

Campus News

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Sixth Annual Scholarship Banquet brings record amounts for scholarships and a helpful look at history

More than \$400,000 was raised for student scholarships from Union University's Sixth Annual Scholarship Banquet this year featuring keynote speaker James H. Baker, former secretary of state under President George H. Bush, held Tuesday night. An additional \$402,000 was raised by the university since the announcement was made last spring that Baker would be speaking, bringing the total amount raised for scholarships to over \$802,000, the most ever raised for one scholarship banquet at Union.

"How grateful we are for the generous support by the friends of Union University," said Union President David S. Dockery. "These generous gifts will help keep the excellent education provided by Union accessible to numerous quality students in coming years."

Lead sponsors for this year's banquet were BancorpSouth and Carl and Alice Kirkland. Premier sponsors include Chip and Rita Christian, Benny and Norma Fesmire, First Bank, Jack and Zan Holmes, Jerry Kuykendall & AK Enterprises, Pentair Corporation, Schilling Enterprises, Inc., Gary and Lisa Taylor, Union Planters National Bank and White Investments LLC, Roy White, CEO/President. 



Chuck Colson leaves part of legacy at Union University

"In the past 27 years since I've been out of prison, I've seen how God has used my broken experience for His greatest glory, and I've seen what it is to live life as a Christian," said Chuck Colson, to a packed Union chapel where a chair in his name was recently created. Union Christian studies professor Hal Poe was inducted Sept. 27 as the first Charles Colson Professor of Faith and Culture.

The 71-year-old founder of Prison Fellowship and former ex-convict for his involvement in the 1970s Watergate scandal had a two-day visit at the university despite a busy schedule in his work as an author, speaker and taking time to visit prisons as chairman of Prison Fellowship, now in its 26th year of service with more than 50,000 volunteers worldwide. Colson remains passionate about the lives of prisoners as well as the fundamental

beliefs of Christianity and the Christian worldview, particularly with future generations – one reason he was happy to allow his name to be used at Union.

"My first reaction when I was asked about the chair was no – it seemed silly to have my name on something," admitted Colson. "But when I realized that there is one institution really committed to what I talk about everyday – that Union is one of the few universities in America that's intentionally setting out to bring a Christian worldview to bear on education and understanding, what better place if my name could help the worldview and world teaching continue in this institution."

Colson, who spoke as the commencement speaker for Union's May 2000 graduation, has steadily forged a close relationship with both the university and its 15th president, David S. Dockery. *(continued on page 4)*

Union trustees elect new officers, vote to explore expansion for Germantown campus

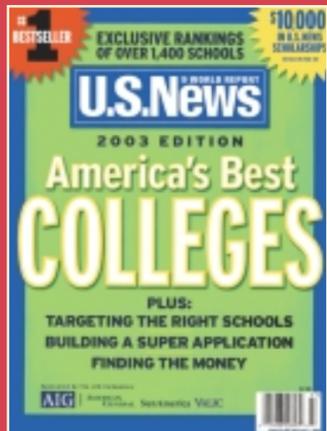
In its annual fall meeting, Union's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to look into the possibility of expanding the Germantown campus facilities within the next three years, almost doubling the space of what is currently being used. More than 500 students are currently enrolled this year at the Germantown campus, with future numbers expected to increase. A groundbreaking for the new science building will be held in December.

New officers were elected to serve. They are: Mike Weeks, chairman of the board; Sam Shaw, vice-chairman, and Lisa Rogers, secretary. ☞

Union University continues placement in top tier of U.S. News rankings

After welcoming seven more National Merit finalists and 31 valedictorians and salutatorians in this year's class of more than 400 freshmen, Union University has announced that for the sixth consecutive year, Union has once again been ranked in the top tier of U.S. News and World Report's 2002 issue of "America's Best Colleges." In addition, the university continues to see an increase in total enrollment for the Fall 2002 semester, with more than 2600 students on campus this term.

Formerly in the "regional liberal arts universities" category and ranking in the top 10 last year, Union was elevated last year to the current category - "Best Universities - Master's" - that includes larger institutions which provide a full range of undergraduate- and master's level programs. For the second year in a row, Union is the only school in West Tennessee, outside of Memphis, to be recognized in the top tier. ☞



Freshman Christian Studies major Kevin Pratt speaks with Charles Colson after the Red Carpet Banquet.

