Ah, childhood. Carefree days spent running, screaming, laughing and solving mysteries. Well, perhaps not solving mysteries unless you are a child in “The Big Game Mystery,” this year’s children’s play.

David Burke, associate professor of theatre and director of the theatre, discovered the play while reading over an assignment given to his playwriting class in the 1999 Spring semester.

“All the students had to write a one act play. There was only one children’s play, and it was really interesting because there aren’t a lot of mysteries for children.”

Alithia Geho, a Union student and author of “The Big Game Mystery,” said, “I’m around kids a lot. I didn’t want to do an adaptation, but something different. I couldn’t think of any mysteries for kids, so I wrote one.”

“It’s about some kids who have a detective clubhouse,” said Blake Staples, another Union student and director of “The Big Game Mystery.” “They’re little detective agents. And they don’t ever have a case, of course, because they’re just kids. So one of the girls in the club sets up a case and tries to frame this smart aleck kid that they don’t like… It’s all over a piece of bubble gum.”

“I’m just the overseer,” said Burke. “I helped in casting, and I make suggestions. It’s Blake’s show. I give suggestions, but he can take them or leave them.”

The music has been the biggest problem in this production. “A former student wrote the lyrics and supposed wrote music to go with them, but we never got more than him humming the tunes over the phone,” said Burke. “Ben Wilkinson, also a former student, took the tape of him humming the songs, and worked out all the music from there.”

The play will be performed for crowds of at least 400 children a day from public and private schools within a 50 mile radius of Jackson, said Burke. “It brings in a lot of money, but our main goal is to introduce the children to the concept of theater, and hook them. A lot of children, it’s the first play they’ve ever seen,” he said.

Tickets to evening shows will be available to everyone at two dollars a ticket. The play will also be performed during chapel on Monday, Nov. 15 for both Union students and approximately 400 children.

“It will be a better experience for the Union students to be able to watch the play and watch the children’s reactions together,” said Burke.

Be prepared. “It’s gonna be silly,” said Staples. “It’s a kid’s show, of course!”

The current facilities are quickly being outgrown, Sanderson said. To help solve this problem, Union has launched a six-month negotiation period for a new site. The facility under consideration is Immanuel Baptist Church of Germantown. It is a multipurpose building on 13 acres of land in the middle of Germantown. No plans will be finalized until the six-month negotiation period is over, Sanderson said.

Union University at Germantown serves solely nontraditional, adult students. It offers programs such as bachelor of science in nursing, masters in business administration and masters of education.

Germantown campus: Growing by grace

Union University is planning to expand the Germantown campus with the addition of new facilities. Since its opening in the fall of 1997, the branch has been growing rapidly, Dr. Carla Sanderson, provost, said.

The Germantown campus, located in the Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, has a student body of nearly 300 and the number is growing.

Powell sums it up at banquet

“One of the top events at the Jackson Civic Center in the year will take place on Veterans Day,” said Kent Freeman, associate vice president for institutional advancement.

This year the third annual Scholarship Banquet will feature Gen. Colin Powell, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He will arrive in Jackson, Tenn. on Nov. 11 at 5:30 p.m. at McKellar Sipes Airport. His flight is arriving from Washington, D.C. and he will return to Washington after the evening’s events, Freeman said.

Powell will be addressing a sold-out crowd at the Civic Center for this year’s banquet. “Powell usually speaks three to four nights a week, and he is the number one speaker in the Washington Speakers Bureau, the agency representing him,” Freeman said.

Powell has requested certain specifications to be followed during this event, many of them similar to those at last year’s banquet for former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. No one will be allowed to videotape the speech, he will grant no private interviews.
Dear Editor,

Recently the debate over fraternities and sororities at a Christian college has been attacked at several different angles and Lee Stanfill’s article concerning God’s unconditional love brought a refreshing reminder of matters of the heart. My letter’s purpose is not to resolve the debate, but to rebuke brothers in Christ through the complete love and grace of the Christ we all serve. The Lambda Chi Spring Rush shirt says the following: “Mind (over) Matter” and grace of the Christ we all serve. The Lambda Chi will not wear this shirt.

