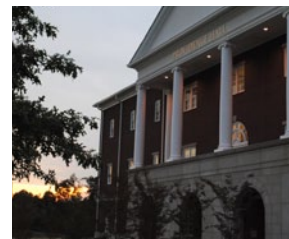




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FROM THE PRESIDENT

In your hands you are holding the beautifully designed Annual Report for

Union University. These pages are merely an introduction to just a few highlights of the many that could have been included. The 2009-10 year at Union University was, by any statistical perspective, the finest year in Union's wonderful history. It was a record year for enrollment; 2009-10 had the largest graduating class ever; it was a year in which five building projects were completed; and the rankings and recognitions were more numerous than ever.

Faculty research and teaching excellence were widely recognized. A major administrative reorganization was introduced as a means to help advance the "Union 2012" strategic plan. Special words of affirmation in this regard go to the administrative team that implemented the new organizational structure in such an efficient and effective manner.

The work that is described in this report represents the efforts of these deeply-dedicated administrators, nearly 250 gifted faculty members, and almost

500 other talented employees who are committed to the distinctive mission and core values of Union University. All of these people are focused on educating and serving the high quality students in the various programs at Union University.

The work at Union could not move forward without the leadership of a great Board of Trustees, the support of several thousand generous donors, and the many volunteers who give of themselves for the good of Union University. I am very grateful to those who have worked so hard to prepare the report of this very special year in the life of Union University. I hope you enjoy reading about these special people and the memorable events and accomplishments of this past year.

Thank you for your interest in and support for Union University. May the blessings of God be yours.

Soli Deo Gloria,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David S. Dockery". The signature is written in a cursive style.

David S. Dockery



UNION ATTRACTS MORE NATIONAL HONORS

Following the 2009-10 academic year, Union University received more national recognition for academic excellence than at any time in its 187-year history.

U.S. News & World Report

ranked Union among the

top 15 Southern

regional universities.

Union retained highly select designations as an “Up and Coming” institution and a place with an unusually strong commitment to classroom teaching. *First Things* magazine ranked Union among the 12 best Protestant colleges and universities in the country.

Union also is on a short list of Tennessee schools that have been recognized by all of the following: President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll; Colleges of Distinction; Princeton Review: The Best Southeastern Colleges; America’s Best 100 College Buys; and *Forbes* magazine. ■

NEW STRATEGIC PLAN ROOTED IN UNION IDENTITY

Since the election of David S. Dockery

as university president in 1995, Union University has worked from comprehensive plans to shape the institution's growth. The first two plans were dubbed "Vision and Values 2001" and "Vision and Values 2005." The next major plan was "Union 2010: A Vision for Excellence." The newest is "Renewing Minds: Union 2012." It emphasizes qualitative enhancements to the university's work and mission. Dockery said the plan is "a clarion call to re-emphasize our foundational commitments,

including our identity,

our Christ-centered mission

and our liberal arts heritage."

The plan touches many existing programs and initiates future development, including continued enhancement of the Honors Community, additional residence life construction, more international and intercultural opportunities and a commitment to reclaim the Christian Intellectual Tradition. ■





The newly constructed Hope Quad



UNION DEDICATES FIVE NEW FACILITIES IN 2010

At Union in 2010, five new facilities were dedicated.

The Bowld Student Commons replaced two smaller buildings destroyed in the 2008 tornado, and the December dedication marked completion of the final tornado rebuilding project. A short time later, Continuing Studies moved into its own 21,000-square-foot facility on Emporium Drive, about a mile from campus. In May, the Frank Smith Memorial Soccer Complex was dedicated, providing seating for 1,000 spectators along with press and concession facilities for varsity soccer. Construction moved forward during the final days of the fiscal year on Providence Hall (pharmacy) and Hope Quad (residence life). Both were dedicated in August. ■

NAME SIGNIFIES THANKFUL HEARTS

Providence Hall is situated along the path an EF-4 tornado cut across the Union University campus on Feb. 5, 2008. The result was \$40 million in damage to the campus, but not one single lost life. The next morning, Union pharmacy faculty went ahead with a scheduled meeting to talk about their program and plans for a new building.

Accordingly, Union's board of trustees approved a building name that honors God's providence.

The strategically designed, 57,000-square foot structure that opened in 2010 houses the Doctor of Pharmacy program and the Center for Excellence in Health Care Practice, which is a cooperative venture in simulator education between the schools of Nursing and Pharmacy. ■



PROVIDENCE HALL



Carla Sanderson in Iraq



Justin Barnard in Iran



David S. Dockery in Singapore

UNION EMBRACES GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ROLES

In 2010, Union University took on a leadership role in educational projects around the world. In January, Provost Carla Sanderson spent four days in Iraq, sharing her expertise with academic leaders who want a more democratic form of higher education in their country. Associate Professor of Philosophy Justin Barnard spent a week in Iran as part of an academic exchange between Christian and Muslim philosophers on the topic of religious epistemology – an exchange he helped initiate and organize with an Iranian philosopher. Union President David S. Dockery spent a week in Singapore, exploring possible future partnerships between the University and Singapore Baptists. Professor of Music Michael Penny and Theology and Missions Dean Greg Thornbury forged new relationships in Nigeria and Norway respectively.

*These are bold steps as
Union attempts to think globally
about the future. ■*

(For more details about many of these trips, please see pages 28-29.)

