel Hankor has been instrumental in fundraising for women in Nepal to receive Bibles. Tiny Hands International
is collecting money to provide Bibles for 16 women and has appealed to the students and employees at Union College for help. The Bibles cost $20 each and there is a collection box in the Rees Hall lobby.

Union College Drama has named Robert Fulghum's All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten, a dramatic, musical comedy, as the new spring play. The production was conceived and adapted by Ernest Zulia with music and lyrics by David Caldwell. The play was performed by Union College Drama in 2001, but this will be the first performance under Mark Robison's direction. The original cast will remain, though the number will be reduced and members will play multiple characters.

The English as a Second Language (ESL) program is changing its name to English for Academic Purposes (EAP). They will continue to provide the same services for international students as before, but in addition they will serve native speakers who need support in writing or reading. Instructors hope the move will address their concerns and open the resource to more students.

Plant Services has been carrying out extensive work on trees around campus. Two local arborists have helped to evaluate the conditions of the trees and identify which need to be removed due to age, damage or safety concerns. These will be replaced within the next few weeks with new trees of a different variety or species. Maintaining the arboretum requires a lot of work from Plant Services, and much care and thought goes into each decision. The recent changes will result in the continued health and beauty of the Joshua C. Turner Arboretum.

The Division of Nursing participated in Lincoln’s annual “Boo at the Zoo.” Nursing faculty and students from Pediatrics class handed out 2,500 cookies from Union Market and 3,000 coloring books provided by Johnson and Johnson, which supports nursing. The event provided an opportunity for students to evaluate costume safety as well as promote awareness of Union's nursing program.

Chris Blake and his 1970-71 Cal Poly San Luis Obispo basketball teammates will be honored by California Polytechnic University on Dec. 3 for qualifying for the NCAA Div. II tournament forty years ago. The team was the first to make it to the tournament in the school’s history, a feat that has been repeated only a couple of times since.

McClelland Art Exhibition

Victor Issa, a 1980 Union College graduate, is a renowned sculptor featured in numerous private collections and public displays across the country. His bronze sculptures will be on display in the McClelland Art Gallery and around campus from Nov. 6-27, 2011, with a reception on Nov. 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Issa first came to Union College as an immigrant from Lebanon, took introductory English classes, and went on to graduate with a bachelor’s degree in art education. While attending Union he received sculptural training at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, under Thomas Sheffield.

Issa has devoted much time and work to Union throughout the years. He has several permanent displays already dotting the campus and will bring more for the coming exhibition. “Ascension,” a bronze figure of a female dancer, and “Jester,” a life-size plaster bust of a larger work, both on display in Engel Hall, were presented to the college in 2005 in recognition and appreciation of his professors and influences at the college.

Issa also created a bronze sculpture for the Peace Sculpture Garden, in the Ortner Center, titled “Prince of Peace,” and the current Golden Cords display, a bronze and cultured marble arrangement in the lobby of the Everett Dick building, which recognizes Union students and graduates who serve as missionaries.

The new exhibition will include several of his more prominent life-size sculptures including “The Jester,” “Grandpa the Storyteller” and “Sports Buddies.”

On-Campus Updates

Hyun Goo Cho from the Korean Language Institute will be on campus from Nov. 7-10. He will be recruiting Union College graduates to work as English teachers in South Korean Adventist schools.

The IRR program will stage a mock mass casualty incident on Nov. 6 for students in several classes to practice emergency skills.

Registration for spring semester opens on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

The Campus Store will hold a “Thank you” sale from Nov. 14-18.

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

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, November 4:
7:30 p.m. Vespers: Sylvester Case will speak on “Grace in the Sanctuary.” Afterglow will be hosted by Women’s Ministries

Saturday, November 5:
1:30 p.m. International Club Potluck will begin after CVC second service in the Atrium
6 p.m. V2 will be hosted by the Division of Humanities
7:30 p.m. ASB Cardboard Boat Race and Splash for Cash will begin in the gymnasium and then move to the Larson Lifestyle pool

Monday, November 7:
7 p.m. Donna Freitas, assistant professor of religion at Boston University and author of Sex and the Soul, will meet with students in the amphitheater.

Tuesday, November 8:
10:30 p.m. Chapel: Donna Freitas will speak to Union College in answer to students’ request to discuss sex outside of marriage.
11:30 a.m. Lunch and Learn: faculty will be given the opportunity to meet and speak with Donna Freitas.
7 p.m. Student Recital in Engel Hall

Thursday, November 10:
5 p.m. Women’s basketball vs. Central Christian College in the gym
7 p.m. Men’s basketball vs. Central Christian College in the gym

Friday, November 11:
7:30 p.m. Vespers: UFC will feature Keith Gray, assistant to the president at Southwestern Adventist University.

Saturday, November 12:
5 p.m. V2 will be hosted by the Division of Business and Computer Science
6:15 p.m. Women’s basketball vs. Midland Lutheran JV in the gym
8 p.m. Men’s basketball vs. Doane junior varsity in the gym. Live broadcast.

Sunday, November 13:
6:30 p.m. ASB Banquet will be 50s theme and take place at Lincoln Station in the Haymarket. For directions check out the ASB website.

Wednesday, November 16:
12:30 p.m. A Cup of Conversation will meet in the Studio for Writing and Speaking–library room 116