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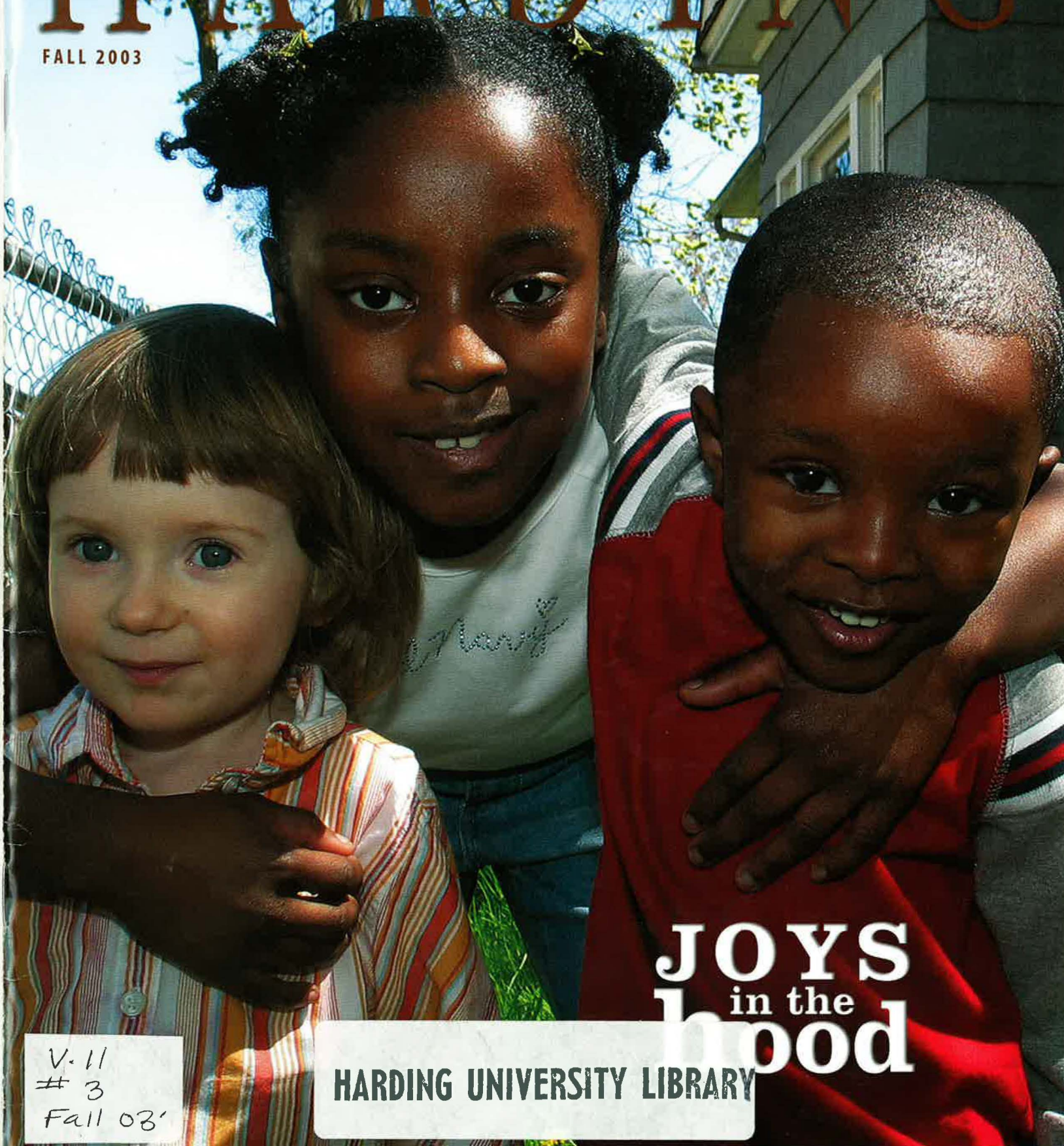
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Dr. David B. Burks,
President

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Impacting our world

LOOKING AT THE BIG PICTURE, FIVE YEARS DOES NOT seem like much time at all. ■ And yet, in less than five years, the Portland Urban Ministry Project (PUMP), featured on pages 10-15, has begun — and it is making a difference in northeast Portland, Ore. ■ As you read about how God is using this team as a catalyst to change lives by convincing others that they

have a choice, you will see that it all started in 1991, when two freshmen coeds went on a spring break campaign to Houston and began to dream.

From that moment on, seeds were planted as hearts were touched; and in 2000, these two young women helped begin a ministry that continues to influence others' lives.

This is just one example of what can and does happen because of the Harding experience. God will use us to impact others to live for him if we allow him.

As I reflect on the progress of this University during the past five years, I see many examples of how God has been blessing our ministry.

Let me share with you just a few of these:

- The number of Bible majors has increased from 275 to 518.
- The Center for World Missions was established.
- The Professional Center in North Little Rock, Ark., opened.
- There has been a 27-percent

increase in total enrollment.

- Three new residence halls were built to handle our growing student body.
- Endowment has grown to \$85 million.

The list could go on and on as we count our blessings. But, just as the PUMP team looks ahead, so must we.

Five years from now, only our Father knows how many children his servants in Portland will have blessed.

And only our Father knows how high this University will soar in ever-increasing levels of service to our nation, the world, and most importantly, to the kingdom.

Our foremost objective is to continue meeting the challenge of integrating faith, learning and living. Believing God will empower us in this ministry, we ask for your continued prayers. IH

David B. Burks

On the cover.

Because 80 percent of Christians commit to Jesus before the age of 14, members of PUMP Church of Christ focus their ministry on children. Turn to page 10 and read how four alumni are reaching out to northeast Portland, Ore. (Photo by Allan White)



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ASSOCIATED WOMEN FOR HARDING

At their March 28 meeting, members of Associated Women for Harding presented the University with a check for \$97,886 for first-year scholarships. **Betty Alston** was honored as the Outstanding Member of the Year. Receiving the new Worthy Woman designation, taken from Proverbs 31, were **Louise Ganus**, **Tammie Hacker** and **Marie Yingling**.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Department of Communication
Rebecca McLain, assistant professor of communication, was granted a 1st Award for Continuing Education May 1 by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Making way for computer engineering and computer science

ORANGE BARRELS AND BULLDOZERS are a familiar site on campus with construction underway on the Joseph E. Pryor Science Building addition.

Last October the board of trustees approved a plan to expand and remodel the existing science building, which will gain 24,000 square feet for a completion size of 89,500 square feet.

The main reason for the expansion is to provide a home for the Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering, but the extra room and remodeling of the labs also will help meet the growing needs of the biology, mathematics and physical science departments.

Included in the renovation is a skywalk bridging the science building to the McInteer Bible and World Missions Center. This passageway completes the campus's east/west corridor, which connects four buildings and extends through the American Heritage Center.

The anticipated cost of the project is \$4.5 million, and with the help of a pace-setting gift from Paul and June Carter of Bentonville, Ark., funds for this purpose have been raised.

"We were particularly pleased

with the outpouring of support for this project given the time of economic uncertainty," said President David Burks.

Construction is to be completed in July 2004.

Advancement, admissions begin fall with new leadership

IN JULY, PRESIDENT DAVID BURKS announced new administrative appointments in the advancement and admissions offices.

Effective Aug. 1, Mike Williams assumed the duties of vice president for advancement, and Glenn Dillard became director of enrollment management.



Mike Williams Glenn Dillard

Williams has been a member of the University staff since 1987. A 1985 graduate, he was named director of admissions services in 1991 and appointed assistant vice president for admissions services in 1996.

Williams is now responsible for the overall fund-raising activities at the University, including the areas of annual fund, capital projects and planned giving.

Dillard, a 1984 graduate, joined the Admissions Services staff in 1989. As senior associate director, his primary responsibilities were recruiting efforts in Texas, Arizona and New Mexico, areas from which 13 percent of Harding students come.

In his new position, Dillard directs the work of an 11-member staff and has responsibilities in the total planning and management of the admissions process, including financial aid.

Glen Metheny, associate director of admissions, assumed additional responsibilities in the overall enrollment-management program.

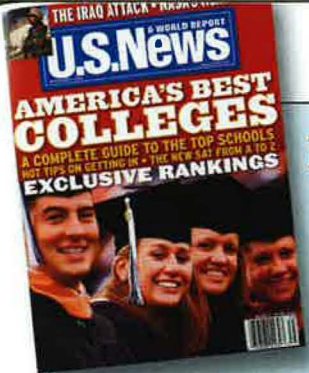
David Scharff joined the admissions office in August as an assistant director. Scharff graduated in 2002 with a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing. He works with students from Arizona, Kentucky, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Two new members elected to board

REBECCA L. TUBB ('70) OF SPARTA, Tenn., and L. Suzanne Holland Waller ('71) of Arlington, Texas, were named to the board of trustees at the May meeting.

Tubb was elected to the White County, Tenn., School Board in 1996 and now serves as chairman of the policy committee. From 1995 to 1999, she taught a music enrichment program for elementary school students. Tubb holds the bachelor of science degree in home economics from the University and the master of science degree in home and family life-child development from Florida State University. She and her husband, R. Les, have two sons, one who is a freshman this year.

Waller has been a member of the President's Development Council since 1971 and a member of University Builders since 2001. She was co-owner of a retail collectibles toy store from 1987 to 1996. Waller and her husband, Rodney ('71), have a son and two daughters, who each graduated from the University. She is a C.P.A. and holds the bachelor of arts degree in accounting.



FOR THE 10TH-CONSECUTIVE year, U.S. News & World Report magazine has ranked the University as one of the South's best. The rankings are in the magazine's 17th annual *America's Best Colleges* issue, which hit newsstands Aug. 25.

The University was ranked in the top 30 among regional universities of the South, behind such notable schools as the University of Richmond, James Madison University, Stetson University, Samford University and The Citadel.

In its special report titled "Paying for College," the Sept. 8 issue of the magazine also ranks Harding the sixth-best value among universities in the South.

Ten in a row: U.S. News ranks University among South's best

Harding is included in the Universities-Master's category, which comprises schools that offer a full range of undergraduate- and master's-level programs, but few, if any, doctoral programs. The 12 states included in the magazine's southern region include those from West Virginia to Florida and from Arkansas to the East Coast.

"Inclusion in *America's Best Colleges* for 10 consecutive years confirms that Harding has a solid academic program, one that compares very favorably with the best schools in the nation," says President David Burks.

In determining the rankings, the magazine evaluated approximately 600 schools across the nation in such areas as academic reputation, retention of students, graduation rates, student-to-faculty ratios, student selectivity and alumni giving. The magazine then

compiled an overall score for each school.

To determine which schools offer the best value, the magazine uses a formula that relates a school's academic quality, as indicated by its U.S. News ranking, to the net cost of attendance for a student who receives the average level of financial aid. The higher the quality of the program and the lower the cost, the better the deal.

The Princeton Review has also recognized the University. In the first edition of its new regional series, the guide included the University in its top 100 listing of *The Best Southeastern Colleges*. Schools in 10 states were considered for selection.

Aimed at providing prospective students with a complete picture of what life is like at the University, the ranking is based on statistical and student opinion-based narra-

tive information. According to Robert Franek, the lead author of the guides, "Each college had to meet two criteria. First, it had to meet our criteria for academic excellence within its region. Second, we had to be able to survey its students anonymously, either through our online survey or our paper survey, which we distribute and collect on campuses."

The survey asked Harding students 70 questions about academics, campus life, student body and themselves. The narrative profile includes extensive and candid feedback about what surveyed students think of the University. Based on student responses, the author concluded, "Accessibility is a key component of the student/professor relationship at Harding. And because class sizes are reasonable and never overcrowded, students become familiar with their profs on the first day of class."

