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The 2010-11 academic year at Union University was blessed in numerous and multi-faceted ways, reflecting God’s ongoing goodness, faithfulness and favor to this University.

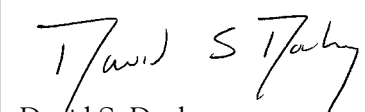
It would not be an overstatement to say that this past year was among the best ever in Union’s long and distinguished history.

Great progress was made toward the full completion of the Union 2012 Strategic Plan, including its many priorities, goals and objectives. During the past year, the University received a pledge for a \$10 million matching gift for the proposed new library. That exciting development, as well as other key updates, are included in the Annual Report that you hold in your hands.

While this Annual Report is quite informative, it only tells a portion of the full story about the record enrollment, recognitions and accomplishments that took place this year on the Union campus. The quality of the student body, staff and faculty has never been better. Ultimately all of these things point to our great and gracious God who has continued to bless the work of our hands (Ps. 90:17). Union’s commitments to an educational model that seeks to reclaim and advance the Christian intellectual tradition have given the University a distinctive role in the world of higher education.

We certainly want to give thanks to God for the exceptional leadership provided by our capable and wise trustees. We offer gratitude to friends, alumni, advisors and donors who have generously given of their time, wisdom and resources, and who have faithfully offered prayers and encouragement for us. Even as we offer thanksgiving for the abundant blessings of this past year, we acknowledge our hope in and dependence on God as we look forward to the opportunities of the future.

Solio Deo Gloria,


David S. Dockery



PLANS FOR A NEW LIBRARY APPROVED

With technological advances, libraries of the 21st century have become more than just places to store books. They serve as complete academic resource centers, connecting scholars with opportunities to benefit from stored knowledge around the world.

Union's current Emma Waters Summar Library in the Penick Academic Complex fits that description to a point, but is clearly challenged by space limitations. Unfortunately, that location lacks room for any significant expansion.

So in 2010-11, Union trustees approved plans for a three-story domed library that will rise just east of Jennings Hall. The new building should more than double library square footage on the Jackson campus. And each gift made or pledged to the project through December 2012 will be doubled, thanks to a generous matching gift offer from the Bill and Carol Latimer Foundation. The offer is good for up to \$10 million in matching funds. ■



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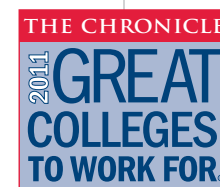
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The respected *Chronicle of Higher Education* surveyed about 44,000 employees at 310 colleges and universities to determine which of these institutions merit the designation “Great Colleges to Work For.”



Only 111 achieved that status this year. Only 30 four-year schools made the honor roll as published in the *Chronicle*.

Only three of those 30 schools placed in as many as 11 separate ratings categories: Eastern Kentucky University, Gettysburg College and Union University.

“People who come to work for Union seem wonderfully ‘shocked’ at the true level of community in this place,” said Kimberly Thornbury, vice president for student services and dean of students.

George Guthrie, the Benjamin W. Perry professor of Bible, added this observation: “I have had a number of opportunities through the years to teach elsewhere, but I can’t imagine a better place to be a professor.”



Hunter Baker, associate professor of political science



John Netland, professor of English

NATIONAL HONORS FOR A DISTINGUISHED FACULTY

For several years, *U.S. News & World Report* has recognized Union for one of America’s finest teaching faculties, calling attention to “an unusually strong commitment to undergraduate teaching” and ranking the institution’s teaching quality among the top five regional universities in the South.

But all such recognitions at the national level for the work of faculty members are increasing both in number and significance.

Two examples: the 2011 Novak Award for Associate Professor of Political Science Hunter Baker, and Best Article recognition in the form of the 2010 Lionel Basney Award from the *Christianity and Literature* journal for Professor of English John Netland.

The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty presents the Novak Award for outstanding research by scholars early in their academic careers “who demonstrate outstanding intellectual merit in advancing the understanding of theology’s connection to human dignity, the importance of limited government, religious liberty and economic freedom.”

Netland’s article on Japanese novelist Shusaku Endo investigates the author’s frequent use of swamps as a means to depict Japan’s relationship with Western culture and Christianity. 📖

DISTINGUISHED STUDENT GROUPS WIN TOP HONORS



Cardinal & Cream staff with Michael Chute, professor of communication arts, and Jim Veneman, assistant professor of communication arts



Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature team



Debate team with coach Web Drake, assistant professor and chair of communication arts

When student journalists from 33 schools in eight Southern states gathered to award the best campus newspaper in the region, representatives from Union's *Cardinal & Cream* stepped up to claim that top prize while staffers from much larger newspapers at flagship universities remained seated.

When 37 Tennessee colleges and universities honored the state's best student legislators, the distinction went to Union University's delegation – for a second consecutive year.

And when the International Public Debate Association crowned its national champion debate team for 2011, the repeat winner was Union University

"It's great for Union to be able to show that we can compete intellectually and academically with anyone," said Union senior Micah Roeder, who served as the head delegate for Union's Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature delegation.

In more arenas than ever before, Union student organizations are winning the highest recognitions possible within their peer groups. But Union students also fare well individually.

For example, at the 2011 Southeast Journalism Conference, 10 of the 19 individual category awards went to Union students in areas such as writing, photography and design. 📰



HONORS COMMUNITY REACHES ACROSS DISCIPLINES

What is wisdom?
What is beauty?

No individual academic discipline presumes to completely answer such far-reaching questions. So Union's restructured Honors Community incorporates an interdisciplinary approach from its initial course offerings through final projects.

The general honors program includes courses on wisdom, beauty, justice and creation. In each course, there are multiple concurrent seminars with a faculty instructor and about 15 students. All the students and faculty also regularly meet together.

"We take the name 'Honors Community' seriously," says Director Scott Huelin, who is an associate professor of English. "There is more to honors than just the two academic courses we offer."

Huelin came to Union in 2009 from Valparaiso University. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Changes in Union's approach to Honors came from the recommendations of a faculty honors advisory committee. One suggested change was a new assistant director position that is reappointed every three years to allow input from a variety of disciplines. The first assistant director is Professor of Nursing Jill Webb. ■



R. Keith Absher, dean



Emily Lean, assistant professor of business



Walton Padelford, university professor of economics

BUSINESS FACULTY CONTRIBUTES TOP RESEARCH

To have even one article published in a scholarly journal is quite an accomplishment.