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"I read his speech about worldview before I knew Dr. Dockery," recalled Colson. "I said, whoever this man is, he really has it [the same understanding of Christian worldview]. I've come to admire and appreciate him."

"Union is more than just another Christian college attempting to educate kids, Union stands as a symbol for something that hasn't happened across this country," said Colson. "This is the one place where you really do what

has become almost a cliché in Christian higher education - every school says we want to integrate Christian culture, and it usually means a couple of courses in Christian studies."

The Jackson university, Colson said, is integrating faith and culture by going to the very basic suppositions, and "really getting to the heart of it, that Christian truth is the heart of everything we believe. God cares about all he created." ☞

Faculty and administration write new book on Christian Worldview

Union University has announced the release of *Shaping a Christian Worldview: The Foundations of Christian Higher Education*, a collection of essays that address the key issues facing the future of Christian higher education. Published by Broadman and Holman, the book is the first of its kind to address the critical questions of mixing faith with academics and any area of vocation, whether the arts, sciences, education, business or communications - with the contributing authors all from one university.

Edited by Union President David S. Dockery and Greg Thornbury, director of the Carl F.H. Henry Center for Christian Leadership at Union, the book is written with the freshman college student in mind.

"This lively volume displays the intellectual energy made possible when faith and reason work with, not against one another," said Jean Bethke Elshtain, the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Professor of Social and Political Ethics at the University of Chicago. "The book is written in a style that makes it accessible to laypersons and scholars alike and is a welcome addition to an ongoing cultural debate."

The book, which went on store shelves Sept. 1, is available at LifeWay Christian Bookstore, Amazon.com and other major book stores. ☞

Union offers students Career University

More than 350 Union University students got a jumpstart on the job market during the second annual Career University, sponsored by the university's Office of Career Services, and held in October. The day included several 20-minute sessions for college juniors, seniors, and students in the BSOL and MBA tracks.

"Career U is a new, innovative and exciting approach to career success!" said Jackie Taylor, interim director of career services at Union. "We will concentrate on empowering and equipping students with the right tools to search for, obtain and keep their ideal job."

A variety of topics were discussed at the sessions including Jumpstarting U 211: Conducting the Job Search led by Paige Holmes, SIFE advisor at Union University; Understanding U 411: Knowing Your Personality led by Paul Deschenes, director of counseling at Union and Marketing U 111: Selling Yourself During the Interview led by Kristy Marter, recruiting manager for Enterprise Corp. Bob Campbell, a Union trustee and president of Panther Oil Company, spoke on Entrepreneurship as a Career.

A pizza party and fashion show was also held, demonstrating the latest business wardrobe styles. Door prizes were also given out including an attaché case and a leather portfolio. ☞

Art students display "Union in the Rockies" bronze sculpture

The work of seven Union University students was the focus of the Union Art Gallery's fall exhibit, "Union in the Rockies." Various bronze sculptures by Drew Porter, Rebecca Philips, Kelly Barron, Ryan Schunemann, Brian and Amanda Bain, Allison Nolen, and Rob Alsobrook were on exhibit during the month of September.

The students, accompanied by Lee Benson, professor of art, and his family, spent one month of their summer in the mountains of Gypsum, Colo., on artist Bill Walden's ranch learning the art of bronze casting as well as the art of mountain life.

"We had no electricity, great food, and nature's beauty all around us," said Rebecca Philips, junior art major. "It was one of the most incredible experiences of my life." ☞

Pre-season rankings show Bulldogs at #5

The Union University men's basketball team earns a No. 5 preseason rating in the college basketball edition of *Street and Smith Magazine*.

Union has six players returning that have seen time as a starter for Head Coach Ralph Turner. Zach Wiggs, Derrick Underwood, Bruno Martinessi, and Chima Abakwue averaged over double figures in points last season. Newcomers Michael Palmer, a transfer from Bevil State, and Piery Valmera, a freshman from Haiti, add tremendous athletic ability and good scorers to the Bulldogs team.

The Bulldogs are coming off a season in which they finished 31-5, claimed the TranSouth regular season and tournament championships, and made the sweet sixteen in the NAIA National Tournament. Union ended last season as the No. 3 team in the nation.

Other teams in the top 10 were No. 1 Azusa Pacific (Calif.); No. 2 Faulkner; No. 3 Oklahoma City; No. 4 Georgetown; and No. 8 Lee University. Union will play Azusa Pacific on November 15 in California and will battle Lee University as the Bulldogs defend their TranSouth Conference championship. 