Enrollment up for 17th year

THE POPULARITY OF THE GRADUATE studies programs helped bring fall enrollment to a record level for the 17th year.

Although enrollment at the undergraduate level decreased slightly, graduate enrollment increased 9.3 percent, bringing the total to a record 5,360 and surpassing last year's total of 5,276.

Graduate courses continue to be offered on the Searcy campus; at extension sites around the state; and at the North Little Rock Professional Center, which added M.B.A. and educational specialist courses to its schedule this fall. Enrollment at the Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tenn., increased from 225 in 2002 to 231 this year.

The student body represents all 50 states and 41 foreign countries. Included in the 5,360-student enrollment figure are 197 international students and 141 students

studying overseas at International Programs sites in Brisbane, Australia; London, England; Athens, Greece; and Florence, Italy.

Almost 500 applications already have been received for fall 2004, 20 percent more than this time last year. Of those, 220 have been accepted.

Latin American specialist selected foreign language chair

AVA CONLEY, PROFESSOR OF Spanish, was named chair of the Department of Foreign Languages

and International Studies in May. Dr. Larry Long, associate vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, made the announcement.

A past recipient of the Distinguished Teacher Award, Conley has

been a faculty member since 1973. She holds the bachelor of arts degree in Spanish and French from Ohio University and the master of arts degree in Spanish from Vanderbilt University. Additionally, she received a National Endowment for Humanities Grant and studied 20th century Spanish poetry at the University of Kansas.

Her areas of specialization include language and linguistics — the history of the Spanish language and regional variations, as well as Latin American culture.

Formerly Conley was an instructor of Spanish at Hendrix College.

Conley is very involved in the translation and editing of religious material for use in Latin American countries and serves as tour conductor for various mission groups to Latin America. Each year she and her husband, Bill, direct campaigns to Latin America, principally Venezuela. She also works with the Spanish-speaking outreach of the Downtown Church of Christ in Searcy.

Newsmakers

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

English Department
Two English faculty had articles published in the fall 2003 issue of *Philological Review*, the refereed journal of the Arkansas Philological Association. **Dr. Alice Jewell**, professor, is author of "Creative Imitation in Epic Invocation." **Jonathan Singleton** ('02), who served as an adjunct instructor in fall 2002, wrote "Hearing the Waste Land for All Its Worth."

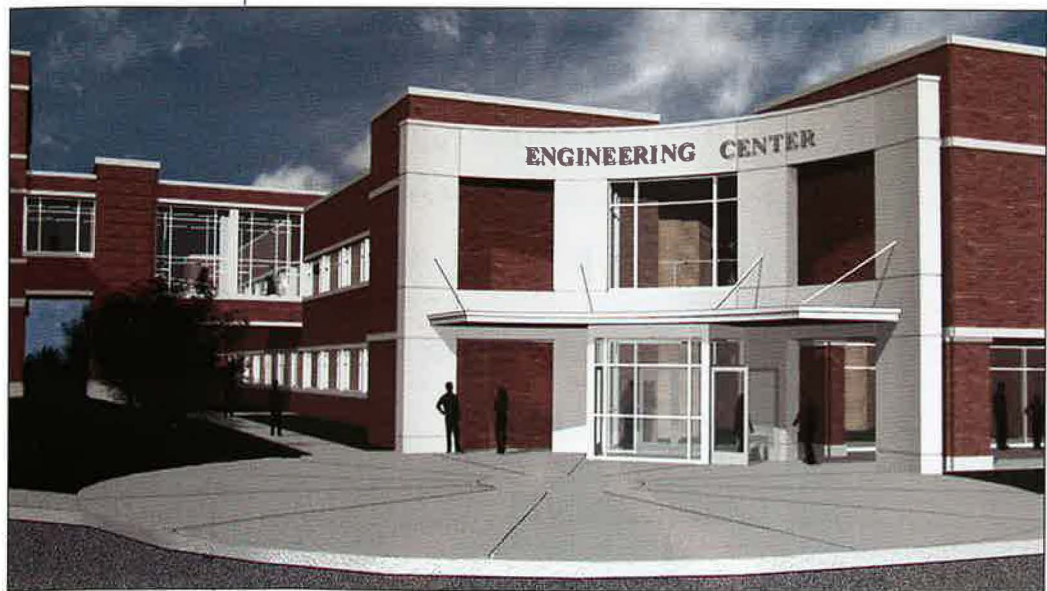
COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND RELIGION

Dr. Jerry Bowling, associate professor of Christian education and director of the Youth and Family Education Lab, has co-authored a book titled *Before You Write Your Own Curriculum: Twelve Points to Ponder*. The book was published this summer.

Dr. Dale W. Manor, associate professor of archaeology and Bible, has been invited to write comments on the book of Ruth for the *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary on the Old Testament*. The target date for release of the publication is 2008.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Phil Brown, associate professor of accounting and director of the accounting program, and **Dr. David Johnson**, professor of finance, presented a paper titled "Strong Family, Weak Economy: Family Loyalty as an Impediment to Economic Progress" at the annual meeting of the Association of Private Enterprise Education in Las Vegas April 6-8. The paper reviewed evidence showing that strong family orientation in a culture tends to undermine the trust extended to nonfamily, which results in relatively weak civic and economic associations in broader society.



The architect's rendering depicts the entrance to the Pryor Science Center addition for the Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering. Shown on the left, a second-floor skywalk connects the building to the McInteer Bible and World Missions Center.



Summertime
STATS

99

Number of baptisms during Uplift

7

Number of distinguished teacher award winners who participated in Honors Symposium

160

Number of audience members at the final Summer Honor Choir concert

724

Number of freshmen who registered at Summer Experience

50

Number of counselors for the 1,878 Uplift campers

272

Number of desserts purchased at Midnight Oil Coffee House for Honors Symposium students

15

Number of states Summer Honor Choir students call home

396

Number of parents' breakfast attendees at Summer Experience

100

Number of bricks Honors Symposium students made at Tahkodah's global village

Professors receive top marks from students, colleagues

CLARA CARROLL, CLIFF GANUS III, Dale Manor and Jack Shock were each honored with the 2003 Distinguished Teacher Award at the annual Recognition Dinner April 11.

Carroll, assistant professor of education, is a 1979 alumna and has been a member of the faculty since 1997. She completed the master of education degree at the University in 1988 and earned the doctorate of education from the University of Memphis in 1996.

Ganus, professor of music, graduated from the University in 1966 and joined the faculty in 1968. He received the master's degree in music education from North Texas State University in 1968 and completed his doctoral work at the University of Colorado in 1974.

Manor, associate professor of Bible and archaeology, graduated from Pepperdine University in



Dale Manor, Jack Shock, Cliff Ganus III and Clara Carroll are all smiles after receiving the Distinguished Teacher Awards for 2003.

1973 and received the master of arts degree from California State University in 1980. He received the Ph.D. from the University of Arizona in 1995 and came to work at the University in 1996.

Shock, associate professor of communication, is a 1980 alumnus. He received his master of arts degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 1985, the same year he began working at Harding. In 1993 he received the doctorate of education from the University of Arkansas.

This year marks the second time that Ganus and Shock have been named Distinguished Teachers.

New faculty members start school

FRESHMEN ARE NOT THE only new faces on campus this fall. Nine new faculty members began teaching Aug. 26, bringing their talents and wisdom to University classrooms.

Michael Claxton, assistant professor of English, comes from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he recently completed his Ph.D.

Michelle Watkins Coizman is an associate instructor of Spanish. Coizman was previously a Spanish teacher at The Cathedral School in Little Rock, Ark., and an English teacher in both San Cristóbal and Valera, Venezuela.

Kelly Elander joins the University as assistant professor of communication. He has a master's in adult instruction and performance technology from the University of Michigan and has studied the fields of Web-

based training and distance learning.

Gail Fry joins the Department of English Language and Literature as instructor of English. Previously she chaired the English and fine arts departments for Pulaski Technical College in North Little Rock, Ark., where she also taught. She received her master's from the University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

Allen Henderson, formerly a secondary math instructional specialist in the College of Education, is now an assistant professor of education. He earned his master's in education from the University.

Britton Lynn is an assistant professor of communication who arrives from Palm Beach Atlantic University, where he taught theater. He holds the master of fine arts degree from the University of Tennessee

in Knoxville.

Tim Rine, assistant professor of Bible, was the pulpit minister for the Highway Church of Christ in Judsonia, Ark. He has a master's from Harding Graduate School of Religion and has taught as an adjunct in the College of Bible and Religion since 1998.

Jake Stuart is an M.B.A. graduate of the University of Houston who joins the faculty as assistant professor of information technology. He has 19 years' experience in information technology through jobs with Compaq/Hewlett Packard and international assignments in Brazil, China, Germany and Singapore.

Kevin Stewart, assistant professor of physical science, comes from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., where he recently received his Ph.D. in organic chemistry.

Recipients of the Distinguished Teacher Award are determined by in-class teacher evaluations by students as well as through evaluations from their faculty colleagues.

Each of the four honorees received a \$2,000 check and a framed certificate.

Nursing students receive platinum award

THE HARDING UNIVERSITY Nursing Student Association (HNSA) sent six students, two alumni and faculty adviser Johnnetta Kelly to the 51st annual National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) convention in Phoenix in April. The theme was "Nursing: The hottest profession you'll ever love."

Student members included Ginger Gilmore, Jamie Haney, Kathy Morgan, Tiffany Rompel, Kyle Vath and Nikki Williams. Rhonda Finnie ('02) and Kelley Rowe ('02), past presidents of HNSA, also attended. Focus sessions covered topics such as travel nursing, nurse leadership, financial planning, evidence-based nursing, emergency-department nursing, effective leadership in chaos, humor in nursing, ethics, peri-operative nursing and test-taking strategies.

Rompel, Vath and Williams attended a special convention session and were certified in Red Cross Disaster Health Training. This training allows these individuals to have their names placed on a roster to be called in a disaster or emergency.

This year HNSA was awarded the NSNA's platinum membership award for having more than 200 members in its local chapter. Gilmore, HNSA's first vice president, accepted the award.



Asa Hutchinson



Jim Ryun



Deena Burnett

ASI lineup offers four-star season

FORMER ARKANSAS congressman Asa Hutchinson, the first undersecretary for Border and Transportation Security in the newly created Department of Homeland Security, began the American Studies Institute's 2003-2004 Distinguished Lecture Series Sept. 25.

Jim Ryun, who achieved national acclaim as a high school track and field star in Wichita, Kan., will continue the series Nov. 17.

In 1965 Ryun set the male high school mile record of 3:55.3, which stood for 36 years. He participated in the 1964, 1968 and 1972 Olympic games, winning a silver medal in the 1,500-meter run in 1968. At one time he held the world record in the mile, 1,500 meters and 880 yards.

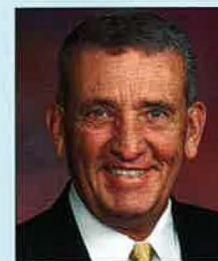
Now in his fourth term in the Kansas Second District Congressional seat, Ryun is also the founder and president of Jim Ryun Sports Inc., a public relations company. In this business Ryun has been a product development consultant, marketing products and promoting awareness of various charities. His most recent partnership was with the ReSound Hearing Aid Company, creating his own program, "Sounds of Success," to help hearing-impaired children fulfill their potential.

Deena Burnett, a well-known voice for Sept. 11 victims' families, will share her experiences Feb. 5. She is the widow of Tom Burnett, a passenger on United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania after he organized a group of passengers to storm the cockpit.

