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Your Alumni Connection To Union University

Fall 2007



*Back Row: Don Webb, Isinell Newbill
Front Row: Dorothy Wilson, Mable Stevens,
Bibie Cooper*

A Message From Your National Alumni President

It is with a bit of sadness and a bit of excitement that I write my last greeting as president of the National Alumni Association. Serving in this capacity has been a wonderful experience and a blessing to me. So much has happened during my tenure that I can only imagine what lies ahead during the incoming



Judy Fletcher

president's term of office. It is with great confidence that I will pass the gavel this November during Homecoming to Don "Bubba" Holsinger. Many of you will remember Bubba as Buster during his days at Union. I am sure he will bring the excitement he exhibited as Buster to the National Alumni Association. It has been a privilege also to work so closely with Gary Williams and his staff. Alumni relations are an integral part of our university by keeping us all informed as to what's going on at our alma mater. Continue to lift our University, the administration, faculty, and staff up in prayer as they faithfully work with the student body to help mold them into our leaders of tomorrow, not only in our communities but literally around the world. To God be the glory for the great things He has done through Union University. And lastly, on a personal note, I want to thank my husband, Gil Fletcher, for his support and encouragement. He has been my "rock" for 38 years and I could ask for no better helpmate.

Judy Fletcher

Union University, National Alumni President, Class of 1988

Judy is a CPA at Arnold, Spain, Truett, & Hewitt, PLLC in Jackson, TN. She and her husband, Gil, live in Humboldt. They have 2 children, Russ and Amy.

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Summer Reunion Includes Five Unionites From Class of '42

They say that old friends are the best, and here is proof! After 69 years of friendship, 5 Unionites reunited this summer to remember their days at Union. Isinell McClanahan Newbill, Mable Manley Stevens, Bibie Crittenden Cooper, Dorothy Lee Knight Wilson, and Don Webb, all members of the Class of 1942, visited the Union campus on June 12. The friends took a "riding" tour of campus during which they visited Fesmire Fields, White Hall, Jennings Hall, and the Chi Omega house. They also took a trip to the old campus across town and pointed out their dorm windows in Crook Hall, where the four sorority sisters lived along with Webb's late wife, Rebecca Cobb Webb. The group is already thinking ahead to the next time they will gather.

**MEET ME AT
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HOMECOMING 2007



Don't Miss Homecoming 2007

October 29 thru November 3

Save the Date!

Alumni Chapter Meetings:

Gibson County

October 1 @ 6:30

Hosted by Gil and Judy Fletcher

Carroll-Benton County

October 2 @ 6:30

Hosted by Jim and Delma Austin

Tennessee Baptist Convention

Location: Kingsport, Tennessee **Dates:** November 13-14, 2007

Join us for the Union University Alumni and Friends Dinner, November 13 @ 5:00 at the Ridgefield County Club. For more information call 1.800.338.6644.

Union Cross Country Star Earns Largest Scholarship in Wake Forest's History



Jill Konkol

Jill Konkol graduated from Union University this past May with plenty of athletic awards under her belt. Jill was a four-year runner on Union's cross country team, where she holds four of the top 10 times in the record books including the fastest time in the 5K run. However, she also shone in academics during her career at Union. Jill graduated with a 4.0 GPA in Pre-Med and recorded one of the highest MCAT scores in Union

history. Thanks to her dedication and hard work, she was awarded an all-inclusive scholarship to Wake Forest University Medical School. This full-expense scholarship marks the largest in the Medical School's history and will cover tuition, books, lab fees, board, and more. Jill is now well into her first semester of medical school, and values her Union undergraduate degree every day. "Before the first day of classes was over, it was already apparent that my classes at Union were extremely beneficial to my medical education. Many of the lessons I'm getting now are reinforcements to the concepts that were first introduced to me by the excellent professors at Union. I have never been more certain that Union University holds true to its commitment of academic excellence."

Dawg Catchers

If you know prospective students who need to hear about Union, let us know! Visit us online at www.uu.edu/admissions/DawgCatchers or call 1.800.33.UNION and help catch some Dawgs!



Left: Dustin Mayfield, Right: Alvin Jeffery

Union Students Discover the Meaning of Sacrificial Friendship

Meet Alvin Jeffery and Dustin Mayfield, two Unionites with a special bond. These young men met at Union while in the nursing program; Alvin graduated this past May and Dustin is now beginning his junior year. When Alvin noticed that Dustin wore hearing aids, his medical interest prompted him to ask the reason why. Dustin informed him that he was born with Alport Syndrome, a genetic disease which can cause kidney failure and deafness. Dustin has always known that a kidney transplant was inevitable, and began talking with a transplant team in August of 2006. When his friends found out that Dustin needed a kidney, Alvin was quick to volunteer. "The nurse in me has always been interested in organ donation - I thought it would be amazing to donate." The date for the transplant was set for June 5, shortly after final exams and Alvin's graduation from Union. The transplant was a success, and both men had a full recovery. Alvin is now living in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he is a nurse in the Intensive Care Unit of Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Through this experience, both men have realized the importance of organ donation. Alvin says "If you're thinking about donating, it's completely worth it."

UU Sports

This has been an exciting season for UU athletics! Here are a few highlights from the past season:

- Union University captured the TranSouth Athletic Conference All-Sports Trophy for the 4th consecutive season.
- The Lady Bulldogs basketball team won the TranSouth tournament for the 8th time in the conferences 11 year history. The ladies posted their third straight trip to the final four in the NAIA National tournament.
- The women's cross country team won their first ever region tournament and advanced for the first time in the program's history to nationals.
- In soccer news, the women's soccer team celebrated their second season of varsity competition by advancing to the NAIA Region IX tournament for the first time in program history. The men's soccer team also had a great accomplishment by reaching its highest ranking in program history at No. 9 in the NAIA.
- At UU, not only our teams are outstanding, but our athletic staff as well! Steven Aldridge, Sports Information Director at Union University, was selected by the TranSouth Conference as the 2006-2007 Sports Information Director of the Year. This is his second year in a row to receive this honor.



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The Union Bookshelf

- **Renewing Minds: Serving Church & Society Through Christian Higher Education** by Dr. David S. Dockery
"This is in every way a landmark book!" J.I. Packer
- **The Divine Appointment** by Jerome Teel
- **Japan's Foreign Policy Since 1945** by Kevin Cooney
- **Harmony of the Gospels** by Steven L. Cox and Kendall Easley

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Dr. Dottie Myatt, Professor of Education, was named Faculty Member of the Year for 2007-2008

Work has begun on the new residence life complex! The first residence hall is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2008.

White Hall is complete! The state-of-the-art science building was dedicated on May 11, 2007. If you have the opportunity, be sure to tour this amazing facility.

The August graduation concluded another excellent year at Union University. The National Alumni Association welcomes nearly 900 new graduates from the Class of 2007.

Sheila Mitchell has been named as founding dean of the School of Pharmacy at Union University. Classes for this program are scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2008.