



Union University Toward 2005

The Board of Trustees of Union University held a major meeting on April 4-5, 2002 to review the University's progress regarding Union's five year strategic plan, Vision and Values 2005, implemented two years ago. The trustees unanimously and overwhelmingly approved the University's progress with following recommendation:

The Board of Trustees commends the administration for the timely progress toward the completion of the Vision and Values 2005 strategic plan, approves the stated goals and objectives, and encourages the administration, faculty, staff, and student body to continue to pursue excellence in all aspects of the University mission.

This mid-term assessment celebrated God's goodness to Union in recent days and identified what is needed to move forward toward 2005 and on toward 2010.

As we look toward 2005 we recognize—especially since September 11 and in light of the events in the Middle East this spring—that we find ourselves in a world of change and international conflict. Union graduates must be equipped to live and work in this new century where the social context and economy will be global, the expanding world of technology and information will be ever increasing, and the spiritual needs and ethical challenges of the world will seem overwhelming.

As we look toward 2005 we recognize Union's heritage and distinctive identity will shape and direct the University's mission of providing Christ-centered education that promotes excellence and character development in service to Church and Society. This declares that our academic programs will be both distinctive and excellent, providing a framework for integrating our teaching, our learning, our scholarship, and our living in community with a dynamic faith. These characterizing qualities must be extended to every offering of the University, ensuring the best support for the present faculty and staff, by recruiting the best faculty and staff candidates in the future for superb teaching,

research, and service, and by seeking to attract the best students possible for study. It is exciting to recognize that we can now say to prospective students that Union is a University that has a national reach and reputation with a local and regional focus.

The Trustees Celebrated:

- Growth in enrollment to over 2600 students this past fall and a non-duplicating headcount of well over 3000.
- The sixth straight year of gifts of \$6 million to Union
- The establishment of the Charles Colson Chair of Faith and Culture, to be held by Dr. Hal Poe (with the installation scheduled for September 27, 2002)
- The highly successful conference this spring focused on the identity and future of American Evangelicalism, hosted on campus by Union's Carl F.H. Henry Center for Center Leadership
- The beginning of the new engineering program and the establishment of the Bob Cook Engineering Scholarship
- Approximately 200 students serving on Global Opportunity Mission Trips across the country and around the world during spring break
- The outstanding athletic seasons in all sports, particularly the conference championships, and national recognitions for Union athletes
- The specialized accreditation for: teacher education, art, music, nursing, social work, and chemistry (with expectation for a positive report soon for sports medicine)
- Academic excellence, evidenced by the above mentioned accreditation reports and quality teaching (12 to 1 faculty/student ratio) while expanding scholarship among the faculty
- The commitment to servant leadership by the University staff
- 80% of faculty have received terminal degrees
- And so much more.

Looking Toward 2005, the Trustees:

- Approved a record budget of \$37 million for 2002-03
- Named the new baseball and softball fields in honor of Benny and Norma Fesmire
- Voted to move forward with the construction of the new science building, to be named the Roy L. White Hall, in appreciation for the generous support from Trustee Roy White for this project. Groundbreaking is expected in the Fall of 2002.
- Outlined expectations for every sector of the University campus including academics, residential life, student recruitment, campus ministries, business services, technology, the development office, and the athletic department
- Focused on meeting current challenges and expanding the financial resources of the University
- Highlighted the importance of constantly evaluating the affordability and accessibility of a Union education, including ongoing commitments to providing appropriate student financial aid
- Encouraged the successful completion of the \$60 million "Building a Future" Campaign, while giving thanks that \$45 million has been given or pledged

I am delighted to report that Union University has never been healthier in her long and storied 179-year history. The campus has never looked better. The future has never been brighter.

The support of the Board of Trustees for Union University has never been more appreciated, more valued, or more needed. Likewise, you—our alumni and friends—are equally appreciated, valued, and needed. As we look toward 2005, with expectations raised, we invite all of you to join us as we take these next faith-filled, forward looking steps together.

Soli Deo Gloria,

David S. Dockery

Union announces speaker for Sixth Annual Scholarship Banquet



Union University has announced that James A. Baker, III, former Secretary of State under President George H. Bush, will be the keynote speaker for the university's Sixth Annual

Scholarship Banquet, scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the Carl Perkins Civic Center.