Burnett successfully spearheaded an effort to have the Flight 93 cockpit voice recorder released in April 2002. She is currently the lead plaintiff in an unprecedented lawsuit to bankrupt terrorist organizations and foreign governments and dignitaries who knowingly fund them. In early 2003, Burnett traveled to Germany to represent the Sept. 11 families as a witness in the criminal trial of Al Qaeda member Mounir Motassadeq.

She is a familiar face in Washington, D.C., where she has presented arguments for changes in airline safety and immigration laws. Burnett presently serves as president of the Tom Burnett Family Foundation, a public charity to endow children's bereavement camps and college scholarships. She also is writing a book titled *Do Something*.

A newcomer to the speaker circuit, retired Army Gen. Tommy R. Franks will address a University audience April 22.



Gen. Tommy R. Franks

Franks was commander in chief of U.S. Central Command for three years and responsible for all U.S. military operations for 25 countries in Africa, Central Asia and the Middle East until his retirement in August 2003.

Franks, the four-star general who led U.S. forces in the latest U.S.-led war against Iraq, also is credited with creating winning military strategies in Afghanistan. He joined the army in 1967 as an artillery officer and served in the Vietnam War.

Franks' awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (three awards), Distinguished Service Medal (two awards), Legion of Merit (four awards), Bronze Star Medal with "V" (three awards), Purple Heart (three awards), and a number of U.S. and Foreign Service awards. He wears the Army General Staff Identification Badge and the Aircraft Crew-member's Badge.

All of the presentations are in Benson Auditorium. Tickets are required for the Franks event.

Education offering specialist degree

THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION began offering an educational specialist degree in educational leadership this fall, the first specialist degree to be offered at the University.

The 31-hour degree program, which will prepare candidates to become school-district leaders, is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and the Arkansas State Department of Education. Successful completion of the program will qualify candidates to receive initial licensure as a school superintendent in the state of Arkansas.

As required by state guidelines, the program includes an internship and the compilation and presentation of a portfolio documenting mastery of the Arkansas standards for school district-level administrators.

Classes are offered on the Searcy campus, at the North Little Rock Professional Center, and at extension sites around the state. Applicants must hold current teacher's licensure and building-level administrative licensure and have five years of experience in education.

Truman put on trial by political science class

ON MAY 1, THE "INTERNATIONAL Law and Diplomacy" class tried President Harry Truman for the nuclear bombings of Japan at the end of World War II. In this mock historic trial, students wrote the depositions and served as prosecuting and defense attorneys, as well as witnesses.

The course, taught by Dr. Mark Elrod, associate professor of political science, offers an analysis of major cases in international law that have helped shape the present international system and their relationship to diplomacy between nation-states.

Jamey Gowen ('92) and faculty members Randy McLeod and Marvin Robertson, who all have law backgrounds, presided over the trial, which was staged at the White County Courthouse. They found Truman not guilty.



Newsmakers

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Nathan Dutille, a senior accounting major from Plymouth, N.H., and **Troy Helton**, a senior accounting major from Chesterfield, Mo., won third place in the Arkansas Capital Corporation Business Plan Competition. The team was presented the Governor's Award for Entrepreneurial Development and a \$5,000 cash prize at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock April 30.

Three other University teams also placed in the top 12. Each team was awarded a \$1,000 cash prize.

Five members of Phi Beta Lambda represented the College of Business Administration at the organization's national competition in Dallas June 29-July 2.

Jordan Hix, a senior economics major from Mabelvale, Ark., placed first in finance. **Albina Kozhan-tayeva**, a senior international business major from Russia, took sixth place in international business, and **Keith Gale**, a senior economics major from Burlington, Iowa, placed eighth in economics. **Justin Beller**, a senior management major from Ash Flat, Ark., and **Tara DeSelms**, a senior marketing major from Brentwood, Tenn., also competed.



Newsmakers

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

Department of Behavioral Sciences

Associate professor Dr. Terry Smith, department chair and director of the Social Work Program, was a presenter at the 24th annual conference of the Arkansas National Association of Social Workers in Little Rock March 14. Smith's presentation was on disenfranchised grief.

Smith and Debbie Ford, associate professor of social work, presented a daylong workshop in Little Rock titled "Preparing for the Social Work Licensure Exam" May 31. The event was sponsored by the Arkansas National Association of Social Workers.

Department of Biology

Dr. Steve Moore, associate professor of biology, was awarded a summer research fellowship by the Arkansas Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network, which is sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. In August the research fellowship was extended to include the fall and spring semesters. He works at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock, investigating the role of innate immunity to viral infections. Moore's goal is to establish a long-term relationship with UAMS to provide Harding science faculty and students opportunities to be actively involved in cutting-edge biomedical research.

Lanterns, hardwood floor add charm to bookstore

AFTER A SIX-WEEK Cinderella-like transformation, the bookstore opened its new doors to a curious campus in August.

Customers now enter into a split-level floor plan containing dark-wood pillars, a black ceiling with contemporary lighting, a hardwood floor, and new carpet and shelves. Shoppers also find new merchandise in the store, including social club T-shirts, desk clocks with the Harding seal, large framed pictures of bison, and bison bookends. The clothing designs are new, too, and business is booming.

A 12-person committee made the decision to renovate the bookstore in an effort to increase retail

space and to offer better products. The committee also decided to order new merchandise sporting the Harding logo. The cost of the project was approximately \$100,000.

"I am very pleased with the work that has been done in a very short period of time," President David Burks says. "Mike Steelman was the architect who worked with us in re-designing the bookstore. I believe the result is what comes from a team effort with people who are really committed to Harding and who wanted to see us improve in terms of our being responsive to the needs of the people we are here to serve."

Kellee Blickenstaff

serves as the new merchandising manager for the store, and William Bridges continues in his role as the bookstore manager.



Floor-to-ceiling windows and a new entry transform the outside of the bookstore.



Colleen Angus checks out the new social club merchandise.

Former missionary named Graduate School Alumnus of the Year

ON APRIL 3, THE GRADUATE School of Religion named Larry Stephens the 2003 Alumnus of the Year. A 1975 graduate, he was recognized for his 23 years of service in the mission field of Kenya, East Africa.

Stephens spent the initial 12 years working with indigenous



Larry Stephens

Christians to plant 135 rural churches and to develop leaders among them. For the remaining 11 years, he planted an urban church and trained leaders in Nairobi.

The Graduate School of Religion provided Stephens a strong foundation for ministry.

"I believe the training I received was critical preparation for the work I did as a missionary," he says. "No amount of training completely prepares you for what you will face in ministry. However, the skills I re-

ceived at Harding — learning how to think critically and biblically, how to think outside the cultural box, how to guard my spiritual life — continue to serve me daily."

Stephens' two daughters, Julie and Laura, are now taking their turn at the Graduate School of Religion as their husbands work on degrees. Both families are receiving cross-cultural training for their own upcoming work on the mission field. Julie and her husband are interns with a Hispanic ministry, and Laura and her husband work with a Chinese ministry at a Memphis, Tenn., congregation.

Stephens currently preaches for a congregation in Livonia, Mich., that supported him during his tenure in Africa.

Church & Family premier Center for Christian Broadcasting

THE CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN Broadcasting has been formed on the University campus as an auxiliary entity of the Institute for Church & Family. The center's focus is the production of Bible-

class curriculum and evangelistic materials.

Released earlier this year, the first production is a 13-part video series by Dr. Adrian Hickmon, associate professor of marriage and family therapy, called "Dating, Marriage, Sex." It is part of a continuing series called "The House Upon the Rock" and contains more than six and one-half hours of material.

Says communication professor Dr. Lou Butterfield, who serves on the executive board, "The series doesn't preach to people. It presents God's plan in a unique way and shows why purity is not forced but is absolutely the best choice. Adrian does a great job including numerous stories to keep interest and illustrate biblical truths."

A 173-page student/teacher manual and a 220-page student journal accompany the videos.

The center also plans to produce video series on such topics as fatherhood, parenting, dealing with troubled teens, preteen sexuality, and the dangers of Internet pornography.

For more information, e-mail cfb@harding.edu, or call (501) 279-4040.

Education reports four administrative changes

DR. TONY FINLEY, DEAN OF THE College of Education, announced four administrative appointments in May.

Pat Bashaw was chosen chair of graduate studies in education. Dr. Jan Morgan was named chair of teacher education, Dr. Clara Carroll was promoted to chair of professional field experiences, and Ken Stamatis was selected director of the graduate reading program.

Bashaw, an assistant professor and director of the educational leadership graduate program, has been a faculty member since 1998. He holds the bachelor of arts and the master of education degrees from the University. Prior to his employment here, Bashaw was principal at Kensett Elementary School. He takes the place of Dr. Jim Nichols, who retired this spring.

Carroll, an assistant professor who supervises student teachers, joined the faculty in 1997. She holds the bachelor of science and master of education degrees from the University and the doctorate of education degree from the University of Memphis. She taught kindergarten in the Searcy Public Schools prior to her position at the University. In 2003 she received the Distinguished Teacher Award.

Morgan, a faculty member since 1988, is an associate professor of special education. She previously served as director of middle childhood/early adolescence and special education and as co-director of undergraduate teacher education. She holds the bachelor of arts degree from the University, the master of education degree in special education from Ouachita Baptist University, and the doctorate of education in special education from the University of Memphis. Before she joined the faculty, she taught at Hope Public Schools, White County Central and Harding Academy. Morgan has received the Distinguished Teacher Award



Pat Bashaw

twice, in 1994 and 1999.

Stamatis joined the faculty in 1999. He holds the bachelor of science and master of education degrees from the University. Prior to his employment with the University, Stamatis served as a reading specialist in the Beebe Public Schools.

Green light given for family life educator degree

TWO YEARS OF HARD WORK HAVE finally paid off. The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences has been approved by the Academic Program Review Committee to offer the Provisional Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) designation, making it the only approved program in Arkansas and the first among church of Christ-affiliated colleges and universities.

The National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) announced the news in late April. This organization sponsors the only national program to certify family life educators, and graduates of the University's family life education degree track now qualify to complete an abbreviated CFLE application process, which will save them time and money.

Certification in family life education recognizes a proven background and understanding in each of 10 family life substance areas. These areas include knowledge of how families work, the interrelationship of families and societies, human growth and development throughout the life span, the physiological and psychological aspects

of human sexuality, the impact of money and time management on daily family life, the value of parent education, the effects of policy and legislation on families, ethical considerations in professional conduct, and a solid understanding of how to develop and teach curriculum for what are often sensitive issues.

While CFLEs may work specifically in one discipline, their comprehensive understanding of what affects today's families allows them to be more effective in enriching individual and family life.

Staff members awarded for contributions to University

FOUR MEMBERS OF THE STAFF WERE presented with the 2003 Distinguished Service Awards during the annual Recognition Dinner held April 11.

Claudette Bratcher, Carol Kell, Carla Kearbey and Jeff Montgomery were honored at this year's event.

Bratcher, secretary to the president, has worked on staff 17 years. She previously was secretary to the vice president for academic affairs. Kell, senior staff manager for admissions, has served the University 15 years. Kearbey, director of budget and payroll, has been employed on campus 19 years. Montgomery, director of photographic services, has worked at the University 12 years.

Faculty and staff nominated more than 30 staff members this year. The president and vice presidents made the final selection. Each received a \$2,000 check and a plaque commemorating the award.



Distinguished Service Award winners are Carol Kell, Claudette Bratcher, Jeff Montgomery and Carla Kearbey.



Newsmakers

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

Dr. Ellen Daniel, professor of family and consumer sciences, and graduate student Denise Fisher attended the 94th annual convention of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in Washington, D.C., June 28-July 1. The theme was "Promoting Family Vitality."

