

# CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS

HIGHLIGHTING NEWS AT UNION COLLEGE

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## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ **Enrollment** went up again this year to 937 compared with last years 902 students. Particularly noteworthy is the large class of first-time freshmen, which is 190 compared to 165 last fall. This fall the full-time equivalent (FTE) calculation of enrollment at 880 ties with 2002 as the highest FTE since 1983. The positive enrollment news can be credited in part to more students from Mid-America Union academies attending Union.
- ◆ The **McClelland Art Gallery** at the Ortner Center will be exhibiting "Landscapes: Recent Drawings and Paintings" by Lincoln artist Susan J. Brasch of the Burk from Sept. 20-Oct. 17.
- ◆ From Sept.16-19, the **Golden Cords** performed at Jamestown Adventist Church, Hillcrest Adventist school, Bowden Country Church, Manfred, and Lehr churches.
- ◆ The Lincoln/Lancaster Women's Commission is hosting the **Council of Women Leaders** Tuesday, Oct. 5, at the Ortner Center. The mayor will speak and a brief program will follow. More than 75 women are expected to attend.
- ◆ On Sept. 28, in recognition of **Collegiate Quarterly's 25th anniversary**, Gary Swanson, the current editor will be having chapel. The first editor, Eugene Shirley, and the first sponsor, Maylan Schurch will be in attendance.
- ◆ "Go for the Gold" and "Nebraska Fitness Challenge" are some of the ways Union's faculty and staff are getting into shape. More motivational events are being planned. Check out these details, contests and prizes at Union's Web site. Follow the links: Human Resources, then click **Employee Wellness**.
- ◆ **Women's volleyball** is in full swing. This year's team: Janet Serrano, April Shipowick, Erin Hieb, Carissa Hieb, Raven Underwood, Karlie Chilson, Melissa Carlyle, Codi Davidson, Stevie Klocko, Dana Muenchau, Teia Blanchfield and Melissa Mohr.

## DIVISION NEWS

- ◆ Friday night, Sept. 10, **human development** students had supper, a bonfire and vespers at the Bollinger's. Students wrote cards to their 20 adopted shut-ins. They will continue to write, pray and visit the shut-ins throughout the school year.
- ◆ In preparing for NCATE accreditation on Nov. 14-17, **Dr. Donna Simmons**, chair of Gardner-Webb University Education Department in North Carolina and chair of Union's NCATE visiting team, made a preliminary stop at Union on Aug. 27 to meet the college administration and education faculty.
- ◆ **Student teachers for this semester**  
**Elementary:** Linsey Bailey, Debbie Blackwell, Gina Brandenburger, Anne Cook, Michaela Cress, Heather Driver, Aubrey Goble, Jeannie Hevener, Eunice Jahn, Jessica Jorgensen, Keri Knoles, Sarah Lockett, Liz Lovett, Aimee Murray, Dalena Robinson, Janet Serrano, Jami Simpson, Vanessa Waters and Debbie Wetmore. **Secondary:** Erik Andersson, Andrew Barnett, David Branum, Erin Brophy, Ryan Christiansen, Genny Grindley, Steve Herrera, Meghan Olson, Heidi Ryan, Michael Shofner and Tonya Wright.
- ◆ A **ministerial campout** is scheduled for Oct.1-3 at Broken Arrow Ranch. Sign-up in the Division of Religion. For questions contact Jared Wright at 327.8715.
- ◆ The 2004 **student missionaries** and **task force** workers are as follows: Kelli Biggs, Alicia Curtis, Emily Eskildsen, Angela Force, Travis Forde, Jonathan Gerst, James Goddard, Jeni Graham, Lilly Groft, Ruby Gutierrez, Brenda Heinrich, Krissy Herold, Hollie Johnson, Jill Kleven, Carrie Lahti, Sarah Mackey, Becky McArthur, Athena Merana, Daniela Merkert, Seth Miller, Sonya Miller, Hillary Neff, Kevin Nelson, Amy Purvis, Laurel Walker, Paula West, Rilla Westermeyer, David Knapp, Shawna Kolbek, Patricia McGuire, Trey Sharp, Beau Snyder and Mike Young.
- ◆ During the week of Sept. 12-19, participants in the **Leadership Phonathon** raised \$77,873 for the Union College Fund. Student callers will be continuing the Phonathon for the next three weeks.

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## FACULTY NOTABLES

◆ In July, **Elizabeth Rodacker-Borgens** presented for Crete Public Schools at their in-service workshop for ESL/language teachers, tutors and volunteers. She presented various teaching ideas, strategies and model lesson plans.

◆ **Kathy Bollinger** and **Joann Herrington** attended the Higher Education Connection Institute in Omaha, Sept. 9-10. The Nebraska Department of Education invited two renowned reading researchers to share their findings with the Nebraska higher education community and others working with K-3 teachers.

◆ On Sept. 21, **Mark Robison** was a panelist for the global online book discussion of *My Antonia*, by Willa Cather. The book describes 19th-century prairie life in the Red Cloud area of Nebraska. Mark was one of four graduate students leading the discussion.

## KUDOS

◆ Sunday Sept. 19, Union College hosted its **first annual Collegiate Adventist for Better Living (CABL) sprint triathlon**. It included 1/4-mile swim, 10K bike ride, and a 5K run. Under the leadership of Jiffer Proctor and 20 volunteers, more than 50 students and faculty participated. Congratulations to the winners:

Category	Participants	Time
<b>Iron Woman</b>		
First	Melanie Santos	55:22
Second	Ashleigh Fishell	58:23
Third	Heather Elias	61:07

<b>Iron Man</b>		
First	Jess McCullough	49:23
Second	Seth Johnson	51:53
Third	Nick Peterson	52:41

<b>Faculty team</b>	Stan Hardt Joe Allison Malcolm Russell	53:56
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<b>Student teams</b>		
First	Quintin Blood Sam Salcedo Walter Anderson	39:41
Second	Darby James Mike White Ryan Erickson	46:06
Third	Kristin Elder Gabe Gonzalez Mr. Elder	47:17

◆ The second annual **library fair** was quiet an event this year with 78 participants completing all six required activities to participate in the prize drawing. Required activities included a crossword puzzle, word find, and trivia games centered around people, Native American tribes, food, equipment, and events relating to Lewis and Clark, and the Corps of Discovery. Optional activities included a DVD viewing of "Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West" and a cornhusk doll making contest. Refreshments included popcorn, cornbread muffins and pumpkin cookies.

### **Congratulations to the winners:**

Drawing: Ross Eichele—Bible, Kyle Lehman—\$30 House of Holloway, Kristina Tackabury—Dinner at the Oven and flowers and Ashley Bohlender—\$50 Best Buy.

Cornhusk Doll: 1st—Ashley Bohlender, 2nd—Ben Barber, 3rd—Angela Shafer. Dolls will be displayed Sept. 19-24.

**Thank you** to the **library staff** who worked so hard to make this year's fair a success. Special thanks to **DeForest Nesmith**, **Karla Brittain**, and **Chelsea McIlwain** for the games and activities, to **Evelyn Moen** and **Greg Okimi** for the prizes solicited from businesses, and to **Lori Gibbs** for assistance with publicity.

## WEB TIP

◆ To **submit campus news** for *Campus Conversations* or other public relations purposes, fill in the Campus News Form under News and Publications. You may also send an e-mail directly to [news@ucollege.edu](mailto:news@ucollege.edu).

### **Share in the conversation.**

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