Freshman social work major Leah Taylor spent her spring break as part of one of the eleven GO Trip teams for GO Habitat for Humanity in Georgia building a house for a needy family.

“Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.” Is. 40:31 (NASV).
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Looking Toward 2005, the Trustees:
• Approved a record budget of $7 million for 2002-03.
• Named the new baseball and softball fields in honor of Benny and Norma Femire.
• Voted to move forward with the construction of the new science building, to be named after Roy L. White Hall, in appreciation for the generous support from Trustee Roy White for this project.
• Groundbreaking is expected in the Fall of 2002.
• Outlined expectations for every sector of the University, including academicians, residential life, student recruitment, campus ministries, business services, technology, the development office, and the athletic department.
• Focused on meeting current challenges and expanding the financial resources of the University.

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

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

“We must faithfully seek to carry out our mission of providing third-hand centered higher education while promoting excellence and character development, in service to Church and society,” said Dockery, as he addressed the board. “In doing so we recognize that we are not a church, a business, a mission or social service, yet our faith is grounded in the infallible Word,” said Dockery. “We want to continue to encourage Union’s commitment to being an embodying Christian university, exemplifying a strong relational and cultural tie with Tennessee Baptists and all Southern Baptists.”

In other business, approval was given for Union’s baseball and softball fields to be named in honor of longtime supporters Benny and Norma Feinie – each to be called Feinie Field. The Feinies have been longtime supporters of Union and particularly its athletic program, providing more than $400,000 to help provide lighting for the fields and much needed equipment. Benny Feinie, a banker and member of West Jackson Baptist Church, was also named trustee emeritus, along with John M. Mitchell, who attends First Baptist Church in Memphis and has been a board member for more than three decades. Trustee Jack H. Olimes was appointed the new chair for the board, to replace T. Dlawell, who has recently moved to Calvary Baptist in Clearwater, Fla. to serve as pastor.

“Higher education will continue to see tremendous increases in costs along with funding from traditional sources. Yet, their constituencies will continue to grow for better service,” said Dockery. “In order to continue to move ahead during these challenging days, educational leadership will require vision, courage and wisdom.”

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Members of Union's Student Teachers Education Association (STEA) recently attended the national fellowship conference held at Broadman & Holman Publishers. The conference was held at Pristine Publishers this summer. The student fellowship conference was attended by students from all over the nation. The only private Christian college to receive honors at regional journalism conference

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

Clendenen, a May 2002 graduate, is the first of almost 20 National Mert Fellowships ever awarded. Clendenen is the daughter of Ray and Mimi Clendenen of Brentwood, Tenn. She will attend Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., in the fall where she will pursue a master’s of divinity degree.

Union students minister at home and abroad

More than 220 Union University students and faculty participated in GO trips during the university’s spring break vacation, traveling to places such as Kenya, Romania, Honduras, Senegal, Morocco and the Philippines. The students also stayed closer to home, helping with various forms of ministry in cities such as Memphis, Spartanburg, S.C., Dodge City, Kan., Beatyville, Ky., Boston, M ass., and Irving, Texas.  

Union school newspaper shines at regional journalism conference

Union University's Cardinal & Cream placed among the top six student newspapers in the South for the O'Ferrell Newspaper" at the 2002 Southsidol Journalism Conference held this week.

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

By Wayne Johnson

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

A Portrait of Courage – Nurse and Union alum

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

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

She laughs near the close of a conversation, remembering her first weeks as a student at Union. “When I came to Union, I realized that for the first time in my life I was among complete strangers. At home, church and school every one knew of my illness. Here (at Union), for the first time in my life I was not ‘the little girl who had cancer.’ I didn’t tell anyone for a long time,” she admits.

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

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

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

Facilitator: Wayne Johnson, Executive Director of the Office of University Relations
Panel: Charles Baldwin, O.P., and Evalyn Harnsford University Professor of Pre-Medical Studies
Elise Smith, Associate Professor of Biology
Susan Jacob, Dean of the School of Nursing and Professor of Nursing
Jill Webb, Director of the Master of Science in Nursing Program and Associate Professor of Nursing
Theran Kirk, Department Chair of Nursing, Jackson and Associate Professor of Nursing

UNIONITE: The public is constantly hearing about major advances in research on all medical fronts. Those same sources report a reduction in quality care, mistakes and patient dissatisfaction. Those of you around this table have given your careers to the preparation of health care. Those of you around this table have in quality care, mistakes and patient dissatisfaction.

