Students dance and have a ball

By Mary Tullis
Staff writer

When the new millennium, dawns, Union will be having a ball.

The Millennial Ball will be held Feb. 19 at the Four Point Sheraton in Jackson. The entire campus is invited.

"This ball is the end-of-the-week Homecoming bash. It's a time for us to come together for a campus-wide event," said the event's co-creator, Autumn Alcott, a sophomore.

"This is a dance, so it will be off campus," said the other co-creator, Carla Rose, a junior.

The ball is a formal event and is a “date thing,” she added.

One of the main reasons this event is being planned is to help bring unity to the campus. It is a chance for everyone to go to a formal, Alcott said.

So far there are students from every organization helping on committees and being incorporated into the planning, she said.

The music planned for this event is to be a jazzy-orchestra setting and then a DJ is planned, so there will be music for all tastes.

The event is being sponsored by the SGA and class officers.

A limited number of tickets will be on sale Feb. 3-10. The cost is $12 per person or $20 per couple.

Kimberly Thornbury, dean of students, said, “The Homecoming Millennial Ball will be an exciting event. I am thankful for Carla Rose and Autumn Alcott’s creativity and initiative in planning this ball.”

“Homecoming will be very fun again this year, and we hope many students get involved in the planning process, and everyone participates in the week’s activities.”

‘Christmas Is…” on parade

By Rachel Smith
Staff writer

“Christmas Is…” is Union’s music and theater groups coming together in a performance celebrating the sights and sounds that are Christmas, said Wayne Johnson, associate professor of speech and theater.

Last year’s performance packed in approximately 1,200 people, from both the community and Union. Over 150 people participated in last year’s performance.

“The look, which is an all-white Christmas, will be the same this year, but we’ll handle the presentation differently,” Johnson said.

“This year’s production will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 7, in the G. M. Savage Memorial Chapel, and will feature beautiful, dramatic depictions of the nativity accompanied by wonderful music,” said Dr. Andrew Roby, associate professor of music and department chair.

The performance is free, and the Union University Singers, Chapel Choir, Proclamation, Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, and University Ringers (Handbell Choir) will provide the music.

“[It] is most easily described as an all-white Christmas,” Johnson said. “And I’m not talking about the old song, but the costuming . . . all the elements, and even the manger is white.”

Prior to the performance of “Christmas Is…” will be the first ever “Christmas Feast,” at 6 p.m. in the Coburn Dining Room. The Chapel Choir and the University Ringers will provide the entertainment.

“The cost is $25. and reservations are required. Those who attend the feast will have priority seating awaiting them at ‘Christmas Is …’ Otherwise, get there early because the chapel is sure to be packed!” Roby said.

“This is a program that you can come comfortably dressed and with the children, and you’ll hear the familiar songs and others, too,” Johnson said.

“It’s one of those nights where you can come in the middle of the hustle and bustle and all that is Christmas and really give you a simple but beautiful look at what it’s all about.”

Learning the art of thankfulness...

Last Friday the education department’s Social Studies Science Methods class sponsored a group from Haywood Elementary School in Brownsville, Tenn. to celebrate the first Thanksgiving. Education major, Jenny Fonville, assists Stacie Parker (right) in assembling a homemade pair of moccasins.
Here on the fence

By Justin Phillips
Columnist

As the turn of the millennium approaches, it seems as though every entity known to man feels the need to release its version of the “Top Whatever of the Century.”

For one am tired of reading the paper and seeing conflicting reports day after day about how the Screen Actor’s Guild has Cory Haim as the greatest teen child actor of the ‘80s and the Hollywood Producers’ Union has tagged Cory Feldman for the same distinction.

Well my friends, I have decided to end this dispute. After all, why has our voice not been heard? We need someone who is completely unbiased to speak for us. We need someone who listens to all points of view with no opinions of his own. We need the voice for the voiceless: middle class white kids, here on the fence.

Greatest Athlete Ever: Forget ESPN. Forget CNNSI. This is the only source you need to determine the greatest competitor in professional sports history, and wouldn’t you know it. We have a tie.

These men all have one common bond. They were instrumental in creating a legend in the game of basketball. Growing up, almost everyone you knew had a Michael Jordan poster, but it was never the action itself that made the poster great. It was the reaction of the guy getting “posterized” that made it truly memorable. So to Craig Ehlo, Sam Perkins, Bryon Russell, Gerald Wilkins and Cliff Robinson, here on the fence salutes you as the Greatest Athletes Ever.

