Student Life

News Briefs

Winning Awards

The ADDY awards are awarded every year at a competition sponsored by the West Tennessee Advertising Federation. These awards are given for excellence in advertising.

This year three Union University students received an award. Senior Paul Martin received an ADDY for first place, for his design of the 2001 GO Trip brochure in the In-Collateral Material category of the competition. Fellow seniors also received ADDYs. In the annual Still Photography category, ‘Ballroom Follies’ in the Still Photography, Black and White category, 1999 alumna Justin Veneman was awarded an ADDY for his picture, ‘Power of Prayer’ in the still photography, black and white category.

Four staff members also received awards at the competition. Cam Tracy, web development agent, received one ADDY and one silver. Jim Veneman, director of visual communications, received one ADDY, two silver and one bronze. Melissa Mann, graphic designer, received one ADDY and two silver. Former Sports Information Director Julie Powell received one ADDY award.

Kay Cole James to speak

On March 9, political activist Kay Cole James, former senior vice-president of the Family Research Council, will be the first featured speaker for Union University’s 2001 Union Forum Series.

James served under former President George Bush as associate director for the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and as assistant secretary for public affairs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

President Ronald Reagan appointed her, and was later reappointed by Bush as commissioner on the National Commission on Children. James is currently the senior fellow for The Citizenship Project at the Heritage Foundation, a leading conservative research and educational institute based in Washington.

The forum will be held in the Coburn Dining Room.

Novelist headlines workshop

Union’s English Department will host a creative writing workshop Thursday, March 8, at 1 p.m. in Harvey Hall.

Novelist Betty Smartt Carter will conduct fiction-writing workshops for student writers and read her work in progress.

Carter, a graduate of Wheaton College, is an author of three novels and a contributing editor for Books and Culture: A Christian Review.

The annual creative writing workshop offers students at Union and West Tennessee High schools the opportunity to compete for prizes and learn from Union faculty and accomplished writers.

The workshop is free of charge and is open to the public. For more information, contact the English Department at 661-5313.

Larsen receives award

Naomi Larsen, assistant professor of sociology, received the National Council on Family Relations’ Certified Family Life Educator Designation award.

Larsen, who is the chair of the Department of Sociology and Social Work, received the honor for her proven knowledge in several family life substance areas.

Larsen’s areas of specialization are family and social psychology. In 1998, Larsen developed a family studies program for the sociology and social work area at Union.

Othello challenges campus

By Chad Carlson

Staff Writer

“The play is scary, and people will be taken aback … but that’s ok,” said David Burke, director of Shakespeare’s “Othello.”

Murther and mayhem, adultery and deceit and interracial relationships will all be in the spotlight in early March.

Union University’s spring production of Shakespeare’s “Othello” will address these and other issues.

While the above issues may be shocking for Union, Burke hopes that the main theme of the play will not be overlooked while people focus on more controversial issues.

“Race is not the biggest issue,” said Burke, rather the central issue is the “corruption that occurs based on lies.” In anticipation of the controversy that may occur surrounding this show, discussion sessions are planned that will follow all but the opening night’s evening performances.

Professors and other members of the local community will lead these discussion sessions. Each will focus on one of the central issues of the play.

Controversy aside, Burke expects power to be found within the story itself.

“Othello” follows the descent into chaos that occurs due to an infiltration of lies. It is a story of jealousy that leads to deception, betrayal and murder. Burke explains the story as a lesson on the carnage that may occur surrounding controversy.

“This is the lesson that the cast hopes will reach the audience. “I fear that the play will be well received, but basically ignored,” said junior Andrew Holladay, who performs as Iago, the play’s antagonist.

Rehearsals for “Othello” began in late fall. It is the first show that David Burke has directed in over two years. “Othello” opens March 8 and will run through March 12. Evening performances will be at 8 p.m. There will also be matinee performances on Friday, Saturday and Monday.

Dorm room becomes virtual

By Janaé Daniels

Wire Reporter

An animated door swings open and begins the tour. Each 3-D segment moves swiftly across the computer screen as viewers are guided through a virtual dorm suite in the McAfee housing complex.

Brian Glas, a senior computer science major, created the tour for his senior seminar project.

“I thought it would be fun, interesting and a challenge,” he said. Prospective and current students can sit back as the door opens into the living room, revealing an accurate depiction of familiar wooden furniture.

Each bedroom displays a computer, standard built-in furniture and a few shirts hanging in the closet. The bathroom and kitchen complete the dorm room tour.

Glas began the project in June and completed it in November. He estimated it took approximately 400 hours to complete the details of his design.

Glas obtained blue prints to one of the rooms, videotaped sections of the room and began the 3-D creation. He bought an animation software program and taught himself how to put together the tour, segment by segment, to get a 3-D effect.

“I chose a dorm room because it’s one of the things that draws freshmen to Union,” said Glas. The tour is located at www.uu.edu, in the Residence Life section.

After graduation, Glas plans to work with computers at the World Technology Center for Federal Express in Collierville, Tenn.

Virtual visit: Senior Brian Glas, computer science major, created a virtual tour of a dorm room for his senior seminar project. The virtual tour can be seen in the Residence Life section of Union’s website, www.uu.edu.