



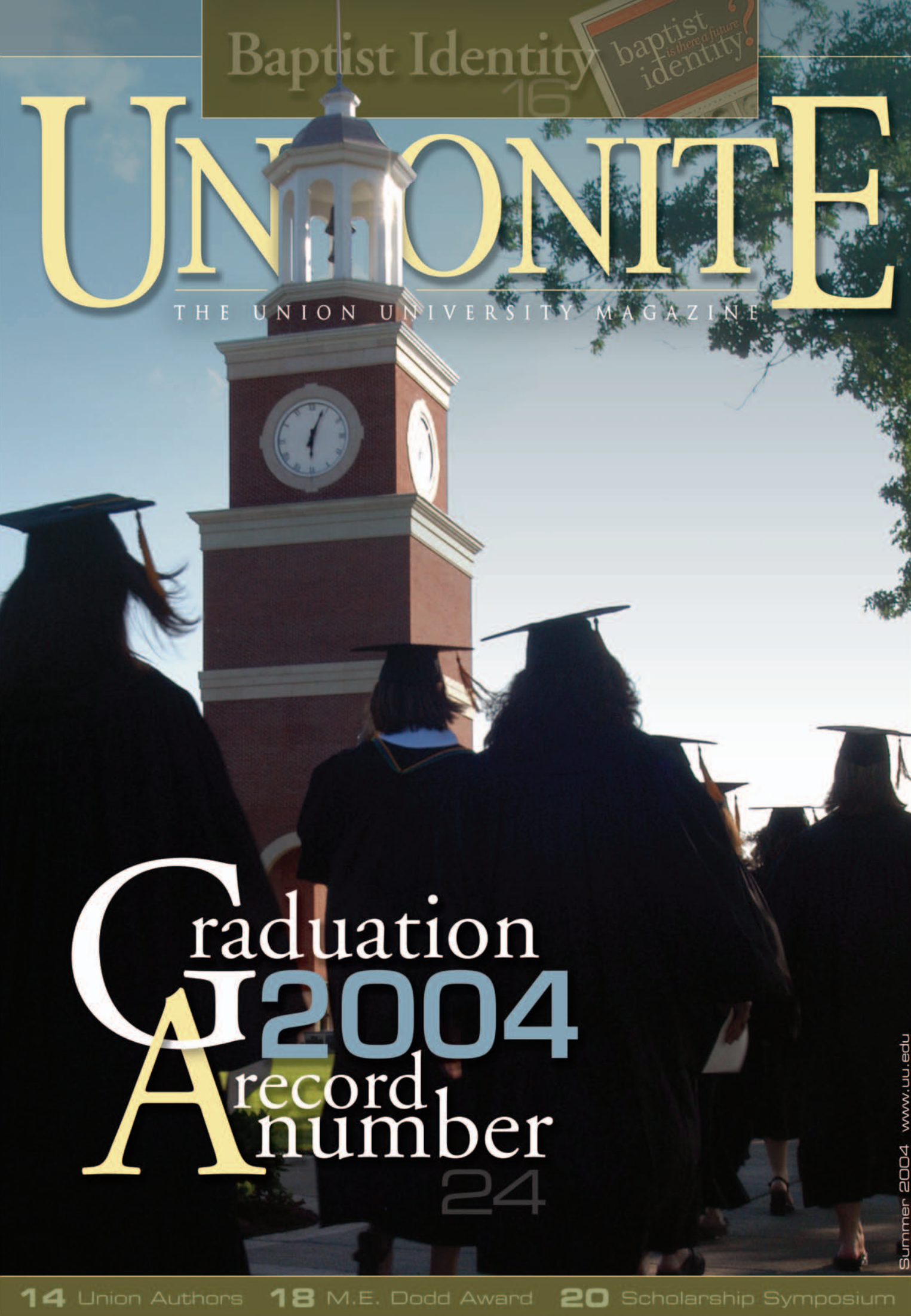
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Engaging the Culture

The 2004 graduating class at Union University includes 820 students who have completed the challenging and rigorous curriculum for either their bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degrees. Compared with the 388 graduates in the first year of this administration, the increase in the number of graduates is a key indicator of the significant quantitative and qualitative growth of the Union student body. What is exciting to ponder is not just the growth in numbers, but the impact that these men and women can have as they leave this campus to influence and engage the culture for good.

Often across the campus we seek to explore the relationship of Christianity to culture or of the Church to society. These are complex questions which are at the heart of the identity and mission of Union University, which calls for us to serve both Church and society. On the one hand, as Christians we are a part of this world, of culture, of society, and as those involved in higher education we are a part of the Academy. On the other hand, as Christ-followers we are called to be a distinct new people of God who view life from an eternal perspective.

At Union University we are involved in and invested in both spheres. We must avoid the tendency to confuse Church and society on the one hand or divorce them on the other. We are not called to rule over the world, but relate to it and seek to influence it for good within the framework of the great Christian intellectual tradition.

Thus we can and should gladly encourage students to pursue any and all morally upright secular vocations, if indeed that is their calling from God—not as a second-rate vocation—but as a work where they can serve God and others. This can happen not by escaping culture nor identifying with it, but by engaging it through Christian thinking and Christ-like service with the goal of influencing it ultimately for God's glory. Certainly that is our hope and prayer for the 820 graduates in the class of 2004 at Union University.

Our vision is to see the Union community focus on ways that we can with excellence produce quality art, outstanding literature, great music, serious scientific research, and respectable scholarship in the liberal arts tradition, while developing servant leaders who as change agents can manifest what it means to be salt and light in our society. Likewise we must prepare undergraduate and graduate students to perform with competence and skill—especially those called to the professions of healthcare, education, business, social work, and engineering. As we do so we will encourage and enable young men and women to grow intellectually, socially, and spiritually so that they can become leaders in society, in homes, in communities, and in the Church.

As we celebrate the accomplishments of these 820 graduates, we give thanks for the nearly 3,000 students who will be enrolled in programs at Union in the 2004 Fall semester. We greatly appreciate all trustees, donors, friends, and alumni who support this special university with their prayers, gifts, and encouragement. I am convinced that Union University, with our brilliant faculty, supportive staff, and wonderful students, is prepared to give leadership to Church and Society through serious scholarship that will enable the Christian public to make good decisions about issues they face in their personal lives and in society, thus becoming a significant resource where others can turn to find directions regarding the challenges facing both the Church and our contemporary society. We invite you to join us on this exciting journey as we seek to engage the culture by serving Church and society for the glory of God.

Soli Deo Gloria

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"All Christians without exception are called to full-time Christian ministry . . . that calling becomes ministry at the point that you become obedient and do it to the glory of God. Is the quality of your work product to the glory of God? Are you a beacon of light, hope and peace in your work place? If so, then you are in full-time Christian ministry." - Edmund C. Moy, special assistant to the President of the United States and associate director of presidential personnel at the White House and guest speaker at Union's 179th commencement service.



Union's Gushee wins *Christianity Today* award for ethics textbook

Kingdom Ethics: Following Jesus in a Contemporary Context, by David P. Gushee and Glen H. Stassen, received the top award in the theology/ethics category in *Christianity Today's* Book Awards 2004.

"Over the last decade David Gushee has become recognized as one of the finest Christian ethicists in this country," Union University President David Dockery said. "The recent recognition by *Christianity Today* is only further testimony to his gifts as an insightful writer and brilliant thinker for the challenging times in which we live."

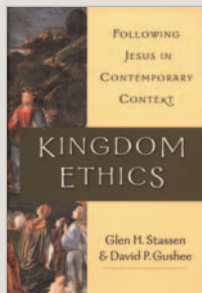
In the preface to the book, the authors state their intent to "let Jesus, and especially the Sermon on the Mount, set the agenda for Christian ethics." Through this decision, they have applied Jesus' teachings to a range of contemporary issues including peacemaking, just war, marriage and divorce, sexuality, gender roles, race, economics and politics.

Judges for the *Christianity Today* award described the book as "a highly readable textbook on Christian ethics intimately tied to the Sermon on the Mount."

Ease in readability was the authors' objective.

"The primary audience is people who are being introduced to the subject of ethics for the first time," Gushee, Graves professor of moral philosophy at Union University, said. "We have freshmen and sophomores who are using it here and in other colleges as well. No one has yet complained 'I can't understand it,' as is often the case with academic works."

Although it is presented as a textbook, *Kingdom Ethics* is not meant solely for students of ethics and theology. "It's more than a textbook," Gushee said. "It's a proposal for how to think about the meaning of the Christian faith. It's being read outside of classrooms by scholars, laypeople and pastors."



Mark Shields, syndicated columnist and commentator, in his Union Forum luncheon message advises reading, learning and involvement with the presidential elections and the issues, saying "that nothing is more fun than a political campaign."



David Brooks meets with a group of Union students prior to Union Forum. Brooks praised the university: "The values are quite distinct here". He noted that the students "...live a lifestyle that's true to their faith."

Union Forum brings political commentators to Union's campus

The sixth annual 2004 Union Forum featured political analysts Mark Shields and David Brooks, in discussion of the upcoming presidential election. Shields spoke at luncheons on Union's campus, Thursday, March 4, and Thursday, April 1, respectively.

"Politics is important. It is nothing more and nothing less than peaceable resolutions of conflict," political analyst Mark Shields told the gathered luncheon audience.

Shields, a syndicated columnist and commentator, has covered the American political scene for more than 30 years. He is the principal political analyst on *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer* on PBS and moderator of CNN's *The Capital Gang*.

"The vote for president is by far the most personal vote a citizen can make," Shields said. He said he admires those who risk public rejection, describing elections as vulnerable experiences politicians go through.

Shields called the middle of an election a "wonderful process," saying he thinks it is wonderful that the leader of the Western world is asked questions by nurses and teachers without TelePrompTers.

"Three enduring issues in American politics are peace, prosperity and subtext of race," Shields said, "and these are key issues in this election."

Other topics to watch include the cost of healthcare and the roles of government and

its sanction. Shields discussed the choice of the Democratic nominee for the 2004 presidential race. He said he believes that John Edwards has a remarkable ability to connect with people, communicates a sense of genuineness and empathy and reminds people of those less fortunate than themselves. However, John Kerry was chosen as the Democratic nominee because he is the candidate with singleness of purpose to defeat President Bush.

Shields advised reading and learning more about the candidates, their issues and encouraged involvement, saying that nothing is more fun than a political campaign.

Brooks, a regular analyst for *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer* and writer for *The New York Times*, focused on how Americans have divided themselves into ideological corners and the affect of this polarization of society on the political landscape for the upcoming elections.

Brooks said, "We talk diversity in America, but we don't live it." Instead, he said, groupings of likeminded individuals separate into communities supporting their chosen values. "There are two different visions of what the country should be."

Brooks provided caricatures of liberal and conservative communities across the country. The audience sounded recognition – and possibly resemblance – of these

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Union University's newspaper, journalism program, receive high honors from SEJC competition

By Tracie Holden


Union University's student newspaper, the *Cardinal & Cream*, and other students received high honors from the Best in the South competition during the Southeast Journalism Conference, hosted by Troy State University in Troy, Ala., Feb 19 – 21, 2004.

The *Cardinal & Cream* took fourth place in the top 10 of the Best College Newspaper category, behind Louisiana State University, Mississippi State University and the University of Alabama.

Union award winners in individual student competition:

- Justin Veneman, sr., digital media studies major, *1st Place Best Press Photographer*.
- Jenny Eastman, jr., public relations major, *3rd Place Best Sports Writer*.
- Erin Gafford, sr., nursing major, *4th place Best Special Events Reporter*.
- Melinda Eckley, sr., journalism major, *6th place Best News Writer*.
- Kerrie Brooks, sr., art major, *7th place Newspaper Layout Designer*.
- Callie Pritchett, sr., public relations major, *6th place Collegiate Journalist of the Year*.

In the on-site competition at SEJC, the Union University team of Jenny Eastman, Katie Gould and Alaina Kraus won first place in the Public Relations category, with Union placing ninth out of ten overall in on-site competition.

The Southeast Journalism Conference includes 57 colleges and universities from seven southern states, including Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. 


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stereotypes by their laughter.

According to Brooks, this polarization has “transformed life in Washington.” He described a “Hatfield and McCoy atmosphere” of political feuding in which Republicans and Democrats refuse to communicate. Brooks traces this feud to a difference of values that have created a moral dilemma over how the United States should utilize its dominance on the international scene.


Each spring, the Union Forum hosts

distinguished speakers in an effort to provide opportunities for lively conversation with the nation's leaders and thinkers. The 2004 Union Forum was sponsored by West Tennessee Healthcare, First Tennessee Foundation, TLM Associates and The Jackson Sun.

“We are grateful for the support of the Jackson community for the Union Forum and count it a privilege to serve our neighbors and friends in this informative way,” said Dockery. 

Forty-seven have served the university for 20 years or more.



First Row (L to R): Donna Latham, *Nursing*; Teresa West, *Psychology*; Phyllis Davenport, *Student Services*; Walton Padelford, *Business Administration*; John David Barham, *Computing Services*; Katrina Bradfield, *Advancement Services*; Beverly Fisher, *Business and Financial Services*; Bobbie Bishop, *Financial Aid*; Jimmy Davis, *Office of the Provost and Chemistry*; Linn Stranak, *Physical Education, Wellness, and Sport*; Shari Douglas, *Business Office*; Jane Betts, *Academic Center*; Brad Sargent, *Facilities Management*. **Second Row** (L to R): Sandra Brown, *Nursing*; Marjorie Richard, *College Services*; Don Richard, *Mathematics and Computer Science*; Melanie Matthews, *Nursing*; Dwayne Jennings, *Mathematics and Computer Science*; Connie Magers, *Computing Services*; David McClune, *Music*; Carroll Griffin, *Admissions*. **Third Row** (L to R): Charles Baldwin, *Chemistry*; Joseph Blass, *Music*; Carla Sanderson, *Provost and Nursing*; Michael McMahan, *Biology*; Robert Cox, *Facilities Management*; Don Morris, *Athletics*; Patricia Morris, *Library Services*; Elsie Smith, *Biology*; Cynthia Jayne, *Language and International and Intercultural Studies*; Howard Newell, *Business Administration*. **Fourth Row** (L to R): David Blackstock, *Athletics and Physical Education, Wellness, and Sport*; Max Blackman, *Safety and Security*; Richard Dehn, *Mathematics and Computer Science*; Kyle Hathcox, *Physics*; Polly Spencer, *College Services and Mail Services*; Karen McWherter, *Computing Services*; Carol Leslie, *Chemistry*; Stephen Carls, *History and Political Science*; David Vickery, *Psychology*; Paul Veazey, *Institutional Advancement*; Joyce Henderson, *Nursing*; Sandra Williams, *Physical Education, Wellness, and Sport*; Robert Simpson, *Business Office*. **Not available for photo:** Nancy Dayton, *Nursing*; William Hedspeth, *Education* and Ann Singleton, *Education*. 