Back Row (L to R) - Kina Mallard (Director of the Center for Faculty Development), Randy Shadburn (Education), Nan Thomas (Associate Director of the Center for Faculty Development), Richard Joiner (Music), Elizabeth Vaughn-Neeley (Education), Julie Bowman (English), Jenny Cowell (Business), Darren Michael (Theatre), Victoria Romero (Language). Front Row (L to R) - Andy Madison (Biology), Gene Fant (English), Donald Christensen (Business), Jeannette Russ (Engineering), Mark Dubis (Christian Studies), Charlie Agnew (Art)

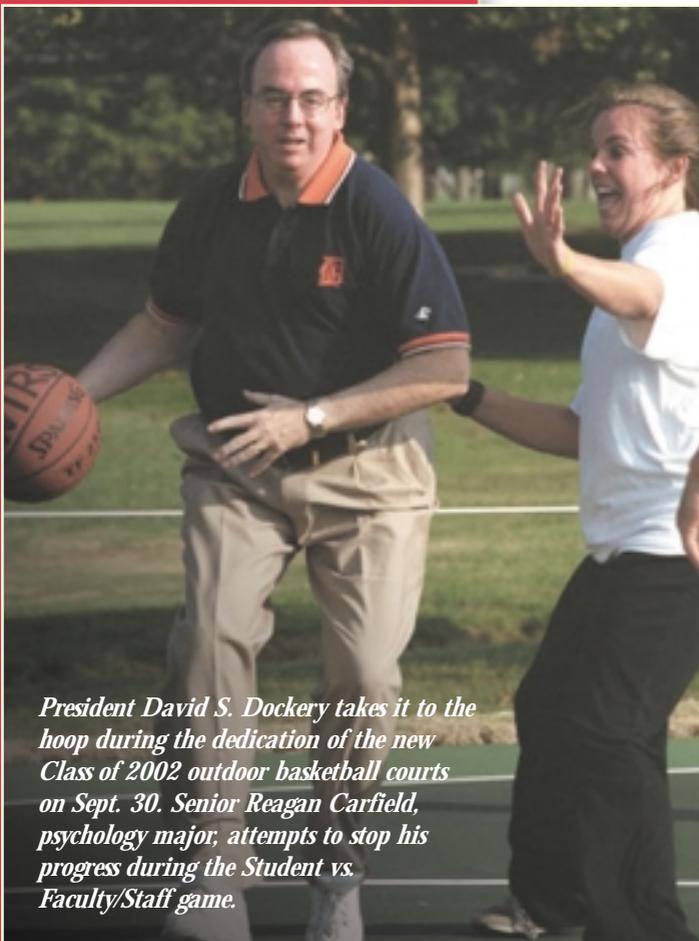
Union faculty welcome new additions for new year

Union welcomed 13 new additions to its distinguished faculty when the Fall 2002 semester began. The recent additions were made in the departments and areas of art, biology, business, Christian studies, communication arts, engineering, English, international Studies, and music.

"The Fall 2002 class of new faculty at Union is a talented group of educators," said Union University Provost Carla Sanderson. "Some bring research expertise while others bring years of experience in higher education. Each one brings to Union a fresh perspective and new approach that will complement the work of our faculty body and stretch our students in exciting ways."

Full time faculty include: Donald Christensen, associate professor of business; Mark Dubis, associate professor of Christian studies; Gene Fant, chair and associate professor in the Department of English; Richard Joiner, chair and professor of music in the Department of Music; Andy Madison, assistant professor of biology; Darren Michael, assistant professor of theatre; Jeannette Russ, assistant professor of engineering, and Randy Shadburn, associate professor of education and director of the Ed.S and Ed.D programs for the Germantown campus.

Other faculty who will join the university for the 2002-2003 term include: Charlie Agnew, visiting instructor of art; Julie Bowman, visiting instructor of English; Jenny Cowell, visiting instructor of marketing; Thomas Hopper, visiting associate professor of accounting and Victoria Romero, visiting instructor of languages. 



President David S. Dockery takes it to the hoop during the dedication of the new Class of 2002 outdoor basketball courts on Sept. 30. Senior Reagan Carfield, psychology major, attempts to stop his progress during the Student vs. Faculty/Staff game.