Jacob: What does that tell us about the future of major advances in research on all medical fronts?

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

Baldwin: It’s possible those grievances are telling us something about health care in this country. The issues are care without discrimination and the right of grievance being heard quickly. That indicates many people in our population have access to basic health care. But, the concern is about how well it’s delivered and issues relative to the quality care. When our students and faculty go on global missions trips (Go T R I P S), they frequently encounter populations who have only basic health care. In our country there are two major programs: Medicare and Medicaid. This indicates we are concerned about health care access for the elderly and those who cannot provide for it themselves. These are economic issues. People in the middle usually have good, basic health care.

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

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

Jacob: We have Medicare and Medicaid. And, we’ve developed numerous community-based health care delivery systems to provide for those people in their homes.

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

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

Webb: I can remember when I started in nursing in 1976. There was a different way of delivering care. We did everything that was needed and there was really not much attention paid to the cost of delivering that care. The notion was, we will give the best care we have available to anybody who needs it. Health care cost spiraled as a result of that attitude. We’re set up to deliver the business arena.

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

UNIONITE: Socialized medicine? Baldwin: I would rather talk in terms of making available health care to everyone.

UNIONITE: “Right or privilege” seems to frame the discussion. What have your departments done to accommodate these trends? What feedback do you receive from graduates who are working in health care positions?

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

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

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

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

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

Webb: I think we have to teach the students to think outside of their little circle–outside the box, so to speak. They have to learn to think in a “systems” fashion. They can no longer think about what “I’m doing for this patient,” exclusively. When you’re interacting with an individual, they think they’re the most important person in the world. That’s the way it ought to be. But, they are not the only person with whom you interact.

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

When we think about the Union–only program, one of our first students in the program had grown up in India. You don’t really benefit if you get from attracting that kind of global student population. When this student went to clinical, we discovered an Indian lad on the unit who was very, very ill. When our student walked into that room and understood the icons of the culture around the patient, the food her family

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

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

Webb: The students tell us it’s more rewarding than they anticipated – interactions they wouldn’t have otherwise. It’s hard to see how much difference they really make in those lives. And when they get that feedback it’s very gratifying.

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

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

Each of them has an up-and-comer who adopts them. In many instances, books can be shared. That’s cutting a major cost. But, more than that, these upper-class mentors help our student make the transition into medical school. They are great.

One of our recent graduates, Jeff Jones, in his first year of medical school, discovered one of the professors working on developing an implantable sensor that measures glucose concentrations in the blood, using infrared spectroscopy. While he was at Union, he had worked on a research project dealing with IR. He wrote that “I thought that you might like to know that all the time I spent processing and analyzing infrared spectra is helping me understand that now and very exciting development in diabetes care.”

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

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

Parish Nurses: Key Players in Health Ministries

By Beverly Vos ('02)

Establishing a parish nurse program in a church takes a lot of support from the pastor and the congregation. Union graduate Phyllis Hendon ('92) and her husband Terry who is pastor of Greenfield Baptist Church in Tennicouba, Ark., have had an active parish nurse ministry in their church for about a year. If they couple finds that people are quite pleased about the word parish nurse and have a better comprehension when it is explained in connection with health ministries.

Parish nurse certification teaches how to organize, assess, and evaluate the health needs of respective faith communities. If the course also offers the characteristic seven key roles of the parish nurse: 1. Integrator of Faith and Healing—In all activities and contacts, the parish nurse seeks to promote the understanding of the relations between faith and health.

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

3. Personal health counselor—Discusses health issues and problems with individuals, families, hospital, and nursing home visits as needed.

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

5. Facilitators of Volunteers—Recruits, coordinates and resources volunteers within the congregations to serve in various health ministry roles.

