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Keeping members and friends in touch with the Wisconsin Union WINTER/SPRING 2000

"Small Talk" Mini Course has big impact

Have you ever considered taking a Union Mini Course but hesitate and wonder, "What will it be like?" In response to that question, we offer you this inside view when one writer attends a course and shares her observations. Don't worry if the topic doesn't suit your fancy. There are more than 200 Mini Course titles to consider. For details, see the end of this article.

t's 6 p.m. on a Tuesday night.
Seventeen people are here for the Wisconsin Union Mini Course,
The Art of Small Talk. The instructor,
Barbara Schultz, asks the typical question: "So, why did you sign up for this course?" All of the answers are variations on the same theme:
"Because I'm paralyzed in social situations and I hate how it feels."

Most of us can at least empathize with that sentiment – attending a gathering, feeling out of place, not knowing who to talk to or what to say. For some, it can be a huge issue and a roadblock to enjoying life. The Art of Small Talk gives you the skills you need to converse with ease via a series of practical tips and role-playing and a healthy dose of encouragement. Here are a few points Schultz shares with her students.



These Union members find lots to talk about during this two-part Mini Course. Pictured from left are: Tom Jilot, Wayne Gathright and Margie May.

Forgive and forget. Don't focus on past social failures. Give yourself permission to mess up and move on.

Unlearn the negatives. Get rid of self-applied labels like nervous, shy, scared, boring. Once you start thinking of yourself as interesting, engaging and warm, you'll project it.

Practice. Odd as it seems, you should practice small talk before your event. It gives you confidence and you won't sound rehearsed, notes Schultz.

Realize you're in control. Prepare questions around a subject that interests you and then be a good listener. The other person will do all the work as you converse!

Fake it. Why not smile and pretend to be someone else? Act your way into a new you.

Schultz continues and in no time, this quiet group comes to life. The room begins to hum with chatty, friendly laughter as these skills are put into practice in small groups.

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Small Talk continued

Be assured the conversation is anything but dull. Wayne talks of his dream to fly a helicopter and a love for science fiction. Stephanie plans to travel by train to visit all the waterfalls she can find. Cory boards and rides three horses. Pauline works with Hospice Care and she loves to dance. Antoinette's family is from Italy, she grew up in Boston and she appreciates European architecture.

Schultz listens and comments on the side. "You are all fascinating," she says. "I'm so glad we met!" Schultz, who has taught *The Art of Small Talk* for eight years, gets as much out of the class as the participants. "The course gives us the chance to tackle a subject that is difficult for many, including me, in an environment that makes it easy to succeed. Everyone is rooting for one another. You gain new friends and contacts and, ultimately, lives are enriched."

The Art of Small Talk is just one of more than 200 Union Mini Courses offered year-round. Visit a winery, try vegetarian cooking or escape to Door Country for a spring outdoor photo adventure. Check out the full catalog online at www.wisc.edu/union or call 262-3156 to have a free copy mailed to you. Meanwhile, here are some new courses coming up:

Calligraphy Workshops
Lindy Hop
Diagram Your Destiny
Pet Care and First Aid
Wines of France
Wines of Italy
Art Metal Chains
Stained Glass Stepping Stones

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Free lectures draw thousands



Educator Jaime Escalante visits with student leader Alden Oreck before Escalante's lecture last fall.

"We are very pleased with this year's events," said Alden Oreck, a junior and the director of the Distinguished Lecture Series. "We've averaged nearly 1,000 people during earlier lectures and the next three speakers should be equally thought provoking," said Oreck.

As a benefit of your Union membership, you get early access along with UW

students to one free lecture ticket. Tickets are distributed at the Union Theater Box Office, 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. weekdays and Saturday, noon - 5 p.m. *Check below for ticket dates*. All lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Wisconsin Union Theater, Memorial Union.

February 15

Pat Schroeder: Challenges in America's Future

In 1997, Schroeder retired as the longest-serving woman in the U.S. House of Representatives. She is a leading Democratic voice on many issues from constitutional rights to family policies. Schroeder is now president of the Association of American Publishers. *Tickets available: February* 9.

