

Timely Topics Speaker Series in June

The Cranford Campus will be the site of the Union County College Alumni Association's new program – the "Timely Topics Speaker Series". Two stimulating and thought-provoking lectures will be given at 8 PM on two Wednesday evenings - June 5 & June 19, 2002. Each program is free and will be followed by a reception. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend.


Can society test your blood, your genes and your intelligence, in the name of the common good? Dr. Helen G. Brudner will speak on *Challenges to Privacy and the Constitution* on June 5 in the Faculty / Staff Dining Room, Campus Center. She will discuss the possible impact of modern technology, biotechnology, educational technology and environmental concerns on individual rights of privacy.

Associate Director of the School of History, Political & International Studies at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, NJ, Dr. Brudner writes and lectures extensively on the Constitution, Privacy and Presidential Power.

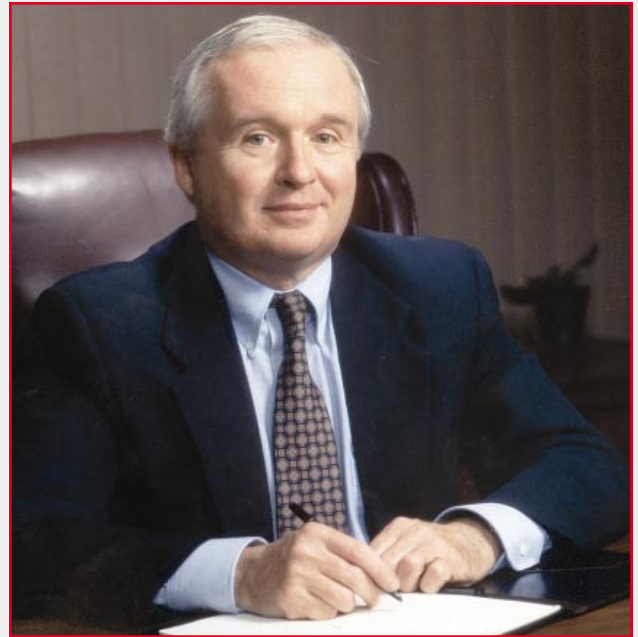
The second lecture on June 19th will examine how various ethnic groups struggle to become American while maintaining their identity and integrity. Dr. Michael Aaron Rockland's

topic is *Ethnicity in America*. He will show excerpts from his PBS documentary filmed on Ellis Island and discuss how the "melting pot" has been replaced as a metaphor for America by "salad bowl" or "the mosaic". This event will be in the Main Lecture Hall, Nomahegan Building.

Dr. Rockland is Professor and Chair of the American Studies Department at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ. He has chaired the Commission on Ethnic and Race Relations at Rutgers, and written nine books. His latest book is *The Jews of New Jersey: A Pictorial History*.

Betty Bradley, '45 of Watchung is Chair of this program, which is in cooperation with the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. 

UCC's PRESIDENT HONORED AS A "CEO OF THE YEAR"



The Association of Community College Trustees has chosen Dr. Thomas H. Brown as the 2002 Northeast Regional Chief Executive Officer. The Northeast region includes 11 states from Maine to New Jersey and west to Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, and four Canadian provinces. Dr. Brown, who has been President since 1990, will receive this prestigious award in June at a conference in Las Vegas.



REACHING OUT TO TOUCH ALUMNI.

Some enthusiastic callers at the April phonathon – Linda Ives Kurdilla, '89 (on the phone), Naomi Mazza Mirlocca, '57 (tipping her hat), and bringing up the rear Cathy Meyers, '98 and Joe Meyers, an Honorary Alumnus.

Take Note

ALUMNI BEACH PARTY

Tradewinds, Ocean Ave.,
Sea Bright, NJ.
2 - 7 PM - \$10 at the door.
Saturday, June 8

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, June 10
7 PM - Cranford Campus
Faculty / Staff Dining Room
Installation of officers and new trustees.