6. Developer of Support groups—Facilitates the development of support groups for members of the faith community and people from the external community.

7. Health Advocate—The parish nurse works with the client, faith community and primary health resources to provide what is best for the client from a whole person perspective, listening and supporting the client to do what can be done and being their voice when them seem to have none.
Parish Nursing at Union

Union offers parish nursing electives as part of its curriculum on the Germantown campus and this May a certification course open to all nurses was offered on the Jackson campus. Typical workshops encompass an intensive four day training including sessions on ethics, functions, accountability and organization, needs assessments, legal considerations, philosophy and spirituality, community health concepts, grant writing, and being a member of a ministerial team. Upon completion, CEU (Continuing Education Unit) credits are granted and nurses are pinned with a specialized parish nursing insignia.

Currently, Susan Jacob, dean of the School of Nursing, and nursing professors Tharon Kirk, Gail Coleman, Geri Smith, and Charlotte Ward-Larsen, are trained parish nurses. Supported by Union's faith and life-based philosophy, parish nursing has a strong appeal to a good number of nursing alum who serve in that capacity. Most do so on a voluntary basis, which is typical of many parish nurses—only a small percentage are paid staff of a church or particular faith-based organization. They do it because they love it and find that it fulfills in them what nursing is truly all about—the healing process—assisting the whole person in coming to peace with themselves and their Creator.
Preparing Tomorrow's Medical Leaders From the jungles of South America to the sprawling American cities, Union is preparing tomorrow's medical leaders to change the world. With an acceptance rate of almost 100 percent at medical schools like the UT Health Science Center in Memphis, more and more Union students are achieving success. That success is a direct result of efforts by the Union pre-med faculty who genuinely care about their students.

When Jeff Jones, another May 2000 graduate from Jackson, Tenn., was accepted to the UT Health Science Center School of Medicine in Memphis, he felt it was a direct result of Union's strong academic foundation and reputation. "The professors at Union know what it takes to succeed in medical school," explains Jones. "They are here [at Union] not because they simply choose to be, but because they feel it is their calling."

Like his professors, Jones also feels a sense of calling. "You don't choose to be a doctor simply because you want to practice medicine," he explains. "You choose medicine because nothing else will make you happy." It was as an undergraduate that Jones calling to the medical field was affirmed. During that time he watched his father battle cancer. The illness influenced his choice to defer medical school for one year in order to stay near his father. As the months passed, interaction with his father's doctors and a job in a local clinic revealed to him what a difference a caring medical professional can make.

It was also during this difficult time that the professors at Union became more than just teachers; they became friends. "That is one of the most unique aspects of a Union education that Jones feels his medical school counterparts from other universities missed. "Union is a sheltering and nurturing place that allows you to grow spiritually as well as intellectually," says Jones. "You need both aspects to survive the long, hard task of medical school."

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

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

Scarbrough echoed the same feeling. "I grew intellectually, spiritually and personally while I was at Union," she explains. "I always knew I could stop by a professor's office any time to talk about class or to just pray with them about a personal challenge."

She recalled discussing with Dr. Charles Baldwin her desire to study abroad. With his encouragement and assistance, she was selected as a recipient of the International Rotary Ambassador Scholarship which allowed her to study at the University of Sussex in England for a year. She earned her master's degree in medicinal chemistry, a 12-month program that she completed in just ten months. "It was a departure from the small, Christian environment that I was used to having at Union," she says. "It was a culture shock at first and I could not have survived without God."

She was the only native English speaking resident in her lab and home, which introduced her to many different cultural backgrounds. It also gave her an opportunity to discover how that led to opportunities to share her faith in a non-threatening way. She recalled one such opportunity when she had a religious discussion with a Roman Catholic and Muslim roommate. "I learned that you can discuss religious differences and share Christ while remaining friends."

