

CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS

September 28, 2006

Highlighting news at Union College

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

◆ One of the 12 traveling **Stories of Home Sculptures** arrived on campus Sept. 22. The sculpture will displayed in Engel Hall until Oct. 6. Stories of Home is a public art project, sponsored by the Lincoln Arts Council, in which the stories of families, immigrants and individuals unique to Lincoln are transformed into sculpture by a Nebraska artist. These stories and sculptures travel to public institutions, private homes and businesses throughout Lincoln. The Stories of Home sculpture in Engel Hall is the story of Anne Harrison, 94 years of age, who was one of the Orphan Train children of the early 1900s. Her story is told in sculpture by local artist, Rana Schmitz.

◆ The new class officers:

Freshmen

President—**Bo Seltman**

Vice President—**Scott Larsen**

Secretary—**Genie Messer**

Treasurer—**Justin Gibson**

Pastor—**Stephen Wasemiller**

Parliamentarian—**Kaylea Blackburn**

Sophmores

President—**Lhorraine London**

Vice President—**Katelyn Rabanal**

Secretary—**Joe Okimi**

Treasurer—**Collin Krueger**

Pastor—**Tim Osborn**

Parliamentarian—**Kerri Wehling**

Juniors

President—**Tony Pacini**

Vice President—**Amy Carlson**

Secretary—**Esther Shields**

Treasurer—**Stephanie Ladig**

Pastor—**Tyler Henry**

Parliamentarian—**Clarissa Lincoln**

Seniors

President—**Shelli Johnson**

Vice President—**Dana Connell**

Secretary—**Valerie Robinette**

Treasurer—**Jesse Proctor**

Pastor—**Rilla Westermeyer**

Parliamentarian—**John Korf**

◆ **Preview Days** is coming up Oct. 5–8. Prospective students will visit classes Friday, Oct. 6 from 8:30–12:20 p.m.

EMPLOYEE NOTABLES

◆ **Charlotte Schober** took 35 mental health nursing students to the **Glore Psychiatric Museum** on Aug. 25 in St. Joseph, Miss.

◆ **Kathy Bollinger** has recently been elected president of the **Eastern Nebraska Reading Council**, a section of the International Reading Association. This council holds literacy festivals along with presentations by authors and illustrator workshops.

◆ **Debbie Heinrich** presented “Where Do I Go from Here?” at Life 101, a **teen girls retreat at Broken Arrow** Ranch on Sept. 8–10. The event is sponsored by the Kansas-Nebraska Conference. There were approximately 80 girls present at the retreat. Heinrich’s presentation focused on personal and professional goal setting.

◆ **Mike Mennard** gave the keynote address for the **16th Annual Publications Workshop** at Pacific Union College on Sept. 13. Mennard’s address was entitled, “What’s the Story of Your Life: And Do You Mind if God Wants to Be the Storyteller?” The audience included about 300 students and 50 faculty sponsors representing the newspaper and yearbook staffs of Adventist academies in the western United States.

KUDOS

◆ On Sept. 9, **Heather Bohlender, Kelli Giles, Julia Short, BethAnne Laspe, Shawndra McComb, Garrett Brass, Marsha Bartulec, Kim Steiner** and **Greg Steiner** volunteered at the Lincoln Childrens Museum for the annual adult night. Several from the group participated in a Gong—Show style competition. The volunteers group is part of the Lady Warriors’ basketball team.

YOU ARE INVITED

◆ Don’t forget to volunteer Sunday, Oct. 1 for the **Safe Quarters** drive for Friendship Home, a local shelter for battered women and their children. Contact **Sharon Russell** at ext. 2443 or stop by the Ortner Center for more information.

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◆ The **Lincoln Community Forum** invites the community to attend a discussion on Church and State addressing the question, “**How can religion and politics work together?**” This forum will take place Tuesday, Oct. 3 at St. Mark’s on the Campus Episcopal Church located on 1309 R Street. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the event will start at 7 p.m. **Chris Blake** will be the moderator and facilitator of this event. The Church and State forum will be an open a discussion about the role religion plays in today’s politics.

◆ **Sirak James**, a senior piano performance major, will be presenting a **competition recital** on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. in the College View church. The program features works of Haydn, Debussy and Chopin and is being given as a preview to his performance for the Young Artists Competition at the Nebraska Music Teachers Association State Convention on Oct. 27 at Hastings College. An average of eight students, including graduate students, compete for this coveted award.

◆ The 2006 CABL Triathlon results:

Men

First—**Walter Anderson** 48:51
Second—**Kelvin Harold** 57:55
Third—**Jason Donovan** 1:01.54

Women

First—**Melanie Santos** 57:14
Second—**Dana Connell** 1:03.33
Third—**Heather Fofana** 1:05.44

Team

First—**Ryan Erickson, Danny Salee, Kevin Spaulding** 30:04
Second—**Darby James, Chris Kinney, Matt Trethewey** 52:00
Third—**Gerard Brennen, Mandy Klump, Kerfala Fofana** 59:12

◆ “**The Majesty of Mozart**” concert, **celebrating Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s 250th birthday**, is scheduled for Oct. 21 at **7:30 p.m.** in the College View church. (Please note the new starting time.) The free concert will feature the Summit String Ensemble, Trans4mation, Union College Unionaires and Chamber Chorale. Performances also include faculty **Rudy Dennis, Kenneth Hoppmann** and **Ryan Wells; Marina Fabrikant**, adjunct piano professor; and **Clark Potter**, a UNL professor.

◆ Please take time to visit the Ortner Center and notice the **new metal sculpture** on the north wall as you enter the lobby. This beautiful sculpture was made possible through gifts given in memory of **Jean Carlson**, deceased spouse of alumnus and Board of Trustees member **Ron Carlson** from North Dakota.

This artwork was designed and built by Bohl Iron Works, Jamestown, North Dakota. Owners Brad and Corey Bohl are both alumni of Union.

About the artwork: There are three elements to the sculpture—the **world**, the **clock tower** and **wheat**. Jean lived on a North Dakota farm, hence the symbol of wheat. Wheat seeds are planted in the soil and carefully nourished to maturity just as the students who attend Union are planted with seeds of knowledge and carefully nurtured to maturity. Jean’s life represented a global view and her heart was open to everyone. Union’s students come from all around the world and when they leave our campus, their worldview has been broadened. The clock tower represents Union College and the many ties Ron and Jean had to our campus. The three legs of the clock tower represent for Jean her passion for God, family and friends. Union’ mission empowers students for learning, service and leadership, three essential reasons Union exists.

The sculpture will be **dedicated on Monday, October 2**, in the lobby of the Ortner Center at approximately 1:15 p.m. The campus family is invited to join the Carlsons and board members for the dedication. ~ Linda Skinner

McCLELLAND ART GALLERY

◆ Come to the McClelland Art Gallery before Oct. 2 to check out the colorful watercolor art by **Missi Paul**, a local painter. From Oct. 2–20 **James Goff** will display his photographs from a trip to Arches National Park in Utah. The theme is “High Desert.”

CAMPUS TRIVIA QUESTION

◆ **Q:** This year **Union College** announced its highest enrollment in how many years?

WEB TIP

◆ Check out the **library’s subject research guides**, available on the Union College Web site at Academics > Library > Reference Services > Subject Research Guides. To add a discipline or suggest additional resources, contact Sabrina Riley at ext. 2154.

Share in the conversation.

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