Homecoming: A great way to spend a weekend

A near-record number of parents, students and alumni spent a festive fall weekend at Union during Homecoming Oct. 24-26. More than 2,000 visitors enjoyed the many highlights, including pumpkin carving, campus hay rides, the pre-game tailgate picnic, tours of Karp Hall, the harvest dinner, and the football team's defeat of the University of Rochester. For a Homecoming gallery, click here.

Remembering Kenneth J. Whalen ’49, longtime trustee

Kenneth J. Whalen ’49, a retired executive vice president of AT&T and a longtime trustee of the College, died Sept. 29, 2014 in Vero Beach, Fla. A native of Whitehall, N.Y., he was an economics major, a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and a member of the football and track teams. He was also class president, a member of Student Council and a member of the Delphic Society, an honorary service organization.

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, 2015. Visit the alumni council website to learn more about this unique opportunity.

Union joins campaign against sexual assault

UNION IN THE MEDIA

David Breazzano ’78, Union trustee and president of DDJ Capital Management, was recently featured in the Wealth Matters column in The New York Times. A generous benefactor of the College, Breazzano has been a scholarship donor, Trustee Annual Giving Chair and a member of the Arch Society. He helped fund the renovation of the fitness center, which bears his name, and Breazzano House, one of seven Minerva Houses. Most recently, he endowed the Dona and Marshall Robinson Professor of Science, Philosophy and Religion. For more Union in the Media, click here.

CIVIL WAR CONNECTIONS?

The Union College magazine is planning a story about members of the Union community who played a role in a pivotal chapter of American history. The story coincides with an upcoming exhibit, “Profound and Poignant.” If your family has connections to Union College and the Civil War era, please email caseyc@union.edu by Nov. 15.

INTRODUCING UNION COLLEGE
New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo announced in October that members of the national championship men’s hockey team and other student leaders will challenge peers to join them in raising awareness of — and preventing — sexual assault and domestic violence. The College also joined nearly 200 other schools recently to participate in a national public service campaign, “It’s On Us,” aimed at preventing sexual assault on college campuses.

Banner season celebrated one last time

Six months after the men’s hockey team capped a magical season by capturing its first NCAA Division I national title, the championship banner was raised before the start of the regular season opener Oct. 10. Banners were also raised for the Cleary Cup, Whitelaw Cup, Frozen Four and NCAA tournament appearances. To see photos from the event, visit Union’s Facebook page. Watch the entire banner night ceremony here.

Hire a Union intern this winter

Could you or your organization use an intern for office projects this winter? Hire a Union student during their five week winter break. Contact Keri Willis (willisk@union.edu) at Becker Career Center to learn more or post an internship for Union students.

Event in a Box: All U need to host a Union gathering

Each year the Office of Alumni & Parent Engagement receives numerous requests from alumni across the country to host Union events in their area. We love the enthusiasm of our alumni, parents and friends, and encourage those connected to Union to get together. In an effort to meet these needs, we are excited to announce the Event in a Box program. When you host an event that needs Union flair, this will be your go-to resource! All boxes will come with a Union Flag, and your choice of three of the following items: napkins, cups, koozies, felt pennants, balloons or thunder sticks. You can request your box online here. Go U!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 4, 2014
Washington Capitals game
Washington, D.C.

Nov. 8, 2014
Volunteer at City Mission
Schenectady, N.Y.
Join President Ainlay in Atlanta
A reception, featuring remarks from President Stephen C. Ainlay, will be hosted by Donald ’82 and Barbara Lippman in Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 13. Enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, and conversation with the president, Judith Gardner Ainlay and Vice President for College Relations Terri Cerveny. Please RSVP here.

CEO of MakerBot returns to campus
The value of networking is “off the charts,” particularly for women in the tech field, said Jenny Lawton ’85, CEO of MakerBot, a leading firm in 3D printing, scanning and entertainment. On campus Oct. 6 as part of the Alumni Speaker Series, Lawton told an audience of 150 that two decades ago women executives in tech did not cooperate. The landscape has changed, she noted. “Today, there are not a lot of women in the tech field, but now they’re helping each other.”

Alumni in the News

Leading a GE start-up
Johanna Wellington ’92 was recently profiled in the Albany Business Review. The Q&A focused on her career with General Electric and her new position as general manager and chief technology officer at GE Fuel Cells in Malta, N.Y.

Alum finding success as actor, model
Kenny Scott ’00 was recently profiled on pr-usa.net. The piece focused on his success as an actor and model in Japan and elsewhere.

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