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# ROI: Return on Investment

For most people invested in the stock market, the return on their investment over the past 30 months has been anything but good news. For those who have invested in Union University in recent months, the return on investment has been remarkable—or “blessed” would be a better description. How grateful we are for the growing number of friends involved and invested in the work of Union University.

In the pages of this Unionite you will read stories of many recent developments at the University. What an exciting time to be at Union. This past year, a record 3,670 people invested in the work of this place. Many others volunteered their time. Still others prayed and served in advisory roles. Many of their names can be found in the enclosed report.

The return on investment can be measured in various ways. This past year 3325 total students were enrolled in some program at Union. We saw 785 of these graduate. Our graduation rate—as well our retention rate—is now one of the highest in the state. Student satisfaction indicators have never been higher. For the sixth straight year Union University was listed in the top tier of Universities in the South by *U.S. News and World Report*. Academics at Union—viewed from the vantage point of effective teaching or significant scholarship by Union’s outstanding faculty or from the perspective of high quality students—is characterized by excellence.

In fact, marks of excellence can be seen across the university. The ongoing development of the campus is an encouragement to all. Union graduates have been accepted in the finest graduate schools, law schools, medical schools, and seminaries across the south in particular, but literally across the nation. Union graduates are serving in Washington, D.C., as interns in Parliament, and are being hired by great companies in the region and beyond. Young business leaders, teachers, nurses, social workers, all grounded in a Christian worldview are beginning to make a difference in the world.

This fall a collection of essays penned by the members of the Union faculty and administration was released with the title *Shaping a Christian Worldview: Foundations of Christian Higher Education* (Broadman & Holman, 2002). The book evidences the minds and hearts represented across the campus among faculty, staff, and students who are dedicated to rigorous academics, unapologetic Christian commitment, and serious cultural engagement. It is certainly an important book for Union University, but for all of Christian higher education.

Union University’s Board of Trustees along with the Board of Directors of Prison Fellowship are pleased to announce the establishment of the Charles Colson Professor of Faith and Culture at Union University. Dr. Hal Poe will be the first person to fill this most important position. How grateful we are for this opportunity in the life of this university to carry forth the Christian worldview legacy of Chuck Colson (2001 Doctor of Humanities recipient from Union University).

What an outstanding return on your investment. We are deeply grateful for your gifts, your service, your prayers, and your encouragement in your partnership with us in carrying out the lofty mission of Union University in the days and years to come.

Soli Deo Gloria,

*David S. Dockery*

## 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. [www.union.edu](http://www.union.edu)



# Campus News

UNIVERSITY LIFE



## 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

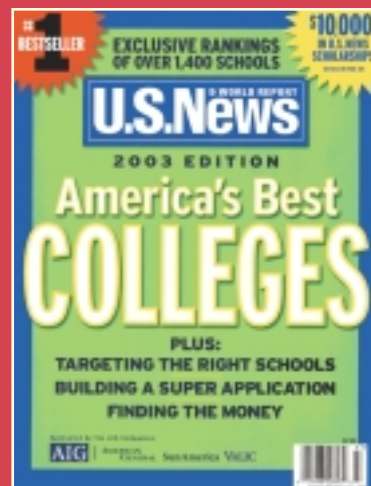
In its annual fall meeting, Union's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to look into the possibility of expanding the Germantown campus facilities within the next three years, almost doubling the space of what is currently being used. More than 500 students are currently enrolled this year at the Germantown 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. ☞



## UNIVERSITY LIFE



*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

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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. ☞

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## 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." ☞

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A CHRISTIAN  
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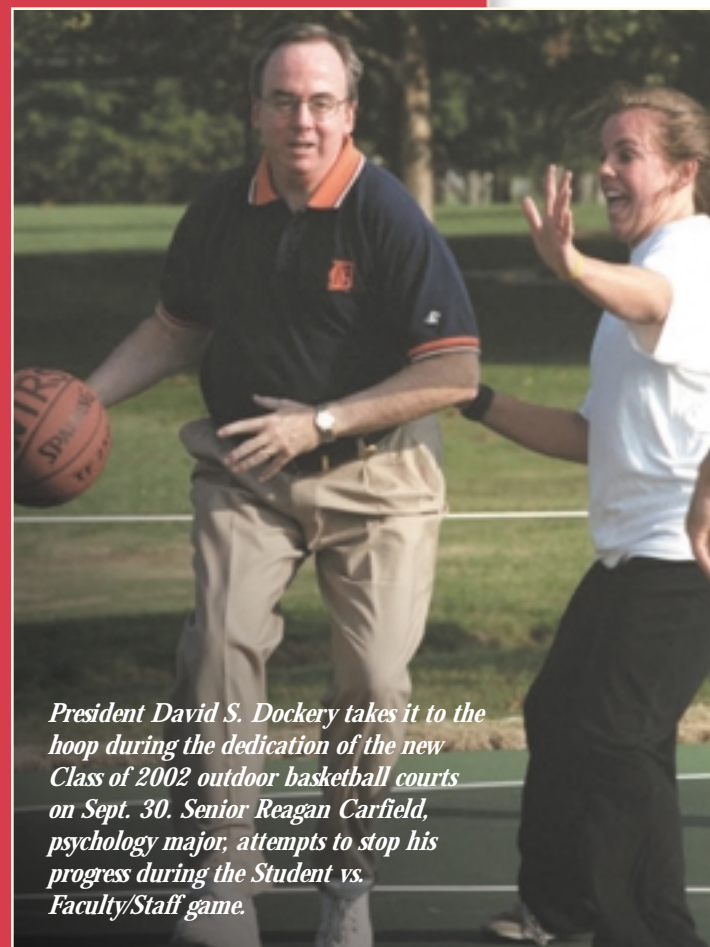
## Pre-season rankings show Bulldogs at #5

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 Pierry Valmera, a freshman from Haiti, add tremendous athletic ability and good scorers to the Bulldog 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. 



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.

## FACULTY LIFE




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. 

A headline caught my eye recently. Scientists have decided that the earth is now one-half inch larger around its circumference. I could have used their help a few months ago, because it took several times for me to determine the exact size in feet of the new office space into which I was moving. I am not a scientist.

Such infinitesimal measurement of something as large as earth raises some questions in my mind. And, I disagree with our scientist friends on their growth analysis.

Geography and science aside, my very unscientific theory is that the earth is a far smaller community today than it was ten years ago. The amazing advances in communication and the availability of travel have made the term global community not only a catch phrase but reality. The world is a smaller place in which to live in that respect.

What does this have to do with Union University? Everything! International Studies is an official area of emphasis with implications in business, missions, language, education other areas. Opportunities for Union students to study abroad are available and the experience has become much more common! Faculty involvement with other universities around the world is daily. GO

(Global Outreach) trips take students and faculty across the USA and to points overseas. The implications that spring from our core values underscore these activities.

To be Excellence-Driven implies Union is constantly striving to be ahead of, not just on, the cutting edge in education.

Being Christ-Centered defines our intentions and fuels our mission. Union is preparing students to have a Christ-centered worldview, not a one person, one nation view.

People-Focused individuals think in terms of service to others and help for the human condition. Their spirit is contagious – their view earthly and eternal.

A Future-Directed mindset reminds us the future is the only life we have. The past is history. We define the word future in terms of tomorrow and eternity.

This issue of The Unionite offers a glimpse of Union as a university with a focused global outlook. For the school it means recognition. For faculty, this philosophy translates into enriched classroom instruction. For students, it means an expanded vision of life.

**Wayne Johnson**  
Executive Director  
Office of University Relations

## GOING GLOBAL

*The following is part of a recent interview with Union President David S. Dockery. He discussed the importance of a Christian worldview, a value that is being taught throughout the university. A value that is lived out not just on campus but throughout the world – wherever our students and alumni are found.*

"A Christian worldview says there is a framework for understanding the world. It begins with the confession, "we believe in God the Father, Maker of Heaven and Earth." So we recognize that everything that is comes as a gift from God, which answers the question of 'How did we get here?'"

The second question is 'who are we?' We recognize that humans are created in the image of God, and that gives us the ability to relate, to have social awareness, intellectual capacities, rational capacities, and the spiritual capacities to worship our great God. So we answer the big question about

creation, the question of who we are. But we look around this world and we see tragedy, suffering, and evil and we have to ask – what's wrong with this wonderful creation? A Christian worldview has an answer for that, at least partially.

The question of evil is a very difficult question that I'm not sure we can ever answer fully, but we do know that it's the result of the Fall – when men and women made a conscious decision to choose against the things of God. Because of that, sin has entered the world and it has ramifications not only for humans and relationships, and our relationship with God, but with the creation itself. Romans says that all of creation is longing for redemption, because it's impacted by the Fall.