These peer-reviewed research pieces are generally accepted at a rate of 20 percent or less.

During the past five years, professors in Union University's McAfee School of Business Administration have been published 65 times in top research journals.

"Our research is a win for the faculty members, students and Union," said Dean Keith Absher. "Our graduate and undergraduate students benefit from this research. Many of our students have publications and research presentations because of faculty who have given them the opportunities."

Absher said the environment of continual research causes faculty members to stay current in their fields, which carries over into their classrooms. Students take part in the research, present their findings and gain a valuable advantage in the job market. ■



SETTING A WINNING EXAMPLE

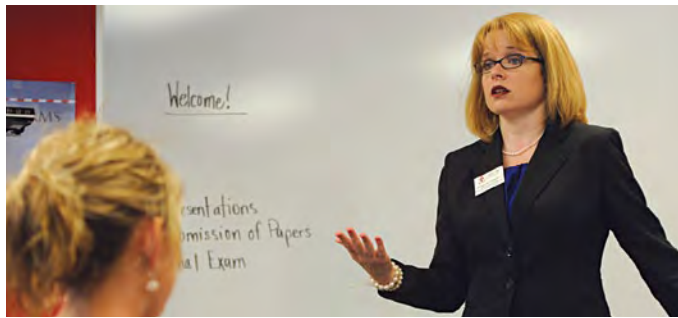
When Union University's Student Member chapter of the American Chemical Society was recognized with an Outstanding Chapter Award in October, it became one of only about 30 SMACS chapters to win the honor from among more than 1,000 across the nation.

A prestigious accomplishment to be sure, but consider this: the Union SMACS chapter has now won that honor for 12 consecutive years.

"This chapter has always placed a high priority on community service," Faculty Advisor Charles Baldwin said.

Baldwin, who has taught at Union for 34 years, retired in May as the O.P. and Evalyn Hammons University Professor of Pre-Medical Studies. With Baldwin as their advisor, SMACS students at Union have initiated demonstration programs and hands-on activities at several local schools, including initiatives to teach science standards in an attempt to increase scores on standardized tests.

"We have seen other chapters across the country increase their outreach to the community in the last decade," said Baldwin. "I think it's partly due to the example that our chapter has set." 🏆



A PERMANENT HOME IN HENDERSONVILLE

Union University is about to have a new home for its Hendersonville programs. City leaders and Union administrators formally announced plans for a 24,000-square-foot facility along Indian Lake Road, currently a growth corridor for the city.

Union has been successful in offering programs from First Baptist Church Hendersonville, something that started on a small scale in fall 2008. Community leaders think a permanent building will take growth for Union University Hendersonville to new levels.

“When (people in the community) see that building go up and it’s occupied, you’re here and here to stay,” said Benny Bills, retired director of schools for Sumner County. “Now there’s a four-year university right here, so it affords a great opportunity for all of us.”

Union benefactor and Union Foundation Board member Jim Ayers of Nashville will develop the project for the university through his affiliate Ayers Asset Management. Completion is expected in the first half of 2012. ■



SINGAPORE PARTNERSHIP AN OPEN DOOR TO ASIA

Union President David S. Dockery sees Singapore as a place that presents much opportunity. It is a densely populated, global financial center where 95 percent of the people speak at least some English, a place where faithful evangelical Christians have made inroads with established schools and churches.

Dockery has always voiced a deep desire to see Union become a Great Commission university, expanding its footprint around the world. Against that backdrop, Union entered into a three-year agreement with Singapore Baptists in November 2010.

The partnership will include faculty and student exchanges; academic program development; study tour opportunities for church leaders, faculty and students; collaborative research and seminars; promotion of church health, church growth and church planting; and evangelism and discipleship.

“If Asia is the future of the 21st century, Singapore is the open door to Asia,” Dockery said. ■



A NEW DAY FOR UNION ATHLETICS IN NCAA DIVISION II

Union University is on its way toward NCAA Division II competition and membership in the prestigious Gulf South Conference.

NCAA representatives notified Union in July 2011 that the membership committee had approved candidacy status. That announcement begins a three-year transition process. In year one, Union's athletic teams will compete in the NAIA's TranSouth Athletic Conference and perhaps in NAIA national tournaments. The next two years, Union will move to competition in the Gulf South, but will not be eligible for post-season tournaments.

"We are gigantically pleased, there's no other way to say it," said Nate Salant, Gulf South commissioner. "Union University was a great candidate, possibly among the best ever for admission into Division II."

Union's 2012-13 athletic schedules will include Gulf South member schools: Christian Brothers University, Delta State University, Shorter University, University of Alabama-Huntsville, University of New Orleans, University of North Alabama, University of West Alabama, University of West Florida, University of West Georgia and Valdosta State University. 



David and Lanese Dockery in his office prior to the opening convocation of 1996



A PRESIDENTIAL MILESTONE

Union University marked a significant milestone on December 2, 2010, when it celebrated the 15th anniversary of David S. Dockery's election as president. At that moment in 1995 when Union trustees elected him, they could not have known how significant their action would become in the history of the institution.

Dockery already has served a longer consecutive term than all but two of Union's presidents since 1823. But the historical significance of his service extends far beyond matters of longevity.

Fall enrollment when Dockery was elected stood at 1,972; in 2010 it was 4,186. There were about 2,000 Union donors in 1995, a number that has tripled in 15 years. The university's \$18 million budget in 1995 stood at \$81 million in 2010. Two seven-figure gifts had been given to Union in the years leading up to 1995, while 18 such gifts were received in the first 15 years of Dockery's tenure.

Under Dockery's leadership, the campus has been transformed. Buildings such as Jennings Hall, Hammons Hall, White Hall, Providence Hall, Miller Tower, the Carl Grant Events Center, Fesmire Field House and the Bowld Student Commons did not exist in 1995. Neither did Union's campuses in Germantown and Hendersonville.

"We are truly thankful for the gracious and providential blessings that God has bestowed on this university," Dockery said at the anniversary celebration. "I can only offer thanks to God for the wonderful privilege that he has extended to Lanese and me to serve at Union." ■

HIGHLIGHTS 2010-11

The following pages contain some campus highlights for the 2010-11 fiscal year (August 1, 2010-July 31, 2011). Also included are some notable accomplishments by Union University faculty, students and staff. It is not an exhaustive list and is only intended as a brief summary. For more details about Union news, go to uu.edu/news.



