Baldwin installed as pre-med chair

By Ricky Gray
Staff Writer

“I feel a sense of thanksgiving to the Hammonses for establishing such a noble foundation at which others will benefit,” Dr. Charles Baldwin recently said.

He spoke of his appointment to Union’s first endowed chair by the Hammons Charitable Foundation. Baldwin is chair of the chemistry/physics department and professor of pre-medical studies.

The foundation aims to help students from eastern Arkansas and western Tennessee fulfill their educational dreams. Mr. and Mrs. O.P. Hammons invested their lives in making the world a better place.

Their son, Dr. Edward Hammons, and the family decided to create a way to assist deserving young students in fulfilling their educational goals. It is that end to which the Hammons Charitable Foundation is dedicated.

Baldwin has a background in community service. For 16 months, he served as president of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra. From 1990 to 93, Baldwin was on the Advisory Council for International Engineering and Science Affairs and was also president of the Jackson Old Hickory Rotary Club.

However, Baldwin said he has now received “the icing on the cake” being given the title of the O.P. and Evalyn Hammons Chair of Pre-Medical Studies.

“I am only a representative of many individuals who deserved this honor, and I also thank God because this endowment will also enrich the students here at Union,’ he stated.

Thanks to this benevolent gift from the Hammons family, many young people who are not financially able to attend college will now have that opportunity, Baldwin said.

This is truly a gift from God and the students at Union, along with Baldwin, are very gracious, he said.

Communication Arts receives grant

By Jackie Williams
Staff Writer

Union’s Communications Arts Department received a $5,000 grant to be used in educating high school students about the role of media in society. After a long process and some help from The Jackson Sun, the grant was received from the Gannett Foundation. Gannett Co., Inc. is the parent company of both the foundation and the largest newspaper chain in the country. The foundation provides this grant to help promote community betterment.

President David Dockery met with The Jackson Sun and became aware of the available grant. Kina Mallard, communication arts department chair, and journalism professor Janice Wood brainstormed the idea and came up with a proposal for a way to use the grant. They decided that the future of society - high school students - needed to know how media works and affects people’s lives.

The grant money will be used to fund a one-day workshop in the spring. The workshop will last all day and will involve three different sessions. The sessions will teach about media law (taught by Mallard), print media (taught by Wood) and broadcasting news and entertainment (taught by Steve Beverley, communication arts professor.)

The idea will be put into action in the spring of 1998. It will be used for two primary purposes: to teach West Tennessee students the impact and responsibility that media has in society, and to bring high school students to Union to expose them to a college community.

Mallard, Wood and Beverly are excited about this opportunity to impact the future.

‘Shake, Rattle and Roll’ into $500

By Nikki Dunn
Staff Writer

“Shake, Rattle, and Roll,” this year’s variety show, features a musical contest with a ‘50s theme. Contestants sing a ‘50s song and dress like the era to compete for a first place prize of $500. Second place receives $100. All participants get $100 for entering.

The contest, sponsored by the Student Activities Council, takes place Nov. 8 during Parents’ Weekend. “It’s a fun thing to do and an exciting evening for parents and faculty. It gives groups the chance to show their stuff,” Dan Patterson, SAC adviser, said.

Anyone can try out for the show tonight in the chapel.

Contests must perform their song for a team of judges consisting of SAC members. The team of judges then will narrow the number of contestants to 10 groups to perform for the prize. The Variety Show has been a tradition at Union for 10 years, yet it has changed names through the years. In the past, the contest was called the talent show. Patterson would like to increase the number of people attending. Previous years have had an average of 600 people.

“Though 600 people is a nice standing event, I would like to get at least 1,000 people attending,” Patterson said.

Tickets will be available at the door for $3 for students and $5 for all others.

TIME and Princeton Review honor Union

•Union receives high ranking

By Andrea Aldridge
News Editor


The survey ranked schools in four main categories: • 90-100, megaselective; • 80-89, highly selective; • 70-79, selective and below • Below 70, not selective.

No Tennessee colleges or universities were placed in the megaselective category. Florida A&M took the honors as college of the year. “We’re delighted at the recognition of this honor. We recognize that there are outstanding Baptist institutions in the list. We are gratified to be listed,” Dr. Michael Duduit, executive vice president, said.

In Tennessee, Vanderbilt University, the University of the South, Rhodes College, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and the University of Tennessee at Martin also scored in the highly selective range.

The selectivity rating considers several factors: • percentage of applicants accepted, • percentage of acceptees who enroll, • academic profile of the freshman class, • average high school GPA, • average SAT/ACT score • application fee and • enrollment costs and financial aid.

