

CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS

November 19, 2008

Highlighting news at Union College

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

◆ **Acrofest** ended Saturday, Nov. 15 amidst cheers and flashy floor routines. To prepare for the 900+ guests from Adventist academies and colleges across North America, the Union Market's Wheatberries Bakery began work about a month prior to the event. By the end, an estimated 4,000 biscuits, 2,000 cookies and 600 muffins had been made.

◆ This semester 81 **international students** from 31 countries are studying in various programs on campus including 29 students in the ESL program, 28 students who completed the ESL program and are now pursuing various majors, and 24 international students in degree programs.

GOLD STARS

◆ On Nov. 7, graduate students from the physician assistant program presented their **Master's Capstone Projects**.

Lisa Degen—"DASH Diet: First Approach for Pre-hypertension and Stage I Patients"

Ross Hansen—"Negative Effects of Anabolic Steroids Among Athletes"

Lisa Hays—"A Better Good Night's Sleep—Treating Insomnia in the Elderly"

Carmen Richman—"Early Intervention Moderate Hypothermia in the Treatment of Traumatic Brain/Spinal Cord Injury"

Kalina Skillingstad—"Deep Brain Stimulation of the Subthalamic Nucleus as a Secondary Treatment for Advanced Parkinson's disease"

◆ Nov. 12-14 **Malcolm Russell** trained as a site visitor for the accreditation process used by the Higher Learning Commission, alongside those who will be members of accrediting teams that evaluate other colleges. Malcolm's insight into what the accrediting team will be looking for when they come to Union will be very useful in Union's accreditation process.

◆ The cast and crew of the spring semester drama production, **The Tempest**, includes:

Prospera	Kylie Wilson
Miranda	Serena Stevens
Ariel	Tori Hudgins
Caliban	Sean Dale
Alonso	Bobby Nabors-Patt
Ferdinand	Owen Hansen
Gonzalo	Chad Kent

Antonia
Sebastiana
Stephana
Trinculo
Ensemble

Technical
Support

Director
Producer

Rebecca Chapman
Jazmine Martin
Michelle Current
Ronnie Halvorsen
Abra Bekker
Molly Clark
Angela Danielson
Katie King
Grace Rodhouse
Stephen Scheffler
Linda Kroulik
Rebecca Fagan
Ebba Mead
Katie Lechler
Mark Robison

◆ On Nov. 13, **Erin Gruwell**, inspiration for the movie "Freedom Writers," arrived on Union's campus. Her first event was a 2 p.m. meet-and-greet with students in the **leadership program, Education majors,** and the **on and off campus advisory boards. Judy Joiner** and **Savannah Bowers** set up light refreshments and Gruwell answered behind-the-scenes questions about her students and the movie.

At 8:30 p.m. Gruwell presented "Becoming a Catalyst for Change" to a full audience at CVC, including Acrofest guests and students and teachers from Lincoln public high schools. She spoke about her experiences as a high school teacher and of students she inspired from the ashes of the Los Angeles riots in the 1990s. After the presentation, Gruwell signed books until 11:45 p.m., two hours after her presentation had finished.

Special thanks to **Linda Becker, LuAnn Davis, Jacque Smith, Bri Norton, Judy Joiner, Brittany Wall** and **Savannah Bowers** for their involvement with the event.

◆ **Phonathon 2008** wrapped up close to goal this year, bringing in \$282,976.03 from 1,809 donors to the Union College Fund and other programs on campus. Alumni, parents and friends of the college enjoyed and appreciated their conversations with the following fabulous students: **Angie Acosta, Taylor Bartel, AJ Beltz, Heather Bohlender, Josh Bremner, Chipo Chibende, Janelle Churchill, Stephanie Eldenburg, Rebecca Fagan, Megan Frasier, Erika Gimbel, Valentina Goodman, Ellen Hansen, Melissa Hold, Jamison Howard, Melissa Johnson, Jessica Kelly, Kayla Larson, Victoria Linn, Ebba Mead, Josh Minty, Janet Osoro, Megan Perry, Kelly Phipps, Jolena Poor Bear, Ashley Schebo, Stephen Scheffler, Zack Simmerman, Jordan Snyder, Luciana Sufficool, Angela Washington** and **Spencer Way**.