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

After returning from England, Scarbrough entered medical school where she is now preparing for a career in family practice, which will allow her to help the broadest amount of people. Where she practices medicine is God's decision, but she is willing to go. The field of medicine is changing before our very eyes. Despite all the changes, Scarbrough feels that she and other Union graduates have insight into the one thing that will never change. "No matter what changes occur, you have to love people," she says. "As a doctor you will see people at their worst. Compassion is what is needed now and for the future."
As the week progressed, honored members of the Class of 1952 registered Friday morning for their fiftieth reunion, with special 50-year medallions presented to them during the Founder’s Day Homecoming Chapel. Following lunch, the alumni were shuttled downtown for a visit to the old campus on which they gained knowledge, learned life-lessons, and established relationships during their cherished college years at Union. A dedication service was held with a plaque put into place honoring the old but never forgotten “Circle” of the campus.

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

Later that night, the students of Union University showed their talent in the high-caliber annual performance competition, “All-Sing.” The large group performance category was won by the Chi-Omega Sorority group and the small group performance category was won by entrants from the Sophomore class. Saturday brought an enjoyable reunion brunch and reception with the annual Alumni Awards luncheon immediately following. The award for the reunion class with the highest percentage of alumni contributing to the University was made to the Class of 1957 as nearly 50% of the class made annual contributions in the past year. The class that contributed the largest dollar amount in 2001 was the class of 1952 with a contribution total of $77,000.

Following the awards, Union President David S. Dockery greeted those in attendance with his encouraging and riveting “State of the Union Address,” stating that Union remains a “healthy university.”

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

The Homecoming activities were fun and exciting, but all in all the week was highlighted by the presence of some of those who have made it possible for Union to achieve its present level of distinction – Union’s alumni. Bob Hundley, Class of 1948, may have summed up the feelings of all Union students, past and present, when he said with his wife at his side, “We’ll always remember and love Union University.”

- Reported by Josh Howerton, Class of 2005
Until 1975, Union University was on a different campus than the one that today's students currently attend. During Homecoming festivities, fourteen members of the Class of 1952 returned to the "old" campus as part of their fifty-year reunion celebration. The trip proved to be one that brought back memories and meant something special to these special graduates.

One of the most important places to students on the old campus was the area that they called "the circle" even though it was not really a circle at all - rather that all paths that led around campus met and crossed. In honor of the Class of 1952, a special seminar with alumni in their top two fields of interest and had a chance to ask questions and discuss various issues with the alumni. "I think it is really great to get to talk to people who have only been out of college for a few years, but are working in the same field that I want to get into," said sophomore Patrick Compau, a broadcasting major. "We were able to hear both the good and the bad sides of day-to-day life on the job." The first "Wisdom From the Trenches" event was held during Homecoming four years ago. According to M allard, this year's event was so successful that there is a strong possibility of making it an annual tradition.

"I like cheering with the cheerleaders," said senior Tony Goodwin, a first hand perspective. "We have incredible volunteers, and the children seem to love their time here." Dr. Carrie Whaley, assistant professor of education, heads the camp each year. "We have incredible volunteers, and the children seem to love their time here," said Whaley. One of the highlights of the day is always a special guest appearance by Union athletes. This year, the Union University cheerleaders arrived ready to teach several cheers and new tricks to the children for the big H homecoming game later that afternoon. No one child, Meredith Maroney, was thrilled by the cheerleaders' visit.

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Future Unionites Spend Time in the Dawg House
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"Both basketball programs had tremendous seasons," says Union's Athletic Director David Blackstock. "This season proves that nice guys really can finish first."

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

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

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

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

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

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Keeping that success in perspective is a lesson Turner always tries to convey to his players. “If I were not being basketball players, I talk about things that are most important. Education is more than just book learning, it is preparing for life,” says Turner. Those life lessons include everything from saying “please” and “thank you” to goal setting and having a personal relationship with friends, family and the Lord. “At no time do I hold myself as a shining example. I admit to them that I have the Lord. “At no time do I hold myself as a shining example. I admit to them that I have the Lord. “At no time do I hold myself as a shining example. I admit to them that I have the Lord. “At no time do I hold myself as a shining example. I admit to them that I have the Lord.

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

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

Soaring through the air, terrifying opponents’ offense is not the only thing the 6’7” senior did for the nationally ranked Bulldogs. Joseph was also the leading scorer in the beyond being colleagues. It was during Campbell’s own stellar career at Lipscomb University that Ralph Turner impacted his life as an assistant coach with the Bisons.