Who's new at Union University

Union University will welcome new additions to its faculty and administration when classes begin in August 2004.

“Several gifted new faculty members will join what I believe is the finest teaching faculty at any institution in the country,” said President Dockery, “We have been blessed with some wonderful staff additions as well.”

Keith Absher, who has distinguished himself in the world of business and higher education, will serve as dean of the McAfee School of Business Administration at Union, having served as faculty member and department chair for over two decades in the School of Business at the University of North Alabama.

Daryl Charles (Ph.D. Catholic University of America) will join the Union faculty as associate professor of Christian studies with a focus in ethics and philosophy. A prolific and well known author, Dr. Charles comes to Union from Baylor University.

Joining the Christian studies department is **Gary Smith**, a prolific author and experienced faculty member. Dr. Smith has taught at Bethel Theological Seminary and at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and holds his Ph.D. from the prestigious Dropsie College of Cognate Learning.

Dr. **Rosetta Washington** is a gifted teacher in education. She comes to Union with a Ed.D. from the University of Mississippi.

Roland Porter holds the J.D. from the University of California-Berkley. Porter brings rich experience from the church, classroom and business world. He and Dr. Washington join an increasing number of minority scholars on the Union campus.

Following a lengthy career in public service including four terms in the United States House of Representatives, **Ed Bryant** joins Union faculty as an instructor in the department of political science. Congressman Bryant holds the J.D. from the University of Mississippi.

Dr. **Stanley Warren** will join the Union faculty as associate professor of music. Dr. Warren holds the D.M.A. from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and brings rich experience in church leadership and performance as well.

Other new faculty members include:

- **Randal Schwindt** (Ph.D., University of Illinois) assistant professor of engineering
- **Kevin Cooney** (Ph.D., Arizona State University) assistant professor of political science
- **Keith Bates** (a Union alumnus and Ph.D. candidate at Kansas State University) instructor of history
- **Haifei Li** (Ph.D., University of Florida) assistant professor of computer science
- **Carrie Harvey** (Ph.D., UT Health Science Center—Memphis) associate professor of nursing
- **Judy Leforge** (Ph.D., University of Memphis) moves to full-time positions in history
- **Cindy DeSio** (MSN, Vanderbilt) instructor of nursing
- **Jim Veneman** moves from office of university communications to assistant professor of photojournalism.
- **Voddie Baucham**, adjunct professor of Christian studies
- **Angela Brown** (B.F.A., Belmont University) assistant professor of art
- **Linda Finch** (Ph.D., The University of Memphis) professor of nursing
- **Joshua Veltman** (Ph.D., expected fall 2004, Ohio State University) instructor of music

New staff members include:


- Beverly Absher, director, human resources
- Andy Pettigrew, campus ministries
- Jared Schuler, residence life
- Kelly Elliot, residence life
- Matt Brunet, director, wellness center
- Morris Abernathy, staff photographer
- Aubry Harris, gifts processing coordinator
- Wendy Veazey, moves to director for alumni relations and annual support
- Rob Dixon, enrollment counselor
- Joe Garner, enrollment counselor
- Crystal Skelton, enrollment counselor
- Crystal Taylor, enrollment counselor
- Lisa Whiffen, enrollment counselor
- Rich Grimm, associate vice president for university relations
- Cristian Murdock, special assistant to the president

Shadburn, executive director of Union University—Germantown

Dr. Randy Shadburn has been appointed executive director of the Union University Germantown campus. “Randy Shadburn is an outstanding educator who is totally committed to the mission and vision of Union University – Germantown,” Union President David S. Dockery said. “He demonstrated great leadership during the renovation of the Germantown Campus and won the respect of administrators, faculty, staff, and students alike. The growth of the Germantown Campus is exciting for us and having a leader like Dr. Shadburn at this time for that campus is significant in every way.”

As the campus has grown, the need to consolidate administrative leadership has become evident.

Shadburn said, “The role of executive director was designed to help facilitate the operation of the Germantown campus. There needed to be one person handling all the matters of the campus and achieve better coordination and delivery of services to our students.”

Shadburn formerly served as associate professor of education and director of the educational specialist and doctor of education degree programs at the Germantown campus. He joined the Union faculty in August 2002. He will continue to have teaching duties, with a reduced course load, as an associate professor of educational leadership. 

Following the president in 2004

Union University President David S. Dockery continues to be sought after as a knowledgeable and articulate speaker in the higher education and theological realms. Through his lecture and speaking circuit Dr. Dockery is able to bring insight and strengthening to leaders in the Christian community. Listed are the venues of his engagements for the first six months of 2004:

January

- Hunter Street Baptist Church; Birmingham, Ala.
- Gardendale Baptist Church; Gardendale, Ala.
- Board meeting, Council for Christian Colleges and Universities; Arlington, Va.

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Following the president in 2004

February

- Forest Hills Baptist Church; Nashville, Tenn.
- Plenary Speaker, Polity Conference, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; New Orleans, La.
- Keynote Speaker, PreachingPoints Conference, Union University; Jackson, Tenn.
- Chapel Speaker, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; Wake Forest, N.C.
- Board meeting, Christianity Today International; Phoenix, Ariz.
- First Baptist Church; Jackson, Tenn.

March

- Keynote Speaker, Spring Lectures, Free Will Baptist College; Nashville, Tenn. (four addresses)
- Speaker, Conference on the Soul of the Christian University; Baylor University, Waco, Texas
- Englewood Baptist Church; Jackson, Tenn.
- Cumberland Missionary Baptist Church; Jackson, Tenn.

April

- Zion Baptist Church; Brownsville, Tenn.
- Plenary Speaker, Baptist Identity Conference, Union University; Jackson, Tenn.
- Chapel Speaker, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Louisville, Ky.
- Keynote Speaker, Conference on The Southern Baptist Convention, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Louisville, Ky.
- Keynote Speaker, Trustee and Faculty Lectures, University of Mobile (two addresses); Mobile, Ala.

May

- Homecoming, West Shiloh Baptist Church; Stantonville, Tenn.
- Graduation Speaker, Evangelical Christian School; Memphis, Tenn.
- Baccalaureate Speaker, Lexington High School; Lexington, Tenn.
- Keynote Speaker, Symposium on Undergraduate Research, Union University; Jackson, Tenn.
- Chapel Speaker, Union University; Jackson, Tenn.
- Heritage Lecture, Heritage Society; Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

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'MUDNESS': Juniors start tradition

By Bets Deere

Young Alums did it yet again. They planned a second traditional event, this time for juniors.

After hosting the "Turkey Bowl" in the fall for sophomores, Young Alums sponsored "Midnight Mudness," including a mud pit created on the west side of the intramural field.

The event had eight organized teams that worked together in relay races, the wheelbarrow and the three-legged race. One of the relay races featured a student running to one end of the field, putting on a shirt and shorts and then having to run back to the other side. The teams had to switch clothes with fellow teammates who in turn had to put each item on and run back. Ultimately, the winning teams had to compete against each other for the tug-of-war at the end.

Joshua Howerton, a junior biblical studies major, and senior Bethany Davis, learning foundation major and co-leader of Young Alums, organized the event. Students walked off the field at the end of the night dripping with mud, smiling and laughing.

"This night was simply 'mudness,'" said Paul Travis, a junior psychology major.


Kari Barnhart, a junior political science major, said, "I think it's great to get the classes together, because as you get older you forget. 'Midnight Mudness' was the most fun event ever; it was great because you didn't have to care about anything because everyone else was out there having a good time, too."

Although Young Alums just started last spring, they are already taking major strides forward.

Howerton said Young Alums was started a year ago by Gary Williams, the associate vice president for institutional advancement and alumni services, with the "Trip to Nowhere." Williams wanted students to have a good Union memory by providing various fun activities for them to participate in.

"Gary realizes, with tremendous foresight, that if students are being contacted and reached by the Office of Institutional Advancement while they're here, they will continue to communicate with that office when they graduate," Howerton said.

Williams said, "All of the events that we do, being sponsored by Young Alums, seek to draw attention to what it means to be an alum. As people have a strong memory of things, they are more supportive. We want to instill a sense of leadership, loyalty and tradition that leads to involvement and support as alums of Union."

For the future of Union, Howerton said Young Alums is planning to have an event for each class. He explained why the organization started with sophomores and not freshmen. "You are officially alumni when you finish one year of school," said Howerton, noting it is a common misconception that only when a student graduates does he become an alumnus. 

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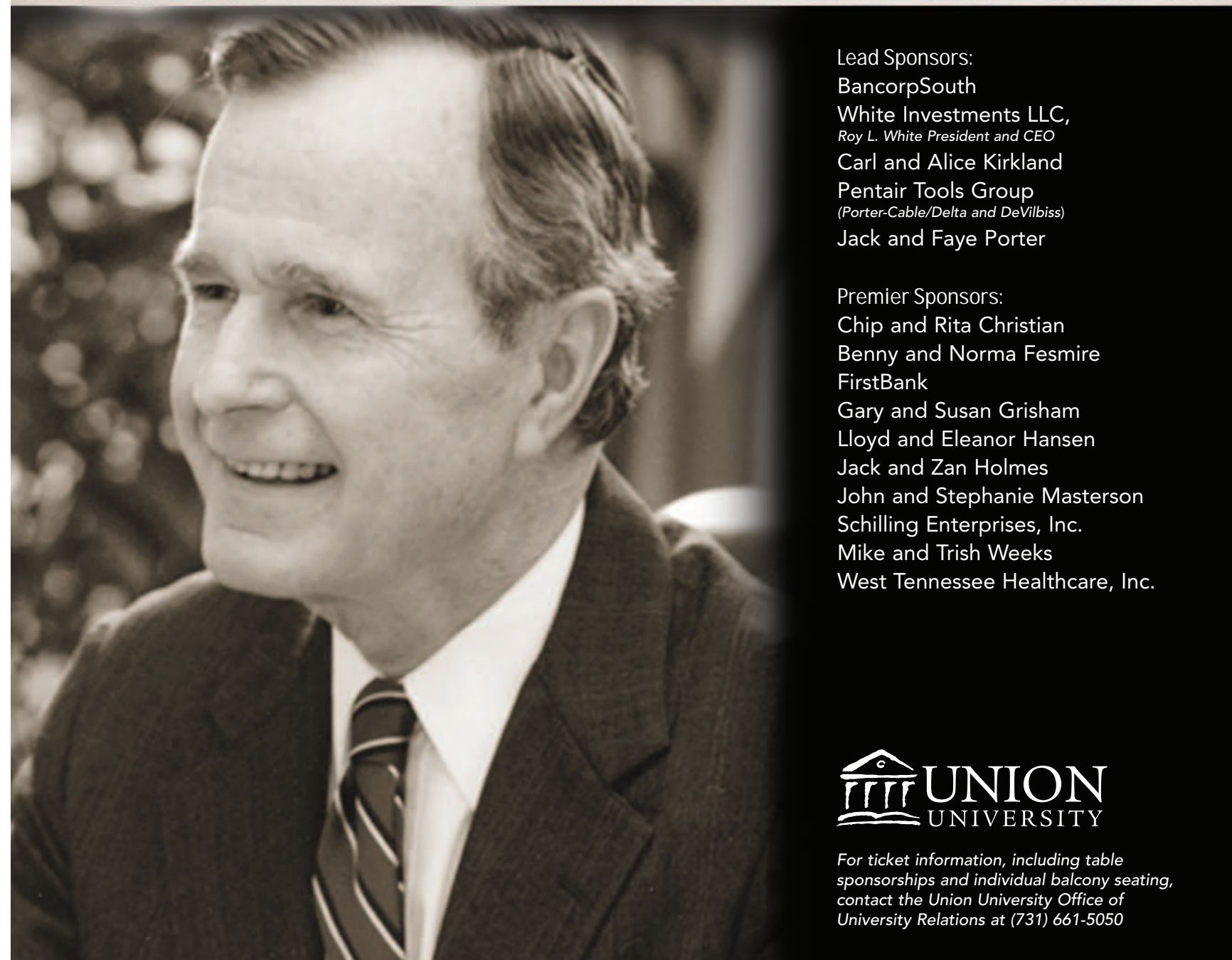
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Following the president in 2004**June**

- Hester Lectures, Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, Franklin, Tenn. 

Business Through the Eyes of Faith conference

"The world is taken up by what the eye sees and the ear hears, but God looks on the heart," said Dr. Richard C. Chewning, featured speaker at the Second Annual Business Through the Eyes of Faith Conference hosted by Union University's McAfee School of Business Administration.

Union President David S. Dockery said, "Dr. Richard Chewning's words were powerful for all present, calling for us to examine our work in light of God's overarching design and purpose for life. Regardless of one's vocation or occupation, Dr. Chewning's words were instructive and helpful but particularly so as he applied them to the business world."



Chewning's speech, titled "The Heart is at the Heart of Business Ethics," defined the components of the heart that determine how a person handles ethical decisions.

"At the core of every human's heart is a set of beliefs," Chewning said. "They are the rail system upon which your life runs. They guide you whether you are in touch with them or not."

For those whose identity rests in Christ, decisions are made based on biblical truth, but for the post-modernist, feelings rule over knowledge and beliefs.

"When what you know conflicts with what you desire," Chewning said, "you will rationalize." According to Chewning, there is no correlation between what you know and what you do; in the post-modern world, desire rules.

Chewning recalled an instance of a student caught cheating in his Christian ethics class. The student rationalized his cheating by his desire for success, measured by grades rather than competency in the course. "We must be governed by truth," Chewning said, "not by feelings."