One must remember that Greek shirts reflect not only the persona of the Greek organization advertised, but they also reflect Union University to those outside of Union as well. Competition has its good points, yet simply telling those who did not make Spring Rush that “you don’t matter” is not bad enough. The things that really bothered me were those words and sentences, “What’s up man?” and “How’s it going?” Arent those words and sentences so rude and offensive. Why couldn’t they be a little more gentle, polite or articulate when addressing a third person. Why do they have to be so concerned about how I was doing? They don’t know me properly.

Later, my professor Melinda Jordan clearly explained me about that in the American culture, this was the way people greet each other in open society.

By now I had already come to realize that I was in a different land with language problems, food problems, people problems, 12 hours timing difference problem.

But all of these problems are a year old now. I won’t say that they’re all over now. Though sometimes I do lock my room and cry aloud. But deep down, I know that it is just a tip of an emerging iceberg. I control myself and think that every individual has to surpass this cultural shock when they are in a different land with a different culture and society.

But today, to a certain degree I have really been transformed and have adopted the American culture and ways.

Today pizza, mashed potatoes, burgers, hot dogs are my favorite foods. Baseball, softball, basketball are my favorite games. Today, I even know when and where to say, “What’s up man? How’s it going?”

And, last but not the least, beef is my favorite food today.

Correction:
Cathy Moore was misidentified as Dr. Nancy Easley in a photo on p. 6 of the Oct. 25 issue of the C&C. We regret the error.
Point of View

By Marcia Bartenhagen
Staff writer

This summer, senior political science major Jeramee Rice interned in Washington D.C., where General Colin Powell was a part of the senatorial lecture series held for the interns. “The day he spoke, the room was packed,” Rice said. “You could not get in to hear him speak because he was so popular with the college students. They had to turn people away 30 minutes before his speech.”

While many students prepare to attend the Nov. 11 scholarship banquet featuring Colin Powell, there is noticeably less excitement about the upcoming event from the inside out. “We’re hoping through the faculty, classroom and the knowledge students have of whom Colin Powell is, they will be excited to hear this world leader,” he said.

But, even those familiar with the political arena are not fully aware of Powell’s platform. “I know he is advocating for children, but the specifics of that I’m not even sure,” Rice said. “People know the name, but they don’t know what he’s doing. He has a good rapport with people and good presentation skills, but you’ve got to have an expectation of [his] speech to make you want to go.”

Four hundred tickets are set aside for students. All tickets were given away for last year’s Margaret Thatcher event and Freeman expects to see the same numbers this year. “The Union Station ladies have been inundated by requests,” he said.

And why shouldn’t students take advantage of the event? While many in the country will never have the opportunity to hear Powell speak live, free tickets are provided for students who will simply stop by Union Station. Not only do students have the prospect of learning much from the chosen speaker, we will also be supporting the efforts many have put into coordinating a banquet of this magnitude.

“[This event] gives [students] an opportunity to hear a world leader. Someone who is [a] highly respected individual in the United States, as well as the world.”

Some students are planning to go to the event for the cultural experience while others weren’t interested in attending an event in which they had only limited knowledge of the speaker. Rice encourages students to attend:

“Anytime you have someone of prominence who can come and give insight to a broader understanding, it’s exciting. It will be interesting to hear him speak.”

Senior Paul Tipton also believes students should take the opportunity to see a prominent figure. “We’ve attracted quite a few international leaders in the last few years,” Tipton said. “There’s a danger among students to think we are always going to attract these leaders. We should take advantage of them.”

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Sororities and fraternities will become united for the first annual Greek Week on Union’s campus. The week will last six days with activities concentrating on uniting the Greek system at Union.

“The week will focus on uniting the Greeks on campus as well as dispelling negative feelings about Greeks in general,” said Heather Hobbs, president of Panhellenic and organizer of Greek Week. “I expect this to be the start of a more unified Greek system at Union,” Hobbs said.

Greek Week will begin Nov. 15 and last until Nov. 20.

There will be displays from each fraternity and sorority about its specific philanthropy and a party open to the campus. The party, which will be held on the lot between the Lambda Chi Alpha house and the Kappa Delta house, will consist of a bonfire and a dance or another activity.

