

National Champions

UNIONITE

THE UNION UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE



A Vision for Union in 2010

Summer 2005 www.uu.edu

12 Gross Anatomy | **32** Homecoming 2005 | **34** 50 Years Later

Union 2010: A Vision for Excellence

In December 2004 the Board of Trustees of Union University unanimously and enthusiastically approved a bold and far-reaching plan to propel the University forward and to guide this institution over the next several years. This vision focuses on an ongoing commitment to academic excellence, a spirit of unity throughout the learning community, a compelling mission and strategy for institutional advancement, a dedication to continuous quality improvement, a strategic institutional positioning for the best recruitment of students, faculty, staff, trustees and supporters, and ongoing growth and expansion of the revenue base for all aspects of the University's work. The excitement among student leaders, faculty, staff, administrators and trustees about the 2010 Plan points to the fact that I believe, by God's grace and with His providential enablement, Union University is on the verge of a major breakthrough!

The Plan recognizes that we live in a rapidly changing world. The world of higher education is not exempt from those changes. In response to these changes the plan calls for everyone related to Union to re-emphasize our foundational commitments. This commitment includes not only our identity and mission statements and our shared core values, but also our new Statement of Faith.

At the heart of the Plan is a commitment to excellence in our teaching, our research, and our service. We are motivated to excellence not out of pride, but out of a desire to do all things for God's glory because we believe that God cares about our work and wants to be involved in everything we do. We will not be satisfied with mediocrity, but will pursue excellence in all things, and do so without arrogance.

The Plan calls for the University to build, expand, refurbish, and update campus facilities, focusing on faculty offices, classroom space, library facilities and holdings, residence life facilities, and athletic and administrative needs. It is important for us, with the resources available to us, to build in a way that will provide quality classrooms and learning opportunities for our current and future students and create a context that will stimulate scholarship and service. A commitment to excellence underscores all that we are and all that we do as our guiding vision.



The Plan strongly encourages the University to magnify our Christian commitment, to be faithful to our Baptist heritage, and to articulate clearly our evangelical convictions. We believe that we can pursue serious and rigorous academic engagement while remaining unapologetic about our Christian commitments. Building on these foundational matters, Union 2010 focuses on eight overarching priorities:

Priority 1: Strengthen the Guiding Vision and Shaping Values to focus the entire University on future opportunities and challenges consistent with the institution's mission and purpose.

Priority 2: Being rooted in the great Christian intellectual tradition we will nurture an ongoing commitment to the Great Commandment, which compels our community to recognize that a love for God requires a love for all humanity.

Priority 3: Cultivate a climate of excellence and innovation based on our distinctive vision and mission with continuous and measurable improvement, in all aspects of University life.

Priority 4: Continue to seek opportunities to expand the financial resource base coupled with the encouragement of greater institutional stewardship of these resources.

Priority 5: Monitor a pricing structure to balance affordability and accessibility with

our commitment to Christ-centered excellence and our vision for expanded program offerings and new student markets.

Priority 6: Continually develop and nurture a team-oriented, relational approach to University operations that emphasizes clear and comprehensive communication lines and shared decision making where responsibility is aligned with each institutional priority.

Priority 7: Enhancing relationships with university constituencies by articulating the distinctives of the Union story with compelling and motivating messages.

Priority 8: Build on Union's historical legacy while developing an awareness of and appreciation for institutional memory throughout the University to help bridge our hopes for the future with Union's distinctive heritage.

We believe Union's future is bright. We don't know exactly what Union University will look like in 2010, but we have an exciting and challenging roadmap to guide us along the way. We believe that God in His bountiful goodness and amazing grace has brought us all here for such a time as this, to build on the past, and to carry forth the best of what has gone before us at this great institution. God has providentially blessed this University at this time with great students, talented staff members, outstanding and brilliant faculty members, and a wise and dedicated Board of Trustees, for which we offer thanksgiving.

We ask the Union family, at this key time in the life of this University, to join us in asking God to enable us to embrace and carry forth the Union 2010 Vision in order to build an authentic, grace-filled University that will seek to reclaim the Christian intellectual tradition, while living out its implications for our day. May God continue to bless Union University and shower His favor upon us in this year and in the years to come.

Soli Deo Gloria

David S. Dockery
David S. Dockery

President
David S. Dockery

Senior Vice President
for University Relations
Charles A. Fowler

Associate Vice President
for University Communications
Mark Kahler

Assistant Director
of University Communications
Juanita Cotner

Director of News
and Media Relations
Tim Ellsworth

Director of University
Promotional Strategies
Beverly Vos

Art Director
Todd Mullins

Director of Visual Communication
Jim Veneman

University Photographer
Morris Abernathy

Web Development Agent
Cam Tracy

Editorial Office
Unionite
1050 Union University Drive
Jackson, Tenn. 38305-3697
Phone: (731) 661-5211
Fax : (731) 661-5177
Web site: www.uu.edu
E-mail: unionite@uu.edu

Numbers to Know
(Area code 731)
Admissions 661-5210
Advancement 661-5050
Alumni Services 661-5208
Athletic Office 661-5130
Church Services 661-5281
Events/Info Dawg 661-5048
Financial Aid 661-5015
LifeWay Bookstore 668-9492
Switchboard 668-1818

Unionite is published bi-annually by Union University, 1050 Union University Drive, Jackson, Tenn. 38305-3697. Union University is an academic community, affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention, equipping persons to think Christianly and serve faithfully in ways consistent with its core values of being Christ-centered, people-focused, excellence-driven, and future-directed. ©2005

CONTENTS



Features

- 12** Gross Anatomy
Union students get the opportunity to study human anatomy in a way afforded to few undergraduates
- 14** **Union 2010: A Vision for Excellence**
Through the eyes of donors, faculty and staff, focus on what the university could become in the next five years
- 26** Hail to the Champions
In pictures and words, relive the ups and downs of the Lady Bulldogs' 2004-05 season, which ended with an NAIA Division I national championship.
- 32** A Blast from the Past: Homecoming 2005
A Blast from the past attracts the class of 1955 and a visitor from half a world away
- 34** Two hours short no longer
Two hours short of graduation, one alum has ended his half-century waiting for a Union degree.

Departments

- 4** 1050 u.u. drive: campus news
- 37** old school: alumni news
- 48** final frame: photo essay

About the cover

Frank Wagster of TLM Associates in Jackson puts the finishing architectural touches on plans for White Hall, Union's proposed \$13 million science building. The building was redesigned to add a third floor for the School of Nursing and the new CRNA program. The new facility is part of Union's strategic plan for the next five years. You can read more about Union 2010: A Vision for Excellence on pages 14-25 of this issue.



BSOL programs provides supplies to needy children

When 19 children from Youth Village gathered for their weekly meeting recently, they knew they were waiting for something. But they didn't know what.

Talking with parents or foster parents and playing restlessly with the scattered balloons, the children, ages 8-18, were about to be treated to a surprise by some students from Union University.

After a dinner of hot dogs, hamburgers and holiday-themed cookies, each child received a backpack filled with toiletries, school supplies and other goodies.

"We chose Youth Village because we were told that the young men and women were having to go from foster home to foster home using just a black garbage bag for their belongings," said Union student Kris Phifer, co-chair for the event. "We're trying to help them out a little. We hope to make a difference in their lives and maybe someday they can give back to the community."

The backpacks were a gift from Union's bachelor of science in organizational leadership program. The Nov. 15 event was part of the capstone class for the 10 students of Cohort 27. In the short five-week course the students planned and organized the charity event and called around to various businesses to solicit donations.

"Pretty much everything you see here is donated," Phifer said. In addition to the room, food and supplies, every pack also contained a Bible, compliments of Woodville Baptist Church in Ripley. The students and their instructor, Guy DeLoach, paid for 29 backpacks out of their own pockets.



continued>



Clarence Page



Morton Kondracke

Record crowds enjoy Union Forum speakers

Two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Clarence Page and Fox News Channel's Morton Kondracke attracted record crowds as they addressed the topic "Future Directed: A Look at America after the 2004 Presidential Election."

The luncheon featuring Page attracted 335 guests, and the total for Kondracke was 400, tops for an event that is now in its seventh year.

Kondracke told his audience moderation and cooperation are becoming increasingly difficult to find in American politics and that divisiveness is harmful to the country. He said the tension has even halted the tradition of socializing among political opponents.

"That hardly ever happens anymore," Kondracke said. "It's impossible to imagine Tom DeLay and Nancy Pelosi spending any discretionary time together whatsoever. That's the way it's become."

Page tried to imagine how civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. would have reacted to the divided nation.

"I think if he was around today, he'd probably say we must be dissatisfied until there is no blue state America and no red state America," Page said. "There's one America, and one world, under God's eyes."

Page also addressed the issue of federal funding for faith-based initiatives, which are highly controversial because some see them as a right-wing attempt to blur the separation of church and state. Page said he supports the idea if funds are being used for organizations that have a proven track record of success.

"I don't care about what's right or what's left, what's liberal or what's conservative," he said. "I care about what works."

Both Page and Kondracke met with large groups of faculty and students prior to their luncheon addresses. Page talked to journalism students about his own early successes and failures in the field.

"I appreciated hearing from someone who is active in our culture who engages in things like politics and journalism," said senior Jill Martin, who is the managing

editor of Union's student newspaper, the Cardinal & Cream. "I enjoyed the opportunity to speak with him personally. He took the time to talk to me about my interest in journalism and my career. He was a very good speaker, very engaging, and he helped answer questions that were relevant to our students and people in our community."

Kondracke led a lively discussion with students and faculty about living wills in light of the recent Terri Schiavo case in Florida. His late wife Milly died of Parkinson's disease last summer, and Kondracke said he was a few weeks away from having to make decisions about a feeding tube.

Kondracke said he would have supported removing Schiavo's feeding tube if it had been proven she was in a persistent vegetative state. He's not convinced, however, of the medical diagnosis.


"I was shocked to learn that Terri Schiavo never had a PET scan or an MRI," he said.

Without that conclusive information, Kondracke said he would have difficulty allowing her to die.

Regardless, he advised students to take precautions should they ever find themselves in a similar situation.

"Make your wishes known to somebody, or assign somebody to make your decisions for you," he said.

Kondracke's best-selling book about his wife's experiences, *Saving Milly*, became the basis for a CBS-TV movie of the same name that aired a few weeks prior to his visit.

Four lead sponsors played key roles in the success of this year's Union Forum: First Tennessee Foundation, The Jackson Sun, TLM Associates, and West Tennessee Healthcare. 

Dockery article included in prestigious German reference set

An article on Baptist theologian A.H. Strong by Union University president David S. Dockery is included in the German publication "Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart," the premier scholarly resource on religion in the Western world.

Published by Mohr Siebeck, the fourth edition of the seven-volume reference set contains thousands of articles in an encyclopedia-style format.


"The contributors' list is literally a who's who of religion all around the world," Dockery said. "Even though I have only one article out of the thousands in this set, it is still an honor to be included in a reference set of this magnitude that serves the worldwide academic community." Translated into German for publication, Dockery's article on Strong (1836-1921) is a brief biography that explores the theologian's impact on Baptist thought for much of the 20th century.

"He cast a long shadow over Baptist thought for decades with his encyclopedic

Systematic Theology, which went through eight editions over a 20-year period,"

Dockery wrote. "Essentially traditional and orthodox in his theological conclusion, Strong was a pioneer in theological method in Baptist life engaging and interacting with the modernists of his day on methodological and philosophical issues."

The "Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart" article is just one of dozens of contributions Dockery has made in recent years to a growing list of respected reference works.


His work is also included in such publications as *The IVP Dictionary of the New Testament*, *The Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*, *The Dictionary of Paul and His Letters*, *Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology*, *Holman Bible Dictionary*, *Holman Bible Handbook* (for which Dockery serves as general editor), the 40-volume *New American Commentary* series (for which he serves as associate general editor) and others. 

continued from pg. 4

During DeLoach's short speech he thanked the children for their courage, spirit of hope and potential, tossing in a few magic tricks to liven things up.

"Each of you is a unique miracle, a special gift," DeLoach said.

Phifer said the program needs more foster parents.

"We want to encourage adults who can find it in their heart to foster a child in their home," Phifer said. "This is not just a project. It is something all of us have been thankful to do for everyone." 

Van Neste book explores Pastoral epistles




Ray Van Neste, Union's director of the R.C. Ryan Center for Biblical Studies and instructor of Christian

Studies, has written a book entitled "Cohesion and Structure in the Pastoral Epistles" that was released in October.

Published by T&T Clark, International, the book is a technical study of 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus and examines how each one of the letters fits together and how one paragraph connects to the next.

Van Neste began writing the book as his doctoral thesis in Aberdeen, Scotland, almost seven years ago. He completed his doctorate in New Testament from the University of Aberdeen in 2002.

"I wrote the book in response to a significant group of scholars who have argued that these letters don't make sense, that they are a sloppy, disorganized mess with little or no meaning," Van Neste said. "I have sought to show linguistically that the letters do fit together well and do make sense. An issue essentially is whether we should regard these letters as worthy of attention. There is a significant bias against these letters among scholars and I have sought in one area to combat this."

Van Neste was ordained to the ministry in 1991 and has served as both youth pastor and pastor of numerous churches. He has also done extensive work among Baptist churches and student organizations in Scotland. 

Gushee speaks at the Vatican

Dr. David Gushee, Union University's Graves professor of moral philosophy, spoke at the Vatican as part of "The Call to Justice" conference March 16-18, 2005.

Gushee, along with 250 intellectuals from 30 countries, was invited to submit a proposal, which was evaluated by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, an event co-sponsor.

"I was kind of surprised to get this invitation," Gushee said.

Of the 100 papers accepted for presentation, half were presented aloud at the Vatican, and half were presented online.

Gushee's paper, which addresses the social and moral issues facing marriage and the family, was one of 50 online presentations.

"I thought it might be interesting to reflect on marriage and the family 40 years later and how the situation has grown worse rather than better since that time," he said.

In addition to his online presentation, Gushee spoke as a respondent to another scholarly work presented aloud at the Vatican.

"The Call to Justice" conference observed the 40th anniversary of the "Gaudium et spes," a pastoral constitution on the church and the modern world of 1965. The conference addressed Catholic social thought in the tradition of Vatican II, or the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, which convened between 1962 and 1965.

"The Vatican II Council produced a number of really important declarations," Gushee said. "Now, the church is attempting to update its message without abandoning its traditions."



continued>



Spring Graduation 2005

A beautiful May evening provided a perfect setting for the commencement services of the 180th graduating class of Union University. While the university band played *Pomp and Circumstance* a record number of graduates marched to receive their degrees.

Class of 2005 sets Union graduation record

A record 415 students graduated from Union University during commencement exercises May 21. "This year's commencement service was a time of celebration for 415 outstanding graduates and their families," Union University President David S. Dockery said. "This year's class, which will include more than 900 graduates in all three graduation services, is by far the largest graduating class in Union's long history. We give thanks for these wonderfully prepared students and wish God's best for them in coming days."

This year's class included the first graduates from Union's new engineering program. Five students received their bachelor of science degrees in engineering. Physics major Brian Taylor, of Portageville, Mo., received the Elizabeth Tigrett Medal during the ceremony. The award, created by Tigrett's son to honor his mother, has been awarded since 1912

by vote of the entire Union faculty to an outstanding member of the senior class. "In nearly a decade of leadership at Union University I have seen some amazingly gifted and dedicated students graduate from this place," Dockery said. "No student in my memory has applied himself to his studies and maximized his intellectual gifts like Brian Taylor. He is a most worthy recipient of this year's Tigrett Award, which recognizes a student for excellence and dedication in the areas of character, spiritual commitment, scholarship and service."

Taylor has received a full fellowship and a \$23,000 per year stipend for the next five years to do cancer research at M.D. Anderson hospital in Houston, Texas, the premier cancer research center in the country. His work will result in a doctorate from the University of Texas system in medical physics.

