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Union's BRUSH Day Paints The Town

Clouds covered the sky and threatened rain while Pastor Rich Carlson, Campus Chaplain, held his breath and hoped that it wouldn't rain. On BRUSH Day, held Thursday, August 24, approximately 350 students, faculty, and staff helped paint ten Lincoln homes. Pastor Carlson estimated that this year's turnout was the biggest since the beginning of the BRUSH program nine years ago. Union has now painted ninety-one homes, with only nine more homes to paint before reaching its goal of 100 homes before the Centennial Year, 1991.

Painters came dressed in T-shirts, shorts, jeans, old tennis shoes--anything comfortable and paintable. At 1605 South 48th Street, eighteen nursing students and faculty worked on a house that was recently featured in *Guidepost* magazine. Mrs. Marguerite Rowlee, age ninety-two, lives there. She is a special lady. For years now she has filled her basement with clothing, toys, bedding, and furniture and made it available to anyone who needs it.

For senior Tommie Sue Credle, a nursing and psychology major, this was her first year to help with BRUSH. It was also the first year that the nursing division has been given their own house to paint.

Dr. Laurice Durrant fought off bees while she painted but wore a bright smile on her face. She has been a nursing professor at Union College for four years, and this is her third year of involvement with BRUSH.

For Dennis Thomsen, this is his first

year at Union and his first year of BRUSH. He attended Walla Walla College and is now in his first year of Union's nursing program. Dennis commented, "I think the BRUSH program is really a good idea. Sometimes our church, and churches in general, talk a lot about service to others but don't do much about it. It's great that Union College is doing something like this. It's good to put all that talk into practice."

Meanwhile, at 502 "D" Street, a group of students and faculty from the P.E. department applied primer and white paint to another house. Sophomore Kim Deutsch said she became motivated to help with BRUSH during registration. "When I saw the picture of the house and read the caption telling about the people who live there, I felt badly for them and decided I

wanted to help." She continued, "When you get a group together like this and do a project like this, it brings people closer together. Everyone walks away feeling as if they did something good for someone else."

The ASB officers helped out in an additional way, taking turns painting and delivering doughnuts and water to the painters at each house. Social Vice-President Mabelle Lee reported that forty-five dozen doughnuts were purchased from Hi-Vee for the day. ASB officers even went as far as throwing doughnuts--even sticky chocolate-covered ones--to painters on the roofs of the houses.

At the Arts and Humanities house at 1618 South 26th Street, Dr. Bill Fitts quipped, "BRUSH Day allows students to get together and make friends. You might say it's a good homesickness *thinner* and a friendship *primer*!" Mr. Greg Rumsey, assistant professor of communications, commented that BRUSH Day is "a good image builder for the college and a genuine service to friends in the community. It's truly a worthwhile project and a good way to get favorable attention."

Tom Mullaney from Iowa Paint stopped by the 26th Street house to check on the paint supply. He estimated that 150 gallons of paint were used Thursday for the ten homes painted. Iowa Paint has been involved in BRUSH for four years and sells the paint to the college at cost, also donating the painter's caps. In the weeks preceding BRUSH Day, Mr. Mullaney went to each home that had been chosen for the BRUSH project. He measured the homes to estimate the amount of paint needed and also consulted with the people living in the

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Sharon Bartter

Editor

As I drove across the great Missouri River and crossed from Iowa into eastern Nebraska a few weeks ago, a large, green signed loomed ahead. It simply said, "Nebraska: The Good Life." I read it over again. I've seen that sign many times, but this time it struck me in an entirely new way. I laughed out loud. What else could I do? I had been up for more than twenty-seven hours--the last fourteen of which I had spent driving. True, I was actually happy to be in Nebraska.

But then I realized that I didn't know why I was laughing. As I drove through Omaha, I began thinking of why I had just driven 900 miles to go to school in Nebraska. Why was I going to school in Nebraska...in Lincoln...at Union College? Why didn't I choose to go to one of the many colleges and universities within minutes of my home?

The more I thought about it, the more I realized that I was going home. Lincoln was becoming my home. Lincoln is where my friends are. Lincoln is where I actually want to be. Union College is where I want to be. Since this is my fourth and final year at Union, I am feeling optimistic. I am excited at the thought of graduating and being allowed more independence. I realize that this is a year of big decisions in my life concerning my future. I also realize that this is the beginning of what will become my career.

As editor of *The Clocktower*, I am aware that the content and quality of the paper will reach many people with many different tastes, personalities, and expectations. Hopefully, many of you readers will be happy with what you see. Unfortunately, I realize that not everyone will be happy all of the time with the paper. It's a simple fact of life. However, I urge all of you to think of this paper as a student newspaper, in which students may share their comments, praises, criticisms, and opinions.

