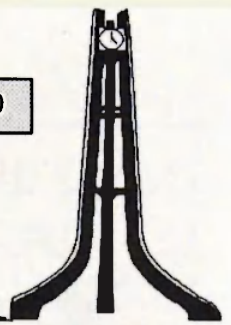


# THE CLOCKTOWER



## In the News...

Authorities have issued an arrest warrant for former East German leader Erich Honecker on charges that he personally gave shoot-to-kill orders at the Berlin Wall.

President Bush signed the first major immigration law rewrite in a quarter-century last Thursday, increasing by 400,000 the immigrants to be accepted over the next three years. The law also opens the door to people with special skills or wealth and eases restrictions on visitors once barred for having views unacceptable to the government. Democracy marches on.

December 1 French and British workers knocked down the final barrier in a tunnel under the English Channel, a milestone in the 3-year-old, \$16 billion project.

According to the Associated Press, 98% of all hostages held by Iraq are from Third World countries.

By January 15, D-Day for war or peace in the Persian Gulf, the U.S.-led alliance will have a force of 550,000 there—making it the globe's most militarized region. Facing the coalition across the heavily defended Saudi Arabia-Kuwait border are 450,000 Iraqi troops with 3,700 tanks.



Photo by Christy Morris

Kristan Nickell joined her skills with eleven other music majors and minors on November 27 for the monthly recital promoted by the Music department.

The performances consisted of two trumpet pieces, four vocals, and six piano numbers.

According to Dr. Dan Lynn, Associate Professor of Music, the recitals give music majors and minors performing opportunities providing valuable training as well as feedback.

More recitals are planned for the future; Lynn hopes for as many as two per month.

## UNION COLLEGE CAGERS WIN HOME OPENER

by Kelly Strom

The Thunderdome overflowed with fans Saturday night, November 10, when the basketball team upset Nebraska Christian College, 67-64, in the season's home opener.

Union center Alan Hevener was pleased with the victory, but admits the game was touch and go. "Nebraska Christian's full court press had me worried for awhile," Alan said, "but we pulled together great and Doug Hardt's sharpshooting iced the victory for us."

Screaming fans and a lively band added excitement to the game. Fred

Beranek, cheering from the pit, felt the highlight of the game was "Big Al blocking the ball." But to band member Murray Cox, his own drum playing was the extra push Union needed to win.

Hevener says that the year looks promising for Union College basketball. Even though the team is young, Alan feels that they are better than last year. Combining great basketball talent with enthusiastic fans should make the season a success.



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## Dear Editor,

I agree that a person's religious experience should be between the individual and God, but I personally do not believe that Union College has tried to step between by requiring us to attend 35 worships per semester. Union College may not have the capability or ethical right to dictate what every student needs religiously, but as a Christian institution, it is responsible to God for the picture we see of Him while studying here.

Speaking from personal experience, I believe that the implementation of required worship credits can indeed

improve students' religious experiences. I admit that if I didn't have to get 35 worship credits in for this semester, there would be many times that I would opt to study or take a break rather than attend worship. But there have been many times when I have heard something at these required worships that has been just exactly what I needed for encouragement, or something that got me to thinking more about my relationship with God and how I can share Him with others.

I believe Union College is doing its best to teach us to be responsible. Telling people what to do can reduce the amount of responsibility they possess or learn to use if carried out to an extreme. However, I cannot help but wonder how responsible I would have become if, while growing up, my parents never told me how to dress tastefully, eat in a civilized manner, how to relate to others around me, what day Sabbath is, and how to maintain a relationship with God. He holds parents, teachers, and church leaders responsible for telling us what His ideal is for us. If we are not taught what is right, how can we be responsible to make right decisions when we are on our own? Worships may not be our source of salvation, but I highly doubt they will keep us from salvation. As adults with the right to vote for who we believe should be president, we also have the right to decide what college we will attend. If we choose a Christian school, such as Union College, I think we can also be mature enough to go along with its worship policy during our term of study.

More than bringing improvement to students' lives in terms of education, responsibility, and religious experience, Union College's success will be measured by God in how it prepares us for heaven. "He who cooperates with the divine purpose in imparting to the

youth a knowledge of God, and molding the character into harmony with His, does a high and noble work. As he awakens a desire to reach God's ideal, he presents an education that is as high as heaven and as broad as the universe; an education that cannot be completed in this life, but that will be continued in the life to come; an education that secures to the successful student his passport from the preparatory school of earth to the higher grade, the school above." ED 19

I respect Union College for its stand. When my parents attended school here they had both morning and evening worship every day. Ours average out to be little more than two per week. If nothing else, we can be thankful that we have life as good as it is!