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Retiring faculty and staff members leave lasting mark

The close of the spring semester also brought to a close the careers of several faculty and staff members at Union University. Retiring from the university are Dr. Joseph Blass, university professor of music; Dr. Benny Tucker, professor of education; and Paul Veazey, assistant to the president for planned giving.

Blass began his career teaching sacred music classes and private voice lessons in 1959 on the original Union University campus. This was the beginning of the church music program at the university.

"It is normal for our lives to be lived in several locations and our careers to span several different job titles and responsibilities," said Dr. Richard Joiner, chair of the department of music. "Joseph Blass, however, has spent his career here, in this place."

"I was asked if any other faculty member has been at Union as long, and, speaking historically, I do not know. But we do know that no one on the present faculty comes close to being a part of this university for so many years."

Blass was recently honored by five decades of students, alumni and colleagues at a dinner filled with humor, music and expressions of gratitude.

"As I think about Dr. Blass, the thing that struck me is the number of students who are now in full-time ministry," said Ken Hartley Jr. "They're serving in churches all over America." Hartley is a 1990 Union graduate and currently serves as pastor of worship at Central Baptist Church in Hixson, Tenn.

At the dinner, Union President David S. Dockery announced that an endowed scholarship, the Joseph Blass Vocal Music Scholarship, has been created through gifts of alumni, friends and colleagues.

"It will enable students for generations to come to come and study in this place and to receive an outstanding education," Dockery said.

"Joseph Blass has been a model of excellence in the department of music at Union University for 45 years. His lengthy tenure has offered him the opportunity to put his stamp on the department and his influence on the lives of hundreds of students and colleagues. Dr. Blass is a magnificent musician, a superb teacher, and a gracious Christian gentleman. We wish the best for him in days to come as we celebrate his years of service to this institution," Dockery said.

"Union has been a wonderful place for me to work. The students have been great. I've enjoyed being a part of their lives at such a formative time in their lives. I've worked with some wonderful colleagues, and I will miss all of that." Blass said.

Tucker joined the education faculty at Union in 1989 as chair of the department. During his time as department chair he developed the master's degree program in education, rewrote the teacher licensure program and formed the School of Education and Human Studies, of which he became dean.

"Benny Tucker is a creative educator who has led the School of Education faculty to

expand and diversify their curriculum, particularly in the area of graduate programs," Dockery said. "He has been a faithful colleague to many. His reputation as a teacher and his work as a published scholar will leave a great legacy for years to come at Union University."

In 1997, Tucker resigned as dean in order to devote more time to writing. Tucker is the author of two popular math education texts, most recently *Teaching Mathematics to All Children*. Although he is retiring, Tucker will continue to teach graduate education courses as an adjunct professor.

"I'm one of those people who if I had a hobby it would be the same as my career," Tucker said. "At heart I'm a teacher. Being in a position doing what you would want to be doing even if you weren't earning a living is a true blessing."

Blass and Tucker have been named emeriti professors of music and education, respectively.


Veazey began his work raising denominational support and planned giving in 1983 and considers it a calling.

"If someone requested 'Tell me your dreams,' how would you respond?" Veazey asked. "For 21 years it has been my privilege to ask numerous individuals and churches this question regarding their

financial gifts to Union University. I like to think that in some small way I've helped them achieve their dreams.

"During this time, I've enjoyed meeting some of the most wonderful and dedicated people. I will always cherish their friendship and appreciate their loyal devotion to Union's educational ministry. The support and friendship which I've shared with my co workers have made my days at Union University truly a blessing. I will never be able to thank the Lord enough for this opportunity."

Dockery said, "Paul Veazey has given over two decades of his life to building the best church relationships that I know of at any Baptist college or university in this country. His work in the area of development has helped to advance the cause of Christ-centered education, and his work in planned giving has provided the foundation for fruitful opportunities for this institution for decades to come."

Also recognized for service are Max Blackman, security officer who is retiring after 24 years; Bob Alsobrook, senior vice president for institutional advancement, who resigned to return to work with a private consulting firm; and long-time volunteer, Ramona Mercer. 


**Road Trip to Nowhere**

Eighteen volunteers signed up to participate in the Young Alums-sponsored "Road Trip to Nowhere." After a record breaking 29-hour endurance, Justin Cook, a freshman philosophy major, emerged the winner. Cook had outlasted and out-strategized the other road trippers to win the \$100 prize and \$300 for the charity of his choice—The American Cancer Society.

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But Chewning also advised humility to those who consider themselves ethical and righteous. "If I compare myself with Christ," Chewning said, "I cannot consider myself a man of integrity. I have not done something good. I have only done what I ought."

"Christian ethics is not a do-it-yourself process. Stay close to the word of God and seek the face of Christ. I still have to do that in my own life or there is no growth," Chewning said.


Among other titles, Chewning is the author of the book *Business Through the Eyes of Faith*, which is used as the text for graduate and undergraduate courses in business ethics at Union. The book also inspired the name of the conference. 

Singers annual spring 2004 tour

The Union University Singers and Proclamation ensemble performed March 12 at 7 p.m., prior to the Dallas Symphony Orchestra concert at Mortin H. Meyerson Hall in Dallas. The evening performance was part of the choir's spring tour to churches and schools in Missouri, Arkansas, Texas and Tennessee.

The program included selections by Rachmaninov, Bruckner, Clausen and Stanford, plus hymn arrangements and spirituals.

The University Singers have maintained a reputation for their outstanding performances of choral masterworks, a cappella settings of gospel hymns, Renaissance motets and contemporary anthem literature. They have represented Union University for many years, in performances for major musical organizations, churches and conventions. In recent years, the Singers' concert tours have included Brazil, Germany and England.

The Singers are conducted by Dr. James Richard Joiner, chair of the music department and director of choral activities. 

Brian Taylor, junior math major and physics minor at Union University, always wanted to be a teacher. Even in high school, he loved working with children and had a passion for helping them learn. So when he came to Union University in 2001, he enrolled as a math major, with plans to teach high school math after graduation.

Those plans changed last summer when Taylor participated in the Pediatric Oncology Education Program at St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis. Along with five other students from Union and 70 students from across the nation, Taylor worked in the cancer center helping with radiation therapy and diagnostic imaging. The program there combined his love for children with his background in mathematics and physics, and Taylor knew that he had found something he could devote his life to. He decided to pursue graduate work to get a degree in medical physics and radiation therapy.

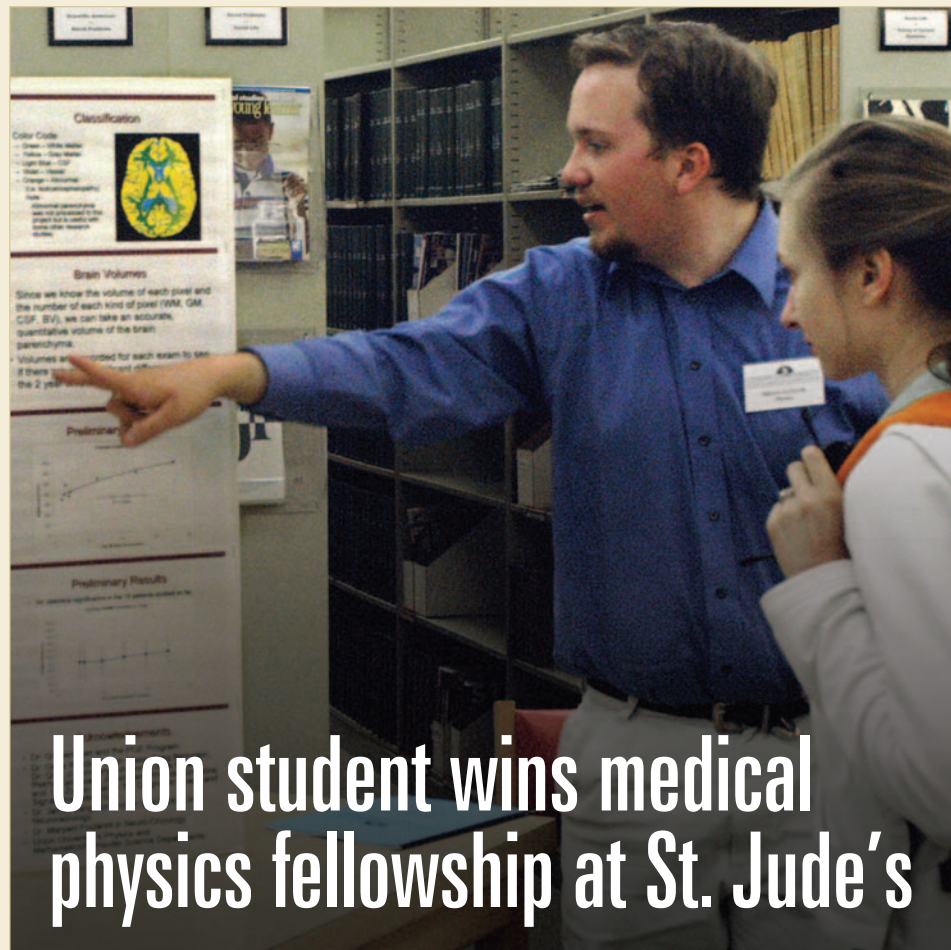
"I knew this was something I wanted to do," Taylor explained as he described his work with cancer patients. "I can use my skill in math and quantum mechanics to help children. After those weeks last summer, I decided to continue my education in medical physics."

Taylor is back at St. Jude's this summer—this time as the winner of an undergraduate fellowship in medical physics. Awarded by the American Association of Physicists in Medicine, the \$4,000 fellowship allows its recipients to work for 10 weeks at a distinguished medical facility doing research in medical physics laboratories. The selection process is highly competitive; only eight to 10 fellowships are awarded nationwide, and Taylor's outstanding work at Union University provided the basis for the award.

"This is a highly competitive fellowship, and it is as honor for Brian, but he deserves it," said Dr. David Ward, professor of physics at Union. "He has always been a top-notch student and has both the academic strength and the heart for kids to do this."

Taylor, however, praises the faculty in the mathematics and physics departments at Union and is reluctant to talk about his role in winning the fellowship.

"Everyone in both departments has



Union student wins medical physics fellowship at St. Jude's

always been there for me," he said.

"This award is more about them than it is about me, because they always take the time to sit down and help me with anything I need help in. Dr. Hathcox was the one who encouraged me to apply and helped me do it."

After finishing the fellowship and getting his degree in medical physics, Taylor plans to work in diagnostic imaging and medical research. Working primarily as a liaison between the doctor and the radiation therapist, Taylor will help develop treatment for cancer patients.

Interestingly enough, Taylor is no stranger to the medical profession, but so far in his life he has been at the receiving end of medical treatment. When he was born, he was deprived of oxygen due to a doctor's error, resulting in cerebral palsy. He was later diagnosed as having spastic quadriplegia meaning that all the motor functions in his body are affected, including his mouth and tongue. Taylor was required to have therapy until he was 15 years old and then again his senior year in high school.

However, Taylor does not let his handicap influence him and declares it is not a factor in his life. Now he even


considers it an advantage, because he is more familiar with the medical terms and will be able to empathize better with his patients.

"I never even think about my disability," he said. "I have been blessed because it could have been much worse. God has been good to me."

He admits going to college was difficult at first, because no one knew him, and many students were unfamiliar with cerebral palsy.

"They had to learn I was like everyone," he explained. "But Union has a very friendly atmosphere, and I have made so many friends here."

Meghan Lang, a junior education major who has become a good friend to Taylor, said, "Brian is a wonderful inspiration to me. He doesn't let anything affect his passion for learning, and he is always so happy and cheerful."

"Brian is an excellent student," said Dr. Kyle Hathcox, professor and chair of the physics department at Union. "He has not let his handicap stop him, and he is conscientious, dedicated and does well in whatever he pursues. We would like to have more students like him, and this fellowship is a real honor." 



CCCU Presidential Symposium on Intercultural Competencies

The Council of Christian Colleges and Universities Presidential Symposium on Intercultural Competencies met on Union's campuses—Jackson and Germantown—April 22-25, 2004, to provide opportunity for educational leaders to evaluate campus environments and develop strategic plans for improvement of intercultural competency of faculty, staff and students. Pictured L to R: Dr. Herma Williams, associate provost, Gordon College; Dr. Bob Andringa, president, CCCU; Dr. Cynthia Jayne, associate provost, Union University.

Lady Bulldog pitcher records over 100 career wins


Leah Gronberg ('04) has been named to the 2004 NAIA Softball All-American team. Gronberg earned her honorable mentioned selection after posting an overall record of 26-6 in her senior season. For Gronberg, this is her fourth time in four years to be named to the NAIA All-American team, including first team selections as a sophomore and junior.

On the season, Gronberg was 26-6 with an ERA of 1.43 as she helped lead Union to their sixth straight TranSouth Conference regular season championship and their fifth trip to the NAIA Softball World Series in six years. She tallied 201 strikeouts and only 32 walks in 215 innings pitched. Gronberg started 32 games, tossed 30 complete games, 10 shutouts, and recorded one save. She adds this honor to her All-Conference and All-Region honors this season.

Gronberg became one of only four pitchers in the history of the NAIA to record 100 career wins. (Former teammate Rachel Murray (1999-2002) is the national record holder with 126 career wins.) In her four years, Gronberg was 102-19 (.843). She also holds the Union record for best winning percentage in a season with at least 20 decisions with her 23-2 record (.920) in



2002. Other Union records that belong to Gronberg are fewest walks per inning pitched (0.135 in 2002), fewest walks allowed in season (23 in 2002), and saves in a career (3).

In addition to her success on the field, Gronberg has also excelled in the classroom. She graduated summa cum laude this May. Gronberg earned the Fred DeLay Award for the outstanding Union athlete that has excelled in the classroom and on the field. She also earned the major's award for her work in psychology. 

