Union cultivates its own Garden of Eden

By Nathan Jones
Staff Writer

By now, most people have noticed the cage of birds outside the biology department. The two different species of birds, the white Zebra Finches and the colorful Lady Gouldians, have changed how the hallway looks and sounds.

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The native Australian birds were acquired from Nature’s Window in North Carolina, a company that specializes in filling aviariums and supplying birds. They have a nest basket that is already built for them. The basket was not put in the cage until recently because of the fear that the Lady Gouldians were too young and might become “nest bound.”

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The department would take donations if the students wanted to raise a little money for an aquarium. We would love to do that,” Huggins stated.

Another suggestion for Union’s little Garden of Eden is to add snakes or lizards. Huggins does not think they would receive as much approval as the birds. “Everybody loves birds; everybody likes fish; not everybody likes amphibians, reptiles or that sort of thing,” Huggins said.

Huggins is hoping that the birds will become research projects for students. The research will consist of looking at the hatching period, the time they spend in the nest after hatching and how long it takes the birds to begin singing.

He did add, however, that students would not dissect them.

Coming Attractions: Campus Calendar

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‘I’ve Heard That Song’ makes triumphant return to studio

By Jackie Williams
Staff Writer

“I’ve heard that song! Have you?”

In this case, “I’ve Heard That Song” is the name of Union University’s music trivia game show. The show airs locally on Monday and Thursday nights at 6:30pm on Time Warner Cable TRTV channel 6.

Steve Beverly, instructor of communication arts, came up with the idea for the show just one season ago because, “I like to look for unconventional things to teach students,” he said.

Some of the show is song identification, but most is music trivia from the late 1940s to the early 1980s era. Question topics range from types of music, to who the artists or composers were, to what the lyrics to songs are. Types of music used are mainly “oldies” but with some contemporary Christian and modern country. No contemporary rock or heavy metal is used because Beverly is interested in “teaching as broad an audience as possible--not just college kids.” Instead of just talking about family programming, “We are putting our action where our mouth is,” says Beverly.

Seven episodes are taped every October and every April. Before this taping, the crew rehearses a week to 10 days in advance to make sure that everything goes well. On production day, the crew practices one last time and takes sound checks two hours before the cameras roll. They usually tape three shows one night and four shows the next.

Because of their hard work and dedication, Beverly said, “I’m proud of my students. It’s a learning experience as well as to serve the community.”

Two to three years in the future, he hopes to run the show every night in the summers instead of just twice a week.

“I’ve Heard That Song” is scheduled to be taped Monday, Oct. 13 at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 6:45 p.m. The first show of the season is scheduled to air on November 6. This season, the featured singer is Emily Matthews, a senior, but Beverly says they are always looking for new talent.

Beverly is looking for contestants and performers with a good personality and good at guessing games.

“If you have ever listened to an ‘oldies’ station, you’ve got a fighting chance,” said Beverly.

If you are interested in being a part of the show or audience, call Beverly at 661-5380.

Jayne to head up search committee for new dean

By Beth Chapman
Staff Writer

Union launched a search for a new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. President David Dockery appointed Cynthia Jayne chair of the search committee.

Dean Jim Baggett will retire from Union in the spring of 1998.

The committee is composed of:
- David Burke, associate professor of theatre
- Charles Fowler, vice president for Student Services
- Kyle Hathcox, professor of physics
- Tharon Kirk, assistant professor of nursing
- Matt Lunsford, assistant professor of mathematics
- Bevallae Pray, assistant professor of finance and management
- Bobby Rogers, assistant professor of English
- Ann Singleton, assistant professor of special education and department chair.

The group will develop a profile and criteria to be used in selecting the best candidates for the position.

“Forming a set of criteria provides the opportunity to look at each candidate on an equal basis. We will have the same criteria for internal and external applicants,” Jayne said.

Jayne expects all applications in by the end of the 1997 fall semester. After reviewing them, the committee will then make recommendations to President David Dockery. The Board of Trustees plans to select a new dean by the end of the 1997 spring semester.

The dean of the College of Arts and Sciences is in charge of the largest area of study on Union’s campus.

“The dean has primary responsibility for the development and implication of the vision for the future that comes from each department. This is particularly important to a liberal arts school like Union because faculty and curriculum is at the heart of who we are as a liberal arts institution,” Jayne said.
Emma Waters Summar gets a facelift: Union’s library reorganized and revamped for new year

By Jennifer Kormann
Staff Writer

As students returned to Union this semester, they noticed several changes around the campus. One of the most noticeable changes was the complete renovation of the Emma Waters Summar Library.

On June 1, 1997, Steve Baker took over as director of the library. “I have a vision of the library as the central academic commons, the one place on campus where the academic disciplines can find a common place to connect. Because of our central location, students and faculty can meet here to work together. I would like it to be one place you can connect to have a location for central information,” Baker stated.

In past years, the library faced many problems including lack of physical space and periodicals and unavailable resources to students. According to Baker, the changes in the library helped alleviate some of these problems. All collections have now been moved to the main floor. The library’s doorway and shelves are now up to the American Disability Act’s standards for handicapped visitors. The materials are in one sequence from A to Z. Bound and unbound periodicals are grouped together on shelves. Library workers have a better work facility with more space.