March 2

Sherman Alexie: Killing Indians: Myths, Lies and Exaggerations

A strong voice of the Native American community, Alexie wrote and produced *Smoke Signals* in 1998, the first feature film to be produced, written and directed by Native Americans. Alexie is also an award-winning author who writes on identity, alienation and the dark side of racial hatred. *Tickets available: February 24*.

The movie *Smoke Signals* will be shown on February 28, 7:30 p.m. in Tripp Commons, Memorial Union. Admission is free. Sponsored by Wisconsin Union Directorate Film Committee.

April 18

Howard Zinn: The Uses of History

Zinn's masterpiece, *A People's History of the United States*, documents history through the eyes of the underprivileged. Zinn is an award-winning historian whose works show all sides of the story. *Tickets available: April 12*.

Questions? Call us!

Area Code in Madison	Dial 608
Central Reservations &	
Meeting Services	262-2511
Film Hotline	262-6333
Games Room MU	262-1330
110	262 2514

Hoofers	262-1630
Information Desk/Hotels	ми 265-3000 us 263-2600
Membership	262-2263
Mini Courses	ми 262-3156
Theater Box Office	262-2201

Lakefront Cafe goes retro

With just a little nudge in the right direction, the dining room with the best lake view in Madison will go retro by the end of January. Memorial Union's Lakefront Cafe will feature even more "warm the belly" food and add quality china and special décor touches to enhance the retro theme, says Union food service director Julie Vincent.

What is familiar and loved about Lakefront Cafeteria will stay the same — only better. Sleek stainless steel counters will find a complement with updated signs, photos of the Memorial Union during the 1950s, fiestaware displays and more. Lovely china called Rose Fade Out, a pattern that was used in early Union years, will be back in service.

As for the food, you can expect enhanced lunchtime selections of hearty meals at a great value. Look for homemade meals reminiscent of what your parents or grandparents served and continue to enjoy popular vegetarian and spicy ethnic options. You'll want to try the curried vegetable stew, escalloped chicken and noodles, beef stroganoff and savory garbanzo beans over brown rice. Meanwhile, the popular weekday and Sunday breakfasts will remain largely unchanged.

"We want people to realize that Lakefront Cafeteria is a fun place to come and eat. The view is spectacular and the food is really good," says Vincent. "Come see for yourself and bring your friends! We're just past the aquarium on the first floor."



Music in the Rathskeller is always a good time.

Easy Chicken Noodle Soup From the Lakefront Cafe

Yield: 8 (1 cup) portions

3/4 cup onion

3/4 cup celery

3/4 cup carrot

1 Tbsp margarine or butter

2 ½ Tbsp chicken base

6 cups water

2 tsp whole leaf tyme

dash of ground white pepper

6 ounces frozen egg noodles

4 ounces cooked chicken meat

Clean and dice vegetables. Melt margarine or butter. Add vegetables. Sauté until just soft. Add chicken base and water. Add tyme and pepper. Simmer for about 10 minutes. Bring to a boil. Add frozen noodles slowly. Simmer for another 10 minutes. Chop chicken. Add to soup. Simmer for another 15 minutes (or until temperature reaches 165 degrees).

Lakefront Cafe hours:

Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Closed on Saturdays and during UW-Madison school breaks.

Rathskeller music

Music starts at 9:30 p.m. on January 28. Additional bookings are underway. Call 262-2215 or check the music Web site for up-to-the-minute band details: music.union.wisc.edu

February

- 4 First Friday Blues
- 5 Hip hop with Extreme and Kanser
- 11 Charles Gayle Trio, improvisational jazz
- 12 Bobby Llama with Bird in Hand, jam bands
- 18 Tina Schlieske of Tina and the B-Sides
- 19 Leahy's Luck, celtic music
- 25 The Mary Janes, alternative country
- 26 Little Blue Crunchy Things, their last show!!

March

- 3 First Friday Blues: Honeyboy Edwards
- 4 Cork & Bottle String Band, bluegrass

Plus: Every Thursday at 9 p.m. is Open Mic.