But then there's the Good News, in that that's not the end of the story. God has provided a remedy or a solution to this problem in Jesus Christ, and we recognize

that all things are by Him, and for Him, and through Him and in Him, and therefore we can see issues in economics, in sociology, literature, political science, biology, chemistry – we can see all the disciplines of the academic world through those eyes, asking those kinds of questions. Now it's going to be shaped differently in each discipline, but nevertheless we come to it asking that question. "What does a Christian worldview have to bear on this subject, how can we think Christianly about this issue?"

I think it raises and expands the opportunities to think more broadly, more deeply, about all of our subjects. It does not narrow it to just think about Biblical things, but it helps us to think more broadly about how truth comes from God – He's the source of all truth – and that our pursuit of truth in each discipline ultimately is a pursuit of God that can glorify Him."

– Union President David S. Dockery.



MANY STUDENTS ARE FINDING THAT THEIR CLASSROOM DOES NOT LOOK OR FEEL LIKE THE TYPICAL COLLEGE LECTURE HALL. IN FACT, MANY OF THEM ARE NOT ON THE CAMPUS OR EVEN IN THE UNITED STATES. STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES HAVE BEEN STEADILY INCREASING. WITH PROGRAMS IN CANADA, BELIZE, SPAIN, CHINA, HONG KONG AND OTHER COUNTRIES AROUND

# ACADEMICS IN ACTION

THE GLOBE, STUDENTS LEARN NOT ONLY TO APPLY THEIR EDUCATION BUT DO SO IN AN INTERCULTURAL SETTING

Many Union students are finding that their classrooms do not look or feel like the typical college lecture hall. In fact, many of them are not on campus or even in the United States.

Study abroad opportunities have steadily increased in recent years. With programs in Canada, Belize, Spain, China, Hong Kong and other countries around the globe, Union students learn not only to apply their education but do so in an intercultural setting.

## Academics In Action

Catching a taxi seems like such an easy task for most Americans, but for three Union students in Thailand it turned out to be an adventure.

“We were trying to get to the Skytrain, an above-ground subway system,” recalls Jennifer Downing, a junior from Fort Worth, Texas, majoring in English as a Second Language (ESL). “We rode in the taxi for an hour-and-a-half trying to communicate with the driver about where we wanted to go. No matter how much we tried to blend in we were always sticking out.”

Downing traveled to Thailand during July with a group from the university that joined teachers from Georgia to conduct workshops. It was a unique opportunity for the group, according to Phillip Ryan, professor of teaching English as a second/other language, and trip coordinator.

Thailand is going through an important educational reform - a major thrust of which is the teaching of English. Sri Patum University in Bangkok hosted the program in which 300 of the finest English teachers from all over

Downing, three other Union students, Rebekah Crane, Anita Kail and Art Wong, developed teaching techniques to share with the Thai teachers, helping them to develop active learning techniques and construct a more student-centered classroom.

Programs such as these offer students and faculty tremendous opportunities. As a result of the Thailand visit, the Union students, which all have career interests in ESL, gained valuable professional experience. The job opportunities to teach English as a foreign language in places such as Bangkok and Beijing are limitless and these students were offered teaching jobs on multiple occasions.

“This was the ultimate practicum experience,” says Ryan. “Each person received first-hand experience with real teachers that have a vast knowledge in language teaching.”

Gavin Richardson, professor of English at Union, also went on the trip to explore program development opportunities for the Department of English.

“It is difficult to put into words the cultural education we all gained from the trip,” says Richardson. “Sites such as the ancient city of Ayutthaya in Thailand, the floating market, China’s Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and the Great Wall were highlights of the trip.”

For Downing the experience went beyond professional training. It reminded her that there are millions of people across the world with very different cultures and needs.

“I appreciate the beauty in the Buddhist culture,” says Downing. “The temples are beautiful and the people are so warm and friendly. But as a Christian it breaks my heart to realize that without Christ these wonderful

know if God calls me to Thailand, China or any other place, I am ready to go.”

Alison Pirsein, a senior Spanish major from Pickneyville, Ill., has also confirmed her call to a language vocation through a study abroad opportunity. During the spring 2002 semester, Pirsein studied in a program at the University of Alicante, Spain, that involved a series of language courses. The immersion into another culture was as valuable as the academic coursework according to Pirsein.

“It was an opportunity for personal and spiritual growth,” she explains. “The majority of people didn’t have a Christian background. The entire experience played a major role in my developing worldview.”

## The World Right At Home

Although many Union students are traveling around the world through educational and mission-related trips, others are finding needs in their own back yard. This fall, a team of language and social work majors from Union will be working in a local elementary school assisting school administrators. The school has a large percentage of Spanish-speaking families with no school personnel fluent in the language.

The tasks they will perform seem like ordinary things. However, those simple tasks turn into obstacles when there is a language barrier. Translating conversations, helping parents fill out forms or finding classrooms are just a few examples of how these students are meeting a real need in the local community.

Study abroad programs and community projects are just two ways that Union students develop a Christian worldview through the

BY TRACY RUTLEDGE


Thailand came to be trained by American educators. The purpose of the visit was to help Thai teachers of English develop better strategies for teaching English as a foreign language.

Ryan and his students developed the framework of the program. Along with

people won’t be in heaven.”

It was through the Thailand experience that Downing confirmed her call to ESL education and the work that needs to be done across the globe. “I think about what we accomplished on the trip and realize how much we didn’t have time to do. I would go back right now – and I

combination of academics and experience.

“It can be scary, but it is definitely worth the effort,” says Pirsein. “You develop friendships with such diverse people and have the awesome opportunity to experience what you learn in the classroom.” 

WHEN KNOWLEDGE INTERSECTS WITH LIFE





# BECAUSE

# SAID SO

Union students follow Great Commission to answer callings  
By Sara Horn

In just the last three years, more than 15 Union graduates have committed to short-term mission work right out of college, an incredible record says the staff in Union's Office of Campus Ministries. They attribute the growing trend to a change in philosophy – students aren't going overseas to meet the needs of the hungry or destitute – they're going because God said so. And that's enough.



before Rob Dixon ('00) went on his first mission trip as a Union student, he never thought missions would be something for him.

"I thought missions was for supermen and women who were like Billy Graham mixed with Rambo that went out to save the world," says Dixon, who is from Gallatin, Tenn. "I am so very glad I was wrong."

A business management major, Dixon became active with the GO Trips offered through Union's Office of Campus Ministries, and it was on one of those trips that he felt the call to missions.

"I'm a normal guy who had one thing going for him – availability," says Dixon. "If you are available, God will use you."

It's that availability and willingness to be used wherever God wills that is the driving force behind many of the decisions Union students make to go into missions work, says Suzanne Frost Mosley ('99), director of student outreach at Union.

"When I was a student, there was a big push to go help the poor people and that's why we went," explains Mosley. "Now we go, still to

This past year we offered nine international trips alone, three during the summer – the first time we've had that many offered at that time."

Prior to 1997, Union had organized short term mission trips within the U.S. It is the current vision and mission of Campus Ministries to "meet students where they are in their relationship with God and help them take the next step toward a life that connects fully with God's global purpose."

Students who participate in GO trips quickly see their worldview begin to change.

"Students don't look at a map and see America as the center any more after going on one of these trips," Mosley explains. "We see other people in a global community – they eat, they go to bed, they go to college, they do the exact same things that we do – it really helps our students realize that there are other people in this world."

"Students want to be about what God is about!" says Brady. "I really believe that it's this change in thought, this more theologically-driven approach to student missions, that is the reason for why there has been such a dramatic increase in numbers of