The other events are as follows:
- Nov. 16: Chili cook-off from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and a toga party mixer for all Greeks in the Coburn Dining Room.
- Nov. 17: A banquet for Union staff and faculty in the Coburn Dining Room from 10 to 11 a.m.
- Nov. 18: Philanthropy displays from sororities and fraternities in the SUB building.
- Nov. 19: Open campus party between the Kappa Delta and Lambda Chi Alpha houses.
- Nov. 20: All-Greek Olympics

This is the first of many Greek Weeks for Union’s campus. “There will be a special position appointed each year to keep this going” Hobbs said.

Hobbs, who came up with the idea, has five assistants to help plan Greek Week.

Her assistants are Richard Piner, Christy Smith, Jamie Curry, Will Brantley and Rob Braese. Hobbs went to Dean Kimberly Thornbury and Holly Spann, Panhellenic advisor, with the idea. It was approved and the dates were set.

The Olympics will be behind the tennis courts where intramural football was played. Everyone is welcome and “encouraged to come and watch,” Hobbs said.

A Rose from another world

By Laural Smith
News editor

By Meredith Elliott
Staff writer

Throughout Union’s campus there lies much culture and diversity. Many students native to the United States do not know much about foreign students.

Rose Agnoung came all the way from Cameroon, Africa to the United States in 1996. She came for many reasons: One reason was to play basketball, but most importantly to experience American culture, further her education and broaden her horizons.

Agnoung played basketball in Cameroon all of her life. She played in many African countries and France as well.

A Nigerian coach visiting her country first spotted Agnoung. He told her that she had the skills to play ball in the United States.

For Agnoung, this was a great opportunity. She had never been to the United States before.

Agnoung kept in touch with Union’s basketball coaches David Blackstock and Mark Campbell through fax and telephone.

She was offered a full scholarship and came to Union in August of 1996.

Agnoung played until January 1998 when she injured her knee. Despite her bad knee, Agnoung made it to the NAIA national tournament when the Lady Bulldogs won their first national title.

At the NAIA national Championship, Agnoung was named MVP.

Unfortunately, her knee has never fully healed, she said.

For Agnoung, the culture in the United States was very different from that of Cameroon.

“Cultural differences were shocking as far as values go. The transition was not easy.

As a matter of fact I’m still working on it. In my culture, a lot of emphasis is placed on moral values and respect within and outside of the family.”

In Cameroon, Agnoung attended law school, but since she came to Union to play basketball, she decided to pursue public relations.

Agnoung says she would like to work with a multi-national company and I intend to use these qualities of my company in the future.

“My motivation was mostly because I wanted to learn English. It was my dream since I was a little girl. I’m glad I got a chance to make new friends,” Agnoung said.

“My knowledge is very important to me. I definitely know I have added something to my plate. Being far from home for so long has strengthened my faith in God.

The Lord was my shepherd, he is my shepherd and he will always be my shepherd,” Agnoung said.
Moore women

By Kelli Ross
Editor-in-chief

Union University will host national author, Beth Moore, for the 1999 Living Proof Seminar presented by LifeWay Press. She will speak in chapel on Nov. 19 and at a two-day seminar held in Oman Arena on Nov. 19 and 20.

“Union has been trying to get Moore to Jackson since June 1997,” said Jackie Bobbitt, executive secretary to the president and board of trustees.

The seminar is sold out, but there are still tickets available to Union students until Nov. 15 when those left will be available for the public to purchase. Tickets cost $35 and are available from Jackie Bobbitt. This seminar will host 5200 women from across the United States.

“This is the first time Moore has held a conference in relation to a college or university, it is the first women’s conference of this size to be held in Jackson and it will be the largest number of people Moore will have spoken to thus far,” Bobbitt said.

Moore is the author of books such as,
• A Woman’s Heart: God’s Dwelling Place,
• A Heart Like His: Seeking the Heart of God Through a Study of David
• To Live Is Christ: The Life and Ministry of Paul,
• Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit and
• Whispers of Hope.

“I believe with all by heart that God is up to something big in the lives of women. We are not interested in having just another women’s meeting. We are hoping to see God work powerfully through his word.

