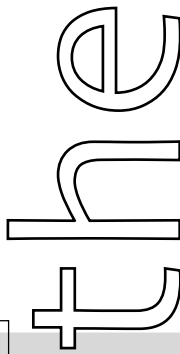


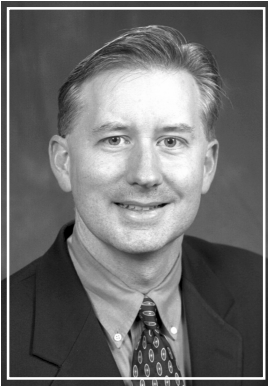
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Your Alumni Connection to Union University



Welcome to the first edition of Union University's new alumni newsletter. I hope this will be a tool for you to not only reconnect with old friends but also with the University as a whole. Your National Alumni Association is working for the mutual benefit of you and Union, through ways such as increasing the attractiveness of Homecoming and producing this newsletter to keep you informed. I know that Gary Williams, Executive Director of Alumni Services, is very committed to these tasks. I am also very appreciative of the renewed support for alumni relations demonstrated by University President Dr. David S. Dockery and the entire Union administration.

My primary goal as President of the National Alumni Association is to keep you informed about and connected with Union University. I know that new graduates have every intention of remaining involved in the life of their alma mater...and then life gets in the way. Unfortunately, many alumni never quite reconnect later...and both alumni and school are the poorer for this.

This is why it is so important to keep you informed with what's going on at Union. Fortunately, Union's current success is self-evident. The Alumni Association just needs to expose you to the school so that you can see it for yourself.

There are a couple of immediate ways this can be accomplished. One, obviously, is through this newsletter. Hopefully this will fill the void in information between publications of the *Unionite*. Next, let me encourage you to check out Union's excellent web site at www.uu.edu. It is updated frequently and has a wealth of information, including alumni e-mail addresses (is yours current?). Finally, let me strongly encourage each of you to plan now to attend Homecoming 2002 to be held on our campus the weekend of February 8-9. I extend this invitation to all alumni but particularly to our alumni of the last 25 years. This latter group has been under represented at Homecoming in recent years. We really want to see you at Homecoming and our National Alumni Association is working to add family friendly activities to attract those of you with young children. Please make every effort to attend.

If you have any suggestions for this newsletter or for how the National Alumni Association can serve you, please contact Gary Williams or myself through Alumni Services at Union. Have a great Fall!

Steve Maroney
President, National Alumni Association

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GOOD NEWS from Gary... *Executive Director of Alumni Services*

This is the inaugural issue of a new alumni newsletter that will come to you approximately three times per year, in between issues of *The Unionite*. It is our desire to maintain the highest level of communication with you, our alumni and friends of the University, the heart and soul of the university's alumni community. It is our hope and desire that this newsletter will help you to know what's happenin', when, and where, knowing that you are always invited and encouraged to be a part of the university's life and outreach to our constituents.

The fall season is off to a great start at your *alma mater*. With a near record enrollment in our Freshman Class and a record enrollment of over 2,600 students on the Jackson and Germantown campuses, we are seeing record numbers of quality students come to the university. It is very exciting to see what God is doing in our midst.

In light of recent national and world events, please know that your university has taken a proactive posture in assisting our students and the community at large in dealing with these critical issues. Not only are we in a state of persistent prayer and concern for our world situation, but we are constantly in a state of heightened awareness to assist our students, staff, and faculty in dealing with these critical issues.

The Alumni Services work is off and running with alumni chapter meetings already underway in the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex Area, the Nashville Area, Northeast Mississippi meeting in Tupelo, Carroll-Benton Alumni and Friends meeting in Huntingdon, Weakley Countians in Dresden and Memphis Area-Wide in Germantown. Unfortunately as you receive this newsletter, most of these meetings will have already taken place. Be watching in subsequent issues for Spring Alumni Meetings.

Union continues to be ranked as one of the premier universities in the South by *U.S. News and World Report*. After being in the top ten of Southern liberal arts colleges last year, the university has moved to a new category that includes many larger private and public universities. We are proud to announce that your alma mater has been ranked in the top tier of the new category, Best Universities – Master's!

BE MAKING YOUR PLANS FOR HOMECOMING 2002!!! This year's dates for Homecoming are February 8-9, with student activities preceding the weekend events all week long. The theme for this year's Homecoming is "UNDER CONSTRUCTION: THE EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING!!" As you return to the campus, you will note tremendous changes that are taking place in the physical look and make-up of the campus and its landscape. Don't miss this opportunity to take a look and enjoy a tremendous time with your fellow alumni at this year's homecoming. What will make it special for YOU is if YOUR friends are present for Homecoming 2002. Give 'em a call and make sure that you gather for Homecoming 2002 on February 8 and 9. A full color brochure is forthcoming in November with a new list of "family friendly" activities that you are sure to enjoy!

CHECK OUT THE "BULLDOG SHOPPE" - our new on-line Union University memorabilia store and gift shop. Check us out at www.uu.edu and click on the "Bulldog Shoppe."

