Sandra Andrews Robertson strolled through the old Union University campus in downtown Jackson – a place where she hadn’t been in 50 years.

The memories came flooding back. She recalled the excitement of pledging Chi Omega her freshman year. An only child, Robertson said that day was special because it gave her a whole batch of sisters for the first time.

She pointed to the old women’s dorm – Lovelace Hall – and noted how ill-fitting that name was for the building.

“It was anything but loveless, because there was all kinds of courting that would go on on the front porch,” she said.

Robertson was one of the members of the class of 1959 who came to Jackson in November for Union’s annual Homecoming celebration. As part of the weekend’s activities, the class members took a tour of the old Union campus. Union left that site and moved to its present location in 1975.

“It gives you a lot of memories and support for Union University and how far they’ve gone in the last 50 years,” said Jerald Hill, also a member of the class of 1959, who toured the old campus. “This is something you won’t ever forget.”

Homecoming 2008, “Extreme Makeover: Union Edition,” gave alumni a chance to visit the Union campus to see how it has changed since the Feb. 5 tornado that wiped out most of the student housing buildings.

Visitors to campus toured the new student housing facilities, reconnected with old friends and celebrated the achievements of a number of Union students and alumni who were honored during the weekend’s events.

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60's SIXTIES

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70's SEVENTIES

Denise McCarty ('73) has recently been promoted to the Southeast regional vice president of Community Education Partners. The Nashville-based company works in partnership with school districts to provide an alternative setting to help low achieving and disruptive students. Denise received her educational leadership master's degree from Nova University. She has spent 20 years coaching girls' basketball in the Orange County public schools and is recognized as one of Florida's most successful coaches with 399 wins. She was selected to the Jackson-Madison County Sports Hall of Fame in 2002. Address: 2869 Marsha Court, Orlando, FL 32806.

Doloris J. Williams ('73) has been named the new director of workforce development for the Greater Memphis Chamber. Williams was an economic development representative for Memphis Light, Gas and Water and recently retired from her employment there after 29 years of service. In her new position, Williams says she will pursue partnerships with business, education and training operations. “I will work to identify the skills that are needed in the work force to promote growth.”

Harvey Grounds ('74) and Linda Allen Grounds ('74). Harvey serves on the board of directors for Chattanooga Inc., where he has been in management since 1991. He also owns Harvey Grounds Coins—dealing in American silver and gold coins. Linda taught English at the college level for 15 years and is now self-employed editing books and writing neighborhood newsletters. She recently edited a novel by Harold Torak. Their one daughter, Sara, and her husband, Adam Thomasณา, graduated from law school in May 2008. Address: 6571 Hickory Brook Road, Chattaanooga, TN 37423. E-mail: ramble creek122671@yahoo.com

Mike Hardy ('75) has retired in East Tennessee. Address: 598 Coon Creek Road, Sunbright, TN 37872.

Rick A. Myer ('75) is the director of the Center for Crisis Intervention and Prevention at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa. E-mail: myerar@mail.duq.edu

Ray Delaney Hart ('78) was named the West Tennessee Grand Division Teacher of the Year at its annual banquet held in Nashville. Kay was one of the top three teachers in the state for 2008. She teaches English, drama and creative writing at Scotts Hill High School in Henderson County. Address: 31905 Highway 104 S., Reagan, TN 38368. E-mail: harleGr4k12tn.net

Ramona Vance ('78) and her husband David recently celebrated 28 years of marriage. They have three children and two grandchildren. Their son, U.S. Army Spec. Christopher Vance, has a son, 8-month-old Colton. Their daughter, Marcia V. Davis, lives in Hattiesburg, Miss., and has a 6-month-old daughter, Autumn Elyse. A second son, Michael J. Vance lives in Louisville, Miss. Ramona is a self-employed registered nurse working as a nurse consultant specializing in long term care — www.ram cannon.com. Address: PO. Box 10865, Jackson, TN 38308. E-mail: myhappyhourinpensivetango@gmail.com

Glen Moore ('79) has been named the president-elect for the 5,000-member Memphis Area Association of Realtors® for 2009 and serves on the board of directors for the Tennessee Association of Realtors®. He is principal broker and owner of Glenn Moore Realty in Collierville, Tenn. In 2007 he was elected to the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations’ Board of Reserve. See the Board’s website at uuaco.org for the 2009-10 board of directors’ annual convention. He also serves on the board of directors for Page Roberts Adult Day Care Center (Alzheimer’s) in Collierville, Tenn. Address: 1260 Tyler Place, Cordova, TN 38018. Email: glenn@glennmoore.com

80's EIGHTIES

Leo Percer ('82) was appointed program director for the new Doctor in Theology and Apologetics degree at Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary in January 2008. Percer had been instrumental in the program's start-up. He and his wife Lisa are leaders in a new Sunday school class for graduate students and young professionals at Thomas Road Baptist Church. Address: 186 Tanglewood Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24502-4014. E-mail: PercerL@uno.edu

Carol Morris Sikler ('85) was licensed to the gospel ministry by the Miami American Baptist Church USA in May 2008. Carol has served as choir director and adult Sunday school teacher since the death of her husband, Charles T. “Chuck” Sikler (’80) in 2003. She continues to work in the agricultural and biological engineering department at Purdue University. Address: 2300 Estancia Lane, Lafayette, IN 47909. E-mail: sikler@purdue.edu

Thomas Smith ('85) and Donna Dunavant Smith ('85) have relocated to Golden, Colo., with their daughter, Alex. Donna assumed the role of vice president for Intrawest Shared Services. Intrawest resorts are found in some of the world’s most spectacular settings including Canadian Mountain Holidays, the largest heli-skiing operation in the world. Address: PO. Box 16520, Golden, CO 80402. E-mail: tesmith@earthlink.net