Dear Cardinal & Cream Readers,

At least one of you thought this week, “I don’t want to be here.” I want to go to a different school.” You’re coping with everything from the choice of a major to larger problems like eating disorders, depression, homesickness, loneliness or suicidal thoughts. Maybe your parents are in the large percentage that decided to divorce when they found an “empty nest.” You’re not the same person you were last year. You’re not even the same person that you were last week.

The average university student today faces very real problems and very critical life choices. This letter is a reminder that our God, the God whom is truly seeking God, I don’t think Guthrie saying, “As long as you’re practicing, I would remember Dr. Moore taught me to teach English during Contemporary Life and Practice, I would remember Dr. Gushee told me I should study ethics, but now I'm thinking about Ph.D. work in the area.

When I sat in biology, I didn't know that Ms. Norton would several years later encourage me with an e-mail when I was coping with culture shock. I didn't realize until several years later encourage me with an e-mail when I was coping with culture shock. I didn't realize during Contemporary Life and Practice, I would remember Dr. Guthrie saying, “As long as you’re truly seeking God, I don’t think He’ll let you go outside this will,” when faced with overwhelming choices.

The list of my Union faith heroes could go on forever and includes faculty, security guards, cafeteria workers, resident directors, and even some of this year’s freshman class!

When I sat in the classrooms of Union University, I didn’t know that I was acquiring a heritage that would follow me the rest of my life. I was quite aware that God was doing big things in my life at the time. Little did I know that, even then, He was doing even bigger things in the rest of my life! I just want to remind you to cherish your learning and these relationships you're part of a bigger picture than you can imagine.

There are people all around you with listening ears and listening hearts to deal with the situations you're facing. They truly cherish you and they're giving you the stepping stones across the rapids of life. They're giving you the treasure you with listening ears and listening hearts to deal with the situations you're facing. They truly cherish you and they're giving you the stepping stones across the rapids of life. They're giving you the
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In Christ,
Laura Marie Rector
Class of ’99

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“i want it that way

“What is your opinion on the new No Smoking Policy?”

“I think it’s a great step for Union and it’ll make Union more appealing to upcoming students and their parents.”

TIM VAN CLEARE
freshman, undecided

“I think people need to be given room to make their own decision. Be it bad ones or good, we are all young adults now.”

MANDY BOGGS
senior, youth ministry

“It was a very hard decision for me but I think it’ll make Union more appealing to upcoming students and their parents.”

RYAN SHUNEMAN
junior, art

“C.S. Lewis smoked. No one ran him off campus.”

ERIC BOTBYL
senior, art

“I think as long as we keep our butts off the grass and stay outside, then there won’t be any trouble.”

Amanda Boggs
senior, youth ministry