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Geri Smith, nursing professor, esteemed as innovative educator

By Andrew Long
Staff Writer

Glitter-covered pieces of construction paper line the hallway of Parkview Montessori Magnet School. Also lining the hallway are classrooms filled with living trophies - the trophies of Geri Smith.

Made of flesh and blood rather than gold-plated plastic and wood, these human prizes represent many things. As a result of her diligent work, innovative teaching methods and a dedication to serving her students as well as her community, Smith has received the Union University Scheuing Innovation Award for 1997.

As assistant professor of nursing at Union, Smith took her skills and concern for the health of others to the campus of Parkview by implementing "a School Health Partnership."

While teaching pediatrics during the 1996 fall semester, Smith saw a need for clinicals that were relevant to the course. She was also bothered that, because of budget cuts, the Jackson-Madison County School System had been without school nurses for some time.

After careful examination by administrators from Union and the city/county school system, a proposal was submitted to the school board. It was accepted with President David Dockery, Dr. Howard Newell, provost, and Dr. Carla Sanderson, dean of the School of Nursing, in attendance. "It's a good feeling to know that they were there and supported the idea," Smith said.

The 57 senior class nursing majors participate in clinicals at Parkview on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in groups of four or five.

There are two areas in which Union students are involved: pediatric and community. On pediatric days they spend five hours at Parkview. They have the opportunity to access and treat illnesses or minor injuries. Time is also spent in classrooms observing, in order to learn to communicate better with the children.

On community days, students spend seven to eight hours at Parkview teaching health issues and studying groups of children.

Parkview provides a scope of study for Union students that might not have otherwise been available at the university level. "Parkview was selected because of its pre-school population of 3-5 year olds who have a higher percentage of physical disabilities," Sanderson said. "These children's needs will match the services available from our faculty and students." Smith also pointed out that "it's important for our students to interact with children who have disabilities so they will be better equipped to communicate with them in the future."

Feedback from Parkview students and parents has been very positive. "When I walk down the hallway and there's a group of children, I get to stop and hug each one of them," Smith said. She visits homes of children when there is a need to inform the parents of health concerns. "The parents have been very grateful," Smith said.

Following Union's example, Jackson State has recently implemented a partnership with Pope Elementary School.

Geri Smith saw a need of Union and elementary students. Because of her skills and work, Smith was able to dramatically improve the education of both. "I'm a firm believer that everything we do should be service oriented," Smith explained. "We have so much to offer."

Miracle
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Wayne Johnson, the show's director, commented on the play's appeal and the cast's performances.

"Simply stated ... the play works! There is a universal appeal in the theme of this slice of American history. Conflict is the essence of drama, and the confrontation between the strong-willed Helen Keller and her equally stubborn teacher, Annie Sullivan, makes for exciting theatre. The performers pushed hard, and that is what made the play a great success," he said.

"(My part) was very uncomfortable at first, but it got easier. It was fun to do," Pritchard said of her role as Helen.

Bond noted the uniqueness of her experience in "The Miracle Worker." "I learned a lot. I've never had a director that just jumps in before," she said. "(Johnson) really gets in your face to make you give your full potential," she added. Staff writer Ricky Gray contributed to this story.

New internships send students to the real world

By Laura Rector
Staff Writer

"The benefits of an internship are development of leadership skills, hands-on experience, the chance to live independently in a large metropolitan area," Dr. Ann Livingstone, political science chair, said. "It really is very different from dorm life, developing personal interaction skills and the opportunity to synthesize what is learned in the classroom with how it's practiced in the field," she continued.

Livingstone said political science students have interned with Sen. Fred Thompson of Tennessee and congressmen from Kentucky in the past. She currently works to develop an internship with West Tennessee Legal Services and said Jeramee Rice, junior, will study abroad with the Australian Parliament next semester.

"I was searching for international internships on the Internet and I came across Educational Programs Abroad, and they have internships in London, Paris, Brussels, and Melbourne. I decided I wanted to do a parliament internship in Australia," Rice said.

He interned for Congressman Hal Rogers, R-Ky., last fall. "The internship gave me the opportunity to learn so much more than just the fundamental facts that I got from class. It's like school was the jumping-off point, and the internship gave me the opportunity to learn more," Rice said. "It turns abstract ideas into a reality," he added.

"Eventually, I would like to see what I can standings internships in Washington D.C. and in New York and abroad, but it takes time and money to develop those things," Livingstone said.

"I'd be looking for a dreamer, somebody willing to take risks. I would want an individual who had the ability to think dimensionally," Livingstone replied when asked what she would look for on a prospective intern's resume.

"Since academic credit is given for internships, there are particular types of academic work that must happen," Livingstone said.

