Luncheon and Annual Meeting
Thursday, May 8, 2008
Gary Sandefur
Dean, College of Letters & Science

Attracting and Engaging Minority Students—
How Are We Doing?

11:30 am Social; 12 noon Luncheon
Blackhawk Country Club
3506 Blackhawk Drive
Luncheon--$15.50

Let’s celebrate the arrival of spring as we gather together for our annual meeting at Blackhawk Country Club. We are indeed privileged to have, as our final speaker of the year, Dean Gary Sandefur (read about him on page 4).

Menu Choices: Vegetarian Quiche or Chicken and Mushroom Crepes with Wild Rice, Asparagus, Fresh Fruit, Dinner Rolls, Beverages, Lemon Sherbet with Raspberry Coulis

Please make your $15.50 check payable to The University League, Inc. and send it and your reservations by May 1 to:

Kathy Hill
Annual Meeting and Luncheon
7303 Cedar Creek Trail
Madison, WI 53717

If you are making a reservation for more than one person, please indicate the names of the people choosing the vegetarian meal on your reservation form. This will facilitate things for the wait staff as they serve us.

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GENERAL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Please read the following by-law changes and proposed slate of officers carefully before you come to the luncheon meeting. We will vote on them there.

1) BY-LAW CHANGES

See Janice Golay’s Presidential Note, page 3. Bold = proposed changes; Strike through = proposed eliminations.

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

The object of The University League, Incorporated, shall be to promote existing charitable and educational activities and assist in establishing appropriate new ones; and to support the scholarship and/or-loan funds of the corporation that benefit the students of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. A further purpose shall be to encourage mutual communication and cooperation among its membership, the members of the academic staff and their families of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

The Treasurer shall receive and deposit annual dues and other monies in such financial organizations as may be specified by the Board of Directors. This person shall make all disbursements that have been authorized by the Board of Directors. All funds shall be disbursed except by checks that are signed by the assistant Treasurer or the President. In the event that the Assistant Treasurer is unable to disburse funds, the Treasurer will assume that responsibility.

2) PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS: 2008-2009

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT—
Janice Golay

This year has disappeared at a record rate! I would like to thank all who have helped make this year a success. Roma Lenehan and her committee worked extremely hard on a Membership campaign, with very successful results. Kathy Hill spent hours checking details to make sure we had five quality programs. Betty Zeps brought us consistently interesting issues of the Newsletter. Marcia Schmidt’s expertise in the printing profession has been invaluable in preparing and refining our Yearbook (a summer job!). Edith First contributed her valuable time and diligence as Treasurer, even though she is still an active professional realtor. Thanks to everyone, including the Interest Group Chairs, who keep our organization humming.

Nominating Committee: This year’s committee (Anne Scott, Chair, Kathy Knox, Mary Jo Prieve, Barbara Vogelsang and Carol Wright) did an exceptional job of recruitment. They met once a week for several months and approached their task with intelligence and energy. Their results are published in this issue, and we should all thank them for their hard work!

Streamlining: Next year we will experiment with a new system for Programs and Scholarship Benefit. There will be one over-all Chair (a Board position) and a committee of several members, each responsible for a specific task. This will distribute the workload among different people, but give general oversight to the Chair. Further, the Scholarship Benefit (and its Board position) will be wrapped into the Program Committee. This new “umbrella” organization should both facilitate coordination of all program dates and lessen the work any one person has to do.

By-law changes: You may recall that last year we published two proposed changes to our By-Laws, and their rationale. We did not vote on them at the Annual Meeting last May, but plan to do so this year. We thought we might have had an additional change to present this year on the President’s term. However, that experiment is not completed and we are not yet ready to propose a change to our members. Please reread the changes. Both the Long-Range Planning Committee and the Board of Directors recommend acceptance of the changes.

I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting on May 8th. Have an enjoyable summer, which we all certainly deserve after the winter we’ve gone through.

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ABOUT THE PRESENTER

As Dean of Letters & Science, Gary Sandefur leads a college that comprises slightly over half of UW-Madison. As the liberal arts core of the university, the College of Letters & Science serves as the entry point for almost all first- and second-year students. Its faculty and staff teach the foundation courses required for students to enter majors in Letters & Science or one of UW-Madison’s professional schools. With 39 academic departments and 5 professional schools, the college awards over half of the undergraduate degrees granted by the university each year in majors ranging from African Languages and Literature to Zoology and has more than 170,000 alumni. Its annual research expenditures exceed $100 million.