Winter and Spring Sports Updates 2003-2004

Women's Basketball

- Overall Record: 32-5; Conference Record 14-2
- TranSouth Regular Season Co-Champions
- NAIA National Tournament Elite Eight
- Final NAIA Ranking: No. 2

Men's Basketball

- Overall Record: 24-10; Conference Record 10-4
- TranSouth Regular Season Runner-Up
- NAIA National Tournament Appearance (sixth in last seven seasons)
- Final NAIA Ranking: No. 13

Softball

- Overall Record: 45-16; Conference Record 14-6
- TranSouth Conference Regular Season Champions (sixth consecutive)
- NAIA Region XI Tournament Appearance
- NAIA Softball World Series Appearance (fifth in past six seasons)
- Final NAIA Ranking: No. 9

Baseball

- Overall Record: 31-22; Conference Record 8-13

Golf

- NAIA Region XI Tournament Appearance

FOUR UNION AUTHORS PUBLISHED

GUSHEE MAKES *GETTING MARRIAGE RIGHT* A PRIORITY

For Dr. David Gushee, counseling sessions with students who have experienced the trauma of divorce led him to consider the state of the institution of marriage in America. He concluded that the problem was worse than expected.

Gushee's book *Getting Marriage Right*, released April 1, 2004, provides cultural and historical analysis as well as a proposal for a Christian theological and ethical vision of marriage, he said. Gushee is the Graves professor of moral philosophy at Union University.

"The book is a searching explanation of what has happened to the institution of marriage; how has it changed," said Gushee. "The basic idea is that it has weakened over the past several hundred years but especially over the last 40 years, since 1965."

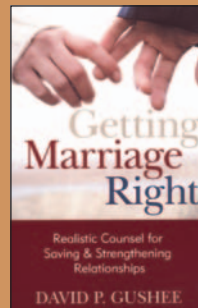
In the course of the last seven years, Gushee and his students have interviewed more than

80 children of divorce.

Portions of those interviews are included in the book and serve to show the consequences of the weakening of marriage on the children. According to Gushee, his initial editor at Baker Books commented that, "Everyone in America should read this chapter." It was pretty powerful just letting the students tell their stories," he said.

At a recent book signing at Davis-Kidd in Jackson, Gushee heard from several customers who were purchasing the book as a gift for engaged couples. The idea strikes Gushee as "much better than another cheese server to make them think about what they're committing to."

Additionally, Gushee recommends the book



for church leaders and pastors. "It provides substantive guidance to their ministries of preaching, teaching and counseling," he said.

He also said the book can provide hope for children of divorce and renewal for couples in long-term marriages. "They need a sense of renewed vision and enthusiasm to stick to the covenant promises they have made.

"I'm really passionate about this book and the need that it addresses," Gushee said. "I'm eager to speak about this book in any venue - churches, street corners - because so much is at stake, so many lives. I'm personally trying to put the book in as many hands as possible. I've cleared some of my Sunday morning and Sunday evening obligations so I can get on the road with this book." [@](#)

Excerpts from Getting Marriage Right will appear in the September issues of Christianity Today and Books and Culture.

DOCKERY, GUTHRIE PUBLICATION AIDS LAITY IN BIBLE INTERPRETATION

The *Holman Guide to Interpreting the Bible* aims to introduce Christian laypeople to the basics of Bible study and interpretation. In the 100 page guide, co-authors David S. Dockery and George H. Guthrie explain the importance, history and practical steps for interpretation.

David S. Dockery, president of Union University, hopes to impart the reader with "a sense that the Bible will no longer be a mysterious book to them but one they can begin to understand."

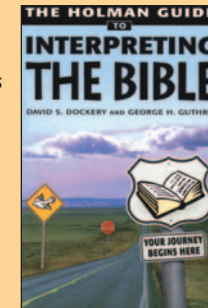
Each person who reads the Bible makes choices of interpretation. "It's a question of whether they're doing it well," said Guthrie, Benjamin W. Perry Professor of Bible and chair of the department of Christian studies at Union.

Guthrie sees a need for churches to teach members to effectively interpret scripture. "In the church we hold up the Bible as our authority," he said, "yet we don't teach people how to study it.

We don't even teach them how to read it well."

The guide complements the mission of the R.C. Ryan Center for Biblical Studies at Union. "It begins to get the vision of the center outside the walls of the center itself," Guthrie said. "The ultimate mission of the center is to effect churches all over the US and even across the world by promoting sound bible study methods and principles of interpretation."

Because it is intended as an introduction to the basics of interpretation, rather than as a full textbook, the guide is purposefully brief but broad in scope. In providing a context for beginning study, the authors outline the history of biblical interpretation. Dockery explained the needed perspective history provides for



readers new to interpretation. "Most people fail to grasp that it is very challenging to jump back 2000 years into another time, another language, another culture without recognizing that we are standing on the shoulders of dozens of people who have labored hard to help us understand the Bible throughout church history," he said.

Both authors hope the guide will be a starting point for laypeople to begin deeper study of interpretation methods. Dockery recommended the book as a resource for Sunday school teachers and other leaders who have not taken extensive courses in Bible study methods.

Dockery signed copies of the book at the LifeWay booth at the Southern Baptist Convention in Indianapolis on June 14. Complimentary, signed copies of the guide were given to those who attended the alumni and friends dessert reception the second night of the convention. [@](#)

POE GIVES MODEL TO MELD FAITH AND SCHOLARSHIP WITH *CHRISTIANITY IN THE ACADEMY*

Where should your faith intersect with your work? This is the question Dr. Hal Poe proposes to answer for academicians in his book *Christianity in the Academy: Teaching at the Intersection of Faith and Learning*.

Poe is the Charles Colson professor of faith & culture and special assistant to the president at Union University.

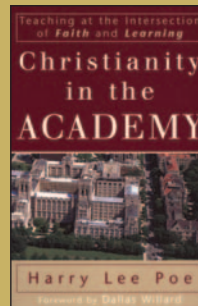
The integration of faith and scholarship has long been discussed from a variety of sources. Poe named Charles Colson as one prominent figure advocating that Christians become engaged in scholarship, and the C.S. Lewis Foundation has been working since the mid-80s with Christian faculty, especially in secular settings. Christians "tend to be incognito" in the workplace, Poe said.

"In different books, articles and conferences, Christians are told that they ought to engage their scholarship as a Christian, but no one has really come up with a model for how you do that.

"Professors tend to be trained in a secular setting at major research universities so that

secularism has become an assumption of their work because they've never seen how to do it any other way. Essentially, my book presents an approach for recovering a faith perspective for teaching and scholarship," Poe said.

Union President David S. Dockery said "We congratulate Hal Poe on another important publication from his prolific pen. The world of higher education in the 21st century is filled with dizzy confusion. In the midst of this confusion is a most helpful voice for Christians who want to serve in the context of higher education. Hal Poe's wonderful book on the place of Christianity in the academy is a most welcome addition to the important literature of recent days by the likes of Marsden, Benne, Burtchael, Holmes, and Hughes. Poe's thoughtful insights will certainly provide positive direction for academic leaders, faculty members, trustees, and students alike."



In this work, Poe develops an idea he first put into print in his 1996 publication, *The Gospel and its Meaning*.

"Teaching from a faith perspective involves recognizing the implications of the Gospel in one's own discipline," Poe said. "In *Christianity in the Academy*, I take some of the more prominent of disciplines found in colleges and universities and illustrate how their concern relates to some aspect of the Gospel. It is a bare introduction but hopefully will jog people into seeing what some of the critical issues might be in their discipline."

The book was premiered in March at the Soul of the University Conference at Baylor where all available copies sold out. Poe has high hopes for the book because it has such a large potential audience. He quoted Stan Matson of the C.S. Lewis Foundation who estimates that there as many as 50,000 Christian faculty members working in higher education in the United States. Students will also find the book to be a helpful resource as they consider how to integrate faith with their studies. [@](#)

UNION PHOTOGRAPHER AND FORMER UNION MEDIA DIRECTOR DOCUMENT STORIES OF CHRISTIANS AT WAR

Many of my media colleagues seem intent on...confirming that troop morale is suffering or proving that our efforts to bring democracy to Iraq are fraught with failure," best-selling author, U.S. Marine and FOX News correspondent Oliver North wrote in the forward of *A Greater Freedom: Stories of Faith from Operation Iraqi Freedom*.

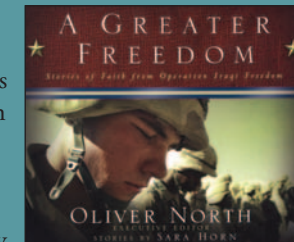
North served as executive editor for *A Greater Freedom*, a photo essay of Christian men and women who are risking their lives in Iraq. But the real work was done by Sara Horn, a writer for LifeWay Christian Resources' corporate communications in Nashville, and Jim Veneman, a photojournalist and director of visual communications from Union University, Jackson, Tenn. The two also endangered their lives and left behind families to document how Christian servicemen and women handle war.

"I went because I felt this was something God called me to do," Horn said. "I didn't seek out any of this. I believe the stories we brought back can minister to people - whether

they are soldiers themselves, family members of soldiers or even people with no connection to the military. "We all face struggles every day that test our faith. I think that if men and women who are literally put in harm's way, like our military, can keep a strong faith, then what's our excuse not to here in America?"

Award winning writer and photographer, Horn and Veneman, traveled to the war zone twice: once in March 2003 to document stories of Christian Navy personnel aboard the USS Harry S. Truman on the East Mediterranean Sea and again in November 2003 to Baghdad where they followed an Army Reserve unit attached to the 1st Armored Division and an Army regiment in the 82nd Airborne.

The stories and photos range from a young Navy man who received Christ on the Truman and was baptized in a metal munitions



container to an Iraqi pastor who risked his and his family's lives to spread the Gospel through an illegal media ministry run out of his home.

"This man was arrested by Saddam's agents before the war for having a media ministry that stretched throughout Iraq," Horn said. "Now that the war is officially over, he's started a church and is actively trying to minister to his fellow Iraqis, a witness to God's love and protection on him and his family. If anyone has doubts to why coalition forces invaded Iraq, they need to read this man's story.

"Seeing these Iraqi Christians, many of them new believers since the combat phase ended, worshipping with hands and voices raised, was powerful. I felt like God was saying in a really clear way, 'This is the Greater Freedom - to worship freely without fear.' And it's a freedom He wants everyone in the world to have. It's not reserved just for us." [@](#)

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baptist *is there a future* identity?

TWO DAY CONFERENCE EXAMINES PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE ISSUES FOR BAPTIST



Baucham leads worship service

Evangelist Voddie Baucham leads in a concluding worship service for the Baptist Identity Conference that was held on Union's campus April 5-6. Prior to the service President Dockery announced the addition of Baucham to the Union faculty as an adjunct professor of Christian Studies.



Thornbury and Poe lead panel discussion

Union professors Gregory A. Thornbury and Hal Poe lead a panel discussion entitled Baptist Identity and Post-Denominationalism at the Baptist Identity Conference held on Union's campus.

Speakers during Union University's Baptist Identity Conference called for a Baptist orthodoxy, more cooperation among Southern Baptists and examined the issues that confront Baptists in today's world.

About 300 participants gathered on the Jackson, Tenn., campus to reflect "on the mission, purpose and future of our shared service," according to Union President David S. Dockery.

Dockery told conferees that Southern Baptists need a confessional framework.

"Baptists need to cultivate a wholistic orthodoxy, based on a high view of scripture and congruent with the Trinitarian and Christological consensus of the early church," David S. Dockery, president of Union University, said. "Only in this way will we avoid the dangers of fundamentalist reductionism on one hand and the liberal revisionism on the other."

Dockery suggested that Baptist work cannot move forward without confessional convictions or confessional boundaries, but that does not mean we should expect uniformity of beliefs or convictions among Southern Baptists.

"Inherent in an historically informed understanding of orthodoxy," he explained, "is the need for some flexibility and variety less we place straightjackets around our community and literally around scripture itself. The world in which we live with its emphasis on diversity and plurality may well be a creative setting for us to once again pray for a far-reaching rebirth of Baptist orthodoxy in our midst as we rediscover our heritage and identity."

Morris Chapman, president of the SBC Executive Committee, said that cooperation is a necessity in the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

"The Southern Baptist Convention is a network of churches volunteering to work with other like-minded Baptist churches," he reminded them. "Should this network fall apart, there is no Convention. . . Cooperation is enormously vital to the existence of the Southern Baptist Convention and its cooperating state conventions. Enough words cannot be strung together to state adequately the danger that lurks

in the shadows waiting to break down communication and cooperation among us. Where it is intentional, individuals must reassess their own attitudinal axiom. Where it is unintentional, church and conventions must reassess why the cooperative nature of our Convention is breaking down."

Chapman said that, even though Cooperative Program gifts each year continue to exceed receipts for the previous year, the trend in the percentage of total undesignated gifts given by the local church has slipped from 10.5 percent for a five-year period in the mid-1980s to 7.39 percent in 2001-2002.

"If the churches lose the vision and the understanding of the Cooperative Program, missions suffer," he said. "If missions suffer, the conventions suffer. If the conventions suffer, reorganization and reallocation of funding shall no longer be a choice."

In his keynote address, R. Albert Mohler spoke about the moral issues facing Southern Baptists today, as well as the changes in society that prove challenging for the denomination.

"The Christian worldview will either become the animating framework for all that we do—and we're either going to get down to the tangible issues of life—or we're going to miss the point entirely," Mohler warned. "We have to understand the background for this is a caustic secularism that has now reached the point that serious philosophers now argue that all that should be allowed in the public square are assertions without a secular rationale and a secular effect, which means if we're against same sex marriage, because—oddly enough, we think that God established what marriage is and we're allowed to believe that without being thrown in jail yet—we're not allowed to make that argument with any serious effect on public policy."

Mohler also pointed to trends in U.S. demographics and in church structure that challenge denominational identity.

"The large infrastructure of Southern Baptist life may not survive in the post-modern age," he said. He explained that "the denomination has grown in a social context from what was seen as agrarian with most of our people being farmers and tradesmen and merchants to a denomination that is charac-

terized as highly mobile, highly professional and largely metropolitan."

Mohler pointed out that we now have megachurches, which are made up of very large congregations, and microchurches that fit a niche in a particular community. Many of the members, he said, don't even know they are Southern Baptists, since they have only a vague awareness of what a denomination is.

Mohler said that the United States has seen a rise in ethnic and minority groups, but they are not well-represented in the Southern Baptist Convention. In terms of ethnic diversity, "we are not just behind, we are in another world," he said.

