

CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS

August 1, 2006

Highlighting news at Union College

COLLOQUIUM

◆ All faculty and staff are especially encouraged to attend the **colloquium** events marked with an asterisk. Meetings and activities will be in Woods Auditorium except Sabbath events, which will be at the Mid-America Union Office. For more information, contact **Janella Abbey** at ext. 2501. A schedule is online under the “Calendars” link at ww.ucollege.edu.

Aug. 2, Wednesday

- *8:30 a.m. Introduction of new faculty and staff
- *8:45–10:30 a.m. Worship led by **Ben Thornton**, “Building the Union Culture”
- *10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Vice president reports
- 12:30–1:30 p.m. Lunch with colleagues
- 1:30–2:45 p.m. Book discussion, *What the Best College Teachers Do*
- 2:45–5 p.m. Faculty evaluation—GROW Committee

Aug. 3, Thursday

- *8:30–9:30 a.m. Worship led by Van Hurst
- 9:30–11 a.m. Division reports—Chairs (assessments)
- *11 a.m.–noon Wellness
- Noon–1:30 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 1:30–3 p.m. Book discussion, *What the Best College Teachers Do*
- *3–5 p.m. Wellness assessment
- *6–8 p.m. Supper and talent show

Aug. 4, Friday

- *8:30–9:30 a.m. Worship—Van Hurst
- *9:45–10:15 a.m. Fitness report
- *10:15–11:30 a.m. General assembly
- 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Faculty senate
- *12:30–2:30 p.m. Wellness assessment
- *7–8 p.m. Prayer walk—**Rich Carlson**

Aug. 5, Sabbath at Mid-America Union Conference Office

- *10–11 a.m. Sabbath school
- *11–noon Church service—Van Hurst
- *12:30 p.m. Potluck

Aug. 9, Wednesday

- *3:30 State of Union Address by **Dave Smith**

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

◆ The Larson Lifestyle Center is awarding one iPod shuffle and one duffle bag daily until Aug. 11 in honor of the **Lifestyle Center’s 25th anniversary**. Participants of the contest must be new or renewing annual members of the Lifestyle Center.

◆ Faculty are invited to help new and returning students during the ninth annual **Student Move-In** on Friday, Aug. 11 from 8 a.m.–4 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 13 from 8 a.m.–6 p.m. Those interested in volunteering should contact **Janya Mekelburg** at ext. 2032 or e-mail alumni@ucollege.edu.

◆ **Registration** will be Aug. 15–16 from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. The Atrium and photos in the Student Center will close on **Wednesday**, Aug. 16 at **noon**, and signs will direct students to departments.

◆ Everyone is invited to the **grand opening of Cooper Place**, Union College’s new student housing complex, on Aug. 16. Events open with the Student Alumni Association sponsored pizza feed at 5 p.m., followed by a short program and tours at 5:45 p.m.

◆ Is Aug. 24 marked, circled, starred or highlighted on your calendar? If not, act now so you won’t miss **Project Impact 25**, the biggest volunteer event in the history of Union College (and in the history of about any college or university campus from what the Campus Ministries organizers have found in their comparison research). The special 25th anniversary features include a visit at the 8 a.m. event kickoff from **Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman** (please don’t be late—his schedule is tight), participation in a nationwide literacy event, and a new revitalization project in Lincoln’s Clinton and Hartley neighborhoods. In the morning, Project Impact will again focus on more than 50 area agencies. During the special afternoon project, Union volunteers will be joined by 150 Lincoln Action Program employees as well as Clinton and Hartley residents. More details about the day will be coming your way. For now, remember to **save the day for volunteering** and be ready to add your energy to Union’s legacy of service.

◆ On Aug. 24, **Jose Rojas** will join Union College during Project Impact and speak that night for vespers at 7:30 p.m. in the College View church. Rojas is an author, musician, the director of Volunteer Ministries for the North American Division and the director of the Office of Young Adult Ministries in the North American Division.

◆ During August, the **IRR department** is moving from the health sciences offices to its new location adjacent to George Stone Elementary School, formerly occupied by Kiddie Kollege.