Daniel co-presented an educational session titled "FACS and FCCLA: Impact on Families." Daniel, who serves as the graduate studies chair of the education and technology division for the organization, also presented the Outstanding Dissertation Awards and presided over presentations made by the awardees.

Fisher presented an educational session titled "Technology and Families: FCS Educators Teaching Families to Take Control."

Dr. Lisa Ritchie, assistant professor and director of the didactic program in dietetics, and 11 dietetic students attended the Arkansas Dietetic Association's annual meeting in Little Rock April 3-4.

Andrea Stevens ('02) Tappe was named the Outstanding Dietetic Intern of the Year by the Arkansas Dietetic Association. She currently is completing a dietetic internship at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock.

Dr. Beth Wilson, professor and chair, presented three sessions of the training workshop "Safe Food - Happy Kids" at the 2003 statewide Family Child Care Conference at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro May 30-31. Crystal Whittington ('02), a graduate student in education, presented a concurrent session titled "Protecting Children from War and Violence" and facilitated a roundtable discussion on "Speaking with Children on War."



Sidelines

All-Academic Team honors taken by Lady Bison tennis

The women's tennis team posted a 3.27 team grade-point average and earned the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic Team title. It was the second consecutive season the Lady Bisons garnered the honor. Individually, seniors Daniela Corrales and Laura Tollett, junior Kelcey Fry, and sophomore Briana Lutes earned distinction as ITA Scholar Athletes.

Golfers take Freed-Hardeman Invitational

The golf team highlighted their season with the school's first 36-hole tournament win at the Freed-Hardeman Invitational on April 7-8. The Bisons defeated nine other schools, and senior Aaron Farley earned medalist honors by shooting a tournament-low 148.

Two all-conference for lacrosse

Finishing 2-6 last spring in the Great Rivers Lacrosse Conference, the lacrosse club had two all-conference players, freshman Dave Boyd and junior John Tomassoni. Boyd's 15 assists and Tomassoni's 32 goals both ranked second in the league.

Returning 17 players, the club begins the new season Feb. 21.

Tennis teams advance to nationals

CONTINUING THEIR SUCCESSFUL run since joining the NCAA, the men's tennis team made its fourth-consecutive appearance in the national tournament.

The Bisons ranked sixth in the South Region and completed the season 18-6 overall, falling to Lincoln Memorial University at the South Regional in Pensacola, Fla.

The Bisons had two players — sophomores Andrew Giron and David Ferreira — earn First Team All-Gulf South Conference (GSC) honors. Giron, who also earned Academic All-GSC and Verizon Academic All-District VI accolades, posted a 15-5 singles record and an identical doubles mark. Ferreira went 15-8 in singles, 14-6 in doubles, and was ranked 15th in singles in the NCAA II South Region.

Sophomore Stephen Paine led the Bisons in both singles (18) and doubles (17) wins. Paine and Giron combined to win a team-high 14 doubles matches.

Seniors Artur Sikora and Klaus Schmidt earned Second Team All-GSC honors and completed their careers with 57 wins each.

The Lady Bisons also completed a successful campaign, ranking 26th nationally and fifth in the NCAA II South Region. The team had a 15-9 overall record and advanced to its third NCAA II Tournament, where Valdosta State University ended the squad's season in the South Region.

Senior Laura Tollett earned First Team All-GSC with a 13-7 singles record and a 12-9 doubles mark.

Fellow senior Daniela Corrales led the team with a 14-3 singles record and combined with junior Sara Campbell for 12 doubles wins.

Bison baseball sets record with 34 wins

SETTING SCHOOL RECORDS, THE baseball team had 34 overall wins and 24 wins at Jerry Moore Field under seventh-year head coach Shane Fullerton. The squad also set the mark as the best defensive club

in school history, with a .960 fielding percentage.

With a 34-20 overall record, the Bisons placed fifth in the Gulf South Conference (GSC) West Division earning a 16-16 conference mark.

Offensively, sophomore Justin Cone led the Bisons in hitting for the second-straight year. Cone, with a .340 batting average, earned First Team All-GSC honors and set school records with 14 home runs and 55 runs batted in. Junior third baseman Morgan Trotter batted .322 and led the team with 59 hits and 13 doubles. Other players hitting over .300 included sophomore second baseman Jake Kirby (.320), junior outfielder Brandon Kimbrough (.309), and junior catcher Matt Smith (.304). Kirby was named both Academic All-GSC and Verizon Academic All-District VI.

Junior shortstop Ben Neely also earned all-conference honors, hitting .299 and leading the team with 13 stolen bases.

A trio of right-handers led the pitching staff. With a team-best 2.97 ERA, junior Mark Connett went undefeated at 5-0. Senior Matt Walter earned First Team All-GSC honors with a 7-3 record and a 3.01 ERA. Walter won a school-record 22 games during his four-year career. Junior Justin Goodrich, a Second Team All-GSC honoree, finished 6-4 with a 3.10 ERA and a team-leading 78 strikeouts, the second most in school history.

Men's, women's soccer primed to score

OPTIMISM REIGNS AS BOTH THE men's and the women's soccer teams return seven starters.

The men's squad, coached by third-year head Greg Harris, returns 12 letter winners from last season's team, which set a school record with seven victories.

Offensively, sophomore forward Ben Faris leads the Bisons. Faris, who topped the team with 13 goals last season, earned Co-Freshman of the Year honors in the Gulf South Conference (GSC) and led the conference in goals. Junior midfielder Brian Day returns after scoring six goals and adding two assists last sea-



Forward Megan Hatcher attacks the ball in the Lady Bisons 10-1 victory over Lyon College.

son. Other starters back are seniors Kyle Hincley and Mitch Jones and junior Chris Jackson.

Michael Allen and Jacobo Hernandez, both seniors this season, split time at goalkeeper in 2002. The duo combined for a school-record five shutouts last season.

With 13 letter winners returning, the Lady Bison soccer team is primed for one of the best seasons in its six-year history.

The squad scored 39 goals in 2002, with this year's returnees scoring 38 of them. Lady Bison forwards sophomore Megan Hatcher (8 goals) and junior Lori Boren (7 goals) form one of the top scoring duos in the conference. All four starting midfielders return: seniors Lyndsey Garner and Courtney Saul direct the team from the center, and junior Becky Oostenbrug and sophomore Hilary Rosenbaum take position on the outsides. Two starters return on defense, First Team All-GSC performer senior Brooke Cockrell and sophomore Elizabeth Jones.

Three players, senior Gracey Mathis, junior Melanie Goodson and freshman Meave Johnson, are competing for the starting goal-keeping spot.

Veterans lead Bison, Lady Bison runners

THE 2002 MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY team won the Bisons' third-straight Gulf South Conference (GSC) and NCAA II South Region championships and finished tied for 14th at NCAA II Nationals. Second-year head coach Steve Guymon believes the 2003 team is even better.

Leading the Bison returnees is two-time All-American Jacob Rotich. Joining Rotich in the top four are junior Reed Fisher and seniors Maciek Mierczko and Scott Wietecha. All four were All-South Region honorees last season. Newcomers competing for slots as the top-seven runners include Matt Cregar, T.J. Davidson, Peter Kosgi and Chris Taliaferro. Sophomore Ben Collins is also in the mix.

The women's team returns five runners who earned All-GSC honors while leading the Lady Bisons to their third-consecutive conference championship.

Senior Janet Kogo earned All-

American honors last season after finishing 15th at nationals, the highest individual mark by a Lady Bison at the NCAA II national meet. Kogo was also the first Lady Bison to win the NCAA II South Region meet. Also returning are all-conference performers junior Helen Singoei (an all-region honoree), senior Sarah Reardon, and sophomores Jessica Cornett and Abby Rodenbeck. Newcomers working to reach the top seven include Taylor Branton, Vicky Echiverra and Jessica Pingrey.

Volleyball aims for repeat trip to nationals

AFTER WINNING THE GULF SOUTH Conference (GSC) West division and advancing to the NCAA II Tournament in Topeka, Kan., in 2002, the Lady Bison volleyball team is eager to return.

With five of six starters and 10 letter winners returning, head coach Keith Giboney's squad is attempting to crack the NCAA II Top 25 and

return to the national tournament.

Three seniors are providing the leadership. Outside hitters Shaila Farley and Veronica Piech are both three-year starters who, along with junior Amie Morrison, form the best defensive trio in the GSC. Senior Lydia Kelly, who set a school record with 1,421 assists as a junior, will direct the offense at the setter position.

Juniors Kate Kennedy and Leanne Lackey also return as starters. Kennedy was a First Team All-GSC pick last season and led the team in attack percentage and kills. Lackey was second on the team in attack percentage.

Other returnees include junior setter Ashley Kellum, sophomore defensive specialist Paige Good, sophomore middle blocker Lesley Maxwell, and sophomore outside hitter Synda Veitenheimer. Four freshmen add to the attack, including outside hitters Maggie Hill and Tiffany Morrison, defensive specialist Lynn Patten, and middle blocker Katie Westmoreland.

Sidelines

Tollett earns Top-8 status

Senior tennis player Laura Tollett earned distinction by the Gulf South Conference (GSC) as one of the league's Top 8. She is the first Harding athlete to earn the honor, which goes to four women and four men who display superior abilities both athletically and academically.

During her career, Tollett was a three-time All-GSC honoree and won 68 career singles matches, the third-highest total in school history. She also won 61 doubles matches, which is the fourth best all-time University total. A double major in exercise science and Spanish, Tollett earned Academic All-GSC and Verizon Academic All-District VI honors three times. In 2001, she received Verizon Academic All-America honors.

Track claims seven All-Americans

Senior Hanna Haavikko and junior Janet Kogo earned All-American honors for the Lady Bisons during the outdoor track season. Haavikko placed fifth nationally in the 1,500 meters, and Kogo took sixth place in the 5,000 meters.

Junior Jacob Rotich earned All-American honors for the men by finishing fourth in a school-record time of 29:49.54 in the 10,000 meters at the NCAA II Outdoor Nationals in Edwardsville, Ill.

The 1,600-meter relay team of junior Ryan Bond, seniors Tyler Kemmerer and Gary Luna, and sophomore James Mason also earned All-American honors. The quartet placed fifth after setting a school record in the event with a 3:11.17 in the preliminaries.

Bisons sneak past East Central University in football opener

PRESEASON POLLS INDICATED the Bison football team might be one of the season's leaders in the Gulf South Conference (GSC). If the 2003 opening game is any indication, the Bisons certainly have a winning finesse.

When the football team last traveled to Ada, Okla., in 1998, they needed three fourth-quarter touchdowns to pull off a 28-27 thriller over East Central University. In this year's opener in Ada, the Bisons put together two touchdown drives in the final six minutes to eke out a 22-19 win. It was the team's sixth consecutive win over the Tigers.

The comeback began with 5:43 left on the clock and a five-play, 56-yard scoring drive that cut the lead to 19-14.

Following a Chad Bonner interception, the Bisons took over at the East Central 33-yard line with 3:42 remaining.

Seven plays later, quarterback Freddie Langston connected with Demarcus Calhoun on a 2-yard fade route into the corner of the end zone. Langston then hit Calhoun on the two-point conversion to put the Bisons ahead by three. Langston finished 19 of 36 for 256 yards and three touchdowns. Calhoun hauled in nine receptions for 112 yards. It was the third 100-yard game of his career.

East Central drove the ball to midfield with just seconds remaining and heaved two passes into the end zone that the Bisons batted down.

Offensively, the Bisons return six starters, including Langston at quarterback for his senior year. The duo of Santiago Collins and Calhoun is the most dangerous receiving threat in Bison history. The team's depth at receiver combined with the backfield support of Dondray Thomas and

DeJuan Patton give the Bisons one of the most potent offenses in the conference.

