



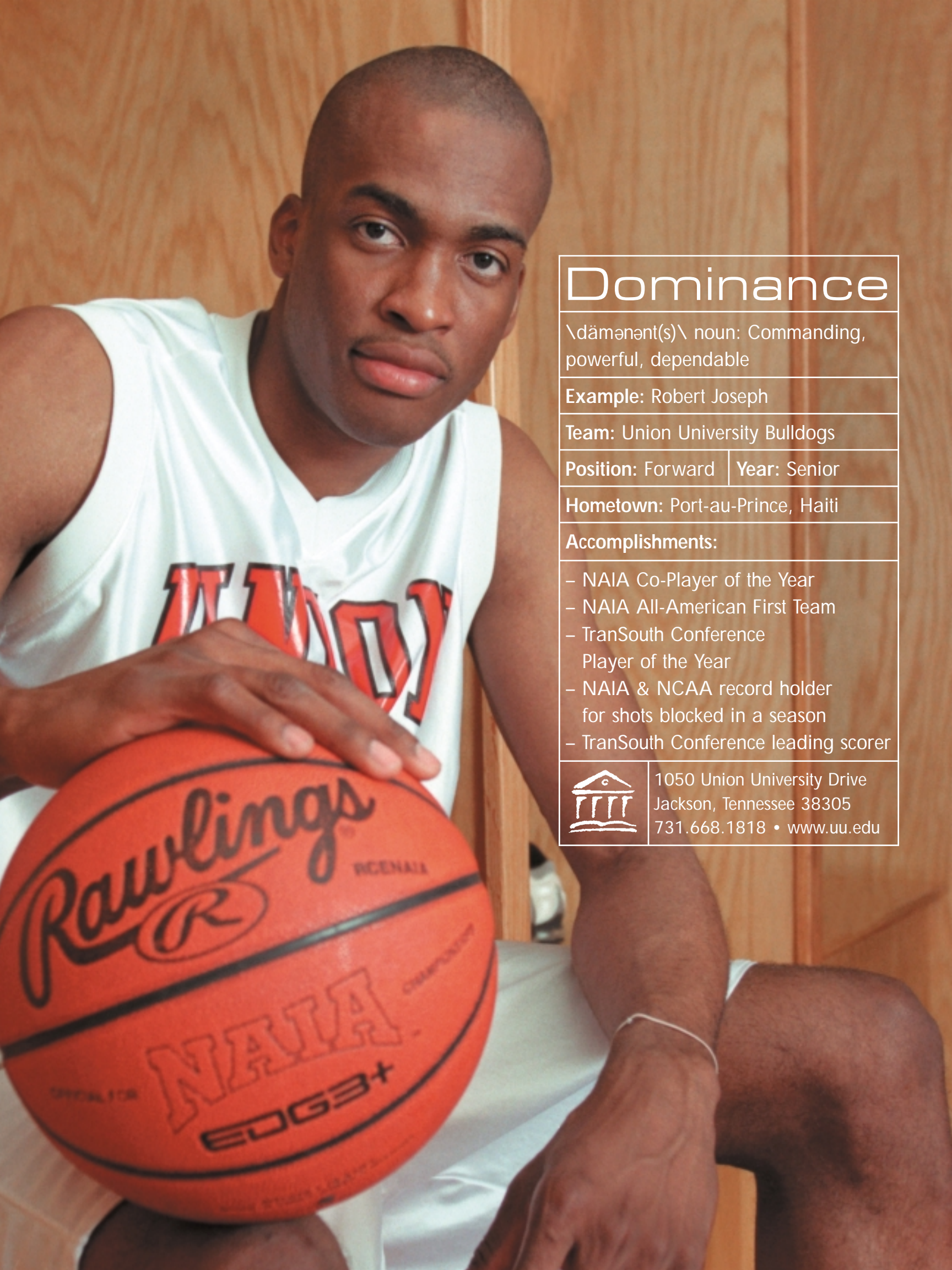
  
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# Dominance

\däməˈnənt(s)\ noun: Commanding, powerful, dependable

**Example:** Robert Joseph

**Team:** Union University Bulldogs

**Position:** Forward    **Year:** Senior

**Hometown:** Port-au-Prince, Haiti

**Accomplishments:**

- NAIA Co-Player of the Year
- NAIA All-American First Team
- TranSouth Conference Player of the Year
- NAIA & NCAA record holder for shots blocked in a season
- TranSouth Conference leading scorer



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# Union University Toward 2005

**T**he 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

U N I V E R S I T Y L I F E



## Union trustees approve plans for science building in annual spring meeting

**U**nion 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. ☞

## FACULTY LIFE

## 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. 


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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. 





# “...and, for the rest of my life...”

BY WAYNE JOHNSON

“You have cancer,” the doctor said. “Acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL).” The 12-year-old girl to whom these words were spoken could not have possibly known the impact this statement would have on her for years, for the rest of her life.

How tightly did dad grip mom’s hand as they heard those words? How long would they hold their daughter close? How could they explain this to their younger daughter? What questions could they possibly ask which would help?

St. Jude’s Hospital for Children in Memphis was the setting for this scene and would become a place of frequent visits and long stays for the Lee family.

Margaret Lee, at 12 years of age, was on the brink of what was to be those wonderful teenage years, enjoying her horse, school activities and friends. “I was out so much,” she recalls, looking back at those preteen years. “I missed enjoying those changes in life – physically, socially...you know the boy things and the girl talks and getting together,” she explains.

“Years later, I realized even more fully what I missed due to the cancer. But you make peace with that and anticipate what God has ahead next,” says Margaret.

Margaret has completed her junior year at Union. She is a petite brunette with an easy smile. In the conversation it is obvious she has told this story frequently. And yet the gravity of the retelling clearly reveals that in her mind the events and struggles are fresh as yesterday.

“Cancer is something you live with,” she says. “You just have to go through whatever it

takes...the whole family goes through it and ours was wonderful.”

Initially, young Margaret had two and a half years of chemo-treatments, but within months of completing those – she had to return for more – ‘it’ was back.

“That was one of the hardest times...,” Margaret reflects. “Thinking you’re through and then having to begin all over again.”

Margaret says that when she was a patient at St. Jude’s, you really become family with those working with you at the hospital. “You see other kids...some not as sick, others who do not recover...you get to know them, families get to know each other. The staff is wonderful. And we met many families, nurses and doctors who were Christians.”

In addition to her mom and dad, Margaret had other cheerleaders during that time. A major support was, and is, Catherine, her younger sister. Catherine is also a junior at Union and has been accepted to Union’s nursing program.

While Margaret tells a story, Catherine frequently adds her perspective. They laugh together, finish each other’s sentences, and amend details with “you remember” and “that was when...”

“We went through this together,” Catherine adds. “Our parents were honest with us. We arranged our lives around stays at and trips to the hospital. Some stays were for weeks at a time. It has to be a family balancing effort.”

She refers to II Corinthians 1: 3-4. The two agree it was obvious God had placed them at the hospital in this circumstance so that they could minister to other families.

God placed another person in the path of the Lee family during those days. They knew

that was the case when they met Wendy Raburn who was a part of the team assisting with Margaret’s care. She, too, was a Christian. And, she became a friend as well as caregiver to the family.

Wendy remembers those days clearly.

“It was during that time and through my experiences with the Lee family that I decided that this fit with my idea of what I could do for the rest of my life. I could make a difference,” says Wendy.

“There was something about the courage of these kids. It was contagious. So, I went back to school on Union’s Germantown campus to finish my preparation for a nursing career. Now I can do more.”

Thus Wendy began a new chapter in her life.

But there has been a reversal in the care giving between these families. Wendy now has cancer. She has been struggling with chemotherapy and experimental treatments to defeat the disease. In spite of this, she continues her work at St. Jude’s. She laughed as she recounted her wig experience.

“When I first lost my hair after treatments, I was very vain,” Wendy remembers. “I bought a nice wig and went to work with the children at the hospital as usual. After a few days it occurred to me that those children and I were fighting the same disease and circumstances. I saw them lose their hair. And, off came my nice wig!”

She still remembers how much fun the children seemed to have the first day she entered their rooms with her new bald look. “It gave me a greater opportunity to relate to them and they to me,” Wendy explains.

She has found that life is full of turnabouts. “Now, the Lee family shows up at my home with groceries or a big meal. Sometimes they stay for a visit. At other times, they simply deposit their gift, give me a hug and leave. They understand.”

Margaret is in her third year at Union and is planning a career in missions as a specialist in family ministry and counseling. She faces some physical challenges due to damage caused by her treatments, but she speaks with confidence.

She laughs near the close of a conversation, remembering her first weeks as a student at Union.

“When I came to Union, I realized that for the first time in my life I was among complete strangers. At home, church and school everyone knew of my illness. Here (at Union), for the first time in my life I was not ‘the little girl who had cancer.’ I didn’t tell anyone for a long time,” she admits.

Due to a high fatigue factor when entering Union, Margaret could not carry a full class load. She wanted to live in student housing to avoid a daily drive to and from Memphis. As she puts it, “They (Union) worked everything out for me and I have loved it here.”

And, Wendy...Wendy completed her nursing degree in December 2001. She continues to work at St. Jude’s with the children and recently received the prestigious, Watt RN Professional Nursing Award for Outstanding Service in Psycho-Social Nursing. She continues enjoy working to make a difference in her patients’ lives, even while they make a difference in her own. ☺

*A Portrait of Courage – Nurse and Union alum Wendy Raburn loves her work helping children with cancer at St. Jude’s Research Hospital in Memphis, even while battling her own. She recently received the Watt RN Professional Nursing Award for Outstanding Service in Psycho-Social Nursing.*



# The

# Question of Health Care

Susan Jacob



Charles Baldwin



Tharon Kirk



With more than 100 years of combined experience, a group of Union professors gather to discuss the challenges and implications of health care for the 21st century.