Lead sponsors for this year's banquet includes BancorpSouth and Carl and Alice Kirkland. Premier sponsors currently include Chip and Rita Christian, Benny and Norma Fesmire, First Bank, Union Planters, White Investments LLC/Roy L. White, President and CEO, Schilling Enterprises, Jack and Zan Holmes, A. Jerry Kuykendall and AK Enterprises, Inc., Gary and Lisa Taylor and Porter Cable/Delta. According to Dockery, this is the largest group of sponsors for the banquet to date.

The Scholarship Banquet is supported by Union's Board of Presidential Associates for the purpose of raising funds to provide scholarships. A total of more than \$1.2 million in scholarships has been raised from the past five banquets and the university hopes to raise nearly \$400,000 this year for student scholarships – the largest goal ever for a single banquet at Union. ☞

Fesmire Foundation is announced

Following the dedication of the Fesmire Fields honoring longtime university supporters Benny and Norma Fesmire, Union President David S. Dockery announced the creation of the Fesmire Family Foundation. The fund has the potential to be the "largest transformational gift in the history of the university," and will provide support to various programs and building projects on Union's campus, said Dockery.

"We appreciate the generous contribution and support of Benny and Norma Fesmire for Union University – especially the support for the state of the art athletic field," said Union Board of Trustees Chair Jack Holmes. "We are deeply grateful for their interests and efforts to advance the support of the work of the university and especially excited about the potential of the Fesmire Foundation for Union's future." ☞

Campus News

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Union trustees approve plans for science building in annual spring meeting

Union University's Board of Trustees has voted unanimously to move forward with the university's planned science building project. In the spring trustee meeting held in April, the board commended the administration for the timely progress that had occurred towards the completion of the university's strategic plan. Approval was given for a \$37 million budget proposal for 2002-2003, a record-breaking budget for the university.

With the board's full consent to move forward with construction, plans for the new building include completing the design and bid process by November of 2002, holding a ceremonial ground breaking by Christmas of this year, and to begin the actual site work in the early Spring of 2003. The eighteen-month construction phase will result with classes beginning in the new Roy L. White Hall by 2005. The building is named after Roy White,

a successful businessman in Memphis who as a member of Union's board, has been a leader and major financial contributor to the university.

Trustee and chairman Jerry Tidwell, former pastor of West Jackson Baptist Church, specifically recognized the work of Union President David S. Dockery, who in his State of the Union address, painted an inspiring and positive vision for the university and focused on the next five to ten years.

"In a time when most businesses and universities are in a state of retreat or reluctance to step forward toward new challenges because of national economic uncertainty, Dr. Dockery's words were those of faith, vision and action," said Tidwell. "I don't think I have heard Dr. Dockery be more impassioned, inspired or direct than he was in this address. I am convinced that Union's future has never been more certain or exciting."

Union holds national theology conference

The Carl F. H. Henry Center for Christian Leadership at Union University, in conjunction with Broadman & Holman Publishers, sponsored a theological conference titled "Remaking the Modern Mind: A Symposium on Evangelical Foundations," based on the theological vision of Christian thinker Carl F. H. Henry in March.

Speakers included Al Mohler, president of Southern Seminary, Millard Erickson of Baylor University, Stanley Grenz of Regent College, Vancouver, BC, Anthony Thiselton of Nottingham University, C. Ben Mitchell of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Paul House of Wheaton College, Union President and Wilberforce Forum fellow David S. Dockery, and Union professors and Wilberforce Forum fellows David Gushee and Gregory Alan Thornbury.

More than 150 people attended the three-day conference. ☞

Union University raises \$1.25 million for student scholarships

Union University's Office of Institutional Advancement recently announced that more than \$1.25 million in gifts designated for student scholarships were received during 2001, a 10 percent increase from last year. Total gifts received during 2001 for the university were almost \$7 million, not including pledges.

According to the College Board's annual report, private four-year college tuition increased by 5.5 percent to \$17,123. Union continues to hold its tuition steady at \$12,300 and was one of the few institutions in Tennessee selected by this year's U.S. News & World Report to be included in the "Least Debt Load" category. ☞



Outstanding chapter - Union's American Chemical Society (ACS) chapter was recently honored for the third year in a row as one of only 22 outstanding chapters in the nation. Here, Dr. Charles Baldwin, advisor of the chapter and professor of chemistry, assists senior Alanna Morris with a lab experiment.

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During his address, Dockery examined numerous goals and objectives that have been set forth for the school as part of a five-year long-term plan. Some of these included continuing to prize classroom teaching while encouraging public presentation of scholarship and research by at least 25% of the faculty in addition to implementing and developing a recently approved faculty research leave program.

