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FREE IPADS FOR ALL UNION STUDENTS



BROSIE O'DONNELL

Starting fall 2014, all Union College students will be given new iPads with retina displays.

Union plans to supply its students with the 16 GB version, which costs \$399 per device. There will be no increase in tuition, and bookstore charges are expected to drop now that students can easily purchase e-textbooks.

Union will launch a new online bookstore over the summer, featuring a 24-hour help service designed to find the right books for each student. Administrators are still discussing whether or not to give students the option to buy physical copies from the bookstore, but they have made it clear that Union aims to be a paperless campus by 2017.

Seniors Andrew Stevens and Stephanie Wilson were both outraged when asked how they felt about the switch. As an education major and future teacher, Stevens believes

the e-books pose a health risk to students. He expects they will suffer migraines and struggle with fading eyesight due to staring at the screen all day.

Wilson is angry for a much different reason, saying, "I wish Union could have made this happen before I graduated. My score on Flappy Bird would have been much more respectable had I been able to play during class."

It is unknown how closely Union will monitor iPad use, but they will likely limit games and messaging apps to avoid cheating during tests. Rumors are floating around that Union will limit the daily usage time to 3 to 6 hours a day, but this figure cannot be confirmed.

When asked to comment on this decision to provide iPads, Dr. John Wagner said, "Union is making waves out here. We want to be the best, and we got the best. The iPads are going to take us to the top, and who knows where we can go from there? #Swagner out!"



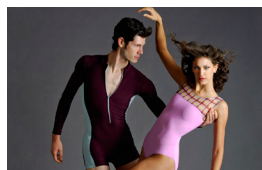
The iPad with retina display will soon be in your hands.

BROSIE O'DONNELL is a sophomore interpretive dance aficionado.

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UNION MARKET TO SERVE ORGANIC MEAT



BINDA LECKER

Are you sick of eating extra cheese in your cafeteria enchiladas instead of meat? Craving inexpensive meat, yet get nauseated at the thought of one more budget-friendly Slim Jim? Peter Blankenship, Union College's Dining Service Director, has heard your groaning.

I'm proud to announce that meat is finally coming to the Union cafeteria. Staying true to the health message, Blankenship has sought out connections with local companies to provide only the best meats to the students. Free-range, organic beef and chicken has been selected to provide high quality meat product.

A cafeteria worker who wished to

remain anonymous explained, "We don't really know how many students here at Union eat meat and we want to gauge how popular the beef and chicken options are before adding fish or other less popular meats." So what kind of entrees will they be serving up in the cafeteria?

"We will start simply with slices of chicken or shredded beef in addition to our other options and see how receptive our students are," my anonymous worker stated. Some staff worry that adding meat to the menu may be too controversial of a choice for an Adventist college to make, since vegetarianism has been generally accepted as a part of the health message for Adventists.

Going against this was a surprising decision which Blankenship justifies with our freedom to choose. My source

reminded me, "Many students have been complaining that we don't serve meat at Union. The fact is that college students are adults and have a right to make their own decisions about what they will eat. We are simply trying to serve our college population as a whole. We began with vegan options and now we've extended our options to include meat-eaters." The only catch in this seemingly perfect set of circumstances—each serving of meat will cost an average of \$10 for one chicken breast or a bowl of shredded beef—a price we must pay for keeping our carnivorous stomachs satisfied.

BINDA LECKER is a senior studying world domination.

UNION MUST MOVE OUT OF KRUEGER CENTER



STEVEN FOSTER

I want you to go back two years to when we heard that the new math and science building was finally going to be built. We could hardly contain our excitement! Then, just a few weeks ago, we finally moved into the new structure, our enthusiasm through the (newly built) roof. Now remember that feeling of excitement, because we are moving right back to Jorgenson.

It was discovered that some of the money donated to build the Krueger Center was solicited from local business people that have direct ties to international drug organizations. Because of these affiliations, the FBI has asked Union

College to have everyone moved out of the new math and science building by April 3.

Last week, FBI agents set up camp in the on campus police station and watched as known drug dealers toured the Krueger Center. Agents believe it was to see what their money helped build.

The FBI has since taken into custody all known affiliates with the drug organization. The FBI states that they suspect the reason the drug-affiliated business people donated this money was to "ease their consciences."

The state of Nebraska is known for their strict policies on money that comes from any illegal practices. Because of these strict laws, we cannot use the Krueger Center until we raise the \$4.3 million that

came from the drug organization.