Greatest Actress Ever: Carrie Fisher. See above.

Greatest Actor Ever: In our childhood, this man showed us that violence is a viable option to solve any problem, and solve them he did. This incredible thespian may never receive the credit he deserves from critics, but for those who have a true appreciation of art, we all cherish his work.

He continually stretched his acting ability by taking on such challenging roles of Clubber Lang and B.A. Baracus. No matter the character, he always carried himself with class and grace that could only be described as regally macho. Ladies and gentleman, I present you my greatest actor ever: Mr. T.

Greatest Snack Food Ever: Although scientists will forever question the nutritional value of this snack, its versatility will never come under scrutiny. Here is just a short list of the alternative uses for this snack: pencil grip, bouncing ball, any type of adhesive, bandage, eraser, and pencil substitute. I give you the Fruit Roll-Up.

Greatest Hygiene Product Ever: Pant-Plus. I mean, c’mon, shampoo and conditioner in one bottle, that’s simply genius. Everyone else just followed.

Alternate: Lava soap, with, pumice.

Greatest Elementary School Game Ever: Though many advocates of dodge ball were appalled to see that it did not secure the top spot, voters were asked to consider a game for its simplicity; a game that could be played anywhere at anytime.

This game truly separated the men from the boys. If you couldn’t take repeated amounts of pain in varying increments, you had no place in this sport. After many a game students would be unable to grasp their pencils from all the busted blood vessels, however one’s pride would still be in tact if he was the declared the winner in the game of Trump?

Alternate: Pencil-Break.

Greatest Recording Artist Ever: This artist is very dear to my heart, as we have similar backgrounds. He showed me that a talentless Latin kid from the ghettos that girls might just be OK. However, that is only if they are wearing an intergalactic bikini and firing lasers at alien gangsters. The winner is Return of the Jedi.

Doesn’t Union offer a class trying to accomplish items on my “to do list”? My car got a flat tire. It was at this point I realized no matter how many times my dad had taken me outside to show me how to fix a flat tire, I would not know if I could handle the situation myself until I had to do it. I had the situation under control. I had friends there cheering me on. The jack was in place, the hubcap was off and two of the lug nuts were removed when my frustration began.

The remaining three lug nuts would not come off. So I had to humble myself and ask a man for help. I needed the help due to a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge. I have decided lifting weights might be helpful, so that next time I will be able to take care of the situation completely on my own.

Not only was he able to remove the lug nuts, but he was also very willing to give his advice and suggestions for this situation.

I did not particularly appreciate his advice because I already knew what he was telling me to do, but I graciously thanked him and was then able to proceed with my tire changing abilities.

I have decided this challenge was extremely small compared to the many I will face in the next year as I begin to make decisions concerning my career, type residence and location of my home.

Learning from my parents about the practical aspects of life, as well as, listening to professors with advice from the field I will enter will hopefully help ease this transition into the “real world.”

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Greatest Song Ever: From the moment of its release, this song was misunderstood. Critics praised it for its incomparable blend of metal with a full orchestra. Then it garnered acclaim for showing a sensitive side to the world of heavy metal, yet again the meaning of the piece was misunderstood.

Each and every member of the mega-band Guns and Roses were scholars in their own right. The bulk of Axel Rose’s writing was done during a creative explosion while at the Meteorology School of Dayton University. It was there that he met guitarist Izzy Stradlin and Slash.

They all wanted to express their common love for the weather in a song, and from that encounter “November Rain” was born. Although the song is about heartache, the underlying message centers on the weather patterns of those damed, unpredictable Novembers.

I think Axel described the song best in a 1994 interview saying, “If you can’t care about and write passionately about barometric pressure inconsistencies in late Fall, then man, what is there to sing about.”

Bursting the bubble

By Kelli Ross
Editor-in-chief

Whoever said the older you get the faster time goes was definitely joking.

As I head toward Thanksgiving break and the end of this semester, I am suddenly hit with the fact that I am graduating in almost six months. Am I actually capable of surviving outside the Union bubble?

Doesn’t Union offer a class giving instructions on real world situations? CLU is offered to freshmen to orient them to college life. So logically, shouldn’t Union offer the LFE, orienting graduating students to real world situations such as, figuring taxes, getting insurance, negotiating salaries, living on a balanced budget, etc.

