This week is Mission Emphasis week—a time to recognize past, present and future missionaries. If you are interested in serving abroad or as a task force worker, inquire in Campus Ministries or contact Cherilyn Clayville at chclayvi@ucollege.edu.

Campus Announcements

❖ A new Pilates class began Monday, Jan. 23, at Larson Lifestyle Center. Classes are on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. Union students may attend for free and must bring a mat.

❖ Students from Central Valley Academy and across the U. S. will be on campus for Preview Days Jan. 26-29.

❖ The Division of Humanities is hosting a poetry contest Jan. 30-Feb. 8. Anyone may submit entries to the division office or by email to Rachel Blake at rablake@ucollege.edu. Entries will be displayed in the McClelland Art Gallery.

❖ About 215 students from the Mid-America Union will arrive at Union College to take part in the 59th annual Music Festival, Feb. 1-4. The festival helps enrich each academy’s music program and is an opportunity for students to experience Union.

❖ Odette Ferreira, director of the Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) program, will visit Union College Feb. 6-7. The director of the program in France and Spain will accompany her and they will speak to several classes and recruit students to study abroad.

Campus News

❖ Kristen Vogler, junior graphic design major, recently won a student ADDY award for the ASB fall banquet poster in the 2011-12 Nebraska ADDY’s competition. ADDY Awards are the world’s largest, and arguably toughest, advertising competitions and are the only creative awards programs administered by the advertising industry for the industry. Vogler will attend the awards banquet with Marielle Solis, sophomore medical laboratory science major, in Omaha on Feb. 4 to discover what level of award she won.

❖ The group of 12 IRR students and three faculty have landed in Managua, Nicaragua, and safely traveled to their destination of Francia. This week the team began classes, operated mobile clinics and started a community project.

❖ Ellen Rose, an ’02 Union College graduate, has joined faculty in the Division of Nursing. She will replace Greg Hines, who has decided to return to nursing practice. Rose brings experience in acute care and clinical research from the University of Missouri department of surgery. She joins her husband, Frankie Rose, in the Union College family.

❖ In Sept. 2011 the Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC) requested nominations for its Professional Equity Project (PEP), a project created to provide grant funding for part-time and adjunct professors to attend the national annual convention. Jill Morstad was nominated by Tanya Cochran and recently received notice that she would receive the PEP Grant for the 2012 meeting to be held in St. Louis, Mo. Morstad and Cochran will both attend the conference and Cochran will present.

❖ The PA Program completed 82 interviews over the past two months for the 30 seats available in next year’s class. There were 346 applicants, up from 320 last year, of which 27 percent were men and 73 percent women. The average science GPA of the applicants interviewed was 3.46 and average cumulative GPA was 3.56. Thirteen percent of the interviewees attended Union or another Adventist college. The PA Admissions Committee will make the final decisions in early February.

❖ Jake Allen, a senior exercise science major, is the first recipient of the annual Health and Human Performance Professional Development Award. The award is given to an outstanding Health and Human Performance (HHP) student in good academic standing who demonstrates a commitment to physical fitness evidenced by involvement in a personal fitness program, intramural activities, campus athletics or volunteering in the field. The fund was developed to support professional development opportunities for students in the HHP program and is funded by contributions from Judy Sloan, a Union College graduate, and the current HHP faculty. Allen will receive $1000 to attend the American Alliance for Health,

Wellness Made Simple

In order to promote employee health, Union has developed an employee wellness program. This year’s theme is “Wellness Made Simple.” The program enables Union College employees and their spouses to compile credits and earn rewards for their healthful habits. Credits are distributed for healthy activities, such as reading articles on health issues, tracking monthly blood pressure and exercising. After submitting a commitment form, participants can earn gift cards to Harvest Bread Company, Barnes and Noble, S Beans, and 10 other companies. The following is a list of award recipients.

Silver Award
Terri Bartzatt
Teresa Edgerton
Buell Fogg
Janya Mekelburg
Sabrina Riley
Amy Urr-Rickard
Bruce Forbes
Lisa Forbes
Darla Peterson
Carol Gibson

Gold Award
Don Abbey
Gary Dickerson
Stacy Flores
Barry Forbes
Stan Hardt
Stephanie Meyer
Jeff Meyer
Rocky Peterson

Diamond Award
Eugene Clausen
Dwaine Leonhardt

It is not too late to begin the program or recording credits—the program continues until April 15. To receive a new red program booklet or submit a claim form, along with the monthly tracking log, please contact Sandy Tallman, the new wellness coordinator. The Wellness Committee would also like to announce that the program has been extended so that anyone who reaches the diamond level is welcome to begin the program again.
Lost and Found has moved from the Advancement Office and will now be located in Student Services.