Other Union graduates from the class




Brian Taylor, recipient of this year's Tigrett Award

of 2005 have also distinguished themselves academically and will pursue graduate degrees at prestigious schools.

For example, Kevin Minister and Meredith Williams, who will marry May 27, have each earned a full-tuition scholarship to study theology at Boston University. Matt Crawford, who was one of nine students nationally to receive an H.Y. Benedict Fellowship from Alpha

Chi, will pursue biblical languages at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Titus Bartos received a full fellowship to do graduate work in music at Middle Tennessee State University. Others will enter law schools, medical schools, seminaries and graduate programs across the country.

R. Albert Mohler, Jr., SBTS president, gave the commencement address. 



Union Auxiliary luncheon

Retired English professor Louise Bentley was one of the two guest speakers to address the Union Auxiliary at a luncheon in April. Maggie Nell Brewer, retired vice president for student affairs, also spoke at the luncheon. The two women shared some memories from their years at Union.

continued from pg. 6



Gushee's participation in this Catholic social tradition was a landmark for the Baptist faith.


"I was one of the very first Baptist scholars to present anything at the Vatican, so it was a major deal for Baptists," Gushee said.

As a representative of the Baptist faith, Gushee said he gained a better understanding of the Catholic Church on social ethical issues, while also promoting Catholic and Protestant dialogue.

"The social ethics tradition of Catholicism is profound," Gushee said. "I think a lot can be learned from it. In a sense, my goal was to help the Catholic Church think about its social ethics and enrich my own understanding of the Catholic Church and social ethics."

In addition to expanding his own understanding of Catholic social thought, Gushee said he also hopes that his students will benefit from his participation at the Vatican.

"I believe in the Catholic-Protestant dialogue," Gushee said.

Gushee believes the point-counterpoint discussion is a well-developed art in the Catholic tradition, and he said he hopes to promote this type of discussion among his students. 

Paper-making experiment gives elementary education students material for future classroom use

For students in Jimmy Davis' Perspectives in Science class, an afternoon lab is more than just a course requirement.

"I've enjoyed this lab more than any other class that I've taken at Union," said Union University senior Sylvia Schrivner, of Humboldt. "It's just been fun. It's stuff that we can do in our classrooms, and it's really interesting."

The Perspectives in Science class is for elementary education students, and in their weekly lab they do experiments designed for them to

continued>

continued from pg.7

use with their future students. For example, in this week's lab, the class made paper.

"The point of the experiment is to show them how to use science to prepare a useful product – paper," said Davis, professor of chemistry.

"It's designed to be simple to set up, simple to do so they can do it with their students. I'm sure their students would love to get their hands wet in that pulp."


The process is simple enough and starts with making the pulp, which students do by tearing toilet paper into small pieces. They put the paper in a blender, add water and mix it up.

They then transfer the pulp to a deckle – a device with a screen that collects the pulp for drying. Using an iron and a rolling pin, the students dry the pulp and peel the paper off the screen. Although crude and thick, what's left is undeniably a sheet of paper.

In addition to making paper, this semester the Perspectives in Science students have measured how fast



they run, used salts to make colored flames, made a device to observe a solar eclipse and extracted natural dyes from onions, blueberries and blackberries, among other experiments.

"The nice thing about the paper experiment is it can be used in a science class, but it could also be done in an art class," Davis said. "All the experiments that we do have multiple purposes." 



Creating the right reaction

Senior Brent Jones, biology and chemistry major, prepared his research on monomer reactions for the Union University Scholarship Symposium.

Scholarship Symposium highlights student research projects

More than 100 Union students from 20 different academic disciplines who presented research projects May 2 at the university's second annual Scholarship Symposium.

The event concluded with a reception for faculty and student presenters and a keynote address from Stephen Garber, an author and faculty member of the American Studies Program of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

The university's Undergraduate Research Program sponsors the annual Scholarship Symposium. Math professor Matt Lunsford, who coordinates the program, said presentations are open to undergraduate and graduate students who have "completed a collaborative, innovative scholarly project during the current academic year."

The program's goal is to provide students with the opportunity to work with a faculty mentor on a research project. More than 30 faculty members participated with students in this year's symposium.

"The Scholarship Symposium is an incredible opportunity for Union undergraduates to work with faculty members on significant research projects," Union University President David S. Dockery


said. "The privilege for students to participate in this level of serious exploration and research is usually reserved for graduate study. The entire project is an affirmation of the quality of Union students and the serious investment that Union faculty members provide for these students."

Research projects covered such topics as youth incarcerated in adult prisons, Crohn's disease, water and soil quality of Cypress Grove and Luray Lake, strategies for Hispanic marketing and communication processes, Nathaniel Hawthorne's use of history in "The Scarlet Letter," racism within the criminal justice system, data security and many others.

Lunsford called the program "a great success." The afternoon was devoted to 11 concurrent sessions in which students presented papers, posters and portfolios showcasing their work.

"The afternoon is so full of presentations, I am hopeful that a full day can be given to the event next year," Lunsford said.

Dockery said Union is one of only a few colleges and universities in the country to hold such a program for its students.

"It is a high water mark indeed for this university," he said. 



by Dr. Carla D. Sanderson
Provost

Union's Learning Community

Union University is structured around a concept we call Learning Community where a team of leaders is collaboratively pursuing a calling and a goal. We are committed to a clear calling as leaders in Christian higher education at Union with a goal to recruit the right students, to offer the right programs of study, to provide the right 21st century learning opportunities, and to place graduates into the right careers or graduate programs for further study. Ensuring what is right in all of this is a full time job for the team I lead.

Students

At Union we are looking for students who want to work hard to make an impact and live a life of significance for God's glory. We recruit high school students who are leaders, ready to do rigorous academic work, students who care and are called by God to do His work. Many of today's high school students can be the right students for Union, our team is taking up the challenge to help them find that out.

Programs

Deans and faculty search together for the right programs of study. Sometimes program proposals come from the community, most often they come from faculty working together across the disciplines planning for the future. With Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' approval as a Level V institution there is really no limit to the programming we can offer. But our faculty is rising to the challenge of determining the selective programs of study best for us, given our distinctive purpose and mission.

In Class

Fostering connections between highly qualified faculty living out their faith as academicians and well prepared, eager-to-learn students is at the heart of my work every day. Today's Christian students learn most effectively through authentic and genuine connections where faith naturally intersects with learning. Undergraduate research, web enhanced teaching,


service-learning courses, professional internships/fellowships, and intercultural/international study are used to promote student learning. And faculty use themselves...modeling the best in research and scholarship, giving their best as teachers for the benefit of the students they serve, all for God's glory in this place.

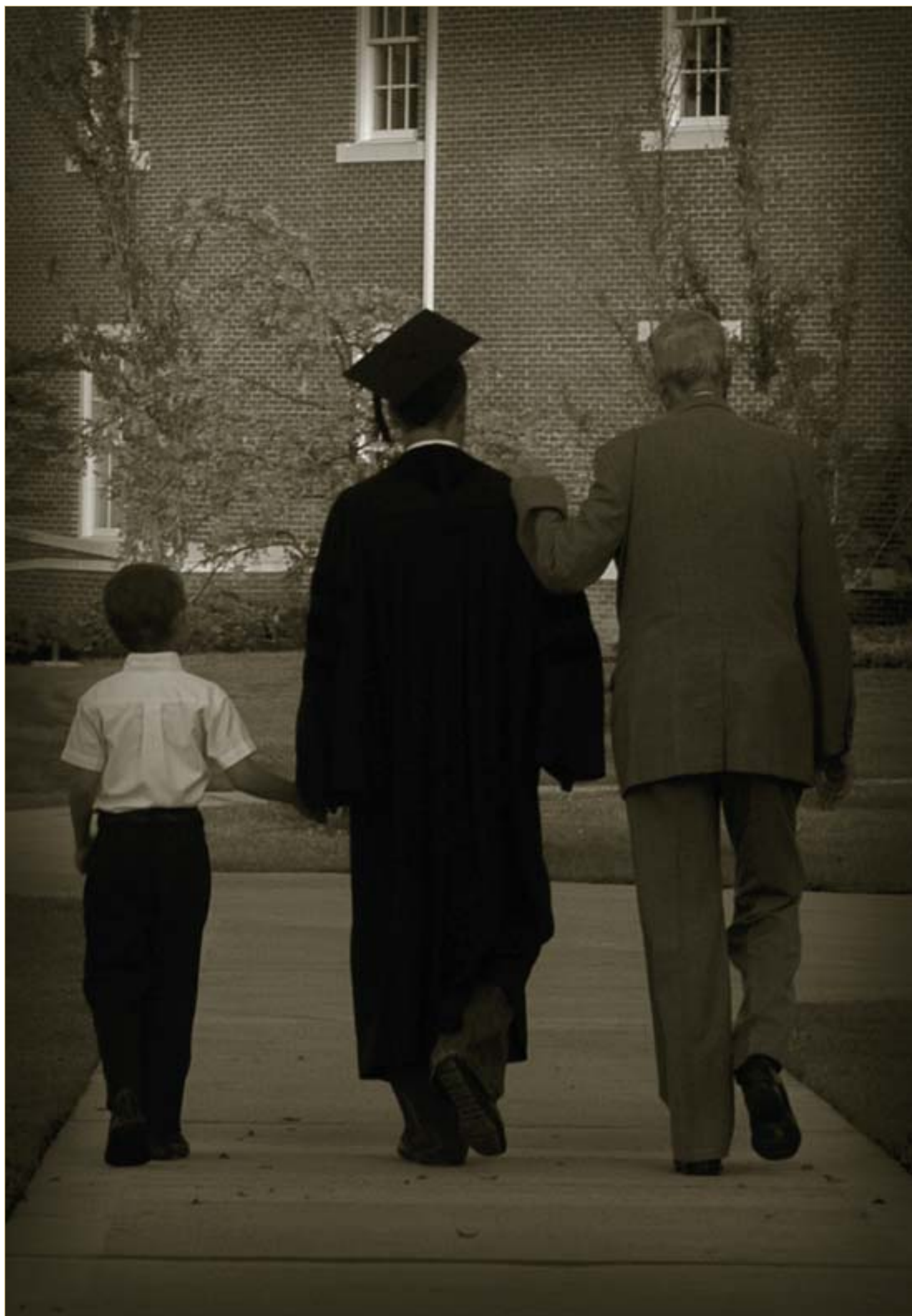
Outside Class

The undergraduate experience is also lived outside the classroom where learning is often synthesized. Student Life leaders are central to the Learning Community team, building bridges between the curricular and the co-curricular, complementing and enhancing the entire Christian higher education endeavor. An energetic and creative team of young professionals is taking advantage of opportunities such as residence life, leadership development, campus ministries, Greek Life, and intramurals/wellness programs to model and promote healthy and sustaining relationships in work and play.

Life After Union

Our team lives for the day when graduates shake President Dockery's hand and receive their diploma. But our jobs do not stop there. It is our goal that each student, starting in the freshman year, strives to match his passions and strengths with a place of service in the world. We work hard to ensure that our graduates are admissible to the most competitive graduate programs. Many graduates move directly into the work world – we offer services to assist them with every aspect of job preparation and placement.

The success of Union's Learning Community approach is determined one student at a time and is perhaps best measured not in the graduate's 20s but in his or her 50s or later! Our team expects great things from Union University graduates throughout their lifetimes, just as we expect great things from our God in whom all that we do finds its meaning and purpose. 



YOU WANT TO INVEST IN
BUILDING A STRONG UNION
FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.

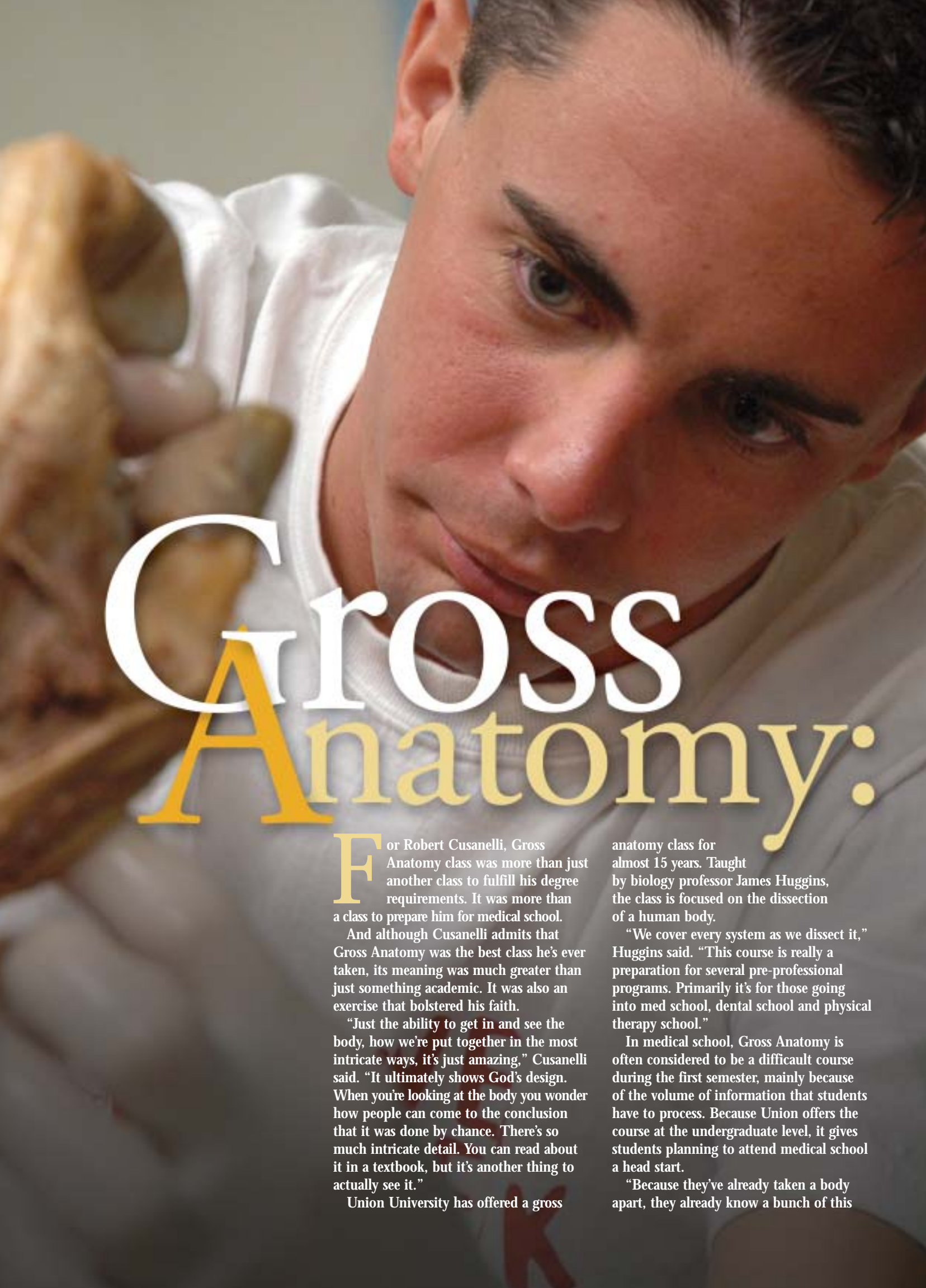
YOU ALSO DESIRE FINANCIAL
SECURITY FOR YOURSELF.

Both are possible through a charitable gift annuity with guaranteed
annual returns—depending upon your age—of up to 11%.

Whether retirement is fifteen years down the road, right around
the corner, or something you've been enjoying for years,
a charitable gift annuity may be right for you.

Call the Office of University Relations today at 1-800-338-6644
for details on this or other planned giving opportunities.





Gross Anatomy:

For Robert Cusanelli, Gross Anatomy class was more than just another class to fulfill his degree requirements. It was more than a class to prepare him for medical school.