Events Calendar

January

- 20 Scuba kickoff, 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Travel Film: Germany!, 7:30 p.m.
- Outing kickoff, 7 p.m.; Travel Film: Germany, 7:30 p.m.; Club 770 music, 7:30 p.m., US
- 26 Riding kickoff, 7 p.m. Travel Film: Germany, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Gallery photography presentation, 7 p.m. Yo-Yo Ma, 8 p.m. Open Mic, 9 p.m.
- 28 Live music, 9:30 p.m. Improvisational comedy groups, 9 p.m., US
- 29 Live music, 9:30 p.m. Swing dance DJ's, 9 p.m., US
- 31 Film: Winchester '73, 8 p.m.

February

- International Month events explore Northern Africa, Japan and Indonesia, Mediterranean Rim, New World. Details: 263-2458
- 3 Alternative Breaks Anniversary Event, 6:30 p.m. Ski & Snowboard kickoff, 7:30 p.m.; Open Mic, 9 p.m.
- 4 Films: Pickpocket, 7:30 p.m. at Elvehjem Museum; Fight Club Live music, 9:30 p.m. Club 770 music, 9:30 p.m., US
- Meredith Monk, 8 p.m. Film: Fight Club Hip Hop with Extreme and Kanser, 9:30 p.m. Retro '90s DJ, 9 p.m., US
- 6 Films: Xala, 2 p.m., US; Fight Club
- 7 Film: Superfly, 8 p.m.
- 10 Gliding kickoff, 6 p.m. Jazz Mandolin Project, 8 p.m. Film: The Misfits, 9 p.m. Open Mic, 9 p.m.
- 11 Film: Stop Making Sense Charles Gayle Trio jazz, 9:30 p.m. Club 770 music, 9:30 p.m., US

All events held at Memorial Union unless otherwise noted. US = Union South. For more details, check stories inside or call 265-3000. Events subject to change.

- 12 Film: Stop Making Sense Music: Bird in Hand, 9:30 p.m. Bobby Llama, 10:30 p.m.
- 13 Films: Tampopo, 2 p.m., US; Stop Making Sense
- 14 Film: Summer Lovers, 8 p.m.
- 15 Lecture: Pat Schroeder, 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Film: Slow Angle Walk (Beckett Walk), 9 p.m. Open Mic, 9 p.m.
- 18 Simon Estes, 8 p.m.
 Film: The Acid House
 Music: Tina Schlieske, 9:30 p.m.
 Club 770 music, 9:30 p.m.
 Art exhibit opens
- 19 Film: The Acid House Music: Leahy's Luck, celtic, 9:30 p.m. Hip Hop DJ's, 9 p.m., US
- 20 Films: Echoes of Conflict, 2 p.m., US; Acid House
- 21 Travel Film: Adventures in Western Polynesia, 7:30 p.m.
- Film: Yellow Submarine, 8 p.m.
- 22 Travel Film: Polynesia, 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Travel Film: Polynesia, 7:30 p.m.
- Director J.J. Murphy speaks, 9 p.m.Open Mic, 9 p.m.Club 770 music, 9:30 p.m., US
- 25 Film: Those Who Love Me Can Take The Train Music: The Mary Janes, 9:30 p.m. Salsa DJ's, 9 p.m., US
- 26 Mighty Clouds of Joy, 8 p.m. Film: Those Who Love Me Can Take The Train Music: Little Blue Crunchy Things, 9:30 p.m. Swing DJ's, 9 p.m., US
- 27 Films: Rodrigo D: No Future, 2 p.m., US; Those Who Love Me Can Take The Train
- 28 Films: Smoke Signals, 7:30 p.m. Masque of the Red Death, 8 p.m.

March

- Gallery talk, 5:30 p.m.
 Lecture: Sherman Alexie, 7:30 p.m.
 Film: Chapters from the Secret Cinema or L'or du Temps, 9 p.m.
 Open Mic, 9 p.m.
 - Films: Jules and Jim, 7:30 p.m. at Elvehjem Museum; The Straight Story Music: Honeyboy Edwards, 9:30 p.m. Retro '80s DJ's, 9 p.m., US

