Going up
The Union community enjoyed watching the beginning stages of the steel structure for White Hall during late March and early April of 2006.
Future Directed: Preparing for the Challenges Ahead

Tuition/Financial Aid: Union’s tuition remains nearly $5,000 below the national average for private universities across the country. On top of that, the cost for providing an undergraduate education at Union is anywhere from $1,000 to $7,000 more than the full tuition price, depending on the major and subject matter selected by the student. Pressure for increased financial aid support will only increase. We will need to communicate clearly concerning issues of cost, price, and financial aid.

Student Recruitment: The competition for recruiting students has never been greater. While we have made huge strides in the past decade we must be aware that there are still many people who are not considering Union because they do not know about us or fully understand our mission. We will need to be focused as we seek to tell the Union story in an effective way.

Special Interest Groups: Special interest groups can be expected to offer pressure to conform on issues that could challenge our mission. We must anticipate that issues of sexuality, sexual freedom, and same-gender unions could challenge our hiring policies and other matters in the not-too-distant future.

Extending Our Mission: High on our list of priorities for ongoing implementation is the continuation of our commitment to thinking and living Christianly, including our dedication to the advancement of the Christian intellectual tradition, the building of authentic community, and our serious efforts toward racial reconciliation, inter-cultural and international awareness.

Strategic Planning: Finding the right emphasis on developing the campus, giving devoted attention to the $110 million campaign, balancing the right mix of programs (undergraduate and graduate, Jackson and Germantown), making careful enrollment and revenue projections—all of these will be a high priority that will help carry Union University into the second decade of this century.

Connecting the Past and the Future: We must continue our commitment to give priority to serving West Tennessee students, strengthening the strong relationship to Tennessee and Southern Baptists across the region, while developing and expanding the University’s emerging national reputation. In order to advance the work of such a strong, vibrant, caring, dynamic and influential Christian academic community, we must enhance our vision for holistic learning that is consistent with our history and our heritage. We believe the future for Union University is very bright as we carry out our commitments to offer education that is academically rigorous and unapologetically Christian. Union University has a unique opportunity to become both a regional and national resource for serious Christian thinking and scholarship in all disciplines for the 21st Century. We invite you to join us in this important work by offering your encouragement, your prayers, and your gifts for the good of Union University and the glory of God.

Soli Deo Gloria

David S. Dockery
President
Union Forum Speakers Address Supreme Court Changes

A renowned legal scholar and one of the nation's most visible journalists was weighed in on the changing U.S. Supreme Court during the eighth annual Union Forum presentations.

Robert George, the McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence at Princeton University, focused on the new Bush appointees, John Roberts and Samuel Alito. He said many observers assume new justices will mirror the philosophy of the president who tapped them, but that is frequently not the case.

He cited the example of Dwight Eisenhower, who decided to appoint William Brennan. The National Liberal League opposed Brennan on religious grounds. Brennan, however, turned out to be a "liberal of the strictest observer," George said.

Likewise, the conservative Ronald Reagan appointed the moderate Sandra Day O'Connor, who played a crucial role in preserving abortion and racial preferences. Democrat John F. Kennedy appointed Byron White, who proved to be a conservative.

Margaret Carlson, a columnist for Time magazine and a frequent guest on national television shows, talked about the future of the court in light of the unpredictability that permeates Washington.

"That's what makes my job so much fun," Carlson said. "Every day there is something to learn." He is the author of "In Defense of Natural Law," "Making Men Moral: Civil Liberties and Public Morality" and "The Clash of Orthodoxy: Law, Religion and Morality in Crisis." He has published numerous scholarly articles and book reviews.

Carlson became a columnist for Time magazine in February 1994. Her column, "Public Eye," made Carlson the first woman to win a Pulitzer Prize for commentary. "It's a very exciting job," she said. "We've come a long way."

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Carlson said she thinks U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton might win the democrats' nomination for President in 2008, but she will not win the general election because she is too polarizing as a public figure. She also thinks Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will choose not to make a presidential run.

"She's Secretary of State," said Carlson. "It's a great job!" George observed that the U.S. Supreme Court is still one vote short of overturning the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion. Until a new justice provides that fifth vote, George expects the four justices in the minority to welcome cases that will slowly chip away at the structure of Roe vs. Wade.

Both speakers addressed more than 300 luncheon guests, and also met separately with faculty and students. George focused his student discussion on natural law and the role Christians play in politics.

“I especially enjoyed his discussion with students,” said Union senior Natalie Trecce. “I thought it was interesting and relevant for 2006. He’s a very brilliant man.”

Neal asked how a career in art can “make a bad deal out of God,” to which Neal gave two answers.

“The art world has few Jesus followers,” Neal said. “When I do my best, they notice, not just me, but my Lord.”

Neal also told about working at a rehab center one summer, when one of her jobs was to draw pictures on balloons for handicapped children.

“When the work of my hands makes little girls smile, that’s where my heart is," Neal said. "A native of Mansfield, Tex., Neal and her fiancée, Clay Nolen (’99) plan to return to West Tennessee this summer. She says she doesn’t yet know what the next chapter in her life will hold, but she

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Union Choir Selected to Perform at Educators Meeting

Union's Voices of Proclamation performed the feature concert, March 30 at the joint meeting of the Tennessee Music Educators Association and the Tennessee chapter of the American Choral Directors Association in Nashville.

As the feature concert, Proclamation was the only group that presented an evening concert during the meeting.

"It was the only event which was attended by hundreds of music educators, conductors and all-state choir members at the conference," Proclamation director Richard Jourier said.

Joiner said most of the program was a cappella, consisting of masterworks in Italian, Latin and English. It also included some American folk hymns and a piece in gospel/blues style, accompanied by Union music professor Ronald Boud.

The meeting was held at First Baptist Church in Nashville. ✪

Summer Completion Date Expected for New Fesmire Field House

顏leventh weather delayed in completion, but the 18,000-square-foot Fesmire Field House should be ready for tours in the summer and athletes in the fall.

The facility will include a 9,000-square foot turf room suitable for varsity indoor practice sessions. Also included in the plans are locker rooms and showers for each home and visiting team, coaches' offices and an athletic training room. It will serve baseball, softball and soccer teams.