"We must faithfully seek to carry out our mission of providing Christ-centered higher education while promoting excellence and character development in service to Church and society," said Dockery, as he addressed the board. "In doing so we recognize that we are not a church, a business, a mission or social agency, but an academic institution."

Dockery added that Union is a liberal arts based university - "where the life of the mind is fostered and where the hard work of ancient and modern academic disciplines are carried forth. It is in this sense that we recognize our unique role as a part of the academic arm in the Church's larger task of seeking and advancing God's kingdom," said Dockery.

With approximately 15% of the undergraduate student body scoring 30 or more on their ACT or SAT equivalent, outstanding students from 42 states and thirty countries attend Union University, said Dockery, and for an unprecedented fifth year, administrators expect a freshman class of more than 400.

It is very important, Dockery emphasized, that Union find ways to serve its primary constituency - the churches of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention - effectively and relate to them constructively during a day of paradigmatic change.

"Union is gladly both Baptist by tradition and evangelical by conviction - that is, we believe in free, voluntary uncoerced faith and yet our faith is grounded in the infallible Word," said Dockery. "We want to continue to emphasize Union's commitment to be an embodying Christian university, exemplifying a strong relational and cultural tie with Tennessee Baptists and all Southern Baptists."

In other business, approval was given for Union's baseball and softball fields to be named in honor of longtime supporters Benny and Norma Fesmire - each to be called Fesmire Field. The Fesmires have been longtime supporters of Union and particularly its athletic program, giving more than \$400,000 to help provide lighting for the fields and much needed equipment. Benny Fesmire, a banker and member of West Jackson Baptist Church, was also named trustee emeritus, along with John McRee, a developer who attends First Baptist Church in Memphis and has been a board member for more than three decades. Trustee Jack Holmes was appointed the new chair for the board, to replace Tidwell, who has recently moved to Calvary Baptist in Clearwater, Fla. to serve as pastor there.

"Higher education will continue to see tremendous increases in costs alongside diminishing resources from traditional sources, yet their constituencies will increase the call for better service," said Dockery. "In order to move ahead during these challenging days, educational leadership will require wisdom, courage and vision." ☞

Art and Chemistry departments receive national accreditation

Union University's Art and Chemistry Departments have each been given national accreditation by their respective associations within the last year.

The Art Department received accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design in May of 2001. One of only 200 schools that are members, this is the first accreditation for the department.

Union's Department of Chemistry and Physics recently received certification by the American Chemical Society, which gives recognition to the strength and high quality of pro-

grams the department is currently offering.

All entering students starting in the fall of 2001 who major in chemistry will graduate with the ACS certified degree. Junior and senior students can choose to complete the certified major and will also receive the ACS certified degree. The first ACS certified chemistry student graduated this May. The certification comes as the university plans to break ground in the fall for the new science building. There are approximately 35 chemistry majors currently in the department. ☞

Student Teachers Education Association chapter wins awards

Members of Union's Student Teachers Education Association (STEA) recently attended the annual statewide conference in Gatlinburg, Tenn., where they won third place in the Outstanding Chapter Division and placed second in Scrapbook Presentation.

The students worked on projects throughout the year that they presented at the annual

conference.

The Frank L. Wells Chapter of the Student Tennessee Education Association at Union is composed of education majors and minors who are preparing to teach. As a pre-professional counterpart of the National Education Association, it offers its members all the opportunities, responsibilities, and privileges of the NEA. ☞

SIFE Chapter wins regionals - prepares for nationals

Union University's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) chapter was declared regional champion at the SIFE competition held this spring in St. Louis. Beating four other teams, the team earned \$1,000 and a spot at the nationals, where Union's chapter placed in the top 16 last year.

The team includes 25 students from more than 10 different majors. During the competition, Union's chapter made a 24-minute presentation of projects it worked on during the past year that was judged by business leaders from around the nation.

"It's great to see the work we've done all year come together in this competition," said Phil Neblett, a senior economics major. "It's not so much a competition as recognition for the hard work we've put in."

To be in SIFE, students must be juniors or seniors and be recommended by a professor, said SIFE advisor Bill Nance, assistant professor of management and Sam Walton Fellow in Free Enterprise at Union.