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Union University is one of four institutions in Tennessee included in the new "College Access and Opportunity Guide" that highlights colleges and universities committed to **ACADEMIC RIGOR AND ACCESSIBILITY**. The book includes profiles of 284 colleges that are committed to serving low-income, first-generation college-bound students.

THE PRINCETON REVIEW named Union University one of the 133 **BEST COLLEGES IN THE SOUTHEAST**. Selection was based on institutional data collected from the schools, visits from *The Princeton Review* staff to the campuses and the opinions of college counselors and advisers. Only about 25 percent of the nation's 2,500 four-year colleges and universities receive this regional recognition.

Union University has moved into the **TOP 15 UNIVERSITIES IN THE SOUTH**, according to the annual rankings of colleges and universities by **U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT**. Union was tied for the 15th spot in the "Best Regional Universities – South" category, up one spot from last year's ranking of 16th. The position is the highest ever for Union and marks the 14th straight year for the publication to list Union among the best universities in the South.

MORE THAN 500 FRESHMEN MOVED ONTO THE UNION CAMPUS Aug. 20. Scores of upperclassmen, faculty and staff were on hand to help the new students unpack their vehicles and get settled into their new home. The new students helped Union achieve its largest enrollment in history and an increase for the 13th consecutive year. [fig. 1]

President David S. Dockery and other university leaders presided over the **DEDICATION OF PROVIDENCE HALL** – the new home for Union's School of Pharmacy and Center for Excellence in Health Care Practice – during an Aug. 25 ribbon-cutting ceremony. The name of the 57,000-square-foot facility testifies to the way God provided for Union University following the 2008 tornado. The building contains five large classrooms, all equipped for video conferencing, as well as about 20 rooms for elective classes and small group teaching, faculty offices and a student lounge. [fig. 2]

HOPE RESIDENCE COMPLEX was

dedicated at a ceremony Aug. 27. Hope Quad contains three residential buildings with 38 apartments and a capacity of 149 students. The fourth building to complete the quad is scheduled for construction at a later date. Since the 2008 tornado, Union has built 20 residential buildings, with 246 apartments and 965 bedrooms. [fig. 3]

Enrollment at Union University for the fall semester is a **RECORD-HIGH 4,186 STUDENTS** – a 3.3 percent jump from a year ago. Nearly all the growth came in Union's undergraduate programs, which showed a 4.6 percent increase in enrollment since last fall.

Christians must be willing to give every part of their lives in service to the Lord, **TBC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-TREASURER RANDY DAVIS** told Union University students in a chapel service. "It is God's will that you climb up on this altar of sacrifice and become a living sacrifice. The call today is to come to the altar of the lordship of Jesus Christ and give him your heart, your desires, your dreams and open up your hands and say, 'Lord, all of it belongs to you.'" Davis' visit to Union was his first since becoming the TBC executive director-treasurer in July 2010. [fig. 4]

Union University graduate **KEVIN EZELL**, senior pastor of Highview Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., was elected as president of the Southern Baptist Convention's North American Mission Board by the organization's trustees Sept. 14. Ezell ('85) is a native of Paducah, Ky., and has served as pastor of churches in Illinois, Tennessee and Texas. At the time of his selection, two of his daughters were students at Union. Ezell also serves on Union's Board of Regents.

Fall **UNION FORUM** speaker **RICH LOWRY** told his Jackson audience that the U.S. is locked in an ideological battle between limited government conservatism and European-style progressivism that will determine whether the country continues to be exceptional. Lowry is editor of *National Review*, a syndicated columnist and Fox News Channel contributor. "If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and its finisher. As a nation of freemen, we must live through all time or die by suicide," Lowry said, quoting Abraham Lincoln. "It's my profound belief that this country will resolve to live." [fig. 5]

More than 800 family members from across the country attended Union University's **FAMILY WEEKEND** activities. Scheduled activities for the weekend included optional workshops on Friday afternoon, the Chi Omega Make-A-Wish cookout, movie night and sibling sleepover on Friday night, president's brunch on Saturday morning, family swim time on Saturday afternoon and All Sing Saturday evening. [fig. 6]

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian **DANIEL WALKER HOWE** was the featured speaker for the 14th annual **CARLS-SCHWERDFEGER HISTORY LECTURE** Series. Howe, the Professor of History Emeritus at UCLA and the Rhodes Professor of American History Emeritus at Oxford University, addressed the topic, "What Hath God Wrought: Manifest Destiny and the Communications Revolution of Nineteenth-Century America." [fig. 7]

Former First Lady **LAURA BUSH** was the keynote speaker at Union's 13th annual **SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET**. The fundraiser drew about 1,700 guests and raised about \$600,000 for student scholarships. Bush addressed some of the issues that became priorities for her during her time as first lady, such as literacy, women's health care and education. She also met with Union students. "You always see her on TV and hear stories about her, and it's neat to actually to be able to have a conversation with her," said Micah Roeder, a senior from Earle, Ark. "She has a love for education and a love for people, and the way that she pushes herself to help other people is admirable." [fig. 8]

Jesus can marvel at Christians' faith, he can also be bored by their comfort, **BRYAN LORITTS** told Union University students during Union's **FAITH IN PRACTICE** chapel series. In the first of his three addresses, he addressed the topic of ministry to both the social insider and the social outsider. "I'm amazed at the breadth of Jesus' ministry -- his unique ability to attract lepers and centurions," Loritts said. The lead pastor of Fellowship Bible Church of Memphis encouraged Christians to adopt the same attitude as that of Jesus. [fig. 9]

The highly respected publication **FIRST THINGS** named Union one of the **TOP 12 "BEST SERIOUSLY PROTESTANT SCHOOLS"** and one of the top 25 church-related colleges and universities in the nation. The rankings appeared in the November 2010 issue and marked the magazine's first foray into evaluating colleges and universities. Editors say the rankings were based on three main categories: academics, social context and influence, and the place of religion on campus.

The **FALL TOWN & GOWN** series for 2010 focused on energy sustainability and

stewardship. Among the presenters during the multi-week event was **LOYD HANSEN**, energy consultant, who expressed optimism about the future of energy. He said one of the most important developments in coming years would be the ability to convert natural gas into a clean liquid fuel. "If we can implement this (gas-to-liquid) technology, it becomes a very positive answer," Hansen said. "And I suspect that we will shortly."

