Channing Way changes name

By Chrissy Gann
Staff Writer

Channing Way is on its way to becoming Union University Drive. After the closure of the Highway 45 bypass entrance, Channing Way became the path for students traveling toward the back entrance on Walker Road.

To alleviate the heavy traffic flow of student drivers, a new entrance was built on Channing Way. With this new construction emerged the idea to change Channing Way into Union University Drive.

“With this change,” Dr. Michael Duduit, executive vice president, said. “Union’s address will have its name in it.”

Dr. David Dockery, Union president, had expressed a concern for the school’s address to have its own name in it.

Duduit and Dockery met and discussed the idea of changing Channing Way. Dockery said that the council adopted it unanimously and Mayor Charles Farmer was very supportive of the decision.

On March 4 the second reading and final stage for approval took place.

“The change will take place immediately, but it may be a few weeks before road signs are changed,” Duduit said.

In the future other changes will be made within and around the span of the Union campus. They will take place to improve the traffic flow in relation to the bypass and the school and to improve the look of the new entrance.

Lady Dawgs top FHU, win TranSouth conference title

Senior Michelle Street scores record 45 points

By Jeff Rushing
Sports Editor

Michelle Street scored a Lady Bulldog record 45 points, leading Union past Freed-Hardeman, 81-75, in overtime Monday for the TranSouth Athletic Conference championship.

The No. 3 Lady Bulldogs and No. 19 Lady Lions, playing in front of an emotional standing-room-only crowd at Fred DeLay Gymnasium, swapped leads 11 times during the game, with both squads holding nine-point advantages at some point. The teams were tied at halftime, 32-32, and 69-69 at the end of regulation.

“I don’t know that I have been in a more intense game from tip to horn,” head coach David Blackstock said. “It was a tight game from start to finish, with both teams making big plays.”

Street, the TranSouth Player of the Year, eclipsed the old mark of 44 points in a game set by Esther Coleman in 1983. Street made 14-of-22 field goals and 16-of-20 free throws and also pulled down 12 rebounds in 42 minutes. The 16 free throws made are also a Union record, breaking the mark of 13 set by three former Lady Bulldogs.

With that atmosphere, I was just ready for the game,” Street said. “I feel that if I give 110 percent every game, anything good can and will happen.”

“I knew that (FHU) would come in and give us a run for our money, so I can’t take anything away from them. They played a good game,” she added.

“Be honest, I didn’t know she had 45 points,” Blackstock said. “If she’s not (NAIA) Player of the Year, the other player better be wearing a cape.”

Both Union, 31-4, and Freed-Hardeman, 25-10, advance to the NAIA National Tournament March 19-25 at Jackson’s Oman Arena. The Lady Bulldogs defeated the Lady Lions both times during the regular season, 58-54, Feb. 27 in Henderson, and 82-58 on Feb. 8 at Union.

The Lady Bulldogs trailed, 18-9, eight minutes into the game, and did not lead until Dion Thornton’s field goal to make the score, 25-24, with six minutes remaining in the first half. Union used a 12-4 run for a 51-42 lead with 13 minutes left in the game, but Freed-Hardeman answered with a 12-2 run of their own for a 54-53 advantage.

Street made 1-of-2 free throws with 32 seconds remaining in regulation, leaving the score at 69 apiece, but Freed-Hardeman’s Kara Sanders missed a shot from the right wing with three seconds to go, and Street got the rebound to send the game to overtime.

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Walking the line

December graduation begins this year

By Andrea Aldridge
Staff Writer

After discussing the matter with friends, Laura Dyer and Sherry Wiggins, December 1997 is going to be graduates, decided that it was time to consult a higher authority.

It was Nov. 1, 1996 when the two students spoke with Dr. Howard Newell, Union University provost, about their idea to hold December graduation ceremonies.

Their initiative led to plans for Union’s first December graduation on Saturday, Dec. 20, 1997 in the G. M. Savage Memorial Chapel, according to Newell.

Although the December graduation is new for the university, Kevin Trowbridge, coordinator of news and information, said the only difference about December ceremonies will be the number of students graduating.