Baker said that with all these improvements come sacrifices, though. The library that could seat 320 people now has seats for only 250. This should not be a problem for students though, because surveys of the library show that at any given hour, there are no more than 175 visitors. Also, current periodicals are no longer available for quick pick-up. Visitors now have to get them off shelves.

The library has also invested in new technology. With the help of Endeavor Information Systems, they are gearing up for the 21st century. All holdings will be integrated into the computer network. Although there are only 11 terminals opposed to the 16 last semester, all are now equipped for both Internet access and databasing. According to Baker, there will be 12 more terminals available around the middle of November.

Several new resources are now available to library visitors. Periodical Abstract, a full text database, enables users to access periodicals, television and National Public Radio programs in their entirety. The database is accessed through the Internet, rather than CD-ROM. Some library resources are also accessible in the computer Labs. In the future, all library materials will be accessible by any on-campus computer.

“The Compass” is the library’s monthly newsletter which will highlight changes which are occurring in the library. The newsletter includes reviews on new resources that are made available to library guests. It is written by members of the library staff, and was started this year. The library is open Monday-Thursday 7 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m.-5 p.m. It is closed on Mondays and Fridays during chapel hour.

Tina Jones, junior, takes advantage of the new library setup as she relaxes while reading the newspaper.

Center for international studies and ESL programs promote cultural understanding and unity on campus

By Wendy Wexler
Staff Writer

Union University enters a new era of greater participation in the global community, thanks to the recently established Center for International Studies. This program was created to promote greater awareness of other countries and cultures through study, travel and opening its doors to more international students.

Development of the Center for International Studies began in 1994 when a committee was formed to examine Union’s need for an international program. The committee proposed an international studies center during the 1995-96 year, while the position of director was established in 1996-97. Dr. Cynthia Jayne, chair of the department of foreign languages, was selected as the center’s first director in the spring of 1997 and was installed in Fall Convocation of 1997.

Jayne said students and faculty in every discipline can take advantage of the increased opportunities for study and travel the center provides. She also expects the center to enhance opportunities for students minoring in international studies, an interdisciplinary minor Jayne said is “tailored to meet the needs of students in many areas.”

The center works with two agencies, the Consortium for Global Education and the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities, to identify a wide variety of international programs. Union students and faculty can participate in programs lasting anywhere from a few weeks to entire semesters in countries all over the world.

“We want to take advantage of good programs that have already been established,” Jayne said.

The other goal of the center is to develop an international student community here on campus. Jayne said promoting cultural awareness is as important at Union as travel and study opportunities. Seven international students from Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Germany, Honduras, Spain and Zimbabwe are attending Union this year. Jayne expects the number to grow as the program develops.

In conjunction with the center, Union has added a new faculty member this year, Phillip Ryan, as director of the English as a Second Language program.

Ryan says his role is “to plan and implement internationals into classes,” and serve as “a contact person on campus, helping with the problems and needs of international students.”

Ryan teaches basic English courses and has also modified some regular credit classes, using the same material but geared toward the ESL student.

Ryan says ESL instruction has existed at Union since January 1994, when a group of Brazilian students came here for three weeks to study English intensively. A group from their school has returned every year in January and July for intensive study.

Ryan says the future of the ESL program will include activities to teach international students about American culture, a continued exchange with the Brazilian group and a possible exchange with a Christian academy in Belize.

As the number of ESL students increases, opportunities for Teaching English as a Second Language will increase, according to Ryan.

“There is a demand from Union students wanting TESL instruction and a growing demand for instruction,” he noted.

He said a TESL major could be in Union’s future.

“We’re working with the appropriate people on campus to develop state certification,” he said.

Ryan also discussed possible spaces for students to help with the intensive English programs in January and July.

Jayne said the response from international students to the new programs has been positive.

“They appreciate very much the kind of environment we can provide,” she said.

“The ESL program will open up Union’s doors for international students to come study here,” said Ryan.

Union extends tutoring program

By Nikki Dunn
Staff Writer

Union’s tutoring program expanded to the Learning Center this year. The Learning Center is a peer tutoring organization which offers help in English, English as a Second Language, chemistry, math and computer science.

“The program is designed to enable students to understand their issues with problem subjects and help them figure ways to fix it,” says Phillip Ryan, ESL program director.

Susan Hopper and Ryan head the Learning Center. Hopper works in the Academic Office and matches students to their tutors. The faculty recommends the tutors who are chosen for their attitude, ability, dedication and course experience.

Once recommended, the tutors are trained by Ryan, who believes, “The Learning Center is not a quick-fix shop. It doesn’t deal with short term approaches.” The tutors are on workshop and are paid through a designated fund.

The Learning Center is important to Union because research shows that support programs such as the Learning Center lead to higher attention and higher success in the classroom according to Ryan.

Ryan is a graduate of Union and taught at the University of Memphis for four years. Although he has taught English as a second language at Union before, this is his first year as a full-time professor at Union.

