

Union grads release Pujols biography



Tim Ellsworth, Union University's director of news and media relations, has co-authored a new book that describes the stellar career and outspoken Christian testimony of St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols.

Ellsworth ('96) and fellow Union alumnus Scott Lamb ('96) teamed up to write *Pujols: More than the Game*.

Thomas Nelson Publishers in Nashville released the book and calls it the first full-length biography about Pujols. The book traces his early life and rise to stardom, his take on the steroid era in baseball, his philanthropic efforts and above all, the role his Christian faith has played – and continues to play – in his life.

"Scott and I decided that the story needed to be told – not just of his baseball exploits, which the book certainly covers in detail, but of the deeper motivations that drive him to excel off the field as well," Ellsworth said.

Pujols: More than the Game is available at LifeWay Christian Stores and Amazon.com. 📖

Davis named a 'Power Player' in Memphis



Jimmy Davis, vice president for Union University Germantown, was included as one of the 2010 "Power Players" in Memphis by *Memphis Business Quarterly*.

The magazine featured 413 people in 34 different employment categories.

"Their selection was the result of innumerable staff gatherings, consultation with dozens of 'experts' in the various categories presented, and more than a few discussions with key 'players' themselves in the individual

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Trustees approve study of new library

Union University trustees have approved a feasibility study that will explore all aspects of building a new library and academic resource center.

Trustees Rod Parker, Paul Priddy, Norm Hill, Lisa Rogers, Bob Campbell, Greg Jordan, Harry Smith and Gil Fletcher will serve on what is called the Campus Master Plan III Committee, to oversee the campus master plan and study the possibility of a new library.

Trustees also approved Union President David S. Dockery's annual report to the board, in which he recapped some of the major developments in the life of the university over the past year.

"In terms of enrollment, personnel, projects, resources and activity,

the university has continued to see significant advancement," Dockery reported. "The quality of the faculty, staff and student body has never been greater. The goal and challenge for the future is to ensure that the quality of the university's work grows faster than the quantity of our work.

"Ultimately, we give thanks to God for his blessings, guidance and enablement."

Randy Davis, executive director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, provided the devotional to open the meeting.

"Our hope is in Christ alone," Davis said. "If you look at your limitations, you're going to be really discouraged. But to think about what Christ can do, and Christ alone, you're going to be blown away if you trust him." 📖

Union records 13th consecutive enrollment increase

Full enrollment at Union University hit a record-high 4,186 students, which is a 3.3 percent jump from a year ago. Nearly all the growth came in Union's undergraduate programs, which showed a 4.6 percent increase in enrollment since last fall.

The 2010 figure tops last year's fall enrollment of 4,050 by 136. The latest enrollment figures show a 112 percent increase over the 1,972 students enrolled in the fall of 1996, when Union University President David S. Dockery began his tenure. Consecutive increases have occurred since 1998.

The enrollment for 2010 includes 2,989 undergraduate students, compared to 2,857 last year, and 1,197 graduate students, compared to 1,193 last year.



"We congratulate our enrollment team members in all of our various programs across the campus," Dockery said. "We particularly want to affirm the outstanding leadership of Rich Grimm, senior vice president for enrollment services. We are grateful for every new and returning student and wish God's best for them in this new academic year."

The enrollment increase is particularly noteworthy, Dockery said, since more than 1,100 students graduated from Union during the 2009-2010 academic year. 📖

Campus newspaper named Best of the South

The *Cardinal & Cream*, the student newspaper of Union University, was named the best college newspaper in the South during the Southeast Journalism Conference at Troy (Ala.) University.

This year marked the first time for the *Cardinal & Cream* to reach the No. 1 ranking in the "Best College Newspaper" category in the "Best of the South" competition.

In addition to the top ranking for



college newspapers, the *Cardinal & Cream's* website, cardinalandcream.info, was ranked No. 2 in the "Best College Website" category.

Only four schools — Union, Alabama, Harding and West Florida — ranked in both of these top categories, with Union ranking the highest in both categories.

Union students also fared well individually in the February competition, ranking in 10 of the 19 categories. 📖

Union draws rankings attention

U.S. News & World Report ranks Union University among the top 15 regional universities in the South for 2011 and is joined by other national publications in recognizing the University for academic strength.

In addition to the top 15 ranking, the magazine's editors again ranked Union among the top 86 schools in the country "where the faculty has an unusually strong commitment to undergraduate teaching," and as one of only 68 "up-and-coming" universities in the nation. For a third consecutive year, Union was named one of 17 "A-Plus Schools for B Students" in the South.

But Union also receives recognition from other sources with wide varieties of criteria for their rankings.