Trowbridge said that on Feb. 19, Union’s student senate voted for the Actual/Expected Graduation Model. This plan states that May 1997 graduation will include all students who actually complete the number of hours required to graduate for December 1996, January 1997 and May 1997.

Students who are expected to complete their hours in August 1997 will also walk the line in May.

The December 1997 graduation will include students actually graduating in December 1997 and those expected to graduate in January 1998.

For the past few months, the President’s Cabinet and the Public Relations Department have been seeking out student opinions on the idea. “I think this will please the majority of students,” Trowbridge said.

Trowbridge also commented that students are receptive, and there seems to be an overall excitement about the idea.

“I’m excited about it. This is a neat kind of thing,” Newell said.

He said that student and faculty response to the idea has been “unbelievably overwhelming.”
Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

This letter is about my chapel experience on Monday, March 3. Pastor North of First Baptist in Humboldt was the speaker. I enjoyed hearing his reflection on the “wall of truth” upon which all Christians must stand. I agreed with him on this.

As he continued, I found myself nodding and even an "amen" or two in support. Then, it happened. It’s not the first time I experienced it here at Union, but when it came from the pulpit, I decided to write about it.

Pastor North had stated his message with words about the “wall of truth,” but as he continued, he added another fortifying layer to the wall of Christian division. As he stood there waving his elevated Bible and declaring to it to be all he needed, he must not have realized the potential his following statements held.

He began proclaiming the things he did not need. Here is where he became both an instrument of division and a contradiction. Among his statements he included, "I do not need to wait for the next papal bull from the Vatican to tell me what's true."

I am a Catholic. I attend chapel regularly. I have never applied for a reduction because I enjoy all forms of Christian praise. My faith in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior is no different.

In Paul’s letter to both the Romans and Corinthians, do we not read his words about our unity and oneness in the Lord? I’ve read our new president’s goals for Union, including the making of Union into a leading “Christian” institution. Did he mean to make it a leading “southern Baptist” institution? If this university is going to expand, it will need to recognize and invite, not insult, Christians of other denominations. I will never feel welcome in chapel after that March 3 experience.

Secondly, Pastor North claimed that he doesn’t need anyone else to tell him anything that all he needs is “the Book.” He failed to mention that he does need the Southern Baptist Convention as well as the approval of his congregation, lest he find himself without a flock.

Furthermore, if all that any of us need is “the Book,” then why does this university offer, and in some cases require, classes about “the Book”? Why was he and all other pastors required to attend a seminary? Why are we required to attend chapel? If all we need is “the Book,” then why didn’t we just get handed one with our student IDs and hear someone say, “Here’s all you need?”

I challenge all of you to think about this. We will never be able to evangelize the non-Christians in the world until we believe we live out the Gospel message. We profess that love that we profess. Without doing so, we are hypocrites.

J. Michael Baskin

Here on the fence

by Justin Phillips

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Noticing the utter state of disarray, the Republicans are forced to turn to Rush Limbaugh for political guidance. Without losing his TV show and home, Mr. Limbaugh is forced to take refuge in a pair of his own slacks. Thousands of homeless follow suit and modern-day Hoosiers are established outside Limbaugh’s former estate.

As if things could not get any worse, Dan Quayle announces his candidacy for president in 2000. Potential running mates are scared off upon realizing that being second fiddle to Quayle is similar to being a runway model at K-Mart. The Republics seem to know that their fate is sealed when Ted Kennedy utters the phrase, “None for me tomorrow.”

Meanwhile, Clinton admires his devilish handiwork, knowing that on Monday a new flag will be unfurled and millions of school children will pledge allegiance to a flag adorned with 50 Chronic leaves.

Funny side up

by Stephanie Lim

“Look at this pimple! My skin will never clear up before prom,” a 16-year-old plaintively wails from the television, gently fingering a large white pimple on her chin — the only pimple on her whole face, mind you. Her friend, also with a porcelain complexion, comforts her (the poor dear!), and then proceeds to sing the praises of an anti-acne medication she inadvisably purchased.

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