

# CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS

July 12, 2007

Highlighting news at Union College

## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ On June 20, **LuAnn Davis** served as one of three panelists for the “**Strengthening Donor Loyalty Audio Conference.**” The tele-conference was held for Adventist institutions affiliated with the General Conference’s Philanthropic Services for Institutions (PSI). To help other schools develop their annual fund programs, Davis discussed the success of the Union College Fund. At a time when many nonprofits are facing challenges in participation rates of donor giving, Union College has shown growth in this area. She was joined on the panel by development administrators from Walla Walla University and Southern Adventist University.
- ◆ **Mike Mennard** has performed more than 12 children’s concerts over the past three weeks. His appearances have included shows at all the public libraries, the Lincoln Children’s Zoo, and the Lincoln Children’s Museum. “It has been a blast,” Mike says. He also completed his second children’s album, ***When Mother Goose Laid an Egg***, which will be released in early August. For the album, he says, “I took more than 30 Mother Goose rhymes and wrote all new music to them—from hip hop to bluegrass and jazz to opera.”
- ◆ **Katie Carlson**, summer Union College Fund intern, recently received a full scholarship from PSI to attend the Fund Raising School’s **Principles and Techniques of Fund Raising** course. Her week in Denver allowed her to learn development basics as well as network with newcomers in philanthropy from Adventist institutions throughout North America.
- ◆ In June, **Ed Allen** and contract teacher **Russell Deurksen**, accompanied by **Carrie Wolfe**, led a group of five ornithology students on a three-week field study, **Platte River Ecosystems: An Ornithological Expedition.** Their trip along that Platte River in Nebraska and Colorado allowed students and bird enthusiasts to study birds native to the Platte River area throughout Nebraska and into Colorado, where the river begins.
- ◆ **Jacque Smith** has accepted the position of co-coordinator for the Lincoln chapter of the **International Association of Business Communicators.** She will serve in this volunteer capacity for one year, as co-leader of the chapter’s board.
- ◆ The annual Union College **Saltdogs baseball game** alumni outing sold a record **160 tickets** to Union alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends. The attendees enjoyed good weather and ended the evening with a fireworks display. **Janya Mekelburg** and the **Alumni Office** thank everyone for coming out to the ball game and bringing their friends and family.
- ◆ **Dr. David Smith** has been busy with speaking engagements this summer. He gave the consecration and baccalaureate messages for Great Lakes Adventist Academy, as well as speaking for Kansas-Nebraska and Iowa-Missouri campmeetings. In addition to colloquium in August, he will present at a medical and dental professionals retreat at Leoni Meadows Camp in California, and Sabbath worship at CVC on the 25th.
- ◆ **Buell Fogg** and his **U Crew** recently ministered in the youth divisions of Western Slope, Dakota, and Minnesota campmeetings. They will travel to Wyoming campmeeting later in the summer. U Crew also visited North Star Camp and Glacier View Ranch, and will be going to Broken Arrow Ranch at the end of July. Buell and his “crew” lead praise music, perform skits, and speak at each engagement.
- ◆ **Chris Blake** spoke for the main adult evening meetings June 10-15 at Ohio campmeeting. His topic was “**Blessed are the Peacemakers,**” and he utilized many of the communication techniques he teaches students in his Interpersonal Communications class. One evening his books *Searching for a God to Love* and *Swimming Against the Current* were handed out free to all who attended; afterward, he had the opportunity to talk with many attendees and sign books. He was also featured in an interview on the blog “Reinventing the Adventist Wheel” ([reinventingsdawheel.blogspot.com](http://reinventingsdawheel.blogspot.com)) on July 9. The post can be found at [http://reinventingsdawheel.blogspot.com/2007/07/rap-session-chris-blake\\_09.html](http://reinventingsdawheel.blogspot.com/2007/07/rap-session-chris-blake_09.html). His newest book is available at the Campus Store, online at Amazon.com, and at Adventist Book Centers nationwide.
- ◆ **Mark Robison** and his wife, Linda, recently returned from a trip to France, where they attended the 11th International Willa Cather Seminar entitled “**Willa Cather: A Writer’s World.**” The seminar took place June 24-July 1 and will contribute to Robison’s doctoral dissertation, “Recreation in World War I and the Practice of Play in *One of Ours* in *Cather Studies 6: History, Memory, and War.*”