And although Cusanelli admits that Gross Anatomy was the best class he's ever taken, its meaning was much greater than just something academic. It was also an exercise that bolstered his faith.

"Just the ability to get in and see the body, how we're put together in the most intricate ways, it's just amazing," Cusanelli said. "It ultimately shows God's design. When you're looking at the body you wonder how people can come to the conclusion that it was done by chance. There's so much intricate detail. You can read about it in a textbook, but it's another thing to actually see it."


Union University has offered a gross

anatomy class for almost 15 years. Taught by biology professor James Huggins, the class is focused on the dissection of a human body.

"We cover every system as we dissect it," Huggins said. "This course is really a preparation for several pre-professional programs. Primarily it's for those going into med school, dental school and physical therapy school."

In medical school, Gross Anatomy is often considered to be a difficult course during the first semester, mainly because of the volume of information that students have to process. Because Union offers the course at the undergraduate level, it gives students planning to attend medical school a head start.

"Because they've already taken a body apart, they already know a bunch of this



Gross Anatomy students examine with awe the wonders of God's creation in the workings of the human body.

A CHANCE TO 'THINK GOD'S THOUGHTS BEHIND HIM'

information," Huggins said. "It's proved very, very valuable for them."

Offered only over the summer, Gross Anatomy class begins with the students removing the cadaver's skin on the first day. In order to make the students feel more comfortable, Huggins keeps the face covered and allows the students to look as they are able to.

Most of the students are tentative the first day, until the skin is removed.

"Once the skin comes off, what they begin to do is see less humanity, so they're able to get involved in learning the muscles, the nerves, the arteries and veins and eventually the organ systems," Huggins said. "When it's all over, the students love the course. They find it very beneficial."

The cadavers come from the University of Tennessee. Most of them are older people, usually in their 70s or 80s, and many are people who worked in health care profes-

sions who donated their bodies to science.


"We impress upon them that this is a human, and we treat it with greatest and utmost respect," Huggins said. "We pray over the cadaver every day in class. Most of the time we actually thank God for the person and their willingness to allow us such a great opportunity. The students come out with a very deep appreciation for anatomy and physiology, as well as for someone who would allow them such an opportunity."

Huggins said a class such as Gross Anatomy offers a variety of openings to integrate discussions of faith. He'll talk about opposable thumbs, and tell stories from the Bible about people's thumbs being cut off as a form of punishment. Since opposable thumbs are part of a person's humanity, this punishment is meant to take away some of that.

"It's easy to impress students with the

complexity of liver function, the complexity of kidney function," Huggins said. "As we talk about that, I generally will refer to, 'Why did God create the kidney this way? What is the necessity for having this particular arrangement in the human body?'"

For students like Cusanelli, who graduated in December and will enter medical school in the fall, the integration of faith into Gross Anatomy class made the experience even more unique.

"Because you're looking at the pinnacle of God's creation, you can't help but have your faith strengthened," he said. "As Dr. Huggins puts it, what we're doing is thinking God's thoughts behind him as we see how the body's put together and how it all works. We're sort of seeing what God had in mind. Obviously we can't know exactly what God was thinking, but we can still follow along." 



UNION 2010:

A VISION FOR EXCELLENCE

E I G H T P R I O R I T I E S

P R I O R I T Y 1

Strengthen the Guiding Vision and Shaping Values to focus the entire University on future opportunities and challenges consistent with the institution's mission and purpose.

P R I O R I T Y 2

Being rooted in the great Christian intellectual tradition we will nurture an ongoing commitment to the Great Commandment, which compels our community to recognize that a love for God requires a love for all humanity.

P R I O R I T Y 3

Cultivate a climate of excellence and innovation based on our distinctive vision and mission with continuous and measurable improvement, in all aspects of University life.

P R I O R I T Y 4

Continue to seek opportunities to expand the financial resource base coupled with the encouragement of greater institutional stewardship of these resources.

P R I O R I T Y 5

Monitor a pricing structure to balance affordability and accessibility with our commitment to Christ-centered excellence and our vision for expanded program offerings and new student markets.

P R I O R I T Y 6

Continually develop and nurture a team-oriented, relational approach to University operations that emphasizes clear and comprehensive communication lines and shared decision making where responsibility is aligned with each institutional priority.

P R I O R I T Y 7

Enhancing relationships with University constituencies by articulating the distinctives of the Union story with compelling and motivating messages.

P R I O R I T Y 8

Build on Union's historical legacy while developing an awareness of and appreciation for institutional memory throughout the University to help bridge our hopes for the future with Union's distinctive heritage.



UNION 2010:

A VISION FOR EXCELLENCE

Union Trustees have approved a long-range plan that includes the introduction of new graduate programs, increased enrollment goals and continued improvements to the Jackson campus.

The strategic plan, "Union 2010: A Vision for Excellence," is a creation of faculty and staff members who worked with students and friends of the university to craft a blueprint for success at the university during the next five years.

"I believe Union University is on the verge of a major breakthrough," Union President David S. Dockery said. "This plan for 2010 will keep us focused on the future, and will keep before us a vision of what we expect Union to be."

Dockery said the Union 2010 plan

ethics and a master of Christian studies. These programs are in addition to the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) program and the new doctor of education degree in higher education administration.

The CRNA program will begin in the 2005-2006 academic year and will include a 30-month curriculum designed for those who already hold a nursing degree. West Tennessee Healthcare recently committed a \$2.5 million gift to support the program.

While the master's degrees in biblical studies and Christian ethics are specifically designed for full-time students on Union's campus, department chairman George Guthrie says the master of Christian

department's growth in both size and quality, Guthrie said the graduate programs will be beneficial to students who seek challenging postgraduate work.

"With the rising levels of our undergraduate programs, we've had students who wanted to be pushed to the next level here, and that's where the master of arts degrees come from," said Guthrie.

AMBITIOUS GROWTH

Another part of the Union 2010 plan calls for the continuation of the campus master plan project. At the forefront of this plan is completion of White Hall, Union's proposed science building (pages 21-26).

Among other possibilities being



*Benjamin W. Perry Professor of Bible
George Guthrie takes his class on the road to
Davis-Kidd Booksellers for a change of pace.*

includes eight priorities (pages 24-25) for the university during the next five years. Among those priorities are keeping Union focused on future opportunities and challenges consistent with the institution's mission and purpose, cultivating a climate of excellence and innovation, expanding the university's financial resource base, and balancing affordability and accessibility with Union's commitment to Christ-centered excellence.

CHRISTIAN STUDIES AND CRNA

As part of the plan, the Christian studies department will launch three new degree programs – a master of arts in biblical studies, a master of arts in

studies degree is geared more to staff and church members in west Tennessee churches.

"It gives us a presence in broader Baptist life in terms of graduate education in Christian studies," Guthrie said. "It takes the quality of what we've been doing at the undergraduate level and moves it up a notch."

Union's Christian studies department has grown considerably during the past decade. The number of students with Christian studies majors has increased from 70 to 230, while faculty numbers in the department rose from six to 13.

This growth has allowed the Christian studies faculty to offer a more diverse and rigorous program, focused on language, research and writing. Because of the

considered are an events center, an addition to Jennings Hall, a second building on the university's Germantown campus, improvements or additions to residential housing, or a library building.

"All of these proposed buildings are needed on our campus right now, but we will address the needs as funding is provided," Dockery said.

Other components of the Union 2010 plan include:

- Beginning a department of interdisciplinary studies on the Jackson campus.
- Starting a university debate team
- Building a soccer complex, art village and lighted intramural fields (pages 19-20)
- Starting a women's soccer team
- Exploring a possible move from

continued>



Allison Rasnic ('05), cares for a patient at Jackson Madison County General Hospital in Jackson, Tenn.

continued from pg.15

NAIA to NCAA membership

In addition, the Union 2010 plan calls for the university to do a feasibility study on at least two other new academic programs. Among those being considered for further study are pharmacy, physical therapy, medical technology, in addition to graduate programs in areas such as music, liberal arts, accountancy, management, social work, and others.

The new plan projects a fall enrollment of 3,500 by 2010, up from 2,919 in fall, 2004. Union enrollment has increased from 1,975 to 2,919 in the past nine years.

"We are incredibly excited about the potential of this plan, which is extremely thorough and comprehensive," Dockery said. "The plan has been processed across the university over the past 12 months. Strong support for the plan can be seen across all sectors of the campus. We believe it will propel Union to new heights and will enhance the quality of our work in everything we do."

A TIME TO REFLECT ON THE PAST FIVE YEARS

The adoption of Union 2010 officially closes the university's previous growth plan, entitled "Vision and Values 2005."

Originally adopted in 2000, "Vision

and Values" outlined a series of goals toward which university leaders have been working. Union met all of those goals, with two exceptions.

The two goals the university did not meet were a freshman enrollment of 500 for fall 2004, and construction of the new science building. Both remain high on the priority list for Union 2010.

But Union's other programs outlined in the "Vision and Values" document are now thriving. It called for the start of several new majors and degree programs, including engineering, digital media studies, a doctor of education degree, an educational specialist degree, a master of science in nursing, and a master of arts in intercultural studies.

In addition, the 2005 plan outlined an aggressive campus construction program. Union has built two single student dormitories that house 80 students; Hammons Hall, which houses the campus bookstore, conference rooms, classrooms, and the office of university relations; Jennings Hall, a 45,000 square foot facility that houses the academic departments of communication arts, music, and Christian studies; a 100-foot clock/bell tower, and other campus improvements.

Even though Union did not meet the goal of 500 freshmen, enrollment has been on the rise, Dockery said. Union

has had seven straight years of more than 400 freshmen students, compared to an average of about 350 in previous years.

"The academic quality has significantly increased, best seen by the fact that more than 20 National Merit finalists are enrolled this semester at Union," Dockery said.

Other attained goals from "Vision and Values 2005" included:

- Men's and women's cross country teams
- An outdoor basketball court
- Dorms wired to connect with the campus information network
- New athletic fields for varsity baseball, softball, and soccer

"The 2005 plan has propelled Union University forward in numerous ways, evident to many around the country," Dockery said. "Union is now seen as one of the truly premier private universities in the South and one of the outstanding Christian universities in the nation. The remarkable steps are evidence of God's hand of blessing on this university."

The following pages explore White Hall, Union's new Statement of Faith, proposed athletic improvements, and eight key priorities upon which Union 2010 will be evaluated.

UNION 2010: STATEMENT OF FAITH TO STRENGTHEN IDENTITY

Union University has adopted a statement of faith that President David S. Dockery says will serve as a type of guardrail in theological matters.

"The Statement of Faith, while true and trustworthy, is no guarantee that in itself it will prevent the rise of error on this campus," Dockery said. "Yet, it nevertheless is a safeguard and it is an identity marker of our orthodox and evangelical convictions, and it demonstrates our connectedness with the primary emphases of historic Christianity."

Dockery spoke to the Union community in a chapel service Feb. 4 about the significance of Union's newly-adopted confessional statement, developed to solidify the university's mission and to strengthen its identity.

Following the address, campus leaders took turns signing a statement pledging their commitment to the confession.

Though not "distinctively baptistic" in nature, Dockery said the Union statement of faith is consistent with affirmations found in Baptist confessions. It also recognizes common convictions Baptists share with other orthodox Christians "who stand in continuity with the consensus of the early church on matters such as the truthfulness of

holy Scripture, the doctrine of God and the person and work of Jesus Christ."

Dockery described Union's Statement of Faith as a summary of other well known confessions, such as the Baptist Confession of 1678 (often called the Orthodox Confession), the Nicene Creed, the Apostle's Creed and the Chalcedon Confession. These statements have successfully and succinctly articulated the first order principles of Christianity.

"We recognize this morning that we drink from wells that we did not dig and eat from gardens that we did not plant," Dockery said. "And thus today we are accepting our responsibility to receive this tradition and to pass it on to others here at Union University, and therefore to pass it on to the ends of the earth."

The Union president acknowledged that the statement of faith isn't on the same level as Scripture. It is not infallible, nor is it free from possible revision in the future.

"The Union statement has been developed at a particular time as the university seeks to clarify what it means to be a Christ-centered institution," Dockery said. "It is in this context that we carry out our commitment to academic excellence in the Christian tradition, even recognizing that we are swimming upstream in doing so."

UNION 2010: BUILDING A BETTER ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Mapping significant improvement for Union's athletic program is a challenge, because most of the school's teams already enjoy powerful reputations rooted in many seasons of success in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

But the Union 2010 plan does call for an examination of membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), either at the Division I or Division III level.

"About five years ago we talked about going (NCAA) Division II, but that didn't seem to be the right fit," said Union President David S. Dockery. "Right now we're totally committed to the NAIA."

IMMEDIATE UPGRADES: WOMEN'S SOCCER AND FIELD HOUSE

Union 2010 provides for improvement of facilities already considered among the finest in NAIA's membership. An 18,000 square foot field house will support men's baseball and women's softball. Included in the plan is a 9,000 square foot turf room, locker rooms and showers for each home and visiting team, coaches offices and an

continued>



Trustee chairman Mike Weeks is the first of the Trustees to place his name on Union's Statement of Faith.

continued from pg.17

athletic training room.

"It's something that we've wanted for a long time," said Andy Rushing, Union's director of athletic facilities and fields. "The indoor practice facility gives us an advantage because it will allow us to prepare inside during the cold months. This is a great addition to an already top-notch baseball facility."

Union coaches say the additions will help tremendously with recruiting, since many prospects judge a school's athletic commitment in relation to the quality of their facilities.

The field house would also support major additions to Union's soccer program. Construction began this spring on a second lighted soccer field with Blue Tag Certified T-10 Bermuda turf. Completion is expected by fall.

Also in the fall, Union will compete in women's soccer for the first time, at both the varsity and junior varsity levels. New women's coach Brandon Boylan says he is excited about the possibilities as he begins building the program.

"My job is challenging because I

want to take the winning tradition of the Union athletic department and bring that to the women's soccer program," Boylan said. "I want to build the women's program with young ladies who will excel on and off the field."

Boylan is a 1996 Union graduate who was instrumental in starting and building the university's first soccer program. Varsity competition began two years after his graduation.

On the men's side, junior varsity competition will be added on a full-time basis after brief trial in 2004.

"We are expanding our soccer program in response to the national growth trend that has been going on in our nation for several years in regards to soccer," said Union men's soccer coach Darin White. "Soccer has grown in both participation and in fan and student support."

Funding for the soccer program and the field house has been provided by gifts from university friends and the athletic booster club. The lead gift of \$500,000 was provided by Benny and Norma Fesmire and the

Fesmire Foundation.

LONG-TERM UPGRADES: STUDY OF A SPECIAL EVENTS CENTER

In addition to a feasibility study of NCAA membership, another possible improvement covered in the Union 2010 plan is a Special Events Center with an arena large enough to host intercollegiate basketball, special events such as the annual scholarship banquet, and graduation.

As proposed, the \$12 million building also would host athletics, the physical education and wellness department, and fitness facilities.

But the Special Events Center is just one project on a list of five campus development proposals in the Union 2010 plan. It is likely only one of the five will receive significant consideration and funding in the next six years.

The other possible development projects on that list include a second phase of Jennings Hall, a second building for the Germantown campus, a library building, and new, renovated or expanded residential housing.



Benny Crozier (8) controls the ball during Union's win over Delta State



W H I T E H A L L , U N I O N U N I V E R S I T Y

UNION 2010: STATE-OF-THE-ART SCIENCE FACILITIES

One of the first and most visible of the Union 2010 improvements will be White Hall, Union's new science building scheduled for completion in summer 2007. It will house the university's biology and chemistry departments, and the school of nursing.

Those outstanding faculties provide instruction for more than 400 majors and minors on the Jackson campus — roughly 15% of the university's fall 2004 enrollment. In addition, virtually all undergraduates take core classes in biology or chemistry. In the 2003-04 academic year, Union students completed more than 2,000 credit hours in those two departments.