~Nicole Meharry

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◆ A **planning grant** has been awarded through Woods Charitable Funds that will allow the **TLC**, Lincoln Public Schools, Nebraska Advocacy services, LEAD (a program in Colorado Springs) and the Nebraska Department of Education to all work together. The collaborative effort will result in a curriculum guide and program to address transition issue for students with disabilities.

CHECK IT OUT

◆ The **Division of Fine Arts** will present the following musical performances:

Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. **Chamber Orchestra Concert**
Unionaires, The Twelve and the
Hellen Hyatt Children's Choir—*CVC*

Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. **Sounds of Winter**
Concert Winds and Brass Union
College—*Thunderdome*

Dec. 14, 3 p.m. **A Celebration of Christmas**
The Twelve, First Presbyterian Choir
and the Plymouth Brass—*First
Presbyterian Church, 840 S. 17th St.*
Tickets: \$18 for adults, \$15 for
seniors, \$12 for students

◆ Interested in food? The **Union College Employee Wellness Program** is hosting a **cook-off** at 12:30 p.m. on Nov. 20 for all faculty, staff and family members. Free tastes are available for those who submit a healthy dish and recipe; everyone else may pay \$1 to taste four different food items.

Dish recipes may be included in the Wellness Program's cookbook. Drop off your food creation, along with recipe, ingredients and preparation instructions by 12 p.m. on Nov. 20 at the Heartland Hall kitchen of CVC. There will be five categories, each with a winner receiving a \$50 gift card to Super Saver.

◆ The **English as a Second Language** program has begun planning their annual vespers to showcase the talents of current ESL students and graduates. Join them in CVC at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5.

◆ **The Studio for Writing and Speaking** is a service to those seeking a fellow brainstormer, an extra pair of eyes for grammar glitches, or just plain encouragement to hang in there while preparing a paper or speech. Visit the tutors in The Studio in room 116 in the lower level of the Library. For this free-of-charge service, students can schedule an appointment through Moodle or come for a walk-in conference. Students from every class year and major are welcome. The Studio hours of service are:

Sundays 6-8 p.m.

Mondays Closed

Tuesdays 6-10 p.m.

Wednesdays 6-10 p.m.

Thursdays 6-10 p.m.

◆ **Chapel Calendar** (Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.)

Nov. 25 **Thanksgiving break** (no chapel)

Dec. 2 **Nursing** program

Dec. 9 **Dejan Stojkovic:** A youth pastor originally from Yugoslavia who currently lives in England.

MCCLELLAND ART GALLERY

◆ **"A Prairie Project"** exhibit, a collection of photographs from the prairies and plains of Nebraska and South Dakota by **Rachel** and **Alan Orrison**, is on display until Nov. 29. The **Warm and Fuzzy Board** will be up Dec. 1-6. There will be space divided into sections to leave encouraging notes as finals approach.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Last Issue

◆ **Q:** What faculty or staff member, in January 2001, went swimming in the South Pacific Ocean (near Christchurch, New Zealand) in the morning and later on the same day went swimming in the North Pacific (near Los Angeles, Calif.)?

A: Carrie Wolfe, professor of chemistry

New Question

Q: What faculty or staff member recently spent the Sabbath in Portland, Maine, and experienced a walking tour of Ellen White's life in that city?

"It started at the drug store near where she was struck in the face with a rock and then assisted home by the druggist," the mystery employee explained. "I went on to where the Harmon family made hats for sale, and finally, I viewed the location where she had her first vision."

WEB TIP

◆ If you will be updating your department or division's Web site, make sure to attend one of the upcoming training sessions for the new system:

Thursday, Nov. 20, 9:30-11:20 a.m., DB 308

Monday, Nov. 24, 3-5 p.m., Microlab (Dick Building third floor)

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 3-5 p.m., DB 308

Write Scott Cushman at scushman@ucollege.edu to reserve a spot.

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Final information deadline for first semester: Dec. 2