Two independent studies concluded Union provides top quality education at a relatively low cost. **COLLEGE BOARD** released an October report showing Union's cost is about \$5,000 less than the average cost for four-year private institutions nationally. Union also was named one of **"AMERICA'S 100 BEST COLLEGE BUYS"** for the seventh straight year by Institutional Research and Evaluation Inc., an independent research and consulting organization. The company selects the 100 schools after surveying quality and costs at more than 1,400 accredited U.S. colleges and universities each year.

More than 1,000 Union University students, faculty and staff members worked on 63 community service projects as part of the eighth annual **CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY: A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND SERVICE**. The event is an opportunity for Union to show its appreciation to the community for its assistance after tornadoes hit the campus in 2002 and 2008. Union cancels most classes on this day each year to allow the university community to participate in projects at such places as local schools, churches, nursing homes and social and non-profit organizations. The 2010 turnout was a record for the event. [fig. 10]

ANDREA MCDANIEL ('99) returned to her alma mater in October to address the Union Auxiliary. She spoke about her work in Rwanda through a ministry she founded and now leads called "As We Forgive-Rwanda Initiative." The Christian, non-profit organization seeks to provide healing and reconciliation in that country following genocide that wiped out 10 percent of the population in 100 days. The Union Auxiliary provides scholarships to students and provides support for international students and students of missionary families.

As part of National Nurse Practitioner Week, the School of Nursing at Union University Germantown conducted a **WILLOW CEREMONY** at the Germantown campus. Since 2008, the event has honored Union's nurse practitioner students and preceptors. "The willow tree could symbolize nurse practitioners in that they are both strong, but have flexibility to reach out," said Patsy Carihfield, associate professor of nursing at Union University Germantown.

Union welcomed the class of 1961 to



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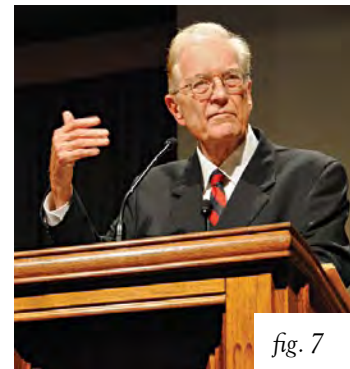


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a 50th reunion and honored its alumni during **HOMECOMING** festivities in early November. Five were inducted into the **SPORTS HALL OF FAME**, including Kenneth B. "Sadie" Hawkins, Lauren Hayden, James A. "Casey" Jones, Bob Agee, Warren Olden and Gerry Neese. Alumni Award recipients were George Guthrie, the Benjamin W. Perry Professor of Bible at Union, with the Distinguished Alumnus Award, Marvin and Jean Fitts with the Distinguished Service Award, and Robert Cox, of the Union Facilities Management team, with the Distinguished Faculty/Staff Award. Crowds enjoyed art exhibits, tailgating parties and basketball victories from the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs. [fig. 11]

Organist **GILLIAN WEIR** was the featured performer for the 2010 **MCACFEE ORGAN CONCERT**. Weir is an internationally acclaimed concert organist and has performed worldwide at many major festivals with leading orchestras. In addition to the McAfee Organ Concert appearance, she also performed concerts at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, Spivey Hall in Atlanta, and the American Guild of Organists in Phoenix. [fig. 12]

Those who attended **FALL COMMENCEMENT** exercises saw 345 students receive degrees and heard from **JON WALLACE**, president of Azusa Pacific University. The keynote speaker encouraged graduates to look to Christ for their identity and purpose in life. Also as part of the ceremony, Union presented the Robert E. Craig Service Award to **GARY GRISHAM**, president of BancorpSouth in Jackson.

A record 127 students were registered for the annual **SCHOLARS OF EXCELLENCE WEEKEND**, during which students competed for Union's highest academic scholarships. In fact, all invited students earned at least a half-tuition scholarship. To be invited to the competition, students must score at least a 31 on the ACT or a 1360 SAT (combined critical reading and math), be in the top 15 percent of their graduating class and maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

RENITA WEEMS, an author and the vice president of academic affairs at American Baptist College, was the keynote speaker for Union's fourth annual **BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM**. Weems said the transition between generations in the black community is similar to the change in leadership during the time of Moses. She challenged the new generation to push ahead for better understanding and reconciliation. MOSAIC, a campus organization dedicated to encouraging multi-cultural understanding, hosted the event. Group members provided music and read Scripture during the program. [fig. 13]

SPRING UNION FORUM speaker **SCOTT RASMUSSEN** said a majority of Americans are frustrated by a U.S. political system that seems to ignore the voices and opinions of U.S. citizens. "People want Republicans to lose, and they want Democrats to lose," said the prominent pollster. "They want them both to lose at the same time, but haven't figured out a way to make that happen." His luncheon address concluded the 12th annual Union Forum lecture series. [fig. 14]

The **SPRING TOWN & GOWN** series for 2011 focused on the welfare of children. Presentations focused on communities and the effects of social forces that hinder well-being. Mary Anne Poe, professor of social work and director of Union's Center for Just and Caring Communities, said the course material came from a viewpoint of imagining a future that is just and caring for all children.

During the annual **CRABTREE FAMILY LIFE SERIES**, Russell Moore said the adoption of orphans provides a compelling picture of what God has done for Christians. "Once you are adopted, you are brought into the family of God with everything that it means to be a child of God," Moore said. "Your identity is now the identity of Jesus Christ." **RUSSELL MOORE** is dean of the School of Theology and senior vice president for academic administration at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Union's 8th annual **STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL** featured Norwegian filmmakers Odd Hynnekleiv and Grete Salomonsen Hynnekleiv. "(The Hynnekleivs) are Christians who are working in a very high profile way in the arts in Norway and Europe," said Gregory Thornbury, dean of the School of Theology and Missions. Union students submitted 14 films of their own creation to the festival. Each film fell into one of three categories: documentaries, short-form films or long-form films. [fig. 15]

At Union's **BUSINESS THROUGH THE EYES OF FAITH** luncheon, keynote speaker **EDMUND MOY** said Christians are called to be change agents and can bring about change through the moral and ethical decisions they make. Moy, former director of the U.S. Mint and aide to President George W. Bush, addressed the luncheon and also met with business classes and individual students. "He was really at his best talking to students one-on-one," said Keith Absher, dean of the McAfee School of Business Administration. "It meant a lot to them."

