Churchill speaks of grandfather’s legacy, warns of terrorism threat

radical Islam poses to Western civiliza-
tion is a threat similar to that of the
Nazis and the Soviets, Winston S.
Churchill told the audience at Union
University’s 10th annual Scholarship
Member of Parliament and grandson of the
former British prime minister – spoke to a
crowd of about 1,800 at an event that
raised more than $500,000 for school
scholarships.

“Together we have overcome far more
powerful enemies than those that assaul
ted us today,” Churchill said. “I have every confi-
dence that, in confronting this new chal-
henge, America and Britain – together with our
allies – can prevail and shall prevail, just
as we have triumphed in the past.”

Churchill spoke about his grandfather’s
crusade against the Nazis and the Soviets, and
his efforts to win the support of
Franklin D. Roosevelt in the fight.

“By the power of his oratory, he persuad-
ed his fellow countrymen – though the sit-
uation seemed hopeless – not to surrender
in those crucial weeks of late May/early
June 1940, when all effective resistance to the
Nazis on the continent of Europe had
come to an end and many, including the
friends of Britain abroad, thought that we
were finished.”

The former prime minister also spoke
about the dangers of Islamic fundamental-
ism 85 years ago, and the younger
Churchill said recent events have proven his
grandfather to be prophetic.

Churchill concluded his remarks by
judging the essence of leadership, as
embodied by his grandfather.

“It comprises many elements: knowledge,
wisdom, prescience, honor and courage,”
Churchill said. “At Winston Churchill him-
self declared, ‘Courage is rightly esteemed
as the first and noblest quality in war.’”

Engineering program gets ABET accreditation

Union University’s bachelor’s degree pro-
gram in engineering has been accredit-
ed by the Engineering Accreditation
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The announcement in early September
capped a process that began in 2001, when
Union hired Don Van to chair the university’s
new engineering department.

Under ABET policies, no school is able to
apply for accreditation until at least one class
has graduated. The first class of engineering
students began in the 2001-2002 academic
year, and graduated in 2005. Union applied
immediately after that graduation.

The ABET accreditation is retroactive to
2004, so all Union engineering graduates
can say they completed an accredited pro-
gram of study.

Churchill said Graham’s speech was a
“realistic view of where we are, where we’ve been and
what we’re facing.”

“Hopefully it will be beneficial to Union
students who are preparing their informa-
tive years in their life, shaping their world-
view and of what we’ve got to contend with in
the next 20-25 years,” Boston said.

Previous keynote speakers for the
Scholarship Banquet were Bob Dole, George
H.W. Bush, Margaret Thatcher, Mikhail
Gorbachev, Rudy Giuliani, John Major,
Golin Powell, James Baker and Lou Holz.
Teel Releases First Novel

Jerome Teel (‘89) has written a novel that tells a story about the impact Christians can have on the political landscape at the local, state and national levels.

Published by Howard Books, ‘The Election’ is Teel’s debut novel. According to a release from the publisher, Teel became motivated to write the book when he heard author John Grisham speak in one of his law classes at the University of Mississippi. “The Election” is a fast-paced, highly readable mystery filled with suspense, intrigue and political conspiracy,” President David S. Dockery said about Teel’s book. “In developing the exciting and complex story, Teel skillfully weaves together important themes like faith, family, suffering and providence in a way that not only compels, but even enlightens.”

Teel is past president of Union’s National Alumni Association. He is an attorney in Jackson, Miss., where he lives with his wife Jennifer and their three children. ♦

Union Forum ’07 to explore equality of opportunity

The ninth annual Union Forum will focus on the theme “People Focused: Equality of Opportunity in America,” and will feature a nationally syndicated columnist as well as the author of a much-discussed new book. Columnist Mona Charen will address the first forum Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007. National Public Radio host and author Joan Williams speaks at the second forum Wednesday, March 7.