#### Facilitator:

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

#### Panel:

**Charles Baldwin**, O.P. and Evalyn Hammons University Professor of Pre-Medical Studies

**Elsie Smith**, Associate Professor of Biology

**Susan Jacob**, Dean of the School of Nursing and Professor of Nursing

**Jill Webb**, Director of the Master of Science in Nursing Program and Associate Professor of Nursing

**Tharon Kirk**, Department Chair of Nursing, Jackson and Associate Professor of Nursing

**UNIONITE:** The public is constantly hearing of major advances in research on all medical fronts. Those same sources report a reduction in quality care, mistakes and patient dissatisfaction. Those of you around this table have given your careers to the preparation of students entering the medical field. What does health care look like in 2002 in this country and what does that tell us about the future?

we're very concerned about educating the public. We have severe shortages in health care professional numbers, increasing aging populations, and 14 percent more patients in acute care situations.

Patients in the hospital today are sicker and go home sicker and quicker. Hence, we have developed numerous community-based health care delivery systems to provide for those people in their homes.

**UNIONITE:** Are increasing complaints that we hear about health care accurate?

**Baldwin:** It's possible those grievances are telling us something about health care in this country. The issues are care without discrimination and the right of grievance being heard quickly. That indicates many people in our population have access to basic health care. But, the concern is about how well it's delivered and issues relative to the quality care.

When our students and faculty go on global missions trips (GO TRIPS), they frequently encounter populations who have only basic health care. In our country there are two major programs: Medicaid and Medicare. This indicates we are concerned about health care access for the elderly and those who cannot provide it for themselves. These are economic issues. People in the middle usually have good, basic, health care.

**UNIONITE:** Does the United States still set the standard for health care in the world?

**Baldwin:** In many ways we do set the standard, but, I would not want us to think of ourselves as necessarily providing the best health care in the world.

**Jacob:** We have Medicare and Medicaid. And, we've developed social programs, medical health programs. Yet, we have a widening gap in the access to health care – financial, geographical, cultural, whatever.

**Smith:** I heard recently that even with all the coverage we provide for people in this country, one out of every six Americans is without any medical insurance.

**UNIONITE:** In addition to economics, what other major factors are impacting health care today?

**Jacob:** The increasingly diverse population in our society. Many do not speak English or are not acculturated. Less than two percent of our health care professionals are of Hispanic or Asian origin. Therefore, this diversity of our population forces us to address culture issues in health care.

**Smith:** I think we would agree we are in the best position of any country in the world to provide the ultimate in health care. That's verified by the fact that you don't hear of people in the United States going to other countries for operations.

Conversely, there is a massive influx into this country to get surgical procedures you can't get anywhere else in the world. I don't know of any people in other countries coming here to provide us services. We're set up to deliver the service but we've yet to find an economic way to do so.

**Baldwin:** That's a very good way to put it.

**Webb:** I can remember when I started in nursing in 1976. There was a different way of delivering care. We did everything that was needed and there was really not much attention paid to the cost of delivering that care. The notion was, we will give the best care we have available to anybody who needs it. Health care cost spiraled as a result of that mentality. We've had significant government intervention.

**Baldwin:** Another philosophical issue impacting health care delivery in our country is the question: do we believe health care or access to health care is a right or a privilege? If it's a privilege, we move more toward the consumer model – if it's a right, we move toward models we find in Europe and the UK.

**UNIONITE:** Socialized medicine?

**Baldwin:** I would rather talk in terms of making available health care to everyone.

**UNIONITE:** "Right or privilege" seems to frame the discussion. What have your depart-

ments done to accommodate these trends? What feedback do you receive from graduates who are working in health care positions?

**Baldwin:** Recently, I was talking with a young lady who is completing her physical therapy degree work and licensure. She commented that in her work in the last three months she had encountered a situation where an HMO was determining how many times she could have a session with the patient and what the parameters of those sessions would be and what the reimbursement would be. This was new to her.

Another change has occurred in that much of decision-making regarding medical procedures has been moved out of the doctor's office and health care professionals' arena into the business arena.

**Webb:** The most significant change the nurses face is that they are not allowed the time needed to deliver care that's required. Hospital stays are much shorter. With procedures people might have had in the past—they might have gone in the day before for preparation, have the procedure the day after, and spend two or three days in the hospital recovering. That would be for a relatively minor procedure.

Now, that's outpatient surgery. Preparations made at home, perhaps receiving their instructions the day before on the phone, in addition to the written instructions. Then, they just show up. They're given the minimum of information they require before they have the

procedure and give their consent. The procedure is performed and the rush is on to get them recovered and back home.

That doesn't allow much time for communication between the person receiving care and the people delivering it.

**UNIONITE:** What about shortages we hear of in health care professions?

**Jacob:** Nurse-patient ratios, mandatory overtime and all the issues we're facing in nursing are because of the acute shortages which can lead to medical errors.

We are trying to get legislation passed to deal with patient ratios to alleviate that situation. Another issue is the increase in numbers of unlicensed assistance personnel replacing professionals in providing care for the patient.

**Smith:** In rural areas and small towns if you go to a hospital there now, the doctor that sees you is likely to be a doctor who comes one day a week from a larger city. The doctors that come out of medical schools today...many of them prefer going to large cities. They can work in a big clinic and be in a little more in control of their time, than they can as a small town doctor. In smaller towns, doctors are likely to be called 24 hours a day.

There are some things that have been done in our medical schools in Tennessee and, perhaps other states, to encourage the practice of medicine in rural areas. If you go into family practice and agree to practice in a rural area, for every year you practice there, you diminish





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your medical school debt. That illustrates how much of a distribution problem we have with doctors and that medical schools feel they have to use this approach to move people to where there is need.

**Baldwin:** It is a distribution problem, because we also have a concentration of specialists and physicians in the urban areas.

**UNIONITE:** How have these issues affected your work as you prepare students to go into these fields?

**Webb:** I think we have to teach the students to think outside of their little circle—outside the box, so to speak. They have to learn to think in a “systems” fashion.

They can no longer think about what ‘I’m doing for this patient,’ exclusively. When you’re interacting with an individual, they think they’re the most important person in the world. That’s the way it ought to be. But, they are not the only person with whom you interact.

You interact with different patients, other health care professionals...so they have to think collaboratively, in complex fashions, systematically. It isn’t just what I’m doing. It’s about the whole group of physicians. One has to think about what is happening at their facility, particular unit and about the home and cultural environment of the patient.

When we first began our baccalaureate-only program, one of our first students in the program had grown up in India. You don’t realize benefits you get from attracting that kind of global student population.

When this student went to clinical, we discovered an Indian lady on the unit who was very, very ill. When our student walked into that room and understood the icons of the culture around the patient, the food her family had brought in and could speak to her in Hindustani, it was just phenomenal.

At a baccalaureate institution, those are the things you can go after – a kind of global

understanding – that takes them beyond West Tennessee. We have to teach our students to think globally but to act locally.

**Baldwin:** As faculty members interact with students, we look for the “teachable moment” – times when skills and information are imparted in a more inspirational way. At Union, those moments seem to be more than just accident – partly because of the type of student that we have attending here.

There is a team approach here, with the Office of Campus Ministries and with GO Trips. Rarely do we have a pre-med student leave Union without having been on one or more GO Trips to a foreign country or to a rural area of need in this country. So our students are already keen on those needs and they come with a servant mentality that allows and prepares them to be good health care professionals.

One of our goals in pre-medical education is to see that our students leave here competent and then build on that competence in their clinical education. I hope each student that passes through and graduates from Union will be a person I would be comfortable with being my doctor. These are the characteristics our students exhibit and gifts that they develop – competence and compassion.

**Jacob:** Another change we’ve seen is in informatics, the integration of information technology into telemedicine or telenursing. We now use information systems to deliver health care.

**UNIONITE:** What feedback do you receive from our graduates after they leave Union?

**Smith:** We get feedback before they actually complete medical school. The feedback we’ve been getting for years is how well prepared our students feel when they get to medical school. Some of them tell us “we were afraid at first,” because we realize that sitting next to us was someone who had done undergraduate work at a Ivy League university. It turns out that—

according to one story I heard – Union students were better equipped for this class than some of those students.

We hear from professors who teach the medical courses, at UT Memphis in particular. They tell us our students are in the top 20 percent of their medical class, every year.

We’ve set a tremendous record at UT Memphis. It’s amazing to me how many years we have consistently sent really good students who have done well. The school is eager to get our students.

There’s no doubt in my mind that our students have an edge in getting into medical school, because they’ve had so much positive experience with Union.

**UNIONITE:** Is that a product of our size as well as our philosophy?

**Smith:** I think so. When our committee does evaluations of students applying to health professions, we find schools to which we send these evaluations to pay more attention to what we say because they know we know our students better than professors at larger universities. They know we do a lot of one-on-one instruction.

**Webb:** The students tell us that it’s more rewarding than they anticipated—interactions they have with the client population. I don’t think they see, how much difference they really make in those lives. And, when they get that feedback it’s very gratifying.

**UNIONITE:** Do you believe those enhanced people skills are the by-product of a school setting like we enjoy at Union?

**Baldwin:** I think it is. There is more social interaction in our science courses. We put an emphasis on taking students to professional meetings, completing a research project here and presenting that work. So they leave with the confidence that they can communicate in field and interact with other professionals. One plus for our students who will attend the University of Tennessee for medical school next year is that the class this year will go over and discover that our first year students, already there in medical school, have adopted them.

Each of them has an upperclassman who adopts them. In many instances, books can be shared. That’s cutting a major cost. But, more than that, these upper-class mentors help our student make the transition into medical school. That is invaluable. So I think our students have an easier time moving or making the transition from undergraduate to professional.

