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## Blessings abound at Union

**A**cross the Union community during the fall semester of 2007, we have been giving thanksgiving to God for his blessings to Union University over the past 12 months. At the top of the list is the completion of White Hall, an amazing facility for teaching and research for biology, chemistry, and nursing. We experienced a record year in enrollment, in non-duplicating headcount, in number of donors, and in total gifts to the University. We are grateful for the new partnership with the Olford Center. Union received its highest ranking ever in the annual *U. S. News & World Report* listings. The University was also included among America's 100 Best Buys, Princeton Review's *Best Colleges in the Southeast*, Colleges of Distinction, and the President's Honor Roll for colleges and universities devoted to community service. It has truly been a wonderful year!

In this issue of the *Unionite* are photos and stories representing many of these accomplishments. We recognize that each of these markers are blessings of God and thus our campus-wide commitment to thanksgiving. We ask you to join with us as you read through the magazine.

We are also thankful for the people of the Union community. Union is blessed

with a wise Board of Trustees, generous donors, and loyal alumni who invest their time and resources in the work of this campus. The staff, faculty, and students of this University are special. These gifted and committed people are all working

together, pulling in the same direction to advance a shared mission. Volunteers, advisers, and friends make a difference in the quality of work on a day-to-day basis. It is a joy beyond words to be a part of the Union family on a daily basis.

We continue to move forward toward the completion of the Union 2010 plan.

This vision for excellence calls for the ongoing development of the campus. At the forefront of the current plan is the development of a new women's dorm and a beautiful new 600-seat banquet facility. Numerous other campus renovations have the Jackson campus looking better than ever. We will also begin exploring ways to enhance the work of the Germantown campus.

For God's blessings to Union in recent days, many of which are represented in this issue, we offer our thanksgiving to God and invite you to join us in a spirit of gratitude. For the prayers, gifts, encouragement, and visible manifestations of support from so many, we are indeed grateful.



*Soli Deo Gloria*

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