**Students get fast money**

By Andrew Long

Staff Writer

The Student Union Building will soon be the place to be for students in need of fast cash. First Bank of Jackson is donating an automatic teller machine to Union University. The ATM is scheduled to be installed by Jan 4, said Gary Carter, vice president for business services.

Union has been planning to include an ATM on campus since the planning of the Student Union Building, Carter said. Union considered installing an ATM at the school’s expense, but estimated cost would have been $10,000. Area banks were also reluctant to donate an ATM due to the cost involved.

First Bank of Jackson voluntarily approached Union about putting an ATM on campus. The addition was approved in early November.

Carter said the primary reason for having an ATM on campus was to benefit students, but also said it would service visitors and youth groups that use Union’s campus during summer months.

Students can use the ATM any time the Student Union Building is open. Transactions not associated with First Bank of Jackson will result in a $1.50 service charge.

Carter said he trusts he will not encounter any security problems with the ATM due to its location in the Student Union Building.

The new ATM will be located across the hall from the Office of Campus Ministries.

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**Christmas Special gives hope to children**

By Jennifer McClearen

Staff Writer

About 50 children from the Carl Perkins Center received toys and other gifts this Christmas thanks to several Union students and faculty.

On Dec. 9, several student organizations, athletic groups, and faculty members participated in the SAC Christmas Special. Each organization or group sponsored one or more children from the center by giving at least $50 in Christmas gifts to their special child. About 25 campus groups attended the event, according to SAC member Hilary Williams.

During the evening, the children were not only given dinner and gifts, but they also played with their sponsors and experienced the spirit of Christmas. “For most of them ... this will be their only Christmas,” said Aaron Grissom, event director. Santa Claus also made an appearance.

Grissom said participating in the Christmas Special gave college students more responsibility. “I feel like the Lord uses us to make a difference in a deprived child’s life,” Ernie Jackson, junior SAC member, said.

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**Union choir proclaims ‘Messiah’**

By Andrew Long

Staff Writer

The Union University Chorus performed George Frederick Handel’s “Messiah” Dec. 9 in G.M. Savage Memorial Chapel.

The chorus’s only performance of the year was the “Messiah” and represented a semester of practice and hard work.

Choir members felt they were ready for the performance. “I think we’re ready. It’s time to do it,” said senior Amy Hardin prior to the performance.

While performing one of the most masterfully written musical pieces in history, the chorus was conducted by university professor of music, Joseph Blass.

“He’s the best in voice instruction,” said senior Mark Faughn.

“He has a good feel for what he wants the music to be,” Hardin said.

Feel is indeed the appropriate word to describe the method Blass used to instruct the choir during practice. “Basses, I need more bounce,” he said during a quick run-through of “His Yoke is Easy.”

From “bounces” to crescendos and decrescendos, Blass led the chorus through the tedious valleys, mountains and rapids of Handel’s glorious masterpiece.

Written in less than five weeks, selections from Handel’s “Messiah” are traditionally performed during the Christmas season. The work was first performed for an audience of 700 in Dublin at the Fishamble Street Music Hall, April 13, 1742. Starting in 1750, it was performed annually for nine years as a benefit concert for Handel’s favorite charity. The Foundling Hospital, an institution for homeless children.

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**$2 million to Union**

By Andrea Aldridge

News Editor

“IT is important to realize that this is a significant gift to the Jackson community and says that Union is important in Jackson,” Kevin Trowbridge, acting director of public relations for the university.

Trowbridge said an unnamed donor gave university officials $2 million for the Master Plan. $1.8 was set aside for the construction of the new Performing Arts Center. $200,000 is for the church-matching scholarship fund.

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Scheduled Time: Monday evening classes, Tuesday evening classes, Thursday evening classes

*Classes that meet at other times will have exams scheduled by the instructor and their respective dean.

GOOD LUCK!
Laura Rector
Staff Writer

The Union University Board of Trustees approved a campus Master Plan and accompanying fund-raising campaign at the Dec. 5 board meeting. The plan includes three six-year building phases, with a fourth phase yet to be determined. The school already has a $1.8 million unnamed gift to break ground for the first building in Phase One, a new performing arts classroom wing.

"What we want to do is develop a campus with great aesthetic appeal," John Drennon, chairman of the board, said. "They’re moving to a collegiate Georgian kind of look, and part of that is giving a sense of scale and significance to the buildings," Dr. Michael Duduit, executive vice president, said.

"I’m excited because it’s going to relieve what’s been an overcrowded situation," Jack Holmes, trustee, said. Holmes is one of 12 members of the Master Plan trustee task team. The team acts on behalf of the 50 trustees to make decisions regarding the plan between board meetings.