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

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

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

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

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

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Dr. Hugh Franklin Miller ('60) and Anne Baggett Miller ('60) are retired. They live near their 3 children and 4 grandchildren. They are active in Creek Path Baptist Church and scouting. Address: P.O. Box 822, Guntersville, AL 35749-0822.

Dr. Charles Bright ('58) and Anne Baggett Bright ('60) are retired. They live near their 3 children and 4 grandchildren. They are active in Creek Path Baptist Church and scouting. Address: P.O. Box 822, Guntersville, AL 35749-0822.

Dr. Pat Reed Ferguson ('69) announced his discovery in a special consigned school. Graves Center "The Charles R. Higgins Operation Center." Charles retired after more than 20 years in the Electric Power Industry. He and his wife, Betty, who served as a secretary to the Academic Dean during their time at Union, make their home in Pulaski, Tennessee. Address: 131 Sam Davis Avenue, Pulaski, TN 38478. E-mail: obiggin@fournet.com.

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

Linda Tipp Price ('83) is the school nurse at Franklin High School in Franklin, Tennessee. Address: 303 Elderwood Court, Franklin, TN 37064. E-mail: tippasp@wcus.edu.

Dr. Dr. Franklin Miller ('60), along with his wife, Rebecca Edwards Miller ('61), have retired from teaching at Lipscomb University. Frank served as Director of Missions in Akron, Ohio, and Philadelphia being employed by Home Mission Board. He is a member of the American Mission Board. He served a total of 31 years as a missionary. Address: 10809 Blackmoor Road, Louisville, KY 40239.

Dr. Adam Scott Major ('97) was nominated for the nomination, Scott was art director for WHRN TV Fox 13 in Memphis. Since the nomination, Scott and his brother Andy Lambert ('98) have drilled their own video production business, Lambert Averett University in April 2001. He has four children. He has been selected Teacher of the Year by the junior and senior classes of Middletown High School for the second consecutive year. Randy teaches history and economics. He and his wife Sharon have two sons, Jay and Ben, 5. Address: 435 Willow Road, Address: TN 37062. E-mail: bishopsmr@internet.com.

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

Dr. John Hawk Hallmark ('91) became the pastor at First Baptist Church, Marion, Ar., in May 2001. He and his wife, Lelie, (Rrieve) have two daughters, Cassie and Kayla. Address: 515 Apperson Drive, Marion, AR, 72364. E-mail: clayj@wol.com.

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

David and Mary Helen Scott Cameron ('84) are living in Middletown, Va. Mary Helen is a private piano teacher and David is an associate minister of music and youth at Chatham Heights Baptist Church. Address: 1235A Chatham Heights, Martinsville, VA 24112. E-mail: dwadandmh@kihikanet.com.

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

Chris J. Pope ('92) was recently promoted to Director of On Premise for the Central Division of Coca-Cola Consolidated Bottling in Charlotte, N.C. His wife, Kathryn Carter Pope ('89) is a literacy facilitator in the public schools. They have one son, Elliot, who is 9 years old. Address: 15424 Gathering Oaks Drive, Huntersville, NC 28078. E-mail: poppek@juno.com.

Dale R. Charlton ('90) has been appointed program chair of the Practical Nursing Program at Baptist College of Health Sciences in Memphis, Tenn. Address: 4931 Owen Avenue, Memphis, TN 38122. E-mail: scrolley@uciol.com.

Peggy Harris Rowland ('96) has joined the staff of SoSattiva + Associates, Memphis, Tenn., as a traffic coordinator. Rowland is responsible for monitoring the development of creative materials, ensuring they are experiencing communication issues at work, especially female executives who may not only be able to work with the Koreans, but also different races, who also reside there.

Sarah "Sally" Elizabeth Gambrell Hambrick ('97) and Brad Hambrick ('99). Sarah is a teacher at Franklin High School. Brad is attending Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary getting his master's degree in Biblical Counseling. He graduates May 2002 and begins work on his Ph.D. in Biblical Counseling from Trinity Theological Seminary. Brad and Sally would eventually like to settle in the Tennessee Valley area. Address: 1106 Thornhope Road, Wake Forest, N.C. 27587.

