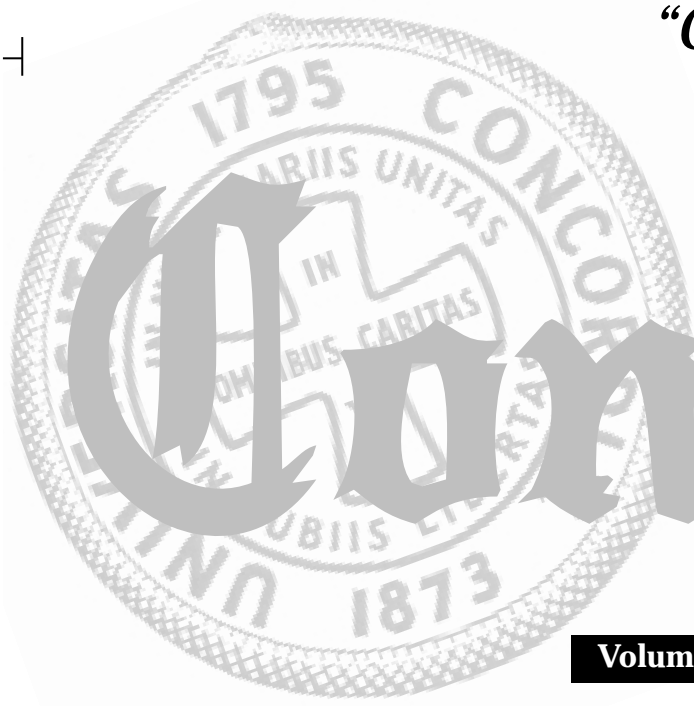


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Hull Rumored to be Graduation Speaker

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As this issue of the Concordiensis went to press the Editorial Board became aware that the President will most probably be addressing the graduating class of 2005 at the June 12th Commencement. No, not President George W. Bush, but President Roger Hull has been rumored to be the official speaker of the 211th Union College graduation.

Rumors of Hull's selection have been circulating among faculty and administrators. According to Lisa Stratton, Union's Director of Media and Public Relations, the official announcement of the speaker will come during this week (perhaps, even before papers hit the stands). Stratton did not comment on who the selected speaker might be.

The Concordiensis received no information from the President's office or the Dean of Students office about the prospective Commencement speaker but it was indicated that the announcement would be made later this week through student representatives, Gillian McCabe and Erin Williams.

President Hull opted not to comment on the rumors when asked by the Concordiensis.

In a phone conversation last Friday with Kenneth Aaron of the Times Union, (who wrote an article recently summing up Capital Region Colleges' Commencement speakers), the Concordiensis also received word that no speaker had yet been announced by Union College to the public. He had been told that the school was in the final steps of finalizing a speaker. Aaron's article revealed that local colleges such as Skidmore, RPI and Siena have already selected speakers. Tim Russert will speak at Skidmore and Siena and Senator Hillary Clinton at RPI in May. The Concordiensis has been told from more than one anonymous source that Roger Hull will be the Commencement speaker. The speaker is selected by a committee with student representatives.

In response to the rumors students have made their opinions known. "It would be really nice to have a speaker who is well known and liked by the college community. President Hull isn't that speaker," Aaron Iskowitz, a graduating member of the class of 2005, stated. "Just add this to the list of poor decisions that our school leaders have made, it's just not surprising," Iskowitz added. "I feel that the headliner of Commencement should be someone outside of the college walls who gives advice to the graduating seniors," Grant Van Der Beken, another senior, voiced. One member of the senior class even went as far as to say that "Hulk Hogan would be a better speaker."

Nevertheless, other students don't see this decision as negative since Hull has been an integral member of the Union community for the past fifteen years and this is his last Union Commencement as acting president. "Quite a few colleges have increasingly relied on distinguished faculty members to give the Commencement address instead of bringing outside speakers. It wouldn't be inappropriate to have one of the longest

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Adderall Use Prevalent on Campus Faculty and Administration in the Dark

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STAFF WRITER

College students is perhaps more rampant than many on campus realize. While the misuse of Adderall is a national college issue, this issue has really hit home within the Union community in the past few years.

Students throughout the Union community utilize Adderall or other similar drugs such as Concerta and Ritalin to focus their attention on academic work. As one student put it: "When you're in college everything is distracting. There are people here who abuse Adderall like crazy; they can't do anything without it."