Benny and Norma Fesmire, long-time supporters of Union University athletics, gave a $500,000 lead gift to support the project. Associate Athletic Director Tommy Sadler says when finished, the facility will rank among the very best in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Heavy rains earlier in the construction phase slowed the work, but Sadler estimates a possible completion date in July. Watch the Union Athletics Web site (www.uu.edu/athletics) for information about the grand opening and building tours. ✪

Union 2010 Capital Campaign Tops $80 Million

"Union 2010: A Vision for Excellence" has already exceeded $80 million in gifts and pledges.

The capital campaign was launched at the 2009’s Annual Scholarship Banquet in September. Since then, Union has set records for donors contributing in a single month, and highest dollar figure in a single month, for donors contributing in a single month, and highest dollar figure in a single month. Both marks were set in December.

"We are on target to reach $110 million by 2010," says Charles A. Fowler, senior vice president for university relations. "Our alumni and friends are embracing this vision, and responding in wonderful ways."

The campaign targets three key areas of opportunity: New and enhanced campus facilities; endowment growth; and operations support.

Call 1-800-338-6644 to find out more about joining this historic effort. Online, log on to www.uu.edu/union2010. The campaign Web pages provide news on the latest developments, multimedia presentations and a variety of opportunities for participation. ✪

Radiation from college does not mean a freedom from requirements in life, Paul Corts told a group of nearly 400 Union University graduates at spring commencement on the university's Great Lawn.

"Most of you graduates probably thought that with commencement you find yourself free from having to worry about fulfilling requirements," Corts said. "Your time at a great Christian university like Union has been preparing you to live your life in accord with God's requirements for you. As the Scriptures has reminded us, to whom much is given, much is required."

The rain-shortened service saw 400 students receive their degrees, bringing to nearly 900 the number of Union University graduates for the 2005-2006 academic year.

"It was one of the most memorable commencement services in the history of Union University," Union President David S. Dockery said. "We salute the graduates of the class of 2006 for what they've accomplished in the past, and look forward to what they will do in the future."

Corts is the newly elected president of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. He has served as assistant attorney general for administration for the U.S. Department of Justice since 2002 and previously was president of Palm Beach Atlantic University for nearly 12 years.

Using a text from Micah, Corts told graduates they were required to do three things: do justice, love mercy and walk humbly.

"The world needs a fresh touch, a new infusion of mercy," Corts said. "Put into action what you've been taught here. Follow in the footsteps of Jesus."

Following his address, Corts was inducted as a fellow for Union's Carl F. H. Henry Center for Christian Leadership. Political science major Josh Dougan, of Gadsden, Tenn., received the Elizabeth Tigrett Medal from Union. The award, created by Tigrett's son to honor his mother, was established in 1928 by the entire Union faculty to an outstanding member of the senior class.

Earlier in the month, English professor Pamela Casey Sutton was named Faculty Member of the Year, and Karen Miller, coordinator of the Department of Continuing Studies, was named Staff Member of the Year. ✪

Union Class of '06 Ready to Make an Impact

For a second consecutive year, social work students at Union have won national acclaim for a program proposal that could benefit thousands of people across Tennessee. Brandon Bailey, Lindsey Lawrence, Amanda Theiford and advisor Theresa Blackley won the national award in the annual Influencing State Policy competition, sponsored by the Council on Social Work Education. The award was presented at CSWE's annual meeting in Chicago earlier this year.

The project, entitled “Tennessee Can't Wait! Professionalizing the Child Welfare System Through Student Loan Repayment,” is a proposed program that would provide loan forgiveness for students who commit to serving vulnerable children and their families in Tennessee's state child welfare system. The students produced a video documentary and policy brief to support their proposal, which they took to state lawmakers and top administrators.

Just last year, a team of Union students won the same national competition for a project entitled “Rights of Incarcerated Women: Movement toward Gender-specific Guidelines and the Protection of Unborn Children.”
Union Students Spend Spring Break Helping with Katrina Relief

When Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast last fall, Union University sophomore Kaye Maxwell knew she wanted to help. “I had my heart hurt for the people down there,” said Maxwell, a Memphis native. “It was such a bad thing. I just wanted to help in any way I could.”

Over spring break, Maxwell had her opportunity. She and 12 other Union University students spent the week of March 19 in Gulfport, Miss., helping the North Carolina Baptist Men’s disaster relief group by painting houses and doing other jobs as needed.

The Gulfport team was one of 11 Global Opportunities teams Union sent out worldwide over spring break to such places as France, Romania, Honduras, North Africa, Guatemala, Canada, Boston, New York and Chicago.

Lisa Whetten, an enrollment counselor who led the Gulfport team, said the students learned a valuable lesson about service. They wanted to do some of the more difficult jobs—like gutting houses, but instead spent much of their time painting and doing other “easy tasks.”

“One of the things they learned and I learned was that we really just needed to do what they told us to do,” Whetten said. “Those small tasks really do fit into the bigger picture of getting those homes completed.”

“The last couple of days we got to work in areas where we could really see the disaster, and see how the hurricanes affected people,” said Union sophomore Blake Waggoner, of Louisville, Ky.

One couple appreciated the work of the Union students so much they sent a letter to the university praising the students.

“Today a group of students from your university arrived and were very helpful in cleaning and painting our home,” wrote Chris and Fay Stainbrook, of Biloxi, Miss. “We really see the disaster, and see how our home arrived and were sent a letter to the university praising the students.”

Chris Denney, of Louisville, Ky. and now works in the field because of Hurricane Katrina, selects a quilt made by Kindred Spirits Quilters, from Hixson Park Baptist Church in North Plainfield, N.J.

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ike thousands of other residents of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, Chris Denney fled ahead of Hurricane Katrina’s path. She and her parents made their way to Alamosa, Tenn., to stay with Christy’s aunt and uncle.

“We only usually get to see them during hurricane season,” Denney joked.

What Denney didn’t realize at the time was that she’d be staying much longer than she expected. A freshman in college, Denney originally planned just to take some online courses this semester until she could return home to Moss Point, Miss., and finish her schooling there.

But Denney soon decided to enroll as a full-time student at Union University.

Now she’s decided to stay and graduate from Union in four years.

“I love the school,” Denney said. “I love the atmosphere. I feel like I’ve been here for years instead of just two months. It just kind of fits.”