STUDENTS COMMIT TO URBAN EDUCATION

“To make a difference in an urban classroom, you have to be an excellent teacher,”

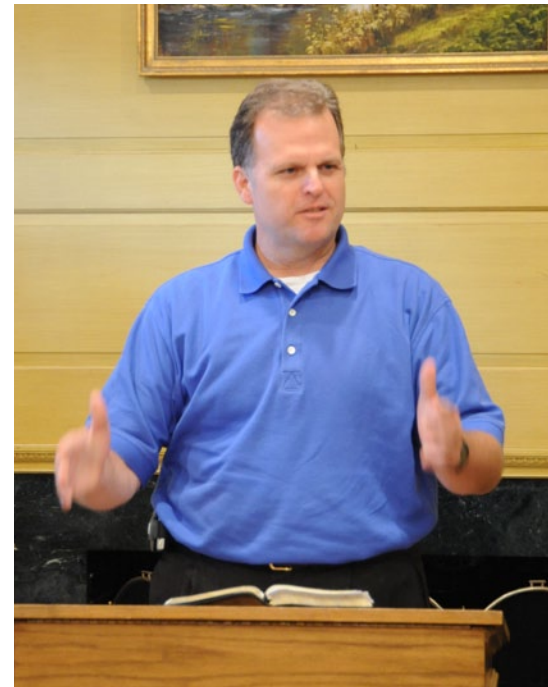
observes Elisabeth Joy Meekins, a recent graduate of Union’s new Memphis Teacher Residency program. Meekins is one of 23 students who received Master of Urban Education degrees in May. Students are granted free tuition and a housing stipend in exchange for agreeing to teach at least three years in Memphis City Schools after graduation. Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies in Education Jennifer Grove leads the program, in which Union partners with a Memphis-based foundation that aims to prepare Christian teachers for urban callings. “I have no regrets,” said Meekins. “This is one of the very best decisions I’ve made in my very young 23 years of life.” ■







Stephen Olford Center in Memphis, TN



DOCTORAL PROGRAM PROPELS EXPOSITORY PREACHING MINISTRIES

When students in Union's Doctor of Ministry in Expository Preaching program begin study, they attend classes in a place named to honor one of the 20th century's greatest expository preachers. Union's Stephen Olford Center in Memphis is the first stop on an academic journey that also includes online work and practical assignments within their own churches.

Expository preaching involves close examination of specific biblical texts.

Among the faculty members is David Olford, a scholar who holds degrees from Wheaton College and the University of Sheffield; Kendell Easley, who also serves as the program director in Union's Master of Christian Studies offering; and James Patterson, a respected church historian who completed his Ph.D. at Princeton Theological Seminary. ■

STUDENTS REAP BENEFITS FROM COMMON FOUNDATIONS

Students of the arts often find themselves reading church history. Budding theologians must become familiar with art. These realities create a unique opportunity for interdisciplinary learning at Union that is called Common Foundations. The innovative and intensive two-week program results in six hours of credit. The two three-hour classes are ART 210 (The Arts in Western Civilization) and CHR 112 (New Testament Survey). Common Foundations includes a three-day field trip to New York, where students visit leading museums and view the very works they've studied in their textbooks.

They also have opportunities to experience a variety of art forms

— including Broadway theater — during the visit. ■







BUSINESS PROFESSOR TAKES TOP HONOR

The Academy of Management

receives about 6,000 article submissions per year for possible publication in its esteemed journal. The acceptance rate for a thorough peer review is less than 10 percent. Among the papers submitted in 2008 was "Coming into the Light: Intimate Partner Violence and its Effects at Work," researched by Union business professor Emily Lean ('03) and three other scholars. Not only was the paper accepted for review and publication –

it won the Academy of

Management's annual

Best Paper Award,

announced in August 2009. "We never went in thinking we were going to win," Lean said. According to McAfee School of Business Administration Dean Keith Absher, this award is the top scholarly honor of its kind: "This is the big time." But Lean's honors don't end there. The Management, Spirituality, and Religion Interest Group of the Academy of Management awarded its Most Promising Dissertation Award to Lean for her doctoral submission to the University of Arkansas entitled "Spiritual Leadership in the Workplace." ■

NURSING CARES FOR HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

Two teams of nurses, representing faculty and students from the Union University School of Nursing, were in the field

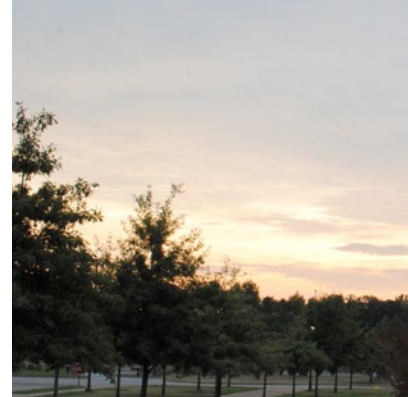
within two weeks of the

devastating January

earthquake in Haiti

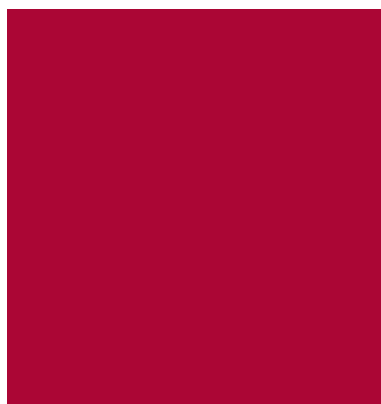
that killed or injured more than half a million people. An ongoing mission to the neighboring Dominican Republic helped open the door for their work. Union's teams assisted with scores of surgeries in two makeshift hospitals on both sides of the Haiti-Dominican Republic border. Assistant Program Director for Nurse Anesthesia Molly Wright said their work revealed the deepest depths of human suffering. Said Wright: "The people who were crying, the people who were in pain, waiting for someone to take care of them—nothing can prepare you for that." ■





CAMPUS LIFE





HIGHLIGHTS

The following pages contain some campus highlights for the 2009-10 fiscal year (August 1, 2009-July 31, 2010). 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 www.uu.edu/news.