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## YOU ARE INVITED

◆ Union **employees and their families** are invited to a Union College **potluck picnic** on **Wednesday, July 18**, at **5:30 p.m.** under the clock tower. Please bring enough for your family and five additional people of at least two of the following items: sandwiches, salads, fresh veggies, chips, and drinks. Table service and dessert will be supplied.

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL

◆ **New student orientation** has a new format this year. Orientation will be held **Thursday, August 16**, through **Sunday, August 19**.

◆ Union's annual move-in earned top ratings in parent and student evaluations last year. The **10th annual student move-in** will be held **Thursday, Aug. 16**, and **Sunday, Aug. 19**, with two-hour volunteer shifts from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. To volunteer, please call **Janya Mekelburg** at ext. 2503.

◆ **Registration** for the 2007-2008 school year will be held on **Aug. 20**. **Classes begin** on **Aug. 21**.

## COLLOQUIUM SCHEDULE

◆ The **faculty and staff colloquium** is planned for **August 8-11**. All meetings and activities will be in Woods Auditorium except Sabbath events, which will be at the Mid-America Union Office. Times and locations are subject to change. Watch e-mail for updates.

### Wednesday, August 8

8:30 a.m. Welcome—Kathy Bollinger  
8:35 Intro of new faculty and staff  
8:50 Worship and State of the Union—Dave Smith  
10:30 Break  
10:45 VP reports  
12:30 p.m. Lunch with colleagues  
2:15 Book discussion: "The Courage to Teach"  
3:30 Assessment—Osa Berg

### Thursday, August 9

8:30 a.m. Worship—Chris Blake  
9:30 Division reports—chairs  
11:00 Break  
11:15 Wellness committee  
12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own  
1:30 Faculty Handbook proposed changes—Malcom Russell  
2:00 Faculty discussion and reaction  
3:00 Break  
3:15 Accreditation—Osa Berg  
5:30 Supper under the clock tower with open mic entertainment in the Tribute Terrace

### Friday, August 10

8:30 a.m. Worship—John Kurlinski  
9:30 Break  
9:45 Administrative software update—Lisa Forbes  
11:30 Faculty Senate

7:00 p.m. Prayer Walk—Meet under the clock tower

### Sabbath, August 11

MAUC Offices: 84th and Pine Lake Road  
10:00 a.m. Sabbath School  
11:15 Church—Dave Smith  
12:30 Potluck lunch

## MCCLELLAND ART GALLERY

◆ Stop by the art gallery to view the paintings and drawings of **Terrill Berth**, who graduated in December 2005 with majors in art education and graphic design. His artwork will be displayed through July 29. **Jim McClelland** will present his paintings in the gallery July 30-August 26.

## CAMPUS TRIVA QUESTION

### Last Issue

◆ **Q:** How many stairs are in the Dick Building?  
Bonus: Approximately how many calories are burned by climbing them?

**A:** There are 218 stairs inside the Dick Building. A person of healthy weight may burn up to 190 calories by climbing all of the Dick Building's stairs (both stairwells).

### New Question

**Q:** When walking from the clock tower to the Mill on Prescott St., approximately how many steps are taken?

## WEB TIP

◆ Congratulations to the **Career Center** for the most Web site updates over the last year. **Deborah Bogdon**, **Julie Ramirez**, **Jamie Hobson** and **Circle Lau** have consistently kept information about jobs on and off campus up-to-date over the year. Thank you and keep up the good work.

### Share in the conversation.

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