Although Union College is certainly not the only campus where Adderall use is widespread amongst those who are not prescribed it, Union's faculty and administration seem to be in the dark about its extensive use among the student body. "I had no idea it was rampant," said Professor Gangl of the Political Science department. Senior Associate Dean of Students, Trish Williams, was surprised to hear about the prevalence of Adderall among students who are not prescribed it, but said "because a lot of our students have medication [for ADD/ADHD], I wouldn't doubt it at all."

Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD/ADHD) is a biologically based condition that can result in inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity. To treat ADD, Adderall or Adderall XR is given to patients who exhibit one or more of the symptoms noted above. Adderall, which contains the stimulants amphetamine and dextroamphetamine, is used to improve an ADD patient's attention span, increase the ability to follow directions, and decrease distractibility, impulsivity, stubbornness and aggression. Adderall is doctor-prescribed for these existing conditions and its use is prevalent among school-aged kids, as well as college students.

Perhaps even more alarming than the widespread use of Adderall at Union is the fact that students are buying and selling the drug. "It's really everywhere on campus and people sell it all the time," said Jessica Buckle '06. "People mostly get it from others who have it. Friends who have

access to it and people who are prescribed it are how everyone gets it," remarked Whitney Ciancetta '08. However, Dean Williams said that she has "no first hand knowledge [about the buying and selling of Adderall]." She stated that "most of my interaction with students and prescription drugs is that students drink while on medication and end up in the hospital." She added, however, that "I'm probably not getting the straight info from the students about their

a paper or exam," Berk said.

However, there are possible dangerous side effects from using Adderall when it is not prescribed. By stimulating the central nervous system, Adderall increases the amount of certain chemicals in the body which leads to the subsequent desired effects. Therefore, physical and psychological dependence can occur since Adderall is habit-forming. "If you take it, you know you're going to do something," said one student, "and that's why you don't want to not take it, because you don't want that feeling," he added.

Along with side effects that could be detrimental to one's health, Adderall also can cause serious problems when taken in conjunction with other medications or when taken by people with certain medical conditions. The probability that every Union student who takes Adderall is aware of these facts is highly unlikely. "It's treated like it's not that big of a deal, like its getting coffee at the campus center," said one student. Adderall also acts as

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Images of Concerta and Adderall on Campus

an appetite suppressant and its effect can also be seen on Union's campus. "It's not that girls try Adderall to lose weight," said one Union sophomore, "but when they take it to study and then realize that they haven't eaten all day because of it, it's another reason to take it again."

Many students also have been known to snort the pills. Students will smash the pills into a powder and snort it into their nostrils. Many think this provides a quicker and more intense high, especially when combined with alcohol. A recent New York Times article focused on a study related to teen drug abuse that referred to our generation as "Generation Rx." The study found that one in 10 teens has tried Ritalin or Adderall as well as a whole array of other prescription and over-the-counter drugs. "It makes me concerned," said Professor Gangl, who says she is aware of the quick fix drug culture that is plaguing our nation. "Later in life, are we going to use drugs or are we going to teach ourselves to be self-disciplined?" she added.

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Greek Week Highlights Greek Presence on Campus

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Greek Week is an annual tradition at Union. With its host of entertaining activities, it is supposed to emphasize and promote the importance of Greek Life on campus. However this year the very issue of the status of Greek Life has come under question.

There have been some major changes that have affected fraternities and sororities in the last several years. Until as recently as a few years ago, freshmen were allowed to rush, the alcohol policy was not as strictly enforced and Sigma Phi, Chi Psi, and Psi Upsilon occupied their old houses. The changes, along with the creation of the Minerva Houses, have left some Greeks wondering about the Administration's goals. Some even feared a possible decline in Greek presence.

"The relocation of the Greek residences was a blow, but fraternities don't rely on glamour and cosmetic fixes for housing to survive," said Matt Sefcik, Inter-Fraternal Council Secretary, taking a positive outlook on the situation.

Andrew Moyer, the President of IFC and Vice President of Delta Kappa Epsilon backed up Sefcik's remark by saying, "I would strongly disagree with any statements that Greek Life is declining at Union." He pointed out that it is just going through a more difficult stage considering all of the changes.