THEATER PROJECT AT UNION COUNTY COLLEGE

Roy W. Smith Theater,
Cranford
Food Chain, by Nicky Silver
June 27 - July 14
Alumni Night, June 28
Tickets for alumni - \$7.00
Reservations: spina@ucc.edu

TIMELY TOPICS SPEAKER SERIES

Cranford Campus
June 5 - 8 PM
Faculty / Staff Dining Room
"Challenges to Privacy and the Constitution"
June 19 - 8 PM Main Lecture Hall, Nomahegan
"Ethnicity in America"

UCC FOUNDATION EVENING AT THE RACES

Sponsored by Follett Higher Education Group
Thursday, June 20
Pegasus at Meadowlands

CRYSTAL BALL ROOM - YOUR PSYCHIC & HOLISTIC ADVENTURE

Friday, October 18, 2002
6 - 11 PM - Cranford Commons
Contact Cathy Meyers -
boatswain88@yahoo.com

Check out the UCC Alumni Association on the web -
www.uccfoundation.org/alumniassociation.htm

UCC Foundation and Development Office -
(908) 709-7505.
uccfound@ucc.edu

Theater Project Entertainments



COURTING A LA CHEKHOV.

Guests at the UCC Foundation's Donor Thank You reception in March were treated to a delightful production of Anton Chekhov's farce, "The Proposal". Talented actors from the Theater Project at Union County College are (l. to r.) Debbie Pires, Andre deSandies (both Professors in the Institute for Intensive English), and Gary Glor.

LEGACY DINNER.

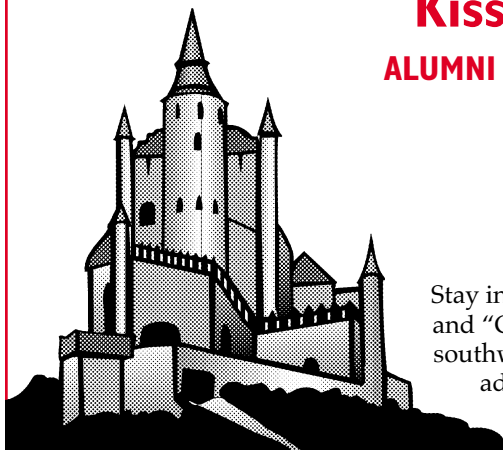
Smiles and chuckles filled the Faculty/Staff dining room as Theater Project actors performed Christopher Durang's "For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls" (a satire on Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie") for those special donors who have made planned gifts to the College. In the audience were (l. to r.) John Jacobson, Ethel Heim, Danny Covine, Louise Yohalem, and Suzanne Covine.



Kiss the Blarney Stone!

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS TRAVEL TO IRELAND
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An Alumni Holidays International trip - www.ahi.com.



From the Director

Dear Friends,

UCC's alumni are great! As I reflect on my five years working with alumni at Union County College, I am struck by the fervent testimonials I've heard about how they value the education received here. Many former students recall a professor who turned them on to a subject, or who taught them how to look at life in a different way.

Whether you attended Union County Junior College (Ucey Jucey), Union Junior College, Union College, or Union County College, you have a right to be proud of this college, and of its long tradition of providing high quality affordable higher education.

The UCC Alumni Association was formed informally at a dinner in 1937; the late President Kenneth MacKay, Professor Harold Gulbergh ("Gully") and Professor Hermann J. Bielefeld were elected "faculty sponsors for life". The first dues were fifty cents! *

Today's Union County College Alumni Association and its dedicated Board under President Naomi Mirlocca, '57 make a great group. This year they initiated two events for the community – the first *Crystal Ball Room – Your Psychic & Holistic Adventure* in the fall, and the *Timely Topics Speaker Series* in June. The annual sale of *Entertainment Books* coordinated by the tireless Suzanne Skillin Covine, '58 was very successful.

The revised 2001 Bylaws instituted \$125 Lifetime Membership dues and there are now seven Lifetime Members – Ellen Berman, '90, Charles D. Hinton, '01, Alfred G. Hoerrner, '49, Alberta Machese, '95, Sharon R. Rossman, '81, Roger H. Taylor, '68, and A. L. Vorselen, '49.

The UCC Alumni Association is a separate nonprofit group that connects alumni with each other and with the College. Members raise funds for the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, and also generously support all the special events of the UCC Foundation. All graduates and former students with 30 credits or more are welcome to join — send in the form on the last page, and also "stay in touch" by sharing your news.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy summer.

