Union Auxiliary Receives Second Endowed Scholarship

Friends of Union University’s 15th president have honored the first couple and the Union Auxiliary with the establishment of the David and Lanese Dockery Endowed Scholarship. In December of 2003 the seed money for the endowment was given in honor of the significant and lasting contributions that Dr. and Mrs. David S. Dockery continue to provide for Union University. Those initial gifts grew in February when Lanese was honored by ARAMARK Food Services with a surprise 50th birthday party. Many of the Union Auxiliary membership made contributions to the Dockery Scholarship in honor of Lanese. Including this gift and the Morris Crocker Endowed Scholarship, donations to the Union Auxiliary now exceed $162,000.00.

Annual Spring Luncheon

Noon, Thursday, April 29
Speakers: Paula Hemphill & Dan Shackelford

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Set for April 29th

Ms. Paula Hemphill and Mr. Dan Shackelford will be our speakers for the 2004 Union Auxiliary Spring luncheon.

Paula works for the International Mission Board’s Office of Mobilization and served for nine years as the first lady of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Her involvement in women’s ministry has led her to service as a retreat leader, conference speaker, and workshop teacher in over forty countries. She and her husband, Ken, currently reside in Nashville, Tennessee, where Ken serves as the National Strategist for the Southern Baptist Convention’s Empowering Kingdom Growth.

Paula has three grown daughters and considers her calling to be “mobilizing women to pray and actively support Christ’s great commission to disciple all peoples.”

Dan Shackelford is a 2001 Union University graduate and the grandson of Dr. Elzie and Dottie Danley. He recently returned to the states after serving as a journeyman in Brazil with the International Mission Board. He currently is an intern at Wynne Baptist Church and is studying at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary. Dan will discuss his two years of church planting and evangelism in Brazil.
From the President …

Spring is showing up everywhere as we watch grass turn green and tulips and daffodils poke their heads above the surface of the earth. The beauty of God’s creation is a daily reminder of His great love for us.

I am reminded of the great love you showed on me during the celebration of my 50th birthday. Over 90 women sent gifts of over $8,000 toward the Dockery Endowed Scholarship through the Auxiliary. You have made me feel so special and to know that futures students will benefit from these scholarships gifts made it a most joyful birthday. Thank you. Thank you.

A nominating committee has been selected to obtain some new officers beginning with the Fall of 2004, in accordance with our by-laws. Nelle Agey, Dot Ann Colberth, and Dot Leathers have agreed to serve in this capacity.

It has been a great privilege for me to observe the wonderful relationship-building and punt ministry Ramona Mercir has brought to the Union Auxiliary through her work with students of missionaries. As a retired missionary in Japan, she had tremendous resources and understanding to invest in the lives of MKs. This effort began long before the Union Auxiliary was birthed. In 1993 Ramona, along with missionaries-in-residence Randy and Cindy Poole, began meeting with MKs offering them support and love. These official meetings twice a month in her home or on outings for the students. She has really served as a dual capacity with the Auxiliary and Campus Ministries. Only God knows the many prayers she has prayed, meals she has prepared, trips she has taken to airports, and the humor she has listened ear before made available to so many of our MKs. It is with great understanding, but regret, that she is stepping down from these roles at the end of the school year.

The good news is that she will still serve in an advisory role and help when needed. Ramona, we love you and know that God is only One who can truly reward you for your service.

Another departure for the executive committee is Mary Ann Poe. She has been chairperson of the Scholarship Committee from the beginning of the Union Auxiliary. She has overseen the awarding of 22 scholarships for students and two gifts for booklets for the Germantown Campus. Mary Ann gave great leadership as Chair of the Work Force Department at Union. We asked Mary Ann to serve for two years and she has given us five. How thankful we are for her insights and wisdom as the scholarships were awarded. Louise Bentley has agreed to share the Scholarship Committee.

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According to her duties with the Auxiliary, the Union by the Mrs. Dockery’s Program and in their Sunday School as well. She is always ready to provide a meal or a helping hand when asked. Sandra will soon be taking her expertise to the Students of Missions Committee where she has agreed to serve as the new chairperson. Sandra Williams has agreed to chair the International Students Committee.

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Focus on...International Students Committee

Behind the scenes of Union’s many international student activities you’ll usually find two ladies with a Union Auxiliary connection.

Melinda Jordan and Sandra Fowler, through the International Students Committee, not only provide periodic “goodie” bags for students around mid-terms and finals, but they also plan and host an annual Christmas party at the President’s residence, and give day to day support for Union students for away from their homes.

Melinda has worked with Union University interna- students for the last nine years. She was Union’s convener for a medical mission trip in 1995 and soon became its first International Student Liaison. She is responsible for coordinating orientations for both international students and MS, as well as helping them learn to navigate the university and the Jackson community.

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