Union issued this statement: "We would like to apologize first to the students of Union College who were excited to embrace the new building. We would also like to apologize to all of the donors that helped make this building possible. To prevent this from happening in the future, anyone who donates money to Union will be subject to an extensive background check."

The lesson: even beautiful things can come out of the ugly. Unfortunately, we won't be holding classes in that beautiful thing for a while.

STEVEN FOSTER is a super-senior studying superheroes.

RETIREMENT TRIFECTA



HULK HOGAN

Union College has been blessed tremendously with the spiritual leadership and commitment in our campus ministries office. Rich Carlson, Buell Fogg, and Stan Hardt all lend support both visibly and in ways students are completely unaware of: Pastor Rich, with his Sabbath candle ritual; Buell, with his boisterous spirit and generous wife (the rolls!); and Stan Hardt, meeting with students just to see how they're doing at Union.

They have contributed their time, energy, and compassion to our school. Unfortunately, in the words of Pastor Rich himself, "The time has come." These three men, through intense inner struggle but ultimately with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, have announced their retirement.

I met up with Pastor Rich to talk about his decision and find out what his plans for the future are. "I plan on golfing a lot," he said. Then he spoke of something a little more serious. Having just gotten home from visiting student missionaries in Africa, Pastor Rich has expressed some interest in returning for a longer period of time. He witnessed the need in Africa and may permanently volunteer there. When asked about his replacement as head of Campus Ministries, he commented, "They're talking about not replacing me. I've trained students enough that they're going to try experimenting with a completely student-led Campus Ministries program."

When I expressed my surprise to Buell about his retirement, he simply stated, "I've had it!"

Tyler Morrison, the Union for Christ leader and ASB liaison, said, "I had an idea

that some changes were coming. All year Buell and Pastor Rich had been giving me more and more responsibilities."

Morrison went on to lament the hole they will leave at Union. "It'd be sad to lose any one member of the Campus Ministries trifecta, but to lose all three at once is devastating...I don't think I've ever seen such gigantic, empty shoes waiting to be filled."

Stan Hardt declined to comment on his retirement.

What this means for the future of our campus' religious atmosphere is yet to be determined. By losing all three of our CM leaders in one year, Union surely won't be the same.

HULK HOGAN is a freshman studying psychology.

FRATERNITY TO OPEN DOORS IN THE FALL



WOHN JAGNER

Friday nights in a little white house across the street are about to become crazy—crazy Adventist.

"It was only a matter of time," Doug Tallman grinned wide as he held the deed to the small white house. "3827 South 48th street will become the home of Gamma Omega Delta, or GOD, Union's newest and only fraternity."

"Every Friday night after family worship, the GOD guys and I will be cooking up haystacks and pulling out the Bible trivia," gloats Kyle Berg, who currently holds the position of assistant dean in the fraternity. Kyle has agreed to become the head dean of GOD come fall semester. "It's not all fun and games, though. As soon as the clock strikes 11 p.m., regular curfew goes into effect." According to Kyle, last call for haystacks

will be at 10:45.

Gamma Omega Delta, or GOD, is based on a core set of values and beliefs. Men who opt to be a part of the fraternity will uphold the values of goodness, obedience, and Dodds. When asked about what exactly the values of "Dodds" entailed, Berg directed me to Ronald Dodds, dean of men on campus. "I don't know," Dean Dodds divulged in detail. When I prompted that it could mean that the men strive to become as loving and caring as he was, Dodds exclaimed, "I love it, buddy!"

The new fraternity will be treated like a campus club. Men will pay their dues during registration and be able to move in the same day. There are enough beds for up to five residents. Touring the house was quite the experience, as I was able to gander upon the two bunk beds and one queen bed that residents will be fighting over come registration day. "Men will be fighting to

join GOD," says Kyle. "Literally—it really is a shame we can only house five men."

Still, amidst the excitement of Union's first fraternity house, the question of how this new campus organization is being funded lingered in my thoughts. "Oh, that's simple," Kyle cocked a sly grin. "We were able to purchase the fraternity's location using the quarters collected from the overpriced laundry machines located in our two men's residence halls." I sighed in relief with this confirmation that my fellow male residents do at least occasionally wash their underwear.

If you love haystacks, trivia, community service, and the idea of being a part of the smallest brotherhood in fraternity history, then GOD is for you.

WOHN JAGNER is a senior with so much swag he has his own hashtag. #swagner

FOR THE LOVE OF LEOTARDS



HARRY STYLES

After abstaining from fat-laden meats and gnawing away at greens for years, now is the time to release those skinny legs to the world. Likely, you already know Adventists are all about preaching the health message. Now, however, it is time to show the health message. In leotards.