Ann M. Poskocil, CFRE
Director of Development

* *New Jersey's Union College, A History 1933-1983*, by Donald R. Raichle (1983), p. 73.

CLARA'S DIARY

The dramatic reading of Clara Kramer's diary mesmerized the audience in the Roy Smith Theater. Written during the 20 months she spent hiding in a bunker as a teenager in Zolkiew, Poland during the Holocaust, the diary describes both the tragic and the mundane aspects of her family's ordeal as they tried to escape detection from the Nazis. There was not a dry eye in the house as the story of her young sister's bravery and brutal murder unfolded.

her diary to be adapted by the Theater Project at Union County College for UCC's second annual Overcoming Hatred / Creating Community program, held February 26-28, 2002. Zoya Bromberg masterfully met the challenge of selecting excerpts from the *Diary of Clara Kramer* and molding them into a theatrical piece. Kate Creegan directed and Debbie Pires and Lisa Albert portrayed Clara as a young girl and as an adult.

Clara, who lives with her husband, Sol, in Elizabeth, graciously agreed to allow

Mrs. Kramer, who is President of the Holocaust Resource Foundation at Kean University, has given an



Clara Kramer (l.) and playwright Zoya Bromberg.

autographed copy of her diary to the Union County College Library. So that it can reach more people, the dramatic reading will be repeated next year during Overcoming Hatred / Creating Community.

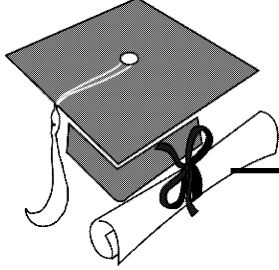
UCC ALUMNI BEACH PARTY Saturday, June 8, 2002 2-7 PM



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About Alumni



READ OWL ABOUT IT

John Buczek, '65 lives in Winston Salem, NC and is a golf pro in Linville, NC. He is a graduate of Wake Forest U.
pgapro13@aol.com.

Paul H. Kehir, '66 of Atlanta, GA, is Director, Fulton County Conflict Defender, Inc. a nonprofit criminal defense law firm representing indigent defendants.
paul@fccd.com.

Dr. Donna (Moser) Zucker, '69 earned a BS in Biology at Loyola/Mundelein, Chicago in 1980, an MS in Nursing from U. Mass in 1990 and a Ph.D. in Nursing from the U. of Rhode Island in 1999. She lives in Amherst, MA.
donna@acad.umass.edu.

Robert "Bob" J. Kowalski, Sr., '73 of Clark, NJ is a USMC veteran and a retired NJ State police officer in his 17th year of teaching in Woodbridge Township. His degrees are a BA from Kean U. and an M.Ed. from Seton Hall U. He has seven grandchildren, and coaches their teams.
www.coachkwak.com.

Jill Barnes Nelson, '73 and her family have bought a 40-acre ranch in Mojave, CA where they will raise quarter horses. Jill is a freelance writer.
jillbn@yahoo.com.

Diane K. Adams, '75 of Hillsborough, NJ received a Master's in Educational Administration from Kean U.; she is supervisor of nurses for the Hillsborough Township Board of Education.
dkadams@hillsborough.k12.nj.us.

Deborah (Mulligan) Cross, '76 lives in Charlotte, NC where she is a Director and Founding Consultant with Southern Living at Home, a new party plan business, and has her own design business.
DcrossCottage@aol.com.

Cecilia Haberman Leviton, '81 is semi-retired in Owings Mills, MD where she works part-time as a church secretary. Lev/ceil@aol.com.

Anthony Iovino, '84 of Teaneck, NJ is President-elect for the Northern New Jersey Section of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). He is a principal in the firm of Arcari & Iovino Architects in Edgewater, which specializes in public libraries and corporate interiors.
Aiovino@aiarchs.com.

Michelle Durosky Ruscansky, '85 lives in the Poconos in Stroudsburg, PA, has a little girl and works as a computer support person.

Lucia Ejiolor, '90 has been a research nurse at UMDNJ since 1993. She lives in Newark.
ejiofolc@umdnj.edu.