Ten students from Jackson Central-Merry Academy of Medical Technology became the first group to participate in a new program which introduced students to the nursing profession, thanks to a recent partnership between the high school and Union University's **CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH CARE PRACTICE**. Every Friday

for 14 weeks, the small group of junior and senior students visited Union's campus to gain practical nursing skills at the Center for Excellence in Health Care Practice, located in Providence Hall. Many of the students aspire to careers in nursing.

NIGEL GOODWIN, executive director of Genesis Arts Trust, joined several notable Christian artists in urging Christian involvement in the arts during an April **CONFERENCE ON ART, CULTURE AND THEOLOGY**. Goodwin spoke of God as the Great Artist who commanded mankind to preserve his creation. A fear of being influenced by a non-Christian culture has left Christians with little or no voice in the world of art, Goodwin said. But he noted that the situation has changed over the last 40 years. [fig. 16]

For the second year in a row, Union University's debate team won the **INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC DEBATE ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT**, held in April at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. After a weekend of competing against students from other schools in the varsity, novice and professional divisions, Union was tied with Louisiana State University at Shreveport. Union claimed victory after two tie-breaker rounds.

Former NFL coach **TONY DUNGY** was the keynote speaker for the third annual **ROY L. WHITE LEGACY GOLF AND GALA**. Dungy encouraged audience members to invest in young people's lives. "You never know what small step can make a big difference in young people's lives," Dungy said. Dungy's wife Lauren also spoke at the event, addressing the importance of supporting Christian education in today's society. [fig. 17]

Nearly 700 attended Union's **READ THE BIBLE FOR LIFE CONFERENCE** in April, part of a larger biblical literacy initiative begun by **GEORGE H. GUTHRIE**, the Benjamin W. Perry Professor of Bible, and sponsored by the R.C. Ryan Center for Biblical Studies. Pastors, students and Sunday school teachers heard from speakers such as **DAVID PLATT**, pastor of the Church at Brook Hills in Birmingham, Ala., and author of the book *Radical*. "What we're after is not information – that's not what biblical literacy is about," Platt said. "Biblical literacy is about transformation, where people are obeying Christ." [fig. 18]

For the fifth straight year, Union University was named to the **PRESIDENT'S HIGHER EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOR ROLL** for exemplary service efforts and service to America's communities. Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. In 2010, there were 511 institutions named

to the honor roll. Union is one of about 100 institutions in the nation that have been named to the honor roll every year since its inception.

At **SPRING COMMENCEMENT**, Union conferred degrees on 617 students. It was the last group to graduate that also experienced the Feb. 5, 2008 tornado. President David S. Dockery told the class to "remember what God has done, remember his faithfulness, remember how he has sustained us through the tornado and remember how he has brought us to this place in life now." Dockery added that they should "leave Union University with the goal of being an ambassador for this university and an ambassador for the gospel of Christ." [fig. 19]

Union's second annual **CULTUREFEST** featured speaker **PETER CHA**, associate professor of pastoral theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Ill. CultureFest is an event designed to promote cross-cultural communication and to celebrate cultural diversity. Cha is an expert in Asian-American Christianity and in the cross-cultural implications of the gospel. He warned against cultural "blind spots" and underestimating each culture's ability to create certain idols and sinful practices. [fig. 20]

About 570 new Union University students – both freshmen and transfers – were on campus June 20 as part of new student registration. **NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION** provided incoming students with opportunities to meet with their advisers to select their fall courses. They also saw their assigned room in the residence halls and met their roommates, attended a campus-wide picnic where they dined with faculty and attended a student life fair where they learned about clubs and organizations on campus.

An **ACCELERATED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING** degree program for the **HENDERSONVILLE CAMPUS** was announced to begin in the spring of 2012 with an initial cohort of about 25 students. The 15-month program is designed for students who already have a bachelor's degree in another field or for those who have completed two years of college and are at least 24 years of age. The plan calls for Union to admit an accelerated BSN cohort in the spring and the fall each year.

The **SUMMER COMMENCEMENT** July 30 saw 262 receive degrees, bringing the academic year total to 1,224 graduates – the largest class in Union's history. Sheila Mitchell, founding dean of Union's School of Pharmacy, told graduates to trust in God's master plan for their lives. "While we never know what might lie ahead, God always does," Mitchell said. "He has a master plan in place all the time – a plan which may not



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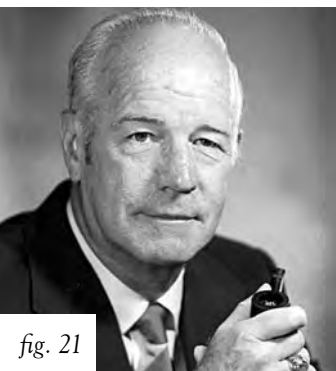


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match our own, but is always for our best and for his glory.”

IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES MILLICAN ('41), founding president of the University of Central Florida, died Dec. 1, 2010 at age 94. Millican's undergraduate degree at Union was in business administration. He was the first president of UCF, which opened in 1968 with an enrollment of 1,496 students and now has the second-largest enrollment of any four-year campus in the nation. He also led efforts to establish the university-related Central Florida Research Park, which opened in 1982, now one of the top 10 research parks in the United States. At Homecoming in 2007, Union honored Millican with the Distinguished Service Award. [fig. 21]

DAVID QUITMAN BYRD JR., an emeritus trustee of Union University and former pastor of West Jackson Baptist Church, died May 18, 2011 at age 89. President David S. Dockery said Byrd “was a faithful ambassador for Christ.” Dockery said Byrd had directed many students to Union through the years and frequently attended Union alumni gatherings. He established a scholarship fund at Union to assist students planning to enter the ministry. In 1978, Union awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. [fig. 22]

E. GORDON CROCKER ('45) died Sept. 10, 2010 at age 87. He was a pioneer missionary in Ecuador for six years and the director of missions in Shelby County for 23 years. Crocker met Bettye Williams Crocker, his wife of 66 years, while a student at Union. He received an honorary doctorate degree from Union in 1973.