"We want to provide a space where serious learning can take place among science majors as well as an appropriate place for Union students who are taking the required science core classes," said Carla Sanderson, Union's provost and a professor of nursing.

Top alumni joined administrators in setting the agenda for White Hall, which will be named to honor Roy L. White of Memphis. Dr. White provided

the lead gift for the \$13.5 million facility.

"This new facility is proof that the school is committed to offering the best education in the field of science," said Steven Chipman, a biology major who was graduated in 2000. "It's an investment in Union's academic reputation."

"The working relationships between faculty, administration and staff in planning this project have been excellent," according to Keith Dismuke, who completed his Union chemistry degree in 1970. "We're addressing today's needs and our vision for the future."

WHAT'S INSIDE WHITE HALL


A third floor was added to original plans for White Hall when Union committed to offering a certified registered nurse anesthetist program (CRNA). As Union builds its CRNA program, hospitals in the region will partner with the school to provide clinical experience.

"You don't see a lot of schools working to build a network of rural hospitals for a program like this," said Timothy Smith, the dean of Union's nursing school who began work in January. "It's the beginning of a new era in Christian education."

A floor plan of 63,345 gross square feet will be divided among three floors, with biology on the first, nursing on the second, and chemistry on the third level. White Hall will house seven lecture halls, 42 offices for faculty and staff, and three conference rooms. Wireless hubs will serve the computer systems.

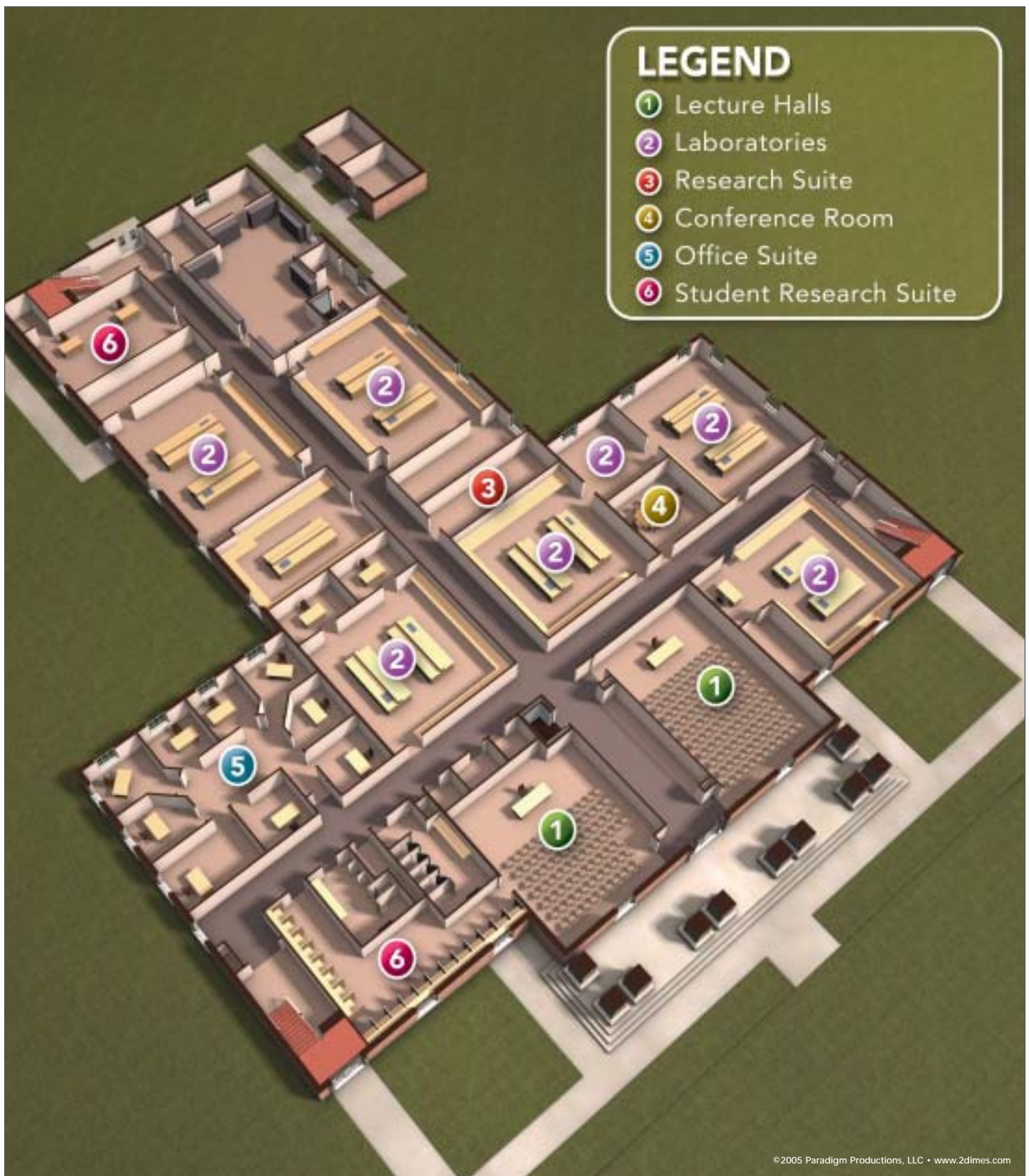
Among the 20 teaching laboratories is a nuclear magnetic resonance facility, and the labs will support the highest levels of undergraduate study found anywhere. Patient mannequins and other teaching aids rarely found in such settings are in the plans.

"The science building and the CRNA program have the potential to advance the work of Union University in very significant ways," said Union President David S. Dockery, who praises leadership on the project from trustees, faculty, staff, and alumni.

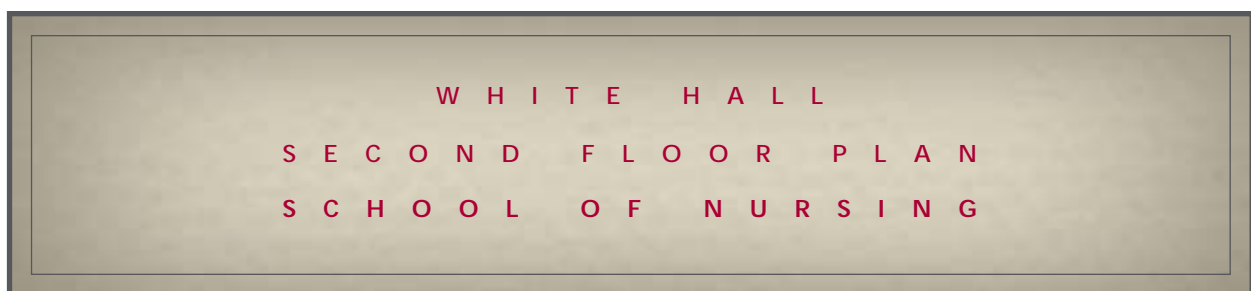
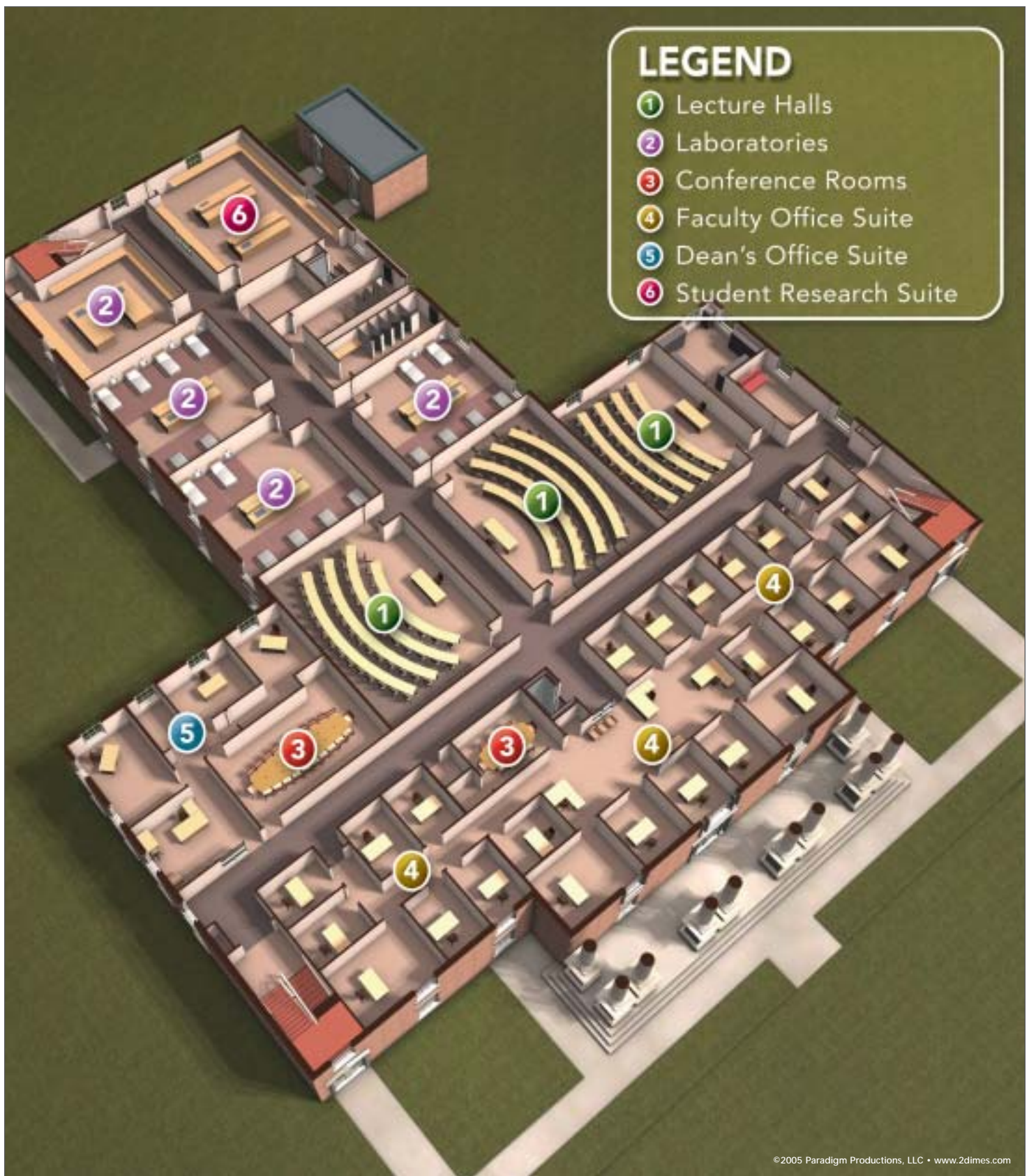
Fund raising efforts for White Hall are underway, with a wide array of naming opportunities still remaining. Inquiries should be directed to the Office of University Relations at 1.800.338.6644 or 731.661.5050. 



L O C A T I O N O F W H I T E H A L L
O N C A M P U S



W H I T E H A L L
F I R S T F L O O R P L A N
D E P A R T M E N T O F B I O L O G Y





W H I T E H A L L
T H I R D F L O O R P L A N
D E P A R T M E N T O F C H E M I S T R Y

A close-up, low-angle shot of a female basketball player, Stephanie Clark, in mid-air. She is wearing a white jersey with "UNION" and the number "2" in red. She is holding a basketball with both hands above her head, looking up at it. Her left wrist has a white band. The background is dark and out of focus, showing a crowd of spectators.

THAT CHAMPIONSHIP

Stephanie Clark beats four Oklahoma City defenders for a shot during Union win in the championship game of the NAIA National Tournament.

SEASON

BY TIM ELLSWORTH

It was late January when the bottom seemed to fall out.

After starting the season 17-0, including wins over nearly all the top teams in the country, the Union University Lady Bulldogs seemed invincible. They were not.

The first loss of the year came Jan. 20 to Trevecca Nazarene. One week later, another loss – this time to Lyon College. A third loss came the next week to Freed-Hardeman.

Three losses in seven games. Questions, doubts and anxiety followed.

“I think we were all just kind of confused, just trying to figure out what was going on,” said senior forward Stephanie Clark.

“It just hit us by surprise,” senior guard Monica Elliot said. “We weren’t expecting it at all.”

Off the court, frustrations were mounting. Some parents were unhappy with their daughters’ playing time. Some players were having attitude problems of their own.

“From that either you respond to it or you react,” Coach Mark Campbell said. “I think our team responded.”

The Lady Bulldogs rebounded by going 14-2 over the rest of the season and capturing the university’s second NAIA Division I national championship March 22 with a 67-63 win over Oklahoma City.

For Baptists, this year’s women’s basketball season provided a Division I sweep, as Baylor University won the NCAA Division I crown.

For Campbell, in his sixth season as the Union coach, it was his first national title.

And for the Lady Bulldogs, the championship was the culmination of a season filled with high hopes from the beginning.

“Our goal the whole season was to win a national championship – not to win conference, as great as that would be, and not to go undefeated, as great as that would be,” Clark said. “Ultimately what was in our sights was a national championship.”

Campbell recruited this year’s team for that purpose specifically, and some of his decisions initially caught the attention of his returning players. He brought in more guards than some of his players thought were necessary. He added players that he knew would take playing time away from his veterans. He heard about that from parents.

“Everybody’s allowed to be biased towards their own child,” Campbell said. “As a coach, I know that. I knew that was going to be the biggest thing with this year’s team, because we brought in eight players and we lost one player who played last year. One.”

But Campbell convinced his team that the additions were necessary if the Lady Bulldogs were to be serious contenders for the national title. The new players helped contribute to practices filled with intensity, because they all knew they had to earn their time on the floor.

The hard work in practices paid off immediately, as Union opened the season with 17 straight wins, including a 92-70 trouncing of Oklahoma City in a preview of the national championship game. The Lady Bulldogs weren’t really even tested, as their closest game was a four-point win over Berry College. Things couldn’t have been better for the team. Signs began to emerge, however, that the Lady Bulldogs’ season wouldn’t be

continued>

problem-free. For one, Paola Ferrari quit the team at Christmas.

"I think ultimately that has some sort of affect on everybody," Campbell said. "When someone chooses to not be a part, it automatically makes other people more committed. I think that had an impact on our team."

But a positive impact was not immediate. Campbell noticed a lack of intensity in his team after returning from the Christmas holidays. Although the Lady Bulldogs won their first four games in January, pushing their record to 17-0, they hit a wall that began with their 74-64 loss to Trevecca at home.

"I think everybody tends to relax when things are going good," Campbell said. "I think we all did that to a certain extent."

Some of the team's meetings got emotional as Union struggled through a couple of weeks of uncertainty. Campbell even broke down.

"I don't want to ever feel like I care more than they do – which is always going to be the case, since it's my job," he said. "I think when you care about people it's important to you. So for me, crying's never been a big deal. And usually when men cry, girls respond."

Though confused with what was happening to the team, Clark said the players fought through it.

"We decided we were going to pull together as a team and it wasn't just going to happen," she said. "It was going to have to be intentional, every day in practice. It was something that we actually didn't start doing very well until the end of the season."

Her battles on the court weren't the only ones for Clark, the NAIA national Player of the Year who averaged 21 points and 12 rebounds per game. Off the court, Clark faced some spiritual struggles that her teammates and coaches helped pull her through.

That spoke loudly about how much her teammates and coaches cared for her.

"I had some junk going on that wasn't glorifying to God," Clark said. "Nothing illegal, but I wasn't where I needed to be spiritually. Knowing that my coaching staff was praying for me, that I had teammates who were there to support me – that's the first time I've ever been on a team where that happened."

After losing to Freed-Hardeman on Feb. 5 (the first of three Union losses to the Lady Lions during the season), the Lady Bulldogs started clicking again. They began encouraging each other more in practice. They picked up the intensity they had lost.

"I think the confidence we had in each other on the floor played a big role," Elliot said.

Amid the frustration of losing the conference title game to Freed-Hardeman, Campbell saw some positive attributes in his team. In fact, he thought it was Union's best game of the semester. He challenged his team to build on that performance as they prepared for the NAIA national tournament.