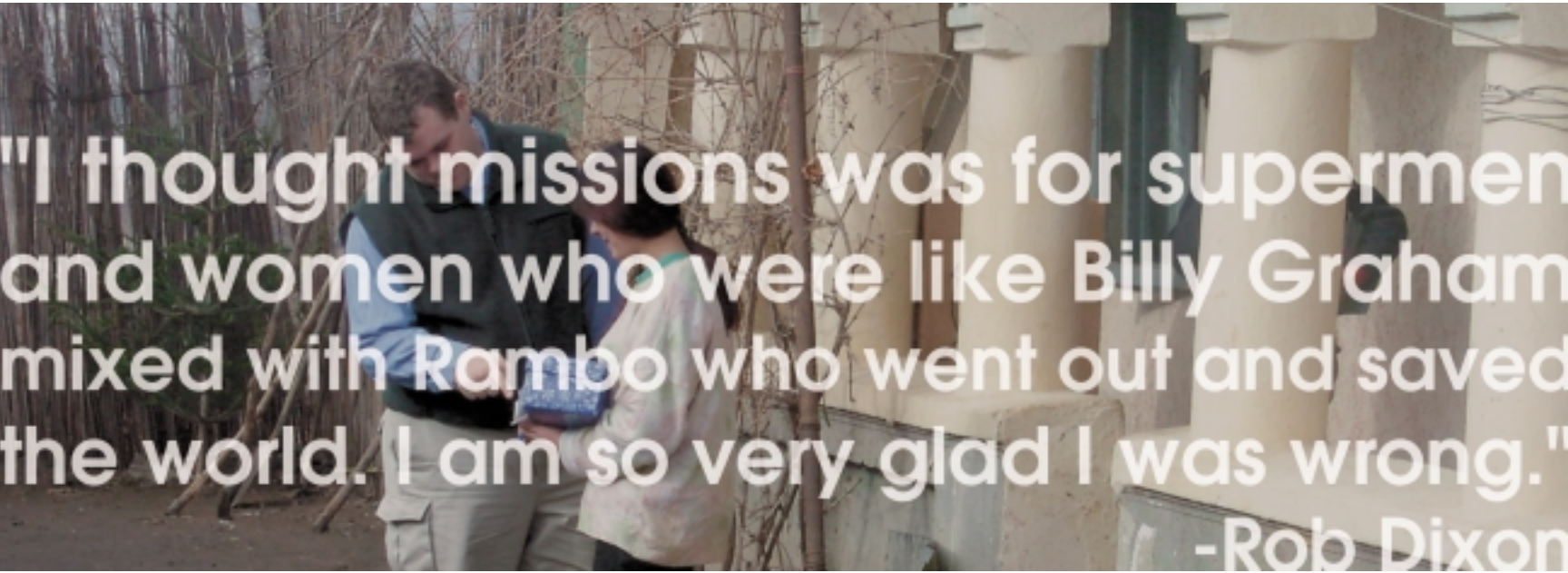
"I felt as though the world stopped and that God gave that moment for me, just to say 'this is where I want you to be,'" recalls Rose.

Serving in her assigned country for more than a year now, Rose continues to echo what Brady and Mosley are trying to pass on to all Union students.

"I've come to realize that I do not need to see results – that is not why I'm here," says Rose. "I'm here because God told me to come, and I trust that He's at work. I count it a huge blessing that I'm not worthy of to be in this place – only by His grace."

Having worked in Romania with the Roma for the last eight months, the last unreached people group in Europe and better known as gypsies, Rob Dixon continues to be grateful for his Union education.

"I believe Union is preparing students for the real world by teaching from a Biblical perspective and showing students how to be strong examples for Christ in all aspects of society," says Dixon. "In the area of missions, I think Union is becoming a sending agency in itself. God has been raising up many from Union in the past several years. People's eyes



help, but ultimately we're going because we're aligning ourselves with what God wants."

"A student's desire to involve themselves in missions overseas is driven first by who God is," adds Todd Brady, minister to the university. "Missions is more about what God wants, than it is what man needs. That's what drives students."

With more than 15 students in the last three years committing to full-time short term missions immediately following graduation, one might wonder from where the sudden interest is coming. You don't have to look far before you find the answer.

"More than 200 students are participating in the GO trips we offer every year," says Brady. "That's 20% of our residential students.


students participating in missions."

Carla Rose ('01), an international business graduate who is now serving in North Africa as a journeyman, got her start in missions through the trips she took at Union.

"My senior year, I went on a GO Trip to the \*place where I now live," says Rose. "After several days of prayerwalking for a people group from a nearby country, I was beginning to see the darkness of this place and even struggled with doubt that He is capable of changing lives here."

Rose began to doubt that her group would come in contact with someone from the people group they were praying for, but she continued to pray. Standing outside a medical clinic, she soon met a family from that specific country.

are being opened to God's perfect plan and realizing that He expects us all to be involved in one way or another."

"A lot of students who go on the GO Trips aren't going to come back and reside in an international country," says Brady. "But that's not what it's about – rather, it's the impact they can make on the world. Elementary education majors are going to teach third grade a lot differently having experienced a Union education that involved an international experience." 

*\* Certain locations have been omitted for security and protection of missionary personnel.*

It was her junior year of college when Suzanne Frost Mosley ('99) attended a campus retreat with several other students from Union. The speaker leading the retreat walked the group through the Bible, pointing out that God desires for his name to be worshipped by all peoples.

"That was a lightbulb going off in my head," says Mosley, who majored in social work. "I never heard that growing up in church – and I'd been a Christian for ten years at that point. I had always understood that you go because of the need of the people."

Searching Scripture, Mosley began to see what the speaker had shared was consistently evident throughout the Bible and felt tremendously convicted to respond – she just didn't know how.

Working with Union's campus ministry director at the time, she was able to find a project in China with two other students and spent the whole summer there. Mosley describes the experience as "perfect."

"After China, God really opened my eyes to the rest of the world," says Mosley. "We saw incredible things happen in this communist country. Seeing students come to know the Lord in a place where they would have to deal with things we would never imagine was a very powerful lesson."

Feeling the call of God to go into a journeyman or international service core position after she graduated, Mosley applied to the International Mission Board, hoping to be assigned back to China. Wherever she went, there was one area of the world she did not want to go.

"I had always been fearful of Muslims," admits Mosley. "I told God, 'I'll go anywhere in the 10/40 window, but I don't want to work with Muslims.' When I said that out loud, of course, God said 'that's where I want you to go.'"

As a university student taking classes in a country in North Africa, Mosley soon discovered she loved learning Arabic, and found a love as well for the Muslim people. The 11 months she was there brought both challenges and spiritual growth and as the prayer advocacy coordinator for that area, she loved what she was doing.

It was through an instant message conversation with Todd Brady, Union's minister to the university, when she learned that the student outreach director at that time had left.

"My immediate reaction was devastation because I realized how much we needed someone in that office helping students get to the field," says Mosley. "Not a day went by that I couldn't think of students at Union who could come and help us, and there was such a strong interest at that point of students wanting to come."

Serious talks with Brady began over the possibility that Mosley might come and fill the position – something that seemed impossible since her commitment to the IMB still had more than 18 months left.


"I spent a lot of time in prayer over the next several days and began to really feel like I was being led to come back to Union," recalls Mosley, who prayed mainly that everyone would be in agreement if it was what God wanted. "My supervisors at the IMB felt confirmation that this indeed was something I was supposed to do – they saw it as a bigger opportunity to send more people to the field."

Finishing out the summer, Suzanne arrived back in the States in July, and started work in August.

"With Suzanne here, it certainly helps prepare students who go overseas," says Brady. "We can't send someone over there carelessly – the preparation and the training and logistics have got to be done right."

"I think so much of her job or what we do is transportation. If we can get the transportation worked out, you get the ground sowed for the transformation to happen," says Brady.

Now in her second year at Union, married, and content in the knowledge that this is the place where God wants her, Mosley strategically plans the 12-15 trips each year that students will take, both at home and abroad.

"I've tried to take students out of the Bible Belt – one student who went to Boston said he felt like he was in a foreign mission field," says Mosley. "And that's what I want them to realize – that there's a world outside of our country, and also in the States too, that needs God. And that He tells us to go." 





# THEY CAME TO JOIN IN

BY SHAWN HENDRICKS ('96) PHOTOS BY WARREN JOHNSON  
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*While sharing laughter and smiles with a couple of village children, Erin Joseph a student at Union University saw firsthand the hunger and poverty of the Maresé.*





*Without being able to communicate through the same language, a team of Union students found simple ways to share the love of Christ. The students had help from some International Mission Board journeymen working with the Marensé*

## ‘Go’ program catches vision

**W**hether through the classroom or the office of campus ministries, Union University in Jackson, Tenn., wants their students to have a desire to “go”—on missions that is.


Since 1996, the school has expanded its missions program to give students more opportunities to travel and learn about missions overseas and around the country. Students participate through campus efforts known as GO Trips.

“When you step on the campus, we want you to see the passion and to catch the vision for missions,” says Todd Brady, minister to the university. “We don’t want to delegate missions to one department on campus. We want all of our [students] to have an understanding of why missions is important—to be connected and to understand the motivation behind it.”

Last year, the university sent 200 students on mission trips to 15 different locations around the world and in country, explains Suzanne Mosley, director of student outreach. This is a sharp increase from less than 100 students who participated in mission trips in 1995.

Venezuela, Boston, Thailand, Indonesia, Seattle and Egypt were just a few of the areas spotlighted during the school’s annual “GO Week” last fall. The event immerses students in opportunities to go on mission during the winter, spring and summer.

The university’s office of campus ministries—which heads up the missions program—is different from similar programs because its ministry staff are employed by the university, says Mosley.

“It’s something that comes from inside,” she says. “We want missions to be who we are, not what we do.” 





# through the world's CLASSROOM

teaching the teachers by sara horn

Through the Institute for International and Intercultural Studies at Union, faculty are experiencing first-hand an increasing awareness of the world around us which they're passing on to the students in their classroom. From China to Syria, the lessons that are being learned as these faculty take part in exchange programs are making an enormous impact, not just on the cultures they come in contact with, but on their own as well.