Alison (Alaimo) Marsh, '90, a Human Services/Interpreting for the Deaf graduate, lives in Midland, MI. She is on the Board of V.O.I.C.E., Inc. (Valley Organization for Improved Communication & Equality), accepts part-time interpreting jobs, and works with children as an Occupational Therapist.
ajmarsh@quik.com.

Frank H. Mann, '98, of Toms River, NJ, was recently promoted to the rank of Captain in the Elizabeth Fire Dept., Training Division.

IN MEMORIAM

Lillian S. Abramson, '77
Erika (Pluta) Diamond, '87, daughter of Barbara Pluta, '91
Donald M. Parnes, '91
Robert R. Reilly, '40
Edward J. Zembryski, '95

ABOUT UNION NOW ONLINE. The Fall edition of *About Union* was the first to be archived on the UCC Foundation website-www.uccfoundation.org.

WEB SITE AWARD. The web site for UCC's Academic Learning Centers received a Web Site Excellence Honorable Mention award from the Learning Support Centers in Higher Education.

This is the second year the web site was honored. Jose Paez-Figueroa, '97 designed the site - www.ucc.edu/academiclearning.

KUDOS FOR ADMISSIONS MARKETING. UCC won in three categories in the 17th Annual Advertising Awards Competition of the Admissions Marketing Report. Awards were for the total media campaign, *You Can Change Your Life*, for the radio commercial *We're Changing Lives*, and for a color print ad, *Only 15 miles from the Statue of Liberty...*

TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS. There's an easy way to honor someone on significant birthdays, anniversaries and other occasions, or to memorialize or pay tribute to someone, such as a favorite professor. Send a tax-deductible contribution to the UCC Foundation office (see address on last page) with all the information and a Tribute card will be promptly sent to the honoree. Call (908) 709-7505.

"TAKE BACK THE NIGHT". On April 20, the Student Volunteer Organization spearheaded activities on the Cranford campus as part of this international movement, which addresses issues concerning violence against women. Highlights were a presentation on self-defense, Hitting Rock Bottom by the Improbable Players, and a candlelight procession around Nomahegan Park to "take back the night".

HELP FOR A CAREER CHANGE. UCC's Counseling/Career Services Career Decision Clinic is now available to Union County residents. Counseling sessions, an individualized assessment and a personalized Plan of Action will point you in the right direction. There is a \$95 fee, and registration is through Counseling Services in Nomahegan on the Cranford campus. Call (908) 709-7525.

TRIBUTE TO WOMEN. At the Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America 2002 Tribute to Women luncheon in March, two of the three honorees had ties to UCC. Margaret "Meg" Neafsey, Director of Customer Service for the Elizabethtown Water Co. is a 1979 alumna and a trustee of the UCC Foundation. Elizabeth "Liz" Garcia, Manager, Public Affairs, Infineum USA L.P., is a member of the College Board of Governors

A WONDERFUL LEGACY. Because of the generosity of Arthur Geilfuss of Union, NJ, every year two UCC students who have earned 24 credits and have a 3.0 GPA or better will receive a scholarship award. Mr. Geilfuss valued education, and continued his own through LIFE (Learning is Forever) classes at UCC. Through his will he created two \$25,000 memorial scholarship endowments, one named for himself and one for his mother, Emma Geilfuss. The first scholarships will be awarded for the 2002 fall semester. Arthur Geilfuss died in February 2001, but his memory will live on at Union County College.

Science Alumni Reunion SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, May 3, 2003

- Join old friends and make new ones.
- See UCC laboratories
- Science activities
- Reconnect with faculty

Honoring Golden Owls – 1953 graduates

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DID YOU KNOW?

... that since 1998, Colombia, Haiti, Poland and Peru have been "home" to the most UCC students studying ESL - English as a Second Language? This year students came from 87 foreign nations and Puerto Rico.

... that UCC's nationally recognized athletic program offers men's soccer, basketball and baseball, women's basketball and co-ed golf? Admission to all home games is free.

... that endowed scholarships with the Union County College Foundation will be awarded each year forever? The donor names his or her scholarship. In 2001-2002, 139 students benefited from endowed scholarships.