Union faculty recently made the daring decision to alter the dress code to exclusively restrict attire to leotards. Expected benefits include, but are not limited to, boundless potential for spontaneous flash mobs, opportunities to turn every lecture into an impromptu yoga session, and being mistaken for an Olympic gymnast team at many a public outing.



Although no other Adventist college currently incorporates such a stretchy standard of dress, Union hopes to set a precedent for fashion excellence that will cascade into handbooks across the nation. Just imagine: no more confusion on the line of modesty, wondering, “How far is too far?” With this inventive policy, you’ll always be crossing the line.

So bring your acrobatic aspirations and your spirit fingers. With the innovative leotard policy, Union is only one finger-snapping tune away from a Disney Channel musical. In leotards, as in life, “We’re all in this together...”

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CLOCK TOWER TO BE SHORTENED



EMILY KNOCK-ON-WOOD

When we think of Union College, we picture squirrels, President John Wagner doing flips off a diving board, and getting to experience both summer and winter in one day (complete with snow and sun). But when we think of a Union icon, we think of the steel tower that dominates the center of campus.

Originally a gift from the class of 1922, the clock tower was placed in the tower atop the old administration building. Then in 1971, it was built as a standing tower, complete with a globe six feet in diameter.

Thanks to elevation, it is the tallest point in Lincoln. Even though the clock tower

is only 100 feet tall, it surpassed even the capitol building, which stands at 400 feet.

Unfortunately, the city of Lincoln is “jealous” of Union’s marvelous feat. New city zoning rules will prevent any other building from rivaling the capitol in height, elevation included.

It has been mandated that our clock tower must be shortened. Failure to adhere to this mandate will result in a lawsuit that could cost Union up to \$6 million.

When students return next fall, the clock tower will stand at a mere 35 feet. To add insult to injury, the construction needed to make this project happen will cause a spike in tuition of at least 10 percent for the next five years.

What can students do to keep this from

happening? Protest.

Write in to your state congressman and the city office three times a day—angrily.

Call hourly. Make your voice heard. Unless you want Union to be identified by a measly stalk surmountable without climbing rope, become a part of the movement to “Save The Clock Tower!” Like the Facebook page. Follow on Twitter for updates. And don’t forget to join the Pinterest board.

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FREE SPEECH A DANGER TO US ALL



SCHMIDT

A recent Survey Monkey survey revealed that over 50 percent of Union students harbor personal opinions inside their minds. Of this radical 50 percent, well over 20 percent have expressed these opinions publicly, and a full three percent expressed their opinions without the use of social media.

This flood of free speech threatens the foundations of this institution. Union has long stood for quiet, enduring stoicism. Our highest value is endurance in the face of unrelenting annoyance, inconvenience, and irrational behavior. Opinions that fly in the face of these core values have suggested that we are individuals with different callings. Such rebels have said we need an expensive new science

building. One imposter was quoted saying, "It may be time in the next 20 to 30 years for a larger gymnasium."

Individual teachers have continued to fight the expression of differing views. In at least one case, an entire division (cough, humanities) has not given a passing grade for a freethinking thesis statement in more than forty years. But this internal pogrom against uniqueness is facing an uphill battle.

Worse still are the rogue teachers fighting against these divisions of ragged, brave teachers that stand firmly against the expression of difference. Non-Adventists have apparently been allowed on campus and informed that there is no real difference between taco salad and stacks of hay, new religion credit classes threaten to teach understanding of different religions, and credit has been given for volunteer work done off campus.

Though Union may not survive this onslaught, a greater concern to some is that students have forgotten that it is blind acceptance that fosters success. Experience has proven that unquestioning loyalty is the father of innovation. I ask, what if these cray 50-percenters become the baby elephants of Union, separated from the herd and devoured, intestines first, after graduation?

It is time to act. Let's come together in complete agreement and ban free speech here. Just because most of the world is against this initiative does not mean we have to leap from the cliff like those other lemmings. Here's to the abolition of opinion!

SCHMIDT is a senior who majors in filling up his jar. (Some might say he is an accountant of sorts.)

ASK A SPICE GIRL



POSH SPICE

Dear Posh Spice,

My roommate has recently begun packing up her things and moving them to an undisclosed location. I think she may be sneakily moving out, but I'm not sure. Should I confront her about this, or just let it go?