At the start of the 2009-10 academic year, **Union University Hendersonville** offered dual-enrollment courses at three Nashville-area high schools. Dual-enrollment courses allow students to complete college-level coursework and earn high school and college credit simultaneously. The Hendersonville campus offers graduate programs leading to the Master of Christian Studies, Education Specialist and Master of Education and also added a Doctor of Education degree program during the academic year.

Union enrolled a record-high 650 traditional undergraduates and 1,200 total new students for the fall semester that began Aug. 25, 2009. **Fall enrollment** at Union University was a record-high 4,050 students – a 7.4 percent jump from 3,770 the previous year and the 12th straight year for an enrollment increase at the university. It marked the first time ever for Union’s enrollment to exceed 4,000 students.

BBC’s **Katty Kay** [*fig. 1*] urged Union students to get a passport and use it during the fall **Union Forum** lecture in Grant Events Center. “Forget that well paying job in New York for six months or a year and hit the sidewalks in New Delhi instead. It will enrich your lives, and it will show other people the very best of this country.” Kay spoke about the global perceptions of the United States. In the spring, author and Boston University Professor **Stephen Prothero** [*fig. 2*] examined religious illiteracy in America, which he

described as rampant: “You’re not an educated person, you can’t understand the world, unless you know something about religion,” Prothero said. The Union Forum is now in its 11th year as a lecture series on Union’s campus.

On the 400th anniversary of the Baptist movement, Union hosted a major conference entitled **Southern Baptists, Evangelicals, and the Future of Denominationalism**. “This event promises to be one of the most significant conferences to be found anywhere addressing some of the most vital issues facing Southern Baptists and evangelicals as we prepare to move into the second decade of the 21st century,” Union President David S. Dockery said as the event started on Oct. 6. Among the featured speakers were prominent evangelical leaders such as Duane Litfin, Michael Lindsay, Timothy George, R. Albert Mohler and Dockery, who joined other faculty and staff members Ray Van Neste, Jerry Tidwell, Hal Poe and Jim Patterson in making presentations. [*fig. 3*]

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian **David Hackett Fischer** was the featured speaker for the 13th annual **Carls-Schwerdfeger History Lecture Series**. Fischer, the Warren Professor of History at Brandeis University, addressed the topic “Leaders in an Open Society: The Presidencies of Washington, Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt and Barack Obama.” Fischer is the author of 10 books, including “Washington’s Crossing,” for which he received the Pulitzer Prize in history in 2005. [*fig. 4*]

Former U.S. Secretary of State **Condoleezza Rice** was the keynote speaker at the 12th annual **Scholarship Banquet**. She told the audience Union University as a place “where reason and faith are not at war,” and “where the intellect and the soul inhabit the same body.” The event at the Carl Perkins Civic Center drew more than 2,000 people and raised more than \$500,000 for student scholarships. Lead and premier sponsors included BancorpSouth, Keith and Beverly Absher, Roy and Martha White, Black and Decker, First Bank, Jack and Zan Holmes, The Jackson Sun, Jack and Faye Porter, West Tennessee Healthcare, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, James and Janet Ayers, Carl and Peggy Jo Grant, Impact 360, Nortek Inc. / Lloyd and Martha Hansen, Schilling Enterprises and David and Lanese Dockery. [*fig. 5*]



fig. 5

Students, faculty and staff members who worked on more than 60 community service projects Nov. 4 as part of the seventh 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 Nov. 10, 2002, and Feb. 5, 2008. [*fig. 6*]



fig. 6

Union University alumni celebrated their annual **homecoming** with a week of activities that culminated Nov. 7 in a tailgate party, the crowning of a new homecoming queen and wins for both the men’s and women’s basketball teams. Katy Pope, a senior graphic design major from Sylacauga, Ala., was selected as the 2009 homecoming queen. Homecoming week festivities also included a special chapel service in which Union recognized 21 members of the class of 1960, celebrating their 50-year reunion. [*fig. 7*]



fig. 7

The Ryan Center for Biblical Studies organized a **book drive for Ethiopia** aimed at stocking an English-language public library in the capital city of Addis Ababa. Families and individuals from the Jackson area donated more than 400 titles on topics ranging from Bible study to juvenile fiction.



fig. 8

Special worship and service opportunities were planned to mark **Martin Luther King Jr.** Day for students, faculty and staff both in Jackson and Germantown. On the Jackson campus, David Carothers, Union’s assistant director of student mobilization, spoke in a chapel service. Volunteer teams worked at the Birth Choice Research Clinic and at The Care Center. In Germantown, there was a tribute service at



fig. 9

Hope Fellowship Church. Throughout the day, volunteers worked at the Bent Tree Apartment Complex providing health screenings and children’s activities.

Union University celebrated the grand opening of the **Bowld Student Commons** building at the start of spring semester, and conducted a special worship service in the facility at 7:02 p.m. on Feb. 5, two years to the minute after a tornado destroyed two previous commons buildings and most of the University’s residential complexes. Bowld Commons is a 30,000-square-foot facility that includes apartments for two residence directors, a large multi-purpose room, three classrooms, two kitchens, game room, conference rooms, piano room, band practice room, TV rooms and gathering areas, outdoor built-in grills and outdoor patio space on both the first and second floors. [*fig. 8*]

A record number of academically excellent high school students – 120 strong – participated in the annual **Scholars of Excellence weekend**. The scholarship competition drew students from 25 states and four countries, with 69 percent coming from outside Tennessee. All invited students were offered at least a \$9,500 academic scholarship. Among the weekend activities was a dinner with President Dockery, social gatherings in the homes of various faculty members, book discussions and interviews.