Unfortunately, I have come to realize that no matter how much a person prepares for some situations, it is experience that is the true teacher.
Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

I was walking down the hallway today after lunch, and I saw something that really confused me. A crowd of people was crowded around a small box, dropping in little slips of paper. I read the sign and it said, “Vote for your favorites and Mr. & Ms. Union.” Let me think about that one for a minute. We’re at a Christian school, one that was ordained by God’s authority. We are living as Christians. I’ve always heard God doesn’t play favorites. Why should we? If this offends anyone, I’m sorry, but really have a problem with playing favorites. This is not because I know I won’t be picked, but because of the image it sets up among students here at Union. While everyone is voting for his or her favorite, do we stop to think about the person that may have had a bad week? The person that hasn’t found a niche yet? The person that can’t seem to find anyone to talk to? Or are we only thinking of ourselves?

I’m sorry folks, but the last few issues of this paper have all contained letters and articles about the lack of love on campus, and I have to wonder if voting for our favorite people on campus will actually help us out or not. Lee Stanfill made a good point in his letter, stating that Union was suffering from a “toxic lack of love.” At times I feel that way as well. There are times when I feel alone in a crowd of people, people who are supposed to be my brothers and sisters, that have somehow found me separated from them by the way I dress, act, or what organization I do or don’t belong to.

I’m sure there are many others who feel this ways, who look with disdain upon the whole issue of favoritism just like I do. It’s even clearly explained in scripture that we are all the same. Romans 3:23 states that “all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.” Does this not, in actuality, make us the same? Matt Roden made a good point in his letter by saying that the image the Mind (over) Matter shirts held was that if you’re not part of that organization, you don’t matter.

What kind of image will this vote have? “Oh look at me, I got voted the favorite person of the junior class.” Wow. Are you going to put that on your resume when you apply for your job? I remember voting for superlatives and favorites in high school, thinking that by the time I was in college I wouldn’t have to worry about such trivial things anymore. It’s time for us to cast aside our childish ways and look at the world with a fresh face, one that accepts everyone as being of the same wonderful mold of the creator, and in a show of love that makes the world wonder what we’re up to. Thank you.

Marty Estes, sophomore, youth ministry major

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Following God, Keen finds focus

By Bobbi Grennell

"I am continually amazed at God's majesty when I see the haunting beauty of the mountains day by day," said senior Tiffany Keen, psychology major.

This semester, Keen is the first student from Union to attend the Focus on the Family Institute in Colorado Springs, Co. She has one of 40 students enrolled in the program this fall.

"It is exciting to be the first student from Union to come here," Keen said. "I feel that I already have so much to bring back to school with me."

Keen is studying under some of the best known and nationally respected Christian authors and lecturers at this institute, said Stacy Skaff and John Brickell, free-lance writers from the Focus on the Family Institute.

"This institute is commissioned by Dr. Dobson's 'Focus on the Family,' and is a semester-long program for juniors and seniors who can receive up to 16 hours of credit," said Skaff and Brickell.

"I have wanted to work with 'Focus on the Family' ever since I was in high-school," Keen said. "Every morning I would wake up and get ready for my day listening to their broadcast."

Keen was delighted when she learned about this program through Dr. Naomi Larsen, chair of the department of sociology and social work and assistant professor of sociology.

"It just so happened that I had a whole semester with no classes I had to take," said Keen, who credits God for making her dreams come true. "I had a clear indication from God, but Dr. Larsen is the one who helped me to put everything into action."

Keen's class hours are nothing like what she had experienced here at Union. She attends classes Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. until noon. "But each day is a different course," she said.

She doesn't have a whole lot of time to spare. "In addition to class work, students from this program are assigned to internships for such Focus on the Family departments as broadcasting, publication, counseling, public policy and youth culture," said Skaff and Brickell.

The purpose of this program is to awaken students hearts and minds to the ideas surrounding them. "Being here has heightened my desire to live by the passion God has given me! When I leave this program I know I will be better equipped to champion Christianity in the marketplace of ideas," said Keen.

"The institute is all about transforming students' lives by nurturing a passion in them for a more intimate relationship with God."

"Everything I have done in this program has enabled me to round out and build upon what I have already learned at Union," Keen said. She will be returning to Union during spring semester of 2000.