Sandefur is a member of the Chickasaw Nation and the first American Indian to be named dean at UW-Madison. He previously served as associate vice chancellor and interim provost at Madison.

As a professor of sociology and American Indian Studies, Gary Sandefur is a leading social demographer whose work combines scholarly excellence and a serious engagement with important and pressing policy issues. He is internationally known for his work on American Indians, race and ethnicity, families, poverty and inequality, and public policy. Sandefur has focused on social structure and the family in his research and is best known as co-author of the book *Growing Up With a Single Parent: What Hurts? What Helps?* In 2003, he was elected as a fellow to the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has served on numerous national advisory boards related to children and family issues.

Gary Sandefur received a BA in sociology from the University of Oklahoma in 1974, and a PhD from Stanford University in 1978.

CORRECTION: In the November issue of the *League Letter*, Peggy Caro’s name was misspelled. We regret the error.

IN MEMORIAM

Our organization has lost several valued members during this winter with the passing of Elisabeth Sequeira on February 15, Dottie Grogan on March 1, and Marion Stemmer on February 27. Also, we would like to extend our condolences to the families of John Schrag and Neil Gundermann.
MILESTONES AND SIGNPOSTS

The "Milestones" column again tells of the satisfaction that comes from volunteer activities, this time in Alexandria, Egypt, in which a League member has become involved. Thank you, Susan.

Marian Ehrenberg and Susan Becker with three Palestinian community nurses and a dietitian in Bethlehem, Palestine

A MIDDLE EAST ODYSSEY—Susan Becker

Christ Presbyterian Church (CPC) in Madison, Wisconsin, has had a connection to Saray Evangelical Church (Presbyterian) in Alexandria, Egypt, since the early 1990s. In November, 2007, Susan Becker, Dietitian, and Marian Ehrenberg, RN, represented CPC in Alexandria. We spent three weeks as guests of Saray Church, teaching at the Center for Hope and Cure, a 24-hour a day clinic and hospital which was started by Saray Church in 1987 in a small apartment office. It now has five floors and serves the underprivileged at low and sometimes no cost. About 900 people per month go to the clinic, a place where one patient said that he finds love and care. We took $3400 with us for the clinic for the purchase of an EKG machine and an indirect ophthalmoscope. These will enhance the practice of the clinic.

We lived in the Group Home at Fairhaven, a school for mentally challenged children which is another ministry of Saray Church. We taught some classes to the staff and became part of the life of the school. We were amazed at what the teachers accomplish and the love and concern that they show for the students and for each other.

Saray is a vibrant church, which welcomed us and included us in its many activities, from several worship services each week to many youth groups, men’s and women’s

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On February 12 Bev Zarnstorff hosted University League residents of Oakwood Village West at a Valentine's Coffee in the Oaks Community Room. Pat Feltskog, Kathy Knox, Sarah Roberts, and Marcia Schmidt, the co-hostesses, helped decorate, set up, and served the refreshments.

Four delicious varieties of mini-muffins, as well as beautiful chocolate covered strawberries were served. Oakwood provided coffee and tea. Each guest received a red carnation. The twenty-three guests enjoyed visiting with old friends and meeting new people.

Mary Jo Prieve organized the February 15 Attic Angel Place Coffee. Janice Golay, Roma Lenehan, and Bev Zarnstorff co-hosted and served treats and drinks to the eight guests. Guests reminisced about University League.

Thank you to everyone who made these coffees a success – guests, retirement home staff, and hostesses.
FOCUS ON INTEREST GROUPS: Genealogy

Genealogy Group
Front Row L-R: Roma Lenehan, Cathy Tesar, Karen Serrano, Ginny McCormick
Center Row L-R: Marguerite Sykes, Jan Martin, Anne Woodson, Mazie Webb
Back Row L-R: Joy Miller, Anita Staats, Kay Jarvis-Sladky, Marcia Schmidt,
Charlotte Burns, Molly McDermott, Linda Harvey

The genealogy interest group met on December 3, a very snowy, slippery night, at the home of Jan Martin.