**UNIONITE:** What would you tell parents

whose student is considering entering Union with a career goal in medicine – pre-med studies or in nursing?

**Baldwin:** Pre-med is a euphemism for a lot of things. We listen carefully to determine if this person is interested in medical school or other health science professions. Within the purview of the Health Profession Advisory Committee we prepare students for medical school, of course. But, we also have tracks for pharmacy, optometry, and dentistry, some of the allied health areas, cytotechnology, medical technology, dental hygiene, physical therapy, occupational therapy, medical records administration and physician’s assistant. We’ve begun an emphasis in Sports Medicine; just in the embryonic stages. This will probably be very interesting to a lot of people.

**UNIONITE:** What are the areas available in our nursing curriculum?

**Jacob:** Nursing prepares students with a baccalaureate degree in nursing. It also provides the registered nurse, who may have a diploma or an associate degree, with a route to achieve the baccalaureate degree. Our master’s program prepares educators and nurse administrators. The nursing education track has met a real need statewide and nationally, because of the severe crisis with a national shortage of nursing faculty.

Across the country many people serving as nursing faculty members are reaching retirement. Those salaries are not commensurate with what they would get in clinical practice, thus, we’re reaching another shortage. There are very few programs that prepare nurse educators. And, of course, our courses of study are accredited.

**Baldwin:** I don’t think we should forget those who are extremely important to health care – researchers. We prepare students for that field. I received an email from one of our 1979 graduates, Randy Johnson. Randy received his bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Union and went to Memphis, completing a Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry.

He has spent most of his time on the west coast at the University of California, San Francisco and then with a leading company in pharmaceutical research. Most of his work has been in developing diagnostic assays for hepatitis A, hepatitis C. Presently, he is working on a molecular based diagnostic and blood-screening assay for hepatitis, HIV, Chlamydia, gonorrhea, and TB.

One of our recent graduates, Jeff Jones, in his first year of medical school, discovered one of the professors working on developing an implantable sensor that measures glucose concentrations in the blood, using infrared



Elsie Smith

spectroscopy. While he was at Union, he had worked on a research project dealing with IR work. He wrote that “I thought that you might like to know that all the time I spent processing and analyzing infrared spectra is helping me understand that new and very exciting development in diabetes care.”

**Jacob:** I recently received a note from one of our graduates. She said “Four more abstracts accepted. I owe it all to the foundation I received at Union University.”

We also have a master’s student, Zoila Sanchez, who did her practicum as a master’s administration student with the director of the Tennessee Health Care Consortium. She was researching nursing work force issues in the state and was invited to do an executive summary for that organization and now has been selected for a health policy fellowship in Washington, D.C., to pursue a Ph.D. program.

**UNIONITE:** What’s next for the health care professional?

**Smith:** We’re going to see some significant changes in health care brought about by our response to bio-terrorism. We’re going to see reorganization of local, state, and national health agencies with emphasis on things we haven’t had to consider in the past.

I think we’ll see improved health care in this nation as we prepare to respond to terrorist attacks. Our preparation for that will bring better health care to all of us.

**Kirk:** We’re going to see an increasing aging population, emphasis on end of life care. It’s already in our literature. We will be seeking to improve the quality of end of life care.

We’re being told that this must be part of our curriculum. They will be testing on end of life care in terms of licensure.


Another emphasis will be genetics. We have the human genome project and all sorts of ethical issues we haven’t even dreamed of.

**Baldwin:** We have to get the theologians in on that one! Bio-ethics has not kept up with technical development. Our students should be in a better position to face these issues because of the extra-curricular activities in terms of symposia sponsored by the Center for Christian Studies and Christian Leadership, the lecture series’ that are available at Union in addition to other opportunities we have mentioned.

**Smith:** This may sound like advertising, but, I run into people every day who don’t know that Union has a strong pre-med program. We have some of the best-kept secrets in the world at Union, in terms of preparing for other health professions. People don’t know the background they can get by coming to Union.

**Baldwin:** In the area of feedback...there is a local family that we see quite often at the symphony. Rarely do we meet without the father and mother telling how well their son was educated for medical school while at Union. Their son, Steven Hammond, played varsity golf here and majored in chemistry and minored in biology. He was a candidate to serve as the student representative on a major university medical school committee...a leadership position. Both parents are graduates of a prestigious school and wanted their children to go there – but, now, Union has supplanted that reputation.

In fact, Dr. Hammond (Steve) says, “Union gives the high quality technical education but they do it the right way.” When he talks about the right way he’s talking about the Christian foundation.

**UNIONITE:** Union University...it’s all about the people, excellence and doing it the *right* way. 



Senior nursing students Katie Brown and Kimberly Holmes are doing clinicals as a part of completing program requirements for the bachelor of science in nursing degree at Union University. Today they're working as parish nurses. This morning they demonstrated hand washing as a way to stop "bad germs" to preschoolers at a local church in Dyersburg, Tenn. Now they are visiting a semi-homebound parishioner named Nancy. Nancy is in her 60s and has severe arthritis.

"Is there anything you need?" Katie asks.

"Two new arms and two new legs," comes the quick response from Nancy. She laughs as she tries to keep a good outlook on her ailment. Katie and Kimberly hand her the current edition of their church denomination's monthly devotional and inquire about her

Currently it is making its way into West Tennessee and the surrounding region.

"Nurses are bridges," says Geri Smith, associate professor of nursing at Union and a practicing parish nurse. "Nurses connect to people in a way that others in the medical profession and even, clerics, do not." It is the nurse who explains procedures, offers a compassionate listening ear and assuages fear and anxiety. It is the nurse who understands and is there "just to be with patients."

By involving the health of the whole person—physically, emotionally, mentally, socially and spiritually, parish nursing serves as an extension of the medical field and works in collaboration with the faith community. It is commonly expected that a pastor visits the sick or shut-in offering spiritual solace and strengthening. However, it is a nurse who can

benefit them greatly, by simply preserving the strength of the wife who was the chief caregiver.

"In their minds," says Kirk, "the doctor's statement about getting a bed when they were ready, meant they were to do so only as their very last resort. The nurse was able to translate to them that getting a hospital bed was a means of making their last months together as comfortable as possible."

#### Serving People Where They Are

Union alumna Nancy Caldwell ('94) volunteers as a parish nurse in Memphis. Caldwell has always wanted to help the older population in her church and says that parish nursing provides that avenue. Her involvement ranges from aquatic therapy, relaxation techniques and blood pressure checks to

"There are so many needs that can be filled by linking individuals to the related resources," says Caldwell, calling it key to her ministry.

Examples of services Caldwell arranges for her parishioners include bringing in an optician to repair eyeglasses, establishing a lending closet of medical equipment and assistance with understanding medical bills and insurance coverage.

It's not just the elderly population who need the ministries of a parish nurse. Caldwell also actively refers young people to Rainbows, an organization that assists children in dealing with a loss—whether through death, divorce, abandonment, or moving from their former home to a new community.

Caldwell views her work as one of connecting people to what they need. She feels parish nursing gives her the freedom to serve people

during their illnesses or sufferings. She recognizes health is holistic. Caldwell understands the importance of being allowed to voice concerns and having an advocate.

"I knew I'd arrived when people in my faith community trusted me enough to just talk," Caldwell says with a smile.

Karla Coleman, ('01) a recent Union Germantown graduate, echoes the trust factor. Her experiences reveal that people often feel safer with a nurse.

"They can talk to a nurse—a doctor they listen to," says Coleman, a reason why she believes people respond to parish nursing in such a positive way. Parish nurses do no "hands on nursing," and they stress that their nursing is not invasive. Parish nurses are skilled in balancing medical knowledge and science with doctrines of faith and the

conditions of human spirituality.

Coleman, who assists AIDS patients and their families, says that in such situations, there is anger, pain, hurt, depression and rejection. Her work of integrating medicine and faith is vital in bringing about healing. She sincerely believes that mind and spirit play an important role in health ministry practices by a faith community.

As part of their ministry, parish nurses often ask to pray with their patients. Rarely are their requests turned down, which affirms what more and more in the medical profession are coming to believe: Science and technology are not the sole answer. People have psychological, spiritual and social dimensions as well, a concept which isn't new, and whose roots can be traced to the biblical reference of Phoebe, (Rom 16:1 and 2).

# Parish Nursing:

Bridging the Gap Between Medicine and Healing

By Beverly Vos ('02)



next medical treatment dates. Nancy, in spite of her physical constraints, is a spirited woman and easily captivates her audience with conversation and stories.

It's obvious that Nancy needs to share her world with them as much as she needs their attentiveness to her medical condition. Before leaving the student nurses ask to pray with her. Nancy eagerly agrees and as the girls leave there is a sense of peace—the absence of 'dis'ease that is as important to healing as an actual cure.

#### The Whole Person

The two nursing students have just experienced the heart of parish nursing—the well being of the whole person, body and spirit. A term heard more and more frequently among healthcare professionals and church ministries today, parish nursing was designated as a nursing specialty by the American Nurses Association Congress of Nursing Practices in 1997, and is gaining acceptance as an answer to broader healthcare needs both in the United States and internationally.

see how to aid that person. It may be in a way as simple as helping to rearrange a kitchen for ease of movement or as crucial as recognizing symptoms that need referral to medical care.

"The parish nurse is not about getting into the doctor's or clergy's territory," says Smith, "but about connecting the patient to whole health."

Tharon Kirk, Union associate professor and chair of the School of Nursing, is also a certified and actively practicing parish nurse. Tharon recalled a story of a couple in her congregation who needed an interpretive link between the medical profession and their whole health issues.