Denney is just one of 11 college students who transferred to Union University in the fall because of Hurricane Katrina. To accommodate students who had been affected by the hurricane, Union extended its enrollment deadline and offered to help such students academically, socially and financially. Steve Tien, of San Jose, Calif., previously attended Louisiana State University. A computer engineering major, Tien isn’t sure yet what his long-term plans will be, but he knows if he stays in Jackson, Tenn., he’ll stay at Union.

“Union is like a little family where everybody knows everybody and everybody is very helping,” Tien said. “If you need help they’re willing to help you. It’s a very nice place to be. It’s a good study environ-ment, and the professors are very helpful.”

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New Jersey Group Focuses on Katrina Victims at Union

Students who transferred to Union University as a result of Hurricane Katrina attracted the attention of some New Jersey women they don’t even know.

Kindred Spirits Quilters, from Hixson Park Baptist Church in North Plainfield, N.J., made and sent 13 quilts to Union, one for each of the students displaced by Hurricane Katrina, and two for the students’ children.

“I sent them an e-mail once I received the quilt, and I told them that the group is really a spiritual group to think of other people,” said senior Kimberly Brown of New Orleans, who graduated from Union this spring. “It’s really good to know that there are other people in your corner when you are at your worst.”

Kimberly Thornbury, Union’s dean of students, said her mother, Carolyn Carmichael, who lives in New Jersey, told Mary Lou Kirtland about the students who had transferred to Union because of the hurricane.

Kirtland is involved with Kindred Spirits Quilters, from Hydewood Park Baptist Church in North Plainfield, N.J.

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Union Men Take TranSouth Golf Title

Christopher Floyd took first place individual honors in the 2006 NAIA Region XI golf championship, leading Union to a third place team finish just days after the Bulldogs captured the TranSouth conference title. Floyd, a sophomore from Milan, earned an automatic bid to the NAIA National Golf Tournament in Kansas as an individual qualifier. In the regional tournament, Floyd led after two rounds and then fired a 70 for a three-day total of 211. That was four strokes better than the second place finisher.

In the conference tournament, sophomore William Boyd took third place overall to lead Union to its ninth TranSouth title. Several post-season honors came home with Union, including Head Coach Don Morris being named the TranSouth Coach of the Year. Boyd, Floyd and sophomore Drew Cannon were each named to the TranSouth All-Conference team.

Union Men Finish Memorable Season atop TranSouth

For a second straight year, the Union University Bulldogs won the TranSouth Conference Tournament championship, their fifth such title in nine years. Union, which finished 28-6, clinched the tournament title with a 92-79 victory over Trevecca Nazarene in Nashville, and finished the regular season No. 5 in the NAIA men’s basketball rankings.

For much of the season, Mountain State (W.Va.) University was the top-ranked team. The Cougars lost only two regular season games, and Union accounted for both of those defeats. The first victory over MSU put Union atop the men's national poll for the first time in school history. In addition to Mountain State, Union defeated several other top non-conference opponents, picking up wins over NCAA powers Houston Baptist, Oklahoma City and Lindsey Wilson.

The Bulldogs even threw a scare into NCAA Division I Middle Tennessee State, leading the Blue Raiders by as much as 14 in the first half and trailing by only a point with three minutes remaining. MTSU went on to a 95-82 exhibition win. The season ended with a first-round loss to eventual national champion Texas Wesleyan at the NAIA tournament in Kansas City, Mo. It was the second consecutive year that an unseeded team started a Cinderella-style run to the national championship with a win over Union. But as they remember the 2005-06 season, Bulldog fans will savor all those big wins, and some outstanding individual performances. Kinley Sellers, Corey Buskett and Ben Frederick were first-team selections for the TranSouth All-Conference squad. Dewayne Lee made second-team, and Sellers was named Newcomer of the Year. Bulldog Head Coach Ralph Turner took Coach of the Year honors in the conference.

Union Moves to November Homecoming

The key reason for moving Union University’s annual homecoming celebrations from February to November is the unreliable weather that is possible during a west Tennessee winter.

The point was illustrated dramatically during the final February event. Forecasts of ice and snow on Friday, Feb. 17 forced the University to cancel the point with three minutes remaining. MTSU went on to a 95-82 exhibition win. The season ended with a first-round loss to eventual national champion Texas Wesleyan at the NAIA tournament in Kansas City, Mo. It was the second consecutive year that an unseeded team started a Cinderella-style run to the national championship with a win over Union. But as they remember the 2005-06 season, Bulldog fans will savor all those big wins, and some outstanding individual performances. Kinley Sellers, Corey Buskett and Ben Frederick were first-team selections for the TranSouth All-Conference squad. Dewayne Lee made second-team, and Sellers was named Newcomer of the Year. Bulldog Head Coach Ralph Turner took Coach of the Year honors in the conference.

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Beginning next school year homecoming will move from February to November. The dates for next year’s homecoming will be November 3-4, 2006.

Join us in November and help us make the move!
Lady Bulldogs Capture Second Consecutive NAIA Women’s Basketball National Championship

The Championship Run at a Glance

Game One
Union 76, John Brown (Ark.) 57
Seventh-seeded John Brown University took an 11-4 lead six minutes into the game, but Djenneboe “Dj” Sisoko scored on an Ena Daniels assist with 7:20 to play in the half to give Union its first lead of the night at 19-18. Union then used a 19-2 run to take a 38-20 lead into halftime, and maintained a double-digit lead throughout the second half. Ena Daniels led the Union scorers with 14 points, including 7-of-11 from the floor, and six assists. Meredith Richardson followed with 13 points, while Josephine Owino had 10.

Game Two
Union 92, St. Xavier (Ill.) 69
The Lady Bulldogs started the second half scoring eight unanswered points to break open a tight game. Josephine Owino led Union with 18 points, while Jessica Graves followed with 15 and Natanya Smith added 11. St. Xavier head coach Bob Halberg told the Jackson Sun “(Union’s) kids coming off the bench are just as good as their starters.”

Game Three
Union 78, Oklahoma City University 64
In a rematch of the 2005 national title game, Union routed highly regarded Oklahoma City to secure a spot in the Final Four. The Lady Stars had qualified for the title game the previous seven years. Meredith Richardson scored 24 of her game-leading 27 points beyond the arc, where Union shot a blistering 10-of-22. Richardson scored 24 of her game-leading 27 points from beyond the arc, where Union shot a blistering 10-of-22. Richardson scored 24 of her game-leading 27 points beyond the arc, where Union shot a blistering 10-of-22.