In the future, the programs offered may include physical science and expanded chemistry. The Learning Center is in room H-41 and the phone number is ext. 5473. Students can call for an appointment or stop by to receive help.

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SGA president takes politics beyond the local level

By Laura Rector
Staff Writer

Tim Patterson took the lessons from his textbooks and applied them to live this summer. The SGA president and senior political science major from Kentucky interned for Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., in Washington, D.C. from the end of June until the middle of August.

“I have studied the Senate and the House of Representatives as far as in textbooks and in high school and on an issue basis here in college, but the firsthand experience is just incredible. You just can’t replace that at all,” Patterson said.

He added, “I picked up stuff everyday that if I heard someone else talk about in the past I would have thought that they would have had just a huge knowledge.”

Patterson said he did an internship with U.S. Rep. Whitfield, R-Ky., during January, so he “knew internships were out there.” He pursued one with McConnell and was selected for the summer after submitting a resume and application as well as meeting with McConnell’s executive assistant, Mary Suite Jones.

“I chose purposefully to work with the congressman and the senator from Kentucky because, you know, that’s more of my home, and I have a better understanding and feeling for Kentucky politics,” he said.

McConnell is one of the top six most important Republicans in Congress according to Patterson, because he is the chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

“I worked with the legal issues such as tort reform, judiciary reform, and then a lot of the issues I worked with personally were like the hot topic issues like abortion, crime, drugs, labor unions, those kinds of things that we have a lot of public outcry for,” he said.

“I also got to work firsthand with the senator’s chief of staff on some issues. I was very fortunate enough to get to do that. He asked me to help him with some things that I can’t really talk about because they’re confidential to some extent, but I was very fortunate to get to do that,” he added.

Patterson said he was one of six interns and averaged about 12 hours a day in the office. He got up at 5:30 a.m. After an hour and a half commute, he arrived at the office around 8:15 or 8:30 a.m. He was usually there until about 8:30 p.m. and then commuted home.

His duties included working with constituent mail, looking up information in the Library of Congress, running errands, giving Capitol tours to constituents from the Senator’s district, creating charts and cutting out issue-related clips from the newspaper.

Patterson was able to give a Capital tour to two Union students, his girlfriend Christa Henning and Julie Johnsey.

Patterson was also able to help work on a speech with his adviser that the senator gave before a national television audience.

“We wanted it to be perfectly polished, obviously because he was giving it before a national audience, and we worked long and hard on that. The senator reviewed it and liked it and he was ready to give it a go,” he said.

“He was supposed to go along the lines of the speech. Basically, follow it perfectly. There were different times in the speech in which he would refer to charts that we had made, and it was then my responsibility to shift the charts.”

He said, “When we actually got there, and this is on C-SPAN by the way so this was my highlight, and you can see me in the bottom left corner behind the little chart, and I’m sitting there waiting to shift it and the senator was speaking and he starts off and just does not even follow the speech we had prepared for him at all.”

Patterson said that he shifted the charts when he thought the senator was ready for them, and was “right except for one time.” The senator looked at Patterson, “didn’t say a word” and motioned with his finger.

“I didn’t get in any trouble or anything. Actually, the senator complimented me on having a quick wit to get it done quickly later,” Patterson said.

“I really love the behind-the-scenes work of the political process and the legislative process, and I really would not mind maybe someday working for a senator, maybe as a chief of staff or a legislative assistant of some sort,” Patterson said.

He said he would be working on a committee with some faculty and administrators to get internships for Union students.

When asked what advice he had for students seeking internships, Patterson replied, “I would say be forceful. The fact is that the internships are out there - it’s just that the average Union student would not know about them.”

National speakers discuss future of Christian higher education

By Andrew Long
Staff Writer


The conference addressed issues such as the likelihood of Christian values in education to prosper or to fade away. Other issues included the role of the Christian university in a divided society, what type of people a Christian university should try to produce and whether Christian universities will retain their identity or fall to worldliness.

The first of its kind at Union, the conference consisted of eight sessions. The third session was held in G.M. Savage Memorial Chapel Friday, Oct. 10, at 10 a.m. with Robert Sloan speaking.

David Gushee, conference organizer, said, “We are tremendously excited about the array of national-level Christian leaders who will be joining with us for this conference. This is a rare opportunity for Christians to reflect on the challenges and the opportunities facing Christian higher education as we enter a new century.”

Many nationally known figures spoke at the conference.

Speakers included:
• Joel Carpenter, provost of Calvin College
• Stan Gaede, provost of Westmont College
• David P. Gushee, associate professor of Christian studies and director of Union’s Center for Christian Leadership
• George Guthrie, associate professor and chair of Union’s Department of Christian Studies
• Karen Longman, vice president of the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities
• Kelly Monroe, founder of the Veritas Forum at Harvard University
• Claude Fesnell, executive director of the Tennessee Foundation for Independent Colleges
• Robert Sloan, president of Baylor University
• Norm Sonju, founder and former CEO of the Dallas Mavericks.

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