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#PRAYERSFORHEATHER



Registration. Classes. New schedules. Welcome to the new year, Union.

At the end of our first week, we should have been sighing deeply in unison, as we stopped to reflect on another tough week accomplished. Yet, our problems seem miniscule when we think of what our semester has started with—a fall.

On January 15, Heather Boulais, a 23-year-old senior elementary education major, fell approximately 23 feet while setting up her apparatus for silks. The fall resulted in a traumatic brain injury, skull fracture and a drug-induced coma that night while doctors worked to save her life.

“It really didn’t hit me how critical her injuries were until her dad said it was a matter of minutes and she may not be here,” said Derek Baker, senior business sports management major and Boulais’ hand-to-hand partner. Over hours of practice, both Baker and Boulais’ silks partner Samuel Dinzey saw her love for gymnastics shine through. They would often spend hours in the



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gym, practicing routines over and over until perfect.

“When we first started talking about doing routines, she would send me these ideas,” said Dinzey. “I would give one sentence, and she would send paragraphs. She loves what she does. You can tell when someone loves what they do by the look on their face.”

Besides gymnastics, Boulais’ love for Union and joy in teaching radiate through the words her friends use to describe her—joyful, determined, passionate, uplifting. The list continues.

“I think that it is just so hard for everyone who knew her to see her in this condition,” said Jeffrey Middleton, College View Academy senior and gymnast. “She was so active and fit, always



up working. It doesn't seem right for her to be where she is. She thinks, eats, drinks, sleeps, and breathes gymnastics."

Fellow gymnaire Caleb Freitag added, "She has such a drive for life and she is passionate about everything and everyone in it. She is a true witness for Christ through everything that she does. I don't think I remember a time that she was not smiling."

"You can never tell when Heather is having a bad day because she chooses to be positive even if things aren't going well for her," said Tyler Bissell, senior international rescue and relief major.

"This situation has been hard to handle especially since I am leaving for Nicaragua and won't be around to support my friend as she works to recover. But it has been amazing to see God work so far, and I am excited to see how He will continue to work and display His character through this."

Last week, as her story spread through social media, thousands began gathering in an effort to pray for Heather's healing. A prayer banner was filled with encouraging notes and names during vespers, and on January 17, thousands stopped what they were doing at 11 p.m. to pray.

“After she fell, I couldn’t focus to pray,” remembered Baker who witnessed the fall himself along with Dinzey and several other teammates. “I would overhear the EMTs saying ‘Stay with us, Heather,’ and I just kept thinking that over and over. I thought, I can’t pray right now, but I have 500 friends on Facebook who can. I posted “Prayers, please” and it has grown from there.”

Since the time of the incident, prayer has become even more of a focus for Union. Directly following the morning of Boulais’ fall, Union College gathered in prayer as crucial steps were taken to care for her. In nearly every class period, professors began their class with a special word of prayer focused on Heather.

“It’s remarkable how we are coming together as an Adventist family across the nation, with schools like Walla Walla and Andrews praying for Heather and those close to her,” explained Stefani Leeper, sophomore communications major.

Baker also finds similar encouragement from a Facebook prayer

group over 4,500 members strong. “God took her away for a bit, and He is showing us how powerful He is,” said Baker. “I don’t always understand God’s plan, but I can see how her fall has banded [us] together; it has really shown the strength of prayer.”

As time continues to pass and we keep Heather on our hearts, we are reminded out of all of this the true power of prayer. Prayer that she will heal and soon be back on the mats, confirming what all of us know to be true—she is a fighter. Don’t pray because you’re afraid you’ll be judged otherwise. Don’t pray because it’s the “cool thing.” Pray because there is a very real battle going on. Pray because, in times like this, it is the only and best thing we can do.

Pray because we are Union. Pray because we believe.

#PrayersforHeather

For more updates on Heather, be sure to follow The Clocktower on Facebook.



KATIE MORRISON

In honor of Prince Farming (a.k.a. Chris Soules), the latest showrunner on *The Bachelor*, we at The Clocktower have polled the campus in hopes of finding Union's own princes. Who did our women nominate as the finest of the fine, the smoothest of the smooth and nicest of them all? Read on to learn more about Union College's very own most eligible bachelors!

Name: James Canarsky

Year: Sophomore

Major: Biomedical science (he wants to be a dentist)

Favorite color: Green

Dream date: A long drive so we can talk, a nice dinner, more driving. It's a great way to chat!