- 4 Marina Piccinini and Andreas Haefliger, 8 p.m. Film: The Straight Story
 - Music: Cork & Bottle String Band, bluegrass, 9:30 p.m.
- Music: Two Dollar Guitar, 9:30 p.m., US
- 5 Films: Le Retour D'Afrique, 2 p.m., US; The Straight Story
- 6 Travel Film: Egypt Pharaohs & Fables, 7:30 p.m. Film: Love with the Proper Stranger, 8 p.m.
- 7 Travel Film: Egypt, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Riding kickoff, 7 p.m. Travel Film: Egypt, 7:30 p.m. Club 770 music, 9:30 p.m., US
- 9 Electroacoustic music event
- 22 Film: The London Story/Daughter Rite, 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Mountaineering kickoff, 7:30 p.m. Sailing kickoff, 8 p.m. Film: Sexuality Malfunctioned, 9 p.m.
- 24 Film: The Limey
- 25 Films: Fire, 3 p.m.; The Limey
- 26 Film: The Limey
- 30 2nd Annual Wisconsin Film Festival begins

April

- 3 Hoofer youth summer registration begins: sail, kayak, canoe, ride (262-1630)
- 7 Art exhibits open
- 13 Gliding kickoff, 6 p.m.
- 18 Lecture: Howard Zinn, 7:30 p.m. Sailing kickoff, 8 p.m.
- 28 Alfred Brendel, 8 p.m.
- May

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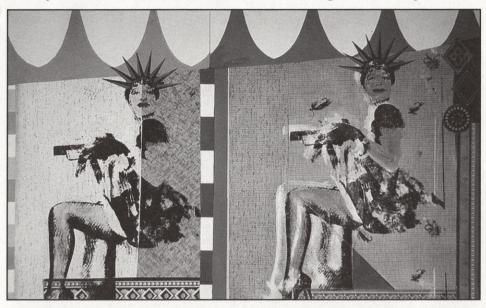
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- 17 Riding kickoff, 7 p.m.
- 24 Art exhibit opens
- 25 Sailing kickoff, 8 p.m.

June

- 15 Gliding kickoff, 6 p.m. Scuba kickoff, 7:30 p.m. Sailing kickoff, 8 p.m.
- 20 Outing kickoff, 7 p.m.
- 21 Riding kickoff, 7 p.m.

Gallery exhibits

Free exhibits are displayed at the Memorial Union, 2nd floor in the Porter Butts, Class of 1925 and Theater Galleries and the Main Lounge Exhibition Space.



Ladies Liberty by Tyler Gehl

January 7 to February 6

Land and People • Fritz Albert
Photographs by UW-Madison
Emeritus Professor Fritz Albert, many
of which deal with agriculture and
land-use issues. Slide presentation:
January 27, 7 p.m. Albert, who taught
photography for 30 years, shows how
dimensional realism can contribute to
the power of photographic illustrations.

Seven Times in the River Scott Scott Kolbo Prints and drawings explore contemporary attitudes about personal beauty and the body.

Tyler Gehl
From biogenetics to presidential performance, Gehl's mixed media cover a variety of social issues influencing American opinion.

February 18 to March 19

Dancing with Gandhi in Afro Brazil Photographs by Pravina Shukla
Dr. Pravina Shukla is the anthropology exhibition content coordinator at the American Museum of Natural History. Her photographs focus on Afro Brazil, specifically a carnival group in parade.

Common Ties: Dots and Dashes, Beads and Beauty Sonya Clark and Bolaji Campbell Both artists draw from Yoruba culture as a source of inspiration for their paintings, textile and bead works in this visual exploration of a shared African heritage.

March 2, 5:30 p.m.

Pravina Shukla, Sonya Clark and Boliji Campbell discuss their works.

April 7 to 30

72nd Annual Student Juried Art Show Hip Hop Art Exhibit (Tentative)

May 1 to 28

Holocaust Memorials: A Photography Exhibit Ellen Kaim

May 5 to 20

Christopher McNulty Master of Fine Arts Exhibit David Menard Master of Fine Arts Exhibit

May 24 to 29

WHA Arts and Antiques Auction Preview

Films

Call 262-6333 for show times.

Memorial Union Movies in the Play Circle

Two shows nightly plus a Saturday matinee. \$3.50 admission. Bring a guest on your Union membership ID.

February

4-6 Fight Club

11-13 Stop Making Sense

18-20 Acid House

25-27 Those Who Love Me Can Take The Train

March

3-5 The Straight Story

24-26 The Limey

Lakeside Cinema

Free, Monday night films in the Rathskeller, 8 p.m.