It is the middle of July and Union political science professor Ann Livingstone has just completed an 18-hour flight to Syria. Her first view of the countryside is one of a crater-like, greenless landscape, a result of the enormous amount of mining that takes place in this Middle East country. She has arrived in Damascus to participate in a faculty exchange program for 18 days where she will lead a faculty development seminar at Al Baath University in Homs and

participate in a seven-member panel lecture series at the University of Damascus.

The realization that she is now in a different world strikes her hard as she passes through passport control into the waiting area where she is expecting to meet her escort. Women, veiled from head to toe, stand waiting for their respective someone, seemingly silent statues – invisible bystanders – a sharp contrast from the hugs and enthusiastic greetings the men are

giving one another on the other side of the room. A good reminder to keep physical touching at bay for awhile, the usually affectionate professor thinks to herself. She walks towards the man holding a sign that reads “Livingstone.”

#### A global awareness

With the arrival of the 21st century and significant advances in telecommunication and internet technology occurring almost



daily, the world as we know it is getting smaller. Buzzwords like ‘global view’ are gradually seeping into our streams of vocabulary and with it, an awareness and perhaps an awakening of just what that means. Now, more than ever, the Institute for International and Intercultural Studies at Union University is working to provide both faculty and students opportunities to experience other cultures, and in return, share a little of their own.

“Because we are who we are, we’re extremely well received in universities around the world,” says Cindy Jayne, professor of language and director of the institute. “We’re fortunate to have highly qualified faculty and excellent students with a strong willingness to work as partners at other institutions around the world. Of all the things I know that the international academic community would like to see, that’s the thing they want most – the opportunity to dialogue, work and share intellectual experiences with one another.”

More than 61 students and 26 faculty have traveled overseas in the last two years for academic endeavors. This doesn’t include the many that have participated in spring and summer international mission trips.

Jayne says it’s the values that the mission of Union represents – commitment, excellence, integrity, moral and ethical values – that have been welcome in every university’s country with which Union has begun programs or participated in partnerships. This includes China, Spain, Morocco, France, Canada, England, Thailand, Syria, Honduras and Tunisia.

“Lots of people (universities) are given opportunities [to go overseas to other universities] – but we’re consistently invited to return,” says Jayne. “We’ve kept our promises.”

After a good night’s sleep at the hotel where she is staying, Ann Livingstone is taken to the city of Homs, two hours north of Damascus. Along the barren stretch of two-lane highway, she takes in the sights and sounds that pass.

“You see shepherds with herds of sheep and goats, you see Bedouins living in their tents, buildings half constructed, you see towns that spring up from nowhere and vanish as you pass them by,” says Livingstone.

As she approaches Homs, a blue-collar area of Syria that specializes in petrochemicals and refineries, she notices that the trees begin to take on a 45-degree angle, a result of the wind which blows so strong across the sterile dust that was once soil. She is deposited at the Homs Grand Hotel where she is left on her own to wait. A professor will soon pick her up and take her to the university where she will teach six hours a day for the next six days.

### To China and back

Four Union faculty participated this summer in a visiting faculty program to the

eastern part of the world through the English Language Institute of China, an organization dedicated to sending Christian English-speaking men and women to teach their language and make a difference in the lives in which they come in contact. While Jan Wilms, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and associate professor of computer science, and Pam Sutton, associate professor of English, seemed to have very different experiences, they each came away with similar lessons.

Wilms, who is himself from Belgium, would consider himself a seasoned traveler, having visited Thailand, his wife’s home country, as well as Japan, Canada, Africa, and just about everywhere in Europe.

Assigned to teach at the university in Hohhot, the regional capital of Inner Mongolia, Wilms was not so much concerned about the difference in culture such as food or clothing, but in values.

“The lectures I taught were all based on web design and computer ethics,” says Wilms. “China is one of those countries where their sense of intellectual property is quite different then from over here [in the U.S.],” he explains, referring to the standard policy that the Chinese government has on monitoring email and other forms of communication that its citizens participate in.

Pam Sutton had different challenges. Her first trip overseas, she was excited for the opportunity but found herself relying on creativity in order to overcome the language barriers she discovered with her students. Her assignment – the Qufu Teacher’s University in Qufu, China in the Shandong Province, which has an enrollment of more than 15,000 students.

“I was only the second visiting professor that university had ever had,” recalls Sutton. “Personally, this was a huge opportunity for me – I’ve always felt a little overwhelmed when my students at Union have had more experience traveling outside the U.S. than I. Now that I’ve traveled over there, I feel I can relate better.”

Sutton gave five lectures, all on the English language and literature, to more than 100 faculty and students each night. The students there were eager to hear her stories about America, as well as her family and students back home.

“That Tuesday night, I gave my second lecture and showed pictures of my family, friends and Union,” recalls Sutton. “All of the female students ‘ahhed.’ I started noticing that I was not using contractions but more synonyms for every English word I wasn’t sure that the students would understand.”

While the buildings at Inner Mongolia Electric Power University where Wilms taught for a week were rapidly aging and decrepit, the computer labs were amazingly up-to-date.

“It was a little unnerving trying to use the

Chinese version of Windows and Office – everything was in Chinese characters,” recalls Wilms, shaking his head at the memory with a chuckle.

Both Sutton and Wilms say their recent experiences were powerful ones and they’ve both applied to participate in the program next year – this time, in Vietnam.

“I told my students before I left,” says Sutton, “I will never look at the phrase ‘made in China’ the same way again – that’s what education and experience does for us – it opens our eyes.”

Livingstone, or “Dr. Ann” or “Teacher Ann” as her Syrian students are calling her, has met with her class of 15 students every day now for almost a week. The students who are faculty at the Institute for Foreign Languages at Al-Baath are primarily concerned with how to better teach English to their classes, made up of 200 to 300 senior faculty members. Basher Al-Assad, the president of Syria, has determined that American-style English will be taught to everyone beginning in the first grade.

“This is where it is so interesting for me,” says Livingstone. “Here on one hand, there is a desire to move into the Western environment, but for every desire like that, there is that powerful fundamental religion that is unwilling to give up those cultural identity markers – it’s very hard for a 23-year-old to be teaching a senior faculty member something new – even a new language such as English.”

Many of the students bring their master’s work to her to critique and give guidance which she takes very seriously. One afternoon, she fields questions.

“Do all Americans hate Arabs?” a student asks.

“Can you go to the president and ask him to change foreign policy?” questions another.

“Do all Americans wear cowboy hats?”

“All of these were serious questions,” says Livingstone. “What they get from us is CNN, reject movies and music. There’s as much mythology about who we are to them as about who they are to us.”

### Points of connection

Walt Padelford, interim dean of the School of Business and professor of economics, has traveled extensively on both mission and academic trips to Latin America. His office is filled with artifacts, brightly colored blankets and 3-D art he has brought back with him from his various trips. He says he has always been a big supporter of the work that Cindy Jayne and the International Studies area has done and continues to do.

“I think the work they do is important because in my way of thinking, until Christ comes back, I believe that the world economy and just people movements in general are going to be more interconnected,” says Padelford. “Americans are working in more countries

# An International Vision

When Cindy Jayne, director of Union’s Institute for International and Intercultural Studies at Union, first began teaching Spanish at the university more than 25 years ago, little more was done in the way of international experiences than the occasional standard study trip that was led by an energetic and enthusiastic faculty member.

Times have certainly changed.

“When the short term mission trips began to be popular (in the early nineties), we had some opportunities to be involved,” recalls Jayne. “The first Honduras trip in particular became very important because several student nurses went and out of that interest, a lot of people who otherwise wouldn’t be involved in international travel began to understand what impact it would have on students.”

A committee was formed which began to take a hard look at what the possibilities could be and ways that faculty were addressing international issues in their classrooms. Over a five to six-year period, the realization that international studies would play a vital role in the lives of Union students was made, and the Institute was formed, originally as a Center for International Studies in 1996. Jayne is credited by many others as the positive force and the reason why the Institute came about, but she gives the credit to others and attributes her passion for international cultures to her parents, a Mississippi-native couple who until they were adults, had never had an opportunity to travel out of the state, besides the country.

“As early I can remember, they traveled internationally,” recalls Jayne. “I can still recall the stories they told us when they came back.”

Jayne says it was always important to her parents that their four children have opportunities to travel, and she can still remember her first trip she took by herself to Ecuador, helping some family friends who were missionaries by conducting a Vacation Bible School during a mission meeting.

“It must have made an enormous impact on me, because after studying German for five years, I immediately switched to Spanish when I returned,” Jayne laughs, adding that it was very important to her parents that they all speak other languages.

“My parents felt very passionately that the world was changing in ways that made it important for countries to understand one another – to be more aware of what people were like, and how they thought,” says Jayne. “We still keep in touch with international friends we got to know through my parents’ various trips abroad.”

Jayne admits that she is excited and proud about what is happening at Union.