*Sincerely,
Left Behind*

Dear Left Behind,

Whoa, sounds like you may have a sneaky friend on your hand. I had second thoughts about my roommate my freshman year. Her and I both knew it was awkward, but I decided I would put up with it until next semester. I figured it would get better with time. Several miserable weeks passed, and she was texted me, "Hey, I'm moving out." My face lit up and my response in less than a second was, "I'll be there in five to help you move out." Of course, I waited about 20 minutes before sending the text.

Even though I wanted her to move out, it was still unexpected. I would have liked a warning.

At the end of this whole situation, you are the one that is going to have to fish for another roommate or pay double rent. Which is exactly what I had to do in a short amount of time.

If I were you, I would pack up all of her things for her as both a parting gift to her and also as a way to stop this tip-toeing around. While she's in class or at work, get some boxes and do her a favor. You can even organize her boxes, label them, and stack them all nicely on her side of the room. Let her know she's not so sneaky after all.

On the off chance she was never planning on moving out, well than that's awkward.

For future roommates, I would advise getting a roommate prenuptial agreement. In it, make sure you legally bind the roommate to pay for your half of the rent even if she moves out. As a bonus, you could also decide how cleaning, groceries, guests, and noise levels will be negotiated in this legal contract.

Lesson: don't trust what someone says. Get it in writing.

*Sincerely,
Posh Spice*

POSH SPICE is a pop star-duh.

Have a question or situation that you think could benefit from someone else's perspective? Ask Amber at www.tinyurl.com/uc-askamber. All inquiries are anonymous, so you get the insight without being in sight.

JOB MINISTRIES MAKES MORE THAN MOST JOBS



TEACH-ME-HOW-TO-DOUGIE TALLMAN

With April 15th looming on the horizon, many students are fumbling through tax deductions, education write-offs, and a pile of W-2s. Josh Hester is no exception. “I think I’m still claimed as dependent,” muttered the junior theology major, leafing through a stack of papers. “Yeah, that sounds about right.”

Taking a break from his personal taxes, Hester sighed and walked to the immense filing cabinet in campus ministries titled “JOB Ministries.” He pulled open the first of three drawers and groaned at the mess. “This one’s a doozy,” he said. “A real doozy indeed.”

By the close of the 2013 fiscal year, sources confirm that JOB Ministries, a

student-led organization developed to foster Christ-centered outreach while impacting the Lincoln community, has grossed nearly \$500,000. “Look at that,” exclaimed group accountant and frequent volunteer Rosten Dieter, his hand pulling a crumpled receipt from the bottom drawer. “That pushes us to \$501,250.”

“Nice!” Exclaimed Hester, the current president and spiritual leader of JOB Ministries. “Give me five!”

The normally taciturn Dieter allowed a small smile. “Let’s fist bump.”

The volunteer service designed to make manifest Christian charity while giving students the chance to be God’s hands and feet has reportedly been undercutting local contractors and making, according to Hester, “a butt-load of cash.”

Rueben McDowell, founder of the local moving company, Movin’ Reuben, has been on the verge of bankruptcy for

over three months. “I don’t think Movin’ [Reuben] can survive,” said the defeated Lincoln resident. “I just can’t compete with JOB Ministries outrageously low bids.”

When asked for a comment on the burgeoning outreach team, Luis Martinez, owner of Design Scapes Pruning and Trimming, scowled and muttered, “No comment.”

The earnings of the ministry group have attracted the attention of many college faculty members, including Vice President for Student Services Linda Becker. “That’s some serious cash,” she said, emitting a low whistle. “We could do a lot with half a million dollars.”

TEACH-ME-HOW-TO-DOUGIE TALLMAN is a senior studying the nuances of modern dance.

UPCOMING EVENTS						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1 Today	2 The day after today	3 Spring break, round 2 (through the 11th)	4 National give in to Senioritis day All classes cancelled	5 CVC services, 9 a.m. ONLY (dun dun dun) Gorge yourself on Sabbath food
6 The Sunday where you catch up on your TV shows, finally do your laundry, and sit at a coffee shop without actually getting much homework done	7 This is a pretty cool day	8 A whole week from today	9 National musical day—break out in song when describing mundane activities	10 This day is the 10th of April, 2014	11	12 CVC services, once again at 9 a.m. and noon

THUMBS UP/ THUMBS DOWN

FROM UNION COLLEGE STUDENTS

Easter Bunny: 👍 to another year of convincing small children that rabbits lay eggs. #deception

Facebook: 👍 to a thumbs down.

Schmidt: 🗨️ to Nick.