As the terminally ill husband was sent home to be cared for by his wife, the doctor's comment to the couple was to get a hospital bed when they were ready for one. At home, the task of caring for her husband became very taxing physically for the wife, whose own health was ailing. However, the couple never considered use of a hospital bed until the parish nurse assessed the situation with them. She convinced the couple that a bed would

home visits, establishing a book club and providing a galleria.

Commenting on the book club, Caldwell states that it has become, as one member puts it, "a saving grace." The club began as a means to fill social needs and lonely voids for a recent widower, a caregiver, and a sufferer of chronic depression. It was such a successful and enriching venture, that the group has grown and has been meeting weekly since its inception in 1996.

The idea for the galleria originated when a retired church member mentioned that she enjoyed painting. Caldwell suggested a showing of the woman's work and turned an office into a temporary galleria for display. Opening night fanfare comprised of a reception and flowers for the beaming artist. It was so well received that now the galleria has become a showcase for many others to exhibit photography or various collections. Caldwell maintains that coordinating activities of this nature give encouragement and an invigorating boost to people's spirit; "almost anything has to do with health."

## Parish Nurses: Key Players in Health Ministries

Establishing a parish nurse program in a church takes a lot of support from the pastor and the congregation. Union graduate Phyllis Herndon ('02) and her husband Terry who is pastor of Greenfield Baptist Church in Harrisburg, Ark., have had an active parish nurse ministry in their church, for about a year. The couple finds that people are quizzical about the word parish nurse and have a better comprehension when it is explained in connection with health ministries.

Parish nurse certification teaches how to organize, assess, and evaluate the health needs of respective faith communities. The course also fleshes out the characteristic seven key roles of the parish nurse:

1. **Integrator of Faith and Healing**—In all activities and contacts, the parish nurse seeks to promote the understanding of the relations between faith and health.

2. **Health Educator**—Promotes an atmosphere where individuals of all ages and through a variety of educational activities, explores the relationship between values, attitudes, lifestyle, faith and health.

3. **Personal Health Counselor**—Discusses health issues and problems with individuals; makes home, hospital, and nursing home visits as needed.

4. **Referral Agent and Liaison with Congregational and Community Resources**—Referrals are provided to other congregational resources as well as those found in the community at large.

5. **Facilitator of Volunteers**—Recruits, coordinates and resources volunteers within the congregation to serve in various health ministries.

6. **Developer of Support Group**—Facilitates the development of support groups for mem-

bers of the faith community and people from the external community.

7. **Health Advocate**—The parish nurse works with the client, faith community and primary health resources to provide what is the best interest of the client from a whole person perspective, listening and supporting the client to do what they can do and being their voice when them seem to have none.

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*Common bond – Union graduates help each other succeed at the University of Tennessee Memphis Medical School. From left to right: Catherine Scarbrough ('00), Jeff Jones ('00), Stephanie Mabry ('01) and Brent Morris ('01).*

# medicine for the masses

## one person at a time

BY TRACY RUTLEDGE

It is a balmy afternoon in a poverty-stricken village of El Salvador. At a makeshift medical clinic exposed to all of nature's elements, sick patients wait to be treated. For the past week Cathie Scarbrough has worked there in less than ideal environments taking medical histories, diagnosing illnesses and showing compassion to the people of El Salvador. The surprising part of the story is that Scarbrough is not a doctor, at least not yet. But she is well on her way as she completes her first year of medical school at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, Tenn.

During spring break many students head south for warmer climates to rest and relax. Cathie Scarbrough, a May 2000 Union graduate, headed for warmer weather during her spring break but for a very different reason. She was part of a 40-member team of students and doctors that traveled to El Salvador in March on a medical mission trip sponsored by the Christian Medical and Dental Association.

"I really didn't think I would be able to contribute very much," laughs Scarbrough as she reflects on the experience. "Each student was

paired with a doctor and by the end of the week we were getting real hands-on experience." She was also able to brush up on her Spanish as she worked with translators.

Treating physical problems was not the only aspect of the trip. "In addition to treating them physically, we had the opportunity to spend spiritual time with each patient, telling them about God," recalls Scarbrough. "It was worth the effort to see people accept Christ."

Combining medicine and mission work is what she wants to do with her life. "My senior year in high school I felt God calling me to medical missions," she explains. According to Scarbrough, Union played an integral role in preparing her not only for medical school but also for life.

### Preparing Tomorrow's Medical Leaders

From the jungles of South America to the sprawling American cities, Union is preparing tomorrow's medical leaders to change the world. With an acceptance rate of almost 100 percent at medical schools like the UT Health Science Center in Memphis, more and more Union students are achieving success. That

success is a direct result of efforts by the Union pre-med faculty who genuinely care about their students.

When Jeff Jones, another May 2000 graduate from Jackson, Tenn., was accepted to the UT Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in Memphis he felt it was a direct result of Union's strong academic foundation and reputation.

"The professors at Union know what it takes to succeed in medical school," explains Jones. "They are here [at Union] not because they simply choose to be, but because they feel it is their calling."

Like his professors, Jones also feels a sense of calling. "You don't choose to be a doctor simply because you want to practice medicine," he explains. "You choose medicine because nothing else will make you happy."

It was as an undergraduate that Jones' calling to the medical field was reaffirmed. During that time he watched his father battle cancer. The illness influenced his choice to defer medical school for one year in order to stay near his father. As the months passed, interaction with his father's doctors and a job in a local clinic revealed to him what a differ-

ence a caring medical professional can make.

It was also during this difficult time that the professors at Union became more than just teachers, they became friends. That is one of the most unique aspects of a Union education that Jones feels his medical school counterparts from other universities missed.

"Union is a sheltering and nurturing place that allows you to grow spiritually as well as intellectually," says Jones. "You need both aspects to survive the long, hard task of medical school."

"Union did a great job of preparing me academically," agrees Scarbrough. "Courses like Dr. Huggins' gross anatomy class exposed me to ideas that I have encountered in medical school. I didn't understand everything in the undergraduate class but it was familiar once I encountered it the second time."

Union also provides more guided freedom to explore the tough questions encountered in the world of science, says Jones. "Because you know the professors personally you feel comfortable going to their office with questions. It really makes their day."

Scarbrough echoed the same feeling. "I grew intellectually, spiritually and personally while I

was at Union," she explains. "I always knew I could stop by a professor's office any time to talk about class or to just pray with them about a personal challenge."

She recalled discussing with Dr. Charles Baldwin her desire to study abroad. With his encouragement and assistance, she was selected as a recipient of the International Rotary Ambassador Scholarship which allowed her to study at the University of Sussex in England for a year. She earned her master's degree in medicinal chemistry, a 12-month program that she completed in just ten months.

"It was a departure from the small, Christian environment that I was used to having at Union," she says. "It was a culture shock at first and I could not have survived without God."

She was the only native English speaking resident in her lab and home, which introduced her to many different cultural backgrounds. It also gave her an opportunity to be a witness.

"I went to church every Sunday and didn't say certain words, so my house mates knew I was different," says Scarbrough. She recalled how that led to opportunities to share her faith

in a non-threatening way. She recalled one such opportunity when she had a religious discussion with a Roman Catholic and Muslim roommate. "I learned that you can discuss religious differences and share Christ while remaining friends."

Union faculty also played a large role in encouraging her while abroad. The weekly e-mails from the pre-med faculty as well as several others made her realize how much they cared about her not only as a student but also as a friend.

After returning from England, Scarbrough entered medical school where she is now preparing for a career in family practice, which will allow her to help the broadest amount of people. Where she practices medicine is God's decision, but she is willing to go.

The field of medicine is changing before our very eyes. Despite all the changes, Scarbrough feels that she and other Union graduates have insight into the one thing that will never change.

"No matter what changes occur, you have to love people," she says. "As a doctor you will see humankind at its best and worst. Compassion is what is needed now and for the future." ☺





# Homecoming 2002

## Union Homecoming Activities Come to a Close



This year's Homecoming Week at Union marked an annual tradition of alumni being welcomed home and faculty and staff visiting with former students. The fun-filled week of memories revisited by alumni and created by present students kicked off with perhaps the student's most exciting memory of all: a snow day complete with snowball fights that cancelled classes as well as the much-anticipated chapel with worship led by Christian recording artist Nicole Nordeman. However, the snow did not stop Nordeman from hosting a very well attended coffeehouse concert later that evening.

Competition for the coveted Presidential Cup began with the Wild and Wacky games Thursday night with the Chi-Omega Sorority matching scores with the Lambda-Chi Fraternity for a win. The same night, in the Kenneth R. Hartley Recital Hall, alumni activities began with an enjoyable recital and reception during which old friends from the music department re-established ties and free-spirited conversation.

As the week progressed, honored members of the Class of 1952 registered Friday morning for their fiftieth reunion, with special 50-year medallions presented to them during the Founder's Day Homecoming Chapel. Following lunch, the alumni were shuttled downtown for a visit to the old campus on which they gained knowledge, learned life-lessons, and established relationships during their cherished college years at Union. A dedication service was held with a plaque put into place honoring the old but never forgotten "Circle" of the campus.

That same evening, various departments of Union offered interesting and informative dinners as well as professional development sessions to bring the alumni of similar background back to their place of common ground. Perhaps the highlight of the evening was the Communication Arts Dinner and Game Show, marked by the alumni "Newlywed Game."

Later that night, the students of Union University showed their talent in the high-caliber annual performance competition, "All-Sing." The large group performance category was won by the Chi-Omega Sorority group and the small group performance category was won by entrants from the Sophomore class.