ALUMNI TRAVEL PROGRAM -This year's travel experience to Alaska was a tremendous adventure. Thirty-five alumni and friends cruised on the Dawn Princess for eight glorious days of wonderful fellowship, food, relaxation, and scenery. While we will be planning for many wonderful travel opportunities for our alumni and friends in the future, unfortunately our "Reformation Tour" to Germany and Switzerland, originally scheduled for late June and early July, has been postponed due to recent national and world events. For more information on the travel program, please contact the Office of Alumni Services at 1-800-338-6644.

Thanks for the opportunity of serving you. Please keep in contact by calling Belinda Moss or me in the Office of Alumni Services. Be certain to use the toll free number, 1-800-338-6644, which is provided just for you. We look forward to hearing from you!!

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GATHERINGS



Dr. James Eaves, '49, and wife, Jean, '49, receive commemorative 50-year Reunion Medallions from President David Dockery and Executive Director of Alumni Services, Gary Williams, at the Dallas/Ft. Worth Alumni Chapter meeting held at "The Hermitage", home of Thad and Dr. Alicia Wilkerson Smotherman, '63.



Above: Kent Freeman, Associate Vice-President for Institutional Advancement, Union University, enjoys alumni and friends fellowship at the Tupelo/Northeast Mississippi Chapter Meeting with hosts Mike and Trish Weeks, Martha Robinson, '81, Todd Brady, University Minister, and Bob Robinson. Mr. Weeks is a trustee of the University.

Left: Dr. Chip and Rita, '74, Christian share their meticulously restored 1850's antebellum home with Union University Alumni and Friends at the Carroll-Benton Counties Chapter Meeting. Also pictured is University Alumni Director, Gary Williams.



Dr. Bill Northcott, '70, President of the Nashville Area Alumni Chapter, and wife, Sandra, '92, enjoy fellowship with Dr. and Mrs. J. L. "Pete", '50, Ford, meeting hosts, at their Brentwood, Tennessee home.

YOUR NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Each year during the Homecoming Alumni Awards Luncheon, the National Alumni Association elects the President and the Board of Directors. The President is elected to serve a two-year term while the Board members are elected to a three-year term, with one-third of the Board rotating off each year after the spring alumni Board Retreat following Homecoming. Your National Alumni Association Board of Directors is currently composed of the following members:

ROTATING OFF THE BOARD, SPRING, 2002:

Dr. Bob Agee, '60, Jackson, Tennessee
Ms. Denise Bell, '80, Jackson, Tennessee
Mr. Brent Housman, '95, Paducah, Kentucky
Mr. Bob Hundley, '48, Jackson, Tennessee
Mr. J. Lyle Smith, '74, Jackson, Tennessee

ROTATING OFF THE BOARD, SPRING, 2003:

Mr. Lonnie Searcy, '70, Jackson, Tennessee
Mr. Frank Christie, '86, Humboldt, Tennessee
Dr. J.L. "Pete" Ford, '50, Brentwood, Tennessee
Mr. Pat Carrington, '99, Jackson, Tennessee

ROTATING OFF THE BOARD, SPRING, 2004:

Ms. Virginia Dickinson, '49, Denmark, Tennessee
Ms. Melinda Leake, '89, Jackson, Tennessee
Mr. Eddie Yaun, '77 Germantown, Tennessee
Mr. Jerome Teel, '89, Jackson, Tennessee
Rev. Paul B. Clark, Jr., '75, Franklin, Tennessee

Your National Alumni Association Board of Directors meets twice per year, usually in early November and April. If you would like to be considered as a nominee for the National Alumni Association Board of Directors, please let us know in the Office of Alumni Services by December 1, 2001. The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors will be making its recommendations for new Board members at Homecoming 2002. You may call Gary Williams, Executive Director of Alumni Services at 1-800-338-6644.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION FOR THIS YEAR'S
HOMECOMING 2002 ALUMNI AWARDS?**

Faculty, staff, alumni and friends are encouraged to submit their nominations for awards given annually, recognizing significant accomplishment and/or services to the University, their community, or their profession. Please submit your nomination by December 1, listing the name/names of the persons you are nominating, a resume on the nominee, and a cover letter with your recommendations stating your relationship to the nominee. Awards and criteria are listed below.

THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA/ALUMNUS AWARD: Based on distinction in one's profession and for bringing honor and recognition to Union University through that profession.

THE DISTINGUISHED FACULTY/STAFF AWARD: A salute to long and meritorious service to Union University by an employee of the University.

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: Based on service to mankind and/or to Union University by an alumnus of the University.

THE HONORARY ALUMNUS/ALUMNA AWARD: For outstanding service to the University by someone who has not attended Union University

THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARD: Presented to one, age 35 or younger, who shall have a record of significant accomplishment in professional life and for service to University or the world.

Nominations must be received in the Alumni Services Office by December 1, 2001, and should be sent to Mr. Gary N. Williams, Executive Director of Alumni Services, 1050 Union University Drive, Jackson, Tennessee 38305, OR fax your nominations to (731) 661-5495. Nominations received after this date will not be considered.