Game Four
Union 62, The Master’s College (Calif.) 51
The Lady Bulldogs played a near-flawless first half, leading the Lady Mustangs 40-14 at the break. But The Master’s College had engineered several comebacks during their tournament run, and they went to work chipping away at the Union lead. They used a 24-5 run midway through the second half to pull within two possessions at 55-49 with just 1:39 remaining. Crystal Eason sank four clutch free throws, and Ena Daniels blocked a crucial shot with 1:11 to play that secured the victory and sent Union to a second consecutive national title game.

Game Five
Union 79, Lubbock Christian (Tex.) 62
Lubbock Christian was the consensus 2006 “Cinderella” team at the tournament. The Lady Chaps came into Jackson unseeded, and had never won a tournament game prior to this season. But they defeated top-ranked Vanguard to reach the title game with Union. The Lady Bulldogs fell behind early, but the two teams played evenly until late in the first half, when Union built an 11-point lead at intermission. Lubbock Christian had problems dealing with Union’s post play, as Natanya Smith and Josephine Owino combined for 14 points. This tenth-straight win in national tournament play brought Union a third NAIA Division One national championship since 1998.

Tournament Accolades
• 47 Steals (tournament best)
• 88 Assists (tournament best)
• 13 Three-point baskets for Meredith Richardson (tied for best)
Coach of the Year: Mark Campbell
All Tournament Team: Ena Daniels (first team), Josephine Owino and Meredith Richardson (second team)

As the Union Lady Bulldogs ended a second consecutive season cutting down nets at the NAIA national championship tournament, it was easy to forget that just days earlier, the team had been bounced from the semi-finals of its conference tournament.

The Lady Bulldogs lost to Terveca Nazareta 75-62 on their home floor as fans worried maybe the team had peaked earlier in the season. After all, Union hosted the nation’s most prestigious early season women’s basketball tournament and won the title. Union defeated Oklahoma Christian, The Master’s College and Southern Nazarene in that Rotary Classic. Later in the season, there was a thrilling overtime victory over then-No.2 Freed-Hardeman. The game featured 12 lead changes and seven ties.

But was Union, after the Terveca loss and a 13-day layoff, ready for the rigors of a national tournament featuring the best NAIA squads in the country? The team answered that question with an emphatic “yes.”

Coach Mark Campbell said this edition of the Lady Bulldogs exemplified the word “team” better than perhaps any other team he has ever coached.

When the season started, Campbell knew there was a chance his team could repeat as national champions if the players worked hard. They already knew his system, his expectations, and what is required to win the NAIA tournament.

“The difference in the start of this and the start of last season is that all but two of our players know exactly what we are doing and what we are doing it,” Campbell said in October. “And the two new faces to the team are catching on fast.”

Union’s 2005 Player of the Year Stephanie Clark to graduation was thought to be among the biggest problems Campbell and company would face. But three strong post players emerged to give the Lady Bulldogs an inside presence few teams could counter. Post play improved as the season progressed.

“As they get better, our team gets better,” Campbell said.

Fans need look no further than the national championship game to see the contributions of Josephine Owino and Natanya Smith.

Owino, a freshman from Mombasa, Kenya, led the scoring in the championship win over Lubbock Christian with 24 points and 10 rebounds. Smith, a junior from Memphis, added 16 points.

“We’ve never had a game where both (Owino and Smith) did what they did tonight in the same game,” said Campbell after the championship.

The emergence of junior Djenneboe “Dj” Sisoko allowed Campbell to put two post players in the game at the same time necessary.

Unions outside shooting and guard play thrilled fans throughout the season.

For every three-pointer in a school-record 10 three-pointers in a February win over Blue Mountain, and hit timely treys throughout the NAIA tournament. Meredith Richardson scored 27 points, including eight baskets from behind the arc, in a tournament win over Oklahoma City. Junior LaToya Fuller made solid contributions throughout the season. Freshman Jessica Graves was so impressive by season’s end that Campbell was predicting she has a chance to be among the best guards ever to play at Union.

The team will lose four to graduation this spring. Ena Daniels, who took control of several tournament games when the outcome was still in doubt and was named First Team All-Tournament; Tiffany Fisher, who averaged more than eight points a game and was an All-Conference selection; Peggy McCain, who came off the bench to pick up the team; and Jennifer Henso, a complete player named second-team All-Conference.

Henso, McCain and Eason won conference Academic honors. McCain received the NAIA’s prestigious Champions of Character award, given to student athletes who best exhibit ethical behavior and commitment to scholarship, sportsmanship and leadership.

At a university-wide championship celebration a few weeks after the victory, Campbell announced that assistant coach Katie Woodruff will not return next year. She has accepted a youth ministry position in Rome, Ga. Although he said he would miss her as a coach and friend, Campbell added that the new job and coaching staff surrounded her after the championship.

“With the consecutive national championships, Union now has won 10 NAIA tournament games in a row. In addition to Campbell and Woodruff, the two constants on the bench during that run have been honorary coaches Gary and Susan Grisham. Gary is president of BancorpSouth, which has been the team’s tournament sponsor during the championship runs.

“Nothing excites us more than coaching and even the small talk on the bench. “If Mark Campbell will have us, we’ll love to come back next year.”
When Stephanie Clark transferred to Union University to play basketball, she saw something different in Coach Mark Campbell that attracted her. "He was part of the reason that I decided to come here, because I really respected his vision as a coach," Clark says. "It was not just to develop quality basketball players, but to make sure that his players develop and leave here with an understanding of who Jesus Christ is and what he did."

Campbell has enjoyed a tremendous amount of success in his first seven years as coach of the Union Lady Bulldogs – including six straight seasons of 30 or more wins and two straight NAIA National Championships. But despite the success, Campbell’s focus isn’t on winning – it’s on priorities that are much more lasting.

"I think the process is so much more important than the outcome," Campbell says. "For Campbell, that process means emphasizing relationships – both with God and with each other. It means caring more about his players than the outcome of a game. It means developing his players to the best of their ability."

"I think we have a duty as Christians to be excellent in what we’re doing," Campbell says. "I think a lot of my kids wouldn’t listen to the spiritual things if we weren’t trying to be excellent on the floor. Because we’re excellent on the floor, they realize part of that excellence comes from Christ, I hope."