Based on those challenges, he emphasized that the decision about the survival of the SBC as it is today is not one that will be made by the executives of Southern Baptist agencies or by executives in state conventions, but by Southern Baptist churches and how they choose to confront the challenges.

"That decision will eventually be made by the churches, and the churches will point us to that future," he said.

Other speakers included:

- James Leo Garrett, Distinguished Professor of Theology Emeritus at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary;
- Stan Norman, director of the Baptist Center for Theology and Ministry at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary;
- Sam Shaw, pastor of Germantown (Tenn.) Baptist Church;
- Gregory Wills, director of the Center for the Study of the Southern Baptist Convention at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary;
- Russ Bush, senior professor of philosophy of religion, academic vice president and dean of the faculty at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary;
- Richard Land, president and CEO of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention;
- Voddie Baucham, an evangelist with Voddie Baucham Ministries;
- Harry L. Poe, Charles Colson Professor of Faith and Culture at Union University and
- Gregory A. Thornbury, director of Union University's Carl F. H. Center for Christian Leadership. www.uu.edu



Three Union alumni take on leadership roles at Southern Baptist Convention

Members of the SBC Pastors' Conference elected Union University alumnus Steve Gaines as the group's president during their annual meeting at the Indianapolis Convention Center June 13.

Gaines serves as pastor of First Baptist Church in Gardendale, Ala. He is a 1979 graduate of Union and formerly served as pastor of West Jackson Baptist Church.

Johnny Hunt, pastor of First Baptist Church in Woodstock, Ga., nominated Gaines, calling him one who has "the mind of a scholar and the heart of a personal soul-winner."

Gaines also delivered the convention sermon June 16, calling Southern Baptists to be wall builders as modeled by Nehemiah of the Old Testament. "America is in desperate need of some spiritual wall builders," Gaines said. "Our spiritual walls in America have crumbled because as a whole we have turned our backs



on the Lord Jesus Christ.... Southern Baptists, God is calling us to be spiritual wall builders."

He reminded pastors that America's spiritual walls can only be rebuilt through prayer. "If you're a Baptist pastor, I want to suggest to you that you need to make prayer the priority of your life and preaching the priority of your ministry.... We are not prepared to stand up and speak for God until we have first knelt down and spoken with God. Where prayer focuses, God's power falls."

President David S. Dockery expressed appreciation for the message, "Steve Gaines' powerful words delivered at this year's annual convention of the SBC were challenging, timely, bold and prophetic," he said.

Gaines' wife, Donna Gaines, was the 2004 president of the Ministers' Wives Conference of the SBC. Donna Gaines is an alumna of the Union class of 1980.

Union University's first lady, Lanese Dockery, who served as the president of the Ministers' Wives Fellowship in 1999, said

"Donna Gaines' hard work over the past year as president of the ministers' wives fellowship was evident to all. The program was uplifting and encouraging for all who were present at this year's luncheon. We thank God for Donna's marvelous leadership."

Jamie Parker, minister of worship at Gardendale's First Baptist Church and a 1992 Union graduate, served as worship leader during the morning session on June 16. Along with leading the congregation in praise and worship, Parker directed a concert by the choir and orchestra of First Baptist Church, Gardendale, Ala.

Dockery said, "Jamie Parker's musical and leadership abilities ushered the entire Convention congregation into heartfelt worship and praise of our great God. We thank God for Jamie, for his giftedness, and his faithfulness. Union is blessed to name him as an alumnus of this institution." @



LifeWay president is first recipient for first M.E. Dodd Denominational Service Award

LifeWay Christian Resources President James T. Draper was honored as the first recipient of the Union University M.E. Dodd Denominational Service Award in a special presentation by the university during the Southern Baptist Convention meeting this year in Indianapolis. Union President David S. Dockery presented the award that was established last December by Union's board of trustees.

"When we think of statesmen among us, Dr. Draper's name rises to the top," said Dockery. "As president of LifeWay for the past decade, he has exemplified the spirit of the Cooperative Program for our entire convention, in the same way he did in his days as pastor and local church leader."

The Union University M. E. Dodd Denominational Service Award was established to recognize service and leadership in behalf of Tennessee Baptists and Southern Baptists and is awarded annually by vote of Union's board of trustees. The award is named in honor of M. E. Dodd, who served as president of the

SBC, president of the SBC pastors conference and shaped today's Cooperative Program.

"This is a very humbling, very special privilege," Draper said, addressing the university's

gathering of alumni and friends after receiving the award. "We appreciate and believe in Union University and the tremendous recognition this great university has all over the country." @



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Booksigning at the SBC

Director of visual communications Jim Veneman (right) and former director of news and media relations Sara Horn (now with LifeWay) sign their new book entitled *A Greater Freedom* at the Lifeway booth. The book features photos by Veneman and stories told by Horn.



Alums gather at the Convention

Gary Williams, associate vice president for advancement and executive director for alumni services, welcomes more than 200 attendees who enjoyed ice cream sundaes, coffee, tea and fellowship at the annual Alumni and Friends Dessert Reception held June 15 in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention in Indianapolis, Ind.



SYMPOSIUM GIVES VENUE FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ACROSS DISCIPLINES

The germ of an idea formed six years ago culminated in presentations of papers, posters and group projects from more than 70 students on May 3.

Union University's first Scholarship Symposium was coordinated by Dr. Matt Lunsford, associate professor of mathematics, as an opportunity for students in every area of the university to collaborate with faculty mentors and present their research to the campus. Every department in the college of arts and sciences, as well as the schools of business, nursing and Christian studies and the Institute for International and Intercultural Studies, had students who participated.

"I first took some of the math students to a conference to present some scholarly work in 1998," Lunsford said. "What I found was that our students were always at the top as far as awards whenever we took them off-campus to present work. We were not the only department doing this. I thought we needed a day to showcase this here as well as off-campus.

"It was kind of a dream come true to set aside a day for students to share their scholarly works with the Union community," he said.

With the help of Dr. Kina Mallard, professor of communication arts and associate provost for faculty and academic development, Lunsford pursued a grant that would subsidize his dream. The \$50,000 grant was funded by an anonymous private foundation, which supports undergraduate research initiatives across the nation. In addition to funding the symposium, five \$1,000 grants were awarded

to faculty/student teams, and funds were provided for seven students to present at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research.

Recipients of the faculty/student grants and NCUR participants were required to make presentations at the symposium.

"There were a number of students we knew would participate," Lunsford said. "The others were students who, along with faculty mentors, volunteered to participate, and it was a surprise that there were so many."

Union President David S. Dockery said, "The disciplined efforts of our students and faculty diligently working in concert to produce such quality research projects was a high water mark for both the faculty and student body of Union University."

"There was a lot of excitement the day of the event; what faculty and administrators called 'a buzz on campus,'" Lunsford said.

Dr. Charles Baldwin, Hammons professor of pre-medical studies, feels the event speaks volumes about the Union's determination to integrate research into the life of the university. "The Union University Scholarship Symposium represents a significant turning point in the history of Union University. The recognition that scholarship and research are vital aspects of an excellence-driven teaching-learning enterprise moves Union beyond the either/or mindset on teaching and research which mired us in the past.

"I am so thankful for Dr. Dockery's understanding and appreciation of the balance between responsible scholarship and excellent

teaching and his courage to lead Union to a new place in the future," Baldwin said.


The date for next year's symposium has already been set: Monday, May 2, 2005.

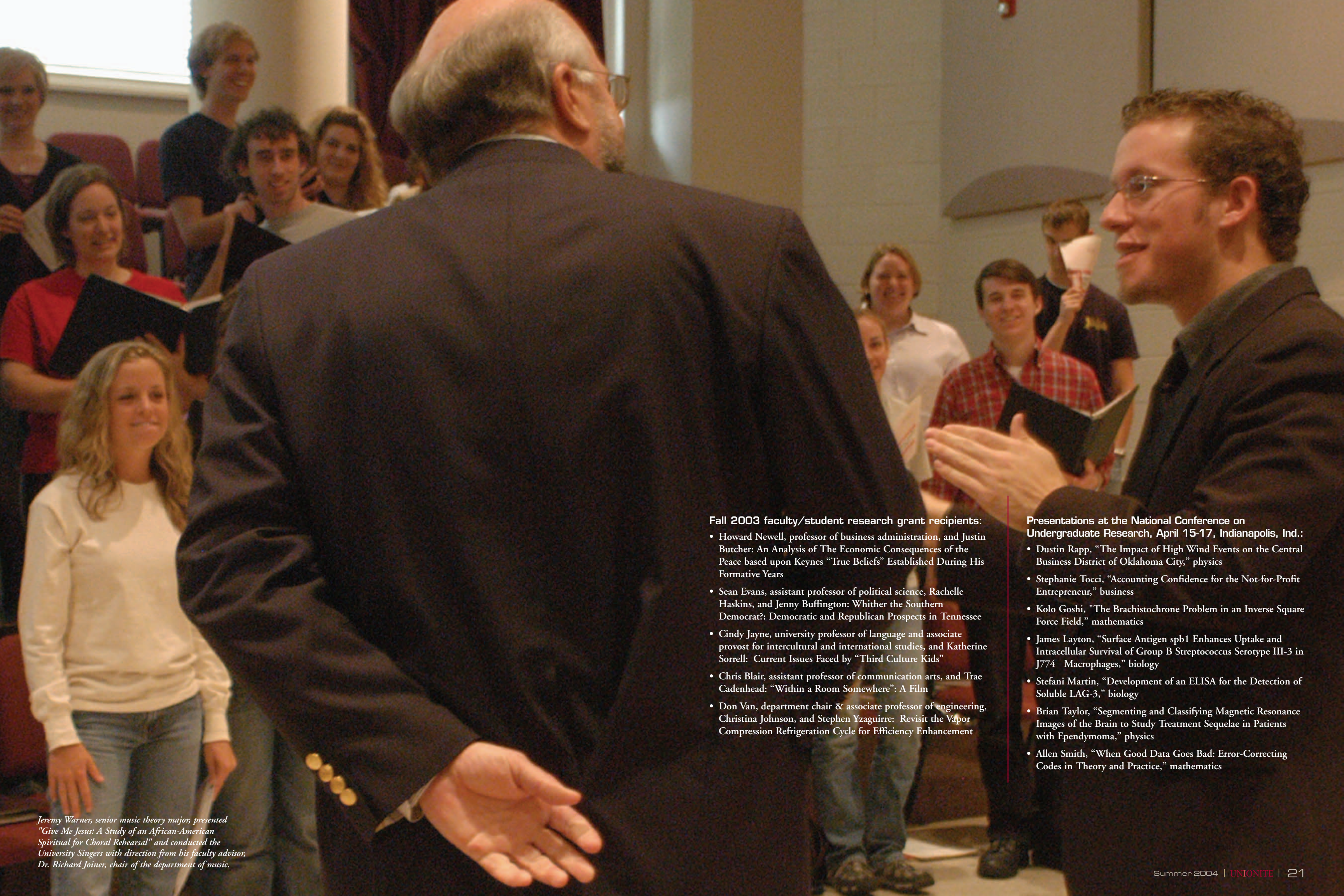
"The goal is to change the culture here so every student who wants to collaborate with a faculty member on scholarly projects will have the opportunity to do that," Lunsford said. "Research says that faculty/student engagement is the key to learning. Undergraduate research opportunities obviously put faculty and students together in a meaningful way."

Jenny Buffington, a sophomore political science major, said, "What we've learned from this project will carry over not only into our political science careers but also into other classes. I've never done any research this extensive."

Buffington, along with Rachele Haskins, also a sophomore majoring in political science, received a grant to conduct research alongside Dr. Sean Evans, assistant professor of political science. The project involved a survey of 315 registered voters in Tennessee, with the help of Evans' research methods course.

"Looking at the survey program," Haskins said, "not every student in the class got to sit with Dr. Evans analyzing data. I gained a greater understanding of the survey process and overall research methods."

Lunsford said, "The undergraduate research symposium says that Union is serious about undergraduates doing scholarly work before they graduate, and we are willing to disseminate that in a public venue." 



Jeremy Warner, senior music theory major, presented "Give Me Jesus: A Study of an African-American Spiritual for Choral Rehearsal" and conducted the University Singers with direction from his faculty advisor, Dr. Richard Joiner, chair of the department of music.

Fall 2003 faculty/student research grant recipients:

- Howard Newell, professor of business administration, and Justin Butcher: An Analysis of The Economic Consequences of the Peace based upon Keynes "True Beliefs" Established During His Formative Years
- Sean Evans, assistant professor of political science, Rachelle Haskins, and Jenny Buffington: Whither the Southern Democrat?: Democratic and Republican Prospects in Tennessee
- Cindy Jayne, university professor of language and associate provost for intercultural and international studies, and Katherine Sorrell: Current Issues Faced by "Third Culture Kids"
- Chris Blair, assistant professor of communication arts, and Trae Cadenhead: "Within a Room Somewhere": A Film
- Don Van, department chair & associate professor of engineering, Christina Johnson, and Stephen Yzaguirre: Revisit the Vapor Compression Refrigeration Cycle for Efficiency Enhancement

Presentations at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, April 15-17, Indianapolis, Ind.:

- Dustin Rapp, "The Impact of High Wind Events on the Central Business District of Oklahoma City," physics
- Stephanie Tocci, "Accounting Confidence for the Not-for-Profit Entrepreneur," business
- Kolo Goshi, "The Brachistochrone Problem in an Inverse Square Force Field," mathematics
- James Layton, "Surface Antigen spb1 Enhances Uptake and Intracellular Survival of Group B Streptococcus Serotype III-3 in J774 Macrophages," biology
- Stefani Martin, "Development of an ELISA for the Detection of Soluble LAG-3," biology
- Brian Taylor, "Segmenting and Classifying Magnetic Resonance Images of the Brain to Study Treatment Sequelae in Patients with Ependymoma," physics
- Allen Smith, "When Good Data Goes Bad: Error-Correcting Codes in Theory and Practice," mathematics

Union graduates 820 students in 2003-2004 academic year

Union University will graduate 820 students this year, according to President David S. Dockery, a record number for the institution and the third consecutive year to graduate more than 700 students. The August commencement service will include the university's first Ed.D. graduates.