Harry Styles: 👍 to great hair and world domination.

Dogs who have to wear sweaters: 🗨️ to dog-sized sweaters.

Cucumbers: 🗨️ to pickles—why can't we be accepted for who we are?

Every non-math or -science major: 🗨️ to the Krueger Center.

The Oscars: 🗨️ to Leonardo DiCaprio.

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PERSONAL ADS

MAN SEEKING LIVING HUMAN

Hi ya'lls,

I am a Southern man seeking anyone whatsoever. Do you like virgin piña coladas? I don't. Do you like getting caught in the rain? That is irresponsible. Here's the thing: Roses are red, violets are blue, I have a pulse, and that's all you need too. Let's get to know each other through song and BBQ. Call or text, but no pictures or group messages... my phone can't receive those.

SOON-TO-BE GRADUATE FROM UNION

Hey ladies,

I am a well-known guy on Prescott's 4th floor, and lots of people tell me I'm neat. I'm seeking a lady who lacks the courage to do anything but stalk Union men in the PG, loves veggie food, and does not think personal hygiene is important. Warcraft expertise preferred. If this is you, you're welcome in my little world.

SPOILED ROTTEN AND DESPERATE

Hi UC!!!

You know me by my Uggs and yoga pants! Why mix it up if you're as cutesy as a piece of pie? I won't, that's a guarantee. Let's hang out and I will talk about me me me. You must pay for Starbucks or you're not going to get the chance for me to deny you in the park by The Mill. #YOLO

FOR SALE

One annoying freshman: medium height, ceaselessly talks, irresponsible, constantly stressed, and unkempt. Can be counted on to complain about tough schedule. "It's just so, so hard. I can't even..." Will pay \$10 for acceptance or best offer.

All personal ads were written by Spencer Way, uh, I mean, Schmidt.

If you haven't figured it out already... April Fool's!
This issue of *The Mocktower* was brought to you
by sarcasm, humor, and straight-up fibs.

Faculty Spotlight

EXPERIENCE THE SPIRIT UNION UNITED

KATHY BOLLINGER

FROM BLACKBEARD TO BLACKBOARD



**WINIFRED
THE POOH**

Don't be deceived by her cheery smile or brightly colored clothing. Education professor Kathy Bollinger has a shadowy side. In an exclusive interview, she revealed to me the

secrets of her tumultuous past.

At the age of nine, Bollinger was taken from her Iowa home by a band of traveling gypsy pirates. They whisked her off to the Gulf of Mexico where she spent the next seven years aboard their ship, *Lady Aella*. Bollinger informed me that, while she started out as a lowly deck hand swabbing the deck and fetching the captain's spyglass, she quickly made her way up the ranks to first mate and pirate extraordinaire. She seized many a ship and looted several unsuspecting coastal towns. However, Bollinger quickly discovered that the life of a pirate was not for her. (Better save that swashbuckling stuff for Mike Mennard.)

At the tender age of 16, Bollinger jumped ship at Port Isabel, Texas and headed inland. Sadly, she got tangled once again with the wrong crowd and spent three years rustling horses and going on late-night cattle raids across the Southwest. She quickly tired of the desert. "There was still so much of the world to see," Bollinger grins.

She soon joined the circus with the hopes of travel and adventure. Though she did experience many cities across the United States, much of her time was spent in the ring as the junior lion tamer. When I asked her if that job was ever frightening she said, "Oh no! After touching blades with some of the meanest pirates in the business, kitten claws don't scare you



This revealing photo of Kathy Bollinger was found in her treasure chest of drawers.

much."

On her twenty-fifth birthday, Bollinger decided it was time to move on from her lion-tamer lifestyle. After giving it much thought, she decided to return home to her parents. "I hadn't seen them in 16 years," she sighs. "They believed I was dead. I knew it would be a difficult reunion." Her parents were indeed shocked, but thrilled to have their daughter home. They encouraged Bollinger to complete her schooling (she had only a third grade education).

So, at the age of 26, Bollinger returned to elementary school. "I think that's what ultimately led me to be a teacher," she laughs. "Those little fourth graders just

welcomed me into their classroom and guided me through spelling, math, and gym class. I didn't feel out of place for a minute."

Now Bollinger works here at Union, guiding future teachers down the path to successful elementary education. "I teach all the aspiring teachers not to judge a student by their past. Anyone can come from anywhere and be successful. I sure did!" she adds with a wink.

WINIFRED THE POOH is a junior with her nose in other people's pasts and her hand in a pot of honey.