"Mark Campbell is a terrific coach and an even better person," says Union President David S. Dockery. "He exemplifies the mission, values, and ideals of this university as well as anyone on the entire campus. Union University is indeed blessed to have Mark Campbell to lead our outstanding women’s basketball program."

Excellence on the floor is a given, as Campbell’s career record of 226-36 over seven years is ample evidence. But Campbell is quick to credit others, including former Lady Bulldogs coach David Blackstock, who built the Union women’s program into a national powerhouse, with contributing to his success.

"I’m at a place that allows you to be successful," he says. "We’ve averaged 30 wins a year for the last 20 years. So, I’m not doing anything that anybody hadn’t done before me."

Campbell says the entire environment at Union makes it easy to be a winning coach.

"The school gives us every opportunity to be successful financially with scholarship, with facilities, with tradition, with people who are more concerned about people than winning," he says. "If you can be in a place where people are more concerned about people than winning, and you can still win, that’s a special place."

Blackstock says Campbell has all the ingredients of what makes a winning coach. He’s knowledgeable of the game. He recruits good athletes who come from winning programs. He motivates his players to believe in themselves.

But there’s something extra that Campbell contributes that other coaches don’t.

"Mark has been able to sell the girls on the fact that he cares about them and will demand that they care about each other," Blackstock says. "Once everybody buys into the system and sees that it works, they become confident in their own abilities and in the abilities of their teammates. That’s when you have your good runs. That’s when you win championships."

"I think you sow seeds of what your expectations are from the beginning," Campbell says. "That never changes. Our first team meeting last year in April after we won it, the idea was, we’re going to do it again."

He encouraged this year’s team to look at the banner hanging in the gym. He reminded them that if they didn’t execute, they’d leave early in the tournament. He pointed out how the team was built to win five games in six days.

Even when the team lost three games in a row in December, Campbell wasn’t overly concerned. The team’s point guard, Jennifer Henson, was on the bench with an injury. Still, in each game, the Lady Bulldogs had a chance to win in the last three minutes.

"It turned out at the end that all the pieces improved and got better, and more than anything, the kids really loved each other," Campbell says. "They liked each other on and off the floor. With girls, I think ultimately that’s one of the most important things."

That doesn’t mean the relationship between players and coach is always smooth. Clark can attest to that, as she remembers times during her Union career when she’d be angry at Campbell for getting on to her during practice. She says the feeling was probably mutual.

"His standards are high," Clark says. "I would get mad because I felt like I had done the best I could do, and he wanted better."

Campbell also admits his willingness to be confrontational.

"I don’t mind getting in kids’ faces about things that really matter," he says. "I don’t care if they like me or not when it comes to those things. But I do care if they love me by the end of the year."

Clark, like most of Campbell’s players, will admit that she did.

"You know that when it counts, when it matters, he has your best interests at heart," Clark says. "It doesn’t mean that he’s perfect, but it does mean that deep down he cares and he loves every single one of his players."
Dean Thornbury

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eorgia Alan Thornbury was taking his author and social critic Os Guinness back to the Memphis airport after he had visited Union University for a lecture. “Is there anything you’d like to see in Memphis before you leave?” Thornbury asked. “Oh yes,” Guinness replied. “I’d really like to see Graceland.”

So Thornbury and Guinness ventured to Graceland, where Thornbury gladly provided a tour of Elvis Presley’s home. It was one of the highlights of Thornbury’s life.

C. Ben Mitchell, a friend of Thornbury’s and a professor at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, said it was a perfect match. “He is uniquely qualified to take Os Guinness on a tour of Graceland, because he understands the world of Os Guinness and the world of Elvis equally well,” Mitchell said about Thornbury.

Thornbury, 35, the newly appointed dean of Union’s School of Christian Studies, is indeed comfortable operating in the worlds of theology and pop culture. He reads theological heavyweights like Carl F. H. Henry and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and he loves Bob Dylan and The Beatles.

“He comes about as close to a Renaissance man, in terms of his interests, as I know about,” Mitchell said. “He plays the guitar. He reads theology. He’s interested in popular culture. He goes to plays. Some would say that people like Greg are unfocused, but I would say, no, they’re intellectually gregarious. That’s a wonderful trait.”

Thornbury’s wife, Kimberly, Union’s dean of students, can attest to his love for theology. “A lot of our dating was going through theological books,” Kimberly said. “Unbeknownst to me, I think I had to pass a lot of these theological tests. Our reading list was a lot different than a lot of other couples.”

Greg’s strategy obviously worked. He and Kimberly have been married for 15 years and have two daughters – Katherine, 4, and Carolyn, 2.

Thornbury has been on the Union faculty since 1999, and has directed Union’s Carl F. H. Henry Center for Christian Leadership since 2000.

“Greg Thornbury is perhaps the brightest young theologian in Baptist life today,” Union University President David S. Dockery said. “His deep commitments to the church, to Baptist life, to Union University, to the orthodox Christian faith and to the vision of this institution make him an ideal person to lead the expanding work of the School of Christian Studies.”

A native of Winfield, Pa., Thornbury is the son of John Thornbury, who has been pastor of Winfield Baptist Church for 41 years. For most of his life, Thornbury expected to follow in his father’s footsteps.

“After I received my call into the ministry, that is exactly what I wanted to do – be a preacher and pastor,” Thornbury said. “The sojourn into academics was a divinely appointed diversion.”

Thornbury graduated from Messiah College with a bachelor’s degree in communication. He earned a Master of Divinity degree and a doctorate in philosophical theology from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has also completed additional doctoral studies at Oxford University’s Green College and at Samford University’s Beeson Divinity School.

It’s a deeply humbling experience to be chosen as the leading representative for what is, by any accounting, the finest undergraduate Bible and theology faculty in America,” Thornbury said. “We have a well-rounded, brilliant and culturally-engaged group of scholars here who are doing important work in the kingdom of God. To be their representative, and more broadly, a representative of Union, is an incredible opportunity and an amazing responsibility.”

Thornbury said he envisions the School of Christian Studies being a facilitator of the university’s discussion and dialogue about the implications of the “great Christian intellectual tradition.”

“Obviously, every single discipline in the university has its own unique contribution that it brings to that table,” Thornbury said. “What we can do is help continue to foster that discussion. What does the great Christian intellectual tradition mean in our challenging times?”