Edmund C. Moy, special assistant to the President of the United States and associate director of presidential personnel at the White House, delivered the address titled "All for Christ" during the 179th commencement service in May.

"All Christians without exception are called to full-time Christian ministry," Moy said.

He told graduates he believed it was the responsibility of pastors to equip people to do their own full-time Christian ministry, telling them "it is a pastor's full-time Christian ministry to help you do your own full-time Christian ministry."

"Right now you may sense a calling to be a teacher, or a nurse or a designer or someone

in business or a pastor, a professor or a mother," he said. "That calling becomes ministry at the point that you become obedient and do it to the glory of God. Is the quality of your work product to the glory of God? Are you a beacon of light, hope and peace in your work place? If so, then you are in full-time Christian ministry."

Moy also challenged graduates to strive for obedience, telling them that Christians are in the obedience business and not the success business.

"I am more interested in living a life that is good than living the good life," he said. "I have now come to the conclusion that God is not impressed with what my resume looks like, he is not impressed with how big my bank account is, that success is not a measure of my faith. Character is a measure of one's faith. What kind of person do you want to be? I challenge you today to make your 'to be' list before you make your 'to do' list."

He also said graduates should be a thermostat and not a thermometer in today's culture. A thermometer, he explained, reflects the temperature of the room, while a thermostat changes the temperature of the room. In the pressure to conform to the world, he said young people should be thoughtful in the job they choose, in how they live, in where they live and in what they buy so they could serve God in the best way possible.

"One way to change the temperature of the culture around you is to be a change agent," Moy said. "As I read the news, I wonder if a vocal Christian working as an accountant at Enron might have prevented the loss of

thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of pension fund losses. I wonder what entertainment might look like if Christians by their professional excellence became Hollywood executives with the authority to green light movie ideas. I wonder if politics could serve the public good instead of partisan self interest if more Christians were involved. I have the privilege of serving President Bush—himself a believer—and I'm in a White House that is open to faith. Together with many of my Christian brothers and sisters throughout this administration we are working each day, getting together on a regular basis and struggling with what it means to be a Christian in public service."

Prior to his speech, Moy was inducted as the first fellow for Union's Carl F. H. Henry Center for Christian Leadership.

"Mr. Moy is responsible for recommending to President Bush candidates for political appointments," Dockery said. "He served on the Homeland Security transition and helped the staff the new department. He also is one of the most widely-recognized lay leaders in the Christian world in North America. His service on the board of *Christianity Today* ties him to the founder of that magazine, Carl F. H. Henry. It is my privilege tonight to recognize Mr. Moy as the first inductee, the first fellow of the Carl F. H. Henry Center for Christian Leadership."

Others honored during the service included Laura Lee Moore of Covington, Tenn., who was awarded the Elizabeth Tigrett Medal. The medal, created by Tigrett's son to honor his mother, has been awarded since 1912 by

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Public relations graduate Laura Lee Moore makes her way to the podium to accept the Tigrett Award at spring commencement.

Graduation 2004 A record number



Graduates David Patterson, Allison Penn and Brent Cone file out of their seats and into the world after spring commencement.

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vote of the entire Union faculty to an outstanding member of the senior class.

“Laura Lee Moore truly exemplifies the heart of this university,” Dockery said. “She has characteristically demonstrated Christ-centered excellence over the last four years in the classroom, in the student leadership opportunities and in all aspects of her daily life. The Tigrett award is very special at Union University and the tradition of this award is carried on with honor with the selection of Laura Lee Moore.”


Moore, who received a bachelor of arts degree in public relations/advertising, will be working with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as a journeyman in Tanzania.

Two parents and two grandparents of 2004 graduates participated in the graduation service from the platform. T. W. Hunt, a professor emeritus at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, gave the invocation. Hunt’s grandson Paul Monroe graduated with a major in marketing. Brent Lay and Jerry Drace, who read scripture during the service, both had daughters who received degrees Saturday: Caroline Lay, who received a bachelor of science degree in learning

foundations, and Rebecca Drace, who graduated with a bachelor of science degree in physical education and health. Union Chancellor Emeritus Hyran E. Barefoot also saw his granddaughter Anna Thomas receive a degree in economics and finance. Barefoot, who served the university for more than 40 years, prayed the benediction.

Senior class president Laurie Skinkle presented the class gift to President Dockery—blueprints and funding for a new university sign and landscaping for the north end of the campus. Skinkle told classmates that “we should pierce the darkness with the light within us. Let us keep Him at the center of our lives.”

The Union University alma mater was lead by Joseph Blass, university professor of music, who is retiring this year after 45 years of service. Blass has been named professor emeritus of music.

Dr. Thomas R. Rosebrough, dean of Union University’s School of Education and Human Studies, will give the address at Union’s August commencement, scheduled at 11 a.m., August 7, at West Jackson Baptist Church. 



2004 Presidential Scholarship winner
Alvin Jeffery from Jonesboro, Ark.

Coming & Going >

Meet Alvin Jeffery, a warm and likeable young man. Jeffery is the 2004 recipient of the Union University's Presidential Scholarship.

Jeffery, a senior at Jonesboro High School, Jonesboro, Ark., is unpretentious about his academic achievements. Any complimentary reference to his talents or abilities only solicits an appreciable grin, a slight shrug and he quickly turns the matter away from him. Respected by peers and teachers alike, Jeffery's easygoing nature makes him very approachable. He's as unassuming about critiquing fellow classmates' English papers as he is in serving as a lab assistant to the junior chemistry class.

Jeffery admits that he loves to learn. His room is filled with books on languages, math, science, medical books and encyclopedias. To underscore his desire for learning, Jeffery refers to a C. S. Lewis quote, "Learning is one of the ways to God."

"Learning is my hobby," said Jeffery, "but it can be dangerous; I can get a big head."

Jeffery said his mom keeps his ego in check. "She has repeatedly told me never think you are the best or the smartest, because there is always someone better," he said.

It is obvious that Jeffery has the support of his family. His parents and younger brother are very proud of his accomplishments and his future plans to major in nursing.

Impressions from mission trips to Ecuador and Guatemala and a summer church camp influenced Jeffery to answer his call to ministry. He said, "I had such a heart for unreached people groups and I

remember praying, 'Okay God, I'll give up the idea of studying medicine.'"

Then the realization hit that he could put the two together. Why not become a nurse practitioner? It fit his criteria: it didn't require as much time or money—allowing him to get to the mission field sooner, he could do many of the things physicians do including prescribing medicine and be in closer contact with ministering to people's actual needs.

Jeffery began searching for universities, especially Christian schools. After visiting several and having a growing excitement about many, Jeffery visited Union. This time there was more than an excitement, he came away with a sense of peace. This was the place he wanted to study.

He was impressed beyond what he expected. He found the ambassadors very helpful and the teachers were so thoughtful. He sensed that teachers value students at Union.

"They would visit with me in their offices and ignore ringing phones. That gave me the message that I was a priority," said Jeffery.

As he began working with his enrollment counselor, Ronnie Smith, it became apparent that he qualified for Union's Scholars of Excellence program and could potentially receive some financial benefit.

Jeffery remembered the interview day as quite nerve-racking. He distinctly remembered one of the final questions: "Assuming you'll come to Union, describe what you hope to be after four years here."

In giving his answer, Jeffery said, "I hope

to be more conformed—from what I receive at Union, I hope to be more conformed to the likeness of Christ."

After that he went home and waited. Then the call came from Dr. David Dockery, university president, congratulating him on being chosen as recipient of the 2004 Presidential Scholarship. Jeffery said he and his family were just elated.

His mother, Melony, says they are so grateful for the opportunity to attend Union University. She said, "Now Alvin can go to the school he wants to go to instead of the school he has to go to. With the scholarship he can get to the mission field sooner."

Union University is pleased to have Jeffery and students like him join the academic community. President Dockery said, "Alvin Jeffery is a picture of a well rounded young man. He is brilliant, he has a heart for others, he demonstrates wide-ranging interests, and he is very serious about his Christian faith. Alvin and so many of the other scholarship recipients in this year's freshman class will make a mark on this campus in the next four years, and by God's grace, they will have an impact on the culture, the church, and the world in years to come. We are so very thankful for Alvin Jeffery and the hundreds of students like him who are choosing Union University."

Jeffery realizes that he has been given much. But he is not one to keep it for himself; Alvin Jeffery is all about giving back.

Union will graduate five outstanding presidential scholar recipients this year: Bethany Davis, Katie Gould, Amanda

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Union University Presidential Scholars of the Class of 2004. L to R: Matthew Newman, Amanda Scott, Katie Gould, Allen Smith, Bethany Davis.

Scholars of Excellence Program

Each year Union University interviews top academic achievers from across the U.S. as candidates for scholarships during the Scholars of Excellence weekend. On Friday evening candidates are Dr. Dockery's dinner guests, attend a Bulldog basketball game, and cap the night at Bubba's Bagels - a favorite coffeehouse for Union students.

Saturday's agenda includes a round of

personal one-on-one interviews, interviews in small group settings moderated by professors as they discuss current events and academic articles and final afternoon interviews conclude the weekend.

Scholarship qualifications require a minimum 31 ACT or 1360 SATR or be a National Merit Semi-finalist and rank in the top 15 percent of their graduating class or have a 3.5 of 4.0 GPA. Five scholarship levels are

granted: the Presidential Scholars, Provost Scholars, Dean's Scholars, University Scholars, and Collegiate Scholars. Award offerings range from full tuition and room and board, full tuition only, three-quarters tuition, half tuition to \$200 per credit hour, respectively.

To learn more about the scholars of excellence program and other financial aid opportunities visit our website at <http://www.uu.edu/financialaid/2004-2005>.

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Scott, Matthew Newman, and Allen Smith. Although all have had different Union experiences and different majors, they express the same sentiment about having been recipient of the presidential scholarship—gratitude. It meant they could come to Union and attend the Christian school of their choice.

“Outside of my salvation and what my parents have done for me, it is the greatest gift I’ve ever received,” Bethany Davis said, “Union has been my best experience and I feel very undeserving.”

Like their peers in the 2004 graduating class, these scholars recount fun times, tough classroom challenges, and life shaping influences.

Allen Smith began his own peculiar tradition with his annual Halloween costume. Each year he chose to spoof some Union quirk or event. His favorite was a superhero-styled costume depicting Union’s Mascot.com, which was an online student directory that had gone defunct just a month prior. He used leftover Mascot.com marketing items—a tee-shirt, their tablecloth for a cape and a frisbee for a hat. He recounts it was so zany that a professor suspected fraternity hazing. He also dressed as the Union Tornado of 2002.

“It was the first year I stayed up for the Hurt Costume Contest, and I won!” said Smith.

The students appreciated Union’s quality education and integration of faith in shaping their thinking. All attest to the strong influence that faculty has had on their lives and the preparation given so that they can confidently move on in life.

Davis, a learning foundations major, said, “Teachers were always willing to lend a helping hand. Most were interested in all parts of my life, not simply my performance

in their classes. Specifically, the education department prepared me better than I could have imagined to be as a classroom teacher.”

Davis will be putting those skills to work as she begins two years of service as a journeyman with the International Mission Board in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, where she will be teaching in an elementary school.

Others like Smith, who is going into computer programming, and Katie Gould, who has a copy editor job for Jackson’s local paper, *The Jackson Sun*, felt that hands-on experiences and projects proved valuable in preparing them for the work place.

Smith said, “Union truly exceeded my expectations by the extent to which professors went to provide me opportunities for learning and enrichment outside the classroom. The projects they gave me are certainly the most valuable things I will take away from my Union education.”

Amanda Scott, a music major planning to study musicology at graduate school, first considered Union when her church’s youth group attended a Centrifuge summer camp here. It fit her search criteria of a Christian school with strong academics, and it wasn’t too far from her hometown of Arab, Ala. After arriving Scott was pleased to find that Union lives up to its core values of being excellence-driven, Christ-centered, people-focused and future-directed.

“Union is definitely a Christian school,” Scott said, “It goes beyond merely calling itself a Christian school to trying to create a Christ-based community on campus, during class and in other facets of college life.

“Overall, the faculty has probably been the strongest influence on my life while at Union; I have been challenged academically and have seen wonderful examples of what it meant to be a follower of Christ.”

Matthew Newman was also looking for

a college close enough to home for frequent visits, but far enough from home to feel away. The Christian aspect of Union drew him in, and he found the Christian atmosphere that he expected really was here. Additionally, the future-directed nature of Union’s academics and liberal arts focus has given Newman, a public relations / advertising major, the confidence to now plan a different course.

“I’m not planning on working in my major, but I still think I have learned many things that will help me in life. I plan to attend seminary, probably Southern, this fall,” Newman said.

Union calls itself people-focused, and students find that to be a very influencing factor on their lives. It challenges them to be more serving and giving. Davis recalls the growth and maturity she experienced by having upperclassmen invest in her life.

She said, “As I grew older, I was, hopefully, able to do the same for other students.”

Smith and Gould tell of how important friendships were to them. Smith says one of the more meaningful things he did was to befriend several freshmen in his senior year.

“I took a close and genuine interest in their lives. I know that would have meant the world to me when I first arrived. My goal was to make their lives better, but that in turn had more of a positive impact on me than I ever imagined possible,” said Smith.

Gould said, “The friendships I made here influenced my life more than anything else.”

The 2004 Union graduates say they are ready to establish themselves as active alumni who are grateful for what they’ve been given.

“I’m ready to give back,” Bethany Davis said, “I want to tell my own story of Union and I feel a responsibility to tell others to come to Union. I feel proud to say I graduated from Union University.”

Nursing graduate Ollie Herron (center) awaits the lighting of her lamp by fellow graduate Carlyn Layton during the School of Nursing's dedication and recognition service. These lamps are symbolic of those carried by Florence Nightingale as she cared for the sick and wounded during the Crimean War



Union's school of nursing recognizes graduates

Union University's school of nursing honored its graduating class in a special dedication and recognition service.

John Borden, adjunct faculty member and a 1982 graduate of the school of nursing, presented the keynote address. Borden gave a challenge to look beyond the obvious for solutions, follow dreams and touch the lives of others. "Venture forward with passion and live your lives to the fullest," he said.

