

CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS

HIGHLIGHTING NEWS AT UNION COLLEGE

SEPT. 8, 2004

PEOPLE PLACEMENTS

The following people are either new since last semester or transferred to another position at Union.

Laura Camacho—secretary/writing center coordinator, humanities

Jessica Casebolt—enrollment advisor intern, admissions

Christina Dickhaut—head teacher, Kiddie Kollege

Wid Dockhorn—advisor, Teaching Learning Center

Lisa Forbes Bednar—office manager, Career Center

Gena Foster—assistant professor, nursing

Rebecca Johnson—enrollment advisor intern, admissions

Jeff Jorgensen—general maintenance, Plant Services

Michelle Nash—instructor, humanities

Greg Okimi—evening/weekend supervisor, library

Darla Peterson—office assistant/secretary, science and math

Jonathan Shields—human resource director/assistant for financial administration

Nathan Shields—enrollment advisor intern, admissions

Elliot Smith—advisor, Teaching Learning Center

Flo Swick—Rees Hall custodial supervisor, Student Services

Brad Woodruff—Web programming support, Information Systems

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

◆ The social work program will host a presentation by the Nebraska chapter of the **National Association of Social Workers** on Thursday, Sept. 9 at noon in the President's Dining Room. The speaker, Jackie Egan, will present on the subject of Advanced Directives. All are welcome.

◆ An artistic **Wall of Remembrance** will be displayed in Lang Lobby of the Ortner Center Sept. 7-10, 10 a.m.- 8p.m. The 20-foot wall contains the names and pictures of the 900 American soldiers who lost their lives from the beginning of the war in Iraq until the transfer of power on June 29, 2004. The wall was designed and constructed by Central Nebraska Peace Workers and is being brought to Lincoln by the non-partisan group Nebraska Coalition for Peace and by the Prairie Peace Park.

◆ Sept. 7-18 Union College is hosting "**Lewis & Clark on the Great Plains: A Natural History**," which exhibits photographs sponsored by the Great Plains Art Collection. Display locations: McClelland Art Gallery in the Ortner Center and the Library. Also plan for the fall **Library Open House** Sept. 16 from 3-7 p.m., with the theme, "Lewis and Clark between the Pages at Your Library."

◆ On Sept. 19 Union College is hosting its **first annual Collegiate Adventist for Better Living (CABL) sprint triathlon**. It includes 1/4-mile swim, 10K bike ride, and a 5K run. Registration is Aug. 17-Sept. 8. Applications can be picked up and returned to Campus Ministries. Details of location, prizes, fees, and times are listed in the application.

◆ On Aug. 26, Union College students and faculty gathered for **Project Impact**. **Jesse Proctor** and **Justin Okimi** coordinated the event with great success. With over 700 volunteers, this year's participation was the highest in Union's 23 years of annual community service days. The follow-up event, **Union Station Ministry Fair** was well received with more than 1,000 attendees.

◆ The first performance for Union's **Christian Concert Series** is Andrew Peterson, Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. College View church. Other upcoming artists include Bebo Norman, 4 Him, and Caedmon's Call.

◆ Union's **physician assistant program** has been awarded a federal grant of \$663,000 spanning a three-year period. This is their third federal grant totaling nearly \$1,300,000. This most recent grant will help fund the "Walk the Talk Project," which emphasizes the application of knowledge, skills and attitudes in the areas of cultural competency.

SUMMER HAPPENINGS

◆ This summer **Malcolm Russell** led students on a **Middle East trip** from June 24 to July 12. Union College participants included **George Gibson**, Krissy Ball, Daisy Easley, Julie Gibson, Julie Harding, Bethanie Johnson, Melinda McKenney, Joshua Miller, Deborah Morse, Kirk Pettis and Michael Wall, along with students and volunteers from Andrews University.

◆ June 30 through July 26 Union College students, guided by **Sylvester Case** and in partnership with Global Evangelism traveled to Uganda, Africa, for an **evangelistic campaign**. Students from Union included Tim Floyd, Michael Paradise, Danielle Gerst, Antonio Lopez, Chris Evenson and Chris Berner, along with participants from Andrews University and other volunteers.