Union University held its third annual **Black History Month** program featuring Jeff Wilson from the University of Memphis as the keynote speaker. The program’s theme this year was “Black Collegians: Past, Present and Future” and Wilson focused on the challenges and achievements black collegians have had and looked ahead to the future of racial diversity in higher education. [*fig. 9*]

For the fourth 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. “To once again be included on this honor roll speaks volumes about the entire Union community,” Union President David S. Dockery said.

President Dockery presented Jerry Rankin, retiring president of the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, with the university’s **M.E. Dodd Denominational**

Service Award for 2010 during a ceremony on the Union campus, where Rankin was the featured speaker for the West Tennessee Pastors Conference in the Carl Grant Events Center. He retired July 31, 2010 after 17 years at the IMB's helm. He praised Union University's efforts in preparing students with a heart for missions and sharing the gospel. "I don't know (any other school) that is doing a better job," Rankin said in accepting the award.



fig. 10

Union dedicated a new 21,000 square foot **Center for Continuing and Professional Studies** during a ribbon-cutting March 5. The former Circuit City building was renovated to create office and classroom space and storage facilities. The center is located at 1938 Emporium Drive in Jackson, about one mile from the main campus. [fig. 10]

In what is believed to be a first in its 187-year history, a Union University choral group was invited to perform at the **Washington National Cathedral** in Washington, D.C. The 25-minute performance, under the direction of Associate Professor of Music **Chris Mathews**, was a choral prelude for Evensong at the Cathedral. The choir performed works by Tallis and Brahms, as well as a piece composed especially for the occasion.



fig. 11

For the second straight year and the fifth time in school history, the Union Lady Bulldogs won the **NAIA national championship in women's basketball**. Union defeated Azusa Pacific (Calif.) University 73-65 in the title game at Oman Arena in Jackson. The Lady Bulldogs finished the season 36-2. Since the start of the 2005 NAIA tournament, Union is an astounding 26-2 in tournament play. "As a group, they accomplished so much more than any individual could," Union Coach Mark Campbell said of his team at a campus celebration. "Everybody, whether they believe it or not, longs to be a part of something that's bigger than themselves. That's how I define this team." [fig. 11]



fig. 12

Courage to stand alone, a willingness to serve others and the ability to finish strong are three components to a life of significance and purpose, according to Heisman Trophy winner **Tim Tebow**, the keynote speaker at Union's second annual **Roy L. White Legacy Golf and Gala**. Tebow shared his Christian testimony with about 1,700 in attendance at the Carl Perkins Civic Center.



fig. 13

About 130 Union students presented their research findings at the annual **Scholarship Symposium**, an event that provides students with the opportunity to work with a faculty mentor on a research project. About 70



fig. 14

faculty members participated with students in this year's symposium. Presentations ranged from the display of posters in the Carl Grant Events Center, to written presentations, to oral presentations. Randall Phillips, director of undergraduate and graduate research at Union, said the symposium promotes "the crafting and pursuit of original work, and learning how to take the abstract and turn it into application." The quality of the students' work, Phillips said, is increasingly sophisticated. [fig. 12]

The **Union debate team** concluded its second season of competition by winning the International Public Debate Association tournament at the University of Central Arkansas. Seventeen teams, mostly from the southeast, competed in the event. Union debate team coach Web Drake said the tournament's winner is considered to be the national champion for the IPDA, one of many debate organizations in which colleges and universities compete. "We have only freshmen and sophomores, and we're going up against squads that are primarily seniors," Drake said. [fig. 13]

Nearly 530 Union University graduates received degrees May 22 on the university's Great Lawn during the **185th annual spring commencement ceremony**. That brought to 1,100 the number of Union graduates from the class of 2010 – the largest class in Union's history. Graduates represented 25 U.S. states and 13 countries, including Kenya, South Africa, Iceland, Honduras and Brazil. Among those receiving degrees were the first graduates from Union's Master of Social Work program and from Union's graduate program in urban education. **Thom Rainer**, president of LifeWay Christian Resources delivered the keynote address, charging Union graduates to be radically committed to the gospel. **Matthew Kuchem**, a graduate from Fort Worth, Texas who majored in political science and broadcast journalism, received the university's Elizabeth Tigrett Medal. [fig. 14]

Union University dedicated the new **Smith Memorial Soccer Complex** in a special ceremony May 21. Named in honor of the late Frank Smith, the facility consists of two lighted competition fields which have been in use since 2005. Bleachers to accommodate 1,000 spectators, a press box, concession stand and restroom facilities now complete the facility. Smith's wife, Nancy Smith New, and sons were on hand for the dedication. [fig. 15]

For a seventh consecutive year, the athletic department was awarded the **TranSouth Athletic Conference All-Sports Trophy** for 2009-10. The Union Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs competed in 10 sports with eight of the 10 teams finishing in first or second place. Union had five first-place finishes, three second-place finishes, one third-place and one seventh-place finish. Union claimed five conference regular season titles in the 2009-10 season including women's cross country, men's cross country, women's basketball, men's basketball and men's golf. [fig. 16]

Graduates of Union's **accelerated nursing program** posted a **100 percent pass rate on the NCLEX-RN exam**. The 59 graduating students finished their programs in either Jackson or Germantown. A passing score on the exam is required for each graduate to be licensed as a registered nurse. The test covers on topics applying to the entire human lifespan – from newborns to geriatrics.