Laura Coleman



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### THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



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# Union Goes Foreign

by Kim Jensen

Union College turned international the weekend of November 16-17 as the Student Missionary Bash provided an opportunity for those interested to talk to previous student missionaries and look at the callbook.

The highlight of the weekend took place Sabbath afternoon from 3-5 p.m. in the atrium. A wide variety of people came to see the foreign decorations and pictures. Displays from Taiwan, Majuro, Ebeye, Micronesia, Korea, Pohnpei, Palau, Peru, Zaire, England, the Philippines, Thailand, and Tanzania provided the atmosphere of a World's Fair.

The student missionaries who had been to these countries wore their foreign costumes and showed interesting items such as animal and snake skins. Beads, dolls, carvings, baskets, masks, and many other items were also displayed. Photo albums and slides provided a look at some foreign faces. Pastor Rich Carlson's rickshaw was displayed and rides were given.

The Sabbath afternoon event was proceeded by an after-vepers alternative Friday evening in the Dick building. A few of the foreign students wore their traditional costumes and handed out refreshments. A scenic film on Bermuda followed, which many attended.



photo by Grace Morano

## Taskforce Position Cultivates Future

by Todd Hoyt

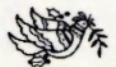
Aaron Hatfield, a junior theology student attending Union College, is both a full-time student and a taskforce worker during 1990-1991. The title he holds is taskforce student chaplain.

Aaron, along with Campus Ministries, has some inspiring programs

planned for this year. Aaron said that a big old fashioned Christmas vespers; a week of prayer by J. Paul Monk, president of the Central States Conference; and a drama vespers are just a few of the plans on the agenda.

One of the greatest benefits of having this job is the experience that he's gaining, explained Aaron. With all the planning of chapels, Friday night vespers, Sabbath Schools and weeks of prayer, Aaron should be set for what awaits him in his work in the church.

"Taskforce Student Chaplain" isn't the name he usually goes by while working. During work, as well as off work, Aaron said, "I prefer being called just Aaron."



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## International Studies Offered at Union

by Becky Lane

Union College is undertaking its own global mission. The divisions of Business/Computer Science and Arts/Humanities are now offering an International Studies major to prepare students for a broad area of foreign work.

Dr. Minon Hamm, chairperson of the Arts and Humanities division, explained that the major is being offered because the concerns of our country and church are becoming more international. "Our college mission statement speaks of people carrying the message all over the world," she said. "Our church must direct itself more and more to global ministry."

International Studies graduates could qualify for careers in international agriculture, economics, marketing, politics, or languages. Dr. Hamm mentioned that there is a need for accountants, attorneys, and agricultural workers within the Adventist denomination. Many other types of foreign workers could also benefit from a broad cultural background.

The International Studies major will require classes in world geography, government, economics, and history. Ten hours of a foreign language will also be required.

Contextual courses include anthropology, accounting, computers, and marketing. Students must also take an additional 20 hours in a concentration such as agriculture, economics, political relations, marketing, management, or modern language. Many of these classes will be taken at Nebraska Wesleyan University, University of Nebraska, or Adventist Colleges Abroad.

"We have a tremendous advantage at Union because we are so close to a major university," said Dr. Hamm. She believes that Union's International Studies program may be the only one of its kind among Adventist colleges.

A number of new classes are being offered along with the International

### If you could be a color, what would you be?



Pink. It's my favorite color.  
—Cindy Fleischer



Burnt orange. Autumn reminds me that God has put variety into life.  
—Greg Rumsey



Multicolored. Certain parts of the anatomy one color and other parts another color.  
—Dr. Ward Hill



Prussian blue. It's my favorite color and comes from ferro cyanide of iron.  
—Keith Riese



White. I will be well-disguised on the ski slopes.  
—Grover Barker



Peach. It's soothing and soft and represents peace and tranquility.  
—Marolyn McArthur

Studies major. These include World Regional Geography, World Religions, and Comparative Governments.

Students may begin working toward this new degree immediately. The requirements will appear in the next school bulletin.