Several members of different fraternities affirmed that contrary to what might be believed, Greek membership is on the rise. "Although numbers vary, the overall acceptance rate has gone up. We always welcome new houses, and the upcoming pledge class seems to be very promising," said Christopher C. Ercoli, IFC's Philanthropy Chair.



Greek Week Speakers

It seems as though everyone who had been spoken to about this article agrees that Greek Life is alive and well. Even Tom McEvoy, Dean of Residential and Campus Life, had said that it is "healthier than it has been in a few years." So then what about the issue of the Administration's intentions? This is where many are in disagreement.

"As President of Theta Delta Chi, I firmly

believe that the administration of Union College is making an attempt to rid the campus of fraternities. If not rid, at least make their presence less noticeable," said Dan Leavitt. He went on to add that rules that the college, today, subscribes to hint at a heavily biased picture - "Most of the laws imply that the college takes no responsibility for the actions of Greeks, yet everything we do must first be approved by the school and is subject to punishment by the administration."

One of the major policies that some take issue with is the stricter enforcement of alcohol consumption at frat parties. "The school has definitely made it harder to have a good time. We used to have things like a Greek beer-pong tournament on the football field. Now that's not allowed," remarked Sean Clifford, former Pledge Master, and National Delegate for Theta Delta Chi. "The point is that when there are no frat parties kids go home to party or elsewhere and they still drink. So drunk driving goes up as a result. It is a lot safer walking back to the dorm than driving."

"The reason the school has tightened its alcohol policies," said Dean McEvoy defending the decision, "is insurance liabilities at these parties. We have really tried to educate the hosts about what could happen. We are not clamping down on the Greeks, but we want students protected. We need them to be responsible."

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serving college presidents in the U.S. speak at our own Commencement... Hull transformed the physical environment of this campus as well as redefined the city of Schenectady and made us a major player in revitalizing the city," Terry

Weiner, chair of the Political Science department, voiced.

The *Concordiensis* will set the record straight once it receives the official announcement and the confirmation of the speaker's acceptance.

Security Celebrates 150th Anniversary

Union Campus Safety Goes Through Many Changes Throughout its 150 Year History

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This year marks the 150th anniversary for Union campus security. While the staff and location has been subject to change, the goals and responsibilities have not. It began in 1855 when Constable Kittle was hired to protect Union against the troublesome boys and girls of Schenectady who were becoming unruly on college grounds. About two years later, Union built a higher fence on Union Street to better handle the issues. "Nothing has changed...we're still dealing with the same issues," Mike Hilton of campus safety commented.

The Union students were concerned with fire safety, and students had an early version of a fire truck. "It was more like a club, actually. Students responded to calls and it was considered like a sport. They could compete with the local firefighters," Hilton explained.

While Union did eventually hire some night watchmen, "[t]he Concordiensis continued to agitate for more protection, complaining in 1905 that although invaders were becoming 'more and more brazen,' the city police provided protection only during athletic contests."

More night watchmen were employed, and in 1915, the beloved and longest tenured of Union's campus security, Tom Gould, was hired. While he was a member of Schenectady's police force, he was employed exclusively for the college until his retirement in 1944.

In 1946, Union appointed its first Chief of Campus Police, Clarence

Willette, a former state trooper. In 1953-1954, The Board of Trustees voted to initiate more patrols, and in 1959 two more were annexed to the existing rounds. Up until 1970, the campus security officers were armed. Due to an incident at Kent State in which a member of the National Guard shot a student, most colleges across the nation, including Union, banned weapons used by campus security. "Now the trend is being reversed: colleges are exploring the need to provide some type of minimal protection for officers, especially to detain suspects and prevent them from further harming the public or the officer," Hilton commented. At present, Union security

officers are not trained or permitted to carry weapons and do not have the authority of the Schenectady police—including detention. While having security on campus is a good preventative measure, Union's security is unable to arrest any criminal offenders (an area of controversy in light of this year's incidents).

By the fall of 1972, there were two guards twenty-four hours daily, seven days per week. Union's campus safety hired its first female officer, Betty-Jean Jenkins, in the spring of 1979.

Now, Union can boast 35-40 full time patrol officers including one fixed officer in the Nott Memorial "The staffing level has changed over time," Hilton said.