Union University is one of only four Tennessee universities to be included in the **2010 "Colleges of Distinction"** guide. The "Colleges of Distinction" guide identifies four distinctions of superior colleges and universities: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant communities and successful outcomes. Other Tennessee institutions included are Belmont University, Rhodes College and University of the South.

President David S. Dockery announced an **administrative restructuring** as the 2009-10 academic year drew to a close. Among the changes: renaming the School of Christian Studies as the School of Theology and Missions and attaching to the school the Office of Campus Ministries; assigning broader roles of responsibility and new job titles to **Carla Sanderson, Tom Rosebrough, Gene Fant, Greg Thornbury, Jerry Tidwell, Doug Walker and Richard Wells**. "We're looking to be more effective and efficient in how we relate on a day-to-day basis," Dockery said of the changes, "and we've moved everyone into a position of strength in a very complementary fashion."

Union put three teams on the **NAIA Scholar Teams** list for 2009-10. The **softball** team, coached by Heather Hall, along with **men's and women's cross country teams**, coached by Dr. Gary Johnson, earned the honor. For a team to be considered for the NAIA Scholar Team award, it must have a cumulative minimum 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) as defined by the institution. The team grade point average must include all varsity student-



fig. 15



fig. 16



fig. 17



fig. 18

athletes certified as eligible. The softball team posted a team GPA of 3.31, men's cross country was 3.21 and women's cross country was 3.10.

Two hundred fifty-six students graduated from Union University July 31 during the **summer commencement** service of the 185th graduating class on the university's Great Lawn. The day was the culmination of what Union University President David S. Dockery called a "record-setting year in every way" on the Union campus. [fig. 17]

IN MEMORIAM

Benny Fesmire, a friend and supporter of Union University, died Dec. 14 at the age of 76 in Jackson. Fesmire was survived by Norma, his wife of 56 years; daughter Terri; son Ben Jr., who graduated from Union in 1984; and five grandchildren, three of whom are former or current Union students. A former member of Union's Board of Trustees, he established the Fesmire Family Foundation in 2002 to support a variety of university programs. The Fesmires were inducted into the first class of the Union Sports Hall of Fame in 2006 for their distinguished services to Union athletics. Because of generous donations that helped provide scholarships and fund facilities, the Fesmire name can be seen in several areas of campus. [fig. 18]

William A. Foote ('50) a retired pastor and former student body president, died March 16 at the age of 92 in Fairbanks, Alaska. According to an obituary in that city's *Daily News Miner*, Foote's long career as a pastor took him to churches in Kentucky and Tennessee, including two Memphis churches: Beverly Hills Baptist Church and Merton Avenue Baptist Church.

Max W. Pugh, former professor of music at Union, died Nov. 7 at the age of 78 in Marksville, La. Pugh joined the Union faculty in 1971 and later was named Professor Emeritus of Music. He also served as chair of the piano department at Louisiana College.

June B. White died May 13 in Kingston, Tenn. at the age of 85. Her academic career started in her home state of Louisiana in 1950, where she taught high school chemistry. After earning a doctoral degree from LSU, she taught at Union and three other universities. The June B. White scholarship in the department of chemistry at Union was established in 1998 to assist a freshman chemistry student.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Union University installed three faculty members into leadership positions during the **fall convocation** service Aug. 28. **Mary Anne Poe**, [*fig. 19*] who has served as a social work professor at Union since 1996, was installed as the director of the new Center for Just and Caring Communities. **Scott Huelin**, [*fig. 20*] who joined the Union faculty at the start of the academic year after serving at Valparaiso University's Christ College, was installed as the founding director of the new Honors Community at Union. **C. Ben Mitchell** [*fig. 21*] was installed as the Graves Professor of Moral Philosophy. Mitchell joined the Union faculty at the start of the academic year after serving at Trinity International University.

Union University art professor **Lee Benson** and three of his students constructed an outdoor sculpture at the White River State Park in downtown Indianapolis as part of the city's Sculpture in the Park program. Joining Benson in the work was junior art major Caleb Booth, Rachel Binkley, a sophomore art major and Becky Webb, a former Union student. The sculpture, entitled "The Eternal Bow," is scheduled to stand on the site for two years.

President **David S. Dockery**, Christian Studies Dean **Gregory A. Thornbury** and Graves Professor of Moral Philosophy **C. Ben Mitchell** were among a group of 125 prominent evangelicals, Roman Catholics, Anglicans and Orthodox Christians who signed the Manhattan Declaration, a document addressing key issues of human life, marriage and religious liberty. The statement is intended to reaffirm fundamental truths about justice and the common good, such as the sanctity of human life, the dignity of marriage as the conjugal union of a husband and wife and the rights of conscience and religious liberty.

English professor **Bobby Rogers** won the 2009 Agnes Lynch Starrett Poetry Prize Competition from the University of Pittsburgh Press, which will publish a book of Rogers' poetry. The international competition had entries from about 900 poets, who each submitted a book of poems 50-80 pages in length. Rogers said most of the poems in his book "Paper Anniversary" are narrative, and he likes to write works about families and the South. [*fig. 22*]

University Provost **Carla Sanderson** was invited to meet with Kurdish leaders in Iraq, who are considering democratic reforms to their system



of higher education. Her trip was part of a U.S. Agency for International Development grant with the U.S. Department of State, and came about in part through her experiences as a commissioner for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, an entity of the U.S. Department of Education. She took part in a four-day workshop in Erbil, Iraq, where she met with the Iraqi minister of education, in addition to high-level administrators and faculty members from several Iraqi universities. [*fig. 23*]