ROBERT CLARK “BROTHER BOBBY” MOORE ('57) died Dec. 16, 2010 at age 76; **JOYCE HENRY MOORE ('56)** died Jan. 29, 2011 at age 76. The Moores were married for 54 years. He served as a pastor for 33 years, leading congregations in three states. There are four surviving children and 13 grandchildren.

FACULTY AND STAFF

PRESIDENT DAVID S. DOCKERY'S FALL CONVOCATION address focused on what Christians can learn about engaging society, culture and the great ideas of their day by following the model of Qoheleth, the author of Ecclesiastes. “Qoheleth does not retreat from fully exploring the meaning of life under the sun,” Dockery said. “Instead he chooses to engage it, analyze it and evaluate it.” The convocation service included a time of recognition for Union's

new students and faculty members, as well as staff who had assumed new roles in a recent administrative restructuring. Dockery presented plaques to **DOUG WALKER, TOM ROSEBROUGH, RICH GRIMM, JIMMY DAVIS, RICHARD WELLS, JERRY TIDWELL, GENE FANT, GREG THORNBURY** and **CARLA SANDERSON**.

The **TENNESSEE COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION** has named Union University broadcasting professor **STEVE BEVERLY** as its Educator of the Year. The announcement came during the TCA annual conference Sept. 10-11 at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn. “What Mr. Beverly is doing with our students is virtually unprecedented in terms of combining academic curriculum with service to the institution, service to the community and practical experience for the students,” said Web Drake, chairman of Union's communication arts department. The award was based largely upon Beverly's oversight of “Jackson 24/7,” a daily 30-minute news broadcast produced in Jennings Hall's broadcast studio and aired on EPlusTV 6 in Jackson. [fig. 23]

Trips to North Africa and India provided Union University with opportunities to introduce students to different cultures and to advance its mission internationally, according to **RANDY SCHWINDT**, associate professor of engineering, and **TIM SMITH**, dean of the School of Nursing. The two men led a workshop as part of the 23rd meeting of the Consortium for Global Education, held Sept. 22-24 on Union's campus. Smith discussed the globalization of health care in India and why Union has chosen to involve itself in educating Indian nursing students. Schwindt's most recent team, which went in the spring, consisted of students studying engineering, biology, chemistry and French. The team worked with a non-governmental organization to provide relief and development services, as well as education and training.

MARK BOLYARD, professor of biology and chairman of the biology department, traveled to Latvia and Lithuania in the summer of 2010 to discuss details about research collaboration between a Christian doctoral student and Union University. The trip finalized details for a study to identify bacteria that live in shoot tip cultures of poplar trees, for the purpose of determining whether the bacteria had a positive or negative effect on the rest of the tree. [fig. 24]

CHRIS BLAIR, associate professor of communication arts and coordinator of the digital media studies program at Union, completed a one-year term as president of the International Digital Media and Arts Association. IDMAA is an organization formed to encourage mutually beneficial relationships in the field of digital media and

arts between academics and professionals and between faculty and administration in higher education. [fig. 25]

Union University art professor **LEE BENSON** traveled to Sydney, Australia, where he oversaw the construction of his first international sculpture. Benson was the only American of four international artists to receive the 2010 Ephemeral and Site Specific sculpture prize at Sculpture by the Sea in Sydney. The sculpture, “Title Wave,” was a construction of uncut 2-by-4 boards in the shape of a wave, standing 40 feet long, 20 feet wide and 8 feet tall.

President **DAVID S. DOCKERY** and First Lady **LANESE DOCKERY** marked the 15th anniversary of their service to Union University. On Dec. 2, Union University trustees added Dockery's portrait to the Wall of Presidents, exactly 15 years to the day from his election. During that time, Dockery has guided Union through the most progressive and expansive era in its 187-year history. “Those are pretty amazing accomplishments,” said Rod Parker, chairman of Union's Board of Trustees. “And the fact that he's been able to grow the university the way it's grown and maintain its financial strength is phenomenal.” [see p. 22]

University professor of Christian thought and tradition **JAMES PATTERSON** presented the annual Founders' Day chapel address, in which he examined the life of 19th century Baptist leader J.R. Graves. Patterson said Graves (1820-1893) was a longtime editor of the *Tennessee Baptist* newspaper (now the *Baptist and Reflector*) and used his position there to stake the boundaries of Baptist belief and practice against Methodists, Presbyterians and others. Patterson had recently completed work on a book entitled *Staking the Boundaries: James Robinson Graves and Baptist Identity in the Nineteenth-Century South*. [fig. 26]

At Awards Day chapel, the Faculty of the Year Award went to history professor **KEITH BATES**. Staff Member of the Year honors went to **ROBBIE GRAVES**, Union's assistant vice president for undergraduate admissions.

FACULTY RETIREMENTS

In May 2011, Union University honored three faculty members who retired at the end of the Spring semester.

CHARLES BALDWIN, the O.P. and Evalyn Hammons University Professor of Pre-Medical Studies joined the Union chemistry department in 1970 and served there until 1981. He returned to Union in 1988. “Dr. Baldwin has been the very embodiment of what a commitment to student research looks like,” said Gene Fant, dean of the

College of Arts and Sciences. “His students fill classrooms, medical facilities, laboratories and corporations around the country and, in fact, the world. His legacy will be one of lifting up students' eyes to seeing possibilities they never knew existed.” [fig. 27]

SHERRY HICKEY, professor of nursing at Union's Germantown regional education facility, had been with the university since 1989. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Arkansas and a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Memphis. “Dr. Sherry Hickey has been a pillar for the School of Nursing and Germantown campus for many years,” said Tim Smith, dean of the School of Nursing. “She has given her life for the personal and professional development of many nursing students while being a mentor and friend to the many new faculty members who have joined the School of Nursing and Union University family.” [fig. 28]

ROLAND PORTER came to campus in 2004 and wore many Union hats. An associate professor of business, he was also an assistant to the president for community relations and director of the Center for Racial Reconciliation. Porter completed his bachelor's degree from Lane College and his law degree from the University of California, Berkeley. He currently serves as pastor of Agape Christian Fellowship in Jackson. “Roland Porter has been a talented and dedicated colleague and a very good friend,” said Keith Absher, dean of the McAfee School of Business Administration. “He has been a great mentor to students and has poured his values into students semester after semester.” [fig. 29]

