

# CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS

HIGHLIGHTING NEWS AT UNION COLLEGE

APRIL 29, 2004

## GRADUATION WEEKEND

Schedule of events:

### Friday, May 7

8 p.m.—Consecration (College View Church)  
Speaker: Wendell Wall

9:15 p.m.—Reception for graduates, their families  
and faculty and staff (Atrium)

### Sabbath, May 8

10:40 a.m.—Sabbath School (CVC)  
Presented by graduating class

Noon—Baccalaureate (CVC)

Speaker: Kathy Goddard

4:30 p.m.—Nurses' pinning (CVC)

### Sunday, May 9

10 a.m.—Commencement (CVC)

Speaker: Thomas Werner

## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

◆ Ready for a change of pace? Plan now for fun and fellowship during the employee events scheduled for **Wednesday, May 12**. You won't want to miss the **Employee Health and Fitness Day Celebration** and **Year-end Faculty/Staff Farewell Party**.

**9:30 a.m.—Worship** in Woods Auditorium.

**10 a.m.—Frisbee Golf Extravaganza** beginning at Woods Auditorium.

**Noon—American Heart Walk** begins under the clock tower. This is the fifth year Union has hosted the alternate date for the citywide event. Don't forget to help raise funds to fight America's No. 1 killer—heart disease and stroke. Turn in money to your team captain the week before the walk. Please invite your friends and family to join in this one-mile walk. Onsite donations will also be accepted, but all are welcome to participate with or without a donation.

**6 p.m.—Year-end Faculty/Staff Farewell Party** in Union Market. RSVP to Rose Schultz (ext. 2500) by Wednesday, May 5. *Please note the date for this event is a change from the college calendar.* The beach

party will include **great food, prize drawings, and cash awards** for the **Best Beach Costume Contest** (adult and children's categories).

◆ **Union College will be hosting the AIA (Adventist Intercollegiate Association) conference next year** from March 29 - April 2. AIA is the organization of ASB officers from all Adventist colleges and universities in North America. This will be a great opportunity to showcase Union to other schools. **Jared Gibson** was elected president of AIA and **Jen Rieke** will be the site coordinator for this event.

◆ **Marilyn McArthur** will be retiring this year after 22 years of teaching in Union's nursing program. All faculty, staff and students are invited to attend a **come-and-go reception on May 3**, from 2-4 p.m. in the Ortner Center's Lang Lobby.

◆ **Calling all who will be around during the summer.** Union College will work with Co-SINC and plant our first community garden soon. If you will be on or near campus when the semester is over and enjoy gardening, contact either Beth Rodacker-Borgens (elrodack@ucollege.edu) or Danielle Opitz (daopitz@ucollege.edu) for details about how you can be involved. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate.

◆ The April/May **SHARE winners** are **Katie Lechler** for most SHARE cards submitted and **David Smith** for most SHARE cards received.

## DIVISION NEWS

◆ Union will host the **Mathematical Education of Teachers (MET) workshop** August 9-10. Union's mathematics faculty has invited all Mid-America Union mathematics teachers and principals to participate. The MET workshop has grown out of interest and needs expressed by MAUC academy math teachers in a questionnaire sent to them by Union's Math Review Committee earlier this year. Partially funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation, the MET workshop will get college and academy teachers together for the express purpose of collaboratively improving mathematics education in Mid-America.

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◆ **Terri Ingram** and **volunteers from the Teaching Learning Center** participated in an Annual Community Recognition event April 18 at the UNL East Campus Student Union. The event is sponsored each year by Volunteer Partners. The 12 volunteers in the TLC also attended the Annual Volunteer Luncheon held on April 23.

◆ **A new picture kiosk**, donated by Margaret Hyde (class of 1953), was a popular feature for nursing alumni during Homecoming Weekend. More than 100 alumni attended an open house and reception event that highlight the computerized class photo archival system.

◆ **Nursing club officers for 2004-2005:**

President: **Brandon Hart**

Vice President: **Kerri Tory**

Treasurer: **Miko Kim**

Communication Coordinator: **Lisa Gatz**

## UNION SCHOLARS

◆ Graduating Union Scholars and their project topics are as follows:

**Vickie Hughes** (Dec. '03 graduate)—“Biblical Justice for Today”

**Katie Lechler**—“Nature’s Answers to Humanity’s Questions: A Search for Meaning”

**Amy McHenry**—“The Mechanism of Apoptotic Induction by *Scutellaria Barbata* on LNCaP Cells”

**Greg Okimi**—“Trees and Photography: Jerry Uelsmann, Eliot Porter, John Sexton, and I”

**Nicole Onjukka**—“Just Josephine Jenkins”

## FACULTY NOTABLES

◆ **Linda Wysong** has been selected as a **Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Examiner** for 2004. This will mean a four-day training session in Washington, D.C., at the National Malcolm Baldrige Award training center and then she will go to a site visit to an organization that has applied for the national quality award. Ann Petrick, wife of professor Robert Petrick, has also been selected to be an examiner this year.

◆ **Laurel McClelland, Danielle Opitz, Elizabeth Rodacker-Borgens** and **Peggy Wahlen** attended the CCCC (College Composition and Communication Conference) in San Antonio, Texas. They enjoyed networking with other English/ESL instructors, attending conferences/workshops and viewing the Alamo.

◆ **Kathy Bollinger** has been named the **Union College Library Teacher of the Year**. She was selected based on her demonstrated love of reading, passion for literacy and commitment to encouraging students to use library resources. The award allows her to spend \$500 on library materials that will benefit education students.

◆ **Mike Mennard’s** book *Shall We Gather at the Potluck* was recently published by Review and Herald. It is a light hearted look at life in the church. The book is available at the ABC.

◆ **Elizabeth Rodacker-Borgens** has recently been appointed by the mayor's office as a **Lincoln/Lancaster County commissioner**. Her two-year duty begins now and will end in 2006. For more information about the Lincoln/Lancaster Women's Commission visit <http://interlinc.ci.lincoln.ne.us/city/mayor/women/>

## KUDOS

◆ Kudos to the three new science faculty, **Ben Thornton, Veneracion Cabana, and Richard Webb** for doing their jobs excellently-for quality teaching in the classroom, for spending time helping recruit science majors, for grant-writing, and for all the other invisible things they do for our students and school.  
~ Carrie Wolfe

◆ Big thanks to the Walk Across America team captains who are also doing double duty as **team leaders for the American Heart Walk: Judy Joiner, Stan Hardt, Tom Becker, Deborah Bogdon, Karen Minear, Danielle Opitz, Lisa Forbes** and **Dan Lynn**. I appreciate your help with coordinating fund raising for this event. Thanks also to the **many walkers** who have made this event a success for the last four years. I'll see you Wednesday, May 5 at noon under the clock tower.

~ Jacque Smith

## WEB TIP

◆ **Recipes from the international cooking classes are available online.** On the home page, click on “International cooking class recipes,” then follow the links for each recipe. You can also reach the page by going to Campus Services→Union Market→Ethnic Cooking Classes. Look for information this week about the new **International Rescue and Relief major** under Academics→Academic Divisions→Health Sciences.

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**This is the last *Campus Conversations* of the year.** If you have news ideas over the summer e-mail them to [news@ucollege.edu](mailto:news@ucollege.edu).

*Edited by Anna Hartfield*