David Austill, professor of accounting and business law, received a grant from the Fulbright Program to lecture, research and write in Bulgaria. He will be assigned to Sofia University in the capital city, where he will lecture principally in the business school. Austill said he will also research European employment law. [*fig. 24*]

President David S. Dockery spent a week in Singapore, primarily lecturing at the Baptist Theological Seminary, which is celebrating its 21st anniversary. The response to his presentations led Dockery to think about future partnerships between churches there and Union University. The city is strategically located, with Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing, Tokyo, Australia, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, India and the Philippines all within just a few hours of travel time. Plus, with 95% of the population speaking English, language barriers are minimized. "If Union University is going to be involved – as I'm committed for us to be – in being a Great Commission university, to be a part of a Great Commission resurgence in Southern Baptist life, I pray Singapore is our partner to help make it happen," Dockery said.

Philosophy Professor **Justin Barnard** spent a week in Iran as part of an academic exchange between Christian and Muslim philosophers that he helped to organize. "The goal was to get Christian and Muslim professional academic philosophers together in a single setting where they could host a symposium and have dialogue with a goal of mutual understanding," said Barnard, who is also director of Union's Carl F.H. Henry Institute for Intellectual Discipleship. Barnard and five other Christian philosophers from throughout the U.S. made the trip, which was hosted by the Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies in Tehran, the University of Tehran and the University of Qom. [*fig. 25*]

Tommy Sadler was named the 2010 Athletic Director of the Year by the TranSouth Athletic Conference. Sadler has been the athletic director at Union since 2008, after serving as

the Associate Athletic Director since 1996. At the start of fall semester, **Stephen Aldridge** was named conference Sports Information Director of the Year.

Assistant Professor of Political Science **Micah Watson** was named a research fellow in the **James Madison Program at Princeton University**. Watson, who also directs Union's Center for Religion and Politics, says he will use the appointment to research the writings of John Locke (1632-1704). "My project is about trying to recapture how his Christian faith informed his political thinking," Watson said. Princeton's library has a collection of 900 books devoted to the British philosopher. [fig. 26]

Mark Campbell, head coach of the two-time defending NAIA National Champion Union Lady Bulldogs, was named the **Tennessee Sports Writers Association Women's Coach of the Year**. This marks the second straight year and third time overall (2005, 2009, 2010) for Campbell to receive the award. Campbell helped Union to their second straight NAIA National Title in 2010 with a 36-2 record. He has a career record of 364-44 (.892) in his 11 seasons at Union and is the NAIA's active leader in winning percentage. [fig. 27]

Union University pharmacy professor **Angela Monahan** presented her research findings related to Parkinson's disease at the 17th annual Psychoneuroimmunology Research Society meeting June 2-5 at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. Monahan, assistant professor of pharmacology, earned a scholarship to attend the event, where she was able to meet other professionals in her field. Monahan is researching how prenatal exposures during brain development may contribute to the disease later in life. She expects this line of research to open up new drug targets for Parkinson's disease patients. [fig. 28]

BibleMesh, a new, interactive, subscription-based website, was designed for individuals, church groups and teachers to use as an online educational platform for pursuing biblical literacy. **Gregory A. Thornbury** and **C. Ben Mitchell** helped develop the new site under the leadership of Kairos Journal publisher Emmanuel A. Kampouris. Union students were the first to test it for learning effectiveness. Professors **Mark Dubis** and **Taylor Worley** both incorporated BibleMesh into their Old Testament and New Testament survey classes.

Charles Fowler ('86), senior vice president for university relations and executive director of the Union University Foundation, was called as

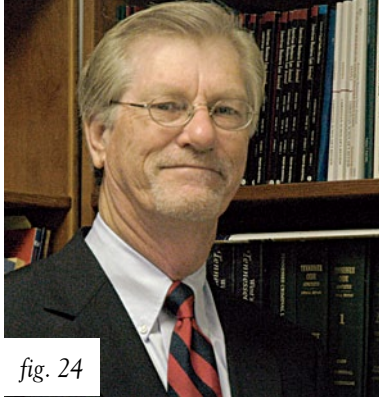


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pastor of Germantown (Tenn.) Baptist Church and left his job at Union on July 31 after speaking at summer commencement. Fowler joined the Union administration in 1995 and provided leadership in a variety of areas during his tenure. In addition to his administrative role, Fowler also served as professor of Christian ministries and education.

Summer 2010 brought big changes to the **Penick Academic Complex**, which remains Union's largest classroom building. As the School of Pharmacy moved into Providence Hall (see page 8), the vacated space was renovated for the use of several academic departments and named the **Warren F. Jones Suite** in honor of the former Union president (1945-62). In addition the Department of Physical Education, Wellness and Sport was relocated, which required converting seminar rooms into offices and creating athletic training classrooms. Classrooms received new furniture and paint. Carpeting in the building's lengthy hallways was replaced with Permatone. The total cost for this renovation exceeded \$800,000.

Plans were made at the end of the academic year to rename the University's student dining hall in honor of **Maggie Nell Brewer**, Union's longtime vice president for student affairs. "Maggie Nell Brewer is certainly worthy of praise," Union President David S. Dockery said at a luncheon celebrating the new name. Brewer was the first female senior administrator in Union's history. She served in various student affairs roles from 1965 until her retirement in 1995. "I am honored to have this dining facility named for me," Brewer said. "I have been amazed at what has happened at Union over the past 15 years. My 30 years here were really a delight."