“Not only do we have current students who are excited about international opportunities, but more and more prospective students are looking at us because we have these opportunities,” says Jayne. “We have faculty who are enthusiastic about developing international programs that are geared to the program offerings. That’s exciting.”

Administrative support has also been very helpful.

“I find that in so many institutions that whatever is done internationally is done almost strictly as extracurricular activities by a few dedicated faculty,” says Jayne. “We are so fortunate to have funds that are committed to this and to have very real administrative support where our efforts to develop international programs are acknowledged. That’s excellent.” ☞

around the world and, likewise, more people are working in the U.S. You get all of these kinds of intercultural relationships in which our students are going to be engaged.”

Padelford points out the number of graduate students he teaches in the MBA program who come up to tell him they’re going to be absent for a few days.

“There’s always two or three who come up and say I’m going to be in Japan for a few days, or Germany, maybe England – it’s already happening. American workers are already spending a lot of time in other countries,” s ays Padelford.

“The more I travel, the more deeply I believe that we must understand that the world is in a state where there is tremendous movement,” says Jayne, “more than any other time in history. We must develop a way of communicating with each other and finding grounds for respect for each other that allows us to develop a different way to relate. I don’t think we can do that if we isolate ourselves from the rest of the world and each other.”

Her time at Al-Baath University now drawing to an end, Livingstone takes her students to lunch before she leaves to participate in a lecture and panel series two hours away in Damascus for the remainder of her time in Syria. She is surprised by the gifts that they have brought her.

“It was very humbling and to a certain degree it made me very sad, because I knew many couldn’t afford it,” says Livingstone.

One woman couldn’t afford to buy anything so she gave her teacher a fan that she owned – it was old and stained and frayed around the edges but it was something that belonged to her and she gave it – with the whisper “please do not forget me.”

Another student who Livingstone will hate to leave is Manal – a young woman who keeps her head covered, a tiny, timid, fair-skinned and blue-eyed Arabic girl, with beautiful English and strong critical thinking skills.

Livingstone tells her she would love for her to come and study at Union.

“My father is dead, my mother is very fond of me and my uncle said I cannot,” the young woman smiles sadly. “Please do not forget me, Dr. Ann.”

The political science professor knows that the experiences she has had during her 18-day trip will be brought back with her, spilling over into her classroom and class discussions of issues of development and policies of the state, international relations and Middle East affairs.

“It’s no longer abstract, it’s very real,” says Livingstone. “If nothing else, it’s aroused my intentions and passions far more. Now if we talk about war in the Middle East or attacking somewhere like Syria, I know people who are there.”

“I have friends who live there.” ☞





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By Beverly Vos

It's an all too common experience for anyone who's ever traveled outside the United States – whether ministering to the poor or studying in an international setting, the cultural differences experienced abroad can be eye opening to world travelers. But the challenges experienced in another country such as different foods or different social customs can sometimes pale in comparison to the emotions felt on the return trip.

Back on American soil, reverse culture shock can quickly set in, causing those returning to view their own way of life with a new perspective, often feeling disconnected to a land they call home.

Compared to most countries of the world, life in the United States is like no other place on the planet. American citizens have wealth, excess, privileges, opportunities, access, choices, and nearly unlimited resources. However, sometimes the contrast is too great and upon re-entry, those returning from another country may experience restlessness, negativity, uncertainty, or even loneliness.

The freedom of plenty – and the responsibility

Chad Cossiboom, senior Christian ethics major, remembers a significant moment as he was coming back through customs after his most recent GO trip to minister in Afghan refugee camps in Rome, Italy.

“When the customs agent welcomed me home, I thought how wonderful those words

outcome to broaden his understanding of the world. After having served in China, the Philippines and Italy, he feels more aware of what others have to offer. He encourages his friends in America to have sensitivity to other cultures and people.

“We have much but that doesn't necessarily mean we are the best.”

Called to serve, abroad and at home

Like Cossiboom, many of Union's students who spend up to two to three months of their summers on foreign fields realize the gulf of difference that exists between the culture of their homeland and where they've been. Their experiences in an international setting heighten awareness of their world, broaden depth of character and deepen faith in such a way that coming home to the West is difficult. For them life will never be viewed the same again.

Students on short-term assignments, just like career missionaries, are purposefully prepared for the culture they are entering. They are told what they will see and experience and they understand the poverty and impoverished conditions they will see as well as the lack of many modern conveniences. They go, however, because they are called to serve and to give of themselves to others. A global experience is new and adventuresome as well as exhausting and eye opening – and the return trip can be just as rich in new understandings.

When Union alumni Patrick ('87) and Lana ('90) Beard and their children returned to the

gluttony. It takes honesty to assess ourselves and find the balance in living responsibly within a culture.”

Cammie Vos Johnson ('97) spent a year in the Czech Republic tutoring missionary children. For her, returning to the States was not difficult, however, she believes Prague is still the only place for which she has ever felt a homesickness. She liked the simpler and slower pace.

“They don't seem to need the excesses and stuff that we seem to need in the U.S.,” says Johnson. “The people are more reserved and softer in contrast to our stereotype of loud and energetic Americans.” After several years at home again, she says the experience has still brought a change in her life and has helped develop her character more fully.

Union student Lauren Webb, junior chemistry major, served in Venezuela for several months and found that she was prepared and ready to come home. She felt deeply blessed by all the opportunities to serve. For her, culture shock was going – not returning.

“I'm thankful for what we have in the U.S. —it's not just the cars, conveniences and luxuries,” says Webb. “My appreciation has really deepened for things like the opportunities to achieve and succeed.”

Webb's desire is to return to foreign fields as a medical missionary. She feels she gained much more from her experience than what she gave and maintains the most important lesson in re-entry is to keep what was learned.

“It is imperative to never give away the place

# CULTURE SHOCK

sounded,” says Cossiboom, recalling how excited he was to be back on his own country's soil and the patriotism he felt at the sight of American flags flying.

But in contrast with his recent witness to the hardships of displaced people from a country currently at war with the U.S, the freedom he felt on his return also had a harshness to it.

“I've definitely become fully aware of the plight of people who are suffering all over the world,” says Cossiboom. “As American citizens, we enjoy rights and privileges and we fight to preserve and defend those freedoms. But I think the challenge is to view ourselves as world citizens who have the responsibility to recognize injustices and oppression and fight to defend the dignity of all people.”

Cossiboom understands that this feeling is something he must work through and allow its

U.S. from their ministry in Ethiopia, they were shocked at how much excess and waste there seemed to be, in a country where they had given little thought of waste before leaving for overseas.

“Just going into a store and seeing an entire aisle of breakfast cereal was amazing,” says Patrick Beard. “We were literally stunned – we couldn't make a simple decision with so many choices.”

Beard also recalls going to a buffet restaurant shortly after the family's return and being totally unprepared for the sight of diners with heaping plates of food, going back for more and more – meals that back in Ethiopia could have lasted weeks if not months.

“Other people groups don't resent us because we are free, rich, or even Christian,” believes Beard. “Instead, I think they are appalled at our

that country has gained in your heart,” stresses Webb. “Continue to faithfully pray for the people and their needs and rejoice in all that God has done.”

The challenge for those who return home and for the ones who hear their message is to gain an understanding and balance of who we are as citizens of the world or more importantly as citizens of the Kingdom, says Beard. He offers insight into this by pointing out that no culture—in our own country or in foreign countries—is all good or all bad.

“In making an honest assessment of our own selves and culture, we acknowledge that every culture in the world opposes God,” says Beard. “The good message for all people is that God, in his grace, works restoration through Christ.”

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**As more and more Union graduates begin to live and work in other countries, the common link of a Union education is reaching, literally, to the ends of the earth. Here are just a few of the alum who are studying, working and ministering in other parts of the world.**

**JOSHUA DRAKE ('01)**  
**Where are you now living?**  
“Glasgow, Scotland.”

**What was your degree?**  
“I received a Bachelor of Music in sacred music.”

**What are you currently doing?**  
“I’m pursuing my Ph.D. in musicology at the University of Glasgow.”

**What do you hope to do?**  
“Though the future is still very much God's alone, I would hope to be involved in teaching of some sort, either at the university level or, given the right situation, at the secondary level.”

**What’s your favorite Union memory?**  
“I’ve developed many close relationships thanks to my time at Union, all of which serve me with fond memories. I have lots of great memories of my time in Barton 16 where I

developed strong Christian brotherhood. I also recall the many Convocation services where all the academics wore their long flowing robes and Dr. Dockery spoke on the life of a thinking Christian. The former shaped my heart for love and the latter shaped my mind for service.”

**What’s the biggest lesson you learned in college?**  
“God demands that His elect should serve Him with minds equipped and able. This means hard work and discipline... The Christian is therefore required and even demanded to push the limits of his or her own mental abilities and learn all he or she can for Christ's sake.”

**What advice would you give to current Union students?**  
“Many would say, "Have fun while you are here." I would say, study as hard as you can. You can schedule in fun all your life, but only once is it allotted for you to be an under-graduate student...don't forget what this calling means.”

