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New University Seal Adopted

The unflagging spirit and perseverance of The Union Institute—now in its twenty-fifth year of existence—is reflected in the University's new seal. According to President Robert T. Conley, "the seal was created to reflect in a symbolic way those attributes that were felt to be emblematic of what we are all about: The Union Institute's rich history; its unique yet well-defined mission; and, through its growing community, an intense commitment to its educational processes."

The open book atop the shield clearly indicates the central place of scholarship in the work of the University community. Immediately beneath the book is a representation of the imposing tower which is the focal point of the University's new home. The tower is flanked by burning torches, reflecting The Union Institute's permanent place among those progressive institutions and individuals in quest of enlightenment, knowledge, and free inquiry.

Nearly dominating the shield, with wings stretching beyond its boundaries, is the phoenix, the mythical bird that rose anew from the ashes to live another millennium, much as The Union Institute has weathered near-extinction in the past and risen again still stronger, more vigorous, and with greater commitment than ever before. "The banner beneath the shield translated from the Latin reads 'University With Excellence and Vision,' characteristics that have become clearly associated with our innovative institution," said Dr. Conley.



The seal is that impression used on all official documents of the University, including diplomas and legal documents. In contrast, it is not, in its current form, the institution's logo which will be used on stationery, promotional copy, and other materials generated by The Union Institute.

"I am sure there are many other equally appropriate seals that we could imagine and seriously consider. This one simply seemed to fit the unique qualities of the institution it represents," President Conley noted.

Fifteen Union Institute Learners and Grads Cited in *Who's Who*

The 1990 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* will include the names of fifteen learners and grads from The Union Institute's Graduate School and College of Undergraduate Studies. Selected as national outstanding leaders, they were chosen on the basis of their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success, said President Conley.