Programming teams double click

By Brent Green

Six Union students traveled to Murray State University Nov. 10 to participate in the Association of Computing Machines Central Programming Contest and brought back third- and fourth-place honors. Two squads represented Union. Elvis Ochieng, Scott Johnson and Brian Glass made up the Java Team, and Aaron Hardee, Wes Plunk and Timothy Newell comprised the C Team. Primarily, the teams include upper-level computer science majors.

Approximately eight hours a week are spent to prepare for the events, said Steve Brinton, faculty adviser and assistant professor of computer science. Last year the one team representing Union finished in fourth place in a competition that involved five hours of desktop work on computer programs, such as word puzzles and games.

The teams were judged on the programs they work on. "Our guys work with a lot of heavy and deep stuff, but it's a lot of fun if you're in to this type of thing," Brinton said.

The ultimate goal for the team, he said, has been to qualify for the world championship, which is being held in Orlando, Fla. this year. In order to get that far, the team would have to win the southeastern regional tournament.

Baptists footloose after 150 years

The Associated Press

LIBERTY, Mo. - Homecoming festivities at William Jewell College have usually been pretty standard—the parade, the football game, the crowning of the homecoming queen. But a dance on the campus quadrangle? Not until last weekend.

The 150-year-old Baptist college has had dances off campus, and student groups have danced at other spots on campus, as well as off-campus hotels.

But a dance in the open, in the heart of the campus, had never previously been considered.

"The time has come that the prohibition, whether official or unofficial, ends," said Barry Morris, an independent television producer who graduated from William Jewell in 1964.

He thinks it will be spectacular to see people dancing in the center of the campus.

Morris, who is a co-chairman of the sesquicentennial homecoming festivities, said that more than 1,000 people had reserved spots for the dinner and dance.

"In the real world, having a dance on campus is not a big deal at all, but at a Baptist campus, it is an event. It's not controversial, but it is the first of a kind," he said.

Students once avoided the word "dance" by labeling any event that "dance" by labeling any event that included dancing a "footh function," said Jewell graduate John Philpot, a physics professor on campus for 38 years.

"We've got some alumni coming back because they can't believe it, and they want to see it for themselves," he said.

Ray Jones, a college spokesman, said some conservative Baptists might see the dance as a sign that the college was becoming too liberal. He said a few people had questioned the college's decision.

But many people on campus are not against dancing and are definitely in favor of having fun to celebrate the college's 150th anniversary, Jones.

Fulk said alumni wanted to be part of officially changing the campus tradition.

"We have had so many people calling us and saying, 'Is this really true? I read it in the brochure, but is it really going to happen?" The consistent response is, ' I'm not going to miss being there to see it and participate in it.'"

STUDENT PROGRAMS

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• Dec. 3
Christmas movie, residence complexes, 9 p.m.

• Dec. 9
Christmas Special with children from the Carl Perkins Center
New faces in the crowd

By Johnna Green  
Staff writer

New faces have joined the team in Campus Ministries this semester. Jenny Jones and Jay Ridenour have teamed up with Todd Brady and Tiffany Stehle to complete the staff.

“My title changed from campus minister to minister to the university as a whole. We wanted to maintain the focus on students, and we were able to add a couple of people to help in that,” Todd Brady, minister to the university, said. Jenny Jones, who graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1998 with a master of arts in Christian education, serves as the new director of student outreach.

“We would like for this position to become a missions resource. When a student comes in, and they know this is a missions position, I need to be able to say, ‘OK, here are some opportunities. Knowing who you are and your gifts, these are the things I think would be great for you,’” Jones said.

Jones is in charge of planning the Global Outreach trips as well as other mission-centered programs.

“It’s more of just connecting students with God’s global purpose. What he’s doing here in the community, in other parts of the United States and where he is at work in other countries,” Jones said.

Jay Ridenour, a Union alumni who graduated from Beeson Divinity School in 1998 with a master of divinity, serves as director of discipleship ministries.

“My job is really relational. My job is to help any student who wants to take the next step in their faith. For some students it will mean salvation, for some it will mean full-time Christian vocation, and for everyone the message is always to the glory of God alone and to proclaim his kingdom and his name, and to teach students how that fits into what they’re called to do,” Ridenour said.

Ridenour’s area includes student programs and ministries such as the campus retreat held Nov. 5-7.

“What I pray for is that God will show us the needs of the campus and then give me vision for the need,” Ridenour said.