Last year, several heated topics were discussed in the paper. One such topic was the lack of a sidewalk going directly from the Everett Dick Building to the Atrium. Students took the matter seriously and spoke

their opinions in through *The Clocktower*. Perhaps the new sidewalk would have eventually appeared, but I am certain that through the students' voices, the sidewalk became reality much faster.

Other topics were discussed and debated, some seemingly fruitlessly. But let me encourage all of you to not accept easy defeat. We are in a tremendous position to make a difference. We should use our minds and make change where we deem necessary. Let us use our education to its fullest fruition. But perhaps the most important aspect of this school year is that we decide to make it a good one. Only you can do that. Sure, the year will be hard at times with studies, relationships, jobs, and all the balancing and juggling that must go on in order to survive. But just remember one thing: The future is yours. You can decide to make this year good or bad. You can make this year in Nebraska the good life.

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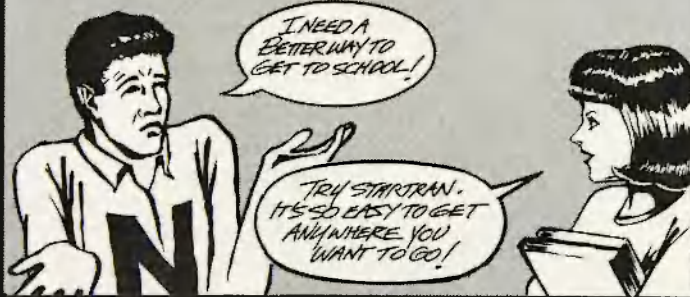
By GARY LARSON

THE FAR SIDE

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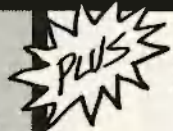
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homes to find out exactly what they wanted done.

One afternoon, as Mr. Mullaney visited one of the homes, the lady living there, age eighty-five, had burned her dinner just before he arrived. Smoke poured out of the house as he helped her open windows and to air out the house. Mr. Mullaney sees the BRUSH project as helping these people in many ways. "It's not so much the coat of paint that these people appreciate the most. While they are thankful for that, they also are reassured that someone cares enough to come out and do something meaningful for them. When they see college students willing to take the time to help them, it gives them confidence that someone still cares about their welfare."

At 1018 South 33rd Street, sophomore Dennis Sexson applied white paint to one side of the house there. This was his first time participating in BRUSH, and he credits his involvement to the "inspiration of Whitney, Curt, Darin, Troy, and Todd. They talked me into coming today." Darin Loewen, a senior biology major, attributes his involvement to the same sort of peer pressure. "Troy and Whit wouldn't let me sleep!" At the same house, Eric Mechalke, a junior chemistry major, commented, "BRUSH Day is good for the students because it gives them the chance to help some people, goof off, and have fun."

Vice-President for Enrollment Services, Mrs. Leona Murray, said, "I like the good feeling that helping BRUSH gives me. Some people get to the point where they don't think anyone will do something like this anymore."

President John Wagner, painting the house at 332 South 27th Street, shared his ideas on BRUSH Day. "Early on in the year, it gets people focusing on service and pulls them together. People appreciate knowing there's someone who will do this for them. It also helped people see us (Union College) as a service-oriented institution. I'm proud to be a part of it."

Pastor Carlson shared in this sentiment. "I'm so honored to be a part of the UC family today because they showed up to help as I never imagined they would. We really have neat students, faculty, and staff."

WELCOME TO UNION COLLEGE!

What do YOU want to be, to do, to become this year? You have many choices. You will have many intriguing opportunities to develop in each of the ways we mention in our statement of mission for Union College--spiritual, mental, social, and physical. I hope the choices you make this year will ensure balanced development in all four of these dimensions. For spiritual growth, you can choose how much time you spend in personal devotional life, how much you get out of worship and chapel periods, whether or not to get interested in outreach programs, how involved you will be in the religious life of the college. At Union, you will be encouraged to consistently make choices which will enhance your spiritual growth, but only you can make the choice.

Socially, you can choose to date, stay with a peer group, attend the many ASB functions planned for your enjoyment, participate in the FES programs. Opportunities for enjoyable social development are here--it's up to you!

Physically, you can choose to eat poorly or eat well, to get adequate sleep or be tired most of the time. It's your choice to walk or jog or swim or bike your way to fitness, or to participate in intramural programs. What will you choose?

It is also your choice to be all you can be mentally or to be lazy when it comes to mental exercise and thought control. You

can faithfully attend class or you can skip, you can just do enough to get by, or you can go the extra mile and really have a thorough knowledge of the subject. You can probe the minds of your teachers and classmates and textbook authors, or you can ignore the fact that others have much to offer you. You can think any thought that comes to mind, or you can determine not to waste your brain power with trivial and/or degrading thoughts. Your choice will make the difference!