UCC Foundation Free Financial Planning Seminar

"Where There's a Will, There's a Way — Taking the Myths Out of Estate Planning"

Presenter:

Lynn Malzone Ierardi, J.D.

Thursday, June 13, 2002

Campus Center -

Seminar Room A & B

9:30 - 11:00 AM

To reserve a place,

call (908) 709-7505

or email Poskocil@ucc.edu

College For Teens - A Different Head Start

Teenagers have hands-on opportunities to create career and educational pathways that will lead to economically satisfying and productive lives in UCC's *College for Teens* program.

Students in grades 8 – 12 take special core courses in their choice of discipline, develop leadership abilities and the skills necessary to set career and academic goals and to find viable pathways to reach their goals. The program targets the motivated "C" level student who does not normally have an opportunity for a special program.

The first students attended four days a week for three-weeks in the summer of 2001 on the Plainfield


Campus. Now there is also a program on the Elizabeth campus, and thanks to funding from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, this summer (July 31 – August 21) there will be a Cranford *College for Teens* program serving 115 9th to 12th graders from all 23 school districts. Students can take courses in finance and investing, science in the pharmaceutical industry, computer and graphic arts for web design, information technology / networking, and applied mathematics. In a leadership skills workshop they will learn about communication, time management, and conflict resolution.

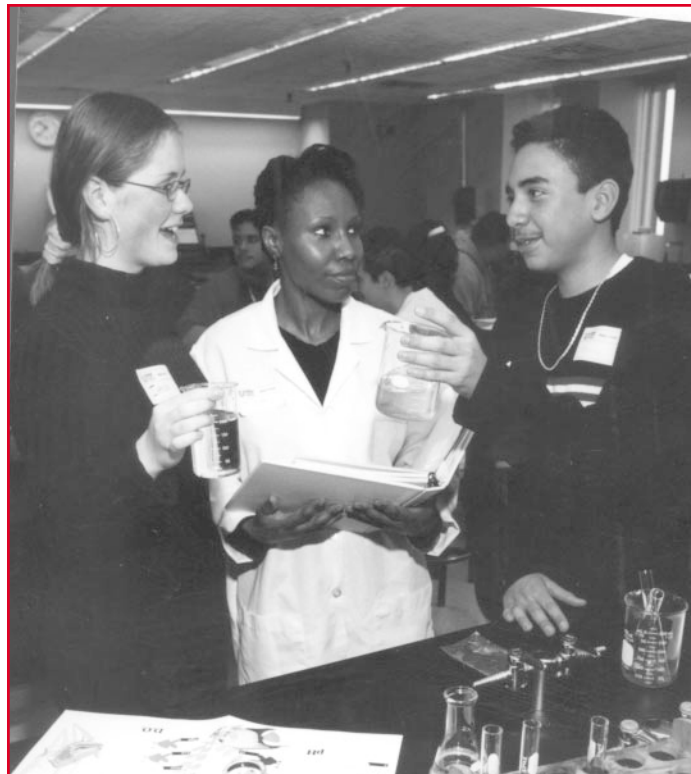
College for Teens was offered during the spring

semester on Saturdays for six weeks, and will be offered in Fall 2002 on Saturdays in Elizabeth and Plainfield.

Generous financial support has made this innovative program of the Union County College Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education possible.

Funders include: Fleet Foundation and Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Infineum USA LLP, The Merck Company Foundation, Richmond County Savings Foundation, Schering-Plough Corporation, SI Bank and Trust Foundation, the Standish Foundation and Verizon, with additional support from the Plainfield Board of Education, the Elizabeth Board of Education, and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

For more information, contact Dale Munn, Director of Lifelong Learning, at (908) 709-7048 or email - munn@ucc.edu. 



BUDDING SCIENTISTS.

Two Elizabeth High School students flank Instructor Angelica Fowler, a research chemist at Procter & Gamble, in a biology lab on UCC's Elizabeth campus. They were studying "Human Biology and Toxicology" in the Spring 2002 *College for Teens* program.

Donate to UCC on the Web

You can use your credit card to make a secure gift to the Union County College Foundation for the *Shaping Our Future* annual fund campaign on www.networkforgood.org. 100% of your gift will be sent to UCC. You will also find a link on the Foundation website - www.uccfoundation.org - under *Ways to Give, Giving to UCC on the Internet*.