“We feel that our responsibility is for us to meet students where they are in their walk with Christ, not ask them to come to us, but we meet them where they are and we help them to take the next step. Campus Ministries does not want to be something you belong to, but, instead, something that belongs to you,” Brady said.

The addition of Jones and Ridenour helps spread the responsibilities in the department so that the students are ministered to and through better.

“We are a good mix. Tiffany holds us all together,” Brady said. “We each bring to this office different gifts and different desires that contributes to one good staff.”

Social work class does time in rehab

By Bobbi Grennell  
Staff writer

“You can learn so much more from hands-on experience then by just reading about it. Until you can experience something, it doesn’t become a reality” said senior Amy Steele, social work major.

Union’s Population at Risk course, consisting of 14 students, went on a field trip to Hardeman County Correctional Facility. “The objective in this course is to introduce students to societies at risk,” said Roslyn Wilson, social work field director and assistant professor of social work.

“The Hardeman County Correctional Facility is a medium-security prison, which means that students were walking past unrestrained prisoners in the halls,” said Wilson.

The students had the opportunity to tour the entire facility that day, and they also took a closer look at the rehabilitation program for prisoners with a history of drug and alcohol abuse, Wilson said.

In addition to touring the facility, the students spoke with the members of the rehabilitation program.

Hearing prisoners tell their stories made the most impact on me that day. I thought it was great that they had a program more secure to discipline these individuals. There were no drugs and it was much more restricted there,” Steele said.

A few of the prisoners told the students stories of how they got involved with drugs and alcohol, and how is directly related to being in prison.

“To the prisoners, alcoholism and drug use is a disease like any other, that slowly takes over their lives,” Wilson said.

The key point that was emphasized throughout the day was that nobody can make others change. “You can offer advice and lend a listening ear, but if they don’t make the change for their own well being; they will never be truly successful,” Wilson said.

“Since all of the students in this course are senior social work majors, they have already learned the bulk of what they will from books. During this course I like to see how students take the knowledge they have to a whole new level of understanding,” Wilson said.

“Populations at Risk is my favorite class because I can work with other people and learn from them in a hands on situation. This course has helped me to really comprehend everything I have been taught so far,” Steele said.
Harvest of plenty

By Bobbi Grennell
Staff writer

“I was just driving around Jackson looking for a job, and they needed me,” said Union graduate Brian Bunn, director of the Second Harvest Food Bank in Jackson.

Bunn, communication arts major, graduated from Union in January of 1999. One of six workers, he is in charge of the day-to-day operations of running the food bank.

“This nonprofit organization is part of the Second Harvest National Food Bank Network, including more than 180 centers throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico,” Bunn said.

“We have kept really busy this week with Thanksgiving coming up. The majority of the food we receive is during the beginning of November through the end of December,” Bunn said.

Second Harvest does not distribute food to individuals, but rather to foster care, senior and recovery centers as well as churches.

But the food is not completely free of charge. The center charges a shared maintenance fee of 14 cents per pound, which is used to cover the costs of handling the food, Bunn said.

To receive food from Second Harvest, it is necessary to apply for a membership.

The food bank will then visit the organization to make sure there is truly a need involved. After the membership is approved, the buyer can then buy the items of their choice.

“The items that are most helpful to the center are nonperishable foods such as canned foods, bread mix, dry milk and peanut butter,” Bunn said.

“Second Harvest collects nearly 1.5 million pounds of food each year, and the good part is that we don’t have to advertise because we are nationally spread out, and very well recognized,” he said.

The center receives donations from charity and food drives, as well as from manufacturers who can use their donations as tax write-offs.

“The Lambda Chi Alpha chapter at Union recently had a food drive and raised 20,600 pounds of food for us,” said Bunn, who was grateful for the large donation.

“We are staying really busy right now and are always in need of volunteer workers to clean, paint and help sort through food,” Bunn said.

American Chemical Society rates high, win national award

By Christy Vogt
Staff writer

Union’s American Chemical Society does more than play with chemicals. Last year’s chapter has been nationally acclaimed.

The 1998-1999 American Chemical Society chapter received the highest possible national award “Outstanding” by the American Chemical Society Committee on Education. The chapter is one of only 28 to receive this award and will be recognized officially at the 1999-2000 national meeting.