Community service is SIFE's main purpose, and the majority of Union's 19 projects centered on that theme, including a Monopoly-type game the students designed called

SIFEOPOLY, that was used to teach elementary and middle school students about free enterprise. The game won Union an additional \$500 award as a top 15 finalist in the Teach a Child About Business contest.

Union also won \$500 as one of 15 national finalists in the Polsky Personal Investment Project, which taught college students about saving for retirement, giving to charity and volunteering.

At press time, Union will vie to attend the world championship in Amsterdam, The Netherlands when the chapter attends the national competition May 12-14 in Kansas City, Mo.

Team members include: Robert Clifford, Allison Cole, Manda Fly, Mike Gorman, Angela Hodges (President), Sarah Jackson, John Jensen, Kevin Little (Treasurer), Kim Mashburn, Will McCartney (Fundraising Chair), Derek Moore, Nick Mulliniks, Phil Neblett, Drew Nichols (Fundraising Chair), Amy Nolen, Shatana Rivera, John Robus (Vice-President), Rebekah Rogers, Amanda Russell, Sherryl Schrock, Lindsey Travis, and Brody Van Duyen. ☞

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Gabriel's Magic Ornament: Union professor authors children's book

Union University philosophy and Christian studies professor Randall Bush has authored a children's Christmas story that is being published and is scheduled for release by Pristine Publishers this coming July.

Director of the interdisciplinary honors program at Union, Bush said he has always had

a large dose of the Christmas spirit.

"As a homesick freshman at Howard Payne University, I once decorated a lamp with a single strand of Christmas lights," recalled Bush. Returning home for the holidays to find the tree already up and decorated, he used his strand of lights to spell 'noel' in the window. "Unfortunately, to the rest of the neighbor-

Union school newspaper receives honors at regional journalism conference

Union University's Cardinal & Cream placed among the top six student newspapers in the South for "Best Overall Newspaper" at the sixteenth annual Southeast Journalism Conference held this spring.

The only private Christian college to be recognized with the honor at this year's competition, Union was ranked with Auburn University, University of Alabama, Vanderbilt University, Louisiana State University and Mississippi State University. ☞

Union honor student awarded national fellowship

Union University senior and honor student Ann Clendenen was recently named to receive an H.Y. Benedict Fellowship from Alpha Chi, the national college honor society. A French major with a minor in Biblical languages and philosophy, Clendenen was one of only ten college students in the nation to be awarded the prestigious \$2500 scholarship for graduate study.


Clendenen, a May 2002 graduate, is the first of almost 20 National Merit Finalists to attend Union. Clendenen is the daughter of Ray and Mimi Clendenen of Brentwood, Tenn. She will attend Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., in the fall where she will pursue a master's of divinity degree. ☞

Union students minister at home and abroad


More than 220 Union University students and faculty participated in GO trips during the university's spring break vacation, traveling to places such as Kenya, Romania, Honduras, Senegal, Morocco and the Philippines. Teams also stayed closer to home, helping with various forms of ministry in Seattle, Memphis, Spartanburg, S.C., Dodge County, Ga., Beattyville, Ky., Boston, Mass., and Irving, Texas. ☞



Faculty Notes:


Dr. Jimmy Davis, associate provost and professor of chemistry, together with Dr. Hal Poe, the Colson Professor of Faith and Culture, have written a book which is scheduled for release this spring titled *Designer Universe: Intelligent Design and the Existence of God*, from Broadman & Holman. 


Dr. Kina Mallard, chair of the Department of Communication Arts, presented "From Unit to Team: Growing an Academic Performing Community" at the Academic Chairpersons Conference in Orlando, Fla. Her article "Asking the Right Questions at the Right Time: A Key Role for Academic Leaders" was published in the Winter 2002 issue of The Department Chair. 


Dr. Terry McRoberts, professor of music, was elected to a two-year term as performance representative on the board of the Southern Chapter of the College Music Society. 

Dr. Dottie Myatt, director of teacher education, served as the state chair of the joint NCATE/State Board of Examiners at Belmont University in February. 

Dr. Hal Poe, Colson Professor of Faith and Culture, is program chair for the C.S. Lewis Summer Institute at Oxford and Cambridge in July. 

Roger Stanley, assistant professor of English, presented the paper "Kierkegaardian Dimensions in the Prose of Flannery O'Connor" at the recent meeting of the Tennessee Philological Association in Murfreesboro, Tenn. 

Dr. Ray Van Neste, director of the R.C. Ryan Center for Biblical Studies and instructor of Christian studies, recently had two papers published: "Structure and Cohesion in Titus," published in The Bible Translator, and "How Should We Respond to Scripture?" in Faith and Mission. 