Saturday brought an enjoyable reunion brunch and reception with the annual Alumni


Awards luncheon immediately following. The award for the reunion class with the highest percentage of alumni contributing to the University was made to the Class of 1957 as nearly 50% of the class made annual contributions in the past year. The class that contributed the largest dollar amount in 2001 was the class of 1952 with a contribution total of \$77,000. Following the awards, Union President David S. Dockery greeted those in attendance with his encouraging and riveting "State of the Union Address," stating that Union remains a "healthy university."

A basketball double-header scheduled for that evening saw the Union Lady Bulldogs lose narrowly to Trevecca Nazarene, but the Bulldogs Men's basketball team won by a safe margin. At halftime Union senior Sarah Jane Head was honored as the 2002 Union University Homecoming Queen and the sophomore class took home the Presidential Cup for their outstanding performance in the week's activities.

The Homecoming activities were fun and



exciting, but all in all the week was highlighted by the presence of some of those who have made it possible for Union to achieve its present level of distinction – Union's alumni.

Bob Hundley, Class of 1948, may have summed up the feelings of all Union students, past and present, when he said with his wife at his side, "We'll always remember and love Union University." 

*-Reported by Josh Howerton, Class of 2005*





# Old Campus Tour Brings Back Memories

Until 1975, Union University was on a different campus than the one that today's students currently attend. During Homecoming festivities, fourteen members of the Class of 1952 returned to the "old" campus as part of their fifty-year reunion celebration. The trip proved to be one that brought back memories and meant something special to these special graduates.

One of the most important places to students on the old campus was the area that they called "the circle" even though it was not really a circle at all – rather a place that all paths that led around campus met and crossed. In honor of all of the former students, a real circle made of concrete has recently been poured in this area with a plaque honoring it. As part of the old campus tour, Union's President David Dockery officially dedicated the area, calling it "hallowed ground."

Dockery spoke of the circle as a way of connecting the former campus to the present one and to Union's great history. On the current campus, there is also a circle with a fountain in the middle—a direct link to the circle of the past. He also noted that many of the new buildings being erected on the campus are being built in the traditional style of the buildings of the old campus.

The members of the Class of '52 were moved by the ceremony and it was obvious that simply returning to the campus had triggered a flood of memories of their time as students.

"Who remembers the phrase we had to say when we were freshmen?" Virginia Conger asked.

Without hesitation, Margie Wadlington chimed in, "A freshman, sir, is so low, sir, that he can crawl under a snake, sir, with a high silk hat on, sir, without touching the snake, sir. Thank you, sir, for the privilege, sir, of sounding off, sir." The whole group rolled with laughter remembering that intimidating first year in college.

"I had to wear an onion around my neck," recalled Catherine Taylor, setting off more laughter. It was soon discovered that several members of the class still had the beanies that they wore that first eventful twelve months of their college experience.

The group soon split up to wander around the campus and see all the changes in the last 50 years. Several buildings no longer exist while others are now being used for completely different purposes, some fairly humorous to the visitors. For instance, the girl's dormitory is now used as a jail, a process that Virginia Conger insisted had its roots in

her stay there. The New Southern Hotel where all social events and parties were held is now a retirement home, a twist that several former students jokingly said was "cruel."

Amid all the laughs, there was also time for tender memories. 1952 graduate Margie Wadlington walked up the hill towards the former men's dorms holding hands with her husband George who graduated the year before her.

"We met at Union," she reminisced. "We both sang in the chorus, and one Sunday we went out to sing at a church in Bolivar. I'd seen him around school before but didn't really know him. They'd packed sack lunches for us and my sandwich looked better than his so we traded. And that's how we met, over a sandwich!" The two were married two years later.

Some recalled throwing water balloons out dorm room windows while others remembered spectacular tackles they had seen out on the football field. There were memories of part-time jobs and friends that have passed. The stories of long ago continue to remain vivid. Fran Butler may have put it best.

"We love looking back at the past when we were young – but we also love everything in between." ☞

*-Reported by Jody Webster, Class of 2004*

## Communication Arts Students Gain "Wisdom From the Trenches"

The Bible says that wisdom is more valuable than rubies or gold. This year the Department of Communication Arts decided to share its treasure with "Wisdom From the Trenches," a two-hour look at a featured panel of successful and accomplished Union communication arts graduates.

"The goal of this program is to connect our current majors with our alumni in hopes that they can learn more about the different professions and establish relationships that might lead to further connections such as internships, job opportunities and mentoring relationships," said Kina Mallard, associate professor and chair of the communication arts department.

Alumni traveled from as far away as Colorado, where Christy Holbrook Lynn works with Christian psychologist James Dobson's organization, Focus on the Family. Lynn graduated from Union in 1996 with an emphasis in broadcasting.

"I think it really says something about the loyalty that alumni have to the Communication Arts Department, when they are willing to travel from as far away as Texas and Colorado in order to share what they have learned with our current students," Mallard pointed out.

Mallard played a key role in organizing this year's event.

"This is one of the most valuable things we do for our majors," said Mallard. "It gives students a chance to learn from the experience of those who graduated less than 10 years ago from the same program that the students are going through right now." The event featured the introduction of all of the Communication Arts faculty, as well as the alumni, in each of the respective fields of broadcasting, journalism, public relations, and theater.

Mallard then shared a few words of wisdom with the audience from her own experience before dividing the students into "Breakout" groups. In each group, students attended a special seminar with alumni in their top two fields of interest and had a chance to ask questions and discuss various issues with the alumni.

"I think it is really great to get to talk to people who have only been out of college for a few years, but are working in the same field that I want to get into," said sophomore Patrick Compau, a broadcasting major. "We were able to hear both the good and the bad sides of day-to-day life on the job."

The first "Wisdom From the Trenches" event was held during Homecoming four years ago. According to Mallard, this year's event was so successful that there is a strong possibil-



ity of making it an annual tradition.

"Every year at Homecoming we do something special for our Communication Arts alumni such as having a dinner and a game show or something creative," explained Mallard. "Wisdom From the Trenches is a great way of getting former Union students involved in the lives of our current students and teaching them about their fields of interest from a first hand perspective."

"My favorite part was listening to Jennifer Coleman," said senior Julie Dodson, a journalism major. "I had an opportunity to do a month-long public relations internship with her at the Memphis zoo during January. It was really great to see how some of the work and research that I did then is being implemented

now. As a journalism major, I was excited to learn how interrelated many of these fields are. I learned just how important my writing skills will be after I graduate," said Dodson.

Sarah Aldridge McNeece, who now works as an assistant editor for CCM, a contemporary Christian music magazine, encouraged students to work hard at their jobs and do their very best.

"I know it sounds simple but you would be amazed at how many people get lazy on the job," McNeece told the students. "If you work hard at what you do and give it your all, people will notice that." ☞

*-Reported by Davie Moore, Class of 2002*

## Future Unionites Spend Time in the Dawg House

Playdough, crayons, cookies, and "Bulldog Spirit" are just a few things you can find at Union University's annual Bulldog Day Camp. For five hours during this year's Homecoming Saturday activities, children of Union alumni played, cheered, sang, and ate until they, literally, dropped.

The Student Tennessee Education Association (STEA) has planned and volunteered for the camp for the past three years to provide entertainment for alumni's children during the parents' festivities.

Dr. Carrie Whaley, assistant professor of education, heads the camp each year.

"We have incredible volunteers, and the children seem to love their time here," said Whaley.

One of the highlights of the day is always a special guest appearance by Union athletes. This year, the Union University cheerleaders arrived ready to teach several cheers and chants to the children for the big Homecoming game later that afternoon. One child, Meredith Maroney,



was thrilled by the cheerleaders' visit.

"I like cheering with the cheerleaders," said Maroney. "I'm going to help them tonight so our team will win."

Other activities during the day included a scavenger hunt, a movie, making special shakers for the game, and making bulldog cookies.

"The children enjoy being a part of the 'big kids' activities," said Alison Oshel, a junior learning foundations major. "They feel special and included. Plus, it's fun for us as volunteers to act like 'kids' all day." ☞

*-Reported by Ginger Rowlett, Class of 2003*





# a slam dunk season

BY TRACY RUTLEDGE

Success is measured in many ways in the world of athletics - championships, broken records and individual recognitions to name a few. Any way you measure it, this year's Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs have measured up.

"Both basketball programs had tremendous seasons," says Union's Athletic Director David Blackstock. "This season proves that nice guys really can finish first."

And finishing first is just what they did. From the number of wins and blocked shots to conference championships, the Bulldogs experienced a record-breaking season.





# union's all-star line-up

Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball
2002 TranSouth Regular Season Champions 2002 TranSouth Tournament Champions 2002 NAIA National Tournament Sweet Sixteen	2002 TranSouth Conference Regular Season Champions 2002 TranSouth Conference Tournament Champions 2002 NAIA National Tournament Final Four
Individual Recognitions	
Mark Campbell – 2002 TranSouth Co-Coach of the Year  Ralph Turner – 2002 TranSouth Coach of the Year  Jessica Henson - NAIA First Team All-American, TranSouth Conference Player of the Year, First Team All-Conference  Mary Catherine Way - First Team All-Conference, NAIA Honorable Mentioned All-American, NAIA All-American Scholar Athlete  Christal Merriweather - NAIA All-Tournament Team, First Team All-Conference, TranSouth All-Tournament team, TranSouth Tournament MVP, NAIA Honorable Mentioned All-American	Allison Harrison - Second Team All-Conference, TranSouth All-Tournament team.  Mary Beth Haltom - NAIA All-American Scholar Athlete  Robert Joseph - NAIA All-American First Team, NAIA Co-Player of the Year, NAIA All-Tournament Team, All-TranSouth Conference First team, TranSouth Conference Player of the year, TranSouth Conference Newcomer of the Year  Bruno Martinessi - All-TranSouth Conference Second team, TranSouth All-Freshman team  Chima Abakwue - All-TranSouth Conference Second team

### One for the Record Books

On January 24, a 79-50 victory over rival Freed-Hardeman sent Bulldog basketball head coach Ralph Turner into the record books as Union's coach with the most wins. Turner, now 197-82 at Union, has completed his eighth season.