The location of security has also been altered significantly. The original campus security was housed with the maintenance department in the basement of

Washburn Hall until the building was torn down. It was moved transitionally to the basement of the Shaffer Library in 1961, before moving to the first floor of the Nott until 1972. The office was then moved to the Campus Operations Center where it remained until this year when it was relocated to College Park Hall.

In comparison to the 1800s, much has changed to accommodate new issues and a much larger student body. Patrols are no longer done solely by foot (the motor patrols began in the early '70s). Within the past twenty years,

Union has moved from only two full time shifts to the current minimum of four officers per shift. "In the 1800s, there wasn't a great call for service escorts. Our primary thing that we deal with right now is transportation. We are a service oriented group to help students and to keep people out who don't belong—it is a physical presence," Hilton commented.

Campus Safety is in the process of getting a display set up with photographs and memorabilia from the 1800s to the present to commemorate 150 years of college security history.



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Reamer Plays Host to Food Vendors

Greek Week

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Not all fraternity members believe that Union's policies are too harsh. "The alcohol policy is satisfactory where it stands now. Many people don't know that we are one of the few colleges in the nation that allow Greeks to have kegs at their parties," said Matt Sefcik.

The larger issue for the IFC and the Greeks is the Administration's distribution of its finances. The school is investing an inordinate amount of money into the Minerva facilities and various luxuries, which leaves some of the Greeks wondering "why not us?" DeVer Warner, IFC Treasurer, put it like this: "Fully aware of the consequences to the Greek system, the administration made their decision and began an initiative, and as Greeks we must deal with it. I think the Minerva system is a nice idea. I just disagree with the way it has been implemented. By no means are fraternities and sororities for everyone, but

neither is a Minerva system."

For his part, Dean McEvoy assured students that the Administration is aware of these concerns and that it is planning to allocate more funding to the Greek houses. "We are asking the fraternities to put together a 'needs list,' so that we can better address those needs. There is going to be a feasibility study, done by an outside architect, to assess the condition of the Greek houses and the dorms, so that we can put money toward reparations in the future."

To DeVer Warner, Dean McEvoy's response didn't seem too convincing. "I still think that it is unfortunate that the school has sacrificed much of its identity, tradition and endowment for the Minervas. They are making a big bet by financing them so extensively, while working under a heavy debt. We'll see how the gamble pays off."

Visually Impaired Student DJs at TDChi

Provides Inspiration for Union Students

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This past Friday, April 22 was a normal weekend night for many of us Union students as most of us looked for the familiar party to celebrate the end of another hectic Union week. However, for Junior Dave D'Agostino (or DJWITS) it was a little different. Not only did he get to attend his first Union "frat party," but he got to DJ it as well.

At Theta Delta Chi one could hear the 'blazing' hip hop sounds echoing off the walls as Union's new DJ mixed rap and R&B hits into the morning hours. "I've been DJing since I was seventeen. I've always just loved music, so DJing's been my thing," Dave told the Concordy in an interview.

While the sounds from TD Chi were bumping, what made the party even more remarkable is that Dave cannot see and is legally blind. "Some people call it visually impaired, but blind pretty much sums it up," Dave casually remarked. Dave uses a cane to help guide him to class and around campus.

Since Dave transferred here this fall he has become a full time Union student, taking a full load of classes in his interdepartmental major of history and psychology. He has also become involved in campus life. Not only did this 22-year old serve as the DJ at this past weekend's TD Chi party but he has also DJed UProgram's Club U II and is a frequent writer for the this very newspaper with a weekly features column entitled CURRENTS. In addition, he works off campus at a restaurant in Albany and will be going to York, England in the fall on Union's term abroad program.

"It was hard for me at first to get used to the campus; I had someone from the Commission for the Blind come and assist me with marking out landmarks. But the more I got along with it I really got used to where I needed to go. To the classrooms to the campus center...it's really not that bad now." While it is harder to get around certain areas of campus, Dave stressed that the Campus Center was one of the hardest areas of campus to maneuver around, as at times there can be an abundance of people. "It's got to be hard for anyone, but once you get used to it, you do what you got to do."

Dave stressed that one of the hardest parts about adjusting to Union was the students. Since he lives off campus and doesn't spend much time on campus other than for classes and the other activities he mentioned, he hasn't gotten to know students all that well. "A lot of students on the campus seem sort of rude, but I don't think its only towards me...maybe they are having a bad day or something," as he mentioned students not holding open doors or just trying to get by him on the way to classes. "But at the same time there

are a lot of students that are very helpful and will ask me if I need help with anything, so it's definitely getting a lot better. It could be the weather," he commented.