Don't forget to send your gift before June 30 to be counted for this fiscal year. **THANK YOU!**

About Campus



“SUPER COP.”

Marion Steffens Menzer, '47 gave a fascinating talk about her father, Gustav Steffens, at the April 8th Alumni Association meeting. She is holding her drawing of the fingerprint-matching machine he devised. A career police officer, he organized a “Crime Club” of scientists, dentists and technicians who volunteered their time and secured donated equipment so they could solve crimes. The forensic laboratory he created in his Elizabeth home in the '20s was unique, attracting J. Edgar Hoover and visitors from around the world. Capt. Steffens, who died in 1965, is credited with some other Union County firsts - the first Police Reserves, Alcoholics Anonymous groups, and recreation clubs for boys and girls.



Actually, one of the king's horses *did* figure out how to put Humpty Dumpty together again ... Unfortunately, he couldn't tell anyone because he was a horse.

Cartoon by Michael Hedagus '98

Prof. Eileen Forestal, Director of Deaf Studies & Interpreters for the Deaf Programs, gave an in-service training course for sign language interpreters on staff at the Delaware School for the Deaf in Newark, DE. Prof. Forestal, an RID certified interpreter, also gave a weekend workshop in Orlando, FL to Deaf students studying to earn a Certificate in Deaf Interpreting.

Tonnie Glick, RN, M.Ed., who created the Paramedic Program in 1982, is retiring. More than 1,200 students have been educated in pre-hospital advanced care; the UCC program is one of four certified by the state.

A research article from the journal *Phytotherapy Research* by **Dr. Mushtaq A. Khan**, Chemistry, was published online in March by John Wiley and Sons and will also appear in print.

Prof. Jean Lane, Mathematics, has an essay in *Opportunities for Excellence: Professionalism and the Two-Year College Mathematics Faculty*, published by the American Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges.

Valeri Larko, curator of the Tomasulo Gallery, is a 2002 Artist-in-Residence at the Newark Museum. She gave a talk there in January on *Landscapes with an Edge*.

Prof. Patricia Rodihan, Business, organized the meeting on campus of the Community College Computer Consortium of New Jersey last winter.

Assistant Dean of Students **Lee Sellinger** and **Jenny Guzman-Tes**, Administrative Assistant, were recognized by the Division of Student Services and Dean I. Wynn Phillips with the 2001 Employee Recognition Awards.

Dr. Mark Singer, Professor of Criminal Justice, was a presenter at an American Health Care Institute seminar in March in McLean, VA. He spoke about issues relating to depression, substance abuse, and anxiety disorders.

Paul Willenbrock, Dean of Economic Development and Continuing Education, and **Dale Munn**, Director of Lifelong Learning, presented *College for Teens - The Nuts and Bolts* at the New Jersey Council of Community Colleges Best Practices Conference at Raritan Valley Community College.

ESL **Prof. Dr. Huaxin Xu** was a plenary speaker at the West Virginia Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Conference. With Dr. Xiao-Ming Yang, Dr. Xu has authored the book *Errors of Creativity: An Analysis of Lexical Errors Committed by Chinese ESL Students*.

Prof. Robert Yoskowitz, English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages, received two prizes for his photography at the exhibit, *Focus on Sculpture III* at the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, NJ. The New Jersey State Museum in Trenton has acquired his 1997 gelatin silver print, *No Title (The Conversation)*.

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Stay In Touch



Let us know what you have been doing since you left UCC. Complete this form and mail it to:

Union County College, Office of Alumni Affairs, 1033 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016.

You can also reach Alumni Affairs at (908) 709-7505,
or send your news via e-mail to: poskocil@ucc.edu

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 - phonathons
 - volunteering in Alumni Office
 - student recruitment

Join the Union County College Alumni Association. With dues of \$5.00 a year, it's a golden opportunity to keep connected with UCC and to become more involved. You can join by returning this form. You'll get notices of meeting and events. Send a check payable to the UCC Alumni Association.

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- I AM A MEMBER; ENCLOSED ARE RENEWAL DUES. Lifetime Membership: \$125 _____