He sees Christian colleges like Union as playing a pivotal role in how the Christian community engages the culture.

“If you think through church history, it was usually through the universities that cultural renewal and reformation got started,” Thornbury said.


Thornbury serves as senior fellow for the “Kairos Journal” and is a fellow with the Wilberforce Forum and the Research Institute for the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mitchell said he expects Thornbury to excel in his new role at Union.

“I think he’s one of the true bright spots in the future of Southern Baptist intellectual life,” Mitchell said. “I hope that we will see more accessible scholarship come from Greg’s pen. His gift is, he has all of the erudition and intelligence to mine the deep things for us, but he also has the communication skills to put them at a level that are accessible to the average Christian.”
The declining esteem with which many people hold marriage and the resulting effect on society is a tough issue to tackle in one discussion. So Union University faculty members hosted a workshop in Jackson that spanned three weeks and included contributions from four Union authors.

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Dockery Joins Religious Leaders in Affirming Marriage

Union University President David S. Dockery was among 48 leaders in America’s religious community who signed a letter affirming marriage.

“A Letter from America’s Religious Leaders in Defense of Marriage” is intended as an ecumenical response to those who challenge and oppose traditional marriage.

In addition to Dockery, evangelical leaders such as Chuck Colson, Rick Warren and James Dobson signed the letter. Other signers included Francis Cardinal George, the archbishop of Chicago; Keith Ackerman, the Episcopal Bishop of Illinois; and Rabbis Tzvi Hersh Weinreb, Executive Vice President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations in America. Others are expected to join the original signers.

We need to emphasize basic discipleship — that what it means to be a Christian is more than believing the right thing, more than having the right feelings and the right experiences, but being a committed follower of Jesus Christ in every area of our lives,” he said.

He added that churches should establish appropriate ministries to youth, college students and singles that teach them about effective marriage. In addition the church needs to emphasize pre-marital counseling, minister effectively to those recovering from divorce and remarriage to a biblical model of church discipline.
A stunned husband gathered his two teenaged sons alongside their mother’s hospital bed. They wondered how something like this could happen so quickly.

By every medical indication, 40 year old Mary Ann Deck was dying. She had been living with a heart ailment known as cardiomyopathy. It’s a medical term defined in layman’s terms as disease of the heart muscle. It first showed up after a pregnancy, and Deck had followed her doctor’s orders. But a new job brought higher stress levels. Her uneasy coexistence with cardiomyopathy ended abruptly.

Within three months, her chances for survival spiraled downward.

“It had been 16 years after the time I was first diagnosed, and then all of a sudden (my heart) just failed,” says Deck. “We knew it was going to happen sooner or later.”

Twenty years ago this spring, Mary Ann Deck was given the gift of seeing her two sons through high school, marriage and fatherhood. She became the first woman to receive a heart transplant at the University of Cincinnati. At the time of her critical need, Dr. David Melvin (’64) had already performed 10 heart transplants at Cincinnati’s University Hospital. His surgical suite was about a two-hour drive from Deck’s home in Liberty, Ind.

After discharge, Deck says walking the streets of Liberty was a slow process – and only partially because she was recovering from major surgery.

“It would take me three hours to walk a block downtown. Everybody would stop me and want to talk to me. I had celebrity status.”

The Union University alumnus who performed that ground-breaking surgery also received some public attention, but Deck says he’ll never get the credit he deserves.

“I would not be alive if it weren’t for Dr. Melvin,” says Deck. “I do not know of any finer person on earth.”

MATTERS OF THE HEART

UNION ALUMNUS DAVID MELVIN IS A LEADER IN THE SURGICAL SUITE AND THE RESEARCH LAB

BY MARK KAHLER

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Decip's happy story is one of many that unfolded from 1985-1990, when Melvin ran the heart transplant program at University Hospital.

"You're taking over from a handbook of medical knowledge. Their blood pressures are so low they couldn't really think or do much of anything," says Melvin. "We were able to see those people getting around, playing with their kids or grandkids. Some of them were back to the university in six months."

"It was great. It was gratifying. It makes you feel very humble and very thankful that you can be a part of that.

The first heart transplants are performed in the United States each year. But the procedure started amid very limited success and much skepticism. The body's immune system, one unit to be targeted, was a "real enigma."

"I really had mixed feelings. I was fascinated by the experimental drug cyclosporine, and success stories became a very fine line."

"I had real doubts."

"I did this for long enough."

By 1990, Melvin and his team at University Hospital had performed 100 heart transplant surgeries. "Almost anyone would bask in the financial rewards and the job satisfaction."

"Melvin says he and his team at University Hospital performed 33 heart transplant surgeries in the years that followed."

"The head waiter came over, looked at me for six months."

"As a patient, I would want to know it's not what I'm meant to keep doing."

"The body of basic scientific knowledge now is probably ten times as large as when I was at Union."

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"Melvin has also been an extended family of Cincinnati transplant recipients. Many of them gathered last year to celebrate 20 years of heart transplants at University Hospital."

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ALUMNI NEWS

30'S THIRTIES

Henning Andrews ('38) and his wife, Ella Mae, celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on Dec. 20, 2005. That same month Henning also celebrated his 65th year of pastoral ordination and his 94th birthday.

60'S SIXTIES

Allen Bartlett ('60) has retired from the full time ministry and is now doing transitional interims. He and his wife Alice ('60) live in Belmont, Mo., a suburb of Kansas City. Address: 705 Berkshire Drive, Belmont, MO 64012. E-mail: abartmetcape.com

70'S SEVENTIES

James L. Kirby ('71) has been recognized by his peers for inclusion in the third annual Business Tennessee magazine's 150 Best Lawyers for 2006. He is a member of Business T ennessee magazine's 150 Best

80'S EIGHTIES

Allen Woodhouse, Jr. ('84) has been releasing a CD, most of which is original material, in the spring or summer of 2006. After the CD release he hopes to launch a ministry. Eric Barron, a Union University student, is nearing completion of her master's of public affairs degree from the University of Texas. Barron is School of Public Affairs. She is currently the administrator of community relations for the Texas Youth Commission, the state agency responsible for the most chronic juvenile offenders. She has worked for the commission for ten years. Tamily lives in Austin with her two children: Alex, age 15 and Andrew, age 12. Address: 703 House Creek Drive, Leander, TX 78641. E-mail: vezgata14ojcon.net

