

CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS

November 9, 2006

Highlighting news at Union College

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

◆ The silent phase of the **Capital Campaign** for the new nursing, science and math building continues. As part of this phase, Union College employees are currently being asked to consider their commitment to the largest campaign ever conducted on campus. The **employee campaign goal is \$200,000**, and we have **reached \$126,000** of that goal! If you have not been contacted, a campaign leader will be approaching you soon for your pledge. Please keep in mind that a generous donor has agreed to match employee gifts up to a total of \$200,000 and that your gift will be used to name a space in the new building to commemorate Dr. David Show, beloved science professor who died in 2002. Thank you to those who have already generously shared a gift for this monumental campaign.

◆ Thirty-five senior nursing students in **Mental Health class** attended a workshop entitled "Forensics in Health Care" Nov. 2-3 in Omaha at Creighton University. The Union students joined approximately 250 other individuals from around the United States for the *CSI*-themed workshop. They learned about suspicious injury, serial killers and how to manage evidence in a crime.

◆ Leaders of **First Book-Union College** enjoyed a visit on Oct. 25, from two representatives from First Book's headquarters in Washington D.C. Tonya Shive and Andrea Tehan visited with **Emily Eskildsen**, student leader, and **Joann Herrington**, faculty sponsor, and shared information about collaborating with First Book's national partners as well as ideas for fundraising.

First Book-Union College thanks those from campus who participated in IHOP's Pancake Day, which **raised \$1,085.12**.

Recent First Book-Union College projects included partnership with Support for **Kids of Incarcerated Parents** (SKIP). First Book-Union College contributed books to SKIP's annual summer camp. The program also participated in **Project iCamp** during Project Impact, where 50 children from Lincoln's Clinton and Hartley neighborhoods received new books. First Book-Union College has already begun with the goal of giving children from low-income families in Lincoln the opportunity to read and own their first new books.

PHONATHON RESULTS

Touchdown for Phonathon 2006! With final totals in on Friday, Nov. 3, Union can officially call this year's **Phonathon a success**. A total of **\$322,894.86** was committed by **2,017 donors** surpassing both the dollar and donor goals. The Union College Fund, which provides unrestricted help to improve many programs and enhance the campus received **\$291,694.86** of the total money. Thanks to each of the callers whose diligence, friendliness and professionalism made this phonathon not only possible, but overwhelmingly successful. Student callers: **Emily Carlson, Katie Carlson, Amy Cearley, Tania Deeb, Erin Flanagan, Sarah Heinrich, Angela Hewitt, Althea Jones, Melodi Kolbek, Emily Lorenz, Robert Medrano, Heather Mekelburg, Chrissy Nicholson, Jovannah Poor Bear, Daniel Rosenthal, Tatiana Ryckman, Rebecca Salcedo, Harmony Smith, Jon Stacey, Michel Steingas, Janoa Taylor, Luis Torres, Angela Washington, Karli West and Becky White**. Faculty and staff callers for the Leadership Phonathon: **Joe Allison, Gary Bollinger, Rich Carlson, LuAnn Davis, Ron Dodds, Todd Mekelburg, Angie Peach, Linda Skinner, David Smith, Jacque Smith and Rob Weaver**.

Congratulations and many thanks to each and every one of you.

Thanks to all the food coordinators for Phonathon 2006: **Ashley Barber, Sharon Russell, Linda Skinner and Sandy Tallman**. You each made the Phonathon room a uniquely wonderful place to be with your delicious cooking and baking. Thanks also to the ladies who helped the coordinators including **Osa Berg, Gerry Dodds, Judy Joiner and Cherie Smith**.

Kudos to **Kandra Luke** for all her efficient work and tireless effort during Phonathon 2006.

~Nicole Meharry

MCCLELLAND ART GALLERY

◆ On Nov. 10-Dec. 3, **Bruce Forbes** will be displaying 24 **color photos** from his summer bicycle rides across Nebraska and Iowa. "On the rides you meet some really neat people and see some things you'd never see riding in a car," Forbes said. The next exhibit will be from the **photography class** Dec. 3-22. "I've got some very talented students in

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this class and the photos I have seen make me excited about the exhibit,” Forbes said.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- ◆ Nov. 18 ASB Ice Skating
Nov. 22–26 Thanksgiving Vacation
- ◆ Dec. 7–8 Dead Days
Dec. 8 SAA Christmas Celebration
Vespers Christmas Concert
Dec. 9 Concert Winds Christmas Concert
Dec. 11–13 First Semester Exams
Dec. 14–Jan. 7 Christmas Vacation

KUDOS

- ◆ Congratulations to the **nursing program faculty** and their recent graduates for achieving a **100 percent first-time pass rate** on the NCLEX (nursing licensure exam). The program received results from the last person from the May 2006 graduating class on Oct. 19. For the last 10 years, Union’s nursing graduates have maintained a pass rate in the 92-97 percent range, which is higher than the Nebraska or United States averages. The last 100 percent pass rate was in May 2000.
- ◆ The winners for the **SHARE cards** written during October: **Tom Becker** receiving the most and **Katie Carlson** submitting the most. They will get to park in the SHARE spots during November. Don’t forget to write a SHARE compliment card.

YOU ARE INVITED

- ◆ The **Division of Business and Computer Science** is hosting a Business Bash Nov. 13–16. For each event, participants will be entered into a drawing to be a **Deal or No Deal** contestant or to win other prizes.
 - Monday, Nov. 13
Business Fashion Show, 8 p.m. in Atrium
 - Tuesday, Nov. 14
Resume/Interview Night, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. in Shawnee Porter Room (Ortner Center)
 - Wednesday, Nov. 15
Career Fair, 3:30–5 p.m. in the Atrium
 - Thursday, Nov. 16
“**Get Out and Stay Out of Debt**” presentation
10:30–11:20 a.m. in the Amphitheater
Deal or No Deal, 8 p.m. in the Amphitheater

◆ The **Idea Exchange at Your Library** series continues with **Don Abbey’s presentation**, “Graduate Study: Is it Worth the Hassle? Prying for Knowledge.” Abbey will share his views on costs and benefits of graduate school. Meet in the library, Room 121 at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16.

◆ The **One-Book One Union** finalists selected by the library staff are displayed on the Web site at www.ucollege.edu/library/onebook.

◆ Returning Union student missionaries will be presenting their mission experiences at College View church, Capitol View church, Piedmont Park and will lead the entire service at Northside church on Nov. 18. The students include **Katrina Donovan, Garret McLarty, Alissa Dupper, Carrie Lahti, Sara Arnott, Emily Eskildsen** and many others.

CAMPUS TRIVIA QUESTION

Last Issue

◆ **Q:** Union College offers how many ministry options?

A: There are more than 50 options on our campus including VW (Virtuous Women).

New Question

Q: Union’s first indoor pool was opened in what year?

◆ **Correction on the answer of last trivia question:** Union students originate from 46 states and 30 countries (including American Samoa).

WEB TIP

◆ To find out more about the upcoming **mission trips to Cuba** and the **Indian subcontinent**, visit the Campus Ministries homepage at www.ucollege.edu/campusm.

Share in the conversation.

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