While students have not been universally helpful, the campus staff has constantly been lending their hands. "I know there aren't that many blind people on campus so they really make the extra effort...the people in the Dean of Students office have been nothing but great in helping me out and coordinating getting me the stuff I need." The school arranges for Dave to receive the necessary accommodations in class and on campus as he receives his class textbooks or readings on tape or CD. If those aren't available they have arranged for the materials to be typed up into Microsoft Word format as he uses a special computer software called Jawz, which is a screen reading program that reads the on screen text outloud. This program saves a lot of time as it

reads whatever text is under the cursor. This is a much faster and easier method than Braille for Dave as he is able to do a lot more with computer text and a keyboard. In fact, Dave uses Instant Messenger all the time to communicate and is quite a skilled user.

Dave's greatest interest lies in DJing and mixing. Even though he went blind at the age of fifteen as a result of a medical condition caused by tumors, he has continued life in many of the same ways, especially when it comes to DJing and playing around with music and sound. When he was younger and before he started incrementally losing his vision, he got a record player and that's where it all began. As he later got some top of the line equipment for his graduation from high school he got a lot more interested in music. "I just started buying records and that's where I am today."

Even though once in awhile he will do a birthday party or a wedding, he is a bigger fan of the hip hop, R&B and reggae type of sound and enjoys making mix tapes or CD's (which you can buy this week in the campus center). "A lot of people would think it would be harder to mix being blind, but really if you look at it everything is just touch oriented and the rest is just audio and you don't need your eyes that much."

Union's own DJ, or DJWITS as he calls himself, has higher aspirations that extend beyond just college gigs as he has a weekly show at the University of Albany and also has sent in tapes to MTV's Direct Effect and BET's Rap City. He also has a show Thursdays on WRUC and has a weekly show on a cable and satellite TV show called Music Choice. "It's difficult though since there are so many DJ's across the country, but you just got to keep at it."

With Dave's perseverance and passion for DJing, we may very well hear him on MTV's spring break in the future.



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Miami of Ohio Fire Prompts Safety Concerns at Union

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Furious fire ravaged an off-campus house just a few blocks from the Miami-Ohio University, killing three college students and sending eight more fortunate individuals to a hospital for treatable injuries. Fire investigators have determined that the Oxford, Ohio fire, which occurred on April 11, was certainly accidental. Following a meticulous week-long investigation of several local organizations, the Oxford Police Department reports that there is no evidence which indicates the fire was ignited intentionally. More specifically, experts representing groups such as the Oxford Fire Department, the Ohio State Fire Department, and the Butler County Coroners Office concluded that the fire was in fact caused by smoking materials which set fire to flammable parts of a den couch.



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ing excessively hot air. Miami of Ohio's administration and students have suffered significantly after learning of the fire's death toll. The University's web site placed a detailed though depressing report on the event's occurrence and aftermath and many college aged students have traveled just down the road to place flowers on the lawn of what is now a barren structure. Importantly, while the disastrous effects of the fire should never be forgotten, and the lives lost should be appropriately honored, university and college administrators throughout the nation must use the Oxford Fire as a reference point, in addition to a harrowing reason to improve their school's own fire safety standards.

The Union College Administration seemingly has a firm grasp on effective fire safety. Each double on campus is equipped with a working smoke detector, the halls of the dormitories are protected with fire alarms, and Campus Safety is careful in keeping fraternity parties' well away from capacity. Furthermore, in the few instances when the fire alarm has gone off at Union, most likely due to a rambunctious student, the local fire department has responded very promptly. However, the fire in Oxford on the 15th occurred in off-campus housing: a location where any college's authority is rather limited. This raises the question: can Union College properly protect its many off-campus students?

What regulations can be maintained or implemented to prevent further catastrophe?

Policemen were the first to arrive at the home's location at 122 North Main Street following a phone call from a downstairs room at 4:30 AM. In spite of reaching the house within an impressive one minute of the call, the policemen discovered that the entire first floor was overwhelmed by violent flames.