It is an impressive accomplishment for a man in his first head coaching job. Turner spent his early career as an assistant coach at his alma mater Lipscomb University for nine seasons before coming to Union in 1994.

The Bible-major preferred coaching to preaching because of the amount of time he could spend with students. "Other than my father, the people with the biggest influences in my life have been coaches," explains Turner. He wants to have that same influence on his players, impacting their lives both on and off the court.

"I live by the creed of 'Whisper criticism, Yell praise,'" explains the coach. "If I could choose between making a difference in a hundred lives or winning a hundred championships, I'd choose the hundred lives. The thing you remember most when looking back is the players, not the rings."

perfect but we are all striving to be better."

### More for the Record

Coach Turner is not alone at the top the record books. Union senior forward, Robert Joseph, broke the record for all-time college basketball blocks in a season during a win over Lambuth. Joseph blocked eight shots to go along with his 20 points and 14 rebounds. His record-breaking 215 blocks for the season earned him a spot in ESPN's SportCenter and in Sports Illustrated when he surpassed San Antonio Spur David Robinson.

"Robert Joseph has been a tremendous asset for Union," says Blackstock. "To have broken the record for not only the NAIA but the NCAA is a great accomplishment."

Joseph, from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, tied the school record for blocks in the first game of the season then broke the record the next night with 12 blocks. Added to that, Joseph has more than tripled the old Union record of 70 blocks in a season.

Soaring through the air, terrifying opponents' offense is not the only thing the 6'7" senior did for the nationally ranked Bulldogs. Joseph was also the leading scorer in the

beyond being colleagues. It was during Campbell's own stellar career at Lipscomb University that Ralph Turner impacted his life as an assistant coach with the Bisons.

Realizing that his former coaches have greatly influenced his own path in life, Campbell believes that all coaches are in positions where they have the opportunity to influence young people.

"Coach Campbell is very focused," explains Blackstock. "He wants to be more than a coach to his players by showing them that the manner in which they conduct themselves is as important as winning a game."

With one look at the line-up for the Lady Bulldogs, it is no surprise that they are winning games.

Sophomore Jessica Henson of Bradford, Tenn., has made her impact known at Union in just two seasons winning the TranSouth Player of the Year honor twice, first team All-Conference twice, and first team All-American twice. She ranks in the top ten in the conference in scoring, three-point percentage and assists. However, Henson is just one of the stars for the Lady Bulldogs.

Mary Catherine Way



"Coach Turner is an intelligent, caring man who loves people and has a gift for helping them through different situations," says Blackstock. "Whether it is a family situation, academic problem or athletic challenge, he invests himself in the lives of his players and students."

With a 2002 TranSouth Conference Championship and a Sweet 16 appearance in the NAIA National Championship, he has experienced the same success on the court. Keeping that success in perspective is a lesson Turner always tries to convey to his players.

"More than being basketball players, I talk about things that are most important. Education is more than just book learning, it is preparing for life," says Turner. Those life lessons include everything from saying "please" and "thank you" to goal setting and having a personal relationship with friends, family and the Lord. "At no time do I hold myself as a shining example. I admit to them that I have struggles just like they do. None of us are

TranSouth Conference and was second in rebounding being named the 2002 NAIA Co-Player of the Year, NAIA First Team All-American and to the national tournament All-Tournament team in Kansas City. These honors were added to his TranSouth Conference Player of the Year and first team All-Conference selection.

### The Final Four and More

While the Bulldogs were dominating men's basketball, Coach Mark Campbell's Lady Bulldogs stormed through a 35-4 season of their own on the way to their seventh consecutive TranSouth Conference title and a NAIA Final Four appearance.

This was Campbell's third year as the Lady Bulldogs head coach, but he has been a contributing factor in Union's success for several years. Campbell helped build the men's basketball program as an assistant coach under Turner from 1994 to 1999.


Campbell's relationship with Turner goes

and Christal Merriweather were selected as NAIA second team All-American performers while Mary Beth Haltom, along with Way, were named NAIA Academic All-Americans.

### The Tradition Continues

Over the past 25 years, both the men and women's basketball programs have become dominating forces in the conference and on the national stage.

"One big reason for our success is the people – the coaches and players – who have been a part of Union's program," says Blackstock. "Coach Turner and Coach Campbell are continuing the legacy."

What is the Union legacy? Winning championships and athletic talent are just small pieces of the picture. From the basketball courts and classrooms to future careers, Union's student athletes reflect the ability to carry a Christian worldview even into the competitive world of athletics. 





## 50's Fifties

**Charles Bright ('58)** and **Anne Baggett Bright ('60)** are retired. They live near their 3 children and 4 grandchildren. They are active in Creek Path Baptist Church and scouting. Address: P.O. Box 822, Guntersville, AL 35976-0822.

**Charles Higgins ('59)**, a retired general manager of Pulaski (TN) Electric System, was uniquely honored when the Power Board named the multi-million dollar Operation Center "The Charles R. Higgins Operation Center." Charles retired after more than 20 years in the Electric Power Industry. He and his wife, Bettie, who served as secretary to the Academic Dean during their time at Union, make their home in Pulaski, Tenn. Address: 131 Sam Davis Avenue, Pulaski, TN 38478. E-mail: [chhiggins@surfmore.net](mailto:chhiggins@surfmore.net).

## 60's Sixties

**Dr. Hugh Franklin Miller ('60)**, along with his wife **Rebecca Edwards Miller ('61)** have retired from North American Mission Board. Frank served as Director of Missions in Akron, Ohio, and Philadelphia being employed by Home Mission Board and North American Mission Board. He served a total of 31 years as a home missionary. Address: 10809 Blacksmith Road, Louisville, KY 40291.



**Neil Graves ('61)** is an English professor at the University of Tennessee at Martin. In his academic research on literary archaeology Graves has discovered what he believes is an intentionally hidden "G.F. Handel" signature embedded in Handel's Messiah (1741). Graves announced his discovery in a special consigned article published December 6, in The Norris [Tennessee] Bulletin. Address: 522 McClain Rd., Martin, TN 38237-5406.

**Dr. Pat Reed Ferguson ('69)**, after leaving the position of Vice President of Human

Resources for Promus Hotel Corporation, returned to school full-time and received a Masters of Communication in 1999. In December 2001 she completed a Ph.D. in Communication with emphasis in organization communication. Plans are to provide communication coaching to executives who are experiencing communication issues at work, especially female executives who may be experiencing communication problems related to the glass ceiling. Address: 479 Montaigne Boulevard, Memphis, TN 38103. E-mail: [prfergsn@memphis.edu](mailto:prfergsn@memphis.edu).

## 70's Seventies

**Rev. Peggy W. Birmingham ('70)** was selected as an official Olympic Torch Bearer in the tour of the torch which went through 46 states, beginning in Atlanta. She carried the torch in Louisville, Ky., on Sunday, December 16, 2001. Sponsored by the Coca-Cola Company, Peggy was presented with the torch after the run.

## 80's Eighties

**Lisa Terry Price ('83)** is the school nurse at Franklin High School in Franklin, Tenn. Address: 301 Eiderdown Court, Franklin, TN 37064. E-mail: [lisap@wcs.edu](mailto:lisap@wcs.edu).

**William Kevin Jaggars ('85)** received a Bachelor of Business Administration from Averett University in April 2001. He has four daughters, Dixilee; 12, Katlin; 9, Annalee; 6, and Karoline, 3. His wife, Marilee Mears Jaggars, is a homemaker. Kevin is an electrical and instrumentation technician at Greif Bros.-Riverville Mill (papermill) and has been with the company for 16 years. Address: Route 2, Box 28, Concord, VA 24538. E-mail: [ldyjag@lynchburg.net](mailto:ldyjag@lynchburg.net).

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**Dave Samples ('85)** was recently elected to the Executive Board of the Colorado Baptist General Convention. Dave has served as the senior pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church of Windsor, Colo., for the past two years during which time the church has grown by more than 300 percent. Address: 10 Orchid Court, Windsor, CO 80550. E-mail: [corstone@lwol.com](mailto:corstone@lwol.com).

**Randy Bishop ('86)** has been selected Teacher of the Year by the junior and senior classes of Middleton High School for the second consecutive year. Randy teaches history and economics. He and his wife Sharon have two sons, Jay, 9 and Ben, 5. Address: 435 Willow Road, Middleton, TN 38052. E-mail: [bishops@gointer.net](mailto:bishops@gointer.net).

**Robbie Smith ('88)** is currently serving as a missionary in Songtan, Korea. She has been there three years and is planning to stay longer. Robbie is teaching at an international Christian school with street missions. She is not only able to work with the Koreans, but also different races, who also reside there.

**Dr. Clay Hallmark ('89)** became the pastor at First Baptist Church, Marion, Ark., in May 2001. He and his wife, Leslie (Reeves) have two daughters, Cassie and Kayla. Address: 515 Apperson Drive, Marion, AR. 72364. E-mail: [clayh@lwol.com](mailto:clayh@lwol.com).



**Eric Taylor ('89)** earned the degree Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Ministries from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, Tenn. Dr. Taylor and his wife **Melissa Poppenheimer ('89)** also gave birth to their third son Luke Harrison, November 4, 2000. The Taylors and their three sons Seth, Andrew and Luke live in Hot Springs, Ark., where Dr. Taylor pastors Lakeshore Heights Baptist Church. Address: 152 Enterprise Dr., Hot Springs, AR 71913. Phone: 501-760- 3305. E-mail: [hspastor@aristotle.net](mailto:hspastor@aristotle.net).