An intern's academic responsibilities might include keeping a daily journal, writing essays, and keeping weekly contact with her. She said employers expect students to put in a certain number of hours. Livingstone also drops in on the students at work.

"Internships are very important because they are the pool from which employers choose their staffs," Livingstone said.

She said juniors and seniors have the opportunity to seek internships on their own and present them to the department.

Kappa Delta celebrates a century of sisterhood

By Stephanie Lim
Features Editor

How can 64 Union students celebrate a one-hundredth birthday?

The students, members of Kappa Delta sorority, an organization that recently had its national 100-year birthday on Oct. 23, 1997. The Union chapter, Zeta Beta, has already begun celebrating in style.

Last week, KD set up a display in the cafeteria and welcomed students to join the festivities by serving birthday cake.

"We wanted everyone to be a part of the birthday celebration," said senior Joy Williams, the public relations director for Kappa Delta. "We wanted to celebrate with the campus," she said of the October birthday.

Senior Corrie Hester heads up alumnae relations for the Greek organization, and said that the chapter would also be hosting a reception Nov. 2 specifically for the alumnae.

"It is a time for (the KD alumnae) to be able to come back and see the house and celebrate the 100-year birthday," Hester said.

Members said they are excited to host part of an event that is a century-long tradition. The sorority began in 1897 in Farmville, Va., at Longwood College, and the Zeta Beta chapter at Union was chartered on Feb. 10, 1900.

"It's a good year," Williams said. "It's exciting to see an organization that has lasted 100 years, and it is meaningful to be part of a group with such a strong tradition."

"The neat thing about it is that (KD) is a common tie with other campuses, and it has been strong enough to go 100 years," Hester said.

Chapter president Andrea Atwood agreed.

"As collegians, we are proud to be celebrating Kappa Delta's one hundredth birthday," she said. "As a chapter, Zeta Beta felt the day needed to encompass the entire student body by setting up a display and serving birthday cake. We plan to continue our centennial celebration and build on our tradition in the years to come," she continued.

KD also has plans to honor this year's pledges as centennial initiates and to incorporate a program called the "Year of the Scholar," Williams said.

The Year of the Scholar is designed to show appreciation to Union and its faculty, she said. The program will ask students to nominate a faculty member for the Year of the Scholar award. Once the award is given, the faculty member will be honored by a donation to a charity of his or her choice presented by KD. The sorority plans to honor a department as well.

"The Year of the Scholar is a way of us showing how much we are very grateful to Union," Williams said. "We want to help Union and be leaders for its campus," she explained. As for the coinciding of the 100-year birthday, the February opening of the Kappa Delta house and the Year of the Scholar program, "The timing is perfect," Williams said with a smile. "It wasn't planned like that. It just happened."
A day in the life of a nursing student

By Jane Rice
Staff Writer

One may see them gathering in the hall at certain times during the day for their break or may notice them engulfing their lunch in the cafeteria before scurrying back to class. These students are better known as nursing students at Union.

Although nursing majors have the same basic foundation of liberal arts courses as other students, their lives differ in comparison with other students.

With approximately 60 seniors and 38 juniors in the nursing program, the students maintain a different schedule compared to other students. Juniors in the nursing program take classes with juniors, and seniors undergo classes only with seniors.

Nursing students are required to attend 10 chapels, but commuters and part-time nursing students are totally exempt from the chapel requirement.

Not only do juniors in the program spend approximately 24 hours in class each week, they also serve at local hospitals eight hours per week. “We really do not have any free time. Nursing is our life.” Sherrell Anderson, junior, said.

Hernandez wins ‘Design An Ad’

By Andrea Aldridge
News Editor

Picture this: a student - Emma Hernandez - did exactly what her professor said. Chris Nadaskay, associate professor of art, told his graphic design classes to design an ad for a contest.

“I worked on it a lot for two days. I painted, cut, pasted and drew. I had to scan it into the new computer,” Hernandez said.

Hernandez, a junior art major, designed the cover of an insert for the Oct. 28 issue of The Jackson Sun. The insert included advertisements designed by 59 fourth through eighth graders.

Hernandez won $100 at a banquet honoring her and four other Union students.

The finalists, all from Union, are:
• Deborah Dickerson, sophomore;
• Robyn Jones, junior;
• Andy Lancaster, senior;
• Gina Barnett, junior.

Each of the finalists’ designs was displayed in the insert. They were honored with plaques at the banquet on Oct. 27.

The Design An Ad contest was sponsored by Kroger through The Jackson Sun Newspaper in Education program. The contest joins the efforts of business men and women and students in Madison, Chester and Gibson counties, Teresa Ide, retail ad manager at The Jackson Sun, said.