"No one remembers what happens in the conference tournament," he said. "They always remember what happens in March."

As they did earlier in the season, the Lady Bulldogs responded. They weren't tested in their first round game against Lubbock Christian University, but they needed overtime to finish off North Georgia College in round two.


After victories in the quarterfinals and semifinals, and edging Oklahoma City in the finals, the Lady Bulldogs could look back and reflect on a completed season – a season that brought them a national title. A season they will tell their children and grandchildren about for years to come.

"I definitely feel blessed by God to be a part of that," Clark said. "Not that you're always going to win and come out successful in the world's eyes. We're not here to be patted on the back by other people but to be faithful to our heavenly Father."

For Campbell, the moment in the spotlight is an opportunity to thank God for the blessing.

"I don't think he cares about us winning a basketball game, but he does require us to glorify him in it," he said.

Campbell also knows the best part of the season wasn't necessarily a national title, but the process to get there – and the relationships forged along the way.

"The whole thing that's success for me is the journey," he said. "Without the previous six and a half months, it's impossible to enjoy the last month. A lot of people win championships, but not everybody goes about the journey the right way." 



The Union players celebrate with each other on the court after their 67-63 win in the championship game of the NAIA National Tournament.

The entire Union Lady Bulldog team poses with the NAIA National Championship banner after Union win in the title game.



THE CHAMPIONSHIP RUN AT A GLANCE

GAME ONE

• Union 77, Lubbock Christian 55
After a low-scoring first half, the Lady Bulldogs held a slim 18-14 lead. But then they went on a 23-6 run to open the second half. Stephanie Clark, Monica Elliot and Tiffany Fisher all finished in double figures.

GAME TWO

• Union 83, North Georgia 75 (OT)
The Lady Bulldogs built a comfortable 43-27 lead at halftime—perhaps too comfortable. North Georgia stormed back to tie the game in regulation, but Union dominated the overtime period to earn a berth in the quarterfinals. Stephanie Clark and Merideth Richardson combined to score 46 points.

GAME THREE

• Union 87, Vanguard 72
Top-seeded Vanguard took a 7-0 lead, but Union grabbed control of the game moments later and never trailed again. Ena Daniels led the Lady Bulldogs with 21 points and 8-for-12 shooting from the floor. Union was in the Final Four for the first time in three years.

GAME FOUR


• Union 84, Point Loma Nazarene 58
Teams usually look to upperclassmen for leadership in Final Four games, but freshman guard Merideth Richardson set the pace in this game, scoring 31 points and connecting on nine shots beyond the 3-point arc. The Lady Bulldogs survived a strong Point Loma run near the end of the first half, and came up with seven steals.

GAME FIVE

• Union 67, Oklahoma City University 63
Union canned nine more 3-point shots to set a tournament record of 51, but the game was iced at the free throw line. With Union holding a 65-63 lead, Ena Daniels stepped to the line with eight seconds remaining and hit both free throws. Oklahoma City finished its seventh-consecutive title game appearance with a tournament scoring record of 418 points. Merideth Richardson led Union scorers with 15 points.

TOURNAMENT ACCOLADES

- **Tournament Most Valuable Player:** Stephanie Clark
- **Tournament Hustle Award:** Monica Elliot
- **Coach of the Year:** Mark Campbell
- **All Tournament Team:** Stephanie Clark, Merideth Richardson, Ena Daniels



Sophomore Pierry Valmera, French major, snips his link off the net after Union's 76-75 win in the TranSouth Conference Tournament by completing a two-game sweep.

UNION MEN CAPTURE TRANSOUTH CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT TITLE

The 2004-05 edition of the Union Bulldogs proved repeatedly they belonged with the best teams in NAIA.

Union defeated highly ranked Georgetown College (Ky.) and Mountain State University (W.Va.) outside of league play, and finished in a first-place tie with Trevecca Nazarene at 8-2 in the TranSouth Conference.

In the conference tournament, the Bulldogs defeated Cumberland University (Tenn.) 76-69 and Lyon College (Ark.) 76-75 in a thrilling championship game at Fred DeLay gymnasium. Lyon led by nine points with less than 12 minutes to play, but the Bulldogs went on a 13-1 run that gave them a 62-59 lead with 8:06 left. However, Lyon answered with a run of their own to regain a six-point lead at 75-69 with 2:41 left.

Union outscored Lyon 7-0 in the final 2:41

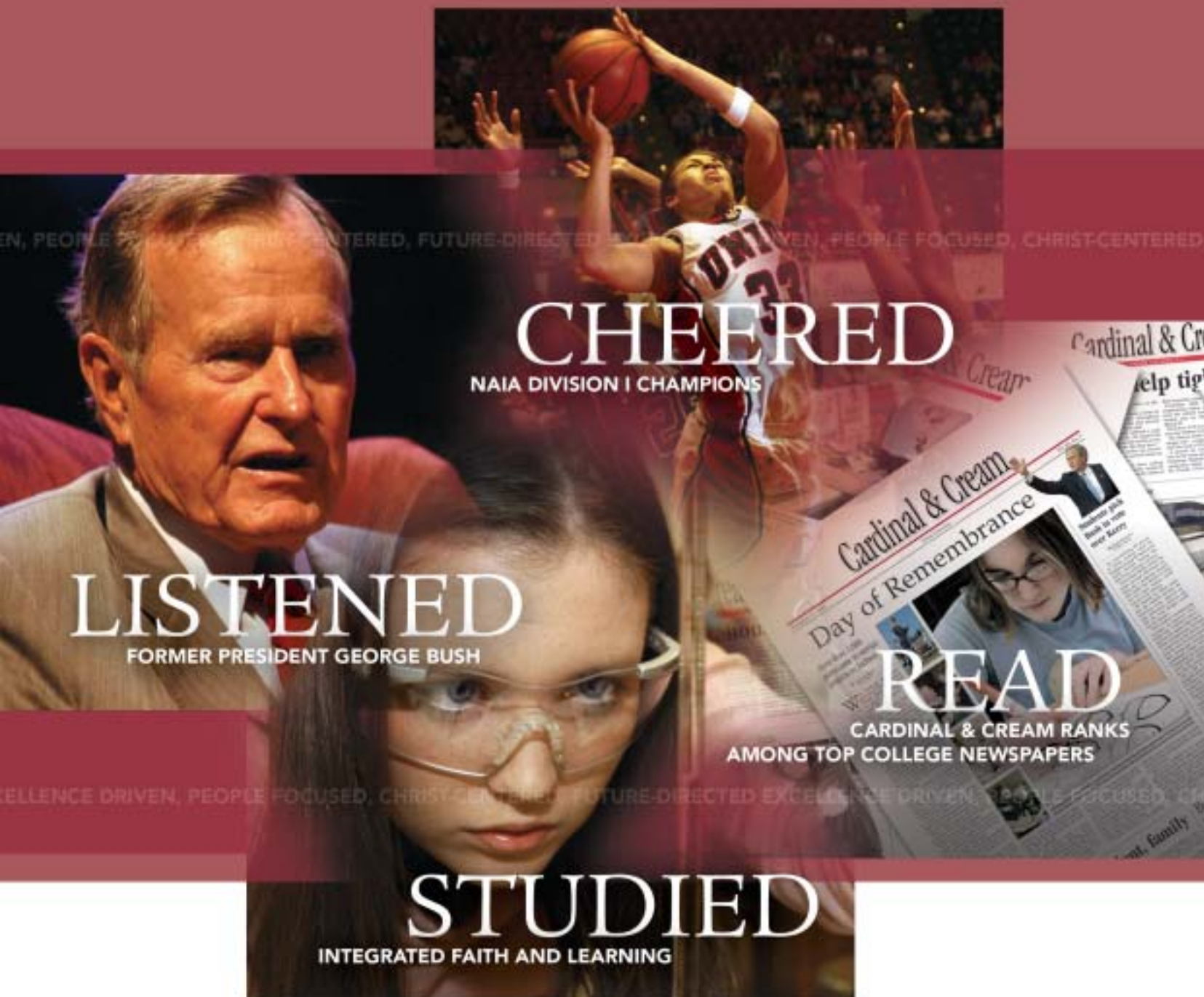
of the game. Sophomore center Ben Frederick gave the Bulldogs the lead with 15 seconds left as he made both of his free throws.

Union was led by Pierry Valmera with 21 points. Corey Burkett added 15 points on 3-of-6 three pointers. Bruno Martinesi scored 14 points including 2-of-4 from behind the arc.

The win capped a 24-8 season and sent the Bulldogs to Kansas City for the NAIA Division I men's tournament. Union drew the eventual tournament champion John Brown University (Ark.) in the first round.

Coming off their seventh NAIA National Tournament appearance in eight seasons, the Bulldogs had two players named to the NAIA All-American list. Junior guard Corey Burkett was named a third team All-American performer, while sophomore center Pierry Valmera earned honorable mention. 🏆

If you had been at Union this
academic year, you would have:



CHEERED
NAIA DIVISION I CHAMPIONS

LISTENED
FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH

READ
CARDINAL & CREAM RANKS
AMONG TOP COLLEGE NEWSPAPERS

STUDIED
INTEGRATED FAITH AND LEARNING

Join us for next year's excitement.

See what's inside Union.

Call now at 1-800-33.UNION

or visit at www.uu.edu



UNION
UNIVERSITY

Senior guard Monica Elliot (24) drives past a Lyon College defender in a win during Homecoming Week.

a Blast *Pass*

FROM THE




Union University president David S. Dockery crowns senior Lauren Oldham as 2005 Homecoming queen during halftime of the women's basketball game Feb. 19.

Union honors top alumni at homecoming

Five distinguished alumni joined the class of 1955 as the most honored guests during homecoming week.

Distinguished Service Award winner Jerry Kuykendall was honored posthumously. Members of his family accepted the award just two days after his passing. Kuykendall was a Jackson native and graduated from Union in 1965. He spent 35 years in the food manufacturing industry and in 1977 was elected to the Hall of Fame for outstanding contributions to the Campbell's Soup Corporation.

Others honored at a luncheon Feb. 19 include Robert Simpson ('80), Union's Distinguished Faculty/Staff member who serves as associate vice president for business and financial services; William H. Walker III ('55), Distinguished Alumnus Award; Michael Weeks, Honorary Alumnus Award for his service as chairman of Union University's board of trustees; and Michael Johnston ('97), Outstanding Young Achiever Award.

Twenty-three members of the class of 1955 received 50-year commemorative medallions at the annual Founders Day chapel Friday, Feb. 18. Many remained for a luncheon in their honor, and a bus tour of the former campus. 

One More Award: Longest trip to Union Homecoming

It's not on the list of official awards Union bestows on visitors during Homecoming Week, but perhaps a certificate for "longest distance traveled" should be part of future celebrations.

If that award had been given in 2005, the likely winner was Gunnar Adalberth ('87) of Stockholm, Sweden.


It is 15,064 kilometers (9,360 miles) roundtrip between Stockholm and Jackson, and Adalberth made the trip with his wife Marjut simply so he could see old friends and visit Union's campus.

"Very big changes since my time at Union," Adalberth says. "The changes are clearly for the better. The only thing that has not changed is the fact that we always win the homecoming basketball games."

Adalberth is vice president of marketing for United Parcel Service, with responsibility for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. In addition to his long-distance travel, he even arranged an unofficial homecoming event off-campus, inviting former professors and classmates.

"It was good to see many friends whom I had not been able to see for a long time," says Adalberth. "It brings back memories."

Adalberth is encouraged that Union is taking a more active role in recruiting international students.

"There is a clear trend towards being more global. The world is becoming smaller." 



Bobby Morris ('05) joins his wife Sylvia ('58) as an official alumnus of Union University. Morris completed his degree 50 years after a failed economics course left him two credit hours short of graduation

TWO HOURS SHORT NO LONGER

AFTER 50 YEARS, MORRIS FINALLY COMPLETES COLLEGE DEGREE

B Y T I M E L L S W O R T H

Bobby Morris would be the envy of most men his age. But for 50 years, one regret in his life has gnawed at him nearly every day.

It's true he and his wife Sylvia ('58) have been happily married for almost 50 years. Their two children, Eric and Crystal, have sung for dignitaries from across the country.

At the Morris home in Hendersonville, Tenn., photos of their children line the hallway. Here's a picture of them with Oliver North. There's one with former Vice President Dan Quayle. Over here is one with Bill Frist.

Tom Landry, Willard Scott, Norman Schwarzkopf. The list goes on.

Still, that regret lingered.

At 72, Bob Morris – better known to his friends and business associates as “Tall Man” — plays tennis three days a week. He has four grandchildren, with one more on the way.

Though retired from a successful career in sales and public relations, Morris still works part-time. He is also a cancer survivor, and

doctors tell him it is now in remission.

But for the last 50 years, despite all that's right with his life, Morris has lived with the ever-present reality that he didn't finish what he started. After attending Union University for four years, he left the school in 1955 two hours short of graduating. A failed economics course was his undoing.

“I guess I got overextended with a beautiful redheaded lady,” Morris offered as his reason for not passing the class. “I just wasn't as focused, maybe, as I should have been.”

“Don't blame that on me,” Sylvia replied. “He didn't study.”

Whatever the reasons, that two-hour course hovered between Morris and a college degree for five decades.

“Not a full week has passed in 50 years that I didn't think about it,” he said.

“Why? Why?”

Every time he filled out a job application, it reminded him of his shortcoming. How much college have you had? Four years, he

continued>

would answer.
Degree?
No.

"I didn't even want to fill out an application, because four years and you didn't graduate?" Morris said. "It didn't keep me from getting a job or getting whatever I wanted, but still, it affected me mentally."

Not anymore. Union University officials arranged for Morris to take that missing economics class on an independent study basis during the spring 2005 semester and fulfill his degree requirements. On May 21, as a member of the class of 2005, Morris walked across the platform and clutched his degree. He may never let go.

"I get cold chills just thinking about it," Morris said.

A native of Springfield, Tenn., Morris

The young couple started dating, and they were married in 1956. Morris borrowed money from Sylvia's dad to buy her ring.

But in the meantime, during his last semester of college, Morris had secured a job back home with the Springfield Woolen Mills as personnel director. At the time, that was more important to him than a college degree.

"It was a plum of a job," Morris said. "I wasn't going to go back and fool with two hours of economics with that job sitting on my plate."

So his degree went unfinished. But that didn't hinder Morris in his professional career.

After working for Springfield Woolen Mills briefly, Morris was drafted into the U.S. Army. He spent two years in Germany before returning home in 1958 and his previous position at the mills.

But the mills soon went out of business, and Morris needed a job. He discovered the

"To say that Bobby 'Tall Man' Morris is a loyal fan of Union University is putting it mildly," said Gary Williams, Union's associate vice president for university relations. "He and Sylvia attend alumni gatherings in the Nashville area, recruit students for the university and are great cheerleaders."

But even with all his professional accomplishments, Morris still was unhappy that he hadn't completed his degree.

"I never started anything I didn't finish," he said. "I just really want to cross the finish line. It became an obsession."

Late last year, Keith Absher, dean of the McAfee School of Business at Union, learned of Morris' situation from university registrar Jane Betts. They arranged to get Morris re-enrolled as a student and into an independent study marketing class to complete his degree requirements.



The Morris family enjoys an extensive collection of personal photos that tells their life story.

came from a poor family. College was never an option because he couldn't afford it.

"Scholarships in that era were few and far between," he said. "I had no intent on going to college. No intent whatsoever."

He excelled as an athlete in high school and managed to secure one of those rare scholarships from Coach Robert Jelks at Union to play basketball. Morris also played football and ran track during his collegiate career. Though he had never run track before, Morris never lost in the 400 meters. He set records that lasted for years.

When he wasn't competing, he lived in Adams Hall on the old Union campus and worked in the cafeteria three meals a day. He also took notice of Sylvia.