Complete this sentence: "I wish I had someone with whom I could share..."...life. Or my frozen yogurt.

Hobbies: Anything outdoors!

Union College's Most Eligible Bachelors

Gender stereotypes, instant fame and double standards

Fishing, hunting, working on cars, driving fast.

What single ladies at UC should know: I study a lot and I try to live my life after Jesus.

My best quality: Talking to people and hanging out.

Most attractive quality in a girl: If she's upbeat.

Most unattractive quality in a girl: A complainer!

My worst quality: My bad temper.

One word to describe your mom: "Awesome."

Name: Sam Dinzey

Year: Freshman

Major: Business Administration - Marketing, Graphic Design

Favorite color: Sunset orange

Go-to pick-up line: Anything in Spanish is a pick-up line.

Hobbies: Playing music, gymnastics and soccer, hanging out with



friends, cooking, doing hair (I LOVE HAIR).

My best quality: I'm a good listener!

What single ladies at UC should know: My family is really important to me! I will drop everything if my family needs me.

Most attractive quality in a girl: Her personality, especially natural positivity.

Most unattractive quality in a girl: Someone who doesn't appreciate the little things.

My worst quality: I say yes to everything. So I'm very busy.

One word to describe my mom: Puerto Rican. I mean...LOVING.

Name: Ricky Amimo

Year: Junior

Major: Health Science / Pre PA

Favorite animal: Tigers. They're so majestic.

Dream date: I'd love to cook with a girl and enjoy a meal and get to know her, ideally on a beach I own with cushions to sit on.

Complete this sentence: "I wish I had someone with whom I could share..."...Twix. I love Twix. It is perfection. To share that is sharing a part of myself.

My best quality: I don't judge on first impressions.

Hobbies: Playing and watching basketball, listening to music, writing and doing spoken word

Most attractive quality in a girl:

The ability to be funny and relaxed but have priorities and be goal-oriented as well.

Most unattractive quality in a girl:

Laziness. That's a no-no.

My worst quality: Sometimes it's hard to admit I'm wrong. I admit it eventually though.

One word to describe your

mom: Beautiful, in every single sense of it.

There you have it, Unionites. Single ladies, these guys won't be available for long so get out of the friend zone while you still can. In the meantime, make sure to check back next week for the companion article featuring Union College's Most Eligible Bachelorettes!

The Jesus of Adventism

Six ways Jesus lives through Union College students



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A friend of mine told me a while ago that she came to Union not for Adventist beliefs and environment specifically but for the small, friendly college environment. She even argued against the requirement of having Bible classes at all.

However, Union College is struc-

tured to give students a very specific Adventist atmosphere. Our official mission reads, "Inspired by faith in Jesus Christ and dedicated to a personal student-focused community, Union College empowers students for learning, service and leadership."

Inspired by faith in Jesus Christ?

What does that even mean? Who is the Jesus of Adventism?

While Union is centered upon Jesus just like other non-Adventist schools, we need to recognize that the “Jesus of Adventism”, or our interpretation of Jesus, is different than any other interpretation. Union College is unique because the Jesus who leads us is radically better than we could ever imagine. Adventism is different because:

Our Jesus does not torture.

As Adventists, we believe that hell is an ending of all sin—not a continual burning of people forever and ever. We don’t believe that a God who tortures eternally harmonizes with a God of love.

Our Jesus rescues. Many faiths believe that Jesus will rapture His people, but Adventists believe that Jesus will publicly rescue His remnant and reveal Himself to the world.



Our Jesus governs. “The law of God is as sacred as God Himself,” claims Ellen White in “Patriarchs and Prophets”. As a pledge of love and allegiance, Jesus asks us to maintain an intimate relationship with Him by keeping His Law. Adventists give special attention to the fourth commandment: the Sabbath.

Our Jesus dwells. God dwells in temples, forests, institutions, but most importantly in us. The Bible says that our bodies are temples of the Spirit of God. If God dwells in us, we want to be able to live for Him in the best way possible. Therefore, Adventism emphasizes eating healthy, avoiding liquors and wines, and steering clear of damaging substances.

Our Jesus creates. God didn’t just set things in motion to evolve and run its own course. The God of scripture was engaged in creation and is involved with His creations. In six literal days Jesus created the world. We also believe that the same God who created the world will restore it.

Our Jesus saves. When we die, we don’t go to heaven or a place

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of fiery flames. When we die, we sleep until Jesus rescues us and takes us home.