Adam Scott Major ('97) graduated from Mississippi College School of Law in May 2001. He successfully completed the Tennessee Bar Exam and has been selected for the position of associate with Rainie, Star, Butler, Revere and Bell, PLC in Jackson, Tenn. Address: 36 D 'Oyley Oak Apt. A, Jackson, TN 38305. E-mail: proclamation@rainieyзер.com.

Annie Laurie Crane ('98) works in Washington, D.C., for Congressional Sassy Chamblin (R-CA) as legislative correspondent. Crane moved to Washington in September 2000 to work as a staff assistant for Senator Fred Thompson (R-TN) and served there for six months before joining Congressional staff in June 2001. Crane also heads up the Tennessee connection for D.C.'s State of the Union gala for the executive chairman and works freelance promoting music for Sounds Record, a new worship record label of Alpha Omega. Address: 121 12th Street, SE Apt. 306, Washington, DC 20003. E-mail: amullcrane@nationalhouse.com.

Craig Dismuke ('98), Union University alumni from the Tennessee East chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, has been elected Provost of Texas A&M (N & M) and Steve works for the University of Texas, Austin. Address: 21207 Lepingston.
Farn Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30004. Email: sonyastokes@daisyhome.com.

Sonya Stokes ('92) and D ron Beasley were married May 25, 2002. Sonya works for the State Department of Children Services and Dron is finishing his education degree at Lane College. E-mail: sonyastokes@daisyhome.com.

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

Jason Logan ('98) and Elizabeth Longbottom were married December 22, 2001, at Southwoods Baptist Church in Germantown, Tenn. Jason received his M.D. degree from University of Tennessee College of Medicine on June 7, 2002, and will begin residency in family medicine, July 1. Elizabeth is a third-year medical student at the University of Tennessee. In the fall of 2001 Jason served with SBC missionaries at Sanyati Baptist Hospital on a week-long medical mission trip to El Salvador. Pictures of their wedding and mission trip are on their website www.jasonlogan.com. Address: 980 Oakmont Place, #4, Memphis, TN 38137. E-mail: jlogan7@pol.net.

Greg Parans ('99) married Cassidy Smith on February 16, 2002, in Dalton, Ga. He is currently a credit analyst with Regions Bank. Address: 1405 Rosewood Circle, #16, Dalton, GA 30720. E-mail: greg35@hotmail.com.

Wendy Nolen ('01) will be getting married on June 2, 2002 to Mr. Zach Hill of Dy er, Tenn., at First Baptist Church, Dy er. Rev. Mike Nolen, pastor and father of Wendy, will be presiding over the ceremony. Address: 199 W. College St., Dy er, TN 38330. E-mail: wmm179@hotmail.com.

Bill ('91) and Leigh Ann King Expy ('91), a son, Clayton D avis, 9 lbs./2 oz., November 11, 2002. The couple has a daughter, Hannah Leigh, 6. Bill is pursuing his Ph.D. degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He is the pastor of First Baptist Church of Prospect, Ky. Leigh Ann, a former middle school teacher, is now a homemaker and M ary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant. Address: P.O. Box 1103 Prospect, KY, 40059.

Sammon ('92) and Julie King Chhim ('93), a son, Andrew King Chhim, 7 lbs./12 oz., October 1, 2001. The couple also has a daughter and son, Cameron, 3 and Sarah, 2. Sam works at Wilson Sporting Goods in Humboldt and Julie is a homemaker. Address: 63 M edowood Drive, Olive Branch, MS 38654. E-mail: chhimm@hotmail.com.

Todd and Barbara Shouder Krause ('92), a daughter, Kaleigh Todd, 7 lbs./9 oz., August 13, 2001. Barb is a general manager for Al the Lake magazine, a publication for the southeastern Wisconsin area. Todd is a high school instrumental music teacher and owner of Timeless Flooring, a hardwood flooring installation and refinishing company. Address: 1112 Wisconsin Street, Lake Geneva, WI 53147. E-mail: bkb@edudesigns.com.