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NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Aug. 13, Sunday

6–7 p.m. Welcome buffet: Students, administrators and parents in Union Market

7–9 p.m. New student orientation in Woods Auditorium

Aug. 14, Monday

7–7:45 a.m. Breakfast in Union Market—ID cards needed

8–10:30 a.m. New student orientation in Woods Auditorium

10:30 a.m. Break/refreshments/parents to Classroom 204

10:40 a.m.–12:05 p.m. *Student department tours*

12:10–1 p.m. Lunch

1:05 p.m.–2:30 p.m. *Student department tours continue*

2:35–3:15 p.m. Advising with faculty chairs in classrooms

3:25–5:30 p.m. Student activities

5:30–6:30 p.m. Picnic under the clock tower with ID cards

7–8:30 p.m. Student activities in Woods Auditorium

Aug. 16, Wednesday

1:30–5 p.m. Freshman 101 Class: *Seabiscuit*, in the administration building amphitheater

KUDOS

◆ Every summer campus updates are completed. Thank you to all whose hard work has contributed this summer including: the **Division of Business and Computer Science, Division of Fine Arts workers, Information Systems, IRR department workers, Maranatha volunteers, Mid-America Union and Plant Services**. While not comprehensive, projects completed by Aug. 16 include:

- Graphics lab expanded and renovated in Engel Hall.
- Old machine shop in Jorgensen Hall transformed into a classroom for math.
- The third floor of the administration building remodeled by the Division of Business and Computer Science thanks to its advisory board.
- Two new boilers delivered to replace the 50-year-old system.
- Various sidewalks replaced and improved.
- Larson Lifestyle Center pool ceiling replaced and parking lot lights installed.

Information Systems

- New Microsoft Exchange e-mail system set up for staff, allowing of calendar sharing, larger and more frequent e-mails, and remote access via PDA's, etc.
- Network upgrades installed including a new firewall, network traffic manager and the tripling of bandwidth.
- New e-mail system/Moodle server for students established, allowing for larger and added e-mails.
- New Web-based late leave system set up for the dorms.
- New point-of-sale system ready for the Campus Store, allowing all products to be barcode scanned.
- High-speed Internet access available to Cooper's Place.

MCCLELLAND ART GALLERY

◆ The **McClelland Art Gallery** is hosting quilt artwork by Martha Turner daily from 8 a.m.–8 p.m. until Aug. 13. Next, a photograph exhibit, organized by **Bruce Forbes** and **Rachel Turner** displaying photos from students on the Costa Rica trip, will be shown Aug. 13–Sept. 10.

FACULTY NOTABLES

◆ For a second year, **Linda Becker** has been chosen to serve on the **2006 Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award**. Becker also served as an examiner in 2004. The board is composed of approximately 500 leading experts selected from industry, professional and trade organizations, education and health care organizations and government. Created in 1987, the Baldrige award is the highest level of national recognition for performance excellence that an organization in the United States can receive.

◆ **Rich Carlson, Justin Okimi** and **Gina Jacob '03** taught a Christian leadership class at Andrews University from July 16–21. Jacob's new book, *Crafting a Culture: A Guide to Successful Campus Ministry*, was one of the textbooks.

CAMPUS TRIVIA QUESTION

◆ **Q:** What **date** was the **starting day** of school for the very first Union College students?

A: This year Union College celebrates **115 years** of education service which began **Sept. 30, 1891**, when Union opened to 73 students. Cost per student for room, utilities, laundry and tuition was \$15 per month. No lights were allowed after 9:30 p.m.

WEB TIP

◆ Faculty and staff can **update** their **personnel directory** personal information by visiting www.ucollege.edu/personneldirectory and scrolling to the end of the page for the link. Information will be sent to the webmaster for posting.

Share in the conversation.

Submit information for *Campus Conversations* or other public relations purposes to news@ucollege.edu or fill out the Campus News Form under "News and Publications" at www.ucollege.edu. Information is needed by Aug. 25.

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