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Union College News

College mourns H. Gilbert Harlow

Union College mourns the loss of H. Gilbert Harlow, professor of civil engineering emeritus, who taught from 1940 to 1984 and was a key advocate for maintaining and enhancing the campus landscape. He died Monday, Nov. 17. He was 100.

Prof. Orzel’s new book, this time without a dog

Chad Orzel, associate professor of physics and chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy, made a name for himself -- or rather, his dog, Emmy -- with two books: How to Teach Physics to Your Dog and How to Teach Relativity to Your Dog. Emmy is on the sidelines for Orzel’s latest book, Eureka: Discovering Your Inner Scientist (Basic Books), but the same breezy style that made its predecessors an easy read remains intact.

Green Grants support rain garden, other projects

Fifteen projects were awarded Presidential Green Grants worth more than $24,000. Now in its seventh year, the program supports environmentally sustainable projects at Union and is open to faculty, staff and students. Since it was launched, grants totaling nearly $120,000 have been awarded to 81 projects.

From circus to scholar

Long before John Rieffel started pontificating about evolutionary fabrication, artificial intelligence and robotics, he entertained thousands as a professional circus clown. The assistant professor of computer science got his big break during his senior year of high school, when Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus held an open audition in Washington, D.C.
Welcome to Legacy Admissions Day

The Office of Alumni & Parent Engagement and Office of Admissions invite you to participate in our Legacy Admissions Day on Feb. 16. Created to give you and your student an inside look at the admissions process, this special event is recommended for high school juniors, but freshman and sophomore students are welcome.

Join President Ainlay in Florida

Enjoy an evening with President Stephen C. Ainlay, Judith Gardner Ainlay and Vice President for College Relations Terri Cerveny in Florida. Visits are set for Miami on Feb. 3, Boca Raton on Feb. 4, and Palm Beach on Feb. 5. President Ainlay will give remarks following a reception with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Please RSVP by Jan. 26 or call (518) 388-6168. And don't forget to visit the alumni website to learn more about other upcoming presidential events in Florida. We'd love to see you there.

Union takes on RPI in Mayors Cup

Join us as men's hockey takes on RPI in the 3rd Annual Capital District Mayors Cup at the Times Union Center (Albany) Jan. 24. The game starts at 7:30 p.m., but come beforehand for a pregame reception and remarks by President Stephen C. Ainlay, Coach Rick Bennett and Schenectady Mayor Gary McCarthy. Reserve your spot at the game and reception here.

Career fair offers advantages to employers

The Union College Career Fair, set for Feb. 17, is an effective way for organizations to increase their brand recognition on campus. For the strategic employer, it's also a great way to connect with bright students who can become valuable sources of future talent. To learn more, or for registration details, contact Rochelle Caruso at carusor@union.edu.

A new online community for U

Be on the lookout for a new online alumni community designed just for U. Launching soon, Cash and non-cash contributions to Union are tax deductible expenses. The IRS requires that you provide and maintain detailed substantiation for the deduction to be allowed. For guidelines on record keeping and reporting charitable contributions, contact: Office of Gift Planning Phone: 518 388-6156 Email: giftplanning@union.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 8, 2015
Capital Region holiday party
Schenectady, N.Y.

Jan. 20, 2015
Reception w/President Ainlay Hosted by Alan Horn '64 Burbank, Calif.

Jan. 22, 2015
Reception w/President Ainlay Hosted by Robert Francello '92 San Francisco, Calif.

Jan. 24, 2015
Mayor's Cup hockey game
Albany, N.Y.

Jan. 29, 2015
Athletics evening out Hosted by Antonio Faga '73 Naples, Fla.

More events are listed here.

LET US KNOW
Have you changed careers? Traveled? Won an award, gotten married or had a baby? Been published or promoted? Send an update to classnotes@union.edu. The deadline for the spring magazine is March 1. Photos are welcome, too. Send high-resolution images that are at least 1 MB in size.

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**Nominate the next alumni trustee**

It’s that time of year again -- the Alumni Council is calling for nominations and petitions for the position of alumni trustee. All materials are due by Feb. 1. Visit the alumni council website to learn more about this unique opportunity.

**Alumni in the News**

**Making his mark in the NHL**

Josh Jooris ’14 was recently featured on Metronews.ca. The story focused on his first NHL hat trick, with which he led the Calgary Flames to victory over the Arizona Coyotes, and his burgeoning professional hockey career.