April 6-8 is Homecoming weekend and the school will be filled with alumni. Many of them have been instrumental in providing scholarships and other financial support to students and the school so if you get the opportunity, don’t forget to thank them.

Campus Announcements

- The Campus Store is hosting its Homecoming and spring sale until April 6.
- The nomination deadline for this year’s Library Teacher of the Year Award was extended to Friday, April 6. For a description of the award and its requirements visit http://www.ucollege.edu/node/750.
- Students from across the country, including Calexico Mission Academy and Holbrook Indian School, will visit Union from April 12-15 for Preview Days.
- The weight room and front desk at Larson Lifestyle Center are now open on Fridays till 5:30 p.m. An open swim from 3:30-5:00 p.m. has also been added to the Friday schedule.
- The Union College Board of Trustees Writing Awards is still accepting applications for 2012. Submissions must be sponsored by a faculty member and written during the 2011-2012 school year to be eligible. The categories are: first-year research writing, upper-division research writing, expository research writing and creative writing. Work can be submitted online at www.ucollege.edu/writing-awards before April 30. Extension deadline is April 6. For more information visit www.ucollege.edu/node/750.

Campus News

- Nursing students Damion Caudy, Raquel Herrera, Melissa Hold, Caitlin Laubrich, Kayla Meelhuysen, Joanna Morrison, Karla Navarrete, Stephanie Phillip, Macy Ray and Allison Thomas and faculty Amy Bollinger and Kristine Follett went to Nicaragua as part of the Frontier Nursing Class March 8-19. They had a good experience working with local nurses and volunteer doctors in serving the Miskito Indians in the Tasba Raya North Atlantic Autonomous Region, and would like to thank those who supported them financially and in prayer. A presentation on the trip will be held in the classroom in the Nursing Annex (north side of the Don Love Building) from 2-3:30pm on April 6.
- Tanya Cochran attended and presented at a small conference hosted by Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro during spring break. Her paper “Paratexts With Superpowers: How Trailers, Action Figures, and Other Peripherals Impact Audience Reception” was well received by the audience for Catwoman to Katniss: Villainesses and Heroines of Fantasy and Science Fiction.
- Katie Booton, December nursing graduate, arranged for Edward Allen to present on Seventh-day Adventist to a Lenten study group at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in Lincoln on March 21. Many in the group said they knew very little about Seventh-day Adventism before the presentation and the discussion following centered on eschatology, Sabbath keeping and women in ministry.
- Teresa Edgerton, Malcolm Russell, Michelle Velazquez-Mesnard and sophomore IRR students Michael Rohm and Joellyn Sheehy attended the regional Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) gathering at Monmouth College, Ill., March 23-24. The conference was titled “Loaves and Fishes: Multiplying Opportunities for Theological Exploration of Vocation” and focused on helping colleges guide students toward their calling.
- Artwork by students Gina Brandenburger, Cassi Fitzpatrick, Devi Halim, Kylie Lowe, Zach Posthumus and E’aisal Strong is on display at the 9th Annual Nebraska Independent College Foundation Art Show hosted by the O’Keefe Elevator Company in Omaha April 1-30. The gallery is located at 1402 Jones Street and is open weekdays from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Untiring

After 14 years of service to Union College, Don and Janella Abbey accepted the roles of Asian project field directors for Adventist Frontier Missions (AFM). A come-and-go goodbye reception will be held on April 7 in the Ortner Center lobby from 3-4:30 p.m.

As the Abbeys prepared for retirement, AFM advertised a position opening for a field director. The mission of AFM lines up with what the Abbeys believe is Christ’s method: living among the people, finding their best interest and meeting their needs.

“We have been interested for a long time in mission work,” said Janella. “It’s been clear through the entire process that this has been God working. It’s His call. We can choose whether or not to join Him.”

As the Asia Project field directors, the Abbeys will support, encourage and mentor frontline missionaries. They will also research new potential projects for Nepal, Myanmar and possibly Cambodia. AFM sends missionaries to live independently in unreached areas with the goal of planting churches. As field directors, they will work to support eleven AFM missionary couples.

“We’ll work at learning Thai,” said Janella laughing. “But we won’t be able to learn the language of all the places. We’re praying for the gift of tongues.”

The Abbeys believe it is necessary to explain the Gospel in a way that makes sense within each culture and how it can apply to everyday life.

“He may not call everyone to be overseas missionaries,” cautioned Janella. “There’s some very challenging missions in North America. If you’re willing to go where He leads, He will.”

The Golden Cords string quartet traveled to Minnesota March 23-25 and gave concerts at the Buffalo, Westview and Maple Plain churches. The group consists of Edward Allen, Hannah Jaster, freshman chemistry major, Alena Kinsey, senior Southeast High School student, JoAnn Sisodia, senior College View Academy student and Misha Sisodia, senior music and nursing major, as accompanist.
**McClelland Art Exhibit**

“Birds have been important to me all my life, particularly when I became Adventist,” explained Jim McClelland, a well-known part of Union College for the past 38 years. His vibrant paintings have inspired students, embellished Engel Hall and given him a national reputation. They are now on display in the McClelland Art Gallery until April 22.