We believe the concept for this meeting came straight from the heart of God. I believe we are living during a time on God’s kingdom calendar when he is ready and willing to pour out his spirit in abundance. He is presently wooing people into a deep relationship through his word, perhaps like no other generation in history,” Moore said.

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Christian attitude in aikido

By Bobbi Grennell
Staff writer

“Self defense is an attitude you carry throughout the day,” said Dr. Antonio Chiareli, assistant professor of sociology and instructor of the Aikido Club.

The Aikido Club, which has met at Union for the past year, has been officially recognized. Chiareli, who has trained in aikido for the past nine years, is the one who applied for the recognition from the official site in Chicago, called the National Aikido Association of America.

“The Aikido Club presently has seven members, but is still growing,” Chiareli said. The Aikido Club and class are open to everyone. Aikido, a Japanese system of self-defense, is being offered this semester as an alternative to Karate 101.

Chiareli, the Sensei or instructor, had to eliminate a few things from the club to make it compatible with his own beliefs as well as those here at Union. A practice was eliminated because “it clashed with my Christian convictions,” Chiareli said. It was bowing to the Japanese founder of aikido.

Instead they pray to God and equally greet one another, as if it were a handshake. “Aikido actually enhances a Christian setting because it aims at preventing and avoiding confrontation,” Chiareli said. This is also what distinguishes it from other self-defense courses.

“Sometimes you cannot control what is happening. So aikido allows you to defend yourself when you are being attacked. It is not intended to injure another person and make them all bloody,” Chiareli said.

Aikido has an ethical intent and is used to control and subdue a confrontation. “Most confrontations are with people you know, such as your friends and relatives. You don’t want to harm them, but you can give them the message that you will defend yourself,” he said.

Chiareli was involved in karate until his last year in college when he turned to aikido.

“Through aikido I have learned useful skills and can relieve tension,” said Chiareli.He received his black belt in 1995, and plans to go on to receive a second degree black belt as well.

Chiareli has the authority within the club to promote and test individuals to receive their belts.

The Aikido Club meets twice a week, and offers a beginner’s and an advanced session. The cost is only $25 a month, compared to $80-$150 a month, if it were taken somewhere else, he said.

“Aikido is a non-competitive sport that is powerful but gentle, and it is good for everyone because it gives them the confidence that they need to be able to defend themselves,” Chiareli said.

Klemata to branch from God’s vine

By Johnna Green
Staff writer

Becoming a woman of God is one of the purposes of the upcoming women’s discipleship designed for all the young women on campus.

Junior Kristin Wicker and sophomore Autumn Alcott are planning the upcoming Bible study under the guidance of Jay Ridenour, director of discipleship ministries.

“My heart’s cry and my burden is for girls on campus to know who exactly it is that God has made them to be, and for the individual girl to finally come to understand who she is in Christ and to become that, and to not allow the people she is around or whatever she is a part of to shape who she is. But, for her to encounter God face to face through the Word and to be changed by it,” Wicker said.

The name for the ministry is Klemata, a Greek word for branches. Its meaning comes from John 15:5-8. “The verses talk about how Christ is the vine and we are the branches and how the fruit that we bear should glorify God,” Alcott said.

The kickoff for the ministry is Tuesday, Nov. 16 in the Coburn Dining Room at 7 p.m. The Bible studies will start up full time during the Spring Semester. Bible studies will include a time of praise and worship and teaching. There will also be small groups to discuss what was taught, how to apply it to everyday life and prayer requests.

Members of the faculty and staff, or their spouses will lead the small groups with students who facilitate the discussions.

“Union does a great job preparing us academically for the world after we leave this place. We receive so much great teaching in our classes, but oftentimes it doesn’t go from our heads to our hearts, and it’s not expressed in our lives,” Wicker said. “So many girls make wrong choices with the guys they date and eventually marry because they don’t really understand who they are in Christ.

Our prayer is for God to place in each of the young women on our campus a burning desire to not only want to know God, but to want to become who it is that God has called them to be and to allow him to change them and shape them through being confronted by his truth,” Wicker said.

“They need to know that they do, in fact, belong to the Lord, that he has called them by name and that they are daughters of the King,” Wicker said.

