Union trims chapel requirements to 15

By Laura Rector
News Editor

“We heard their students’ outcry that 21 was too many and so we responded and were able to bring the requirement down to 15,” said Carol Headen, assistant vice president of student services, about Union’s new chapel system.

According to Todd Brady, campus minister, President David Dockery appointed a task team to review the chapel system. After the review, the changes made include only 15 chapels required per semester in comparison to last year’s 21, no chapel reductions for traditional students, and no specifically required chapels. In the past, the university designated five specific chapels for the entire university to attend.

Other changes include a new pass/fail system, and according to Headen, students who do not pass the required number of semesters will not graduate. She said seniors with one semester left are required to pass that semester’s chapel requirement. Juniors with four semesters left must pass three semesters. Sophomores with six semesters left must pass five semesters. Freshmen with eight semesters left must pass six semesters’ requirements for chapel.

“Our desire, the desire of the task team, is that people come to chapel not out of a sense of duty but out of a sense of delight,” said Brady.

He explained, “We want them to come because they want to, not because they have to get a certain number in. What happens in the chapel is so relevant and so good that we look forward in anticipation to come, because we know that God is going to speak to us.”

According to Brady, Friday chapels differ from Monday chapels in style this year. University offices close on Monday so faculty and staff may attend chapel.

“Friday chapels are going to be a little different. They’re going to be more contemporary. We’ll use praise bands just about in every service, sing a lot of choruses, do some drama. We’ve got some really good speakers coming in. Offices will remain open during that time,” Brady said.

He added, “‘Celebrating His Presence,’ that’s really what we want chapel to be, a fellowship time and a time that we get together and worship Him. Chapel is really the one time that we get together and express our common commitment to the faith that we have in Jesus Christ.”

Andy Scates, senior, said, “I like the fact that they’re trying harder to make chapels really good...they seem to be more worship oriented.”

Sigma Alpha Epsilon wins Zeal award

By Ricky Gray
Staff Writer

The Union chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was named the best overall SAE chapter in the world. The chapter accepted the John O. Moseley Award for Fraternal Zeal along with five other awards at the 62nd Leadership School in Chicago.

The Zeal award is given to the one chapter that best demonstrates the qualities of loyalty, zeal and devotion among brothers.

The local chapter received a bronze lion statue and plaque bestowed by the national fraternity.

Two individuals were also recognized in the fraternity. Robert Simpson, Union’s assistant vice president for business services and SAE sponsor, received an award for Outstanding Chapter Adviser. This award recognizes the chapter adviser who has given outstanding assistance and guidance to a chapter collegiate.

Union dedicates new Germantown campus

By Laura Rector
News Editor

Germantown Mayor Sharon Goldsworthy declared Sept. 9 Union University Day at the dedication of the school’s new Germantown campus at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, near Memphis.

Dr. David Dockery, university president, said that the mayor had previously expressed the desire to house higher education in the city.

“Her presence here tonight is really more than symbolic. It’s a sign of the city of Germantown adopting the Union University program.

“To declare this Union University Day in the city of Germantown, that means a lot,” said Dockery.

Goldsworthy said, “Its educational program will bring new and exciting opportunities in higher education for our city, and we’ve truly enjoyed getting to know and working with the university leaders.”
Above and Beyond

‘Above and Beyond’ to find Union’s everyday heroes in academics, sports, student relations and service

By Stephanie Lim
Features editor

I have met a number of superstars in my life. Though fame and fortune may have eluded them, each of these heroes—whether teacher, relative, friend or leader—has made a significant impact on my life. Perhaps the most startling influences so far for me have been my peers here at school. I can count numerous students that I pass daily who exemplify excellence in their own special fields.

Now surely I am not the only one who has been delighted to find such role models taking over our campus. While Union undergoes exciting changes in its appearance, student life, faculty, academic structure and campus ministries, this high quality of students remains a constant.

Each one of us can name individuals here at Union who have given the best of themselves—and then some.

Who are these outstanding students? That’s what the Cardinal & Cream wants to know.

In our newest feature column, “Above and Beyond,” Cardinal & Cream writers will spotlight Union students who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in different areas: academics, sports, student relations and service.

What’s the catch? You, our readers, have the chance to put in your vote for these unsung heroes. To nominate someone, simply write down the nominee’s name, phone number and how they have gone “above and beyond.” We’ll also need your name and phone number, along with three other contact names and numbers of people who have seen the nominee in action.

Take this opportunity to seize the spotlight and shine it on someone else. Nominate them for “Above and Beyond.”

To nominate someone, write down the requested information and address it to the Cardinal & Cream, Attn: Stephanie Lim, Box 3150.

It seems that only one thing that can help us decipher between right and wrong: the W. W. J. bracelet. However, many people around the world do not appear to know what the letters symbolize.

For instance, Boris Yeltsin wears the bracelet to remind himself to keep up his alcoholism (Why Waste Jack Daniels?). Sylvester Stallone wears it to remember to make good career decisions (Who Watched “Judge Dredd?”). Alex Trebek wears it to remind himself of the question to this “Jeopardy!” answer: “This country boy’s songs are only good if you’re on a ‘Rocky Mountain High’ (‘Who Was John Denver?’).

Perhaps chapel can help us find the truth we are seeking. For doesn’t Scripture say that where two or more are “required” to gather, God will be present? Maybe not, but after I attend my 15th chapel I will yell one phrase that sums up my joy: “I’m going to Disneyland!”

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