HHP Students from Wellness Methods, Material, and Management class attended the January WorkWell delegate meeting at the Lancaster County Health Department on Jan. 18. The meeting focused on the controversy between reports that claim low level drinking may be good for health and the fact that Nebraska ranks second in the nation in prevalence of binge drinking.

**Warrior’s Basketball Scores**

**Men’s Team: 10 Wins-7 Losses**

- Dec. 6 (Away)  
  Faith Baptist Bible College W 81-78
- Jan. 12 (Home)  
  Ozark Christian College L 71-90
- Jan. 14 (Home)  
  Hesston College L 92-107
- Jan. 17 (Home)  
  Faith Baptist Bible College L 88-103
- Jan. 19 (Home)  
  Concordia University JV W 2OT 101-97
- Jan. 21 (Home)  
  Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture W 107-69

**Women’s Team: 5 Wins-12 Losses**

- Dec. 6 (Away)  
  Faith Baptist Bible College W 51-45
- Jan. 10 (Away)  
  Brown Mackie College JV L 55-81
- Jan. 12 (Home)  
  Ozark Christian College W 55-53
- Jan. 14 (Home)  
  Hesston College L 44-67
- Jan. 17 (Home)  
  Faith Baptist Bible College L 40-47
- Jan. 19 (Home)  
  Brown Mackie College JV L 45-75
- Jan. 21 (Home)  
  Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture W 54-41

**McClelland Art Exhibition**

Elizabeth Rieke-Hefley’s love for wildlife manifests itself on canvas. The Lincoln-based artist shares her passion for conservation with others through her oil paintings, which often depict vibrant scenes of nature and endangered species. Her work will be displayed in the McClelland Art Gallery now through Feb. 12, 2012.

After entering a graduate program in entomology at the University of Minnesota, Rieke-Hefley taught herself painting. “I became very passionate about conservation and education,” she said in her artist’s statement. “Painting animals was a way to combine all my passions.”

Rieke-Hefley began depicting animals using oil paints and referencing photographs. “I particularly enjoy working on endangered and threatened wildlife,” she said. “The paintings are not only art, but a way to educate people about the animals.”

Paying special attention to skin and fur textures, she uses her work to highlight animal diversity. “For each piece I research the animal and its habitat to make sure the painting is realistic,” she explained. “The final work is then displayed with information on the animal and the threats it faces.”

Rieke-Hefley hopes to use her paintings to inspire others to take a greater interest in wildlife. “Only with education can we teach others to take an interest in conservation,” she stated. “My goal is to help people understand by showing them the world’s beauty and diversity and telling them the danger it’s in of being lost.”

The library is taking steps to increase access to online journals at Union College. Starting this spring semester, approximately 60 print journals will be moved to online access only. Following a new policy, the library will subscribe to online rather than print editions of journals when the online option is both less expensive and offers IP authentication, which means readers may access it from a campus computer without using a username or password. Students and faculty will still need to log in to Union College’s proxy server using their UC ID and password when off campus. Journals which do not offer IP-authenticated online access will remain on the library’s shelves as print subscriptions.

The Division of Health and Human Performance would like to announce Sandy Tallman as their new office manager and wellness coordinator. Tallman will continue to work in the Religion Department, but will now also be available in the HHP office between 1-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

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**Science and Mathematics Building Update**

- Street parking on Bancroft behind Engel Hall and Rees Hall is now open for use. The new parking lot on the northeast corner of 49th and Bancroft is not quite completed, but is functional and open. These new parking areas will make up for lost parking spaces when construction on the science and mathematics complex begins this spring.

**Mark Your Calendar**

**Friday, January 27:**
- 7:30 p.m. Vespers will have a student missions emphasis and will feature skyping current missionaries and a Q & A session for future ones. Afterglow will be hosted by IRR.

**Saturday, January 28:**
- 5:30 p.m. V2 will be hosted by the Division of Science and Mathematics
- 8:30 p.m. ASB ice skating at Mahoney State Park, giant jungle gym and sledding if there is enough snow. Vans will depart at 7:45 p.m. Costs are $4 for non-ASB members and $6 for non-Union.

**Tuesday, January 31:**
- 10:30 a.m. Chapel will feature Lauren Lombard, a Union graduate and representative of ADRA.
- 5:30 p.m. Women’s basketball vs. Manhattan Christian College in the gym. Last home game.
- 7:30 p.m. Men’s basketball vs. Manhattan Christian College in the gym.

**Saturday, February 4:**
- 4 p.m. MAU Music Festival Concert
- 8:30 p.m. Student Center Game Night

**Tuesday, February 7:**
- 10:30 a.m. Chapel will feature Barb Prowant, a Union College board member and lawyer in the Northwest.
- 12-1 p.m. Rock Pike Poets meet in Union
- 5-6 p.m. Market
- 7 p.m. Men’s basketball vs. Nebraska Christian College in the gym. Last home game.

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