**How did the events of September 11 impact you where you were?**  
“The events themselves didn’t impact me any more where I was than they would have were I home in Tennessee. I was devastated beyond belief. Being abroad did make me aware, however, of the way American media gives one side of issues while there are several

other positions left untouched. I found the hearing of these other positions at first painful and then liberating.”

**BEN PETTY ('73)**  
**Where are you now living?**  
“I’ve lived here in Hong Kong with my wife Elena and daughter Elizabeth Jean for more than 25 years, which includes the two years (1973-1975) I served in Hong Kong as a Missionary Journeyman with the Foreign Mission Board (now the International Mission Board), teaching English in a Chinese secondary school. Elizabeth is now attending school in Texas.”

**What are you doing now?**  
“My wife and I returned to Hong Kong in 1979 and have been here ever since. We served as missionaries with the IMB until January 2000 when we resigned and joined the Hong Kong Baptist University where I serve as head of the International Student Exchange Office and as assistant professor in the Department of English Language and Literature.”

**What’s your favorite Union memory?**  
“There are so many! As an English major, one of my favorite classroom experiences was with Mrs. Helen Blythe. I studied Shakespeare under her. Mrs. Blythe was an inspirational teacher; she made Shakespeare live for me.

Her commentary on the "To thine own self be true" passage from Hamlet has influenced me to this day. Another favorite memory was the opportunity via BSU (as it was called then) to serve on weekend revival teams with fellow BSUsers. What wonderful experiences of spiritual growth those times were for me!”

**What’s the biggest lesson you learned in college?**  
“I learned during university studies that the more one learns, the more one realizes how much more there is to learn. My days at Union got me off to a good beginning on the journey of life-long learning.”

**What advice would you give to current Union students?**  
""Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.' Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV). Also, get the most out of your university experience by taking part in a study abroad program. Nothing will broaden your horizons or change your life more! (Union is a Study Abroad partner with Hong Kong Baptist University; come join us!)"

**How did the events of September 11, 2001 impact you where you were?**  
“We here in Hong Kong were just as devastated as the rest of the world as we watched the events unfold before our eyes on our home TVs. Many of my Chinese

colleagues expressed regret and condolences to me and were themselves totally shocked.”

**LAENA BULLER ('97)**  
**Where are you now living?**  
“I was born and raised in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan Canada which is where I live now with my little girl who is four.”

**What was your degree?**  
“I received a BSBA in management and marketing.”

**What are you currently doing?**  
“I work for the Saskatchewan Government in the Forestry Land Use Planning Unit.”

**What’s your favorite Union memory?**  
“My favorite memory of Union would have to be the lifetime friends I made with the faculty and students.”

**What advice would you give to current Union students?**  
“Be true to yourself and stand up for what you believe. Keep your eyes on your goal!”

**How did the events of September 11 impact you where you were?**  
The events of Sept. 11 shook me up as I work in a government building and we could have been a target as well.

**APRIL FRANK ('99)**  
**Where are you now living?**  
“A country in the Western Pacific.”  
*(Editor's Note: for security purposes, the name of the country has been omitted.)*

**What was your degree?**  
“I received a bachelor of science in social work.”

**What are you currently doing?**  
“I am currently working in student evangelism as a journeyman for the IMB.”

**What’s the biggest lesson you learned in college?**  
“I would have to say discipline. It is not easy to take a lot of classes, work full time, involve yourself in ministry and keep up on your walk all at the same time. I learned the faithfulness of Him and how I can become sufficient only by His grace and mercy. I definitely developed habits which are of the greatest importance to me out here. Through going on mission trips with Union and participating in off-campus ministries, I was able to develop skills for sharing the Truth with others that makes things out here a little easier.”

**What advice would you give to current Union students?**  
“Definitely take advantage of the opportunities offered to you. It only gets harder to find them once you graduate.” ☺







## 40's Forties



**Mable Manly Stevens, Jessie Bickers McFarlane, Dorothy Knight Wilson, Isinell McClanahan Newbill, and Bibie Crittenden Cooper ('41 and '42)** enjoyed a summer reunion of close friends marking more than 60 years since graduating from Union University. Staying in touch through the years, the luncheon at Bibie Crittenden Cooper's home in Nashville, Tenn., brought up special memories by all. Sharing in the memories were Mable of Denver, Colo., Isinell of Jackson, Tenn., Dorothy of Nashville, Tenn., and Jessie, also from Nashville. A special guest was Isinell's daughter, Ginger Newbill of Jackson. A late afternoon telephone call from May Jo Kee Henderson of Oak Ridge, TN added to the party. Plans are underway to make Union's Homecoming in 2003. The group writes "This is truly a 'been there, done that' group of Chi Omega Alums- over 80 and going strong! Isinell Newbill's Address: 134 Terrace Place, Jackson, TN 38301-4837.

## 50's Fifties

**Sandra Fay Andrews Robertson ('59)** and husband Bill went on a three-week Antarctica and South America cruise in January. Sandra recently completed her fifth year as an international flight attendant with Continental, after retiring from the World Bank, Washington, D.C. Address: 5713 River Dr., Lorton, VA 22079-4132.

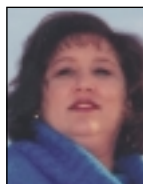
## 60's Sixties

**Mary Ann and Ron Melvin ('62)** are the Park County Colorado chairmen for US Senator Wayne Allard's reelection campaign. They are both on the Park County Republican Central Committee. Mary Ann serves as Secretary of the PCRCC and the 60th House District Central Committee. They love living in Colorado. Address: P.O. Box 104, Guffey, CO 80820-0104. Email: [silvercloud95@hotmail.com](mailto:silvercloud95@hotmail.com).

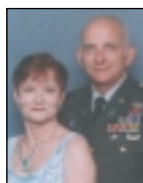
## 70's Seventies

**Odis Weaver ('78)** along with his wife Joann are now in Joliet, IL with the Three Rivers Baptist Association. Odis assumed the new position as Director of Missions for Three Rivers Baptist Association on January 1, 2002. He previously pastored for 21 years. Address: 621 Prestige, Joliet, IL 60435. E-Mail: [JandOWeaver@aol.com](mailto:JandOWeaver@aol.com).

## 80's Eighties



**Toni Lamparter Mabry ('80)** recently published her first novel titled *Chance Encounters: The Story of the Innkeeper's Son*. The novel is available through [www.publish-america.com](http://www.publish-america.com), Amazon.com, B&K.com, Walmart.com, and retail stores. Toni is currently a second grade teacher at Wonder Elementary School in West Memphis, AR and the parent of a 17-year-old son. She resides in Millington, TN and attends Faith Baptist Church in Atoka, TN.



**Dr. Roger D. Criner ('82)** and wife, **Judy A. Criner ('83)** will relocate in July from Fort Gordon, GA to Giebelstadt, Germany. He will serve as the 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade Chaplain. Chaplain Criner was

recently selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Chaplaincy. Judy A. Criner defended her dissertation proposal in May of 2002 at the University of Texas in Austin. Her Ph.D. dissertation is titled "The Psychosocial Effects of Stress Urinary Incontinence and Coping Strategies Among Military Women." She plans to complete the dissertation within the next 18 months. Address: 754 A Carter Circle, Fort Gordon, GA 30905.

**Randal Brewer ('83)** was recently promoted to Applications Manager in the Information Technology Department at Helena Chemical Company in Collierville, TN. His wife, **Cherie Cordon Brewer ('87)** is a full-time wife and mother. They have three children, David (8), Elise (5), and Kaylee (2). Address: 4013 Country Birch Cove, Memphis, TN 38115. E-mail: [cbrewer@juno.com](mailto:cbrewer@juno.com).

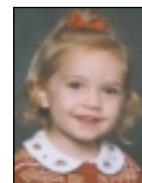
**David Head ('84)** is a minister at Lakeside Baptist in Birmingham where he has been for five years. He is also chaplain and coach with the football team at Spain Park High School, a new public school just opened in the fall of 2001. He is in his last year of the M.A.Ed. program at the University of Alabama-Birmingham and will finish his second graduate degree. He and his wife, Tonya, have three children, Abigail 7, Micah (girl) 5, and Noah, 2. Address: 4916 Cox Cove, Helena, AL 35080.

Stacy and **Brenda Goodwill Campbell ('84)** are living in Jonesboro, GA. Brenda is a music teacher at Pointe South Elementary School and has just received a master's degree in Administration and Supervision from the State University of West Georgia. Stacy is a registered Respiratory Therapist and is currently pursuing his Master's degree in Psychology at Argosy University. They have two children, Elizabeth, 16 and Jordan, age 11. Address: 2113 Fairridge Court, Jonesboro, GA 30236. E-mail: [IM4UT@attbi.com](mailto:IM4UT@attbi.com).