God has given us all the power to choose, and here at Union College, you will have the opportunity to use that gift for your own good or to your own detriment. Union College and the Lincoln community are places of unusual opportunity. God has promised to give you wisdom in making choices about how you will use the opportunities you meet: "I will instruct you (says the Lord) and guide you along the best pathway for your life" (Psalm 32:8, LB); and "Where is the [person] who fears the Lord? God will teach him how to choose the best" (Psalm 25:12, LB).

I pray that you will give God the possibility of guiding you and teaching you to choose wisely, that this will be a year of profitable "being" and that you will become what both you and God want to be. The choice is yours!

Dr. John Wagner
Union College President

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Milt Muckraker
Grapin' Guy

Dear UC Family of Readership:

Greeting and salutations. Welcome back and all that. I think it's a little early for a Vine, but my boss told me to write one, so here it is. Next time you walk by the bookstore, notice the body line campus police chalked around twenty-year-old Bernie Boinger, a freshman book thief here at our own Campus Bookstore. According to my sources, who told me about this while pulling a hair from their egg-salad sandwiches made at the deli, Bernie walked out of the bookstore with a stolen badminton book, and bookstore security officials waxed him against the window for punishment. Sadly, there is an emotional appeal to the story in that the last words heard coming from poor Bernie's mouth were, "I just couldn't afford to pay a hundred and sixty-two bucks for a badminton book and two shuttle cox." At least Bernie knew that at Union we call badminton birdies shuttle cox, even if he couldn't fork over the bones for them. A sad note indeed to start the year--sad, but a tad more tasteful than the note off with which I, "Milt Muckraker," started this article last year.

A new award for guys or gals or whoever (who are about as cool as the sun). This week's Geek of the Week award goes to the Kwik Shop doofus who shuts off all video games at 6:00 p.m. sharp. What a guy! I urge all of my unloyal following to boycott the munchie haven until this procedure is repealed. We may march against this decision if it is not withdrawn. We will be forced into closed-fisted rhetoric. Hopefully, Fast Eddie's (which is south of Union) will accept and replenish our quest for Big Swigs, turbo veggie dogs, and general George Washington wastage.

For those of you who don't know me, I'd now like to tell you a few things about myself and my plans for this forum. For those of you who do know me, please leave all slanderous letters under twenty-five words in length and praiseworthy letters 665 words or more typed and double-spaced. I'm Milt Muckraker, the guy who many felt needed to max out on an attitude adjustment last

year. Well, the summer has now separated my current attitude and hat of last years'. This is a gossip column that I'd like to turn into a what's-on-your-mind, gossip, and attitude column. I'd like you to believe that my opinions are mine and *The Clocktower's* are its, but we'll see how that stands as this article progresses. At times, this article can be quite informative, and at other times, it can be quite aggravating. Still, the choice is yours. About myself, well ... my favorite time of day is right when I switch my radio dial to a new station only to find that Bono and U2 are just finishing a song and going off the air for about thirty-five more minutes, depending on how many records the station actually owns. I enjoy the last swallows of most pops (especially if I've shared it with friends), and I usually do notice the hair on my knuckles. I hate sleeping without pillows, and I don't enjoy letters from alumni of the school telling me what to write about. I like girls with a strong Maryland AND Minnesota rearing/background and any person who can raise one eye-brow at a time. Neat.

Now for the thought provoking part of the Vine. Why do trains always have the right of way? And would seeing the Stones in Kansas City be like bumping into Shakespeare at a drive-in theatre? These are questions to which I'd like to get answers as soon as possible. Also, what exactly does "It's a dog-eat-dog world" mean?

Beware of the couple boom. Yes, it's

that time of year when people mingle and pair and are happy. Look around. It's happening virtually everywhere. And don't assume that you can't be afflicted. This thing is like a virus, but it can be cured. A panel of doctors whom I personally assembled found the following preventions to render effective, and seven out of ten dentists agreed. (I always wonder how the Aqua-Fresh company decided which dentists to ask and why they don't just find ten who agree and say ten out of ten dentists agree?) Prevention A: Quit bathing, or if you must, don't use soap or shampoo, and don't get your hair wet. Prevention B: Constantly talk about yourself, even if you have to make something up, such as how you enjoy watching Oprah Winfrey or you race steamrollers in your spare time. Prevention C: Brush your teeth once monthly. This will still allow you to get through meals relatively painlessly and stain-free. And Prevention D: Regularly dive off the Everett Dick Building. I must note here that these suggestions may fail, and if you do become diagnosed in the couple boom, beware of the couple swoon which regularly strikes in early February. But don't worry. My doctors are working on a cure for that as well.

Well, that about wraps up this gossip-free Vine, but the year is young, and there are hints of action brewing. Remember, don't imitate--innovate!