90'S NINETIES

Clay Hallmark ('90) was re-elected to a second term as president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention's executive board at the 2005 annual meeting of the ABSC. He is the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Marion, Ark. Address: 515 Apperson Drive, Marion, AR 72364. E-mail: clay@harrisonmark.org

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Matthew Blesker ('93) completed the Florida Ironman Triathlon on Nov. 5, 2005, in Panama City Beach, Fl. He finished the 2.5 mile swim, 112 mile bike and a 26.2 mile run in a time of 12 hours 57 minutes. Address: 3033 Zarthan Ave. S, St Louis Park, MN 55416. E-mail: marathon1995@hotmail.com

Don "Bubba" Holsinger ('94) is pro-moted to senior vice president in the mortgage lending division at FirstBank in the Jackson, Tenn., location. Don is a member of the Kiwanis Club, Leadership Jackson and serves as a football official for Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association. He and his wife, Darra, have three sons. Address: 97 Flagstone, Jackson, TN 38305.

Mary Ruth ('56) and Bob Hundley ('48) have a reputation of being ready and willing volunteers at Union University. "We go every time we're called," says Mary Ruth.

They so willingly give of their time and energy they could be almost considered Union's first responders. When there is a need, Bob and Mary Ruth are there to help. "The Hundleys are always enthusiastic, cooperative and committed," says Gary Williams, associate vice president for advancement and alumni services. "They love Union University and are willing to help out wherever needed." Much of what the Hundleys do is "behind the scenes" work. But last year, the Hundleys.--says Gary Williams.--were able to step up and volunteer at the Hundley Center.

Others favor the seclusion the Hundley Center provides, which allows them to stay focused. "It's definitely a resource that I couldn't have without the Hundleys," says a student. "The resources at the center are like first-responder assistance for many students.

Tyler McMurry ('06), psychology major, credits the above-average math grades to the help he received at the Hundley Center. He also uses staff tutors to proofread his English papers. "It's definitely a resource that I couldn't afford if it weren't offered for free," says McMurry. "I really admire their generosity. It gives students something they wouldn't have otherwise.

"We enjoy being with young people, and we get to know so many people," says the Hundleys. As avid Booster Club supporters, they cheer on the Bulldogs and enjoy many fine arts performances as charter members of the Union University Arts Associates. Mary Ruth is also a charter member of Union Auxiliary in support of student scholarships.

"We're kinda partial to Union," says Mary Ruth. "Bob grins and chimes in with an emphatic "very partial." To find out more about the Hundley Center, go to http://www.uu.edu/programs/hundleycenter/
Brody McMurtry

Law Student, University of Virginia

B rody McMurtry ‘03 takes his summer plans very seriously: Last year, he rafted rivers and climbed mountains in east Africa. He tracked chimpanzees in a tropical rain forest. But he didn’t go to east Africa to become the next great adventure traveler. McMurtry is finishing his second year of law school at the University of Virginia, and his travel commitment is rooted in ensuring the legal rights of the less fortunate. During his visit to Uganda, he heard about people suffering the tragic effects of a prolonged civil war. McMurtry says there are indictments, a rare request in the context of a civil war. McMurtry’s friends thought he was crazy.

“McMurtry found time in his full schedule to climb Mount Kilimanjaro and test his whitewater rafting skills. He admits some of his Ugandan friends thought he was crazy.”

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The Ugandan government has asked the International Criminal Court to issue indictments, a rare request in the context of a civil war. McMurtry says there are existing laws to enable prosecution, but resources for moving forward are limited. McMurtry serves with the International Justice Mission, a group he joined during his days at Union. He teamed with a law professor in Uganda to teach undergraduate criminal liability classes. It was not his first visit to Africa. While a Union student, McMurtry made trips to Zambia and Zimbabwe.

“I encourage students to take advantage of the opportunities that Union offers to see the world.”

“The children are incredibly resilient despite their dire situation and imminent threat of LRA abduction,” says McMurtry. “Many of them dance and sing praises each night when they arrive safely in the city center.”

“The trek up Kilimanjaro was one of the most difficult things I have done in my life.”

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4 and Sally, age 2 months. Address: 573 Melanie Lane, Somerset, KY 42503. E-mail: ryan@comcast.net

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Emily Price ‘03 and Todd Calberson were married Nov. 12, 2005, at Silverdale Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tenn. Emily is an employment and career specialist at Signal Centers in Chattanooga. Todd is a sales representative with Klein-A-Matic in Chattanooga. Address: 7824 Ooltewah-Georgetown Road, Ooltewah, TN, 37363. E-mail: ufisher79@hotmail.com

Rachel Watson ‘03 married Nathan Lesley on Feb. 4, 2006. Rachel is employed by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and Nathan is the worship leader at 24 Church in Pleasant View, Tenn.
Bronda Bonds Davis (’91) and her husband, David, had a daughter, Macall Grace, on Aug. 14, 2005. She was born at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, Ky., and weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and 18.5 inches. Michelle is a stay-at-home mom. She formerly worked for Maybelline while living in Sunnyvale, Calif. They are now living in Lexington, where Matt works for L-3 Communications at the Bluegrass Army Depot as a mechanical engineer. Address: 512 Manor Lane Drive, Nashville, TN 37210. E-mail: heather@griffintechnology.com

Nancy Atkinson-Cherry (’97) and her husband, John, had a daughter, Sarah Kathryn, born on Nov. 4, 2005. She weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 22 inches. They also have a 23-year-old daughter, Kristal and an 18-year-old daughter, Jenna. Nancy serves as an associate professor in Union’s School of Nursing and is working part-time as a youth minister’s assistant in Edwardsburg, Mich. E-mail: wethwalkups@juno.com.

Eric (’98) and Sarah Armstrong Martin (’98) have one daughter, Aubrey Adaline, born Jan. 25, 2006. Eric and Sarah were married Jan. 6, 2001. Eric is the senior pastor of Union Grove Baptist Church, east of Jackson, Tenn., in the Beech Bluff community. He is working on his master of divinity through Southern Seminary. Sarah is teaching kindergarten at Beaver Elementary School in Henderson County. Address: 728 Northwind Loop, Lexington, TN 38351.

