

CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS

September 9, 2009

Highlighting news at Union College

CURRENT ON CAMPUS

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

- Sept. 9 Chapel will be presented by **JOB Ministries**
- Sept. 16 **ASB Class Elections** (convocation)
- Sept. 25 **Doug Elsey**, pastor of the New Haven SDA Church in Kansas City

Vespers Calendar (Fridays at 7:30 p.m.)

- Sept. 4 **Ron Carlson**, president of Kansas Nebraska Conference
- Sept. 11 Faculty/Staff Soup Suppers. **Vespers will not be held at CVC**, instead students will be invited to a faculty's home.
- Sept. 18 **Ginny Owens** concert
- Sept. 25 **Clyde Peters Vespers** (look for directions)
- Oct. 2 **Shawn Boonstra**, speaker and director of *It Is Written* television. Boonstra will also be speaking at CVC Sabbath morning

◆ 2009-2010 ASB officers:

- * President: **Phillip Thompson**
- * Executive VP: **Topher Thompson**
- * Financial VP: **Jared Weikum**
- * Social VP: **Dan Martinez**
- * Academic Coordinator: **Serena Stevens**
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- * **Linda Becker**
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◆ Union College welcomes **Greg Mortenson**, Nobel Peace Prize nominee and co-author of the book *Three Cups of Tea*, on Sept. 22. In response to this noteworthy guest, the tickets for the 7 p.m. presentation are sold out. **Overflow seating tickets for the live video feed** are available through the Campus Store or the Web site: www.ucollege.edu/mortenson.

Mortenson will be presenting during Union's regular chapel time on Tuesday, Sept. 22. This **presentation at 10:30 a.m. is free and reserved for the Union College campus family**, invited students and educators.

◆ The annual **Library Fair** will take place Sept. 17 from 3-7 p.m. This year's theme is The Roaring 20s and 30s. **Refreshments will be served.**

◆ Want to **help students** develop a good research question and make searching for information easier? Encourage them to visit Moodle and enroll in **Information Literacy and Library Research** under *Library*. Using the library's online workshop on Moodle will help them choose and focus their research topic. The workshop will also prepare them to find and evaluate resources for their research.

◆ **Dr. Nyirady from Loma Linda University School of Medicine** will be on campus Sept. 22. Call Darla Peterson at ex.2515 for more information on the evening program for pre-med students.

UNION COLLEGE WELLNESS

Mission:

Union College Wellness promotes balance, provides risk assessment and rewards, and empowers employees for pursuing optimum health in a caring, Christian environment.

◆ The Employee Wellness Program

During the past eight years of planning and programming, Union's Employee Wellness Program has had many success milestones including achieving bronze and silver Well Workplace levels. The efforts of all who participate have again been noticed as the college received a 2009 Governor's Excellence in Wellness Award. Accolades such as this one are only possible because of the high level of participation from employees. The Employee Wellness Committee thanks each person who has joined in the campus' focus on healthy habits in recent years and helped bring recognition to Union College.

This year, the committee has embraced tried and true wellness concepts in the theme of NEWSTART. Each month the focus will rotate through the eight core health components:

Nutrition—September

Exercise—October

Water—November

Sunlight—December

Temperance—January

Air—February

Rest—March

Trust in Divine Power—April

◆The Student Wellness Program

The success of the employee program has spurred a new wellness program for student called UCFIT. The student program is also following the NEWSTART line-up for each month. In addition, students have access to: exercise/relaxation classes, small group training and personal training. For more information about the programs or to register for personal training, please contact Rachel Welsh at (410) 302-9155 or e-mail her at rawelsh@ucollege.edu

KUDOS

◆ The **peer advisors** worked an average of 35+ hours over five days during freshman orientation.

Business and Computer

Science

Josh Minty
Reese Valentine

Fine Arts

Steve Hutchison

Human Development

Allison Yingling
John Luckiesh

Humanities

Renee Simmons
Liza Ngenye

Mathematics and Science

Kenny Mapp
Michael Cavazos

Nursing

Geoff Doctoroff
Amy Baragona

IRR & Health Sciences

Rachel Welsh
Cory Giffin
Katy Shumaker

Religion

Joe Okimi

Deciding

Erin Hofmann

Skit Coach

Sean Dale

◆ **Mike Mennard just released his fifth children's CD** called "We've Got it All in Nebraska." It's a humorous romp through the history, facts and myths of Nebraska. Mennard also appeared a number of times at the Nebraska State Fair with his fellow "Nardheads," including Union's **Greg Steiner** and graduate **Sean Dale**. This summer, Mike performed about 60 shows for kids and families. Mike's CD's are available at the Campus Store

◆ **All 23 graduates from the Class of 2009 passed the PA National Certifying Examination (PANCE) on their first attempt.** The PANCE is a multiple-choice test made up of 360 questions testing students on their medical and surgical knowledge.

◆ A grant recently awarded to Union College's **Teaching Learning Center (TLC)** will benefit the local Lincoln community by empowering students faced with learning and development disabilities such as ADD. TLC, Union's academic support and disability service provider, received \$84,510 in funding from Woods Charitable Foundation, with disbursement set over the next three years. The grant will be used for a mentoring program, where students with development disabilities mentor middle and high school students with the same disabilities. Grant coordinator Kyle Martsching, in conjunction with a Lincoln Public School system teacher,

will present the curriculum during the Transition Summit hosted by Nebraska Department of Education in November.

GETTING INVOLVED

◆ Union College held its 28th annual **Project Impact** day on Aug. 27. There were more than 700 volunteers serving at 50 different sites. In addition to Union students and employees, volunteers included Mid-America Union office employees and George Stone School students. News organizations who covered the event included television Channel 10/11, the *Lincoln Journal Star* and radio stations, KFOR and KLIN.

◆ In August group of PA, IRR and nursing students, one grad student and faculty went with **Jeff Joiner** to the **Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisc.** They volunteered their time to teach various pathfinder honors. The group from Union taught three health-related honors: home nursing, basic rescue, and bones, muscle and movement. All the classes were full with more pathfinders waiting to attend.

MCCLELLAND ART GALLERY

◆ Julia Noyes will be displaying 10 non-objective paintings in the McClelland Art Gallery through Sept. 19. Her work is an abstract expressionist style. Noyes, directs and owns Noyes Art Gallery. She also teaches Design I at Union College.

BRAIN FOOD

◆ Sharks are immune to all known diseases.

◆ New Zealand is home to 4 million people and 70 million sheep.

◆ 75 percent of wild birds die before they are 6 months old.

WEB TIP

◆ 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, 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.

Share in the conversation.

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