

# CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS

April 30, 2009

Highlighting news at Union College

## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT

◆ The **Institutional Development** class taught by **LuAnn Davis** has designed and is currently implementing a fundraising campaign for the American Heart Association in preparation for the annual Heart Walk. On May 13, Union will be hosting an alternative date for the **American Heart Association's Lincoln Heart Walk**.

## GOLD STARS

◆ The following students are traveling next year around the world and the country to serve as **student missionaries** and **taskforce workers**:

<b>A.J. Beltz</b>	TBD*
<b>Alyssa and Salvador Armandirez</b>	India
<b>Amy Koffler</b>	Korea
<b>Angela Gaedke</b>	Honduras
<b>Anna Corridan</b>	Chad
<b>Brenda Beenken</b>	Palau
<b>Cassi Fitzpatrick</b>	Kenya
<b>Chad Dungan</b>	TBD*
<b>Chad Kent</b>	TBD*
<b>Chris Block</b>	Honduras
<b>Chris Gillig</b>	Ghana
<b>Eric Resler</b>	Honduras
<b>James Fernando</b>	Honduras
<b>Kelly Vogler</b>	Lebanon
<b>Marci Scott</b>	Korea
<b>Michael Beans</b>	Egypt
<b>Misha Sisodia</b>	Malaysia
<b>Pablo Moguel</b>	TBD*
<b>Paul Stanphill</b>	Turkey
<b>Rebecca McMillen</b>	Laos
<b>Robert Christen</b>	Korea
<b>Ben Medina</b>	Mexico
<b>Jeremy Wagner</b>	Mexico
<b>Jen Allison</b>	Maplewood
<b>Katie Campbell</b>	Auburn
<b>Maegan Downs</b>	Campion

*\*To be determined*

◆ In April, Physician Assistant students **Sean Conroy**, **Megan Heidtbrink**, **Brette Loseke** and **Sam Wijesinghe** were each awarded \$1,000 schol-

arships at the annual **Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants Continuing Medical Education** conference. The three remaining scholarships were awarded to students from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, whose class size nearly doubles Union's. This is the first year Union students have nearly swept the competition.

◆ **Ed Allen** wrote a commentary for the online journal **Spectrum** about an adult Sabbath School lesson. The commentary, titled "Rest," will be studied over the week of May 16-22. Ed's article will be published on Spectrum's website and will appear early in that week at <http://www.spectrummagazine.org/articles/Sabbath%20School>

◆ **Anita Kidwiler** was recently honored at the annual meeting of Adventist Association of Collegiate Admissions Officers and Registrars. This year's meeting was held at Andrews University on April 10-12.

She received the **Outstanding Achievement Award** with the inscription: "For dedicated service and valuable contributions to Adventist education and AACAOOR."

◆ **Jon Stacey** has been selected from a global pool of applicants to participate in the **Google Summer of Code**, a program designed to mentor students and encourage development of open source software. Jon will spend his summer working to improve Drupal, the software that powers Union's Web site, and Google will provide him with a stipend and donate \$500 to the Drupal Foundation.

To be eligible for this highly-competitive program, applicants must be students, have committed at least one patch previously to their mentoring organization and have their proposals selected as a priority for development.

◆ On March 3, **Jeff Prusia** placed sixth out of 30 golfers in Hastings.

On April 17, **Union's golf team** took second place in a competition with Doane College and Hastings College. **Phil Thompson** took first place, and **Jeff** took fifth place.

On April 20 at the **Midland Lutheran College**

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**Golf Tournament, Phil** tied for 10th place, and **Jeff** came in 18th out of 60 golfers.

At the Columbus tournament, **Ben Medina** placed sixth, and **Jeff** placed 10th out of 30 golfers.

◆ On April 15, both **Channel 8** and **Channel 10/11** broadcasted interviews with the students who had been studying and serving in Honduras and Nicaragua for the last three months as part of their **IRR** curriculum.

◆ In April, the following **Union Scholars** presented their honor theses:

<b>Chris Webb</b>	W@ R U sAyn?: Computer Mediated Communication In the English as a Second Language Classroom
<b>Ann Bryant</b>	Taking Steps for Awareness: An Awareness Campaign for First Step Recovery and Wellness Center Inc.
<b>Joe Okimi</b>	Looking Death in the Eye
<b>Becky White</b>	Prevention Awareness for Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes

## CHECK IT OUT

◆ **Do you doodle?** Maybe during class next to your notes, during church in the bulletin, during board meetings on the minutes? Enter them for inclusion in "**Margins**," a back-to-school exhibit in the McClelland Art Gallery.

"Margins" is not about high art, so don't be worried if you don't consider your work a masterpiece, just freely fill whatever medium you have handy.

Drop your submissions at the Ortnr Center desk with your name, and you will be entered in a drawing for one of two \$15 cash prizes. Anyone may enter. Multiple pieces are welcome, but you only receive one chance at winning.

◆ The **Union College Unionaires**, the **Twelve** and **The Helen Hyatt Select Treble Choir** will be performing in the State Capitol Rotunda Thursday, May 7 from 12-1 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public, all are welcome.

◆ **Extended library hours** until Tuesday, May 5:  
Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Sunday 1 p.m. - 11 p.m.

## MCCLELLAND ART GALLERY

**Sanna Reeve**, senior international studies and

Spanish double major, will be displaying "Genuinely Genus" until May 1.

**Jeremy Diehl**, a pre-medicine and studio art student, will have his senior exhibit up during the week of finals and through the week following graduation.

## TAKE A HOLIDAY

May is **Get Caught Reading Month** and **Tennis Month**.

May 1-7	<b>Bread Pudding Recipe Exchange</b> Week
May 3-9	<b>Be Kind to Animals</b> Week <b>National Hug Holiday</b> Week
April 29	<b>National Honesty</b> Day
May 1	<b>Loyalty</b> Day
May 2	<b>National Scrapbooking</b> Day <b>Free Comic Book</b> Day
May 5	<b>National Teacher</b> Day
May 6	<b>No Diet</b> Day
May 7	<b>National Day of Prayer</b>
May 8	<b>No Socks</b> Day

## WEBTIP

To read, critique and respond to the draft of Union's **accreditation self study** for the Higher Learning Commission, you must first log in to the Web site. Go to [www.ucollege.edu](http://www.ucollege.edu), and click on the "login" link in the footer of any page. Use your Marcie username and password, the same ones used to log into your office computer, to authenticate. After logging in, a "UOnly" link will appear in the sidebar. Click it, then click "Accreditation" to view the self study.

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