For example, Union was named one of "America's 100 Best College Buys" for the seventh straight year by Institutional Research and Evaluation Inc., an independent research and consulting organization. The company

selects the 100 schools after surveying more than 1,400 accredited U.S. colleges and universities each year and draws its conclusion on a balance of academic strength and affordability.

The *Princeton Review* named Union one of the best colleges in the Southeast, and Union was included in the most recent "College Access and Opportunity Guide" that highlights institutions committed to academic rigor and accessibility.

First Things, a highly respected publication about faith and public life, included Union among a select group of schools in its first-ever ranking of colleges and universities. Union ranked among the nation's top 12 Protestant/evangelical institutions and among the top 25 Christian universities.

Union is one of only four schools in Tennessee to be named among the "Colleges of Distinction." Any school on this list must exhibit excellence through engaged students, great teaching, vibrant communities and successful outcomes. 📖

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fields," wrote Kenneth Neill, publisher and CEO of Contemporary Media Inc., which publishes the magazine.

Davis was one of nine Memphis-area educators included in the "higher education" category.

"The 'Power Players' in this category are masters of organization with dynamite people skills, keen intellects, and an eye for what makes a campus conducive to learning," according to the publication. 📖

Monahan presents research at Dublin's Trinity College



Assistant Professor of Pharmacology Angela Monahan presented her research findings related to Parkinson's disease at the 17th annual

Psychoneuroimmunology Research Society meeting at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

Monahan is researching how prenatal exposures during brain development may contribute to the disease later in life. She expects this line of research to open up new drug targets for Parkinson's disease patients.

She was one of only 22 researchers selected for a scholarship that covered her travel expenses to Ireland from the National Institutes of Health.

"It was the first time I had presented my work as a Union University School of Pharmacy professor," Monahan said. "I was able to make contacts with researchers at Duke University with similar research interests. The meeting was really good for identifying researchers studying the interaction between the immune and nervous systems." 📖

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Germantown MBA students assist Union's Center for Excellence in Health Care Practice



Union University's Center for Excellence in Health Care Practice has some new suggestions

for its work and future role in the community, thanks to graduate business students at Union University Germantown.

As part of the capstone course in the Master of Business Administration degree program at UU Germantown, Steve Arendall had his students develop a strategic plan for the Center for Excellence in Health Care Practice, housed in Providence Hall on the Jackson campus.

"For me it's more real life experience, and that's a great value," said Candace Tookes, a student in the class.

Students presented their proposal to Tim Smith, dean of Union's School of Nursing and executive director of the Center for Excellence in Health Care Practice, as well as Lou Oberndorf, founder and former chief executive officer of Medical Education Technologies Inc., where he now serves as chairman of the board. METI has provided the human patient simulators in use at the Center for Excellence in Health Care Practice.

"I think the big take away from it was that they did an extensive examination of the various types of disciplines that may be able to be incorporated into the center," Smith said, referencing such groups as paramedics, respiratory therapists and others – not just nurses or pharmacists. "They gave us some things to think about."

"These tend to be significant projects," Arendall said. "This is about making strategy for the organization, making suggestions for top management. It's not nickel and dime stuff." ■

New academic year brings administrative changes

A new organizational structure designed to make Union more efficient and effective in light of the growing size and complexity of the University took effect prior to the 2010-11 academic year.

Among the key components to the reorganization:

The School of Christian Studies has become the **School of Theology and Missions**, and now includes



the Campus Ministries office. **Greg Thornbury**, who has been the founding dean of the School of Christian Studies, will now serve as Union's vice

president for spiritual life and dean of the School of Theology and Missions. He will supervise Campus Ministries, with Taylor Worley serving as associate dean for spiritual life and directing Campus Ministries.



Jerry Tidwell, who has been senior vice president for church relations, becomes senior vice president for university relations, replacing Charles

Fowler, who was called as pastor of Germantown Baptist Church prior to the reorganization. The church relations office moved under the umbrella of the Office of University Relations. Richard Wells, who has been dean of the chapel, becomes vice president for church relations. Also in the Office of University Relations, Doug Walker becomes executive director of Union University Foundation.

Carla Sanderson, who has been Union's provost, retains that title but also becomes the executive vice

president and chief operating officer. In that role, she will have a broader role and will assume a greater responsibility for Union's day-to-day operations, allowing Dockery's role to be more focused externally.

Gene Fant retains his title as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, but also becomes vice president for academic administration and the university's chief academic officer. The roles of Jimmy

Davis, vice president for regional campuses, and Kimberly Thornbury, vice president for student life and dean of students, will change little.

Tom Rosebrough becomes executive dean of the College of Education and Human Studies and will become the leader of the deans of all of Union's six colleges and schools.