President David Dockery said, "What we will do beginning in January 1998 is to secure engineering and architectural firms to give us proposals on the best way to begin to utilize the land."

**Phase One**

Duduit said Phase One of the Master Plan includes the construction of the classroom wing of a new Performing Arts Center. The departments of Art, Communication Arts, Music and Christian Studies will be housed in the building.

If funding falls into place, Dockery suggested the following timeline of events for the first year of Phase One:

- Jan. 1998: secure engineering and architecture firms
- Spring 1998: break ground of new Main Entrance
- Fall 1998: completed Main Entrance and ceremonial groundbreaking of Performing Arts Center.

Phase One has already begun with the metamorphosis of last year’s snack bar into the Lexinton Inn. The completion of Union Station was the second renovation made as a beginning step toward the new campus.

Steps include building the infrastructure for the plan, including a loop road around the campus, utility lines, sidewalks and a new entrance on Pleasant Plains Road. Walker Road will become part of the campus. After the entrance and loop road are built, construction of the Performing Arts Center will begin as soon as the funds are raised, Duduit said.

"We hope to have a ceremonial groundbreaking for this building sometime during the fall semester of 1998," Dockery said. The president said it would probably be 18 months from the groundbreaking to the completion of the building. Students will hopefully start classes there by the fall of 2000.

"Education and Business will expand into the Communication Arts area in Blasingame. You’ll have space opened up with Music that can be used for Nursing" in the Penick Academic Complex, Duduit said.

Hastings & Chivetta, a consulting firm, met with students, faculty, and administrators to develop the plan. Duduit said the firm "rethought the campus in a different way." Developing the plan took about eight months.

Ten students, selected by Student Services, attended meetings with the firm to help design the campus.

"We met with the people who were designing the campus and we got to give them our ideas and opinions about their ideas. We were a diverse group," John Carroll, junior, said.

Duduit said other projects during Phase One include an administration building, new married student housing and athletic fields. The order of the projects will depend on available funding.

Warmath (married student housing) will probably be converted to single student housing.

"A school is made up of books, brains and bricks, and books and brains always take priority over bricks," Dockery said. He said raising funds for student scholarships and academic resources for faculty remain a priority.

All building projects will be financed through donations.

Dockery plans to hold a town meeting with students to discuss the Master Plan during the first two weeks of next semester.

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meeting called Dec. 3. Dockery said the role would include more "vision-casting," working with the academic center and research, as well as relating directly to the provost.

"The redefinition and clarification of roles is a positive step in projecting Union forward in its mission as an excellence driven institution of higher education," said Kevin Trowbridge, acting director of public relations for Union.
Phases Two and Three predict campus growth

By Andrea Aldridge
News Editor

“This is a bold and faith-filled step for Union University, and I think in the days ahead, people will look back at Dec. 5 as a very historical event when the trustees made the decision that could transform Union University,” President David Dockery said.

Dr. Michael Duduit, executive vice president, said university officials began discussing the Master Plan about one year ago. They have studied the physical characteristics of the campus and discussed an educational planner, including the current and projected programs of the university. Officials have projected the university to grow from approximately 2,000 students to 3,000 in about 20 years.

Phases Two, Three and the undetermined fourth phase include several aesthetic improvements for the campus.

Phase Two

Duduit said Phase Two includes adding a theater and art studio/gallery to the Performing Arts Center. It also includes 500-700 more parking spaces, a lake behind the Penick Academic Complex and a major Athletic and Convocation Center. The Athletic and Convocation Center will house the gym, meeting rooms and classrooms. Taller dorms, maintaining the private bedroom layout, will also be built in this phase. Duduit said a Bell Tower is planned for this phase as well.

Phase Three

Dockery said Phase Three brings about the conclusion of the Performing Arts Center by adding a concert hall. The library will also come in Phase Three. Duduit said the library is not coming until then because of technological advances that will be made throughout the first two phases, which will total 12 years. More student housing and intramural fields will arrive in Phase Three as well.

“We want to provide facilities equal to the superior nature of the faculty and above average students at Union University,” President Dockery said.

Dockery believes the great lawn and the first classroom building will most change the look of the campus and make a significant difference in the first impression of visitors to the campus.

“Adaptations and revisions will be made” to the Master Plan, and improvements will be made by securing appropriate funding and based on priorities and needs, Dockery said.

“It is a rare thing to get a chance to impact the way your university will change and grow. I was really excited to see how much Dr. Dockery and the trustees were wanting to make Union appear aesthetically. We need to look like a major university… I was honored to be on the committee,” Jay Watson, junior Communication Arts major, said. Watson served on the Master Plan committee selected by Student Services.