On defense, the team returns seven starters, including four seniors. Leading the squad is senior linebacker Tim Polk, a strong All-American candidate. The key to the defense is on

the defensive line, where the Bisons are replacing Tim Love and Floyd Black, who both signed free-agent contracts in the National Football League at the end of last season. The secondary is anchored by senior cornerback Marco Cole, one of the best cover corners in the GSC.



Quarterback Freddie Langston throws his second touchdown pass of the game against East Central University. Langston has a school-record 47 career touchdown passes.

JOYS in the hood

Dreams become reality as
the PUMP team serves God
in northeast Portland

by JAY and CAROLYN HOLMES ('94) MACINNES
photography and art by ALLAN WHITE ('94)

FROM THE DAMP, FLEA-INFESTED MATTRESS, VIKTOR WATCHED. He saw many of his fellow prisoners in the concentration camp wither away, not from starvation or torture, but from despair. Yet he witnessed other inmates comforting their brothers, giving away their last piece of bread to someone weaker. And it hit him: This world can take away every freedom from us but one — a man's right to choose his attitude in any circumstance. So Viktor Frankl clung to dreams of a life after prison and boldly stated, "I choose to live!"



Enjoying nature, Lanny Tucker leads a Bible-class activity outdoors.

HOUSTON'S FOURTH WARD — though hardly a concentration camp — is a tough neighborhood with dilapidated houses, drug deals on street corners, and drive-by shootings. Kristi Cash ('94) and Lori Tucker ('94) took it all in through the window of a church van. They had been warned of the rampant crime and drug abuse, even about parents prostituting their own children. Climbing out of the vans at Impact Church of Christ, they came under attack: Children swarmed them, grasping their hands. The two Harding freshmen spent that week, spring break 1991, feeding the homeless, painting houses, and learning to rap "Jesus Loves Me" with their new friends. They returned to school forever changed.

Lori and Kristi began to dream of establishing a ministry for the urban poor in their hometown of Portland, Ore. But single and just starting their educational careers, they knew their first task was to pray for the future.

After graduation, Lori spent a year in Africa before returning to Houston to teach elementary school and work with Impact. There, she met and married a computer engineer named Kerry VanDer Kamp.

Kristi wed her Harding sweetheart, Allan White ('94), and they moved to Portland. She counseled at schools, mentored incarcerated teenage girls, and provided mental health assistance to low-income families.

While earning her master's in counseling psychology at George Fox University, located just outside of Portland, Kristi often ran into Lori's older brother, Lanny Tucker ('93), and his friend Ike Graul, who were completing their master's of divinity degrees at the same school. At about the time all three were graduating in 1999, wondering what God had in store for them, Lori's husband got a call. He'd been offered a job in Portland.

The rest is history. After extensive prayer, team building, and a group trip to Houston to observe the inner workings of Impact, a new urban ministry opened its doors in June 2000.

"It seemed so apparent from the start of our talks that the Lord was putting this team together at just the right time," Kristi says. "All of us had been zigzagging around in very different arenas when suddenly all of our paths crossed with amazing clarity."

The original team was as diverse in their skills as their neighborhood would prove to be in its ethnicity. They chose the name Portland Urban Ministry Project, or PUMP, and began (as their mission statement reads) "nurturing a generation of urban Christians, worshipping and serving within a multiethnic, multiethnic congregation." Three years later, they continue to minister from a ramshackle rental property affectionately called the PUMP House.

Red and yellow, black and white

NORTHEAST PORTLAND ISN'T Houston's Fourth Ward. Poverty and crime, while on the rise, are less visible. But the PUMP team faces a unique set of challenges. Unlike Fourth Ward, which is steeped in African-American tradition, northeast Portland is the most multicultural area in the state of Oregon.

The Columbia Villa Housing Project — one of PUMP's prime outreach locations — has nearly equal parts black, white and Hispanic occupants, with a few Asians, Eastern Europeans



Kristi Cash White demonstrates why the builders were wise or foolish to her Sunday school class.

and Native Americans. Now, not only are its nearly 1,200 residents struggling financially — they also are losing their homes. In September, the Villa's families were scattered so the city could begin demolishing their barrack-style apartments to build lower- to middle-income properties.

Uprooted from their cultures and now, for many, their homes, the children of this northeast Portland neighborhood face a crisis of identity at every turn. What is their heritage, and what will be their legacy?

This is just part of the reason PUMP spends the bulk of its time and money on children. Team members note that 80 percent of people who commit their lives to Jesus do so before age 14. They know change isn't quick or easy, but they believe that leading a generation to the Lord is an excellent long-term investment.

Making choices

KRISTI WHITE STUDIED VIKTOR FRANKL'S WRITINGS in her graduate psychology program, and his words moved her to realize everyone has a choice. Though Frankl was stripped of belongings, loved ones and dignity, he chose to have an attitude of faith and hope. He lived to tell about his experiences in a Nazi camp, and his story inspired millions.

"Often, the urban poor don't realize they have options," Kristi says.

"Many of them live in the 'radical present,'" she explains. "Today is hard enough — they don't even consider setting long-term goals."

That's why Kristi encouraged the team to adopt "choice language" as part of their disciplinary process. When kids have regular opportunities to make positive decisions, they are empowered to discover life doesn't just happen to them. They can make hundreds of choices every day that can improve their circumstances.



Members of the PUMP Church of Christ take time out for a portrait in 2002.

"DaeDae, you may choose to listen or choose to take a time-out," Kristi says evenly as she leads a Sunday school lesson from Matthew 7 on the wise and foolish builders. DaeDae sits up straight and closes her mouth. Half of the children are building a house in a plastic tub full of wet sand; the other half are using Legos. Placing the Duplo house in the plastic tub, Kristi dumps water over both structures, and the lesson is solidified.

"Would that be hard, to build your house upon a rock?" Kristi asks.

Little girls in multiple braids fastened with plastic barrettes nod their heads. They are in the musty basement of the PUMP House under naked light bulbs. Kristi has brought another pillowcase today that serves as her flannel board — someone stole the pillowcase she used last week.

As class ends, she reminds her students that a new youth group arrived yesterday to help with next week's summer program. She urges each child to sit by a teenager and "show them how we worship at PUMP."

By the time the service starts, the PUMP House is packed. Some sit in folding chairs, some on stained carpet. Aisle space is nonexistent. But praise spills out into the neighborhood.

"What's the homework?" an intern calls from the front of the living room. Young and old answer, "God loves me, Jesus died for me, and I can have hope in the resurrection!" This is every week's homework, for even the youngest children can give an answer for their faith. After services, interns bring out lunch tables. The whole congregation shares this weekly meal.

The service is reminiscent of those at their "parent" church, Impact. Kristi, like other team members, credits Houston ministers Paul Woodward and Charlie Middlebrook with igniting her passion for urban ministry.

"After I connected with one particularly distant child [at Impact], Paul said to me, 'She's going to be in heaven someday because of you,'" Kristi recalls. "He showed me what I was doing was eternally valuable — and that child still happens to be attending Impact!"

Kristi shares her upstairs office in the PUMP House with other paid ministers Lanny Tucker, Ike Graul, and former Acappella singer Steve Maxwell. In addition to being a mother to two young children, Trinity and Conner, Kristi wears multiple hats at PUMP. She organizes women's ministries and a mom's group, edits the newsletter, and acts as administrative assistant. But she believes her most important role is serving as mental health guru for the church and team members. Burnout, personality dynamics and boundaries are some of the critical issues she monitors to help keep PUMP operating smoothly.

Summer program: It's a jungle in here

IT'S MONDAY MORNING, and Lori VanDer Kamp discusses last-minute scheduling with a summer intern. The college student radios the information to other interns on walkie-talkies. Among the paper trees, animals and vines, a bright yellow banner reads: "Jungle Boogie: A Safari Through the Life of Jesus."

It's week four of PUMP Summer Program (PSP), a reading workshop and Vacation Bible School (VBS) combination Lori spearheaded. Using a model from Impact programs she led, Lori and other team members with elementary education experience develop a new seven-week curriculum each year. As a result, local children receive nearly two months of mentoring, reading help and Bible instruction for just \$15.

"The program was launched in 2000 — a five-week event with 60 kids and three interns," Lori says. This year, PSP is seven weeks long, has 122 children registered, and involves several hundred volunteers from Northwest youth groups and local churches.

After a morning assembly, children split up by grade to work with volunteers. The adults read with the children, help them pick out conflict and other story elements, and ask reading comprehension questions. Some of this day's books include a biography of Louis Braille and the story of the moonwalk.

After another assembly and lunch, kids visit VBS stations created by the youth group. The day ends with a choice of play activities.

It seemed so apparent from the start of our talks that the Lord was putting this team together at just the right time. — Kristi Cash White

All through the day, interns and organizers use "choice language." They have even established a ticket system in which good choices and random acts of kindness are rewarded — often in the presence of misbehaving peers. At the end of the day, all tickets go in a bucket, and the interns draw for prizes. Judging by the conduct of the kids — who have spent less time at "headquarters" for bad behavior than in previous years — the system is working. And Portland parents are taking notice.

"The summer program has been an incredible way to impact the community," Lori says. "We've consistently been able to offer an affordable, quality program that is a safe haven for children in the summer months. We could easily double or triple the amount

of kids in the program if we had the space and staff to do it."

Lori says that PSP's rapid growth is just one way the team has seen the Lord at work. They have also watched him manage the logistics year after year.

"God has provided a different facility for PSP each summer," she explains. "He's brought us amazing co-workers from the community and provided vans, meals and books when we haven't known where these things would come from."

Lori also organizes the children's classes for Sunday mornings, tracks the PUMP attendees, and, like Kristi, has two young children, Anna and Tessa. In all, eight children have been born to PUMP leaders since the ministry's inception. These life changes have led the staff to question how to balance their work and families.

"One of the biggest struggles [at PUMP] is that there's always something more to do," she says. "We can't do it all — but sometimes that makes it easy for us to feel disappointed."

Lori explains that the team would eventually like to add staff members — particularly ethnically-diverse individuals who are not raising young families themselves. They also hope to encourage and train leaders in the community who, rather than seeking to escape this neighborhood, are willing to stay and cultivate it.

Life in the hood

LANNY TUCKER HAS BEEN PAGED FOUR TIMES during the past hour. It's not his wife, Suzy, expressing concerns about their newborn daughter, Kezia; it's a PUMP member who has just discovered he's losing his home. His wife died not long ago — and now this. He wants to know what God is thinking.

Everyday, Lanny ministers to people like this man, people struggling to believe there is hope in Christ, yet feeling the world is crumbling beneath them. Lanny and the team do their best to meet physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

"Sometimes it's hard to know when to come in with unconditional help and when to 'teach a person to fish,'" Lanny says, clearly distracted by his concern for his brother in Christ.

Although the ministers strive primarily to empower neighborhood residents, it's not uncommon for team members to take people into their homes during periods of difficulty.

Lanny would readily add, however, that some neighborhood residents do an enormous amount of giving themselves. Joe, a

house painter who came to Christ through one of his clients, is a good example. Whether he's calling kids to invite them to church (sometimes 50 children on a given Saturday night), exhorting the church to read the Bible, or providing valuable insight into the neighborhood culture, his love for his PUMP family is evident. The team can't imagine where they would be without people like him.

Lanny never imagined the life he now leads; he expected to be a physical therapist. He had plans to take a six-week mission trip to Australia during his junior year to "do some surfing," but a fellow student encouraged him to check out the six-week internship in Eldoret, Kenya, instead. He credits organizers Mark Berryman ('78) and Monte Cox ('81) with awakening his love for missions.

