

CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS

December 9, 2008

Highlighting news at Union College

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

◆ Interested in **making a difference** in the lives of homeless men, single women and their children, and the sick and forgotten? The **John Kerbs Society**, comprised of Union Physician Assistant students, is collecting items for the **People's City Mission**. New or used twin sheets, pillow cases, towels and washcloths are especially needed and will be collected through the end of the semester.

Drop box locations:

- Atrium, outside of the Campus Bookstore
- Ortner center, near the front desk
- Campus Ministries
- College View Church, near the Ministry Gallery

GOLD STARS

◆ Dec. 1, **Mark Robison** successfully defended his dissertation and will graduate within the month. Congratulations, Dr. Robison.

◆ **Debbie Forshee-Sweeney** recently completed a masters degree in educational administration from University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

◆ The **Mid-America Union Conference Office of Education** in partnership with the **Education Department** hosted the annual pizza feed for education majors on Nov. 18. Besides sharing pizzas and cookies with 60 students, the conference education staff of the Mid-America Union and academy principals shared information about the ministry of teaching and the exciting things going on in their particular region.

◆ Congratulations winners of the **Wellness Cook Off**:

<i>Main Dish Category</i>	Rice Stuffed Acorn Squash by Rennae Anderson
<i>Side Dish Category</i>	Curried Kabocha Squash by Vener Cabana
<i>Soup Category</i>	Refried Bean Soup by Sharon Russell
<i>Dessert Category</i>	Pecan Pie by Gerry Eddy

◆ **Mike Huckabee** presented "Leadership Strategies for Effective Patient Care" at the annual Physician Assistant Education Association Education Forum in Savannah, Ga., Oct. 29-Nov. 2.

◆ **College Writing I students**, in a class taught by **Katie Lechler**, practiced the transformative power of writing by composing persuasive letters encouraging

foreign leaders to release prisoners of conscience for Amnesty International.

◆ **Joe Allison** attended the annual North American Division Curriculum Committee in Daytona Beach, Fla., Dec. 3-9, 2008. North American Division education leadership, union conference directors, and college deans and chairs met to plan and develop curriculum for Adventist K-12 education in North America.

◆ Thanks to some follow-up administrative calling, we almost made our goal this year during **Phonathon**. The final total in funds raised for the Union College Fund and other programs on campus was \$299,976.03. We appreciate all the students, staff and administrators who made this possible.

Thanks to everyone who helped us make it through each shift by providing delicious snacks for us to enjoy including food coordinators, **LuAnn Davis, Angie Peach, Sharon Russell, Linda Skinner** and **Cherie Smith**, as well as those who helped with a shift or two: **Ashley Barber, Scott Cushman, Wilma Darcy, Gerry Dodds, Lisa (Bednar) Forbes, Judy Joiner, Terri Lair, Katie Lechler, Kandra Luke, Janya Mekelburg, Stephanie Meyer, Jacque Smith** and **Sandy Tallman**.

A final thanks to **Kandra Luke, Andi Vandevere, Cori Piel, Sharon Russell** and all the Ortner Center student workers—I couldn't survive without your pre- and post-calling hard work. A million thanks to each of you!

~Nicole Mebarry

◆ The high point of an **English as a Second Language** student's studies is passing the **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)**, an internationally recognized exam that international students must pass to study in standard college degree programs. In 2007-2008 19 ESL students passed the TOEFL test and advanced to college degree programs, the highest number since the spring of 2004. Current students are preparing for the upcoming test on Dec. 15.

CHECK IT OUT

◆ Dec. 15-17 heralds the semesterly **Book Buyback** from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. at the **Campus Bookstore**. Exchange textbooks for cash, but please note that not all books can be repurchased.

◆ Give the gift of a Union College hoodie, t-shirt or other apparel during the **Campus Store sale** running Dec. 15-23. Gift certificates are also available.

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◆ Do you prefer **listening to books** instead of reading them? If you enjoy audio books, come check out the new **Playaway** books at the **library**. The audio books are stored on a small digital audio player and they come with earbuds and an extra battery. There's no fee to use the Playaways, but the library charges \$1.50 to replace missing earbuds upon return. No downloading is required—the book is stored on the device. Come check out a Playaway book at the library today!

◆ **Upcoming concerts** with revised information:

Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. **Christmas Vespers Concert**

Unionaires and the select group The Twelve will perform a Christmas concert featuring modern arrangements and congregational carols and hymns. Two selections also will feature the Helen Hyatt Middle School Select Choir—*College View Church*

Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. **Sounds of the Season**

Union College's Concert Winds, featuring the jazz band, will perform seasonal favorites that range from traditional to swing. In addition to the 40-member band, the Brass Union ensemble will also perform. —*Union College Gymnasium*

Dec. 14, 3 p.m. **A Celebration of Christmas**

The Twelve will join with the First Presbyterian Choir and guest instrumentalists to present selections of both old and new favorites. The Twelve will perform several selections of their own as well as collaborating with the choir and brass. The concert will feature the Hodie of Z. Randall Stroope.

—*First Presbyterian Church*, 840 S. 17th St.
Tickets: \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors (62+), \$12 for students

◆ The **library** is conducting a survey to follow-up on its recently completed program review, with results to be used in strategic planning. The 10-question survey for staff and faculty is located at <http://tinyurl.com/68revy>

◆ During finals week, Dec. 14-16, the **library** will be open until 11 p.m. Christmas vacation hours begin Wednesday, Dec. 17 and will be closed Dec. 24-Jan. 4. Christmas break hours are as follows:

Sundays: Closed

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. till 5 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. till noon

◆ Who doesn't enjoy a good story? Join LIPS, a fun-loving group of **Lincoln storytellers** who meet the fourth Tuesday of every month. The next gathering will be Jan. 25 from 7-8 p.m.

MCCLELLAND ART GALLERY

◆ Select pieces from 17 students in **Bruce Forbes' photography class** are currently displayed their work until Jan. 3. In addition to the digital format are prints manually produced from film and other media.

Running from Jan. 4-22, **Abner Aguilar** and **Chris Smith**, husband of nursing student Trina Smith, will present a fine art exhibit titled "The Nobodies." It will feature comics, drawings and abstract sketches.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Last Issue

◆ **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."

A: DeForest Nesmith, associate librarian.

TAKE A HOLIDAY

Dec. 10-17 **Human Rights Week**

Dec. 16 **National Chocolate-covered Anything Day**

Dec. 26 **National Whiner's Day**

Dec. 31 **Make Up Your Mind Day**

WEB TIP

◆ The redesigned Web site which will launch soon has a section called **Campus Groups** for clubs, committees and other organizations, but currently only two groups have pages located there. If you are a club sponsor or student leader and would like to find out more about starting a Web page for your group or moving a group's pages out from under an academic division, contact Scott Cushman for training and guidelines (scushman@ucollege.edu).

Share in the conversation.

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