Local churches welcome students across campus with warm reception

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Students come to Union with a wide variety of church backgrounds, whether one-church, Baptist, Methodist or whatever the case may be.

What once may lead them, Jackson has numerous opportunities to take advantage of, and the churches here in the Big City are reaching further than ever before to aid students in their journey.

Eight out of every 10 college students regularly attended a worship service in high school, according to the National Council of the Pontifical. The same study found that 80 percent, the number dropped dramatically after the first semester to as low as 60 percent in some areas. Jackson churches are eagerly trying to help students avoid becoming just another statistic.

The mission began before any student set foot on campus. Popcorn, bottled water and the popular refrigerated machines are just a few of many ways churches are trying to connect with students.

Area churches are also swapping their Sunday morning services to give students more one-on-one, on-campus opportunities to take advantage of during the week. Some services are geared toward specific groups, like the Baptist Church's first "Refuge" service on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Baptist Church's first "Refuge" service was to Wednesday night service, "Relate," which he called the heart of the church's college ministry.

"We have something really big planned for later this fall, something that will set the precedent for as churches across the world, but we're not going to give away the surprise," said sophomore Josh Pettigrew, political science major and Lifespring's college minister.

Union students interested in getting plugged into a church should stop by the campus ministries office. Union's campus ministries office also stands ready to assist students in their search for their new church home. Campus ministries wants to ensure that everyone knows they will supply support in every way possible to get you settled into a new church home.

No matter what one's cup of tea may be, the churches here in the Big City want to be the power source for helping students stay plugged into the Christian lifestyle this year.
Summer Job Offers High Risk, Reward

By Chris Pearson

Oakland A's

There are two distinct goals the Wellness center has for using student employees this summer:

"Firstly, our foremost goal is to promote health and wellness in the area of spiritual life and staff in order to encourage students to have a personal relationship with Jesus and to last a lifetime," Matt Matt, director of Wellness services said.

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Wellness Center encourages health through new programs

By Emily Herb

Entrusting the splendor of nature with the latest fall fash-ions is now a must for many American teens. Outdoor recreational activities have long been the focus of most American college student part-ners and are a popular attraction among many Americans. Whether outdoors or indoors, the splendor of nature has been the focus an activity. The departmental recre-ational activities within a college dormitory lifestyle. Big names in performance sunscreen such as The North Face and Columbia have spotted new-ly caters to this new trend and have quickly brought their fashions into mainstream chic. Performance sunscreen has become really big," senior Drew Zinnear, Christian Ethics major and a student at The University of the South said. "This summer, lighter, lightweight, and most-visor-friendly stuff you can buy you would think that it is not going to last long, but it will last a lifetime," Matt Matt, director of Wellness services said.

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