"Mark, who worked stateside to set up the trips, had an obvious commitment to long-term missions and trying to get students on board," Lanny says. "And in Kenya, Monte invested a lot of time talking about the needs of and possibilities for countries where no one else had been. The Eldoret team was made up of normal people — they weren't superheroes — doing such inspirational work. I'd never been so spiritually challenged before."

To his family's surprise, Lanny returned to Harding and changed his major. He was convinced the Lord wanted him to minister to other cultures, yet the "where" kept eluding him. His frustration culminated when he went on a survey trip to a number of different Asian countries in 1999. He returned directionless.

"I felt no sense of calling to those places," Lanny says. "And because of that, I just felt despair."

But with his sister Lori's return to Portland shortly thereafter, Lanny began to ponder something he'd never considered — ministering to other cultures in his own backyard. He and his family now live in northeast Portland.

"Here I am in the last place I thought I would ever work," he says. "Portland. My own home. But I can do exactly what I feel called to do, which is minister cross-culturally."

Serving as one of PUMP's preachers, Lanny has learned the

Delving into the Word, Lanny Tucker leads a Bible class at PUMP.



Jesus said we should become like little children to enter the kingdom of heaven. We take that very seriously and even look to them for leadership when we can. — Lanny Tucker

importance of presenting messages that are simple enough for five-year-olds to understand, yet still engaging and interactive for the entire group.

"We especially try to involve the kids in worship," he says. "Jesus said we should become like little children to enter the kingdom of heaven. We take that very seriously and even look to them for leadership when we can."

Besides Sunday services and PSP, Lanny notes that PUMP reaches children through after-school homework and Bible clubs. The ministry also hosts a number of annual events, including a back-to-school store in the fall, which offers inexpensive school supplies, and an Angel Tree party at Christmas for children of incarcerated parents. The team recognizes that children are fertile ground, the future leaders of this church, and, in the words of Steve Maxwell, "the kingdom gatekeepers."

What's art got to do with it?

"KRISTI THOUGHT SHE WAS GOING TO MARRY A MISSIONARY," Allan White laughs. Instead, she got a talented artist, photographer/videographer and multimedia graphic designer.

When the Whites met at Harding, each of them was passionate about his and her field of study. During Kristi's final spring break, she couldn't wait to return to Houston. Allan stayed behind in Searcy to prepare for his senior art show. Despite Kristi's enthusiasm for inner-city outreach, Allan admits he hadn't "caught the vision." He was certain his calling was to serve a church by using his artistic talent.

"One thing Harding really did was focus on the fundamentals and integrating work with faith," Allan says. He was particularly moved when Don Robinson, then the head of the art department, told the story of Bezalel helping build the temple in Exodus 31:1-5. "The Holy Spirit took this already gifted craftsman and taught him how to cut diamonds, weave fabric, and work with gold and wood. That's something that God loves and cares about. It's like he's saying, 'If you want to build a tabernacle, do it like this and make it beautiful.'"

Allan had found it difficult enough to minister with his creativity in a typical suburban church. He couldn't help wondering what part, if any, he could play in his wife's dreams of working with an urban ministry.

He always had been moved by the idea of reaching out to other cultures: His grandfather ministered for many years to a Spanish-speaking church, and he had often been fascinated as Kristi's brother, Jeff Cash ('91), told stories of his work as an African missionary. But Allan's attention was finally piqued when he realized he could tell a story; he could communicate the message of PUMP in a way that others could not.

Now Allan handles the majority of the crucial fund-raising and publicity materials for PUMP, including a dynamic Web site, a ministry video and the newsletter. Despite the fact that PUMP operates on a shoestring budget, it has the benefit of a trained graphic artist creating professional promotional pieces. That material, Allan says, lends credibility to the ministry.

"In a mass-media culture like ours, the church should be seen as intelligent and capable," he says. "Effective design is

effective communication."

Allan says his opportunities to work with Kristi have been gratifying. And unlike many of the advertising/sales projects that put food on the table, his work with PUMP "feeds the soul."

Now that Allan has found stories to tell within the northeast Portland community, he has visions of helping young people develop their artistic skills. He would like to establish a photography show for which children receive disposable cameras and can capture their world on film.

Allan also has discovered that working with an urban ministry frees and challenges him in terms of his design ideas. Being pushed to new heights makes his work with PUMP all the more fun.

"I like big challenges," he says. "I like to go into the mountains and climb, really put it on the line a little bit. With ministry, I think it's the same thing. I think to get involved, I just needed a challenge that I could really sink my teeth into. Now, I want everyone to know who we are — that we're a safe place — and that we're here for the long term."

Looking ahead

JULY WAS A BIG MONTH for the PUMP team. There were challenges: How would they support and keep track of the Villa families losing their homes? Could they bid on a new building to replace the outgrown PUMP House? How should they assist various neighborhood residents suffering from depression, suicidal thoughts and crises of belief?

But reminders of God's providence were evident as well. They rejoiced with Mary, who celebrated her one-year anniversary of being clean and sober. They received nonprofit status, which could open new doors for funding. They spoke with the mother of a Sunday school student who said she wanted to know Christ like her son did.

Despite their hectic schedules, the team members have no intention of slowing down. In a PowerPoint presentation called CSI: PUMP (Church Scene Investigation), Ike outlines the group's vision for the future. It includes reaching more kids by expanding PSP, starting a preschool, and establishing a youth center where children can play and receive homework help after school. They envision opening a home for teen mothers, providing yearlong mission internship opportunities, and offering life-skills classes on topics like parenting, literacy and financial stewardship.

"We want PUMP to be an anchor for the community," Ike says. "When they have a problem, we want them to think, 'Let's go over to the PUMP church. They'll help us figure out what to do.'"

At the same time, the team has no desire to set themselves up as the saviors of northeast Portland. They realize the people they meet will be changed through God's power, not through their own. Sometimes, as Viktor Frankl discovered in Nazi captivity, all we can control is how we respond to the chaos around us. The PUMP team has chosen to respond in love. They pray the community will see the light of Christ shining in them. They pray those they reach will realize they do have choices — and that with the Lord's help, the choices they make can change the world. ☩

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Deal of a LIFETIME



The Peabody graciously fills anniversary bill

by MICHAEL LOLLAR, reprinted from The Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn.

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AS HIS 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY APPROACHED, Clifton Ganus Jr. looked back at a wedding album with a handful of photographs shot on May 27, 1943. ■ The album included a receipt for the hotel room on the first night of a honeymoon that kicked off 60 years of marriage, during which Ganus never forgot an anniversary, a birthday or any other special event. He was amused by the bill for his one-night stay at The Peabody — \$7.25.

Ganus, 81, chancellor of Harding University in Searcy, Ark., made a copy of the receipt and sent it with a note about his long-ago honeymoon to The Peabody “just for fun. I didn’t know whether I would ever hear from them. I just asked, ‘I wonder if I could reserve a closet for that today?’”

For a hotel with a history built on nostalgia and occasional sentimentality, it was hard to resist. “The Peabody is known for creating memories for our guests,” says public relations manager Nikita Flynn. To help the Ganuses make today’s anniversary one more special memory, The Peabody went to a little extra trouble. This time, Clifton and Louise Ganus were offered a limousine courtesy of The Peabody from Searcy to Memphis, but they decided to drive to Memphis instead. The hotel will provide flowers and an overnight stay. And the bill? Ganus will have to pay, but at the same rate — \$7.25 — that it cost him in 1943. These days, standard room rates at The Peabody range from \$249 to \$352 per night.

“I decided that’s not a bad idea,” says Ganus, a world traveler who has climbed to the top of the tallest pyramid in Giza, studied socialism in Eastern Europe and South America, and says he is now looking forward to watching the traditional march of The Peabody ducks.

Ducks or other hotel amenities weren’t the first priority for Ganus during his first stay at The Peabody. He had just married Louise Nicholas, an Arkansas girl who was put off at first by Ganus’s sudden interest in her.

It came during a romantic era. She met Ganus in 1939 and remembers standing in line at the Rialto Theater in Searcy to see “Gone With The Wind,” in which Rhett Butler swept Scarlett O’Hara off her feet. Louise doesn’t remember being swept off her feet, but she does remember carrying a broom when she met the

dashing son of a New Orleans businessman.

Cliff Ganus arrived on the campus of what was then Harding College in 1939. He was wearing a white suit and white hat. His parents had driven him up from New Orleans in a white Cadillac.

Louise, who grew up in Strawberry and Imboden, Ark., had never seen a Cadillac. She and two friends were getting the dorms ready for the new school year and were carrying brooms and other cleaning supplies when they encountered Cliff. “We thought he was maybe a little bit spoiled,” says Louise. But when he stopped her to ask for directions to the administration building, her first impression soon dissolved.

“He was very friendly,” she says.

So friendly that within three months, Cliff announced: “Louise, I’m going to marry you.” As he recalls, she said, “Aw, don’t talk about things like that.” As she recalls, “I really didn’t take him seriously. I just really put him out of my mind.”

Although they were both 17 at the time, Louise was a year ahead of Cliff. She was majoring in English. Cliff, a history and Bible major at the church of Christ-affiliated college, says he “knew when we first started dating that I wanted her to be the mother of my children.”

Louise wasn’t ready to “settle down” and dated other people for almost a year, but she says Cliff tells her he didn’t date anyone else after meeting her.

She graduated in 1942 and taught for a year in nearby Wynne, Ark., while Cliff finished school. He visited every weekend, preaching and leading the singing at the Church of Christ. It was during that year that he gave her an engagement ring. On his graduation day, he attended commencement in the Harding auditorium at 11:30 a.m. and “waited an hour and a half” to get married. They were married in the same auditorium at 1 p.m.

The couple spent two years in Charleston, Miss., where Cliff preached until getting a master’s degree and a doctorate in history at Tulane University. Then it was back to Harding, where he taught history and Bible. He was named head of the history department in 1951, vice president of the school in 1956, president in 1965, and chancellor in 1987. At 81, he has no plans to retire. “I don’t feel like I’m that old,” he says. He played tag football on a student-faculty team until he was 62 and softball until he ruptured an Achilles tendon at age 76.

During those years, they had little chance to visit The Peabody. During his frequent out-of-town trips, she often picked him up at Memphis International Airport, but Searcy, about 50 miles north-east of Little Rock, was so close they always drove on home. There are three children, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Louise says she and her husband attended a wedding reception for another couple at The Peabody in 1988. They knew another couple who spent their 50th anniversary at The Peabody, and Louise says she once told Cliff, “Wouldn’t it be nice if we got to go to The Peabody for the 60th?”

Always a romantic, he “never ever forgets” a special occasion, she says. And she suspects they would have spent this anniversary in Memphis — watching the ducks in the lobby fountain — even if the hotel hadn’t made them its guests.

As it is, the whole experience moves her to sound like Donna Reed’s character in another romantic movie from their courtship era. “It’s been a wonderful life,” she says. ■



Louise and Clifton Ganus display mementos of their marriage, which began 60 years ago.



Life on the ROAD

Every day is a new experience for Red Cross spokesperson Lisa Lauterbach

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O TWO DAYS ARE QUITE THE same for senior Lisa Lauterbach.

One day she's mingling with country star Lee Greenwood and the next she's posing with the Pillsbury Doughboy.

by APRIL D. FATULA

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Lisa Lauterbach, a Red Cross spokesperson, walks visitors through the interactive mobile blood museum in Buffalo, N.Y. Lauterbach has been traveling with the organization's Save A Life Tour since May. She will return to the University in the spring and graduate with her class in May 2004.

Lauterbach, a public relations major from Loveland, Colo., is the spokesperson for the northeast route of the six-month American Red Cross Save A Life Tour 2003. The showpiece of the convoy is a 38-foot trailer that has been transformed into an interactive mobile museum showing how blood is used and why people are needed to donate regularly.

