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“At the end of the day, you have to believe in your work, regard it highly and commit it to service, but not—do not let yourself be hemmed in,” Gregory says. “I’ve never been a person who has been sort of, I don’t know, pigeonholed.”

After graduation, he spent two more years on campus working under the careful eye of professor Lee Benson. He remembers being assigned to make 250 pieces in five days of work. At week’s end, Gregory and Benson picked 25 for firing and scrapped the rest.

“One thing that I think was important was the 250 piece project. It was sort of, I don’t think about it. I put my hands into the clay and they go to work,” says Gregory.

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Rose Snider (’95) relocated to the Indianapolis area in January 2006, to accept a position as an adolescent re-entry counselor with Community Addiction Services of Indiana Inc. Snider’s responsibilities include facilitating a daily group with females at the Indiana Juvenile Correctional Facility and implementing a program which will assist girls as they are released and returned to their communities. Address: 12340 Brooks School Road, Fishers, IN 46307. E-mail: rsnider@communityaddictionservices.org

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Ray Gregory (’97) Owner, Spero Pottery, Corinth, Miss.

Ray Gregory skillfully works the clay on his potter’s wheel. He applies even, sturdy pressure and molds the piece, his hands know just what to do. So say he has a foundered hand. As Gregory’s hands deftly shape and finish vessels, so Union University has shaped and fashioned him.

“Spero is the Latin word for hope.”

“I like the verse in the Bible—God watching over the birds of the air and it reminds me of his promise and hope,’” Gregory says. Entering Union as a freshman, Gregory says he did feel the promises of God. The campus was inviting, people were friendly and professors took a personal interest in him.

“The professors were very involved in each student. They helped you find your voice in whatever area you were going into,” says Gregory. “I didn’t realize then how blessed I was to have that.”

After graduation, he spent two more years on campus working under the careful eye of professor Lee Benson. He remembers being assigned to make 250 pieces in five days of work. At week’s end, Gregory and Benson picked 25 for firing and scrapped the rest.

“When I went home at night and relaxed on the couch, my hands were still moving. It broke my hands in—now, I don’t think about it. I put my hands into the clay and they go to work,” says Gregory.

The culling and choosing taught him not to hang on to his work—an important process in becoming a potter and artist.

“It was a pivotal lesson burned into my mind,” says Gregory. “An artist wants to believe in his work, regard it highly and commit it to service, but not make an idol of it.”

Mickey Hannon (’88) has been named executive vice president and chief executive officer at Memphis-based Hardieport Hospitality Inc. Prior to joining Hatchett, Hannon was a certified public accountant and small business specialist for 14 years with Horne LLP, a regional accounting firm based in Jackson. He and his family have relocated to the Memphis area and live in Olive Branch, Miss.
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Terri McCook Barshay ('97) lives in Florida with Jason, her husband of almost 9

Katie and Samuel. Visit them on the

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MARRIAGES

Alan Joiner (‘99) married Lori Flemmer on July 15, 2006. Lori is the Houston regional
director for Campus Crusade for Christ. Alan works for Cigo Petroleum. Address:

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He will help manage about 80 staff

Their secondary son, Eli, in July. Address: 7155

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Robyn Agee Hari ('86)
Certified Financial Planner, Hari & Asoc., PC
Brentwood, Tenn.

Robyn Agee Hari's roots run deep with Union University. Her grandmother, Kate Stewart Agee, attended Union in 1929, but the economics of the Great Depression prevented her from completing a degree. One year of college did qualify her to teach, so she supported her family as a teacher’s salary.

Hari’s father Bob Agee ('60), served as vice president of religious affairs at Union during her middle and high school years.

Her mother, sister and husband, Rod Hari—a former Bulldog baseball player—are all Union alums, too.

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“arly, I have a son, Caleb, age 2. Rod is a teacher, and we have a daughter, Mya, age 3. Mya was born in China on Dec. 27, 2005. Mya’s twin brother, Noah, was born in China on Oct. 27, 2005. Mya weighs 7 pounds and 11 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Noah weighs 7 pounds and 11 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

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“My desire for those who come after me at Union is a continued providing of great academics and an atmosphere that will help them grow in their relationship with Christ,” says Hari. “So they will be productive citizens who desire to serve and minister in any vocation.”

As a financial advisor, Hari manages about $65 million in investments. She uses both expertise and compassion as she guides clients in planning their financial futures.

“Some are widowed women and I help them understand investments and make decisions,” says Hari. “I’m sensitive to others and try to minister to them through my gifts.”
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ALUMNI NEWS

Brian ’02 and Rachel Moomney ’05 are parents of William Bradley, born on April 4, 2006. He weighed 8 pounds and was 22 1/2 inches.

Lake ’02 and Nicole Wilkes Eaton ’02 are the proud parents of a baby boy, Wilkes Tyler, born on May 30, 2006. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches.

Kelly Rhodes Paschall ’03 married Clint Paschall in December 2004. Their son, Jacob Edward, was born on Oct. 9, 2005. For two of her past three years of teaching at Henry County High School, Kelly has been nominated for “Who’s Who Among American Teachers.” Address: 225 Old Caldwell Road, Puryear, TN 38251.

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