Steven (’99) and Stacey Greer Aldridge (’03) are parents of a daughter, Haley Grace, born Dec. 6, 2005. They have been married since Nov. 25, 2005. They are parents to Scott Edward, born on Apr. 25, 2006. Scott Edward weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and 19 inches. Pound Union alum grandparents are Mike (’70) and Sandra (’68) Bledsoe and Gary (’71) and Dale (’71) Williams.

Michelle Diann Smith Hanson (’99) and her husband, Matt, had a daughter, Kharis McKenna, Feb. 3, 2005. She was born at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, Ky., and weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and 18.5 inches. Michelle is a stay-at-home mom. She formerly worked for Maybelline while living in Sunnyvale, Calif. They are now living in Lexington, where Matt works for L-3 Communications at the Bluegrass Army Depot as a mechanical engineer. Address: 512 Manor Lane Drive, Nashville, TN 37210. E-mail: heather@griffintechnology.com

BIRTHS

Omar Hamada (’86) and his wife, Tara, had a son, Nicholas Omar, on Oct. 23, 2005. He was 8 pounds, 9 ounces and 22 inches. His big sisters are 5-year-old sister, Gabriella Maye and 2-year-old sister, Annelle Nicole. Address: 1581 Fawn Creek Road, Brentwood, TN 37027. E-mail: ollahmad@comcast.net

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Bronda Bonds Davis (’91) and her husband, David, had a daughter, Macall Grace, on Aug. 14, 2005. She was born at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, Ky., and weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and 19.5 inches. They also have a 23-year-old daughter, Madison. Bronda is a registered nurse on the mother–baby unit at Jackson Madison County General Hospital. Address: 25 Denim Cove, Jackson, TN 38350. E-mail: bdavis8708@hotmail.com

Gary (’92) and Holly Tignor Johnson (’99) had a son, Miles Rush, on June 24, 2005. He was 7 pounds, 3 ounces and 19.5 inches. Gary is an associate professor and the chair of the men’s and women’s cross-country teams at Union. Holly is currently at home with Miles. Address: 53 Brookside Pond, Jackson, TN 38350. E-mail: gjohnson@uu.edu, hollyjohnson@jxnet.com.

Andrea Lake Walkup (’93) and her husband, Kevin, had a son, Austin West, born July 20, 2005. They have a daughter, Hannah, 5. Address: 404 Bramblewood Circle, Cordova TN 38018. E-mail: jlogan7@pol.net. Jason is on faculty with In His Image Family Medicine Residency and is a registered nurse on the mother-baby unit at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Angela B. Weth Shirley (’96) married Tim Shirley on Aug. 4, 2001. They are the proud parents of Blake Shirley born on April 19, 2004, Brett Shirley born on March 5, 2003, and 15-year-old Patrick Weth Shirley. Address: 8637 Chris Suzzanne Circle, Cordova TN 38018. E-mail: angelica_bbb@Yahoo.com.

Tami Bogue Schrock (’97) and her husband, Tim, welcomed their second son, Landen Paul, on Feb. 5, 2005. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19.5 inches. His big sister is 5-year-old sister, Taten, 4. Tim is a salesman in new home sales and Tami is a stay-at-home mom and Creative Memories consultant in Edwardsburg, Mich. Address: tams5535@aol.com.

Ashley Parker-Tucker (’97) and her husband, Jimmy, had a daughter, Jorea Ann, born on Nov. 30, 2005. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and 21-1/4 inches. Ashley works for World Changers at the Northern American Mission Board in Alpharetta, Ga., as the logistics coordinator and Jimmy works as the technical arts minister for Sugarloaf Community Church in Suwanee, Ga. Address: 2326 Copper Grove Lane, Buford, GA 30518. E-mail: ashleyptucker@tzeroedu.

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Jason Logan (’98) and his wife, Liz, welcomed their first child, Jacob David Logan, who was born on March 7, 2006. Jacob weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches—www.jacob-logan.net. Jason is on faculty with In His Image Family Medicine Residency and is working in emergency rooms in the Tulsa area. Liz is a 2nd year resident at In His Image. They have applied to be on the International Mission Board for full-time service. Address: 6414 S. 30th West Ave., Tulsa, OK 74132 Email: jasonlogan70@yahoo.com.

Christy Vogt Bond (’00) and her husband, Tim, had a daughter, Alex, born on Aug. 26, 2005. Alex was born in St. Louis. Address: 5843 Mango, St. Louis, MO 63129. E-mail: dvogtbond@yahoo.com.

Teresa Capshaw Howell (’00) and her husband, Josy, had a daughter, Cadence Grace, on March 25, 2005. She was 8 pounds, 5 ounces and 20 inches. Teresa is a homemaker and her husband, Josy, is a field engineer for ThyssenKrupp Elevators. Address: 7400 Highway 18, S. P.O. Box 123, Hickory Valley, TN 38042. E-mail: teresa207@wmconnect.com

Michael Slaughter (’00) and his wife, Amber, had a son, Jackson Elton Lee, on Nov. 25, 2005, in Memphis, Tenn. He was 8 pounds, 11 ounces and 21 inches. His siblings are 5-year-old brother, Brennan and 5-year-old sister, Evelyn Grace. Address: P.O. Box 1462, Wylie, TX 75098. E-mail: slaughter484@hotmail.com


Chad (’03) and Holly Coleman Counsino (’03) had a daughter, Abigail Grace, on Oct. 30, 2005. Chad has taken a position as college minister at Shaker continued on page 30 >
Jared and Allison Lynn Reed (’94) are the proud parents of Ella Frances Reed, born Feb. 16, 2006. Ella Frances weighed 8 pounds and 1 ounce. They live in McLemoresville, Tenn., where Allison is a homemaker and Jared works for Laboratory Corporation of American in Jackson. Maternal grandparents are Mike and Beth Lynn (’93); Address: PO Box 261, McLemoresville, TN 38235. E-mail: allisonsaccount@charter.net

MEMORIAM

Berenice Gordon (’31) July 29, 2005 Jackson, Tenn.
Virginia H. Thompson (’33) June 7, 2005 Parsons, Tenn.
Juanita Bell Long (’36) July 26, 2005 Corinth, Miss.
William M. Estes (’43) March 6, 2006 Riverside, Calif.
Robert A. McCoy (’50) June 16, 2005 Jackson, Tenn.
Carolyn Moore Bentley (’90) April 13, 2006 Halls, Tenn.

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