‘Mikado’ in Union workshop

By Ellie Evans
Staff writer

Japanese culture comes to Union in the Music Departments production of the opera “The Mikado.”

It is a satire of English/British morals, although set in a Japanese atmosphere. The main characters are snobby, upperclass people.

“It has the capability of being, I don’t use the word slapstick, but that’s what it basically is. It’s farce,” said Dr. Michael Penny, director.

The writers of this comic opera are Gilbert and Sullivan, two popular playwrights and composers who also jointly composed the popular “Pirates of Penzance.”

The students participating are two-thirds completed with learning the music for this full-length production, Penny said. Much behind the scenes work has to be completed before production night. Participants must learn music, coordinate sets and stage work, memorize choreo-graphy, design costumes and much more.

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It takes a lot of preparation and I’m glad it that has turned into a department wide project,” Union University Singers will lead the choir of the opera and a band ensemble will also assist, Penny said.

Since the opera requires musical and acting talent, a variety of students are participating. Penny said he attempted to incorporate everyone who signed up and showed interest.

The main characters are a double cast. These two sets of main characters that will participate in two of the four performances. This not only covers any unexpected problems, but also gives more hands-on experience to students.

This comic opera provides a way for students to get real performing experience along with their basic education of opera.

The performance dates are Nov. 19-21. The Friday and Saturday night performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday afternoon performances begin at 2:30 p.m. and will be at Northside High School.
Chemicals cause alarm

By Christy Vogt
Staff writer

Up to 100,000 Gulf War veterans suffer from the same symptoms. Some say chemicals used in the Gulf War are to blame.

“There have to, as a government, do everything possible to try to get to the bottom of it and follow the trails where they might lead us,” Colin Powell, who will be visiting campus Nov. 11, said about the Gulf War syndrome in The New York Times.

According to the Workers World News Service anywhere from 60,000 to 100,000 Gulf War veterans have reported “unexplained illness.”

The symptoms are said to include gastrointestinal dysfunction, severe fatigue, chronic headaches, joint aches and memory loss.

According to The Times, Powell, who was chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the time, issued a go-ahead for the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the time, issued a go-ahead for the

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and photographs may be taken only during a specified time at the beginning of the event, said Dr. Michael Duduit, executive vice president.

“We will be sending out press releases and notifying the media of Powell’s visit. Hopefully, we will receive attention from the national media through this event,” Duduit said.

This year, $285,000 will be raised through the event.

“The majority of this money goes into need and merit based scholarships which will be awarded for the Fall 2000 and 2001 semesters,” Freeman said.

One hundred table sponsorships and 1,000 balcony seats have been sold for the Scholarship Banquet. This year’s premier sponsors are:

- Devilbiss
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- Jack and Zan Holmes
- Carl and Alice Kirkland
- Ted and Tricia Nelson
- Porter Cable
- Union Planters and
- Roy White.

Each of these sponsors has donated at least $10,000.

The banquet lead sponsor is Bancorp South, who donated $15,000. Other contributors include:

- 25 silver sponsors, $1000 per table
- 15 gold sponsors, $2,500 per table
- five platinum sponsors, $5,000 per table
- 58 friend sponsors, those purchasing individual seats at a table for $125 to $999, Freeman said.

The lobby opens at 6 p.m. for the dinner and reception for event sponsors, and balcony ticket holders will be seated at 7:30 p.m.

The evening program begins at 7:45 p.m., and his speech will last approximately 45 minutes.

“I hope he hits on patriotism, serving our country, world issues and facing the 21st century. This is a once in a lifetime event. If you picked up a ticket, come,” Freeman said.

Get your news tidbits . . .

Union University’s symphonic band will be performing its fall concert Tuesday, Nov. 9 in the G.M. Savage Memorial chapel at 7:30 p.m. The 46-piece band will be performing a variety of new American compositions and will be conducted by Dr. David McClune, professor of music. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

Union University students in fields related to the environment, and Native American and Alaskan native students in fields related to health care or tribal policy are invited to apply for the Morris K. Udall scholarship.