Dr. Hamm reports that a number of students have already expressed an interest in the new major. "As Americans, we have a reputation for being so arrogant," she said. "We go overseas with a limited view, thinking that everyone sees the world exactly as we do. We're too rigid."

The International Studies major will open up dozens of opportunities for those who are looking toward careers far beyond the farmlands of Nebraska. "It takes a long time to learn to appreciate other cultures," said Dr. Hamm, "but we must if we want to reach people wherethey are."



## A Response from the President's Cabinet

to "The Worship Card that Saved Souls," Clocktower, November 21, 1990, page 3.

The President's Cabinet has no disposition to stifle the discussion of sensitive topics which appear from time to time in the Clocktower. We would simply like to join in this type of deliberation and present an alternate point of view. To balance the five points appearing in the November 21 issue opposing the requiring of worship, the Cabinet would like to suggest that there are at least five points in defense of the current practice.

1. Frail human nature may need an element of coercion in order for correct habit patterns to be established. Reward and punishment is admittedly

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a lower level of motivation—but we may need that learning experience on our way to an inner-directed, mature lifestyle.

2. Mild penalties for non-conformity to the norms of a group may simply clarify the guidelines governing the group.

3. Worship attendance within reason is voluntarily accepted by students who are admitted to Union College. Failure to attend such services may suggest some confusion of priorities. An appropriately administered sanction is not forcing worship nor distrusting students. It is simply reminding us who are prone to forget what is truly important in life.

4. Mature people live within the boundaries of their environment. An institutional expectation that students attend a certain number of religious services provides an opportunity for corporate worship. Far from being an enslaving experience, this can enrich student lives by giving them an opportunity to share in the spiritual journeys

of their peers, as our current chapel services are doing. When we work only when we feel like it, study only when the urge hits us, interact with others however impulse suggests, and treat our spiritual exercises the same way, we are on the broad path that will not lead to life, either in this world or in the one to come.

5. Admittedly, worship attendance in heaven or in any ideal environment comprised of perfect people does not need to be promoted by any coercive technique. While "God is in His heaven," as the poet said, we are still on earth. Our natural impulse looks for the course of least resistance. When church-related colleges no longer nudge their students to attend worship through mild sanctions, they tend to lose their uniqueness, and more and more resemble public colleges. Surrendering their distinctiveness, they forfeit their reason for existence.



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- BTM = Basketball Team Men  
BTW = Basketball Team Women
- December 6 - BTM: Manhattan, KS
- 7 - BTW: Oklahoma City, OK  
Vespers: Drama Program  
VI Alternative: CABLE Cafe  
SAA Christmas Tree Lighting
- 8 - CVC: Bob Bretsch  
Sabbath School: 4:00 pm  
BTW: Oklahoma City, OK  
ASB: Christmas Film
- 13 - Dead Day
- 14 - Dead Day  
Last Day to Withdraw with "W"  
Vespers: Christmas Memories  
VI Alternative: SM Slides
- 15 - CVC: Bob Bretsch  
Sabbath School: 4:00 pm  
ASB: Late Night Escape
- 17 - Next Clocktower
- 17-20 - Final Exams
- 20-January 6, 1991 - Christmas Vacation

### THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON





## Service

by Kelly V. Schmitt

Studentmissions student-missions studentmissions.

This is bad introductory technique, because an opening line is supposed to catch one's attention, not drive it away. There are exceptions to every rule; some can be broken at will.

Student missions ranks right up there with Harry Connick, Jr. and Alexandre Dumas' *The Three Musketeers* as a subject close to my heart. More than one of you has been forced to listen to one of my monologues on the obvious advantages of serving as a volunteer. I talk and rant and reason and persuade and sell and pray. And for what reason? "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."\*

Now I will be the first to admit that I had ulterior motives in going as a student missionary two years ago. At the time of my decision, I was strictly Midwestern: had never been farther east than Chicago, or farther west than Denver. I had never seen the ocean. I wanted to see the world, I wanted to travel, and I poured over the call book

like it was a travel guide to the globe.

Three years of college had worn me out, and the thought of being the teacher rather than the taught had a curious appeal. I determined that a year overseas would look good on my resume. And aren't student missionaries supposed to be spiritual and religious? My spiritual life would surely benefit by associating with such good people.