Dr. Georgia Wellborn, associate professor of music, presented a lecture-recital titled "Images of Rocking in Samuel Barber's Knoxville: Summer of 1915" at the Meeting of the Southern Chapter of the College Music Society. She was assisted by Dr. Terry McRoberts, Union professor of music. 

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hood, this bit of holiday cheer appeared as I-e-o-n," Bush laughed.

As he grew older, his enthusiasm for the holiday remained and in the Christmas of 1992 as he sat in church at a living Christmas tree service, an idea started forming for a story that would allow adults and children alike to experience anew the magic of Christmas.

The story centers on the adventures and misadventures of two children, Chris and Laura, unwittingly drawn into the land of Arboria through a magical ornament their father has brought home from the village Christmas shop. Upon their arrival in Arboria they find that it is a land turned dark by the terrible creature, Lesnit, consumer of the angel lights. Without these lights the Orna, a beautiful but fragile and hollow people, cannot follow the path to Tree Top and be filled with the joy of the Christmas Spirit by the Star at Tree Top. As they travel through a land torn by selfishness, greed, hate, and hypocrisy, they must find a way to stop Lesnit from utterly destroying the

once peaceful and beautiful land of Arboria.

"No Christmas tree will ever look the same again after you have read Randall Bush's piece of Christmas magic," said Paul S. Fiddes, principal of Regent's Park College at Oxford, where Bush received his doctorate in modern theology. "Among the branches of this familiar tree he creates a whole world of good, evil and salvation. Echoes of John Bunyan, C.S. Lewis and the Bible abound, as do humorous side-swipes at the absurdities of our present-day world, but it is the author's own vivid imagination that will keep the young reader turning the page."

Gabriel's Magic Ornament is illustrated by Union senior art major Ryan Schunemann. Other stories to look forward to from Bush are the children's books "The Caterbury Tails" and "The Adventures of Spider Long Legs", along with a full-length fantasy, after the style of Tolkien, for young adults titled "The Quest for Asdin." 

-Reported by Alaina Kraus, Class of 2005


Colson Chair announced at Union University

In a unanimous decision by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, Union University, in cooperation with the Board of Prison Fellowship, has announced that the Charles Colson Chair of Faith and Culture will be established at Union. Hal Poe, recognized scholar, author and currently Union's Professor of Faith and Culture, was named as the first recipient.

"This announcement helps solidify our commitment to Christian worldview thinking as foundational to our work at Union," said Union President David S. Dockery. "The high honor to carry forth the Charles Colson legacy at this institution is a stewardship we do not take lightly. Dr. Poe's interdisciplinary emphases, his work with the C.S. Lewis Institute, his speaking abilities and publications, as well as his work on Science and Faith



make him a most worthy candidate to hold this prestigious position."


Colson will be present at the official installation on Union's Jackson campus later in the fall. According to Dockery, the Colson Chair will provide a model for the university's commitment to Christian worldview thinking and cultural engagement. 

First "town and gown" forum held at Union

Union University's College of Arts and Sciences held a series of interdisciplinary classes during the month of January that offered a variety of perspectives on the subject of Islam. Topics included Islamic history, theology, architecture, literature, science, math, economics, culture and politics.

While 20 students took the winter course for credit, more than 50 people from the community attended the lectures nightly. Faculty who participated in leading the lectures included: Ann Livingstone, associate professor of political science; Jean-Marie Walls, associate

professor of French; Greg Thornbury and Randall Bush, assistant professor and professor of Christian Studies; Gavin Richardson, assistant professor of English; Don Van, associate professor of engineering; Walton Padelford, professor of economics, and Cindy Jayne, professor of Spanish and director of international and intercultural studies.


The College of Arts and Sciences hopes to continue the "town and gown" format this summer when it offers two more community lecture series – one on the Middle East and one on environmental issues. 

Union math professors take speed to a new perception

Union University associate math professors Bryan Dawson and Troy Riggs have received national attention in recent months pertaining to research they have conducted a common optical illusionary effect that takes place for a driver on a speedway - the results of which showed that the speed a person drives seems to distort their perception of the average speed of motorists surrounding them.

The faster a person drives, the slower the average speed of the entire freeway appears to the individual; conversely, the slower a driver drives, the faster the average speed will appear. This illusion is best represented by a bell-curve,

Dawson and Riggs explained in their study.