## 90's Nineties

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**Chris J. Pope ('92)** was recently promoted to Director of On Premise for the Central Division of Coca-Cola Consolidated Bottling in Charlotte, N.C. Chris's wife Katherine Carter Pope ('89) is a literacy facilitator in the public schools. They have one son, Elliot, who is 9 years old. Address: 15642 Gathering Oaks Drive, Huntersville, NC 28078. E-mail: [pope4ut@aol.com](mailto:pope4ut@aol.com).



**Eric and Beverly Hudson Shoemaker ('92)** met while Beverly was teaching second grade at College Heights Christian Academy in Gallatin, Tenn. Since then they have moved with their three children Nathan; 7, Jared; 5 and Lydia; 4 to Paris, Tenn. Beverly now works as an independent sales director for Mary Kay Cosmetics. Address: 4930 Old Union Road, Paris, TN 38242. E-mail: [erics@compu.net](mailto:erics@compu.net).



**David ('93) and Kim Cotner Lowe ('94)** have two children, Sydney, 51/2 and Jameson, 4 months. David is a history teacher and assistant girls' basketball coach at Munford High School. Kim is a Title I Supervisor at Drummonds Elementary School.

**Scott Lancaster ('94)** was nominated for two Emmy awards in 2001 for his work on a PSA (Public Service Announcement) that aired in Memphis, Tenn. At the time of the nomination, Scott was art director for WHBQ-TV Fox 13 in Memphis. Since the nomination, Scott and his brother **Andy Lancaster ('98)** have started their own video production business. Address: 867 Hawthorne St, Memphis, TN 38107.

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**Greg and Cindy Mathews Emsberger ('96)** and their 3-year-old son, Cade, have accepted the call to International Missions and will be serving in Southeast Asia as church planters. They are expecting their second child. E-mail: [cyndi@clarksville.com](mailto:cyndi@clarksville.com).



**Peggy Harris Rowland ('96)** has joined the staff of Sossaman + Associates, Memphis, Tenn., as a traffic coordinator. Rowland is responsible for monitoring the development of creative materials, ensuring they are produced according to exact specifications and in a timely manner. Address: 9350 Triumph Circle, Apt. 302, Arlington, TN 38002-5867.

**Sarah "Sallie" Elizabeth Gambrell Hambrick ('97) and Brad Hambrick ('99)**. Sarah is a teacher at Franklinton High School. Brad is attending Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary getting his master's degree in Biblical Counseling. He graduates May 2002 and begins work on his Ph.D. in Biblical Counseling from Trinity Theological Seminary. Brad and Sallie would eventually like to settle in the West Tennessee or West Kentucky area. Address: 1106 Thornrose Way, Wake Forest, NC 27587.

**Adam Scott Major ('97)** graduated from Mississippi College School of Law in May 2001. He successfully completed the Tennessee Bar exam and is an associate with Leitner, Williams, Dooley and Napolitan, PLLC in Chattanooga. He and his wife, **Jennifer Flemmons Major ('98)** have one daughter, Zoë, who is 2 years old. Address: 325 Carriage Parc Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37421. E-mail: [jmajor@gametime.com](mailto:jmajor@gametime.com) and [amajor@leitner-firm.com](mailto:amajor@leitner-firm.com).

**Melissa Mann ('97)** has moved to Louisville, Ky., and is the design editor for Business First, a business news journal. She lives with her brother and her dog Sophie at 1467 St. James Court #1, Louisville, KY 40208-2199. E-mail: [mmann@bizjournals.com](mailto:mmann@bizjournals.com) or [mbmmann@hotmail.com](mailto:mbmmann@hotmail.com).

**Craig Dismuke ('98)**, Union University alumnus of the Tennessee Eta chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, has been elected Province Theta Archon (president). Craig presides over 14 universities in the southern region including Union University and is involved in each chapter's operation, its university administration and alumni association. Craig is employed by Morgan Keegan Company as a bond broker. Address: 3746 Kenwood Avenue, Memphis, TN 38122. E-mail: [craig.dismuke@morgankeegan.com](mailto:craig.dismuke@morgankeegan.com).

**Bradley J. Owens ('98)** graduated from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law in Memphis, Tenn., where he was a member of the Law Review. He recently passed the Tennessee Bar examination and has accepted an associate position with Rainey, Kizer, Butler, Reviere and Bell, PLC in Jackson, Tenn. Address: 36 O'Neil Oak Way Apt. G, Jackson, TN 38305. E-mail: [bowens@raineykizer.com](mailto:bowens@raineykizer.com).

**Annie Laurie Crane ('99)** works in Washington, D.C., for Congressman Saxby Chambliss (R-GA) as legislative correspondent. Crane moved to Washington in September 2000 to work as a staff assistant for Senator Fred Thompson (R-TN) and served there for 10 months before joining the Chambliss staff in June 2001. Crane also heads up the Tennessee committee for D.C.'s Taste of the South annual gala fundraiser as executive chairman and works freelance promoting music for Sixsteps Records, a new worship record label out of Alpharetta, Ga. Address: 121 12th Street, SE Apt. 306, Washington, DC 20003. E-mail: [annielaurie.crane@mail.house.gov](mailto:annielaurie.crane@mail.house.gov).

## Marriages



**Jane Geggus ('91)** and Steve Blythe were married October 28, 2001, at The Tate House in Tate, Ga. Jane is an associate for students at the North American Mission Board (NAMB) and Steve works for the Luxottica Retail Group as a retail manager. Address: 21207 Lexington

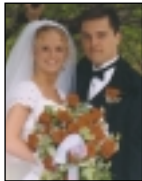




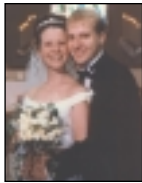
# class notes



Farm Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30004. Email: [jblythe@namb.net](mailto:jblythe@namb.net).



**Jennifer Hudgins Hall ('97)** and Scott Hall were married on May 20, 2000 in Troy, Tenn. The couple is currently practicing law in Memphis, Tenn., where they reside. Jennifer received her Juris Doctorate degree from Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law in Memphis, passed the Tennessee Bar exam and was sworn in before the Tennessee Supreme Court in Jackson, Tenn., on Nov. 15, 2000. E-mail: [jenhall15@hotmail.com](mailto:jenhall15@hotmail.com).



**Jason Logan ('98)** and Elizabeth Longbotham were married December 22, 2001, at Southwoods Baptist Church in Germantown, Tenn. Jason receives his M.D. degree from University of Tennessee College of Medicine on June 7, 2002, and will begin residency in family medicine, July 1. Elizabeth is a second year medical student at the University of Tennessee. In the fall of 2001 Jason served with SBC missionary doctors at Sanyati Baptist Hospital on a week-long medical mission trip to Zimbabwe, Africa, with the International Mission Board. This spring Jason and Elizabeth went on a medical mission trip to El Salvador. Pictures of their wedding and mission trip are on their website [www.jasonlogan.com](http://www.jasonlogan.com). Address: 980 Oakmont Place, #6, Memphis, TN 38107. E-mail: [jlogan7@pol.net](mailto:jlogan7@pol.net).

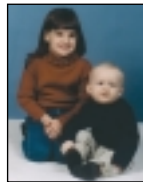
**Greg Parsons ('99)** married Cassandra Smith on February 16, 2002, in Dalton, Ga. He is currently as a credit analyst with Regions Bank. Address: 1405 Rosewood Circle, #16, Dalton, GA 30720. E-mail: [greg453@hotmail.com](mailto:greg453@hotmail.com).

**Wendy Nolen ('01)** will be getting married on June 1, 2002 to Mr. Zach Hill of Dyer, Tenn., at First Baptist Church, Dyer. Rev. Mike Nolen, pastor and father of Wendy, will be presiding over the ceremony. Address: 199 W. College St., Dyer, TN 38330. E-mail: [wmn179@hotmail.com](mailto:wmn179@hotmail.com).

**Sonya Stokes ('02)** and Drason Beasley were married May 25, 2002. Sonya works for the State Department of Children Services and Drason is finishing his education degree at Lane College. E-mail: [sonyagaystokes@yahoo.com](mailto:sonyagaystokes@yahoo.com).

## Births

Drs. Marshall and **Jennifer Howell ('88)** announce the birth of a son Davis McClain, 7 lbs./11 oz., born December 23, 2000. The Howells have two other sons Marshall, 7 and Jackson, 5. Address: 114 Myrene Drive, Henderson, KY 42420. E-mail: [jenniferhowell@insightbb.com](mailto:jenniferhowell@insightbb.com).



**Bill ('91) and Leigh Ann King Espy ('93)**, a son, Clayton Davis, 9 lbs./2 oz., November 11, 2000. The couple has a daughter, Hannah Leigh, 6. Bill is pursuing his Ph.D. degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He is the pastor of First Baptist Church of Prospect, Ky. Leigh Ann, a former middle school teacher, is now a homemaker and Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant. Address: P.O. Box 1103 Prospect, KY, 40059.



**Samonn ('92) and Julie King Chhim ('95)**, a son, Andrew King Chhim, 7 lbs./4 oz., October 1, 2001. The couple also has a daughter and son, Cameron, 3 and Sarah, 2. Sam works at Wilson Sporting Goods in Humboldt and Julie is a homemaker. Address: 63 Meadowood Drive, Jackson, TN 38305. E-mail: [jchhim1@hotmail.com](mailto:jchhim1@hotmail.com).



Todd and **Barbara Shouder Krause ('92)**, a daughter, Kaleigh Todd, 7 lbs./9 oz., August 13, 2001. Barb is a general manager for At The Lake magazine, a publication for the southeastern Wisconsin area. Todd is a high school instrumental music teacher and

owner of Timeless Flooring, a hardwood flooring installation and refinishing company. Address: 1112 Wisconsin Street, Lake Geneva, WI 53147. E-mail: [bak@edusystems.com](mailto:bak@edusystems.com).