Not every day is spent hobnobbing with celebrities. She has much tougher clients. One afternoon is spent with 10-year-old Brittany, whose grandmother is inside the Belle Aire Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, Tenn., working the blood drive in conjunction with the tour's visit. Lauterbach tries to convince Brittany to spend some more time

in the museum, specifically with the interactive displays: "They're pretty cool," Lauterbach says. "I can't believe you didn't try them when you were in there."

Inside the traveling museum, visitors can record a testimonial (i.e., how someone else's blood donation saved his or her life or the life of a loved one), take a self digital picture to send an e-postcard to friends or family, or play at one of three blood-related trivia-game kiosks.

Brittany is resistant, but Lauterbach's pitch was more successful with the media in Nashville, Tenn., where she met Greenwood. A clip of the two of them appeared on television, and the tour was plugged on local morning shows.

Lauterbach is in contact with the National Red Cross headquarters every day, and every two weeks she receives a new event-logistics sheet. A week before she and the convoy are to arrive at a particular locale, Lauterbach checks with the regional Red Cross communicator to make sure the media have been alerted to their upcoming arrival.

Media placement is exciting to her not only because public relations is her job, but also because she truly believes in the cause. "This is something you can easily become passionate about," she says.

Her enthusiasm is obvious. The communicator for the Birmingham, Ala., region has come to observe the Save A Life setup in



Murfreesboro before the tour comes to his area later in the summer. "It's never too soon to start planning," Lauterbach tells him. "Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts — those are the ones to hit up. They're just looking for a service project. Give them a passion for blood."

The campaign is designed to boost public education of the nation's low blood supply and encourage eligible individuals to donate blood regularly. For Lauterbach it's a chance to gain on-the-job training and put her classroom lessons to the test.

"It's the most perfect coincidence ever," she says of landing this job. Lauterbach had already planned to take off the fall 2003 semester for her internship and return in spring 2004 to graduate with her class. The Monday before finals week of the spring 2003 semester, Dr. Jack Shock, associate professor of communication, mentioned the opportunity to her. By Friday, it was confirmed. The next week was a blur as Lauterbach balanced planning for the Red Cross job, studying for and taking finals, and packing up her dorm room.

THIS OPPORTUNITY FIT THE INTERNSHIP time frame perfectly, but her placement was more than just a coincidence. Lauterbach's work in and out of the classroom during the past three years had prepared her. "During her college career she has worked hard to develop diverse media skills," says Dr. Dutch Hoggatt, associate professor of communication. Hoggatt, who advises the TV16 crew, has worked closely with Lauterbach in her time at the University. "Lisa has made a tremendous contribution to our program," he says.

The diversity of experiences is what Hoggatt considers to be one of the major strengths of the mass communication department and what helped make Lauterbach such a great candidate for the job. Mass communication students are expected to have a general understanding of all media and allied fields and are required to take courses that give them exposure to various media, including radio, television, photography, advertising, public relations and journalism. Students also are encouraged to be involved outside the classroom in campus media.



Lisa Lauterbach

"Our students can gain as much media experience in one semester as some students at other schools gain in their entire college career," he says.

Lauterbach gained a lot of that experience early on, working for TV16 as a television news anchor, sports play-by-play and color commentator for basketball and volleyball, television news producer, videographer, video editor, and broadcast editor.

By spring 2003, she had to create a new position for herself, volunteering to serve as executive news producer and assignments editor. The position required her to supervise the news producers each day and to assist with Hoggatt's broadcast news writing class. According to Hoggatt, "The experience helped her develop her leadership, management, organization and writing skills. She has gained the respect of all the faculty, staff and students who work with her. She also serves as a mentor to many of the other students."

Armed with all of this training, on the tour it was initially somewhat disheartening to Lauterbach to find that some people did not want to take advice, especially from a college student.

"It's intimidating to walk up to a regional director who's been there 15 years and say, 'I'm Lisa. I'm in college.'"

But she's learned how to counter that. "I'm not an intern. I'm an employee who



happens to be getting credit for college. I just say, 'I work for National.' People will have as much confidence in me as I show."

She travels with three men who are employees of the St. Louis-based promotion company Out of Bounds. They have full confidence in Lauterbach's skills.

When a Murfreesboro talk-radio reporter approaches the table around which Lauterbach and the rest of the crew are gathered outside the blood museum entrance, as if on cue, the guys hiss to her under their breath, "media, media, media." They turn the music down, and Lauterbach takes over — in interview mode.

Says convoy director Eric Hauser, "She's a definite asset to the group. She brings a lot of charisma. She's a great communicator and liaison between what we've got going on here and the media on a daily basis."

Although the guys are city boys who have not spent much time in the South, the group bonded quickly. "I'm like everybody's sister," Lauterbach says.

"It helps that they have done this type of work before," she continues. "They know life on the road, and they think eating healthy and exercising are important."

Taking care of herself is what she really has to focus on. "You can't physically exist if you stretch yourself too thin," she says. "I've learned to give myself some free time. I shut off my phone when I eat. Working out is a release for me."

Though she hadn't experienced life on the road before, she was familiar with life out of a suitcase; she spent a semester at Harding University in Florence, Italy. "That really helped me," she says. "I can live on a limited wardrobe and away from my family. At least everyone speaks English everywhere we go, and we have the same money."

Such optimism will sustain Lauterbach through the rest of her journey, which concludes Nov. 22 in Washington, D.C. And it wouldn't surprise anyone if she gets a job offer; a spokesperson who wholeheartedly believes in the cause of the organization that she represents is invaluable.

"Getting to meet different people every day is exciting," she says. "People are so receptive. It's for such a good cause; we're saving lives. When it all comes down to it, that's what it is." H

When pen meets paper:

The stories they tell

WHAT ARE STUDENTS WRITING? In addition to research papers, lab reports and annotated bibliographies, students are writing about childhood and sharing their convictions and goals for the future. With professor and student permission, we have accessed a rare glimpse into the hearts and minds of student writers. The following excerpts originated in Dr. Ross Cochran's "The Gospel of John" class and in Sherry Organ's "Advanced Composition" class.

Lantern girl

"There is a time for the evening under starlight, a time for the evening under lamplight." — T.S. Eliot

HIS LEGS SCRAMBLED IN the net, trying to break free. But he was caught. The crab squirmed in his captivity, longing to return to his barnacle-covered rock. Instead, he was carefully untangled from the net and placed in the red cooler that held the other unsuspecting creatures we had captured that night.

The conditions were ideal for crabbing. Just beginning its waning stage, the moon hung low in an almost-perfect circle. The choppy water from the

boats that day now stretched into one unbreakable sheet. Our boat slowly rippled the glassy water as we crept along searching for crabs.

The crimson-colored creatures were almost invisible in the night's blackness. But they couldn't hide from us. We always found them attached to the rocks, driftwood, or the docks that held the boats from a busy day of water skiing and tubing. You had to look closely, but in the light of the lantern you could see their beady black



Concerning Christian stance-taking:

CHRISTIANS ARE CALLED to reach out to the world while distinguishing themselves from the world.

We are called to take a stand for Christ; however, these stances should not be conveyed in a harsh manner, but rather in a manner of love and grace as demonstrated by our Lord. It is important that we demonstrate a commitment to the God we serve. Otherwise, what difference is there between a Christian and a person of any other religion or no religion at all? **III** — Amber Smith

Concerning my own mission in life:

I FEEL THAT MY NUMBER-ONE MISSION IN LIFE is to spread the gospel to my friends and family. I admit that it is difficult for me, but I realize that it should be my first priority. The most important thing for me to have a successful mission is to live a solid Christian life.

I believe that I can let my light shine by loving my friends, treating my parents with respect, and raising a family up in the Lord. I will be dedicated to being a good husband, loving my wife as Christ loves the church, and loving my children. **III**
— Lance Petrillo

eyes and the sheen of their shells rise and fall in the tumbling water. Sometimes in the distance we could see the light of another lantern, maybe searching for crabs or enjoying the crispness of the night air, but mostly we were alone.

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THE BEST PART OF MY CHILDHOOD summers was my family's annual trip to Long Island, N.Y. My parents' college friends managed the Swordfish Beach Club in Westhampton, and we spent a week with them each year. My younger brother and I were the same age as their two sons. We spent our days trading off between the pool and the ocean. Sometimes our parents threw pennies in the pool. We bobbed, gasping for air, each trying to collect the most from the concrete bottom.

At the beach, we ran through the surf, letting the waves crash against our little bodies. When we were too tired for swimming, we built the biggest and best sandcastles that ever appeared on the club's private beach. We were allowed to get one Italian ice from the snack bar each day. It was hard to decide what flavor to get. I usually settled on lemon or cherry, but the choice was difficult every time.

Each night we barbecued up on the patio overlooking the ocean. While the kids romped through the dunes playing capture the flag, steaks and corn sizzled on the grill. By dessert we were sandy and ready for our fourth shower of the day. Our cheeks and shoulders glowed pinkish red and were hot to the touch from the harsh rays of the afternoon sun. Though our

mothers had lathered sunscreen on us at least 12 times, we still managed to end up rosy.

And while those nights were fun, they didn't compare to the most anticipated night of the trip.

The older kids, Brad and I, waited each day for our dads to tell us, "Tonight's the night." They always informed us in the morning, and we burst with the secret all day long. We never told the younger kids because we didn't want their feelings to be hurt. When they turned old like us, they would get to go, too — but for now it was a secret.

The day seemed to last forever. We ran from the ocean to the pool and back again. We built castles with our orange shovels and green and purple pails. We even got our daily Italian ice. But that day it didn't matter if the waves knocked down the best sand fortress we had ever erected. I didn't even think about the flavor of my ice. All I could think about was the upcoming adventure.

When it was time for bed, I changed into my Strawberry Shortcake nightgown without complaining, brushed my teeth, and snuggled between the covers. My unsuspecting brother did the same. When I heard the deep breaths of sleep from the body next to me, I carefully peeled back the sheets and crept into the hall. I pulled on shorts, tucked in my nightgown, slipped into my flip-flops, and went to meet the others.

It was a short walk from the beach club to the bay. Our dads carried the big red cooler and the nets to catch the crabs. Brad carried the orange life jackets, and I carried the lantern. It was

my job to hold the lantern at the front of the boat while we maneuvered the rocks searching for sea creatures. I wasn't big enough to hold the nets or drive the boat, so I held the lantern. My dad told me it was the most important job. He said, "Without our lantern girl, we couldn't find the crabs."

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The boat rocked gently with the tide against the wooden dock. After the vessel was loaded, my dad always reached out his arms and set me at the head of the boat. My little fingers never could turn the switch of the old metal lantern, but with a twist of his hand, my dad ignited the fiery glow. The lantern was old and worn and smooth to touch. I loved to swing it back and forth, casting shadows against the water. Brad was in charge of the cooler. Each time a crab was captured, he opened the creaking lid and added another to the pile.

The night air felt cool on my tight sun-soaked skin. The breeze blew, rippling the water and raising goose bumps on my arms. Usually when I got cold my dad wrapped me in his sweatshirt. The soft fuzzy insides warmed my body, and the cool air soothed my sunburned face. The smell of my dad's aftershave and sunscreen clung to the sweatshirt. Slowly my eyes grew heavy. My dad, noticing the lantern girl was getting tired, made his way to the front of the boat. I sat in his lap, and he held the light.

I never made it to the end of the crabbing trips, but sometimes I woke up for a moment on the walk back home. My dad carried me on one shoulder and

balanced his net on the other. I usually woke up again when he pulled the sheets around me. My brother stirred next to me as I fluttered between sleeping and waking. "Night, lantern girl," my dad whispered. Sometimes I answered, and other times I was already dreaming.