"I kept watching that young lady with red hair, and questioning who she was," he said.

Springfield Herald was looking for an editor. Although he had never taken a journalism course in his life, Morris convinced the publisher to hire him.

"He made a 'D' in English," Sylvia said. "I think that's funny."

His career path took Morris to NASCO Inc., a fundraising company in Springfield, where he worked in public relations before moving to sales. Morris became one of the company's top salesmen, which led to Reader's Digest hiring him for the company's Quality School Program.

Morris worked for Reader's Digest for 11 years before retiring, although he kept some of his major accounts and still works part-time.


Through it all, even without a degree, Morris and his wife have been huge supporters of Union University.

"He immediately completed all those requirements and did a superb job," Absher said.

For the class, Morris had to write a thesis on the history of the McAfee School of Business and how his time at Union had affected him over the last 50 years.

"He got up every morning at 5:00, and watched the squirrels and the redbirds and the bluebirds," Sylvia said. "And he wrote for four weeks at 5:00 in the morning."

His degree requirements now complete, Morris donned a black cap and gown and took his place with the rest of Union's graduating class of 2005. He said the achievement ranks only behind the day he became a Christian and the day he married the love of his life.

"Number three in life would be that," Morris said. "It would be difficult for anyone to be more thrilled than I am now." 

40'S FOURTIES

Walter L. Phillips ('46) has retired from serving as a minister-chaplain in Tampa, Fla. Address: 2202 S. MacDill Ave., Tampa, FL 33629.

50'S FIFTIES

Sandra Andrews Robertson ('59) enjoys her after-retirement job as international flight attendant for Continental Airlines. While in Paris, she saw Lance Armstrong win Tour de France.

Dr. Bettye Whiteaker-Hurt ('55) was inducted into Baylor College of Dentistry's Hall of Fame on Jan. 22, 2005, during the Centennial Gala celebrating its 100th anniversary (See page 39). She and her husband William C. Hurt make their home in Mississippi. Email: docbmw@swbell.net.

60'S SIXTIES

Harry L. Bowman ('62) retired from his position as president of Council on Occupational Education in Atlanta, Ga., on Dec. 31, 2003. He now does accreditation consulting. Address: 16709 Tall Grass Lane, Clermont, FL 34711-6621. E-mail: bowmanh@comcast.net.

Joe W. Bruce ('66) returned to serve with the International Mission Board as coordinator of the missionary learning center and director of the stateside training department. He and his wife Yvonne live in Richmond, Va. Address: 5413 Wintercreek Drive, Richmond, VA 23230. E-mail: jbruce3500@aol.com.

Don Dilday ('69) and his wife Mary have moved to Lexington, Ky., where he works in management for Fifth Third Bank. Address: 1088 Tanbark Road, Lexington, KY 40515. E-mail: ddilday@insightbb.com.

Jerry Dunn ('63) has retired from pastoral ministry. He has served pastorates in Darrington, Wash., Eaton and Cincinnati, Ohio and DuQuoin, Ill., and in previous years ministered with the homeless in New Orleans, La., and Everett, Wash. Address: 111 E. North St., DuQuoin, IL 62832. E-mail: pa_stor@yahoo.com.

King W. Jamison ('52) has authored

Letters from Short Mountain, a book that explores the history of America. The story involves a fictional grandfather's reply to a child's classroom assignment to name the most significant speech in American history. Jamison is retired after serving as a mathematics professor at Middle Tennessee State University and lives in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Dolores Montgomery ('61) is the grandmother of Olivia Montgomery, age 10; Sophia Montgomery, age 7; Blake Montgomery, age 4 and Dylan Chatterton, age 22 months. Address: 5910 Autumn Point Drive, McKinney, TX 75070.

Rita Price van Rijn ('67) was recently ordained as an elder to serve in the Community Presbyterian Church in Danville, Calif. Professionally, she is a director of operation support systems for SBC Communications in San Ramon, Calif. Address: 42 Rainbow Circle, Danville, CA 94506. E-mail: rv3142@sbc.com.

Dr. D. Thomas (Tom) Upchurch ('63) retired from a 30-year ENT practice in Oak Ridge, Tenn. He and his wife Joyce moved to Suwanee, Ga., where he will be working as chief medical director at All Meds in the development and implementation of electronic medical records for physicians. Address: 4604 Meadow Bluff Lane, Suwanee, GA 37024. E-mail: tupchurch@allmeds.com.

Mickey A. Williams ('69) is president and CEO of Capital Relocation Services, a Sterling, Va.-based business focusing on full service, global mobility program management for corporate and government relocations. Address: 12001 Market St., Unit 430, Reston, VA 20190. E-mail: mwilliams@caprelo.com.

70'S SEVENTIES



Keith Dismuke ('70) has been named vice president of corporate opportunities and director of research and development for Benchmark Energy Products in Houston. Benchmark is one of the world's leading developers and suppliers of specialty chemicals. Address: 2230 Long Cove Circle, Katy, TX 77450.

Rick A. Myer ('75) announces the publication of a CD-ROM and a crisis intervention workbook for training in crisis intervention strategies. Rick is currently an associate professor and the associate dean of the school of education at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa. He also serves as the director for the center for crisis intervention and prevention at Duquesne. Address: 1233 Lancaster Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15218. Email: myerra@duq.edu.

Donald F. Wylie ('72) and his wife CarlAnn moved to Oakland, Calif., where Donald is the executive vice president at Marines Terminals Corp. Address: 5964 Merriewood Drive, Oakland, CA 94611.

80'S EIGHTIES

Randy Bishop ('86) has authored his first book, *The Tennessee Brigade*. The story follows the exploits of three Tennessee regiments assigned to the Army of Northern Virginia during the Civil War. Bishop teaches at Middleton High School and is an adjunct for Jackson State Community College. His wife, Sharon, teaches at Middleton Elementary. They have two sons, Jay and Ben. Copies of the book are available at <http://www.authorhouse.com> or e-mail Randy at randynsharon@bellsouth.net.

Jeff Clark ('85) is working as a first officer for Aloha Airlines in Honolulu. Email: basketballb737@yahoo.com.

Stephanie M. Cole Parker ('86) was promoted in October 2004 to director of asset administration at the corporate office of Life Care Centers of America located in Cleveland, Tenn. Address: 3417 Tacoma Street N.W., Cleveland, TN 37312. E-mail: stephmpark@msn.com.

Paula J. Dennison ('89) is a community development director for the city of Stillwater, Okla., where she lives with her husband Steve. Address: 2323 E. Richmond Road, Stillwater, OK 74075.

John Doster ('87) recently accepted a position with Ventiv Health-Franklin Group as vice president of marketing and business development. He and his wife **Stephanie Gaddy Doster ('89)** and their eight-year-old daughter, Peyton, and their four-year-old son, Drew, live in Flemington, N.J. Address: 2 Deer Trail,

Flemington, NJ 08822. Email: jdoster@franklinpharmaservices.com.

David Head ('84) is the head football coach and world history teacher at Berry Middle School in Hoover, Ala. David continues serving as an associate pastor at Eagles Landing Church in Clay, Ala. He and his wife Tonya have three children: 10-year-old Abigail, 10; Micah, 8 and Noah, 4. Address: 4916 Cox Cove, Helena, AL 35080. E-mail: DavidWH@MSN.com.

W. Kevin ('85) and Marilee R. Mears Jaggars ('86) have moved to Saltillo, Miss. Kevin is working as an electrician with Jesco Maintenance Corp. at Cooper Tire Co. in Tupelo, Miss. Marilee is a substitute teacher with Saltillo High School and Guntown Middle School. They have four children: Dixielee, 15; Katlin, 12; Annalee, 9; and Karoline, 6. Address: 390 County Road 681, Saltillo MS 38866. E-mail: hilibly6@msn.com.

Steve Kellough ('86) recently became financial advisor at the Birmingham, Ala., branch of Morgan Keegan and Co., Inc. Address: 6309 Yellowhammer Drive, Lot 3, Pinson, AL 35126.

Monica M. Powers ('89) was ordained by the United Church of Christ in Minneapolis, on Oct. 17, 2004. She serves as chaplain of Jones-Harrison Residence, an assisted living and nursing home facility and completed an Olympic-distance triathlon in the summer 2004. Address: 3335 Wyoming Ave. S., St. Louis Park, MN 55426. E-mail: powerlocks95@msn.com.

Tamara Trexler Robinson ('84) is involved with Tennaissance Productions, which in addition to theatre, now produces movies. Web address: <http://www.tennaissance.com>. E-mail: trexfilm@comcast.net.

Richard Stevenson ('85) serves as a chaplain in the U. S. Army. He recently returned from deployment with the 1-337 FAR (AASLT) Ft. Bragg, N. C., serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom in Mosul. He is now in CPE at Brooke Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Address: 7914 Ray Bon Drive, #203, San Antonio, TX 78218. E-mail: rick.stevenson@us.army.mil.

90'S NINETIES

Matthew Arant ('95) started graduate studies in nurse anesthesia and plans to graduate in November 2006. He and his wife Michelle have three girls, Mackenzie Cameron, age 3; Brooklyn Grace and Lauren Faith Ann, age 20 months. Address: 4940 John Hager Road, Hermitage, TN 37076.



Angie Brown Elkins ('93) and her husband Robert are involved in a new Dallas-based Christian publishing company called G3

Worship Music. It provides an alternative method of publishing affordable church music in a CD-ROM format. Both Angie and her husband are graduates of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Address: 403 Cherry Ann Drive, Euless, TX 76039. E-mail: babymusic@comcast.net.

Leah Cashion ('99) is the new communications coordinator for Jackson-Madison County Schools. Address: 1742 N. Highland Ave., Jackson, TN 38301.

Edmond R. Childers Jr. ('99) moved to Memphis, and works as a web developer for Morgan Keegan and Co., Inc. Address: 1251 Timberbrook Lane, #8, Memphis, TN 38134.

David ('99) and Rachel Wilson Chisolm ('01) moved to Nashville. After graduating with an MBA from Eastern Michigan University, David accepted a new position as marketing manager at AO Smith. Address: 7953 Saddle Ridge Trail, Nashville, TN 37221. E-mail: davechisolm@hotmail.com.

Rhonda Gardiner ('97) is a pharmacist at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Pharmacy. Address: 681 Napa Valley Lane, #5, Crestview Hills, KY 41017. E-mail: rhondag8@hotmail.com.

Sheila Aaron Gleaves ('90) has recently accepted the position of secretary to the vice president for development at Campbellsville University in Campbellsville, Ky. Sheila and her husband, Rev. Ron Gleaves, senior pastor of Elk Horn Baptist Church, have three children: Kara, 12; Emily, 8 and Joshua, 6. Sheila also serves as development director at Kentucky Christian School where her

children attend. Address: 3175 Elkhorn Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718. E-mail: sheilagleaves@comcast.net or sgleaves@campbellsville.edu.

Robert ('97) and Amanda Fuller Grisham ('99) have moved to San Leandro, Calif., where Amanda is an elementary music teacher with the San Lorenzo Unified School District. Address: 76 Georgia Way, San Leandro, CA 94577. E-mail: mandygrisham@hotmail.com.

Sarah Hackett ('98) recently took a new job at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as the manager of collegiate marketing handling national collegiate programming. Address: 328 Alexander St., Memphis, TN 38111. E-mail: sarah.hackett@stjude.org.

Kevin Higgins ('98) is a senior marketing editor at Harcourt School Publishers. Address: 5989 Braemar Place, Unit 101, Orlando, FL 32822. E-mail: khiggins@harcourt.com.

Patrick Horner ('99) has recently become the associate pastor of families with youth and children at Arlington Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla. Patrick was married in November 2002. Address: 9149 Milton Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32226. E-mail: youth@arlingtonbaptistchurch.org.

Jim Howell ('90) was promoted to senior vice president and corporate controller for Blockbuster, Inc., headquartered in Dallas, Texas. Jim is a certified public accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Jim and his wife Melanie reside in Mansfield, Texas, with their children: Matt, 10; Jake, 8 and Sara Jane, 4. Address: 1417 Merion Drive, Mansfield, TX 76063. E-mail: jim.howell@blockbuster.com.

Michael C. King ('93) has a new address: 8211 Valley Ridge Drive, Olive Branch, MS 38654. E-mail: Mking@relocationmw.com.

Laura Latham Perryman ('96) has a new address: 6200 Hixson Pike, #248, Hixson, TN 37343. Email: Laura.Perryman@springer-sbm.com.

Christopher W. ('95) and Leslie Seifert Mathews ('96) now live in S. C. In May

Bettye Whiteaker-Hurt

*Union University alumna and former trustee
Waynesboro, Miss.*

While working the family farm with her parents, **Bettye McIntosh Whiteaker-Hurt ('55)** was dreaming of all the possibilities the world held. It was the 1950s and her dreams went beyond the rows of white cotton in the fields of West Tennessee.

"It was while working with my father and observing the rural life around me that I knew I did not want to do this for the rest of my life," Whiteaker-Hurt said. "I knew my way out was education."

Since then Whiteaker-Hurt and her late husband have had scholarships established at several universities. At Union, the Drs. Bettye and Kermit Whiteaker Scholarship for Chemistry and Biology has helped many students fulfill their own dreams.

"It is important to have gratitude for our alma mater and other institutions and be generous with that appreciation," Whiteaker-Hurt said. "Anyone who is a graduate must give back ... what we

give helps increase the excellence of the institution. It's our joy to do that, as well as our responsibility."

As a teenager, Whiteaker-Hurt set her sights on Union University and became the first member of her family to go to college. At Union she developed a "life-long love for classical music," took more Bible courses than required, majored in chemistry and minored in biology. Not only were the world's possibilities opening for her, but she also found grounding in godly counsel from professors, especially academic dean F. E. Wright.


"I felt very close to him, because of his interest in my career and what I wanted to do in life," Whiteaker-Hurt said. "I remember asking Dr. Wright's counsel about finding God's will and he was very helpful in that respect. What an appreciation I had for a Christian college."

After graduation she taught high school in Union City, Tenn. Her marriage to

Kermit E. Whiteaker brought a move to Longview, Texas, where she soon entered Baylor College of Dentistry. She became the first woman to receive the college's gold medal for highest scholastic achievement.

After a 33-year solo periodontics practice, Whiteaker-Hurt stays active in mentoring, clinical teaching and serving on several professional, academic and community boards. The Baylor College of Dentistry recognized her contributions and achievements by inducting her into the school's hall of fame.

Looking back, Whiteaker-Hurt has only gratitude for the blessings in her life — including her rural roots. She also appreciates the Christ-centered education she first received at Union, as it provided the foundation for all that she aspired to do.

"I always felt, do the right mission and have the right mate," Whiteaker-Hurt said. "Above all have the right Master in life. That keeps me balanced." 

2004 Christopher completed his DMA with the University of Kentucky and is currently professor of music at Clemson University. Address: 101 Hillpine Court, Clemson, SC 29631. E-mail: cmathew@clermson.edu.

Anita McCaig ('91) has a new address: 208 Apollo Circle, Antioch, TN 37013. E-mail: anita.mccaig@nashville.gov.

Chris ('97) and **Sarah Aldridge McNeece ('98)** moved to the Seattle area in June 2004 to help with a church plant. Sarah is the church's full-time children's director/office manager. The church's first public service was Oct. 3, 2004, with over 100 people. Chris is an account executive at FreeDoc. Address: 23425 S.E. Black Nugget Road, #P304, Issaquah, WA 98029. E-mail: chrismcneecce1974@yahoo.com.



Andy ('98) and **Kimberly Walker McNutt ('96)** have moved to Collierville, Tenn., where Andy works at Electrical Controls, Inc., as a quality control manager.

They have three children: Rebecca, 6; Rachel, 4 and Dalton, 15 months. Address: 1324 Milestone Drive, Collierville, TN 38017. E-mail: mcnutt86@juno.com.