**Steve Kellough ('86)** and his wife Marion recently moved to Birmingham to take a promotion as Area Manager with Electric Mobility. Steve is also serving as worship leader at Clay Ridge Baptist Church. Address:

5500 Overton Rd., Birmingham, AL 35210. E-mail: [Kesteve@bww.com](mailto:Kesteve@bww.com).

## 90's Nineties



**Wayne and Lisa Green Brantley ('93)** have recently moved to Douglasville, GA. Wayne is a high school American history teacher and football coach/offensive coordinator at Landmark Christian School in Fairburn, GA. Lisa, a former elementary school teacher, is now a homemaker and an independent sales consultant for The Pampered Chef and Close to My Heart scrapbooking supplies. The Brantleys have one daughter, Ashton Elizabeth, 4, and are expecting their second child. Address: 2775 Abby Brooke, Douglasville, GA 30135. E-mail: [LGBrnatley@aol.com](mailto:LGBrnatley@aol.com).

**Pamela J. Godwin ('93)** was inducted into Whose Who Among America's Teachers and has also been nominated for a Disney American Teacher Award. PJ will soon start her fifth year teaching science and chemistry at the Alabama School of Fine Arts in Birmingham. She and her husband Richard have just moved into a new home. Address: 412 Walker Way, Pelham, AL, 35124. E-mail: [pjgodwin@asfa.k12.al.us](mailto:pjgodwin@asfa.k12.al.us).

**Kerry W. Ross ('93)** and his wife Stephanie are now residing in Fairview, TN. Kerry just finished his residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. He has joined a multi-specialty group in Dickson, TN. Kerry and Stephanie (Lambuth graduate) have two children, Makenzie, 5 and Madison, 3. Address: 7145 Chessington Dr. Fairview, TN 37062

**Ronda Machalek Trent ('94)** and her husband reside in Keller, TX. The couple is now expecting twins. Address: 9105 Peace St., Keller, TX 16248. E-mail: [rondaben@1scom.net](mailto:rondaben@1scom.net).

**Tara Laine (Phillips) Hoffman ('95)** now works from home as a Contract Technical

Writer/Web Editor for her former employer, Sedgwick CMS. After spending six years with them in Memphis, she has moved to Florida with her husband, Earl, network administrator for the Orange County Library System. Later this year, the couple will settle in Clermont, near Orlando. E-mail: [the-redhead@hotmail.com](mailto:the-redhead@hotmail.com).

In June, **Matthew Schobert ('95)** was appointed Interim Associate Director of the Center for Christian Ethics at Baylor University. Primary responsibilities include program development, administration and planning and editing for the Center's quarterly journal Christian Reflection. Matthew may be contacted at his residence or through the Center [www.ChristianEthics.ws](http://www.ChristianEthics.ws) Address: 480 Country Dr., Waco, TX 76705. E-mail: [germprot@yahoo.com](mailto:germprot@yahoo.com).

**Jonathan A. Davis ('96)** and **Julie Green Davis ('96)** are now living in Libertyville, IL. Jonathan is a second year Ph.D. student at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Address: 144 West Park Ave., Apt. #103 Libertyville, IL 60048)

**Julie Pullen ('96)** and her husband Rick live in Billings, Montana. Julie is starting the nurse practitioner program this fall at Montana State University. Address: 370 Emerald Hills Dr., Billings, MT 59101. E-mail: [rjpullen@imt.net](mailto:rjpullen@imt.net).

**Amy Schoonover Griffin ('98)** has been promoted to the position of Hospital Administrator for Camden General Hospital. Griffin has served as controller of the facility for four years and also controller for Milan General Hospital for one of those years. Griffin earned a BSBA and master's degree in business administration from Union University. She is currently pursuing a doctorate in health law from Concord University School of Law, and lives in Paris, TN with her husband, **Greg ('92)**, and daughter, Hannah. Address: 200 Scenic Hill Dr., Paris, TN 38242. E-mail: [agriffin@charter.net](mailto:agriffin@charter.net).

**Jason Logan ('98)** received his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Tennessee at Memphis College of Medicine



on June 7, 2002. He was the recipient of the "Outstanding Student in Family Practice" award given by the Tennessee Family Practice Association. Jason also received the National Family Practice Leadership Award from the American Academy of Family Practice and was honored for his membership in the Imhotep Society, a UT honor and service organization. Jason is currently a first-year resident at In His Image Family Practice Residency Program in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His wife, Elizabeth, is a third-year medical student at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine at Tulsa. Address: 6414 South 30th West Ave., Tulsa, OK 74132. Website: [www.jasonlogan.com](http://www.jasonlogan.com) E-mail: [jlogan7@pol.net](mailto:jlogan7@pol.net).

**Charles "Jason" Pratt ('98)** was appointed as a missionary with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in June. He is serving in Southeast Asia and Oceania. His home church is Holly Grove Baptist in Brownsville. Jason recently completed his master's degree form Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in San Francisco, CA, in May. Jason has served on four mission trips into China and four to Thailand and Myanmar. His father serves as pastor of First Baptist Church of Kenton. Address: P.O. Box 188 204 Poplar St., Kenton, TN 38233.

## 2000's Two Thousands

**Kelli White Deere ('02)** is currently teaching music at Caywood Elementary in Lexington, Tenn.

## Marriages



**Crystal Argo ('89)** and Shannon Geyer were married July 20, 2002 at Idlewild Baptist Church in Jackson, Tenn. Crystal is employed as a production scheduler at Delta





Faucet. Address: 27 Madelyn Cove, Oakfield , TN 38362. E-mail: [cdgeyer@charter.net](mailto:cdgeyer@charter.net).

**Amy Suzanne Pentz ('93)** and Michael Joseph Christopher were married October 6, 2001, in Winter Park, Florida. They are currently living in Atlanta, GA. Amy works as a pediatric nurse at Scottish Rite Children's Hospital. Michael currently manages a Family Christian Store. Address: 8352-R Roswell Rd., Atlanta, GA 30350. E-mail: [Amy-ganurse321@aol.com](mailto:Amy-ganurse321@aol.com) or [Michael-FLAGAPE@aol.com](mailto:Michael-FLAGAPE@aol.com).

**Jennifer Whitwell ('94)** and Paul Christensen were married July 28, 2001. They are both employed at Mt. Juliet Christian Academy. Jennifer teaches secondary English and Paul is the athletic director and a coach. Address: 2345 Uriah Place, Murfreesboro, TN 37129. E-mail: [jennywhit2@aol.com](mailto:jennywhit2@aol.com).

**Susan K. Godwin ('95)** and Bryan Patterson were married April 6, 2002, at First Baptist Church in Savannah, TN. After graduating from Union in 1995, Susan received her master of science in nursing from Vanderbilt University in 1997 and is currently a family nurse practitioner with MedSouth Healthcare P.C. in Savannah, TN. The couple's new address is P.O. Box 835, Savannah, TN. E-mail: [VandyRN1997@aol.com](mailto:VandyRN1997@aol.com).

**Amy Hardin ('98)** and Glenn Larue were married April 6, 2002, in Naples, Florida. They are currently living in Louisville, Kentucky, where Amy is employed as a high school teacher at Highview Baptist School and Glenn is attending Southern Seminary. Address: 9200 Cedar Haven Dr. #3, Louisville, KY 40108.



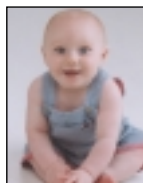
**Lyle B. Swingler, II ('00)** and **Melissa Culpepper ('00)** were married on June 9, 2001. Lyle is a materials coordinator for Pictsweet Frozen Foods in Bells, TN. Melissa teaches algebra and geometry at Humboldt High School in Humboldt, TN. Address: 76 Bell Meade St., Bells, TN 38006.



**Kelli Beth White ('00)** and David Neal Deere were married on March 2, 2002, at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Cedar Grove, TN. Kelli received her master's of education from Union in August of 2002. Kelli teaches kindergarten through fifth grade music at West Carroll Primary and Elementary Schools. Neal works for the Manufacturers Industrial Group in Lexington, TN as a manager. Address: 384 Eastern Shores Dr., Lexington, TN 38351. E-mail: [kelli\\_beth\\_deere@hotmail.com](mailto:kelli_beth_deere@hotmail.com).

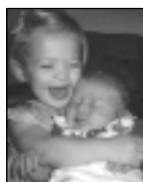


**Kelley Waddey Wheeler ('96)** and **Chris Wheeler**, a son, Stephen Christopher, born August 24, 2001. Kelley is a kindergarten teacher at Hunters Bend Elementary School in Williamson City, TN. Address: 2812 Faith Lane, Spring Hill, TN 37174. E-mail: [wwheel@aol.com](mailto:wwheel@aol.com).

