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Dr. Poe serves on several boards, including the Edgar Allan Poe Foundation and Museum of Richmond, VA (President), the *Christian Scholar’s Review*, and *Global Horizons* international educational mission. Formerly he served with the Jackson Symphony of Jackson, TN (President), The Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education (President), and the C. S. Lewis Foundation of Redlands, CA and Oxford, England with which he also worked as program director for the triennial C. S. Lewis Summer Institute.
Celebrations

From the President

What a wonderful celebration of our lives shared with us on February 5th as we gathered together to thank God for His goodness to Union University in 2008. The Spring semester has another record enrollment in 2009 with 3590 students who have eagerly returned following the break. For each and every student we are grateful.

We also offer our thanks to those of you who adopted International and MK students this year, furnishing their birthdays and other acts of kindness are so very meaningful to each of them.

The International Committee had one of our largest groups ever to come to Sandra Williams’ home for dinner during the month of December. Sandra’s gift of hospitality is so inviting for every student who has eagerly returned following the break. For each and every student we are grateful.

We are certainly looking forward to our Spring Luncheon, which will feature decorations from the china from several of our Auxiliary members. It will be a treat to host several of the Missionaries in Residence along with the MKs this year in our home for a Christmas Dinner. Sandra Fowler and her committee put together over 50 goody bags this year. While a wonderful project, MKs have on campus. Our thanks to Mary Beth Martin for getting the snack bags for MKs prior to final exams.

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