January

31 Winchester '73

February

7 Superfly

14 Summer Lovers

21 Yellow Submarine

28 Masque of the Red Death

March

6 Love with the Proper Stranger

Special Event Film

Free, 7:30 p.m., Tripp Commons, Memorial Union

February

28 Smoke Signals

Women in Film Series

Free, Fredric March Play Circle, Memorial Union

March

22 The London Story, Daughter Rite, 7:30 p.m.

23 Sexuality Malfunctioned, 9 p.m.

25 Fire, 3 p.m.

Heads up on Hoofers

Ski Jackson Hole

Join the Hoofer Ski and Snowboard Club on a spring break trip to Jackson Hole, March 10-19. Trip includes motor coach transportation, five days of lift tickets, hotel, a brat fry on the hill and more. Approximate cost: \$430.

Paraglide in Utah

Take to the sky with the Hoofer Gliding Club and travel to Point of the Mountain, Utah, March 10-19. Trip includes auto transportation and paragliding lessons designed to take you to a novice rating and allow you to glide solo. This is a great, dependable flying site near Salt Lake City. Approximate cost: \$800.

Scuba dive in Missouri

The novice to expert diver can explore the Bonterre Mines in central Missouri. Tentative dates: March 16-19. Approximate cost: \$300.

Recreation courses for kids

Children and grandchildren (ages 10-17) of Union members are eligible for Hoofer youth classes. Summer riding classes begin in June. Learn the fundamentals of

riding and safe horsemanship. On the waterfront, youth can learn to sail, windsurf, canoe or kayak. Two week, half-day sailing lessons are offered throughout the summer. These popular classes fill quickly. Call now to add your name to the mailing list. *Registration begins April 3*.

Kickoffs

Attend a short, free kickoff meeting anytime you want to learn about a club. No obligation — just come and hear what the club offers. All kickoffs are held in Memorial Union. Kickoff dates include:

Scuba, January 20, 7:30 p.m.
Outing, January 25, 7 p.m.
Riding, January 26, 7 p.m.;
March 8, 7 p.m.; May 17, 7 p.m.
Ski & Snowboard,
February 3, 7:30 p.m.
Gliding, February 10, 6 p.m.
Mountaineering,

March 23, 7:30 p.m. Sailing, March 23, 8 p.m.



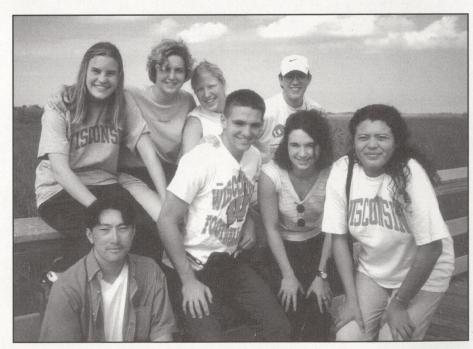
Lots of activities are underway for the seven Hoofer outdoor recreational clubs. For more information, attend a kickoff event, call 262-1630 or check out this Web site: www.hoofers.org

Alternative Breaks

On February 3, 6:30 p.m., at Memorial Union, Alternative Breaks celebrates its 10th anniversary. Hear the history of this educational program where students volunteer with non-profit organizations in culturally and economically diverse communities throughout the U.S.

Travel events

February is International Travel Month. Celebrate with speakers, films and cultural presentations that explore a different region each week: Northern Africa, Japan and Indonesia, the Mediterranean Rim and the New World. For details: www.sit.wisc.edu/~wudci/international.html or call 263-2458.



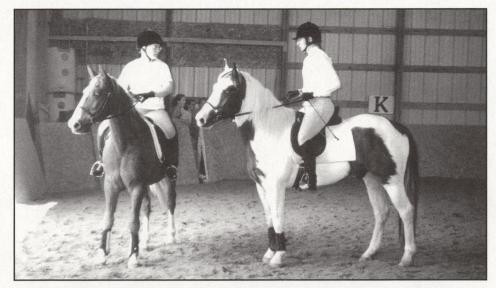
These students participated in a recent Alternative Breaks program to Miami, Florida where they worked building houses with Habitat for Humanity and with the migrant farm worker organization, Centro Campesino.