Many of my illusions were soundly beaten into the ground over the course of my year in Korea. I did travel. I saw more palaces and temples and gardens than I ever wanted to. A year overseas will look good on my resume someday, if I ever have one. But teaching isn't easy. Sometimes one is tired, but one can't skip; 21 people are anxiously waiting in the classroom to hear whatever words of English that may come from one's mouth. Maybe 15 others are waiting to learn even more English in Bible class. Most of them aren't there to learn about the Bible; they are there to improve their hearing and their pronunciation. The religion is thrown in free of charge. Sometimes they stay and listen and ask questions that indicate that there is more than English on their minds.

And my spiritual life? The thought never occurred to me that if I was expecting other student missionaries to uplift me spiritually, they might have come for the same reason. So I

learned to stand alone with God, and I learned that although we can support one another, we must first have our own individual walk.

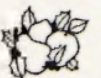
Three days before I left Korea I discovered why I had come. For Friday evening vespers we had chosen to show some of our slides set to music. They were pictures of everything we had done that year: picnics with students, going to coffee shop with students, parties with students, playing games with students, laughing with students, teaching students. In that belated moment, I realized that those people were the most important people in the world, because there were still many of them who had not accepted the good news of the gospel. I had told the student missions screening committee that I wanted to go to spread the gospel, but I hadn't known it for myself. Inadvertently I had been doing it all year.

You can be a missionary wherever you are, and you must be. There is no getting around it. It is easy to say "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation" but it is difficult to do. It might mean prolonging your education. It might mean putting off a start to your career. It might mean waiting to start making money. It might not be for everybody.

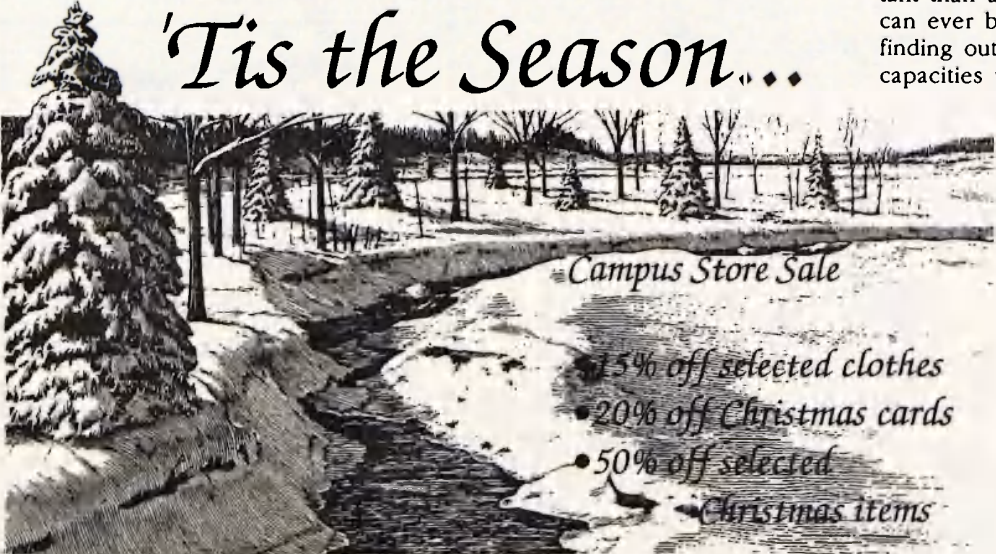
It might mean learning that the gospel is for everyone. It might mean learning that people are more important than any amount of money that can ever be earned. It might mean finding out that God can use you in capacities you never before thought possible. It might mean being part of the final generation that will spread the gospel to all people, because not until then will the end come.

After all, that is the point. Student missions is an attempt to make that day come a little closer. How can you say no to that?\*

Mark 16:15,  
NIV.



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by Garry Trefl



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"On October 17, 1909, the old boys of East Hall gave a reception for the new fellows. A final feature after music was an old-fashioned spelling match. On Thanksgiving night, 1894, the girls in the dormitory gave a party to the girls outside who had at one time been dormitory students.

"The *Union College Messenger* recorded a celebration which took place in the spring of 1904. The students got together and canned 400 quarts of strawberries and in conclusion by way of celebration they gathered on the steps of South Hall and sang: "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning," "Nearer My God to Thee," and other familiar hymns.

"As a result of the studied policy of segregation of the sexes, many of the programs as viewed from today's stand point, were rather tame or colorless."

This ends the glance at romance at Union College in the early days.

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