Dockery will have four senior vice presidents reporting directly to him in Tidwell, Sanderson, Gary Carter and Rich Grimm. The roles of Carter, senior vice president for business and financial services, and Grimm, senior vice president for enrollment services, will see little change in the new structure.

"We're blessed to have outstanding leaders on this campus who still have many years of service to give to Union," Dockery continued. "This new structure is a way to ensure the longevity of the vision and mission of the university." ■



Baker named winner of 2011 Novak Award

The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty has named Union Professor Hunter Baker the 2011 recipient of the Novak Award.

According to a news release from the organization, the Novak Award "rewards new outstanding research by scholars early in their academic careers who demonstrate outstanding intellectual merit in advancing the understanding of theology's connection to human dignity, the importance of limited government, religious liberty, and economic freedom."

Baker, who is associate dean of arts and sciences and associate professor of political science, will present the



institute's annual Calihan Lecture. The award is named after distinguished American theologian and social philosopher Michael Novak.

"I hope to live up to Michael Novak's fine example in terms of both his intellectual acuity and the diligence embodied by his work ethic," Baker said. "I am also pleased to bring this award to Union University, which is the kind of institution that encourages Christian thoughtfulness about public issues."

Baker is the author of a widely acclaimed book entitled *The End of Secularism* (Crossway Academic, 2009) and a frequent contributor to a variety of scholarly publications. ■

Rosebrough and Leverett co-author new book

Success in teaching comes not from merely relaying facts and information to students, but in building relationships that transform education into something meaningful for each individual student, according to a new book by two Union University educators.

Transformational Teaching in the Information Age, by Thomas R. Rosebrough, executive dean of the College of Education and Human Studies, and Ralph G. Leverett, university professor of special education and director of the Master of Education program in Jackson, is designed to help teachers be more effective by placing learners in the center of the classroom.

"In my heart of hearts, I think



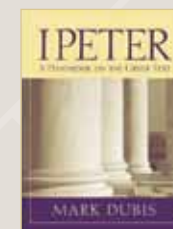
education is meant not just to inform, but to transform," Rosebrough said. "That means, in practicality, that teachers need to focus on what their students know, what their students can do and what kind of people their students are becoming.

In a word, that's holism. Education has the holistic power to transform lives."

Leverett said he and Rosebrough have become concerned in recent years about the trend toward what he calls "assembly line learning," especially in public schools.

Transformational Teaching in the Information is available for purchase at the ASCD website or at a variety of online retailers. ■

Dubis completes two works on New Testament



Mark Dubis, professor of biblical studies at Union University, completed two works this fall which aid students of New Testament books by

assessing the grammatical structure, or syntax, of the Greek text.

Tackling what many call one of the most syntactically difficult books in the Greek New Testament, Dubis wrote *1 Peter: A Handbook on the Greek Text*, the fourth book in the *Baylor Handbook on the Greek New Testament* series. He also served as a contributing editor for the "The Lexham Syntactic Greek New Testament," a source for Logos Bible Software study program.

Among those praising Dubis' work is Ramsey Michaels, Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at Missouri State University and a 1 Peter scholar.

"This handbook on 1 Peter deserves comparison with the best of the recent commentaries on that epistle," Michaels said.

1 Peter: A Handbook on the Greek Text is available on Amazon.com or at LifeWay Christian Stores. ■

Beverly receives top teaching honor



The Tennessee Communication Association has named Union University broadcasting professor Steve Beverly as its

Educator of the Year.

The announcement came during the TCA annual conference in September at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Web Drake, chairman of Union's communication arts department, said the award was based largely

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upon Beverly's oversight of "Jackson 24/7," a daily 30-minute news broadcast produced in Jennings Hall's broadcast studio and aired on EPlusTV 6 in Jackson. Union broadcasting students handle such responsibilities as anchoring, reporting, directing and producing the program.

"What Mr. Beverly is doing with our students is virtually unprecedented in terms of combining academic curriculum with service to the institution, service to the community and practical experience for the students," said Drake.

Chris Blair, associate professor of communication arts, nominated Beverly for the award. 📖

Town and Gown examines energy issues

Union's fall Town and Gown series focused on energy sustainability and stewardship, offering community members opportunities to attend free lectures and participate in discussions in a classroom setting.

One highlight of the month-long series was an examination of the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Lloyd Hansen, energy and technology consultant, helped lead a discussion entitled "The Gulf Oil Spill – Technology, Policy, Energy Education."

On the topics of sustainability and resource stewardship, Professor of Engineering Don Van acknowledged that although the terms are used a lot these days, there also is a need for more people to understand and support these goals.

"We believe education such as the one offered by this series is the essential beginning," Van said.