Union College is incredible and I love it just the way it is. Being Seventh-day Adventist at Union means to be sold on a Jesus who is different and creative and loving. If you ever question why Union is different, know that it is because Jesus is different.

A call for media to stop sensationalising murder

Let's put a stop to increasing copycat crimes

From the Columbine High School shootings in 1999 to the Boston Bombings in 2013, media services have reported murder and massacres with unsettling amounts of detail and coverage. But can too much information be a bad thing? The reality of copycat murders makes a strong case against the media for revealing loads of information about the attackers and their crime.

Nearly every disastrous massacre has reports of similar style crime in the weeks following major media coverages, whether the imitation of the crimes are conscious efforts or not. For example, in 2002, a 15-year-old stole a small plane and crashed it into a Bank of America building, citing the September 11 attacks in his suicide letter. Serial killings have become cult followings dating back since 19th century reports



JORDAN ZY

of Jack-the Ripper, with confirmed reports of media copycats of fictional serial killers as one man did after watching Showtime's "Dexter".

In the 1980s, media outlets realized their coverage of teen suicide was adversely affecting other teens, with steep inclines of copycat suicides after media coverages of those their age who had taken their lives. But how much coverage of teen suicide do you see today? Almost none. Even when the media follows suggested guidelines about suicide methods, they won't spin it as a surprising act by a healthy person and won't even use the word "suicide" in headlines.

So why do we report every detail about the killers in school shootings and other massacres? How

is this not going to have a similar problem? Why do we get reports of the criminal's methods, movements, favorite violent games, hardcore bands, and breakfast cereals within the first few days of the incident? Columbine, Sandy Hook, the Boston bomb-

Terrorism and mass murder will never be rational, but let's not feed it anymore. Media coverage needs to reduce focus on the shocking crime, and the assailants, and keep their known facts minimal and simple. This means not releasing a photo and identi-



ers, and even the terrorist cell in the Charlie Hedbo killing all had their faces plastered on every news station for weeks.

It isn't going to be violent fiction that inspires the next killings by unstable persons, it's the near guarantee that if they commit a shocking crime they'll finally receive an entire nation's attention.

ty of the killers, not reporting on how gruesome the murders were, and essentially not giving a road-map for how the killers could do it. Instead reports should consist of something like "a dozen were killed today by an assailant, our hearts and prayers go out of the families."

NOVEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Preview Days	2 Campus Store Sale	3 Campus Store Sale MAU Education Club Banquet 10:30am Chapel 11:30am-1:00pm ASC 3:30pm Union Scholars Advisory Warrior (Away) games	4 MAU Music Festival Campus Store Sale MAU Education Major Interviews 2:30-4:00pm LEAD Committee	5 MAU Music Festival Campus Store Sale 10:30-11:30am Faculty Senate 8:00pm UC Men BB vs NE Wesleyan JV (Away)	6 MAU Music Festival Campus Store Sale 10:00am-3:00pm Graduation Announcement Rep at Campus Store 7:30 Vespers: MAU Music Festival Concert Sunset: 5:50pm	7 MAU Music Festival 5:30pm V2: MAU Music Festival Concert! ASB Splash for Cash Sunset: 5:51pm
8 8:00am National ACT	9 8:30am LSAT 3:30-5:00pm Academic Council 9:30am UC Board of Trustees Meeting	10 10:30am Chapel 4:00-5:00pm TPC Meeting 8:00pm UC Women BB vs NE Wesleyan JV (Away)	11 Library Hours 8:30-5:00pm	12 Winter Break Campus Store/ Mailroom Open: 9:00am- 3:00pm Library Hours 9:00am-5:00pm	13 Winter Break Campus Store/ Mailroom Open: 9:00am- 1:00pm Library Hours 9:00am-Noon Sunset: 5:59pm	14 Sunset: 6:00pm

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-  to goldfish crackers
- Jeff Meador
-  to a week of Netflix
- Kyle Smith
-  to the Kentucky Wildcats
- Grant Slavens
-  to slow drivers
- Brittany Driver

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Basically, write us.

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“When tragedy happens, all I can do is surround myself with close friends and family. It helps to talk it out and comfort each other. Community is the biggest factor when coping

with tragedy. It helps to understand that you’re not the only one going through it, and that other people feel the same way that you do.”

Jessyka Albert, Junior Theology Major

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*"Turn Your Winter Waistline
Into A Winner Waistline"*
by Debbie Pinto

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