The math duo's recent research has cast a few well-deserved rays of recognition on both Dawson and Riggs. In addition to receiving a federal grant for their department to further the study, Dawson and Riggs' work was recently showcased in the January issue of New Scientist. The pair was also contacted by the editor for "Discoveries and Breakthroughs Inside Science" concerning a video program to be produced by the American Institute of Physics, and most recently, their work was noticed by the Mathematical Association of America, a significant accomplishment for the two mathematicians. 


Union faculty teach overseas

Four members of the Union faculty taught overseas during the spring and summer in their respective fields.

Kenny Holt, associate professor of management and economics and the director of the Center for Business & Economic Development, gave lectures on basic economics to faculty, business graduate students, undergraduates and local business people and government officials in Hardin, Heilongjiang Province of China, May 10-May 19.

Pamela Sutton, associate professor of English, taught students and faculty at Qufu Teachers

University in Qufu, Shandong Province, China the week of May 24-June 2. She spoke on studies in short fiction, family issues in literature and teaching writing education.

G. Jan Wilms, associate professor and chair of the math and computer science department, taught at the Inner Mongolia Electric Power College in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia for ELIC's China Visiting Scholar Program, May 24 – June 2. His topics included computational linguistics and natural language processing, digital media studies in web design and computer ethics. 


SPORTS

Union Wins Second Consecutive NCCAA National Championship

The Union University Lady Bulldog Softball team won the 2002 National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) National Championship held in late April. The Lady Bulldogs defeated NCAA Div. 1 opponent Gardner-Webb 2-1 in the finals to win their second consecutive national title.


Lady Bulldogs dominated the awards as Rachel Murray was named the NCCAA Player of the Year for the third consecutive year. Amy Mejia was named the national tournament MVP. Making NCCAA All-American were Murray, Mejia, and Leah Gronberg. Brandi Park and Megan Quarry were selected as

All-American honorable mentioned. Being named to the all-tournament team were Murray, Mejia, Leah Gronberg, and Quarry. Head Coach Brian Dunn was named the NCCAA Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season.

At press time, Union improves their overall record to 44-5 and will move now to the NAIA postseason. The Lady Bulldogs are hoping to bring home the NAIA National Championship this year, as they fell just one game short last season. Union will be the No. 1 seed in the TranSouth Conference Tournament that will be played in Cleveland, Tenn. 

Union Baseball Captures TranSouth Regular Season Title

The Union University baseball program captured the 2002 TranSouth Conference Regular Season Championship in April as they defeated Berry College 12-3 in the conference game of the season. This is the second regular season conference title in three years for the Bulldogs.

At press time, Union will be the No. 1 seed in the TranSouth Conference Tournament in Cleveland, Tennessee on April 30-May 4. With this regular season title, Union also earns an automatic bid to the NAIA Region XI Tournament in Lebanon, Tennessee on May 7-11. This will be the fourth consecutive trip to the region tournament for the Bulldogs. 

Union Tennis Sweeps TranSouth Postseason Honors

The Union University tennis programs added the TranSouth Conference Men's and Women's Player of the Year to their 2002 season accomplishments in April. Seniors Ashley Young, from Bartlett, Tenn., and Philippe Sylvestre, from Montreal, Canada, received the honors for the Bulldogs. The Union men finished with the 2002 TranSouth regular season and tournament championship. The Lady Bulldogs finished as regular season co-champions and tournament runner-up.

Young went 14-3 this season in singles matches including a 4-1 record in the conference with a doubles record of 14-6 and 5-0 in the conference. Selected as All-Conference in doubles along with teammate Veronica Cortes., Young has played at both the No. 1 and No. 2 positions this season but has spent the majority at the No. 1 spot. As a freshman, Young was Union's No. 6 player, but has improved with hard work to move up, earning a preseason doubles ranking of No. 12 in the NAIA. This is the fourth straight season that Young has been selected as an All-Conference performer, who is not only a competitor on the court, but also in the classroom, maintaining a 3.0 GPA. She will graduate in May with a major in human resource management and a minor in accounting.

Sylvestre was 14-3 in singles and 12-1 in doubles for the 2002 season and was selected as a first team All-Conference performer in both singles and doubles. Maintaining a 3.936 GPA, Sylvestre will graduate in May with a bachelor of science in business administration. An NAIA Academic All-American in both of the last two seasons, Sylvestre was the primary leader after the Bulldogs lost three players to graduation last season. 