Charen’s column is featured in more than 200 daily newspapers. She spent six years as a regular commentator on CNN’s “The Capital Gang.” Charen remains a frequent guest on television and radio programs and has served as a judge of Pulitzer Prize entries. Joan Williams is a senior correspondent for NPR news and a contributing political analyst for the Fox News Channel. During his 21-year career with the Washington Post, Williams covered the White House, served as an editorial writer and as a columnist. A critically acclaimed author, Williams’ latest book is entitled “Enough: The Phony Leaders, Dead-End Movements, and Culture of Failure That Are Undermining Black America—and What We Can Do About It.” He also wrote the bestseller “Eyes on the Prize. America’s Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965,” and a biography of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

Union Forum lunches in 2006 drew large crowds, and early table reservations are advised for 2007. Individual seats are also available. For more information, call the Office of University Relations at 661-8950. ♦

New Fesmire Field House gives Union top-notch athletic facility

Union University dedicated the new Fesmire Field House late this summer, adding a major facility that provides student athletes with resources rarely found at smaller universities.

The field house will support the soccer teams, the men’s and women’s tennis teams, and the softball team, which includes a 9,374-square-foot turf room, locker rooms and showers for each home and visiting team, a 1,200-square-foot turfi room, locker rooms and showers for each home and visiting team, and a 9,374-square-foot building, while MG Construction Co. built the facility. ♦

Lady Bulldogs seek national championship three-peat

Michelle Campbell’s Lady Bulldogs opened the season for the second straight year as the defending NAIA National Champions. The 2006 national title is the third for Union in eight years (1998, 2005, and 2006). Only two other current NAIA schools have won more women’s basketball national titles in the NAIA than Union (Southern Nazarene has seven and Oklahoma City University has four.

Union lost three seniors from last season, two of which were starters. Tiffany Fisher and Jennifer Henson combined for just 15.4 points per game last season but the leadership will be greatly missed. To underscore Henson’s importance, consider that during the past two seasons, Union lost a combined 11 games, and Henson missed all of those losses due to injury.

But Union returns four leading scorers from the 2006 national title team; Josephine Owino (12.3 points per game), Eva Daniels (11.7), Natunya Smith (12.1), and Crystal Eason (8.5). Meredith Richardson suffered a season-ending injury in an early-season win over Houston Baptist.

All-State player Katrina Dudley from Gibson County joins three other new players to complete the Lady Bulldog roster. Campbell is the NAIA’s winningest active coach, with a .226-.36 record. ♦

Bulldogs build on successful 2005-06 regular season

Head coach Ralph Turner’s Bulldogs will build on an astounding regular season last year in which they attained a top ranking in the NAIA Division I poll for the first time in school history. In fact, Union was an impressive 9-4 against teams ranked in the final NAIA poll, and was the only team to beat No. 1 Mountain State twice during the regular season.

This season, Union is eying a ninth NAIA national tournament appearance in the past 10 seasons. The Bulldogs lost two of their top three scorers from last year; Kesley Sellers (14.2 points per game) and Corey Burket (12.6). But they have added some talented newcomers.

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McMillin to Serve in New Post

Barbara McMillin has been appointed as acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. McMillin has served on the Union faculty since 1992 and has been dean of the School of Arts and Sciences since 1999.

Her new role, she will oversee the work of faculty development, curriculum development, undergraduate research programs, and will serve as a liaison with many of the accreditation bodies to which the university relates.

Her work will include directing the Center for Faculty Development, which has received national recognition in recent years.

McMillin has also served as professor of English, and as chairperson of the English department during her tenure at Union. "Barbara McMillin is a skilled administrator who loves this institution," President David S. Dockery said. “She is the consummate team player, and someone who is always working to advance the cause of Christ-centered higher education in her support of faculty and institutional programs. Dockery also announced the appointment of Gene Fust, current chair of the department of English and English education, as acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. A search process for a permanent dean will be announced later in the fall. ♦

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