The program was presented by Jan and her husband Jeff. Jan shared recording memories in scrapbook form on the computer. Jeff showed the group how to prepare photos for a scrapbook and how to restore old photos. How easy it is to record memories was main focus of the program. Family Christmas ornaments were photographed and stories were written describing the history of the ornament and its significance to the family.

This group meets the 4th Monday of the month. For more information contact Cathy Tesar 233-8077.
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT ALLEN CENTENNIAL GARDEN

Volunteering at Allen Centennial Gardens is a very rewarding experience. The Garden is a horticultural teaching garden. A continuing goal is to provide state-of-the art demonstrations and information on the use of traditional and novel horticultural plants. The stately Dean’s House (often referred to as Fred House or 10 Babcock Drive) was one of the first buildings on the agricultural campus and served as home for the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Visiting hours are between sunrise and sunset every day year around. There is no admission charge and is available for group tours, receptions or just a walk with time to smell the flowers.

Previous gardening experience is helpful but not necessary. Bill Hoyt, the gardener for the magnificent gardens, is always patient and willing to provide instruction. Some of the tasks available are planting in the spring, weeding, deadheading, fertilizing, watering, pruning, staking and repotting plants in the fall. Volunteering is useful year round but is most needed in the spring, summer and fall. Any amount of time is welcome; however a regular time commitment helps Bill to plan his day. He is most appreciative of your time and always has coffee, juice or water available. “If you want to learn about gardening, Allen Centennial Gardens is the place to be” so says Pat Birkett who has volunteered there for 10 years.

Look for the sign up sheet with your membership form or contact Bill Hoyt 262-1549 or wrhoyt@wisc.edu. Check out the website www.hort.wisc.edu/garden2001.

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groups, sewing classes and so much more. Celebrations were frequent and important. Such joy and commitment these Christians in this predominately Muslim country showed us. Christians represent about seven percent of the population in Egypt.

The next stop on our journey was in Bethlehem in Palestine where we were visitors at Christmas Lutheran Church, which also has a vibrant ministry. The International Center is home to a small college that specializes in art and music. The Center also hosts conferences, art shows, concerts and children’s activities. We saw the Lutheran school with 200 Muslim and Christian students, the Health and Wellness Center and the plans for a new college campus -- a dream at this point. We visited a refugee camp and Old Jerusalem. It was good to see and hear about the indomitable human spirit of the Palestinian people, despite the daily obstacles that they encounter.

People in both countries asked us to tell their stories upon our return home. We are committed to that and are eager to talk to any group. Please contact Susan Becker at 608-231-1817 or email sbecker4@merr.com. We have much to learn from these far-away lands.
REMINDERS

- **Scholarship Benefit.** By now, you've received in the mail your invitation to contribute to the Stay-at-Home Scholarship Benefit. As you read the statements and letters from previous University League scholarship recipients, you come to realize how important this recognition by their departments and by University League (as well as the associated money) is to these scholarship recipients. Please give as much as you are able to support these deserving students.

- **Heads Up!** In the beginning of May, you'll receive your Pay-in-May packet. Please renew your membership in University League promptly so that you will appear in the Yearbook. Prompt replies keep our mailing costs down. Please pay dues ($10) for spouses and partners that participate in Interest Groups. Only dues paying spouses will appear in the Yearbook.

**NEWS FLASH**—In February, Russell Panczenko forgot to make an attractive offer to people attending his League talk at Nakoma. Afterwards he told Janice Golay that the Chazen Museum offered to anyone attending his talk that day **FREE MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP** for the rest of the year. All they have to do is email Lori Demeuse at the Museum, saying that they heard Mr. Panczenko's talk to the University League (make sure we get our name in there) and would like to take advantage of his offer. Email: ldemeuse@chazen.wisc.edu, or telephone her at 263-3917.
UNIVERSITY LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Due by May 1, 2008

Program: Dean Gary Sandefur, “Attracting Minority Students”, May 8, 2008

Name: ___________________________ Phone: ______________

Your Luncheon Choices (please check one):
[ ] Chicken and Mushroom Crepes
[ ] Vegetarian Quiche

Guest: _________________________ (luncheon menu choice) __________

# ______ reservations @ $15.50 each = ______________

scholarship donation = ______________

total = ______________

Check(s) payable to: The University League, Inc.
Mail to: Kathy Hill, Annual Meeting, 7303 Cedar Creek Trail, Madison 53717