Exciting times for Riding Club

It's been nearly two years since the Hoofer Riding Club moved to new headquarters just 20 minutes southwest of Madison near Paoli and by all reports, riders and horses are settling in nicely. Riding Club member Denise Sobering says a lot of people have worked hard to make this move a success.

"Just look at the number of volunteer hours logged in here in support of this place," says Denise. "We've seen nearly a dozen people show up every weekend for more than two years to help out not because they own horses, but because they want to participate, see the club succeed and continue to have access to ride the horses."

The work is paying off with new opportunities. The club sponsored its first intercollegiate competition this fall when nearly 100 riders representing a tri-state region competed. In the summer, a barn dance was so successful that it will now be an annual June event. Free tours of the facility can be arranged anytime by calling (608) 424-1301.



For more information on the club or youth lessons, visit the Web site: www.hoofers.org or call 262-1630.

Here are some further updates:

- The 40-acre dairy farm was converted in 1998 and includes two horse barns, three pastures and staff.
- 41 horses are on the property with horse-boarding opportunities filled to capacity.
- More than 80 people are club members. You can join anytime.
- There is room for 70 youth to take summer lessons offered in one-week morning sessions throughout the summer. Registration begins in the spring. Cost is \$210 for 20 hours of instruction.

Denise emphasizes that the best part of the Hoofer Riding Club is that all people – beginners to advanced – can learn or improve riding skills in a safe and fun environment.

Theater rings in Y2K with new seats

The Wisconsin Union Theater, in celebration of its 60th anniversary season, is undergoing a major renovation for the new Millennium. For the first time since the Theater opened its doors in 1939, the 1,300 seats inside have been removed and refurbished.

According to Union Theater Assistant Director Rauel LaBreche, "Theater patrons will notice the 'like new' quality of everything having been completely repaired, replaced and repainted. Plus the seats will be quiet and much more comfortable." All seats will be reinstalled by the end of January.

Did you know...

- More than 10 million patrons have attended events in the Theater over the past 60 years.
- More than 20,000 groups have produced events in the Theater in the last 60 years.
- The last time the seats were worked on was in 1978 when they were reupholstered.
- The seats have never, in 60 years, been removed from the auditorium floor.

Theater events

Jan 24-26	Travel Film: Germany!
Jan 27	Yo-Yo Ma
Feb 5	Meredith Monk
Feb 18	Simon Estes
Feb 21-23	Travel Film: Polynesia
Feb 26	Mighty Clouds of Joy
Mar 4	Marina Piccinini and
	Andreas Haefliger
Mar 6-8	Travel Film: Egypt
Apr 28	Alfred Brendel

For ticket information, call 262-2201 or stop by the Theater Box Office, 11:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. weekdays, and noon - 5 p.m. Saturdays.

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Direct from the Union night reports:

November 25...The Thanksgiving Buffet in the Lakefront Cafeteria had a hearty turnout (200) and great food. All went smoothly and all seemed pleased.

November 24...Our fish tank vendor, Jeff, called to say that the Memorial Union's aquarium now has six baby fish, born in the last 2-3 days. The mother is the one lone female a cobalt blue zebra — and it's anybody's guess as to who might be the father.

November 6...Secret Service members were all around the building preparing for Donna Shalala's appearance here at the Women's Health Celebration luncheon.

A drum roll, please...

The 1999-2000 Isthmus Readers Poll puts the Union Terrace at the top in these three categories: Best Live Music Venue, Best Place to Go on a First Date, Best Place to Score with the Opposite Sex...

Moving?...

Remember to call, email or write the Union! You must contact us directly for Union mailings to follow you to your new home.

Couple overheard... Las Vegas to reminisce about meeting at a dance in Tripp

Two former students visited from Commons and their subsequent marriage here in 1966.

Lifetime Members who:

- 1. Live further than 40 miles from Madison
- 2. And your last name begins with Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y or Z.

Here's an important message about future mailings: If you meet both criteria above, please watch your mail in February when we plan to send a postcard asking, "Do you want to continue to receive our newsletters, Tudor Dinner and other mailings?"

If the answer is yes, please return the card. We must hear from you to continue your Union mailings. If we do not hear from you, your name will be automatically removed from our mailing list. We extend this service to one-fourth of our members each year in an effort to reduce overall mail waste. Thanks for your help.