BOOKS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Four from Union University contributed to the *Holman Christian Standard Bible Study Bible*. Contributors from Union included three who wrote study notes: **DAVID S. DOCKERY**, president, who wrote the study notes for Ephesians; **KEN EASLEY**, professor of biblical studies, who wrote the notes for 2 Corinthians; and **RAY VAN NESTE**, associate professor of biblical studies, who wrote the notes for 1-2 Timothy and Titus. In addition, **GEORGE GUTHRIE**, the Benjamin W. Perry Professor of Bible, wrote the first essay in the publication, “How to Read and Study the Bible.” [fig. 30]

Forbes magazine and *Bloomberg Businessweek* magazine recently reported on research by Union's **DANIEL SLATER** about environmentally responsible chief executive officers. Slater, assistant professor of management, co-authored the research,

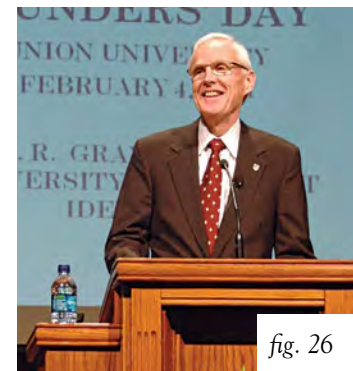


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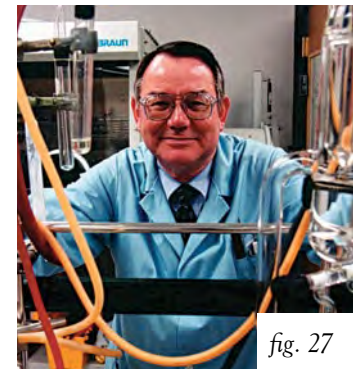


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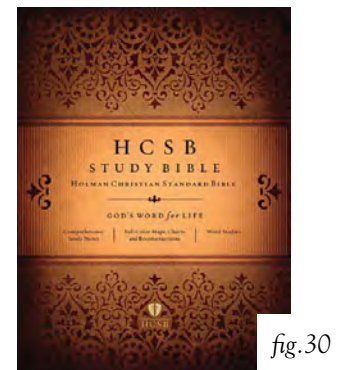


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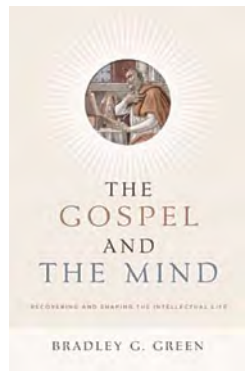


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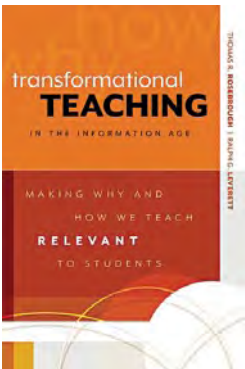


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which indicated that CEOs with Master of Business Administration degrees are more likely than those without such degrees to be environmentally responsible. “The Future of the Planet in the Hands of MBA: An Examination of CEO MBA Education and Corporation Environmental Performance” was the first published research to bring facts into a discussion that had been formerly led by opinion, wrote Freek Vermeulen, author of the *Forbes* article.

Union University professor **BRAD GREEN** explored the connection between Christianity and the academy in his book, *The Gospel and the Mind*. Green, associate professor of Christian thought and tradition, demonstrated how throughout history, when the gospel of Jesus Christ takes root in a culture, intellectual inquiry and the hunger for knowledge follows, and academies, schools and institutions of learning develop. [fig. 31]

THOMAS R. ROSEBROUGH, executive dean of the College of Education and Human Studies, and **RALPH G. LEVERETT**, university professor of special education and director of the Master of Education program in Jackson, completed *Transformational Teaching in the Information Age*, a book designed to help teachers be more effective by placing learners in the center of the classroom. The book asserts that success in teaching comes not from merely relaying facts and information to students, but in building relationships that transform education into something meaningful for each individual student. [fig. 32]

TIM ELLSWORTH ('96), Union University's director of news and media relations, co-authored a biography of St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols. The book, entitled *Pujols: More than the Game*, traces Pujols' early life and rise to stardom, his take on the steroid era in baseball, his philanthropic efforts and above all, the role his Christian faith has played – and continues to play – in his life. Thomas Nelson Publishers in Nashville released the book and called it the first full-length biography about Pujols. Union alumnus **SCOTT LAMB ('96)** co-authored the book with Ellsworth. [fig. 33]

Two books edited by Union University President **DAVID S. DOCKERY** explore the essential qualities necessary for leading Christian organizations and institutions and the role that Christian denominations play and where they are headed in the future. *Christian Leadership Essentials: A Handbook for Managing Christian Organizations*, published by B&H Academic, included chapters from a variety of leaders who have years of experience serving with Christian organizations and educational institutions. *Southern Baptists, Evangelicals, and the Future of Denominationalism*, published by

B&H Academic, included chapters from a variety of Southern Baptist and evangelical leaders, based upon their presentations at a 2009 conference at Union. [fig. 34]

STUDENTS

Union University junior **JOSH GARCIA** spent the fall 2010 semester studying at the Los Angeles Film Studies Center, a Christian program affiliated with the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities that introduces students to the Hollywood entertainment industry through classes and an internship. Union University undergraduate students in their junior and senior years are eligible to apply for the semester-long program. Garcia hoped the semester would show him what area of the film industry to pursue after graduation. “It should get my foot in the door for grad school, too,” he said. [fig. 35]

The Delta-Psi chapter of **PHI ALPHA THETA** at Union University has won the **BEST CHAPTER AWARD** for the eighth straight year from the national Phi Alpha Theta organization. Phi Alpha Theta is a history honor society. As part of the award, the Union library will receive \$250 to purchase history books. That brings to \$2,000 the total amount that the chapter has given to the library during the past eight years.

EMILIE HUFFMAN, a junior physics and math major, was chosen by the Research Experiences for Undergraduates program to conduct research at the University of California-Davis, while **KIMBERLY LUKENS**, also a junior physics and math major, was selected by a program offered through the Department of Homeland Security to conduct research for the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base outside Dayton, Ohio. “The (REU) program is looking for students with good foundation and problem solving skills,” said Bill Nettles, chairman of the physics department, adding that the program is competitive. Eligible students applied through the REU to work on specific research projects.