The foundation will award scholarships to students who will be college juniors and seniors during the 2000-2001 academic year. Students must be nominated by their institution to be considered. The deadline of all nomination is Feb. 15, 2000. If you are interested in this scholarship contact Dr. Matt Lunsford, associate dean of the college of Arts and Sciences, at extn 5222.

Union University students interested in a career in mathematics, the natural sciences or engineering are invited to apply to the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program.

The foundation will award scholarships to students who will be college juniors or seniors during the 2000-2001 academic year. In order to be considered for an award students must be nominated by their institution and be pursuing a baccalaureate degree with a B average, stand in the upper forth of the class, be a U.S. citizen, resident alien or U.S. national who will pursue a career in mathematics, natural sciences or engineering.

Interested sophomores and juniors should contact Dr. Matt Lunsford at extension 5222.

Students in Free Enterprise is sponsoring Use of Good Credit Week at Union on Nov. 15-20. Visa and various local sponsors, who have not yet been named, nationally sponsor the event.

The main goal is to educate college students on how to properly establish credit and keep it stable.

Currently comprised of 21 member, SIFE will begin to add new members in the spring.
Union engineers a new major

By Christy Vogt
Staff writer

In the fall of 2000, Union could be the first small Baptist college to offer an engineering degree, and the community will play a key role.

The program was approved at the greater faculty meeting on Nov. 3 and now must be approved by the Board of Trustees at their December meeting.

The four-year program will be based in courses of mathematics, physics and engineering classes, as well as the general core classes.

It is a five-year program they are hoping to fit in four years, said Dr. Kyle L. Hathcox, professor and coordinator of physics.

A committee appointed to research the ins and outs of an engineering program, on which Hathcox serves, visited other small engineering colleges to see their facilities.

Interviews and other research has been completed, Hathcox said.

“We tried to use the wisdom of others to design our program,” Hathcox said.

SGA: Students gain authority

By Marcia Bartenhagen
Staff writer

This student-run group secured more open dorms, added an ATM machine to the SUB and eliminated the cost students had to pay for computer printouts in the library.

However, many students know little about this organization.

The Student Government Association is a liaison between the administration and the students. It provides a way for students to voice complaints and implement changes.

“If the administration has an idea for a change, they can get student feedback through the SGA,” said Jeramee Rice, senior SGA Ambassador.

“We will offer a bachelor of science degree in engineering with concentrations in mechanical and electrical engineering,” Hathcox said.

“Eighty percent of engineering falls into these categories.”

Hathcox said next year there would be a new faculty member to act as coordinator for the engineering program. This person will then seek others to fill needed roles.

“It could be hard to find faculty. Engineers are of the highest paid in academics,” Hathcox said. “That will be one of the challenges.”

Building plans are also being discussed. There is the potential for three science buildings eventually, Hathcox said. “We are hoping by fall 2002 to have an engineering building built.”

Tentatively set to begin fall of next year, many specifics of the program and its installment are still in development.

The engineering program is on schedule for proposal at the November faculty meeting, Hathcox said. If approved by the faculty, it then can be sent to the president and must be approved by the board.

“We would like to have a minimum of 30 to 40 students a year as freshmen engineering majors. We would like to be graduating 15 a year,” Hathcox said.

“It’s not unusual for only 20 to 30 percent to graduate out of the freshmen class,” Hathcox said.

“We hope to keep a lower attrition rate with the mentoring attitude of Union.”

A group from Jackson approached Union saying they wanted more technical fields offered in the Jackson area to increase the technical level of area businesses.

Union agreed to take the initiative toward the addition of an engineering program, Hathcox said.

The community group pushing for technology based programs assured their support in various ways.

Hiring students from the program and sending employees for further education through the program would be included in their support efforts. External funding is also being negotiated, Hathcox said.

Culture immersion: learn it, then live it

By Meredith Elliott
Staff writer

Many outlets of the media have exposed Union students to foreign culture. But what better way for students to understand that culture than to experience it themselves.

Many opportunities arise for students at Union to participate in international studies. This July, students will have a chance to go to Chicoutimi, Quebec to participate in a three- to five-week language and culture immersion program.

Students will be staying with families in Quebec. Many students from the University of Memphis, UT Martin and Union will be going, French associate professor Jean Marie Walls said.