“When I was 17, I was taken in by an Adventist family who had a son my age,” said McClelland. “They had lots of birds and we would go bird-watching on the weekends. I’ve always envied birds because they can fly. They see so much of the world and are so colorful.”

McClelland’s bird paintings have been widely acclaimed and featured in international exhibitions. “When I came to Union College in the 1970s and exhibited work, ecology was a hot thing,” said McClelland. “A lot of people wanted bird paintings and I eventually became known for it. Now that’s what I’m famous for.”

Every year, during Alumni Weekend, McClelland exhibits his work in the eponymous art gallery. “I usually display whatever major pieces I’ve been working on throughout the year,” he said. “Alumni often buy my paintings as I’ve been here a long time, they know my reputation as an artist and because the paintings have a strong identification with Union, though I hope they buy them mainly because they’re beautiful.”

McClelland’s ministry at Union extends even further than his beautiful pictures. He has dedicated his time and career to guiding and counseling students. “I grew up in an alcoholic home that didn’t value education,” he explained. “When I became a Christian, I really began to see its value and have since never wanted to be anything but a teacher.”

Although now 75 percent retired, McClelland still dedicates his time and energy to his calling. “I love Union, I couldn’t love it more,” he said after nearly four decades. “It’s a sacred privilege to be a teacher, to be impacted by people and to impact them. I’ll teach as long as kids still like me and I like them.”

- The Division of Humanities held its first FreeCycle event March 29-30. Jill Morstad originated the idea, which featured faculty and students donating and exchanging their unused business wear for free.
- The PA program will serve brunch in Union Market at 10:00 a.m. on April 22 to raise money for a mission trip to Peru. There will be free blood pressure checks and a jar for donations.
- Tanya Cochran and Jill Morstad recently returned from the Conference on College Composition and Communication held in St. Louis where Cochran presented her paper “Past the Brink of Tacit Support: Composition Pedagogy and the Citizen-Fan Activist.” Both professors gathered valuable information about intellectual property, copyright laws and student writing as well as more productive approaches to writing assessment.
- Lorri Merchant, Shawna Kolbeck and students from the Social Welfare Policy course attended the National Association of Social Workers—Nebraska Chapter’s legislation day at the Capitol. Representatives were present from all of the Council on Social Work Education accredited social work programs in Nebraska and they all spent the morning in workshops related to advocacy and social policy. In the afternoon, the students had lunch with senators and watched debate and voting on the legislation floor.

**Building Update**

- The gas company will be rerouting gas lines from under where the new science and mathematics complex will be so there will be more tractors and digging in front of the Larson Lifestyle Center. There will also be a few power outages in several buildings, particularly Larson Lifestyle Center, as the power lines are rerouted.

**Answer to last edition’s logic problem:**
- Pour the four-gallon bucket of water into the empty seven-gallon bucket. Fill it again, and pour the contents into the seven-gallon bucket until it is full. There will be one gallon left. Empty the seven-gallon bucket and transfer the single gallon of water into it. Fill the four-gallon bucket again and pour into the seven-gallon bucket.

**Mark Your Calendar**

- **Thursday, April 5:**
  9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The Union College Blood Drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall of CVC. Donors are asked to eat beforehand and bring a photo ID.
  5:30 p.m. A presentation by Misty Wehling, a biology candidate, will be given in room 300 of Jorgensen Hall.

- **Friday, April 6:**
  Library Teacher of the Year Award nominations’ extended deadline

- 1:30 p.m. Ground breaking for the new science and mathematics complex will occur north of the Don Love building, 1:30 p.m. classes in the Division of Science and Mathematics have been moved to 2:00 p.m. for the event.
- 2:00 p.m. A presentation of their trip to Nicaragua over spring break will be given by the Frontier Nursing class in the nursing classroom of the Annex (north side of the Don Love Building).
- 8:00 p.m. Vespers will feature the Hanging of the Golden Cords ceremony, where student missionaries and task force workers are acknowledged for their service. Afterglow will be hosted by Men’s and Women’s ministries.

**Saturday, April 7:**
- 3:00 p.m. Celebration of Service reception for Don Abbey to thank him and his wife, Janella, for their 14 years at Union. They are leaving the college to serve as the Asian project field directors for Adventist Frontier Missions.
- 6:00 p.m. V2 will feature a Unionaires Reunion concert.

**Sunday, April 8:**
- 6:45 a.m. Sonrise Servie will be outside at the front of CVC.

**Tuesday, April 10:**
- 10:30 a.m. Chapel—to be announced.
- 7:00 p.m. Student Recital in the Engel Recital Hall.

**Friday, April 13:**
- 8:00 p.m. Vespers will feature a Jesus walk. Afterglow will be hosted by the Division of Business and Computer Science.

**Saturday, April 14:**
- 8:00 p.m. V2
- 9:00 p.m. The Gymnaires Home Show will be held in the gymnasium.

**Monday, April 16:**
- Deadline to request an exam change

**Tuesday, April 17:**
- 10:30 a.m. Chapel will feature the ASB Passing the Torch ceremony and an Awards Convocation.
- Join the conversation by sending stories and updates to news@ucollege.edu.