The series also took in-depth looks at the political and ethical aspects of energy policy. 📖

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Howe delivers Carls-Schwerdfeger lecture

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Daniel Walker Howe was the featured speaker for the 14th annual Carls-Schwerdfeger History Lecture Series in October.

Howe, the Professor of History Emeritus at UCLA and the Rhodes Professor of American History Emeritus at Oxford University, addressed the topic, "What Hath God Wrought: Manifest Destiny and the Communications Revolution of Nineteenth-Century America."

Howe is the author or editor of six books and dozens of historical articles and essays. He won the 2008 Pulitzer Prize for his book *What*



Hath God Wrought: The Transformation of America, 1815-1848. The book also won the 2008 New York Historical Society American Book Prize and was a finalist for the 2007 National Book Critics Circle Award in nonfiction.

The Carls-Schwerdfeger History Lecture Series is one of the top events on Union's fall semester calendar. Past speakers for the series have included such historians as David Hackett Fischer, Jeremy Black, Gordon Wood, George Herring, Jack Greene, Gerhard Weinberg, Martin Marty and Thomas Childers. 📖

Union hosts national CGE meeting

About 150 representatives from Baptist universities all over the country met at Union University in September for the 23rd meeting of the Consortium for Global Education.

CGE was established in 1987 as a means for Baptist colleges and universities to engage in international opportunities.

"It has developed into a very active organization that helps our schools develop relationships with universities and other entities internationally," said Cynthia Jayne, Union's associate provost for intercultural and international studies and CGE liaison.

CGE consists of about 50 member institutions, including such universities as Baylor, California Baptist, Oklahoma Baptist, Samford and Union. International partners include such institutions as the Yanbian

University of Science and Technology in China, the Ministry of Culture in Bhutan and Lithuania Christian College, among others.

Jayne said one of the goals of CGE was to enable the institutions to work together to provide opportunities for their students that they couldn't provide by themselves.

"The conference provided an opportunity for our universities to communicate with each other the initiatives that they have going on," Jayne said. "A lot of ideas for new partnerships are born out of these conversations."

Union faculty members and students made presentations on their work in places such as North Africa, the Dominican Republic and China. 📖

Union University has entered into a three-year partnership with the Singapore Baptist Convention and the Baptist Theological Seminary of Singapore to help Baptist churches in Singapore in their efforts to reach the nations for Christ.

The partnership agreement was officially announced in mid-November at a signing ceremony with Dockery and representatives from Singapore visiting the Union campus. Though the initial length of the agreement is three years, Dockery said he expected the partnership would be extended and expanded after that first term.

"It's an unbelievable open door for the gospel," Union University President David S. Dockery said. "The Lord has given it to us and we need

Through the partnership, Union will also provide degree programs for pastors in Singapore.

Richard Wells, Union's vice president for church relations, will be the first Union faculty member to travel to Singapore as part of the partnership, when he goes in July to teach a course at the seminary. Faculty members Hal and Mary Anne Poe are scheduled to teach there next fall.

Located on the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula in Southeast Asia, Singapore is an island city-state of 5.6 million people. Singapore is often ranked as one of the top five financial centers in the world, with one of the world's strongest economies.

The city is strategically located, with Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing, Tokyo, Australia,

Union and Singapore Baptists forge partnership

to be faithful stewards of the moment. It gives us a wide open door to follow through on our commitment as an institution to be a Great Commission university."

Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, India and the Philippines all within just a few hours of travel time. About 3.3 billion people – nearly half of the earth's population – live within seven hours of flying time from Singapore.

"We are grateful for this partnership extended by Union University, particularly to our Baptist Theological Seminary," said Peter Tang, executive director of the Singapore Baptist Convention. "It will really widen our ability to provide training for both those who aspire to be pastors as well as those who are already serving as pastors. We believe that this quality teaching and training from Union will really prepare our pastors to serve God to a higher level."

The Baptist convention in Singapore consists of 36 churches with about 12,000 members. Though the convention is relatively young (the seminary began 21 years ago), the churches have matured and are actively involved in sending out their own missionaries.

"It's very encouraging to know that we have a larger, international network of brothers and sisters in Christ," said Choon Sam Fong, dean of the Baptist Theological Seminary of Singapore, about the partnership. "We can do something together that will benefit not just the seminary or the university, but Christian communities in Singapore, in Asia and maybe in the U.S., too." 📖



Choon Sam Fong, David S. Dockery and Peter Tang sign the three-year partnership agreement between Union University and Baptists in Singapore. (Photo by Beth Spain)

The partnership between Union and Singapore Baptists will include cooperation in such areas as faculty and student exchanges; academic program development; study tour opportunities for church leaders, faculty and students; collaborative research and seminars; promotion of church health, church growth and church planting; and evangelism and discipleship, Dockery said.