As the graduates prepare to enter the rapidly changing field of health care, Borden encouraged them to "learn to develop your relationship with change. Open your arms and learn to accept it."

The service – traditionally called a pinning ceremony – is full of symbolism for the students, explained Tharon Kirk, interim dean of the school of nursing. "The receiving of the nursing pin, the lighting of the nursing lamp, and the recitation of

the nursing pledge is a means for each nursing graduate to dedicate him or herself to the profession of nursing; to the promotion of wellness in individuals, families and groups; and to the care of those ill and dying," she said.


Each received a pin to be worn with the nursing uniform and specially designed for Union's bachelor of science in nursing program. Graduates are also presented with lamps – representative of that carried by Florence Nightingale – donated by Jackson-Madison County General Hospital and New Testaments donated by the Gideon Auxiliary.

Michael Payne, class president of the school of nursing, presented a plaque to recognize the dedication of the nursing faculty as well as a DVD/VCR unit purchased by the class of 2004 for the nursing laboratory.

Union President David S. Dockery said, "The nursing program at Union University is demanding and rigorous. Those who

complete the program are well-prepared to provide excellent service in the health care world. Completing the Union program speaks volumes about who these students are and the quality of their character."

Nursing students honored with awards:

- Jennifer Vandiver, Milan, Tenn. Georgia Wilson Nursing Award
- Catherine Lee, Cordova, Tenn. Academic Excellence Medal in Nursing
- Amy Rennie, Vacaville, Calif. Fannie J. Watt, RN, Award in Psychiatric Nursing
- Carlyn Layton, Brewton, Ala. Nursing Faculty Award
- Cathy Rogers, Jackson, Tenn. Terry Robinson Nursing Award
- Melissa Haynes, Henderson, Tenn. Sigma Theta Tau International – Nu Lambda Chapter Leadership Award
- Deborah Garland, Belfast, Northern Ireland, The Emily Saffel Medallion 

Bill and Mary Adcock

Union University friends and trustee Newbern, Tenn.

Bill and Mary Adcock's garden is a lush and verdant place. Deep green foliage, stately trees and splashes of colorful blossoms evidence the constant tending and careful planning the Adcocks give it. In spite of its natural appearance, the garden has structure and it's obvious that thought went into the placement of every feature. Mary shows a book she keeps with notes and diagrams of all the garden's details.

"I've planned plant placement carefully so that I'll have color each season," she said.

Like their garden, the Adcocks have also given attentively of themselves to Union University. Bill's participation on the board of trustees has spanned three presidents and cumulatively he has served more than 20 years. Mary is a member of Union University Auxiliary. "I feel it is a good ministry for those who live there," she said.

They take their association with the university seriously and prayerfully. Referring to his involvement on the trustee board, Bill said, "Each time when asked to serve another term, I felt the Lord was saying you need to go back if you're asked. I'd pray and always feel the Lord was leading."

The Adcocks see Christian education as a great value. They fully endorse Union's mission of integrating faith and learning and recognize the important role Union holds in developing and preparing young men and women for today's world.

"Christian education is extremely important in this day and age. The Christian environment cannot be emphasized enough. Training leaders, building lives, strengthening our communities

and futures, that is what Christian education provides. It's a wonderful work," said Adcock.

Adcock easily names Union's core values of excellence-driven, Christ-centered, people-focused and future-directed. He notes that the science building and growth in Germantown give evidence of Union going in the right direction.


"I think of Proverbs 3:6: 'In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.'

"It's amazing to see God's hand," he said, "Things like this wouldn't happen if God was not involved."

He also notes the work of "many godly men and women in Union's entire system." These people give of their time and attention to the students.

"It creates wonderful students who are getting good jobs. That's the reason Union is written up in *U.S. News and World Report* and other leading magazines. There are top notch professors there who give personal attention," said Adcock.

As their garden flourishes, so the Adcocks' desire that Union flourish. And, like gardens, they realize that for Christian education to prosper and develop it takes wise planning, faithful tending and generous giving of time and resources. The cultivating of young minds takes the work of many within Union's walls and without. The increase is for God to grant.

"The future is bright for Union University. Dr. Dockery is providing good leadership," Adcock said, "Union has seen good progress and I think the Lord is going to keep blessing." 

40'S FORTIES

Christine B. Clinard ('44) moved to Bedford, Texas. Address: 1301 Airport Freeway #409, Bedford, TX 76180. Her daughter Patricia Helms died Sept. 4, 2002, due to pancreatic and liver cancer.

50'S FIFTIES

Dr. J. Rex Enoch ('59) manages the adult education programs and serves as interim director of community education for Heifer International, a development program. He is married to **Nancy Taylor Enoch ('60)**. Address: 55 Heifer Road, Perryville, AR 72126. Email: Rex.enoch@heifer.org

Sandra Fay Andrews Robertson ('59) continues to work as an international flight attendant after taking early retirement from the World Bank. Taking advantage of the travel opportunities, Sandra and her husband Bill exchanged homes in Provence, France, and cruised twice to Alaska and the Caribbean in 2003.

60'S SIXTIES

Robert F. Dills ('61) retired from First Baptist Church in Shelby, N.C., after serving 22 years as minister of music. He now serves as a part-time chaplain at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. Address: 1213 Charles Road, Shelby, NC 28152. Email: bjdills@earthlink.net

Kathy Gardner ('68) joined Prudential/WCI Real Estate Company in Naples, Fla., and includes her professional web site www.myagentkathy.net.

Address: 8471 Abbington Circle #1121, Naples, FL 34108.

Keith Huffman ('62) has recently retired as director of missions of the Charleston Baptist Association, Benton, Mo. He began serving as interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Charleston, Mo., in January 2004. Address: HCR 69, P.O. Box 1695, Ironton, MO 63650. Email: kjhuffman@charter.net

Jerrell G. White ('62) is in his fifth year as a NAMB Mission Service Corps missionary after serving 38 years as a Baptist pastor. He and his wife Connie live in Kentucky. Address: 1253 State Route 1943 W, Eddyville, KY 42038.

70'S SEVENTIES

James L. Duffel ('79) is deployed with the 39th Infantry Brigade from Arkansas, which was scheduled to leave for Iraq in March. Address: 411 N. Division, Morrilton, AR 72110. Email: james.duffel@us.army.mil

Robert L. Matthews ('70) has had his doctoral dissertation approved. He will receive the doctor of worship studies degree in June 2004 from the Institute for Worship Studies, Orange Park, FL. He presently serves as minister of music and worship at Trafalgar Village Baptist Church in Bartlett, Tenn. Address: 3883 Thistle Knoll Cove, Bartlett, TN 38135. Email: bobsuzmatt@truevine.net

80'S EIGHTIES

Dirk Essary ('83) has moved to 5020 Timber Trail, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.



Ron Hale ('82) has been named associate executive director for the Illinois Baptist State Association. He will lead the Evangelism and New Work Team for the state convention.

His wife, Yvonne, works for the Memorial Hospital of Springfield as a medical lab technician.

Rob Jackson ('83) was interviewed by Dr. James Dobson of *Focus on the Family* for a 2-day broadcast that aired May 18 and 19, 2004, on Christian radio stations. Address: 6745 Rangewood Drive, Ste 220-B, Colorado Springs, CO 80918. Email: rob@rob-jackson.com

Jeff Kintner ('84) is minister of music/media at First Baptist Church in Brookhaven, Miss. Address: 111 W. Minnesota St., Brookhaven, MS 39601.


Janet Watkins Nevins ('85) has recently accepted a position with It's About Kids—a South American ministry which provides Christian homes for orphaned and abandoned children. Her responsibilities will include sharing the agency's ministry opportunities with Christians in North America, primarily in southern California. Address: 42780 Darien Drive, Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203. Email: janetnevins@intergy.com

Russell D. Rowland ('89) became associate pastor of worship at Lion Baptist Church in Henderson, Ky., in Aug. 2003. He and his wife **Tammy Lang Rowland ('89)** have four children, Matthew; 8, Chandler; 6, Hannah Beth; 4, and Emily; 2. Address: 939 Village Drive, Henderson, KY 42420. Email: rowlands2002@yahoo.com



Union alums celebrate 65th wedding anniversary

Robert Mixon Jelks and Martha Moore Frey Jelks celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with a private family celebration on May 8, 2004 at the Greystone in Paris, Tenn. Their children and families served as hosts.

The Jelks met while they were students at Union University in Jackson, Tenn. After graduating from Union, both pursued careers in education. Robert taught and coached at Grove High School in Paris and then returned to his alma mater and became Union University's last football coach. In 1953 the couple returned to Paris - their home for over fifty years - and Jelks began a successful insurance business and Martha became a full-time homemaker. Their contributions to the Paris community and their family are countless. 

90'S NINETIES

Ray Ammons ('95) is the band director at Sheldon R-VII School in Sheldon, Mo. He teaches music appreciation at Wentworth Junior College. He earned a master's of information technology from American Intercontinental University in July 2003. Address: P.O. Box 12, Sheldon, MO 64784. Email: rayammons@omnitonic.com

Mary Bowman ('93) received her master's of education in school counseling from MTSU in December 2003. She currently works as a school counselor for Metro Nashville Public Schools and lives in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Address: 2778 Rideout Lane, M-1307, Murfreesboro, TN 37128. Email: mary@rosebudchick.com

Pam Burroughs ('97 and '02) is a full-time nursing instructor at Dyersburg State Community College in Dyersburg, Tenn. Address: 118 Poplar Circle, Dyersburg, TN 38024. Email: PamBurroughs@bellsouth.net

Richard Christian ('94) recently accepted the position of students and worship pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, Rapid City, S.D. Richard and his wife Jamie have two children Caleb, 12 and Lydia, 9. Address: 3521 Parkview Drive, Rapid City, SD 57701. Email: iamac@hotmail.com

Angela Clanton ('96) recently graduated at the top of her class from the University of Memphis Law School. In the fall of 2003 she began a job with Strasburgh and Price Law Firm in Dallas, Texas. Address: 3428 1/2 Potomac Ave., Dallas, TX 75205. Email: alcanton28@hotmail.com



Cathy Fisher ('91) joins Horne CPA Group, Nashville, Tenn., as audit manager. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA). Horne serves clients in more than 45 states from nine offices across the South including its Nashville location.

Leigh A. Harrison ('94) returned to Union in January 2004 to begin working on the second degree in nursing program. Address: 228 Harrison Road, Michie, TN 38357. Email: jcleighharrison@earthlink.net



Christi Holbrook Lynn ('96) recently joined Salem Communications in Colorado Springs as morning co-host of Q102.7 KBIQ, a contemporary

Christian music radio station, and promotions director for KBIQ and sister stations KGFT and KZNT. Lynn spent nearly four years as international media representative at Focus on the Family. Her husband Scott works in the National Home Equity Division of Wells Fargo. They have a daughter named Katie, 5. Email: lynnntrio@adelphia.net.

David Humphrey ('93) and his wife Danyel were appointed career missionaries with the International Mission Board in September 2003 and have planned to move to Campinas, Brazil, in January 2004. Email: davidanddanyel@pobox.com

Robert L. (Bert) Montgomery ('90) has recently accepted to serve as pastor of Campbellsburg Baptist Church, Campbellsburg, Ky. He also attends the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky in Lexington. His wife **Jennifer Hicks Montgomery ('88)** presently is a substitute at their sons' school in Louisville. Address: 3718 Stanton Blvd., Louisville, KY 40220. Email: bertmont@juno.com



Bill Myatt ('97) and his wife Melanie live in Omaha, Neb., with their daughter, Zoe. Bill is the director of small groups and single adult ministries at Brookside Church. Address: 12107 Sandra Lane, Omaha, NE 68137. Email: bmyatt@brookside.net

Bryan Jack Ray ('95) is graduating from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with a doctor of ministry in expository preaching. He also holds a M.Div. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is currently the pastor of Bardwell Baptist Church in Bardwell, Ky. He and his wife, Christi, have two children, Jonathan and Noelle.

Lee Sanders ('97) has been awarded a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Tennessee. The Ph.D. was awarded in the field of pharmaceutical sciences with major emphasis in medicinal chemistry. Lee is currently a first year



Getting together in the capitol

Current Union University trustee Dr. Danny Sinquefield and his wife Rhonda are pictured with Annie Laurie Crane ('99) who serves on the staff of Sen. Saxby Chambliss of Georgia. The Sinquefields attended the President's Prayer Breakfast on Feb. 5, 2004, in Washington, D.C., as guests of Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn and while in town were hosted by Crane.



Staying in touch

Frat brothers and roommates still keep in touch. Mike Heyen, Chris Griggs, Todd Weddle and Andy Akin, 1988 Union graduates and members of SAE fraternity, took some time to reunite in September 2003. Heyen, a systems software manager, lives in Franklin, Tenn., and Griggs is an advertising account executive living in New York City. He also does some amateur stand-up comedy. Weddle serves as an administrator at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis and Akin is a physical therapist working and living in Jackson, Tenn. The former roommates try to get together at least once a year even though their careers have created some distance between them. During this occasion they are visiting Griggs in NYC and are pictured here at the U.S. Open tennis tournament.

medical student at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center located in Memphis. His wife **April Gilchrist Sanders ('97)** is a financial analyst for Federal Express. Address: 605 Charles Hamilton Drive, Collierville, TN 38017.

Matthew Schobert ('95) recently accepted a position as unit manager at the Methodist Children's Home located in Waco, Texas. He also teaches part-time in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core Program at Baylor University. Address: P.O. Box 1482, Waco, TX 76703. Email: germprot@yahoo.com

Amelia D. Schrepfer ('98) has moved; her new address is P.O. Box 7464, Elgin, IL 60121-7464. Email: adschrep75@yahoo.com

Hannah Shelby-Kennedy ('99) graduated from University of Tennessee Health Science Center with her medical degree in May 2004. She now begins her residency in internal medicine/pediatrics at UT-Memphis.

Myung Koh Shin ('98) and her husband Sunwoo recently moved to Granger, Ind. She has a new job as an assistant professor at Indiana University at South Bend. Address: 16346 Rootstock Court, Granger, IN 46530. Email: mykoh@iusb.edu

Gina Vinson Thompson ('94) has recently accepted a position in public relations at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital for West Tennessee Healthcare, Jackson, Tenn.