Andy ('93) and Michelle Sarratt Milam ('92), a son, Ethan T homas, on April 17, 2001. They have another son, Micah, 5. Andy is serving as Associate Pastor/Minister of Music at Alpha Baptist Church in Morristown, Tenn., and Michelle is a homemaker. He previously served at First Baptist Church, Paris, Tenn., and Michelle holds a Nursing degree from St. John's N ightingale Street Morristown, TN 37814. E-mail: andy@alpabaptist.org or dmilam@byharter.net.

KEVIN AND ANDREAS L. WALKUP ('93), a daughter, Hannah Nicole, September 7, 2000. Address: 480 Bramblewood D rive, Nashville, TN 37211. E-mail: thewalkups@uno.com.

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

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

Linnie McKnight Ross ('30) March 9, 2002 Jackson, TN

Raymond Townsend ('32) December 25, 2002 Murray, KY

Virginia Lucille Glover ('33) February 13, 2002 Jackson, TN

William Robert Melling ('34) April 11, 2002 L lburn, GA

William Jonathan Williams ('36) February 15, 2002 Memphis, TN

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

Andrea Lake Walkup ('93) June 7, 2002 Rolla, MO

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

Greg and Kathy Russell Allison ('96), a son, Brandon Coy, 8 lbs./10 oz., February 17, 2001. Greg is a homemaker for MiddleTN Electric, and Kathy is a homemaker. Address: 395 Stablesdale Road, Waterford, TN 37384.

Greg ('96) and Cammie Baam, a son, David Joshu a, 5 lbs./15 oz., January 1, 2002. The family has two other children. M aria 3 1/2 and Ann 2. Greg was recently named the new Youth and Family Life Director of Dyer Baptist Church. He is working with children and youth in mentoring programs, after-school programs and camps. Address: 84 D illon Drive, Dyer, TN 38024. E-mail: observer97@uno.com.

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

Inez Hazel Clifton ('26) December 22, 2002 Murray, KY

Hugh Taylor Bennett Jr. ('30) December 26, 2001 Nashville, TN

Lucie Lowell Melling ('41) March 10, 2002 Memphis, TN

Jane Frances M cLan ('42) February 6, 2002 Jackson, TN

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

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

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

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

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

David F. Walkup ('54) March 16, 2001 Newport, VA

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

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

James A. Wood ('56) July 3, 2001 Rolla, MO

All Taylor Barnett, Sr. ('62) April 5, 2002 Jackson, TN

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

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D.lila Nichols ('83) December 31, 2001 Jackson, TN

Calendar of Events

June 1 - Centrifuge Begins

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

June 21 - Freshman Pre-registration

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

Aug. 3 - August Graduation

July 29 - August 1, 2002
I support Union because it is my alma mater and because Union provides a top quality education in a Christian environment.”

Lyne Patton (’69)
Brentwood, Tenn.
Vice President of Willis Re, Inc.

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

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

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

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

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

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Team

Lady Bulldogs

Awards: 2001-2002 Union University Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs

Accomplishments:

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- 2002 NAIA National Tournament Final 4

Bulldogs

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The annual fund supports student financial need, academic programs, mission trips, computer information systems, library resources, and athletic activities. Without the benefit of the annual fund, says Louise Lynch, director of annual giving at Union, the university’s basic operations would be significantly impacted. The annual fund is an important component of the University’s financial picture. “Union offers young people an experience of a lifetime that will have long-lasting effects on the choices they make in life and how their lives will impact others,” says Lynch. “Union’s cause is helped greatly by many alumni and friends giving regularly, regardless of the size of their gift—all levels of gifts are necessary to advance the University and its mission. She points out that one of the most important elements of annual giving is that annual gifts help Union students and their families by keeping tuition increases to a minimum. Annual gifts bridge the gap between what the student pays and the actual cost of a Union University education. “Student tuition alone cannot cover the cost of an academically-excellent, Christ-centered education – annual support helps to make up the crucial difference,” says Lynch.

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