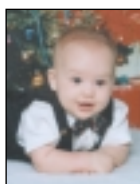


Michael and **Kim Braden Denman ('88)**, a son, Michael Nelson, 8lbs. / 3 oz., December 10, 2001. Kim and Michael are both educators for the Henry County School System. Address: 154 Perry Schoolhouse Rd., Henry, TN. 38321. E-mail: [denmankm@bellsouth.net](mailto:denmankm@bellsouth.net).

**Laurin A. Bellg ('91)** and Albert Bellg, a daughter, August 2, 2002. Laurin is a physician with ThedaCare Health and Al is a health psychologist with Appleton Cardiology Associates. Address: W. 3210 Westowne Ct., Appleton, WI 54915. E-mail: [lbellg@new.rr.com](mailto:lbellg@new.rr.com).



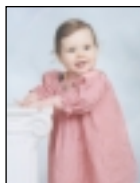
**Kelly Smith Hoit ('92)** and Cameron Hoit, a son, Mitchell Glen, born February 11, 2001. Kelly is a nurse practitioner. Address: 7395 Salem Dr., Columbus, MS. 39705. E-mail: [cammo@cableone.net](mailto:cammo@cableone.net).



Noah and **Brandy Taylor Blank ('95)**, a son, Thomas Irish, "Ty," born May 17, 2002, 7 lbs./ 7oz, 20 inches. They also have a daughter, Addie, 2. Brady is a homemaker and Noah is the Manager of Tissue Operations at Medtronic/Sofamor Danek. Address: 8681 Pine Needle Cv., Germantown, TN 38139.

**Rick and Kelly Webb Martinez ('96)**, a son, Elijah Joaquin, 8 lbs. / 10 oz., July 19, 2001. The couple is expecting their second child, which is due August 22, 2002. Rick is attending seminary at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and Kelly is a teacher at the seminary preschool. Address: 4511 Seminary Place Apt. D, New Orleans, LA 70126. E-mail: [elijahmyson@aol.com](mailto:elijahmyson@aol.com).

Tim and **Tami Bogue Schrock ('97)**, a son, Taten Eugene, 7 lbs. /15 oz., 21 inches, May 25, 2002. Tim is a salesman for Garden Homes and Tami is a Creative Memories Consultant. E-mail: [tami5353@aol.com](mailto:tami5353@aol.com).



**Scott ('95)** and **Susan Sharp Bell ('98)**, have a daughter named Kennedy Marie, 5 lbs. / 13 oz., May 18, 2001. Scott is a sales representative for GE Supply in Memphis and Susan is a homemaker. Address: 1360 River End Cove, Cordova, TN 38016.

**Mark and Rhonda Kae Saddler Feil ('98)**, a son, Jackson Riley, 8lbs. / 9oz., February 4, 2002. The couple also has another son, Braunwyn, 9, and daughter Adrianna, 2. Address: 826 Holiday Dr., Sandwich, IL 60548.



**Kimberly Drewry Whiteside ('00)** and John Whiteside, a son, Pierce Patrick, born October 31, 2001, 8 lbs. / 7 oz. John is currently employed as a manager at Black-Eyed Pea and Kimberly is a stay-at-home mom. Address: 3305 Westfield Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76133-1735. E-mail: [ironsides\\_jim@hotmail.com](mailto:ironsides_jim@hotmail.com) or [kimmie\\_ruth@yahoo.com](mailto:kimmie_ruth@yahoo.com).

## Memoriam

**Mr. George Martin, Jr. (Friend)**  
August 1, 2002 Pulaski, TN

**Mrs. Frances Tomlin Tigrett (Friend)**  
July 19, 2002 Jackson, TN

**Mrs. Kemp Huffine ('29)**  
June 3, 2002 Yorkville, TN

**Ms. Margaret S. Bruce ('31)**  
November 26, 2001 Tampa, FL

**Mrs. Jessie Mae Anderson ('32)**  
May 23, 2002 Camden, TN

**Mr. John W. Jaco, Sr. ('33)**  
June 11, 2002 Little Rock, AR

**Mrs. Hazel Elizabeth Brown ('38)**  
April 25, 2001

**Mrs. Janice Greenfield ('40)**  
January 4, 2002 Charlotte, NC

**Mr. Charles B. Stutts ('42)**  
April 24, 2002 San Antonio, TX

**Mrs. Fannie White Bancroft ('45)**  
August 5, 2002 Jackson, TN

**Mr. Lacy Earl Williams ('47)**  
May 10, 2002 Jackson, TN

**Mr. Robert K. Elam ('48)**  
July 30, 2002 Jackson, TN

**Mrs. Lucile H. Helm ('49)**  
May 6, 2002 Brady, TX

**Mrs. Mildred J. Mann ('51)**  
June 24, 2002 Austin, TX

**Mrs. Lola "Virginia" Petty ('52)**  
June 14, 2002 Lexington, TN

**Dr. Bobby T. Holland ('53)**  
July 1, 2002 Oviedo, FL

**Mr. Warren Koch ('64)**  
August 2001 Metropolis, IL

**Mrs. Phyllis Warren Koch ('64)**  
August 2001 Metropolis, IL

**Mr. Scott Powell Birmingham ('71)**  
November 13, 2001 Franklin, TN

**Mrs. Jane Chester Pafford ('74)**  
August 8, 2002 Jackson, TN

**Mrs. Sandra Lewis Fitzgerald ('79)**  
August 23, 2002 Jackson, TN

**Mrs. Janet Duck Hanlein ('88)**  
July 19, 2002 Bartlett, TN

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# Gunnar Adalberth: A Unionite's Global Perspective

*Swedish-born alum Gunnar Adalberth ('87) had an incredibly successful college career during his four years at Union as both student and athlete. He went on to develop an equally thriving career in business and has roamed the globe in his various roles with UPS International. Despite his world travels and enduring good fortune, his time at Union continues to cause him to look back and remember how it all started with a tennis racket and a hunger for knowledge.*

## Gunnar Adalberth ('87)

### Education:

- B.S. in Business Administration, Union University
- MBA, Vanderbilt University

### Church:

- International Baptist Church of Dusseldorf, Dusseldorf, Germany

### Union Record:

- Top seed on Union's tennis team as an entering freshman
- Named to Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities
- Campus Favorite
- Member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Interfraternity Council
- Senior Class Vice President

"I believe people with a global perspective tend to think more broadly, are able to see things from a different perspective and relate to people more easily."  
-Gunnar Adalberth ('87)

"Gunnar has a tremendous capacity to relate to anyone – which is why I'm sure he's been so successful..."  
-Steve Maroney ('87)



ention the name of Gunnar Adalberth ('87) to someone who was at Union during the early eighties, and there's a good chance you'll see a smile of recognition.

Whether they knew

him personally or not, Adalberth's legacy as a good student, a good athlete, and a good friend has made an impression on many who have walked through Union's doors.

"Gunnar is probably the most unique individual I've ever met – he has a tremendous capacity to relate to anyone, which is why he's been so successful," says Steve Maroney ('87), who roomed with the Swedish-born tennis player throughout their time at Union.

Presently the marketing director for UPS Germany, Adalberth along with his wife Marjut and their three-year-old daughter Adriane, currently live in Dusseldorf. In addition to the United States, they have also made their home in England and in Belgium during the 12 years that he has worked for UPS.

Growing up in Sweden, Adalberth came to the U.S. as an exchange student during his senior year of high school and attended Covington High School. It was there on the tennis team that his athletic talent was noticed by Union's then-tennis coach Ron Barry.

"Besides his tennis ability, I was very impressed first and foremost just with his level of education," says Barry, who currently serves as chief administrator of public works for the City of Jackson. "I knew he'd be a successful student as well as a successful athlete."

The number one tennis player at Union throughout his four years, Adalberth also was awarded the highest honor a senior receives at Union, the Elizabeth Tigrett Medal, as well as the Fred Delay Memorial award given to the athlete with the highest academic merit.

Though his days with the tennis team are fondly recalled, Adalberth's most significant memory of Union is an eternal one – it was on Union's campus that he met Christ.

"At first thought, you might say my tennis ability got me to Union," says Adalberth, from his office in Germany. "But I know the real reason – God had a plan where I would become a born-again Christian. Tennis was merely the vehicle to accomplish His plan."

A consistent donor to his alma mater since graduating, Adalberth sees his reason for lending gift support to the university as a very simple one.

"Union gave me a full tennis scholarship for four years – I feel obligated to re-pay what Union invested in me initially," says Adalberth.

In addition to phone calls with friends and former roommates, Adalberth continues to stay close with the other men he played with on the tennis team, getting together occasionally to catch up and reminisce on days gone by.

"I'm proud of the fact that Gunnar has worked as hard as he has to keep in touch with the school despite living on the other side of the world," says Maroney, currently president of Union's National Alumni Association. "It would be very easy for him to follow other pursuits, but whenever we speak on the phone, he always asks about the school and when he's in Tennessee, he always makes a point to stop by and see the campus and its current development." ☺



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