Working against the clock and other teams, three Union University students won third place among 14 teams at the mid-central regional of the Association for Computing Machinery's International Collegiate Programming Competition. The competition, held at Murray State University in Murray, Ky., provided each of the participating teams with nine complex computer programming problems to solve in five hours. The team had to read solution requirements and build and test software for each problem. As a team, Union students **BEN FULTON**, a junior accounting major; **GRAYSON HARDAWAY**, a senior computer science major; and **KEVIN REED**, a junior computer science major, held the lead for the first three hours of the competition.

As part of the capstone course in the **MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION** degree program at the Union campus in Germantown, students developed and presented a strategic plan for the Center for Excellence in Health Care Practice, housed in Providence Hall on the Jackson campus. The class presented their proposal to Tim Smith, dean of Union's School of Nursing and executive director of the Center for Excellence in Health Care Practice, as well as Lou Oberndorf, founder and former chief executive officer of Medical Education Technologies Inc., where he now serves as chairman of the board.

A team of 35 students and faculty from the **SCHOOL OF PHARMACY** traveled to Hattieville, Belize in February 2010 for ministry and health care work among the impoverished there. The group included 25 students and 10 faculty, staff and community partners. Students went into schools every day in the surrounding villages and taught lessons on diabetes, hypertension, nutrition and exercise. In the evenings, they conducted church services and health fairs. [fig. 36]

A dozen **GLOBAL OUTREACH TEAMS** consisting of about 130 students and team leaders ministered in a variety of settings during the 2011 spring break. The GO teams included six domestic teams and six international teams. They went to Boston, Kansas, Illinois, Nashville, Memphis, Providence, R.I., Guatemala, Honduras, Romania, Ukraine, Central Asia and North Africa. [fig. 37]

CASEY KIDD, **JOSH SMITH** and **JOHN WINFREE** spent January 2011 in Esperanza, Peru, a small village abutting the Amazon River. The three Union students worked to build friendships with the villagers and to teach them the gospel. Because the huts were spread out in Esperanza, they could only spend time with a few families per day. “I want to live in the jungle long-term,” Kidd said. Both Smith and Winfree also plan to pursue ministry work upon graduation.

Through display boards and 15-minute presentations all across campus, 209 students from 17 disciplines presented their work to faculty and peers during the eighth annual **SCHOLARSHIP SYMPOSIUM**. The event grows in size each year and holds value for students applying to graduate schools. Randall Phillips, associate professor of family studies and director of research at Union, notes that the type of research done for the symposium is often conducted only at the graduate level. [fig. 38]

EMILY WELBORN, a junior social work major from Harrisburg, Ill., won the Union University Joseph H. Eaton Speech and Oratory Contest in the W.D. Powell Theater. Welborn's speech, entitled “Mentoring,” took first place among six other speeches.

Jessica Haas placed second with “Don't Waste Your Sorrows,” and Jana Whiteside placed third with “My Best Friend.” The contest, offered by Union's communication arts department, was restarted in 2011 after more than 60 years. Eaton served as president of Union University at Murfreesboro, Tenn., in the 1800s.

KATE ELIZABETH CLINE, of Washington D.C., who double majored in history and English, was awarded the 100th Elizabeth Tigrett Medal at spring graduation. It is the highest award presented at Union's commencement each year. Cline and the 99 previous recipients were chosen through a vote conducted across the entire faculty. The award recognizes academic excellence, strong moral character and service to the university and the community. At this milestone, previous Tigrett Medal recipients gathered at a reception prior to the commencement exercises. [fig. 39]

Student athletes on the **MEN'S SOCCER TEAM** traveled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to minister in a prison and in impoverished neighborhoods known as “favelas.” Partnering with a local church, the players and coaches shared a gospel message and played soccer with teams in the area. At the end of the trip, several students expressed interest in returning to serve as church interns. [fig. 40]

Student athletes at Union earned the **TRANSOUTH ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL-SPORTS TROPHY** for the 2010-11 season. This marked the eighth straight season that Union claimed the trophy and the ninth time in the past 10 seasons. Union claimed or shared six conference titles, including women's cross country, men's cross country, women's basketball, men's basketball, volleyball and men's golf. The Union Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs competed in 10 sports with all 10 teams finishing in at least a tie for third place.

2010-11 **NAIA SCHOLAR ATHLETES:**
Men's Baseball: **Derek Copley**, physical education, Dyer, Tenn.
Men's Basketball: **Daniel Kelly**, biology, Nashville, Tenn.
Men's Cross Country: **Joel Wellum**, political science, Louisville, Ky.
Women's Cross Country: **Kayla Hauss**, biology, Saltillo, Miss.; **Carissa Wilson**, elementary education, Paducah, Ky.; **Hanna Clardy**, biblical languages, Maumelle, Ark.
Men's Golf: **Micah Gentle**, theology and missions, Tallassee, Ala.
Men's Soccer: **Nate Peterson**, engineering, Richfield, Minn.
Women's Soccer: **Terilyn Wassell**, art, Morgan Hill, Calif.; **Amber Lovelady**, political science, Franklin, Tenn.
Women's Softball: **Ali Bozza**, athletic training, Jackson, Tenn.
Women's Volleyball: **Kelsey Duling**, sports management, San Gabriel, Calif. ■



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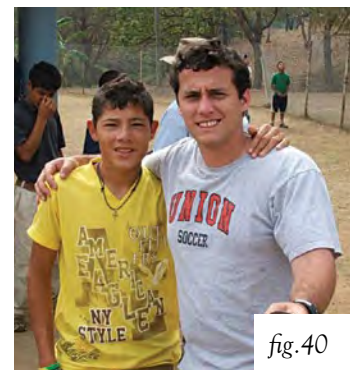


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UNION BY THE NUMBERS

Founded	1823
Chartered	1825, 1875
Fall 2010 enrollment	4,186
Fall 2011 enrollment	4,205
2010-2011 non-duplicating headcount	5,109
2010-2011 annual budget	\$81,000,000
Net Assets	\$108,000,000
Property	Total of 350 acres
Full-Time Faculty	230
Total Full-Time and Regular Part-Time Employees	590
Annual Payroll	\$40,000,000
Annual Economic Impact to Madison County	\$220,000,000



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