Sheree G. Mills Holder ('90) serves as a regional nurse consultant for Tennessee Health Management. She and her husband Forrest live in Parsons, Tenn. She has one daughter, two step-daughters, one step-son and two step-grandchildren. E-mail: sholder@ahcthm.com.

Regina Maners Moloney ('94) is a self-employed certified interior decorator with Unique Designs in Brentwood, Tenn., where she lives with her husband, Jerry, her son Parker Ward, 5 and her step-daughter Allison Moloney, 9. Address: 1040 Rockingham Run, Brentwood, TN 37027. E-mail: rmoloney1@comcast.net.



Michael Murray ('98) graduated with a master's of divinity in June 2003. His wife Denise graduated from CSULA in June 2004, with a bachelor of

science in nursing. They are raising their 17-year-old nephew, Tony, and live in Pasadena, Calif. Michael is the director of operations of McAlister Library at Fuller

Theological Seminary. Address: 470 E. Washington Blvd., Apt. F, Pasadena, CA 91104-2273. E-mail: midemurray@yahoo.com.

Ashley Edward Ray ('98) has been elected first vice president of the state convention of Baptists in Indiana. Ashley is the senior pastor of Avon Baptist Church in Avon, Ind. E-mail: avonbaptist@hotmail.com.

Chad ('95) and **Christy Vaughn Rowland ('95)** have a new address: 3137 Clydesdale Drive, Clarksville, TN 37043. E-mail: chad@fbct.org.

Matthew Schobert ('95) was recently voted to the executive committee of the board of directors for World Hunger Relief, Inc. He also accepted an invitation to join the editorial board of the journal, *Social Work and Christianity*, as an assistant editor. Address: P.O. Box 1482, Waco, TX 76703. E-mail: germprot@yahoo.com.



Aaron Summers ('92) has accepted a pastorate in Addington, Okla. Aaron and his wife Dulcie have two children, Samuel, 3 and Isabella, 1. Address: P.O. Box 157, Addington, OK 73520. E-mail: aaronwsummers@hotmail.com.

Jai Templeton ('94) was recently elected 2005 president of the McNairy County Chamber of Commerce. Jai is a farmer/cattleman and serves as a McNairy County commissioner. Address: 922 Old Lawton Road, Selmer, TN 38375. E-mail: jaitempleton@yahoo.com.

Lisa Webb ('97) and her husband Bryan have two children Parker Allen, 3 and Halle Elisabeth, 1. Lisa is the manager of membership development for the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce. Address: 710 Parkburg Road, Pinson, TN 38366. E-mail: lwebb@jacksontn.com.



Bradley ('99) and **Cassie Howle White ('01)** are serving as apprentice missionaries—first term for career missionaries—to Peru with the International Mission Board. They are working with an indigenous group of people who are called



Quechua in a region of Peru called Southern Conchucos. Address: 12455 Robinette Drive, Kevil, KY 42053. E-mail: bradwhite21@hotmail.com.

Tara White Gilbert ('97) has an updated address: 108 Monroe Ave., Lexington, TN 38351. She and her husband Paul have three children. E-mail: taragilbert72@yahoo.com.

Angie Wood Scallion ('97) and her husband Brigham moved to Mayfield, Ky., where Angie is a homemaker. Address: 406 N. Sixth St., Apt B, Mayfield, KY 42066.

Charles Worthy ('94), his wife Shannon and two daughters, Micah, 3 and Emma, 1, will soon be leaving for Naples, Italy, as career missionaries with the International Mission Board. Address: 5413 Wintercreek Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060. E-mail: charlesworthy@juno.com.

2000'S TWOTHOUSANDS

Andrea Aldridge Knight ('00) accepted a new position as Woman's Missionary Union ministry specialist for preschool / children / students for Tennessee WMU, auxiliary to the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Andrea and her husband Corey moved to Nashville in June 2004. Address: 582 Country Club Lane, Nashville, TN 37205. E-mail: aknight@tnbaptist.org.

Olivia Behrens ('01) is now attending graduate school at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis. In December 2003 she graduated from Union University-Germantown with an MBA. Address: 7834 Derby Lane, Apt. 204, Cordova, TN 38018.

Brian Bell ('00) accepted a full-time youth pastor position at Gosnell Baptist Church. Address: 120 Amelia Drive, Blytheville, AR 72315. E-mail: billbell00@hotmail.com.

Grant ('00) and **Bethany Dilks Cantrell ('00)** moved to Atlanta, Ga., where Bethany is a ministry assistant at First Baptist Church of Atlanta. Address: 2333 Dunwoody Crossing, Apt F, Atlanta, GA 30338. E-mail: bethany@fba.org.

Tamika Carwell ('01) is serving in a one-year resident principal position at

Craigmont High School as part of Memphis' New Leaders for New Schools program. Address: 6611 Nelsonway Drive, Memphis, TN 38141.

Matthew Collier ('03) is recently married and pursuing a master's in teaching. He is currently teaching sixth-grade social studies in Warren School District, Ark., and pastor of Prosperity Baptist Church. Address: 2005 Meadowlane Drive, Fordyce, AR 71742. E-mail: mattunion99@yahoo.com.

Catherine Diezi ('04), formerly a Title I supervisor for Memphis City Schools, is in the first class of resident principals with Memphis' New Leaders for New Schools program. She serves at Sea Isle Elementary School. Address: 1035 Chelmsford Cove, Memphis, TN 38134.

Julie Dodson ('02) accepted a position as communications specialist for the Memphis Zoo in October 2004. She writes and edits for the zoo's magazine *Ezooverance*. Other responsibilities include maintaining press materials, the zoo's website and coordinating public relations and media coverage. Address: 1469 Dexter Lake Drive, #302, Cordova, TN 38016. E-mail: jdodson@memphiszoo.org.

David Eggenberger ('02) moved to Dothan, Ala., where he is a purchasing manager for Globe Motors. Address: 200 Sweetwater Drive, #69, Dothan, AL 36305. E-mail: eggfamilyfab4@aol.com.

Amy Goodwin McCann ('02) moved to Memphis, Tenn., with her husband Justin, to be a third-grade teacher in Fayette County, Tenn. Address: 2449 Chiswood St., Memphis, TN 38134. E-mail: ib_amos80@yahoo.com.

Erin Elizabeth Freshwater ('03) began a new job as department assistant in human resources at LifeWay Christian Resources in Nashville, Tenn. Address: 1117 Sugarcreek Circle, Apt. 1117, Nashville, TN 37214. E-mail: erin.freshwater@lifeway.com.

Tiffany Keen ('01) has a new address: 400 Linwood Ave., Lowell, AR 72745. E-mail: tiffany@farmersnwa.com.

Melody Maxwell ('01) earned a master's of divinity from Beeson Divinity School in 2003 and is currently serving as a children's resource design editor at Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham, Ala., where she edits magazines and other materials for *Girls in Action* and *Children in Action*.

Address: 180 Hallman Trail, Remlap, AL 35133 E-mail: mmaxwell@wmu.org.

Hanna Miecznikowski ('04) currently works at Cornerstone Church in New Lenox, Ill., as a ministry intern, but has recently agreed to go on staff with Adventures in Missions. After training in Atlanta she will move to Salford, England, to work as a leader for their first year missionary program in the fall of 2005. Address: 729 E. 163rd St., South Holland, IL 60473. E-mail: hanna_c_miecz@hotmail.com.

Robin Palmer Blue ('03) and her husband Jeff moved to Texas in July for Jeff to pursue his graduate studies. Robin is working at Trinity Charter School as a music therapist for emotionally disturbed adolescents. Address: 1013 S. 21st St., Kingsville, TX 78363. E-mail: Robinlp@juno.com.

Tracy E. Patterson ('02) has accepted a position as an editorial manager for American Greetings at their world headquarters in Cleveland. She previously served as director of communications for Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn. Address: 22285 Sycamore Drive, Fairview Park, OH 44126. E-mail: tpatter@cox.net.



Shaping a winner



Few cities in the world have a greater dedication to art than Florence. So when the Italian city hosts a juried art exhibition, the competition is fierce and the quality of the work is often stunning.


Against that backdrop, **Rebecca Phillips ('04)** entered her sculpture *Massimo* (above right) in the City-Wide Art competition earlier this year. Phillips is a first-year student at the highly regarded Florence Academy of Art.

Massimo received first prize for sculpture in the show. It is the latest accomplishment for a young woman who is undaunted by long odds and demanding competition.

Simply gaining acceptance to study at Florence Academy of Art involves standing out from among hundreds of other talented applicants. Finding ways to pay for that education is also a key challenge.

But Phillips is dedicated to her craft, and has specific goals in mind as she

enters the art world.

"I desire to create art full-time that has cultural and spiritual significance," Phillips told the admissions committee. "My goal is to be a part in guiding our culture back to a place where art teaches rather than shocks, where art shows expression through skill rather than through concepts alone, where art shows the figure—and humanity—to be the extraordinary thing it is." 

Sandra Scucchi Kleinert ('02) has a new address: P.O. Box 353, Chiang Mai, Thailand 50000. E-mail: scucchi@easternjourney.com.

Jennifer McClearen ('02) serves as a Peace Corps volunteer in Morocco, North Africa. She works in development at youth and women's centers in a rural town and has one year remaining in Morocco before graduate school plans. E-mail: jennifermcclearen@yahoo.com.

Michael ('00) and Amber Otey Slaughter ('01) are on staff at Grace Community Church in Memphis, where Michael is the worship and youth pastor. Amber is a registered nurse at Baptist Women's Hospital in the NICU. They have two children, Brennan, 4 and Evelyn, 2. Address: 7206 Juana Drive, Millington, TN 38053. E-mail: slaughter484@hotmail.com.

Carrie Thomas ('03) has a new address: 537 W. Deming Place, Apt. 406, Chicago, IL 60614. E-mail: cthomas@csopp.edu.

David ('03) and Kim Tayara Trudell ('03) graduated from the MBA program at Union University's Germantown campus and now live in Greenwich, Conn. Address: 160 Mead Ave., Unit G, Greenwich, CT 06830. E-mail: kim.trudell@morgankeegan.com.

Matt ('01) and Antoinette Kenec Waites ('00) both serve as educators in Obion County School District, Tenn. Matt is a title teacher for fifth-, sixth- and seventh-grade reading and math at Hillcrest Elementary and Antoinette teaches at Lake Road Elementary. They have two daughters, Kaitlyn and Paige. Address: 1232 Forrester Road, Union City, TN 38261.

Patrick Washington ('03) is serving a one-year residency as principal at Egypt Elementary School as part of the Memphis New Leaders for New Schools program and is pastor of Palestine Missionary Baptist Church in Blue Mountain, Miss. Address: 3495 Highway 4 E., Holly Springs, MS 38635. E-mail: onlybegottenson@hotmail.com.

Alanna Faith Morris Webster ('02) has a new address: 6324 Wilmouth

Run Road, Knoxville, TN 37918. E-mail: kdzb243@juno.com.

Heather Wilmore ('04) works with the art department of LifeWay Christian Resources. Address: 1014 Kellyn Lane, Hendersonville, TN 37075. E-mail: heather.wilmore@lifeway.com.

Milan Zivkovic ('04) is serving as a web programmer for The Lampo Group Inc., Dave Ramsey's organization, in Brentwood, Tenn. Address: 1749 Mallory Lane, Suite 100, Brentwood, TN 37027. E-mail: milan.z@damramsey.com.

CORRECTIONS

Kim Hawkins Laughlin ('92) E-mail correction: klaughlin1@surfmk.com.

Caryn Dement Turner ('92) Address correction: 2001 Hunterwood Drive, Brentwood, TN 37027.

MARRIAGES

Ryan F. Carver ('98) married Karen on Oct. 9, 2003. He works as a personal lines underwriter for Nationwide Insurance in Virginia. Address: 166 Addie Way, Lynchburg, VA 24501. E-mail: carver.house@earthlink.net.

Victoria (Vicki) Clark ('97/'00) married Brandon Lee Firor on Oct. 2, 2004, at Parkview Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, La. Victoria is a marketing consultant for Jack Rome Jr. and Associates in Baton Rouge, La. Brandon is the owner of Express Delivery Service. Address: 16335 Venetian Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70817. E-mail: Victoria@victoriac Clark.net.

Dana Cole ('95) married Stephan Maury of Memphis on Sept. 4, 2004. Dana is a loan officer with SunTrust Private Banking and Stephen is a construction loan officer with Enterprise National Bank. Address: 4347 Charleswood Ave., Memphis, TN 38117. E-mail: colemaury2004@aol.com.

Jonathan Samuel Dockery ('02) and Sarah Elizabeth Phillips ('02) were married on Jan. 15, 2005, in Jackson, Tenn. Jon is employed at Beeson Divinity School at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., and Sara works as a graphic designer. Address: 124 Broadway, Apt. 4, Homewood, AL 35209.

Will Harris ('04) married Heather Freeman on Oct. 30, 2004. Will is working as a residential contractor. Address: 729 Wilsonville Road, Fisherville, KY 40023. E-mail: harris140@aol.com.

William Marshall ('00) and Glenna Veteto ('03) were married on July 26, 2003. They now reside in Jackson, Tenn., and attend Cornerstone Community Church, where William serves as full-time worship leader and college minister. Glenna works in residence life at Union University. Address: 334 W. Grand Ave., Jackson, TN 38301. E-mail: gmarshal@uu.edu.



Drew Mehta ('03) and Katie Brown ('02) were married on Dec. 31, 2004. Drew is a program manager at Global Youth Ministries and Katie has recently returned from a one-year medical mission to Mukinge Hospital, Zambia, Africa. They are members Northside Assembly of God in Jackson, Tenn. Address: 150 Clement Drive, Oakfield, TN 38362. E-mail: drewmehta@yahoo.com.

Bethany Morgan ('02) married Jimmy Guerra in June 2004. Bethany is employed with Kmart Pharmacy and plans to graduate from pharmacy school in May 2005. Address: 201 Bent Oaks Drive, Jackson, TN 38305. E-mail: bethanyguerra@yahoo.com.

Betsy Morris ('02) married Nate Oldham on June 21, 2003. Betsy is a self-contained sixth-grade teacher at Calvary Academy and Nate is a second-year medical student at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. Address: 127 N. Glenwood Ave., Springfield, IL 62702.

Megan Quarry ('03) married Gregory Hammond on Dec. 11, 2004, in her hometown of Decatur, Ala. They now live in Lexington, Ky., where Greg works at ABC-36/WTVQ-TV. Address: 430 Redding Road, Apt. 2209, Lexington, KY 40517. E-mail: hammondmeg@yahoo.com.



Erin Sandstrom ('99) married Joel Hutchinson of Montgomery, Ala., on Sept. 13, 2003, in Jacksonville, Fla. Erin is an insurance specialist with Icon Anesthesia and Joel is a database administrator.

Laura Lee Moore

*Union University alumna
Stanton, Tenn.*

As Laura Lee Moore ('04) led LIFE Groups, Focus groups and completed a major in public relations last year at Union, she had no idea she would be ministering to students and using her public relations skills in Africa, where she is serving as a journeyman missionary with the International Mission Board.

Moore serves as a university evangelist/disciple in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and interacts daily with students of the University of Dar.

"It is my goal to build relationships with students, share Christ and help them grow in their walks and become bold proclaimers of Christ themselves, capable of helping others grow and study the Word," said Moore.

During afternoons and evenings, Moore spends time with students on campus.

"Girls here are very hospitable, and I spend a lot of time visiting in their dorm rooms and talking about what they are studying, what they dream of being, rela-

tionships, how they deal with problems and how God relates to their lives. As they seek to find the purpose for their lives, I am praying they would find their purpose in Christ," said Moore.

The welcoming culture has provided opportunities for ministry through relationships.

One way she ministers to some of the girls there is through teaching Bible studies. With one group, she is "storying" chronologically through the Bible, a method of teaching that allows students to visualize events. She meets with them at picnic tables under the "degree tree," a large spreading tree in the middle of the campus.