Cathie Scarbrough, senior chemistry major and ACS president, said judging is based on a number of categories. They include community service, National Chemistry Week activities, speakers, social functions, tours and field trips.

The award-winning report written by Scarbrough and ‘98-’99 senior chemistry major, Hillary Williams detailed all their activities.

Two major projects have been a Boy Scout merit badge workshop in chemistry and the organization and sponsorship of an environmental fair for Jackson-area fifth-grade students.

The ACS also annually plans and hosts the West Tennessee Regional Science Fair.

Dr. Randy Johnston, one of the faculty sponsors, said he and cosponsor, Dr. Charles Baldwin give direction and offer ideas to students. However, ACS members do much of the work on their own.

“It’s the result of a lot of hard work. Our members are very dedicated,” Scarbrough said. This group exposes its members to the professional side of chemistry, not only the academic.

“We are starting to look at our organization as an opportunity to build relationships,” Scarbrough said.

“The award is a sign that we are reaching outside of our chapter, making an impression on people outside of our school,” junior chemistry major Brent Morris said.

The ACS chapter has done well since its installment five years ago, Scarbrough said. That year the chapter earned a “Commendable” rating.

“It’s exciting,” she added. “I’ve been in American Chemical Society for three years. We’ve worked really hard, and I think the award is well-deserved.”
The top 10 books that were most influential Christian publications of the century were named in a recent survey of Union University’s faculty and administration.

“Dr. David Dockery [president of Union] wanted to conduct this survey,” said Cindy Meredith, assistant to the president for university operations. “It will be used as an internal and external use. They would be our opinion what the most influential were, and he thought it would be revealing.”

The survey was started with faculty to recommend a number of books they felt were influential in the Christian faith over the century. The books that received more than one vote became part of the second list of 36 books.

Only faculty and administration received the second list. They were to choose ten from the list of 36 that had received more than one vote. The survey was open for campus e-mail, and the results were tallied by hand.

“It was a very dispense response,” Meredith said. “It was by choice and not required. There was a response from most every discipline from history to math.”

The top 10 books are:
1. *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis
2. *Knowing God* by J.I. Packer
3. *Cost Of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
4. *Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis
5. *How Should We Then Live?* by Francis Schaeffer
8. *Letters and Papers from Prison* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
9. *In His Steps* by Charles Sheldon

Something you may notice is that three of the 10 books, including the first, are by C.S. Lewis. Why is C.S. Lewis so influential?

“He had a genius for taking extremely difficult ideas and making people understand them,” said Hal Poe, vice president for academic resources and information services and the program director for the international C.S. Lewis Conference. “"Mere Christianity" was written during a period that was about skepticism toward religion,” Poe said. “He presented a rational argument for the existence of God and reasonableness of a savior like Jesus Christ.”

This book is important during a secular age when people don’t take spirituality seriously. It is a contrast to the war going on,” Poe said. “"Germany was a civilized educated country that destroyed thousands of Jewish people during the war. This helped people understand there is a spiritual warfare going on behind the scenes.”

The International C.S. Lewis Conference held in Oxford and Cambridge every three years has two Union staff members as directors. Hal Poe, the program director for the conference, and Karen Mulder, assistant professor of art and the director for "the art track of the conference," Poe said.

The two week conference features major speakers and small-group seminars that explore the interests that continue the legacy of C.S. Lewis.

It deals with issues as diverse as politics, art, literature, science, history and religion. People from all over the world come to the conference. The next conference will be held in the year 2001.
Women’s volleyball dominates TranSouth

By Brad Gaskins
Sports editor

CEDARVILLE, Ohio — The Lady Bulldogs volleyball team won the TranSouth Conference Tournament by defeating Birmingham-Southern College 15-0, 15-0, 15-10 in the championship match on Nov. 13 at Lee University.

After beating Lyon College and Birmingham-Southern in first and second round matches, Union beat Lee University in the semifinals. That set up the rematch with Birmingham-Southern in the championship match.

Lauren Hayden, Melissa Hayden and Shanon Pollmann were selected All-Conference first team.

Lauren Hayden was named TranSouth Conference Player of the Year. Pollmann was selected the tournament’s Most Valuable Player. Head coach Brian Dunn was named TranSouth Coach of the Year.

Union led the conference in kills per game, attacking percentage, team assists, team aces and team blocks.