Miami-Ohio students Julia Turnbull, 21 of Milford, Ohio Stephen J. Smith 22, of Bethesda, Md., and Katherine Welling, 21 of Bronxville New York were killed in the blaze. Ms. Turnbull and Ms. Welling lost their lives from carbon dioxide poisoning, while Mr. Smith died from pulmonary edema, a problem caused by breath-

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Herrington paper on student apps wins award

Kelly Herrington, Associate Dean of Admissions, won the John B. Muir Editor's Award from the National Association of Collegiate Admissions Counselors for his paper, "The Pleasure, Privilege and Agony of Application Reading," which was published last summer in the Journal of College Admission. Herrington will be honored at the NACAC general meeting in September. A version of the paper also appeared last year as an op-ed in the Washington Post.

Milless paper urges learning tech from students

Matt Milless, Director of Student Activities, authored an article, "Want to be a tech-savvy campus activities professional?" in the March issue of Campus Activities Programming. He advises that campus activities staffers should turn to students to advance their technological literacy. But he warns that they should be prepared for a long conversation. "Students take this subject very seriously," he said. And he encourages students to be patient. "Remember, some of us started with eight-track tape players."

NSF funds research, with students, on Andes climate change

Donald T. Rodbell, professor of geology, has received a four-year grant of \$327,000 from the National Science Foundation for a project with colleague Mark Abbott of the University of Pittsburgh that will compare archeological records of cultural change with scientific evidence of climate change in the Central Andes.

The project, titled "Late Holocene Climate of the Central Andes Identified from Sedimentary, Stable Isotopic, Geochemical and Biological Proxies," is expected to involve a number of Union students who will join Rodbell and colleagues for field work in the Andes Mountains and research in the lab.

The grant is the latest in a series of NSF grants for Rodbell's ongoing research on the climate record in the Southern Hemisphere.

Summit at Tech Valley to feature alumni entrepreneurs

The College will be well represented by three alumni – Mark Walsh '76, Steve Ritterbush '68 and John Ciovacco '87 -- at the Summit at Tech Valley on Tuesday, April 26, at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Albany.

Walsh, a trustee of the College, will serve as emcee of the event. He is managing partner of Ruxton Ventures LLC, an equity and investment firm with holdings in technology and service companies including Blackboard, Half.com, Day Corp. and IndustryBrains. He served as chairman of VerticalNet. He was also senior vice president of America Online. He founded and managed American Enterprise, the business-to-business division of AOL. Walsh earned his bachelor's degree from Union, and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

CT, Tech Valley Embraced at international conference

More than a few global semiconductor developers learned about the College and the region's push as a technology center at Semicon Europa, a conference held April 12 through 14 in Munich, Germany.

"Attendees commented that the collaboration between business and higher education – especially the liberal arts -- was a strong testament to the area's commitment to technology initiatives," said Bill Schwarz, director of communications and public affairs. Union in particular was noticed.

"The ideas behind Converging Technologies are embraced and supported internationally," Schwarz said. "Organizations are looking for more than science and engineering. Their needs include employees who are familiar with language, cultural life, economics, political science and entrepreneurship. There was widespread recognition that Union has an important role to play."

Area students to design complex contraptions at Rube Goldberg contest on April 30

Is the glass half empty or half full? For middle and high school students coming to Union College's Rube Goldberg Machine Contest Saturday, April 30, this question of optimism versus pessimism won't matter as much as just getting the liquid in the glass.

This year's task in the annual invention contest will be to build a machine that will remove the top from a 20-ounce bottle of soda and fill a 16-ounce cup, preferably without spilling. Set-up will start at 8:30 a.m. and competition will follow at 9:30 a.m. in the College's Field House.

This is the fifth year Union is hosting the event. Previous competitions' tasks included opening a bag of M&Ms, toasting a slice of bread, sticking a stamp on a letter, and making a baloney sandwich. Last year, teams developed contraptions that took a pie out of a box, put it on a plate then added a dollop of whipped cream. A team from Niskayuna's Van Antwerp Middle School took top prize in 2004.

Students off to NCUR

A group of 21 students boarded a bus at 7:15 Wednesday morning bound for the National Conference on Undergraduate Research at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va.

The group was accompanied by Prof. Ashraf Ghaly. Profs. Ann Anderson and Tom Werner, members of the NCUR Board of Governors, traveled to Washington and Lee earlier in the week.

The group returned on Saturday, April 23. Union is a charter member of NCUR, participating in the event every year since 1987. Union hosted the event in 1990 and 1995.



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