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◆ **Rich Carlson**, headed a **medical mission trip** to Kenya from July 19 to Aug. 3. Union participants included Pat and Joe Parmele, Heather Austin, Jonathan Owen, Lisa Nelson, Chris Droze, Sloan King, Isaac King, Jessica Barron, Kelli Ruhn and other medical personnel and volunteers.

◆ June 6-18 **Larry Ray** attended the second and final session of PMET (Preparing Mathematicians to Educate Teachers), hosted by the State University of New York at Oswego. In response, Union's math department launched a follow-up workshop, Aug. 9-10, at the Ortner Center. Academy teachers from the Mid-America Union participated. The workshop's goal was to get academy teachers to work collaboratively with Union's math professors to improve math education.

◆ **Advancement** staff attended the 10th Conference on Philanthropy and Leadership Symposium on July 24-27, hosted by Philanthropic Service for Institutions. More than 400 attendees were present at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine, Texas. Union participants included **LuAnn Davis, Todd Mekelburg, Janya Mekelburg, Angie Peach, Linda Skinner** and **David Smith**. They were all involved with hosting sessions, facilitating roundtables, and learning new approaches and ideas to implement. LuAnn Davis taught a Newcomers Workshop on July 23.

◆ **Campus Ministries'** staff attended a Christian leadership training in Omaha, Aug. 12-14. Willow Creek Association hosted the session via satellite. Some of the topics included how to be a compassionate leader and how to create a volunteer revolution.

◆ For the fifth summer, Union hosted nursing **students from Japan** for a cultural exchange workshop led by the college's English as a Second Language faculty. Japanese students and two nursing instructors came to Lincoln for a three-week session of seminars in conversational English, visits to local hospitals and outings to regional attractions.

◆ **Maranatha volunteers** worked on several Union College projects during June and July. Tasks that were completed included: removal of unsightly sticky labels on library shelves, new glass in library study room doors, overhead florescent lights in all Rees Hall rooms, several Rees Hall rooms painted, two exterior paint jobs at Bancroft housing, and new cement on cracked sidewalls and loading zones.

◆ This summer, a renovation project was started to address the need of more student areas for studying, socializing, and relaxing. As the former interim food service location, the existing **student center area** is being transformed to better fit student's needs. The project includes reconfiguring ASB office space, remodeling the snack bar, increasing study and

lounge areas, and adding a new game room. The \$200,000 project is slated for completion by second semester.

◆ From July 21-25 Union welcomed academy, college and university educators, and graduate students for the Adventist English Association 2004 International Convention. Organized by **Chris Blake**, current president of AEA, the workshop presentations included literature, writing and composition and teaching English as a second language. A highlight of the convention was a day trip to Red Cloud, Neb., home of famous prairie life author Willa Cather. Conference participants said, "This was outstanding! The best one yet."

◆ From June 22-July 29 **Tom Shepherd**, in affiliation with Adventist Colleges Abroad, taught Intermediate Biblical Greek. The class took place at Palace Hotel in Glyfada, Athens, Greece. Tom Shepherd and a colleague taught the class to 18 students.

◆ **Elizabeth Rodaker-Borgens** serves as a commissioner for Lincoln Lancaster Women's Commission. In August, she and a fellow commissioner presented research at the Oxford Round Table in England at Saint Anthony's College, Oxford University. In their research, they studied gender distribution in Lincoln and Lancaster County, as reflected in task forces and boards of for-profits and non-profit organizations.

◆ Union's newest major, **international rescue and relief**, has generated much interest from prospective students during the summer. To help promote the program, **Jeff Joiner** participated in the Ultimate Workout high school student mission trip to Peru in July, sponsored by *Insight* magazine. Jeff and other faculty from the Division of Health Sciences including the incoming IRR program director, **Mike Duehrssen**, taught the basic rescue honor at the International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisc. in August. During Union's registration 32 students declared international rescue and relief as their major.

WEB TIP

◆ A **search engine** is now available on Union College's Web site, www.ucollege.edu. From any page, select "Search" in the top right corner, then enter a name or topic you want to find. Results will only display pages within Union's Web site.

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