"The students have a tradition that you must study under this certain tree if you want to graduate and be successful. I am praying that under this tree the girls would find more than success and fulfillment in their studies, but they would discover their true identity by what they find studying the Word of God," said Moore.

Moore is also going through the book

of John with two other girls, who are on the brink of making a decision of what to do with Christ, Moore said.

Moore has taken advantage of opportunities to proclaim God's name through her conversations with the girls about their various religious backgrounds and about the existence of God. Through research and close ties with the girls, Moore is able to share the word of God on a personal level.

In addition, she has learned to drive a standard on the opposite side of the road, has eaten warthog and has learned to take a bath with a single pitcher of water. The daily culture includes plenty of beans and rice, pineapple and quality time with friends.

"Coming from a society where time efficiency often seems to take priority over quality time with people, the laid back, people-centered culture has been a nice reminder to slow down and really find out the answer to 'How are you?'" 

for Integrated Transport Logistics. Address: 9400 Colleton Way, Montgomery, AL 36117. Phone: 334.279.9352. E-mail: erin@hutchinsons.info.

Rachel Scott ('02) married Bryan J. Lark of Spartanburg, S.C., on Sept. 11, 2004. Rachel earned her master's of business administration at Union University's Germantown campus in December 2004 and is currently employed with The Marston Group PC, an accounting firm in East Memphis. Bryan graduated from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in May 2003 and is currently serving as the minister of music at White Station Baptist Church in East Memphis. Address: 9400 Goodman Road, #4B, Olive Branch, MS 38654. E-mail: rach711@hotmail.com.

Spc. Ryan ('04) and Joy Noel Spurlin Schunemann ('02) were married at Emanuelle Baptist Church, Manchester, N.H., on Oct. 8, 2004. Ryan is with the U. S. Army and the couple will reside in Giessen, Germany. Address: C Co 16th ENG, CMR 452 Box 805, APO AE AA 09045. E-mail: daisy_picker@hotmail.com.



Kristin Ulmer ('04) married Landon Cole on March 5, 2005, at Tulip Grove Baptist Church in Old Hickory, Tenn. Kristin is currently employed as an account coordinator at Alday Communications, Inc., in Franklin, Tenn. Landon is currently employed as the children's director at Tulip Grove Baptist Church in Old Hickory, Tenn. New Address: 2416 Hermitage Park Drive, Hermitage, TN 37076. E-mail: kucule@hotmail.com or kristin@alday-communications.com.



Paige Williams ('97) married Brent Edward Bledsoe on July 31, 2004, at First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., with the reception in Historic Vann Gardens. In 2000 Paige completed her master of science in social work and completed requirements for the licensed clinical social worker in February 2004. Paige is a behavioral specialist for the Lauderdale County School system while Brent is in the steel business. Address: 66 Lynnwood, Jackson, TN 38301.

BIRTHS



Michael ('95) and Tamee Abraham Amicone ('96) had a daughter, Lauren Marie, born April 12, 2004.



Chris ('99) and Amy Laubach Braese ('97) had a daughter, Ann-Marie, on March 22, 2004. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 21.5 inches long. They also have a 2-year-old son, David. Chris is the installation manager at Simplex Grinnell and Amy works part time as a physical therapist. Address: 9712 Kings Bridge Cove, Lakeland, TN 38002.



Roxie Denniston Whitley ('83) and her husband Jim have adopted two daughters from China. Mary Helen was born July 1, 2001 (adopted June 10, 2002), and Elizabeth James was born April 28, 2003 (adopted April 5, 2004). Roxie is a stay-at-home mom and Jim serves as chaplain at Wilder Youth Center and pastor of Liberty Baptist Church. Address: 12160 S. Main St., Somerville, TN 38068. E-mail: jrnhwhitley@wmconnect.com.



Jamie ('97) and Tracey Booker Forester ('00) had a son, William Brady, on April 17, 2004. Will weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. Address: 9 Burlington Cove, Jackson, TN 38305. E-mail: jtforester@lwol.com.



Gary ('96) and Beth Henning Gallion ('96) had a son, Alexander Garrison, on June 26, 2004. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 21.5 inches. Address: 132 Vega Drive, Jackson, TN 38305. Email: gallion@aeneas.net.

Brad ('99) and Sallie Gambrell Hambrick ('98) had a son, Lawson Charles, on July 13, 2004. Lawson weighed 6 pounds and 5 ounces. Brad is a biblical counselor with Crossroads



Counseling (www.crossroadsaugusta.org) and is working on his doctorate through the University of South Africa. Sallie is a Mary Kay consultant and full-time mom. Address: 443 Shallowford Circle, Augusta, GA 30907. Email: bhambrick@knology.net.



Tiffany Harmon Kelly ('97) and her husband Fred announce the birth of their son, Houston Collier, born on Sept. 24, 2004. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 21 inches long. Address: 116449 Millwind Drive, Arlington, TN 38002. E-mail: freddkelly@yahoo.com.

Chris ('96) and Sarah Ferris Hartfield ('98) had a son, Grayson Tate, born on Oct. 8, 2004. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was welcomed home by his three-year-old brother, Caiden. Address: 5012 Bay View Drive, Keller, TX 76248. Email: hartfields@att.net.



Jennifer Hudgins Hall ('97) and her husband Scott had a daughter, Mackenzie Grace, on April 26, 2004. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Scott is a criminal defense attorney in Memphis, and Jennifer has left the practice of law to be a homemaker. Address: 1864 Oak Hill Road, Germantown, TN 38138.

Troy Johnson ('93) and his wife Stephanie had a daughter, Hannah Kate, born Oct. 20, 2004. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. They also have a two-year-old daughter, Kayla. Troy is a senior accountant with Concentra Network Services/Focus Healthcare in Franklin, Tenn. Stephanie is a full-time mom. Address: 2796 Highway 12 N., Chapmansboro, TN 37035. E-mail: johnson9560@bellsouth.net.

Jeff ('88) and Jan Holden Jones ('96) had a daughter, Ensley Abigail, on July 15, 2004. They have three other children, Emily, 7; Caleb, 5 and Ellie, 3. Jeff is the new Baptist collegiate minister at the University of Memphis. Jan is a stay-at-home mom. Address: 3943 Oak Forest, Bartlett, TN 38135.

Kelly Mitchell ('85) and her husband Troy had their seventh son, Gabriel Jabez, on Feb. 19, 2004. He weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces. Kelly is a homemaker. Address: 66 Brenda Lane, Jackson, TN 38301. E-mail: mitchelltksj@yahoo.com.



David ('99) and Waverly Foropoulos Munday ('98) have twins, a son,

Koen Luke, who weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and a daughter, Josie Faith, who

weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces, born Jan. 28, 2004. They also have a 2 1/2 year-old son, Titan David. David is currently an internal medicine resident physician with the University of Tennessee-Memphis and Waverly is a homemaker. Address: 6525 Barclay St., Millington, TN 38053. E-mail: waverlyrn@hotmail.com.



Bill Myatt ('97) and his wife Melanie are parents to Tessa Louise, born on March 6, 2005. She weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces. Tessa is welcomed

by 3-year-old Zoe. Address: 12107 Sandra Lane, Omaha, NE 68137. E-mail: bmyatt@brookside.net.



Steve Phipps ('97) and his wife Elizabeth announce the birth of their first son, Joshua Korban, born on Jan. 29, 2005. They live in

Memphis where Steve is the owner / operator of the Oak Court Mall Chick-fil-A. Elizabeth is a Mary Kay Consultant. Address: 5107 Helene

Road, Memphis, TN 38117. E-mail: runningstp@bellsouth.net.

Susan Pokorny Johnson ('97) and her husband Willie are recent parents to a daughter named Lily. Susan has a nursing position with an area hospital in labor and delivery and Willie works for the Missouri Department of Transportation. Address: 668 Lone Pine Drive, Houston, MO 65483. E-mail: wwsusan@train.missouri.org

Clark Presson ('95) and his wife LaTrisa had a son, Landry Clark, born Nov. 17, 2004. He weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces. Clark is an insurance claims adjuster for Custard Insurance. Address: 223 Ramsey Road, Maryville, TN 37801. E-mail: lcapresson@yahoo.com.

Carla Rose Putt ('01) and her husband Jon had twin girls, Isabella Rose and Sophie Ann, on December 26, 2004. Address: 500 Westwood Ave., Jackson, TN 38301. E-mail: desertrose79@pobox.com.

Cindy Tidwell Cook ('85) and her husband Jack had a daughter, Emily Joyce, on Sept. 17, 2003. They recently moved to North Carolina, where Cindy works as a nurse at Blue Ridge Health Care, Inc. Address: 3644 Pax Hill Road, Morganton, NC 28655. Email: CindyCookRN@aol.com.

Charlie ('91) and Mary Todd Tucker ('89) had a son, Harrison Reid, born on May 28, 2004. He weighed 9 pounds and 4 ounces. Mary is a kindergarten teacher at Anderson School in

Brownsville, Tenn. Address: 6420 Highway 45 S., Ramer, TN 38367. E-mail: marytodd@yahoo.com.



Karen Elisabeth Westfall Norton ('87) and her husband Gavin are parents of Beatrice Hermione, born Nov. 4, 2004. Beatrice weighed 6 pounds, 6.8

ounces and was 18.5 inches long. Elisabeth is a homemaker and Gavin works as a computer programmer for Apex Capital Corp. Web address: http://www.mindspring.com/~mole_end. Address: 8308 Muirwood Trail, Fort Worth, TX 76137. E-mail: nortonmail@gmail.com.



Tim I. Williams ('92) and his wife Angie had a daughter, Emma Hope, on Dec. 4, 2003. Emma weighed 6 pounds. They also have a daughter

named Kaylen, 5. Tim is director of information technology at UGN in Jackson. Angie is a site director with Carey Counseling Center. Address: 415 Doak Mason Road, Jackson, TN 38305.

Jeremy ('03) and Katie McBride Wright ('04) had a son, Hunter, on Aug. 2, 2004. He was 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. Jeremy is the assistant manager at Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Jackson. Address: 17 Brookside Drive, Apt. J, Jackson, TN 38305. E-mail: katiebug0523@yahoo.com.



D.C. Area Alumni Chapter Begins

A new Union University alumni chapter was formed for alumni and friends in the Washington, D.C., area this past January. Pictured L to R are: Union University President David S. Dockery, **Andrea McDaniel ('99)**, **Lanese Dockery ('02)**, **Kelli Ross ('00)**, **Annie Laurie Crane ('99)**, **Chad Farneth ('05)**, **Clayton Sanderson ('05)**, **Beth Chapman ('00)**, **Josh Trent ('01)**, and Doug Baker (former university relations staff). For more information on future meetings and events of the D.C. Area-Wide Alumni and Friends chapter contact Gary Williams in the University Relations Office at 800.338.6644. 

MEMORIAM

Delores Ballard ('69)

Dec. 19, 2004 Jackson, Tenn.

Ivy Barker (former faculty)

Jan. 26, 2005 Snellville, Ga.

Edwin D. Bivens ('48)

Aug. 5, 2004 Jackson, Tenn.

Wanda Jane Bratcher ('68)

Oct. 19, 2004 Jackson, Tenn.

Hugh Edward Brooks ('39)

Aug. 20, 2004 Vienna, Va.

Harold T. Brundige (former trustee)

Dec. 29, 2004 Martin, Tenn.

Zellner Roy Butler, Jr. ('39)

June 18, 2004 Gulf Breeze, Fla.

Hugh Garrison Coltharp ('47)

Aug. 26, 2004 Paducah, Ky.

Nathan Brice Curry ('39)

Dec. 16, 2004 Nashville, Tenn.

Derrick LaVondale Daniel ('93)

Dec. 8, 2004 Jackson, Tenn.

Jeffrey Glenn Davis ('62)

Oct. 11, 2004 Oak Ridge, Tenn.

James P. Diamond ('45)

Aug. 8, 2004 Marvell, Ark.

Robert Winchester Emerson ('42)

Aug. 10, 2004 Jackson, Tenn.

John Powell Glover ('39)

Dec. 14, 2004 Nashville, Tenn.

Ruby Ethridge Hassell ('32)

Dec. 25, 2004 Jackson, Tenn.

Eleanor Hansen (university friend)

Jan. 27, 2005 Palm City, Fla.

Kathy Scott Hawkins ('78)

Aug. 7, 2004 Hubbard, Texas

Billy Dale Hise ('57)

Sept. 17, 2004 Memphis, Tenn.

Grace Powers Hudson ('23)

Jan. 14, 2005 Spring Valley, Washington, D.C.

Jerry Kuykendall ('65)

Feb. 16, 2005 Memphis, Tenn.

Robert Eugene "Gene" McKenzie ('58)

Aug. 20, 2004 Jackson, Tenn.

Gary Moser ('67)

May 25, 2003 Lakeland, Fla.

Willie Ruth Smith Phillips ('53)

Aug. 3, 2004 Adamsville, Tenn.

Rev. Thomas W. Pope ('39)

July 4, 2004 Tiptonville, Tenn.

Eugene A. Powell ('43)

Oct. 27, 2004 Joliet, Ill.

Jesse M. Price Sr. (former trustee)

April 17, 2005 Canton, Ga.

Alma W. Primm ('53)

July 31, 2004 Parsons, Tenn.

Hughie Ragan ('43)

Dec. 16, 2004 Jackson, Tenn.

Newman Minor Ramsey ('74)

Aug. 3, 2004 Lexington, Tenn.

William Dewey Shelton, Jr. ('49)

Oct. 29, 2004 Jackson, Tenn.

Felecia Louise Spegal ('83)

Oct. 11, 2004 Milan, Tenn.

Rev. Thomas A. Thacker ('52)

May 19, 2004 Louisville, Ky.

J. C. Thedford ('62)

Oct. 18, 2004 Medina, Tenn.

Irene James Thomas ('32)

Sept. 2, 2004 Gibson, Tenn.

Alta C. Thompson ('58)

Dec. 6, 2004 Ripley, Tenn.

Joan Garey Threet ('58)

July 21, 2004 Alexander, Ark.

Paul Dorris Vaughan ('33)

Aug. 21, 2004 Bolivar, Tenn.

Sherry Wiggins ('98)

Feb. 14, 2005 Bolivar, Tenn.

Mitchell Wood ('68)

Oct. 8, 2004 Jackson, Tenn.



New Alumni

As members of the 2005 graduating class become the newest among Union alumni, they enjoy ice cream at the Dockery home, May 19, 2005.

A record-setting 900 graduates received degrees from Union University during the 2004-2005 academic year.

UNION UNIVERSITY
BRINGS A GREAT STATESMAN TO JACKSON

Our 9th Annual
Scholarship Banquet

featuring

Robert Dole

Tuesday, September 27, 2005 6:45 p.m.
Carl Perkins Civic Center

Lead Sponsors:

BancorpSouth
Carl and Alice Kirkland
Porter Cable/Delta &
DeVilbiss Air Power
Company
Schilling Enterprises, Inc.
White Investments LLC,
Roy L. White, President and CEO

Premier Sponsors:

Benny and Norma Fesmire
FirstBank
Lloyd Hansen
Jack and Zan Holmes
The Jackson Sun
Northwestern Mutual
Financial Services/
Rod and Amy Parker
Jack and Faye Porter
Mike and Trish Weeks
West Tennessee
Healthcare, Inc.
An anonymous donor

For ticket information, including table sponsorships
and individual balcony seating, contact Union's
Office of University Relations at 731.661.5050.



FINALFRAME



Inspiring flames

A week-long workshop for Union art students with guest artist, Berry Matthews (SUNY-Plattsburgh), culminated in the lighting of her signature-style work—ceramic tiles with specially-applied wicks hanging on mesh fencing.



UNION
UNIVERSITY

Office of Alumni Services
1050 Union University Drive
Jackson, TN 38305

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 608
Jackson, TN