“I think students are put in an environment where they have to speak the language and it makes language learning seem so much more dynamic and so much more real,” Walls said.

The language department is also looking at the possibility of a program in Orleans, France. Right now, University of Orleans students are working on a video project for American students in French, Walls said.

The creators of the video series asked Americans if they could participate in a video conference in order to respond to the concept and to the videos they have produced for the foreign audience. The conference will be held in December at UT Martin. Walls and UT Martin French professors will participate. They hope that students from Union will be able to participate.

An abundance of culture invades our society today, but true understanding doesn’t come until you’ve submerged yourself into the culture. The opportunities for students to do this are available. It is up to the student to decide if they will take that step to experience something different from what they are used to.

“The culture becomes something they don’t just read about in a book, they are living and working and studying in it every day. The students I’ve talked to coming back view it as a life changing experience. They learn to get along on their own and be self sufficient,” Walls said.

One-third of SGA’s budget is set aside for student organizations, which SGA President, senior Matt Thomson said, “is like a pot of money that the senate may appropriate to various clubs and organizations that come to senate and write a bill requesting money.”

However, there is a limit to the funds each organization can receive. “$200 is the max that each club can request each semester,” Thomson said. “If they want to request $50 here and $100 there, they can do that up until $200.”

“The funds are only a reimbursement check,” Vice President, junior Caleb Trent, said.

“It’s not like you apply for the $200 and get a check to the organization. You have to give them a receipt to show you’ve already spent the money.”

Thomson said the SGA is delegating money in a way students wish, since it ultimately comes from their tuition: “The money belongs to the students anyway and the senate’s just deciding how best to allocate it,” Thomson said.

Thomson and Trent said the group will be busy with many upcoming SGA events, such as a homecoming Millennial Ball, a homecoming rally and bonfire, a food drive, in conjunction with area schools, and class favorites elections.

Football frenzy: Matt Thomas, right, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon tries to grab the flag attached to Greg Parsons, left, of Lambda Chi Alpha before he makes a pass.
Bulldogs drop ball, but future still bright

By Brad Gaskins
Sports editor

The Union University Lady Bulldogs volleyball team tied the school’s consecutive win record of 23 by defeating Lambuth in straight sets last Tuesday night. But two days later Union was defeated by MidAmerica Nazarene in a first round match at the NCCAA National Tournament in Cedarville, Ohio.

If Union had won that game they would have passed the 23-game winning streak set by the Lady Bulldogs basketball team in the 1994-95 season.

Union (38-3 overall, 11-0 in the TranSouth Conference) was seeded No. 2 going into the 10-team tournament. MidAmerica Nazarene (18-12) was seeded tenth.

Lauren Hayden had 13 kills and 14 digs in Union’s loss to MidAmerica. Melissa Hayden had 19 assists. Andrea Darr had 13 digs.

Complete results from the tournament were not available at press time.

Swinging into success

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The Union University Lady Bulldogs softball team recently completed its 1999 fall softball season. The Lady Bulldogs finished with an overall record of 9-1, including first place finishes at the Lindsey Wilson Tournament and the University of North Alabama Tournament.

Union’s play in its fall games has (third) year head coach Brian Dunn excited about the regular season, which will begin this February.

“I’m very excited about this team and really like our chemistry,” Dunn said. “I believe we have the chance to have another strong year if everyone works hard.”

Last season the Lady Bulldogs won the TranSouth Conference championship and were MidSouth Region champions, which automatically qualified them for their first NAIA national tournament. Union finished the 1999 season with a 57-13 overall record and ranked eighth in the NAIA.

Union returns eight players from last season, including 1999 NAIAAll-Americans Izzy Luna and Stacey Anderson. All-Region Catcher Andrea Higgins and Mid-South Regional Pitcher of the Year Rachel Murray will also return.

The Lady Bulldogs also added four recruits to their roster: Jennifer Sabourin, a Junior College All-American, Molly Thomas, an outfielder, Michelle Gardner, who played for the 1998 NICAA national champion Illinois Central Community College, and Sun Roesslein, an outfielder and shortstop who transferred from Arizona Western.