

CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS

February 1, 2006

Highlighting news at Union College

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

◆ In December, **17 students graduated** from Union College. There are **122 new students** for a head count total of **953 students** at Union College this semester. That is the highest number of attending students since 1983.

◆ **Jim McClelland** has won the **Outstanding Achievement in the Arts** award, which is sponsored by the Adventist Alumni Achievement Awards Foundation. The award is accompanied by \$5,000 for an Adventist school and McClelland has designated Union College to receive the award. **Jim** and **Huda McClelland**, **David Smith** and **LuAnn Davis** will be present at the award banquet on Feb. 11 at the Westin Kierland Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz.

◆ On Feb. 10, **Kent Thompson**, Union College trustee, and his son, **Philip**, along with **Rick Krueger**, a Midwest Foundation for Higher Education trustee, and **Terry Bock** from College View church, will play in the Adventist Alumni Achievement Awards Foundation's **golf classic** on behalf of Union College.

UNION ON 3ABN

◆ **Rich Carlson**, **Paula West** and **Justin Okimi** were interviewed on Jan. 31 by Danny Shelton on "3ABN Today" about student missions, volunteering and leadership training.

◆ You can see **Rich Carlson**, **Ashley Bohlender**, **Paula West** and **Justin Okimi** on 3ABN's "So Send I You" two-part show.

- Missions and Services, Part. 1

Carlson and Bohlender discuss leadership.
Feb. 13, 10 a.m./Feb. 15, 5:30 p.m./Feb. 16, 4:30 a.m.

- Missions and Services, Part. 2

Okimi and West talk about missions and volunteering.
Feb. 20, 10 a.m./Feb. 22, 5:30 p.m./Feb. 23, 4:30 a.m.

◆ 3ABN interviewed **Tom Becker** by telephone announcing that Union College is the first Adventist college to make 3ABN available throughout its campus. The interview aired Jan. 19 and Jan. 22.

YOU ARE INVITED

◆ The 53rd annual **music festival** is Feb. 1-4. More than 210 choral and keyboard students will visit Union College. Performances include vespers on Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m., College View church service on Feb. 4 at noon and a CVC concert on Feb. 4 at 4 p.m. The afternoon concert will feature the mass choir and an 80-member honor choir with honor pianists. Larry Monson, director of the Abendmusik Series, is the guest choral clinician. **Ryan Wells** is the keyboard director and the festival coordinator is **Dan Lynn**.

◆ The College View church invites everyone to attend a series of **family night seminars** occurring every Wednesday night until Mar. 1. More than 10 one-hour seminars (ranging from how to be debt-free to Bible studies) begin at 6:30 p.m. One of the seminars is taught by **Jesse Dorval** and **Brian Wong** and deals with creation and evolution. Students can receive worship credit. Super is available at 5:30 p.m., with a cost of \$2.50 per person.

◆ There is a **Superbowl party** in the Student Center on Feb. 5 hosted by ASB. The game begins at 5 p.m. with free food.

◆ A general **student recital** is planned for 7 p.m. in Engel Hall on Feb. 7.

◆ The **Career Center** is taking cash orders Feb. 6-10 for **Valentine's Day** deliveries. **Volunteers** will be needed throughout the day to deliver orders.

Note and Hershey kiss: \$0.25

Carnation: \$1.50

Rose: \$2

◆ An "advising students" workshop is planned for Feb. 16 at 3:30 p.m. in the Shawnee Conference room. **Barry Forbes** will present helpful hints and **Anita Kidwiler** will address some of the most common oversights of advisors.

◆ **One Book One Union** event: "African Wildlife, Poaching and Tourism" will be presented by Stephanie Arne from the Henry Doorly Zoo on Feb. 23 at 10:30 a.m. in the library, Classroom 121.

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◆ On Feb. 16 Union College and the Wachiska Audubon Society will welcome to campus **Bobby Harrison**, one of the first people to sight the **rediscovered ivory-billed woodpecker**. During academic convocation at 10:30 a.m. Harrison, an associate professor of art and photography at Oakwood College and a renowned expert on the ivory bill, will share his nature and science journey from a faith perspective. At 6:30 p.m. Harrison will present “Obsessed with the ivory-billed woodpecker,” a discussion of his three-decade connection to the long-thought extinct bird, including a description of its habitat and documentation of sightings. The evening presentation is open to the public. Both events will be in the administration building amphitheater. For more details about the magnitude of this species rediscovery, visit the link from Union’s Web home page. Harrison was invited to campus by Union’s contract Ornithology instructor, **Russell Duerksen**.

KUDOS

◆ **Kate Simmons** was announced as the Sojourner Truth Award honoree in the January 2006 issue of the *Commission Quarterly*. The article commended Simmons’ advocacy of women’s rights and her teaching English to political refugees and immigrants with the Lincoln Community Gardens program.

◆ An annual **Larson Lifestyle Center Swim Club** open house was held Jan. 26 for swimmers who reached milestones during 2005. There were 31 swimmers who swam 100 miles, one swimmer finished 200 miles, two swimmers accumulated 500 miles and one swimmer completed 1,000 miles.

◆ **February SHARE winners** are **Elizabeth Kreiter** for the most written and **Tom Becker** for the most received.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

◆ **Charlotte Schober** and **Laura Karges** presented “Service Learning in Nursing Education” on Nov. 11 to the general meeting for the nursing honor society, Sigma Theta Tau International.

◆ **Scot Anderson**, Microlab director, gave a presentation on trust management at the Nebraska Information Technology Security Day Conference and Workshop, Nov. 30.

◆ **Charlotte Schober** and 19 students from the **community health nursing class** toured the Boys Town campus in Omaha on Jan. 12.

◆ **Virginia Simmons** spoke for a special series of Rees Hall chapels about self-esteem on Jan. 11 and Jan. 18. Simmons also moderated a panel discussion Jan. 25 consisting of **Ashley Bohlender ’05**, **Tanya Conchran**, **Tanya Dick ’96**, **Debbie Heinrich**, **Cherie Smith**, **Jacque Smith**, **Rea Smith** and **Becky Stafford**.

◆ **Maureen** and **Jonathan Shields**, **Madalyn Allen**, **Krissy Ball**, **Tanya Cochran**, **Mike Mennard**, **Michelle Mesnard**, **Laura Poblete** and **Jacque Smith** attended an IABC event featuring Ted Kooser at UNL on Jan. 26. Kooser is the United States Poet Laureate.

◆ The communicator’s forum class led by **Michelle Mesnard** attended the Public Relations Society of America conference in Omaha on Jan. 27.

◆ **Jeff Joiner** will present “Disaster Management and Bioterrorism—A Nursing Primer” on Feb. 13 for the nursing honor society, Sigma Theta Tau International, in the health science building.

◆ **Elizabeth Anderson** is a part of the contemporary gospel group, “Images,” which has just released its debut CD titled *Sacrifice*. CDs are available for purchase by calling Anderson at 402.202.6258.

CAMPUS TRIVIA

◆ Q: Where did Union’s school pep song, “**Slinga de Ink**,” come from?

A: Originally named “I want to Go Back to Coe Again,” and written in 1910 by the music director of **Coe College in Iowa**, a student from Iowa adapted “Slinga de Ink” and sung it in a quartet at Union College in 1924. The catchy tune caught on.

◆ Who is **Jorgensen Hall** named after?

WEB TIP

◆ Check out the restructured **Campus Ministries home page** with photo links and event announcements at www.ucollege.edu/campusm.

◆ View the photo gallery of **international rescue and relief** summer training at www.ucollege.edu/irr.

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