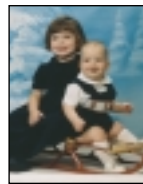
**Andy ('92) and Michelle Sarratt Milam ('92)**, a son, Ethan Thomas, on April 17, 2001. They have another son Micah, 5. Andy is serving as Associate Pastor/Minister of Music at Alpha Baptist Church in Morristown, Tenn., and Michelle is a homemaker. He previously served at First Baptist Church, Paris, Tenn. Address: 6246 Nightingale Street Morristown, TN 37814. E-mail: [andy@alphabaptist.com](mailto:andy@alphabaptist.com) or [dmmilam@charter.net](mailto:dmmilam@charter.net).

Kevin and **Andrea Lake Walkup ('93)**, a daughter, Hannah Nicole, September 7, 2000. Address: 404 Bramblewood Drive, Nashville, TN 37211. E-mail: [thewalkups@juno.com](mailto:thewalkups@juno.com).



Peter and **Niki Jones Bullard ('94)**, a son, Elijah Grantham, [9 lbs./7oz., January 16, 2002. They also have another son, Luke, 2. Peter is a pharmaceutical sales consultant with GlaxoSmithKline and Niki is a homemaker. Address: 4263 Spring Valley Dr. Olive Branch, MS 38654.

Brent and **Kristin Anderson Patrick ('94)**, a daughter, Sarah Frances, 7 lbs./8 oz., December 28, 2001. Brent is an attorney in Nashville, and Kristin is a homemaker. Address: 2003 Ridgcrest Circle, Dickson, TN 37055. E-mail: [bkpatrick@prodigy.net](mailto:bkpatrick@prodigy.net).



Barry and **Valerie Vestal Seals ('94)**, a son, Alexander Todd, 9 lbs./10 oz., March 30, 2001. The couple has a daughter, Anne Marie. Barry is a help desk representative at Haywood Company and Valerie is a second grade teacher at Haywood Elementary School in Brownsville. Address: 99 Rice Road, Brownsville, TN 38012. E-mail: [sceals@k12tn.net](mailto:sceals@k12tn.net).



Greg and **Kathy Russell Allison ('96)**, a son, Brandon Coyle, 8 lbs./11oz., February 17, 2001. Greg is a lineman for Middle TN Electric, and Kathy is a homemaker. Address: 395 Statesville Road, Watertown, TN 37184.

**Greg ('96)** and Cammie **Beam**, a son, David Joshua, 5 lbs./15 oz., January 1, 2002, the first new year's baby in Dyersburg. The couple has two other children, Maria 3 1/2 and Ann 2. Greg was recently named the new Youth and Family Life Director of Dyersburg's Union Mission. He is working with children and youth in mentoring programs, after-school programs and camps. Address: 84 Dillon Drive, Dyersburg, TN 38024. E-mail: [gbeamer92@juno.com](mailto:gbeamer92@juno.com).

## In Memoriam

**Mrs. Ollie Butler ('26)**  
January 15, 2002 Jackson, TN

**Inez Heaslet Claxton ('26)**  
December 25, 2002 Murray, KY

**Hugh Taylor Bennett Jr. ('30)**  
February 6, 2002 Trenton, TN

**Mary Elizabeth Doak ('30)**  
January 13, 2002 Jackson, TN

**Zetha Hollis (Zep) Miller ('30)**  
February 24, 2002 Corinth, MS

**Linnie McKnight Ross ('31)**  
March 9, 2002 Jackson, TN

**Raymond Townsend ('32)**  
December 8, 2001 Parsons, TN

**Virginia Lucille Glover ('34)**  
February 13, 2002 Jackson, TN

**William Robert Medling ('35)**  
April 11, 2002 Lilburn, GA

**Nancy Williamson Williams ('36)**  
February 15, 2002 Memphis, TN

**Martha Douglass ('37)**  
February 17, 2002 Arlington, VA

**Albert F. Cason ('38)**  
December 23, 2001 Nashville, TN

**Thomas Henderson Butler, Jr. ('39)**  
September 12, 2001 Jackson, TN

**Edith Crutchfield Jones ('40)**  
December 28, 2001 Jackson, TN

**Lucille Nowell Medling ('41)**  
March 10, 2002Memphis, TN

**Jane Frances McLean ('42)**  
February 6, 2002Jackson TN

**Abe Rubel II ('43)**  
March 25, 2002 Jackson, TN

**Allie Mae Tinker Stevens ('49)**  
January 2, 2002 Parsons, TN

**Burchel Orlie Wolfe, Jr. ('51)**  
December 30, 2001 Louisville, KY

**John D. Roark ('53)**  
February 9, 2002 Rocky Face, GA

**David F. Walkup ('53)**  
March 16, 2002 Newport News, VA

**James L. Brown ('54)**  
September 7, 2001 Jackson, TN

**James Franklin Hayes, Jr., M.D. ('55)**  
March 2, 2002 Jacksonville, FL

**James A. Wood ('61)**  
July 3, 2001 Rolla, MO

**Alf Taylor Barnette, Sr. ('62)**  
April 5, 2002 Jackson, TN

**Rev. William H. Garner ('65)**  
August 31, 2001 West Memphis, TN

**Jim O. Hogue ('68)**  
February 4, 2002 Jackson, TN

**Donna Judy Barber Anderson ('70)**  
December 10, 2001Humphreys, TN

**Della Nichols ('83)**  
December 31, 2001 Jackson, TN

## Calendar of Events

June 1 - Centrifuge Begins

June 11 - SBC Alumni and Friends Dessert Reception, 8:30 p.m., Cervantes Convention Center, St. Louis, Mo.

June 21 - Freshman Pre-registration

Aug. 1 - Senior Adult Extravaganza Banquet and Concert, 6:30 p.m., Union Jackson campus

Aug. 3 - August Graduation



July 29 - August 1, 2002





Justin Wainscott

"I support Union because it is my alma mater and because Union provides a top quality education in a Christian environment."

**Lynn Patton ('69)**  
*Brentwood, Tenn.*  
*Vice President of Willis Re, Inc.*  
*A supporter of the Union University Annual Fund since her graduation, along with her mother, Mary Haynes Patton ('33). Her late father, Tom Patton, was a Union trustee.*

"I contribute to Union's Annual Fund because I value the quality education I received at Union and the time I spent there with classmates and friends. Our daughter, Jennifer Collins Burns ('95) and I both enjoy our Zeta Tau Alpha associations and memories because of Union and I continue to support Union's Annual Fund as well as the scholarship fund at Union that benefits students from my church."

**Gwen Phillips Collins ('63)**  
*Retired teacher and entrepreneur*  
*Carroll County, Tenn.*

"We have always been fond of Union University. Union does such a good job preparing young people by teaching Christian values. We are proud to be a small part of what Union does. The world today is a difficult place. We're glad Union University is training Christian young people to be our leaders in the future."

**Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Bennett**  
*Friends of Union*  
*Apopka, Fla.*

# The Annual Fund:

## A University's Foundation

Justin Wainscott came to Union University in the fall of 1998 from his small hometown of Eads, Tenn. The Christian ethics major recently completed four years of challenging academic coursework, and graduated in May. Down-to-earth in his manner, and outgoing in every way with his peers, Wainscott has seen himself stretch and grow as a person while learning about himself, his God and his world, and says he now stands ready and well prepared for his next step – Beeson Divinity School at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.

Because of the faithfulness and generosity of Union alumni like Rick McCown, Justin and other students like him are able to receive a quality education with a Christian worldview.

McCown ('84), who works as a sales manager for Nationwide in Knoxville, Tenn., says that when he looks back on his years at Union, he realizes that Union played an enormous role in helping him prepare for his future.


"It's not just the quality of education that Union provides, it's how the professors and staff care about the students and their development, the friendships that are made and the overall Christ-centered atmosphere," says McCown. "Union was a wonderful experience for me and it is my hope that through annual giving I can play a small role in allowing other young people that same opportunity."

The annual fund supports student financial, academic programs, mission trips, computer information systems, library resources, and athletic activities. Without the benefit

of the annual fund, says Louise Lynch, director of annual giving at Union, the university's basic operations would be significantly impacted. The annual fund is an important component of the University's financial picture. "Union offers young people an experience of a lifetime that will have long-lasting effects on the choices they make in life and how their lives will impact others," says Lynch. "Union's cause is helped greatly by many alumni and friends giving regularly, regardless of the size of their gift—all levels of gifts are necessary to advance the University and its mission.

She points out that one of the most important elements of annual giving is that annual gifts help Union students and their families by keeping tuition increases to a minimum. Annual gifts bridge the gap between what the student pays and the actual cost of a Union University education. "Student tuition alone cannot cover the cost of an academically-excellent, Christ-centered education – annual support helps to make up the crucial difference," says Lynch.

Currently, one of the goals of the university's "Building a Future" Campaign is to broaden the base of annual, recurring gifts to the university. Over the course of the \$60 million campaign, the university hopes to increase the rate of participation of alumni annual giving to a level of approximately 25 percent, requiring a near doubling of the current number of annual alumni donors.

For more information on giving to the Annual Fund, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 1-800-338-6644. 



## Team

\tēm\ noun: heart, determination, commitment

Example: 2001-2002 Union University Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs

### Accomplishments:

#### Lady Bulldogs

- 2002 TranSouth Conference Regular Season Champions
- 2002 TranSouth Conference Tournament Champions
- 2002 NAIA National Tournament Final 4

#### Bulldogs

- 2002 TranSouth Regular Season Champions
- 2002 TranSouth Tournament Champions
- 2002 NAIA National Tournament Sweet 16



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