Matthew N. White ('95) is a contractor and builder at Northpoint Builders, Inc., in Clearwater, Fla. He and his wife Kelly have three children, Joey; 4, Jackson; 3, and Joshua, 5 months. Address: 3209 Hyde Park Drive, Clearwater, FL 33761.

2000'S TWOTHOUSAND'S

Jonathan Gray ('00) has co-authored an article in the Feb. 29, 2004, issue of *Nature Genetics*, discussing new developments by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's scientists in discovering the role of Rb protein for improving the treatment of eye cancer. Address: 6838 Garmin Lane, Cordova, TN 38018. Email: jonathan.gray@stjude.org

Sarah Horn ('03) is the editor and writer of *A Greater Freedom: Stories of Faith from Operation Iraqi Freedom*, published by Broadman & Holman and released April

2004. The book includes photos and stories from two trips Horn took to the Middle East with Union photographer Jim Veneman. The first was to the USS Harry S. Truman the first week of the war, the second was to Baghdad November 2003. Horn is a corporate staff writer for Lifeway Christian Resources in Nashville, where she resides with her husband **Cliff ('02)** and their son, Caleb, 3. Cliff currently works in the military area for Dave Ramsey, a nationally syndicated radio host and author of *Financial Peace* and *Total Money Makeover*. Email: sara.horn@lifeway.com



Keith Inman ('03) was recently appointed a financial representative for Strategic Financial Partners in Memphis, Tenn. Inman, his wife, and three sons live in Somerville, Tenn.

Julie Renee Jones ('00) moved to Detroit, Mich., to take a staff position at Friendship Baptist Church doing missions, evangelism and church planting while she prepares to go to the foreign mission field. Address: 1620 Mill St., Lincoln Park, MI 48146. Email: juliejones_20@hotmail.com

Kathy O. Lofton ('00 MBA) was nominated as one of this year's '50 Women Who Make A Difference' in Memphis. She will be featured in the June/July edition of *Memphis Woman* magazine. Kathy is a senior marketing specialist with FedEx Services, vice president of communications the Memphis chapter of the National Black MBA Association, commissioner of tourism for State Sen. Roscoe Dixon, and a graduate of the Nexus Leadership class of 2003-2004.

Rob Ramsey ('03) plays lead guitar for the Todd Agnew Band. The band received several Dove award nominations including New Artist of the Year and Rock/Contemporary Album of the Year. When the band's music calls for it, Ramsey also plays piano or keyboard. The band has been touring since early 2004.

Jeff Stehle ('01) graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in December 2003 with a master of divinity/biblical languages degree. In January 2004, he began serving as a youth minister of Calvary Baptist Church in Brenham, Texas. Address: 2400 Stone Hollow Drive, Apt. 202, Brenham, TX 77833. Email: jeffts34@juno.com

Don Terrell ('03) and his wife **Julie Yarbrough Terrell ('03)** moved to Memphis, Tenn., where he was promoted to branch manager for Wells Fargo Financial (Memphis.) Address: 1336 Siskin Drive, Cordova, Tenn. 38016.

MARRIAGES

Christy Vogt Bond ('00) married Brian Bond of St. Louis on Aug. 30, 2003, in Alton, Ill., and now resides in St. Louis County. Christy is currently working as a television producer in St. Louis and Brian is a CPA. Address: 5843 Mango, St. Louis, MO 63129. Email: cbond830@yahoo.com

Heather Moubray Clark ('03) married Adam Clark on July 26, 2003. The couple resides in Hendersonville, Tenn., where Adam is a band director at T.W. Hunter Middle School and Beech High School. Heather is a recruiter for Draughons Junior College. Email: heatherclark7@hotmail.com

Chad A. Cossiboom ('03) and **Holly Coleman ('03)** were married on June 7, 2003, at Englewood Baptist Church in Jackson, Tenn. Address: 151 Eagle Ridge Drive, Oakfield TN 38362. Email: ccossibo@uu.edu

Chris McNeece ('97) and **Sarah Aldridge McNeece ('98)** were married March 31, 2001. Sarah completed her master's in speech communication at Southern Illinois University in May, and has plans to move to Seattle, Wash. Email: weatesand@juno.com

Melody Anderson Thomas ('00) married James Thomas in June 2000. She works as an underwriter in life insurance for AIG. Address: 3050 Sherborne Court, Murfreesboro, TN 37128.

Leslie Bryant Todd ('02) and **Jeremy Neil Todd ('01)** were married on January 3, 2004, at Germantown Baptist Church in Germantown, Tenn. Jeremy is currently pursuing his master of arts in Christian education at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Leslie graduated with a master of arts in journalism from the University of Memphis and is working as a proposal writer for Humana, Inc. Address: SBTs Box 8-0193, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40280. Email: jltodd304@aol.com

Heather McQuay Walls ('97) married Adam James Walls April 12, 2003. They live in Curtis Bay, Md., where Heather is the internet marketing manager at Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. Adam is a special field technician and emergency responder for Washington Gas & Light Co. Address: 1200 Swanhill Court, Curtis Bay, MD 21226. Email: thebookstand@netzero.net

BIRTHS

Andrew Baskin ('00) had a son, Miley Reagan, born on March 17, 2003. Andrew was graduated from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in May 2003 and now serves as a youth minister in Olive Branch, Miss. Address: 9400 Goodman Road 14E, Olive Branch, MS 38654.



Amy Newman Eads ('95) and her husband Britt had a son, Evan Paul, born Aug. 5, 2003. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces; 19 inches long. They also have a daughter, Emily Ann, 4. Amy is a stay-at-home mom working part-time at the Mother's Day Out at West Jackson Baptist Church. Britt is the assistant principal at Chester County High School. Address: 3485 Highway 200, Huron, TN 38345. Email: buffett97@netzero.com

Heather Hornsby Harris ('01) and her husband Craig had a girl, Katie Elizabeth, born on June 28, 2003. Heather teaches first grade at Middleton Elementary School and Craig teaches and coaches at Toone Elementary School. Address: 30 Jill Cove, Jackson, TN 38301. Email: hharris0418@aol.com

Kelley E. Hale ('92) and her husband Scott had a son, Carter Manning, born Sept. 18, 2003. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces; 22 inches long. Address: 3805 Piper Bay Lane, Lakeland, TN 38002.

Crystal Argo Geyer ('89) and Shannon Geyer had a son Ryan Alexander Geyer, born on March 12, 2004. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces; 19 inches long. Crystal and Shannon work at Delta Faucet in Jackson, Tenn. Address: 27 Madelyn Cove, Oakfield TN 38362. Email: cdgeyer@charter.net



Jimmy Huckaba ('91) and his wife Jennifer had a son, Jonathan Christian, born Sept. 24, 2003. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 1/2 ounces; 19 1/2 inches long. Address: 1440 Stoner Ridge, Hermitage, TN 37076.

Sara Martin Herrington Jones ('91) and her husband Nolan have recently moved. Sara is a homemaker and the couple now have two children—Patrick, 1 1/2 years and Richard, 3. Address: W. Golden Ridge Drive, Brandon, MS 39042. Email: SMHJ51@hotmail.com or Sara@FCNcorp.com



Beth Newman Keen ('93 BA and '98 MA in Education) and her husband Randy had a son, Alexander Thomas (Alex), born Sept. 1, 2003. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces; 19 inches long. Beth is a teacher at Ripley High School in Ripley, Tenn. Randy owns Keen Consulting, LLC. Address: 1765 Curve-Woodville Road, Ripley, TN 38063. Email: rkeen@lctn.com

Maurie Ann Mitchell ('91) and her husband Robb had a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, born Aug. 19, 2002. She weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces. Maurie Ann is a homemaker, and Robb is a radiologist with Radiology and Imaging Associates in Paris, Tenn. Address: 7723 Highway 641 S., Paris, TN 38242.

Star Neely ('95) and her husband Chris had a daughter, Lilly Noel, born Jan. 23, 2003. The Neelys have two other children. Address: 108 Sanders Road, Humboldt, TN 38343. Email: neely_c@bellsouth.net

Andy Pettigrew ('00) and his wife Laura had a daughter, Liliana Gail, born Sept. 6, 2003. Andy serves in campus ministries at Union University, Jackson, Tenn. Email: apettigr@uu.edu

Aaron Summers ('92) and his wife Dulcie announce the birth of their daughter, Isabella Grace, born on February 11, 2004. Address: 1401 N. Beaver, Guymon, OK 73942. Email: aaronwsummers@hotmail.com

Heather Duncan Tinsley ('98) and Brad Tinsley had a daughter Taylor Autry born April 30, 2002. Taylor weight 8 pounds and 8 ounces; 19 inches long. Brad is a farmer

and Heather is now a stay-at-home mom after teaching theatre in Jackson for four years. Address: 36 Bond St., Mercer, TN 38392. Email: bhtinsley@bellsouth.net

Carol Tritt Venable ('93) and her husband Kirk are proud parents of twin sons William Tritt and Reid Joseph, born Jan. 16, 2004. Will weighed 2 pounds, 14 ounces; 14 inches long, and Reid weighed 2 pounds, 7 ounces; 14 1/2 inches long. Carol is the director of the Crockett County Family Resource Center in Alamo, Tenn., and an adjunct assistant professor of psychology at Union. Kirk is a department manager for Pinnacle Foods of Jackson, Tenn., and a captain in the U. S. Army Reserve. He is currently on active duty and is completing a year long tour in Kuwait as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Address: 172 Honeysuckle Drive, Alamo, TN 38001. Email: carolvenable@charter.net



Sharon Kinstler Walters ('98) and her husband Seth had a son, Noah Thomas, born July 29, 2003. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces; 19 inches long. Sharon is a stay-at-home mom after being a manager at Dillard's for five years. Seth is a pharmaceutical representative for Merck. Address: 11806 Taylor Drive, Marion, IL 62959

Kevin Ward ('02) and his wife Ginger had a son, Riley Michael, born Nov. 22, 2003. He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces; 21 1/2 inches long. Kevin is a youth minister at First Baptist Church in Athens, Ala. Address: 25110 Guthrie Road, Elkmont, AL 35620. Email: Kward@FBCAthens.org

MEMORIAM

Johnnye Sue Austin ('31) May 2, 2004 Parsons, Tenn.

Andy Bailey ('73) June 17, 2004 Jackson, Tenn.

Glenda Barnett ('71) April 18, 2004 Jackson, Tenn.

William Henry Kelley Bennett Barrett ('50) Dec. 7, 2003 Henderson, Tenn.

Brenda Beshires ('67) Dec. 17, 2003 Henderson, Tenn.

MEMORIAM CONTINUED

Cathy Studards Bradbury ('87)
June 2, 2004 Medina, Tenn.

Freda Carney Brosell ('34)
Feb. 16, 2004 Savannah, Ga.

Jeffrey Allen Cagle ('91)
Jan. 25, 2004 Savannah, Tenn.

Marion C. Carroll ('40)
May 28, 2003 Trimble, Tenn.

Alice Chandler ('63)
May 8, 2003 Twinsburg, Ohio

Alice "Allie" Marbury Cobb ('28)
March 6, 2004 Brownsville, Tenn.

James Robert Darden ('53)
April 11, 2004 Jackson, Tenn.

Dr. James Byron Englert ('90)
April 7, 2004 Jackson, Tenn.

Elizabeth Etheridge ('29)
Jan. 1, 2004 Jackson, Tenn.

Lucile McClure Hamlett ('32)
March 6, 2004 Jackson, Tenn.

Margaret L. Hatfield ('52)
Aug. 27, 2003 Clinton, Md.

Mary Elizabeth Ball Holmes ('29)
March 15, 2004 Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Charles Marvin Howard ('90)
Feb. 6, 2004 Jackson, Tenn.

Hervey D. Hudson ('48)
March 22, 2004 Puryear, Tenn.

Albert Kelley ('35)
Feb. 4, 2004 Covington, Tenn.

Wilma A. Lay ('43)
Feb. 23, 2004 Savannah, Tenn.

Cathleen Elizabeth Lewis ('46)
Dec. 25, 2002 Medina, Tenn.

Dr. Carl Freeman Luckey ('36)
May 19, 2003 Florence, Ala.

Gerald "Jerry" David Marsh ('85)
Dec. 22, 2003 Jackson, Tenn.

Helena W. McLeod ('37)
April 21, 2004 Nashville, Tenn.

Carolyn Tisdale Nolan ('58)
Dec. 17, 2002 Bolivar, Tenn.

Ida Nelle Nolen ('51)
May 7, 2004 Jackson, Tenn.

Michael Orlich ('40)
Oct. 8, 2003 Daly City, Calif.

Marjorie Owen ('41)
April 7, 2004 Westport, Texas

Jennie Lou Phillips ('33)
Dec. 28, 2003 Carmel, Ind.

Landis Medling Ross ('30)
Jan. 3, 2004 Forrest City, Ark.

Billy James Stevens ('51)
April 11, 2004 Parson, Tenn.

Margie Tisdale ('53)
March 3, 2004 Brownsville, Tenn.

Reba Millner Todd ('54)
Jan. 10, 2004 Lexington, Tenn.

Demple N. Tyus ('59)
Oct. 26, 2003 Germantown, Tenn.

Earl Daniel Vaughn ('40)
Jan. 6, 2004 Jackson, Tenn.

Bernice Wardlow ('41)
April 26, 2004 Bolivar, Tenn.

J. Leland Wingo ('39)
Oct. 27, 2003 Bradford, Tenn.

Returning from Duty

Omar L. Hamada, M.D. ('86) has recently returned from a one year tour of Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, where he served as the FOB 201 Flight Surgeon and Diving Medical Officer, as well as interim Chaplain, for the U.S. Army's 1/20th Special Forces Group, (Airborne). Maj. Hamada has received several military awards and recognitions for his courage and valor in serving our country during 9/11 and overseas. Hamada, his wife Tara N. Hamada, M.D., and their two daughters, Gabriella and Annelise, have recently moved to Brentwood, Tenn., and have opened a new multi-specialty group private practice. Address: 1581 Fawn Creek Road, Brentwood, TN 37027. Email: olhamada@comcast.net



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