L. Hayden led the conference in individual kills. Pollman led in both attack percentage and blocks.

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women’s cross country

The Lady Bulldogs cross country team finished second in the TranSouth Conference Meet on Nov. 6 at Vaughn’s Creek.

Union head coach Gary Johnson was named TranSouth Coach of the Year.


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women’s basketball

Union 135, Jarvis Christian 79

Seven Bulldogs scored in double figures as Union won its season opener against Jarvis Christian College, 135-179, on Nov. 1.

Tryrian Ridges led Union (1-0) in scoring with 22 points, Gaylon Moore had 18, and Anthony Brooks scored 16. Ryan Massey, Michael Katrosh, William Gray and Demetrius Golden also scored in double figures.

The loss dropped Jarvis Christian’s record to 0-3.

Union 109, Tougaloo 68

Union (2-0) got its second win of the season by defeating Tougaloo College 109-68 on Nov. 5.

Tryrian Ridges led all scorers with 20 points. He also had six assists, three rebounds and one steal for the Bulldogs. Gaylon Moore scored 18 points, Anthony Brooks had 16, Zach Wiggins scored 15 and Enelio Moreno added 11.

The loss evened Tougaloo’s record to 1-1.

Edward Waters’ record improved to 2-1.

Union 91, Selma 74

Tryrian Ridges scored 21 points and dished out eight assists to muscle the Bulldogs (3-1) to a 91-74 win against Selma University.

Gaylon Moore scored 14 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for Union. Demetrius Golden scored 10, and Anthony Brooks added 16.

Selma’s record dropped to 1-1.

Union 92, Knoxville College 44

The Lady Bulldogs had four players score in double figures as Union improved its record to 2-0 by beating Knoxville College, 99-44, on Nov. 6.

Toya Tuggles and Alisha Lehmkuhl both scored 15 points for the Lady Bulldogs. Celestine Gholston finished with 10 points. Mary Beth Haltom scored 11.

Lori Love and Meg Griffin both dished out six assists. Freshman Allison Harrison scored 7 points and grabbed 14 rebounds for Union.

Knoxville College’s record sunk to 0-3.

Union 85, Cumberland 73

Leslie Henderson and Celestine Gholston scored 49 combined points to lead the Lady Bulldogs (3-0) to a 85-73 win against Cumberland University on Nov. 9.

Gholston had 11 rebounds to compliment her 24 points. Lori Love hit four three-pointer baskets and finished with 14 points for Union.

The defeat dropped Cumberland to 2-1.

Auburn-Montgomery 51, Union 47

Union (3-1) suffered its first loss of the young season by losing to Auburn-Montgomery, 51-47, on Nov. 12.

The Lady Bulldogs, who trailed 26-19 at halftime, shot just over 30 percent from the field.

Crystall Taylor scored 20 points, and Celestine Gholston added 13 for Union.

Auburn-Montgomery improved to 5-0.

Union 79, University of Mobile 56

The Lady Bulldogs got 17 points from both Celestine Gholston and Christal Taylor as Union (4-1) rolled to 79-56 win against the University of Mobile on Nov. 13.

Celestine, who shot 7 of 8 from the field, also had 14 rebounds. Meg Griffin had nine assists and four steals for the Lady Bulldogs.

Union 103, Texas College 27

Union had six players score in double figures as the Lady Bulldogs (5-1) whipped Texas College 103-27 on Nov. 16.

Alisha Lehmkuhl led all scorers with 22 points. Also scoring in double digits for Union was Lori Love with 14, Christal Taylor, Mary Catherine Way and Celestine Gholston with 12 point a piece and April Pearson with 11.

Meg Griffin had 9 assists for Union.

Texas College remained winless at 0-6.

NCCAA honors Gholston

Union’s Celestine Gholston, a 6-0 senior forward, was named the NCCAA Student Athlete of the Week (Nov. 8-14).

Gholston scored 30 points and grabbed 23 rebounds in Union’s games against the University of Mobile and Auburn-Montgomery. She also had an assist and a steal.

this week in sports

Monday: Both the men’s and women’s teams will play against Lambuth at home. The women will play at 6 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30p.m.

Friday: The Lady Bulldogs will travel to Denver, Colo. to play against Ft. Lewis University at 8 p.m. The men will play against Philander Smith College at home at 8 p.m.

Saturday: The women will play Colorado Christian College in Denver. The men’s team will play against Selma University at home at 8 p.m.