BOOKS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Gene Fant, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, explores the connection between stories and the gospel in his new book, *God As Author: A Biblical Approach to Narrative*. (B&H Academic) "We've always heard that the gospel is like a story," Fant said. "I try to explore how stories are like the gospel – that stories are about loss, about conflict and about the deep longing we have to have losses restored and conflicts brought to a peaceful end." Among those who read Fant's book draft and offered subsequent

endorsements are James W. Sire, author of the groundbreaking book *The Universe Next Door*, and Leland Ryken, a professor of English at Wheaton (Ill.) College and an authority on the Bible as literature. [fig. 29]

Brad Green, associate professor of theology and missions, edited *Shapers of Christian Orthodoxy: Engaging with Early and Medieval Theologians* (Apollos and InterVarsity Press). The book was released in June 2010.

Karen Martin, associate professor of Spanish, merged her interests in literature and Hispanic culture in writing her first book, *Isabel Allende's House of the Spirits Trilogy: Narrative Geographies* (Tamesis Books). Martin's book traces the works of Isabel Allende, a famous author of Hispanic literature. The three novels by Allende addressed in Martin's book follow a Chilean family through three generations and many social changes.

George Guthrie, the Benjamin W. Perry Professor of Bible, completed a manuscript entitled *Read the Bible for Life* (Broadman and Holman). The book was released in late 2010 and will be coordinated with a biblical literacy project with LifeWay and B&H. Included will be a one-year chronological Bible and a video curriculum designed as a companion to the main book. Guthrie says in the introduction that it was necessary for him to write the book because most people "are not reading the Bible, much less reading it well." He cites scores on a test of basic biblical knowledge given to students entering Christian colleges across the nation. Most are only able to correctly answer just more than half of these elementary questions. The goal is to spread Guthrie's program for reading and understanding scripture to churches around the world. [fig. 30]

Tom Rosebrough, university professor of education and dean of the College of Education and Human Studies teamed with **Ralph Leverett**, university professor of special education to author a book entitled *Transformational Teaching in an Informational Age* (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development). "We want to focus on why we teach as well as how we learn and teach," Rosebrough said. "We have written the book because we think that teaching should be not only about adding knowledge, which includes accessing information, but also about transforming the lives of students for the better."

Mark Dubis, professor of biblical studies, completed two works in 2010 which aid students of New Testament books by

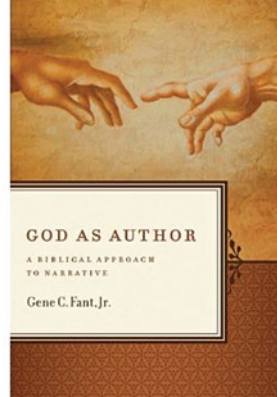


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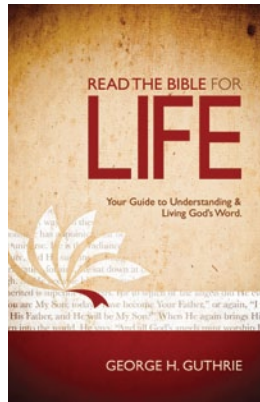


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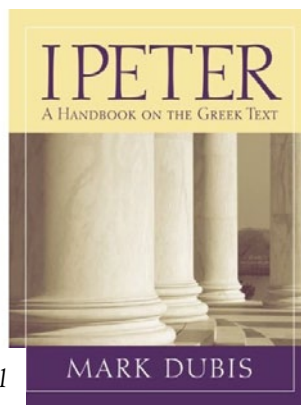


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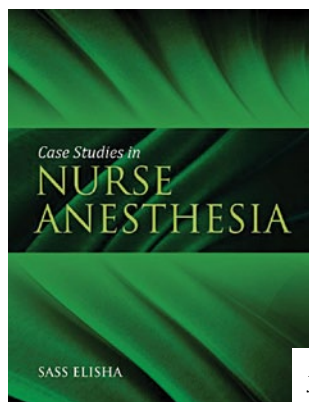


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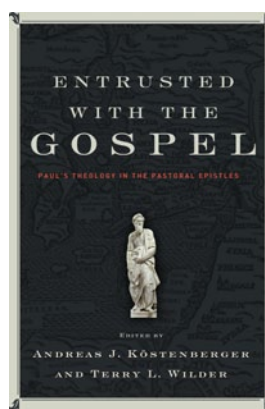


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assessing the grammatical structure, or syntax, of the Greek text. Tackling what many call one of the most syntactically difficult books in the Greek New Testament, Dubis wrote "1 Peter: A Handbook on the Greek Text," the fourth book in the "Baylor Handbook on the Greek New Testament" series. He also served as a contributing editor for the "The Lexham Syntactic Greek New Testament," a source for Logos Bible Software study program. A 1 Peter scholar, Dubis had already written one book on the epistle and has begun a third work, for the Bible translation community. [fig. 31]

Pamela Binns-Turner, assistant director, MSN-Nurse Anesthesia Program and **Molly Wright**, assistant professor of nursing, both were selected to write chapters in the highly respected textbook *Case Studies in Nurse Anesthesia* (Jones & Bartlett). Binns-Turner wrote Chapter 42, entitled "Extracorporeal Shock Wave Lithotripsy" and Wright contributed Chapter 48, "Arthroscopic Shoulder Surgery." [fig. 32]

Ray Van Neste, associate professor of theology and missions, and director of the R.C. Ryan Center for Biblical Studies, completed two major writing projects. He wrote a chapter entitled "Cohesion and Structure in the Pastoral Epistles" for the multi-authored volume *Entrusted with the Gospel: Paul's Theology in the Pastoral Epistles* (Broadman and Holman). He also contributed study notes on the Pastoral Epistles to *The Holman Christian Standard Study Bible*. [fig. 33]

STUDENTS

The Lambda-Zeta chapter of **Lambda Chi Alpha** fraternity at Union University won the 2009 **Grand High Alpha Award** at the fraternity's annual Stead Leadership Seminar in Indianapolis. The award, which was given to only three of the 193 active chapters in the United States and Canada, recognizes those chapters that have maintained a superior level of operations for at least three consecutive years, in such areas as academics, campus involvement, recruitment, philanthropy and community service. This marks the sixth time for Union chapter's chapter to receive the award since the chapter was chartered on the Union campus in 1964.