Sincerely, *Milt Muckraker*

Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson





Carl Freund
Sports Editor

Carl's Fabulous '89 Football Favorites

This year's road to the Superbowl will be paved with parity indeed. My job, for this article, was to wade through this parity and pick which two teams I think will be the best. The problem is that I do not think there are two "best teams." I do feel, however, there are a score of mediocre-good teams. Before I made my final decision, I conferred with Peat Luke as to who should be next year's world champions. The following are the conclusions at which we arrived.

First of all, the NFL needs a new commissioner. The new commissioner can be found right here on Union's campus! After two years of organizing Friday Football Bowl Games, no one is better qualified than Murray Cox.

I will begin my infamous predictions with the AFC. In the AFC East, there is one strong team and two hopefuls. Buffalo looked good last year and will look even better this year. Their defense was ranked number two in the league and will continue to stop the league's best offenses this year. The two hopefuls are the Pats and the Colts. With a good quarterback guiding them, either of these teams could be a surprise. The Jets seem hopeless, and because Peat said to say something nice about the Dolphins, I will say that they will do okay this year.

In the AFC Central, the race will be a lot closer. Either the Bengals or the Oilers could win the division. When one wins the division, be certain the other will be a Wildcard pick. Cleveland could win more if they would figure out that there is more to Kosar's arm than handing off the ball. As for Pittsburgh, they are in a building year, of course.

At Union, the AFC West seems to be the most popular. Over half of this campus loves the AFC West. If you do not love the Broncos, you love the fact that the Raiders, Chiefs, and Seahawks all beat them. The AFC West is the hardest division in football today. The Broncos should come out on top of the division. The only team that could beat them out would be the Raiders. They need a QB to lead them, though. If they had one, they might even be the best football

team in the league. San Diego is lost (sorry, McMahon fans), and the Chiefs would do better with more fan support. Tony, I do not know what to say about Seattle.

Now on to the NFC. In the NFC East is found the greatest parity. Any team could be victorious any given year, except Phoenix. The edge will have to go to Buddy Ryan's Eagles. If their all-star quarterback can stay healthy, they will find their own destiny. Do not count out Washington, Dallas, or New York, though; they all could have a good year.

The Vikings will win the NFC Central. Chicago had a chance until they traded McMahon. What can anyone say about the Bucs, the Pats, and the Lions, who all had three-and-thirteen records last year? If you are like me, you will hope that figure will go down this year.

In the NFC West, I wish I could pick the '49ers, the Rams, and the Saints to win the

division. They are all excellent. I feel, however, that the Rams will end up above the other two. Last year's champs have too much pressure to repeat...and a new coach. The Saints had a disappointing year last year and will have a hard time coming back from that fact. Look for both the '49ers and the Saints in the Wildcard game.

The divisions are broken down, and now it is time to reveal who this year's Superbowl champ will be. First, let me say that Peat and I agreed in most areas--except one. He feels that since last year the Vikings did not succeed, this year they will: I, on the other hand, would like to agree (boy, would I) but feel the NFC will win the Superbowl with the Eagles at the helm. Both Peat and I saw Houston making it to the final but going down in the end to the stronger NFC team. Have fun this year cheering your team on to the Superbowl, and for your sake as well as mine, I hope I'm wrong!

Sporting Possibilities Abound

At the Union College '49ers Athletic Field, something spectacular is going on--intramurals! This fall, the loyal sport enthusiast can see a parade of football games and hear the swoosh of the bat in co-ed softball. The teams have already been picked for flagball, and the tension is beginning to mount. By the time this article hits the stands (or desks), the season will already have begun. The only thing I can say now is that if you still want to get involved, show up and watch the games. Let's show each other that Union College school spirit. Women, if there is a man you have been closely watching or you already have under your thumb, show up and cheer him on as he endeavors to achieve feats of sporting wonderment. And men, if there is a woman who tickles your fancy, then show her you're not a male chauvinist and cheer for her when she attempts feats of equal sporting wonderment.

Intramurals always offer a fun break from studies. In the future, the P.E. department will offer other intramural activities such as volleyball, basketball, hockey, and more softball in the spring. If intramurals are not enough, Lincoln Parks and Recreation offers another alternative--city leagues.

Right now, they are in the process of starting co-ed volleyball and modified flagball. If you are interested and want to get a team together, contact Lincoln Parks and Recreation to see what they have to offer and what it takes to join their team.

The Men's and Women's Union College Witness Teams' tryouts will be coming soon, so if you're interested, watch for the announcement. And if gymnastics is your sport, contact Ric Spaulding.

If none of the above interests you, the gym and the Larson Lifestyle Center are open nights for various sports. Check the posted gym schedules to see what interests you. Just do it!

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