The Delta-Psi chapter of **Phi Alpha Theta** at Union University has won the **Best Chapter Award for the seventh straight year** from the national Phi Alpha Theta organization.

During the past year, Phi Alpha Theta chapter members at Union have built bog bridges at Pinson Mounds State Archeological Park, served as ushers for Union's annual Carls-Schwerdfeger History Lecture Series and participated in a formal French Christmas dinner at Carls' house, among other activities.

Student delegates from Union University to the 40th General Assembly of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature earned the **Best Delegation award** for their role in the proceedings at the State Capitol in Nashville. TISL is a statewide organization formed in 1966 to give college students a voice in state government. The nonpartisan organization convenes a General Assembly each year, held in the Tennessee General Assembly's chambers, for students to introduce debate and vote on legislation about state issues. Sixteen Union University students participated in this event, including junior **Micah Roeder**, who served as the TISL governor after being elected to the position last year. [fig. 34]

Union University pharmacy student **Erica Rogers** was first runner-up in the American Pharmacists Association's **National Patient Counseling Competition** in Washington, D.C. This marks the first year that Union has entered the competition, which is designed to encourage student pharmacists in their efforts toward becoming better patient educators, according to the American Pharmacists Association. Rogers, a second-year pharmacy student, outperformed many fourth-year students from other institutions. Of the 115 schools represented at the national competition, Union was the only Tennessee school in the top 10 and one of only four in the southeast region. [fig. 35]

Kaitlin Dudley, a 5'10 senior guard on the women's basketball team, became Union University's all-time scoring leader with her 21 points in the semifinal win over Oklahoma City University in the 2010 NAIA Division I National Championship tournament in Jackson. Dudley now ranks as the most prolific scorer for one of the top basketball programs in the NAIA. Dudley, a former Gibson County High School standout, finished her Union career with 2,385 points, passing the old record of 2,372 held by Sandra Fitzgerald during her career from 1975-79. She was named an NAIA All-American and achieved TranSouth All-Conference and Scholar Athlete honors. The Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville honored Dudley's achievements by displaying her jersey in its Ring of Honor during the 2010-11 season. [fig. 36]



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A Union senior and a recent graduate both have received prestigious **Rotary Scholarships** for study abroad in the coming year. **Brock Alan Starnes ('09)** received a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship for study in New Zealand. **Albert L. "Shep" Shepherd** was awarded a \$25,000 scholarship through the Jackson Rotary Club for one year of graduate study in Scotland.

Dual enrollment student **Joshua Guthrie** continued his **"Dollar for a Drink"** program with a fundraising total in his second year of more than \$28,000. The charity funds well-digging operations in Sudan. Guthrie's charity asks people to donate \$1 they would have spent for a bottle of water. Guthrie says it costs about \$8,000 to dig a well in Sudan. [fig. 37]

Two Union University students earned full-tuition waivers for the Master in Education of the Deaf program at Vanderbilt University. **Lyndsie Beanblossom**, of Louisville, Ky., and **Cheryl Propst**, [fig. 38] of Arusha, Tanzania, enter a program at Vanderbilt that prepares teachers for oral deaf education classrooms. The program is one of a highly selective group of programs in oral deaf education nationally.

Union placed 17 students from seven sports among the **NAIA's Scholar Athletes for 2009-10**:

Women's Softball: **Lindsey Landreneau**, athletic training, Leesburg, Ga.; **Ali Thomas**, mathematics, Pegram, Tenn.; **Candice Thompson**, biology, Alamo, Tenn.

Men's Baseball: **Carl Harken**, history/education, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Women's Basketball: **Laura Crittendon**, athletic training, Martin, Tenn.

Men's Golf: **Micah Gentle**, Theology and Missions, Tallassee, Ala.

Women's Soccer: **Alicia Bennett**, biology, Columbus, Ind.; **Candice Blackard**, music, Collierville, Tenn.; **Katelin Dirksen**, business, Abbotsford, B.C. Canada; **Samantha Gase**, nursing, Allen, Texas; **Katie Johnson**, nursing, Spring Hill, Tenn.; **Amber Lovelady**, pre-physical therapy, Franklin, Tenn.; **Caitlin Zimmerman**, psychology, Nashville

Women's Cross Country: **Kayla Hauss**, biology, Saultillo, Miss.; **Carrie Moore**, biology, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Men's Cross Country: **Kevin Bradley**, business management, Hendersonville, Tenn.; **Seth Covington**, economics, Saultillo, Miss. ■

UNION BY THE NUMBERS

Founded:	1823
Chartered:	1825, 1875
Fall 2009 Enrollment:	4,050
Fall 2010 Enrollment:	4,186
2009-2010 Non-Duplicating Headcount:	4,954
2009-2010 Annual Budget:	\$81,000,000
Net Assets:	\$105,000,000
Property:	Total of 350 acres
Full-Time Faculty:	247
Total Full-Time and Regular, Part-Time Employees:	745
Annual Payroll:	\$35,000,000
Annual Economic Impact to Madison County:	\$170,000,000





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