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WE DON'T GO TO LONG ISLAND anymore. Summer camps and sports teams, work and friends dictated our older lives. Our annual summer trips got shorter and shorter before disappearing all together. As I got older, the crabbing adventure was not the anticipated event of our trip to Westhampton. I told them it was fine by me if the younger kids went in my place.

I didn't really care about my daily Italian ice, and usually I had to be pried away from sunning or an afternoon nap to build the family sandcastle. We packed our pails with sand and flipped them quickly to raise buildings all over the miniature city. We made roads and houses, cars, and the grand center castle.

In those last years, it was always sad to see our work slip away. Little by little the rising tide ate at our construction. At first we could still make out the tunnels, the dotted lines down all the winding roads, and the intricate shell décor on the castle. But later in the day all that remained was an unidentifiable mound of wet sand. Just a lump of what used to be — the satisfaction of cherry Italian ice, pennies in the pool, tag in the sand dunes, sleeping in my dad's sweatshirt, and the lantern girl. **III**

— Kerri Dutile

Once Around the Block

"Home is where one starts from." — T.S. Eliot

THE HOUSES ON MY STREET are stucco. I used to pick off the little balls of plaster and tell the younger kids that they were little pieces of candy. Such deceitfulness provided hours, days and weeks filled with enjoyment. But for more than this, the time I spent growing up is the time I love; it was my starting point that I can never return to, though I will always wish I could.

Our city was normal enough, but she had her dark side. Flies ravished the citizens like they were out of some Sartre play. They were the product of the chicken-house stank that choked the city like, well, a chicken. On rainy days, when the fowls' foul waste was good and soaked, the scent could be felt even indoors, depending on where you lived. My blue stucco house on Gail Street/Avenue was located at exactly the halfway point between the city's two chicken farms.

You may be wondering why I lived on Gail Street/Avenue. It's simple in a complex sort of way. My street/avenue is a cul-de-sac. From the sky, the top of my street/avenue looks like a big hug. But the hug is broken at the middle point of the street/avenue because a side street breaks off one of its arms. At this point the street sign for my street/avenue reads "Gail St." However, at the bottom of the street/avenue, the sign reads "Gail Ave." Therefore, I am one of the few people in this world

who live on a street/avenue.

The day I moved in I met Danny. He and his sister were riding their bikes up and down the street. He was in my grade, and his sister was my sister's age; we became fast friends. There were about eight of us kids who lived on the block. As the oldest, leadership naturally fell to me. As mentioned earlier, I filled my reign with much joy and mischievousness — which was really nice for me. I used to gather the children together to fulfill various ideas I concocted. On several occasions we made films. I grabbed my parents' video camera and started directing. Most famous of my directorial efforts were *Spy Adventures I, II, III* and *IV* (starring me) and *The Christmas Thief*. Still, the best idea I ever ripped off was the Gail Street/Avenue Winter Olympics.

Taking place for at least two Februarys, I created the Olympics as filler for the long, lazy afternoons that categorized my later elementary years. Living in southern California, snow was rarely found, so we had to be creative in planning events. When all was finalized, we competed in in-line downhill (our cul-de-sac had a low grade), skateboard bobsled, speed skating, street hockey, and figure skating. I won all of them, save figure skating, but we all had fun.

Growing up on that block, I learned most of the important lessons in life. Through Danny,

I learned how to (and how not to) handle friendships. I shot his sister in the back of the head with a squirt gun once, and Danny got mad. We didn't talk for two weeks after the fistfight that ensued. Danny was also the first to tempt me with drugs. When we were younger, we shared everything. He went away one summer after our first year of junior high. He came back and explained to me how he had tried marijuana and thought I should, too. Just before I gave in, I chickened out. Danny never did. Last I heard of him he was working at Denny's as a busboy after getting out of prison for selling the stuff.

OUR BLOCK WAS LIKE ANY OTHER: we had houses burn down, we had pets die, and we all had our trash picked up on Tuesday. We shared things. We had commonalities. We all held similar value systems. None of the parents wanted their children "traipsing" around after dark. If the news reported a kidnapper on the loose — even if he/she was miles away — none of us got to play unsupervised until "the psycho" was caught. We knew we were safe in each other's houses, with each other's families. We were all from similar backgrounds; we all made similar money. We were held by a common bond. We were affected by the same things.

Near the end of last year, my mom gave me a call. She told

me our neighbor, Floyd, had to be taken to the hospital. He was in critical condition after putting a bullet through his head. Floyd was a 90-something widower. He had lived there with his wife for a total of 26 years and had been living next door since we moved in. He'd seen the neighbors' houses built, painted, then vacated once again only to be filled weeks later. Floyd was a staple to that street. His death signaled the end of the life I had become accustomed to for so long, the life I still miss today. My own innocence of youth died with him.

The block still sits there in southern California, tucked safely away from the haunting stench of the chicken farms that have since shut down. Kids still ride their bikes up and down the street, but they never make movies or compete in Olympics. They are strangers in my neighborhood; or maybe I am the stranger in theirs. My house is still there, and my family still fills it, but I can never go back to it the way I left it. Still, it sits just like it always did in my heart — or maybe with the objectivity that time produces, it has actually become sweeter. Whatever the case, I will remember the times and the people on that block forever, and they always will be part of me. And maybe somewhere one of those kids I bullied is sitting in a high school or college class and remembering fondly the taste of plaster. **III** — Jeremy Beauchamp

Concerning human suffering:

I BELIEVE GOD INTENDS for us to look forward to our eternal life in his kingdom. Suffering is part of what helps us to appreciate where we will end up. Things on earth, of this life, are temporary. Our life with God after our earthly life is eternal and more wonderful than we can possibly imagine.

Human suffering has a tendency to have two roads available for travel. One road is turning to God to get through the suffering, and the other is turning away from God out of resentment for the suffering. God intends for us to turn to him in times of struggles. If we turn to him, he will give us comfort. **III** — Anne Fowlkes

Concerning serving others:

SERVING IS THE MOST DIRECT WAY to show someone you care for them (genuinely) and that they have value in your eyes. It is also a good way to show them that God values them.

Serving gives a sense of love and joy to all those involved — unless it is done with the wrong attitude, which will render it ineffective.

I believe that service is a way of laying down your life for others, so it isn't always going to be easy. It will often challenge you to go farther than you think you can and to give up more than you are willing, but in the end it will bless you as much as it blesses others. **III** — Tina Huddleson



Reading Room

Designing Across Cultures by Ronnie Lipton

Reviewed by **Daniel Adams, M.F.A.**, associate professor in the Department of Art and Design
CINCINNATI, HOW DESIGN BOOKS, IMPRINT OF F&W PUBLICATIONS, 2002
192 PAGES

HISPANIC AMERICANS, ASIAN AMERICANS, AFRICAN AMERICANS AND EUROPEAN AMERICANS all look at life in a unique way. Colors, shapes, numbers, holidays and everyday living can be very different from the mainstream white culture for them, and this book is an excellent resource for understanding cultural tastes. It provides tips on do's and don'ts when designing for these different segments of America: "It's important to talk to them, not at them" when developing relevant images.

The author, Ms. Lipton, makes some compelling points and reasons for learning about other cultures in America for the purposes of marketing and graphic design. The most compelling reason is to foster a sense of understanding and welcome to those of other ethnicities. As Christian graphic designers, we have a deeper goal that calls us to the same task: "I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some" (1 Corinthians 9:22). **IHI**



Life in Biblical Israel by Philip King and Lawrence Stager

Reviewed by **Dr. Dale Manor**, associate professor of Bible and archaeology
WESTMINSTER, JOHN KNOX PRESS, 2001
463 PAGES

AS WE WORK TO STREAMLINE OUR LIVES WITH GREATER USE OF TECHNOLOGY, why would we want to read a book about everyday life in biblical times?

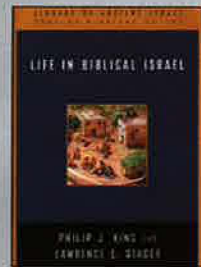
We sometimes sing "There Is a Balm in Gilead." Was there? Yes; it was a derivative of a plant east of Galilee and was highly prized as far away as Phoenicia and Egypt.

"I heard it through the grapevine" can describe God's metaphorical use of the grapevine and its cultivation as a means of communicating his message. The more we know about how grapes were cultivated, the better we can understand his lessons.

These are among a host of topics that Philip King and Lawrence Stager address in *Life in Biblical Israel*.

King is professor emeritus of Hebrew Bible at Boston College, and Stager is professor of archaeology at Harvard and director of the excavations at Ashkelon in Israel. They have merged their skills to produce a delightful and authoritative book on everyday life in ancient Israel. In the process, they have explained the backgrounds of numerous metaphors the Old Testament writers use to convey messages to their audiences, which otherwise might be lost on us.

Numerous illustrations, drawings and color photographs assist the reader in grasping what life was like for our spiritual forebearers. **IHI**



Something to Remember Me By by Susan V. Bosak with Laurie McGaw

Reviewed by **Dr. Betty Watson**, distinguished professor of education and director of early childhood education
TORONTO, THE COMMUNICATION PROJECT, 2003
31 PAGES, ALSO AVAILABLE IN FRENCH AND SPANISH

THIS POIGNANT STORY ALLOWS READERS OF ALL AGES to glimpse the warmth of a loving relationship shared between a grandmother and granddaughter. Each time the granddaughter visits, the grandmother gives her a special gift, saying it is "something to remember me by."

As the young child becomes an adolescent, the grandmother begins to show her a beautiful cedar chest she keeps at the foot of her bed, telling her that "some day" the cedar chest would be given to her . . . as "something to remember me by."

"Some day" arrives, and the child, who has become a young woman, helps her grandmother move into assisted living and accepts the gift of the cedar chest. Wisely, the younger girl discovers the wonderful legacies it holds for her — the gifts of memories much more important than the chest itself.

This delightful story with its beautiful illustrations will leave a smile on all who read it. **IHI**



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'62 David Gauntlett retired March 31 as vice president of Finance-North America for Clinique after almost 34 years of service. He and his wife, Carolyn, worship at the West Isip Church of Christ in Long Island, N.Y. (512 Manatuck Blvd., Brightwaters, NY 11718)

Edith Faye Woodham Hall retired as a first-grade teacher from Southern Kern Unified School District. She is married to Don. (45453 Genoa, Lancaster, CA 93534)

'63 Jewel Goodman Warfield retired as a third-grade teacher from Southern Kern Unified School District. She and her husband, Edward, have three sons. (1368 Indian Sage Road, Lancaster, CA 93534)

'65 Holly Brannon Gilkeson received a Ph.D. from the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology in Palo Alto, Calif. She is a psychiatric social worker/counselor for the West Oakland Health Council. She and her husband, Frank, have a son. (454 Hudson St., Oakland, CA 94618)

'70 Bonnie L. Dailey Weber was named Teacher of the Year for the fourth time. She is a fifth- and sixth-grade science and health teacher for Warren local schools. (607 O'Neal St., Belpre, OH 45714)

'71 Louis Watts finished his 30th year in public education and was a State Farm Premier Principal Award nominee for 2002. He has an Ed.D. in educational leadership; serves as minister of the church of Christ at South Charleston, W.Va.; and teaches graduate classes at Marshall University. He and his wife, Teresa, have three children. (2374 Midway Road, Sumerco, WV 25567)

Dana L. Zartman is the pastor of the First Christian Church in Canonsburg, Pa. (898-18th St., #4, Ambridge, PA 15003-1859)

'72 Gary Stephenson condensed his late mother's (**Marjorie Barton Stephenson**, '44) book *Threshold of Freedom* into e-book format. The book, now available in print, was written during a period of 40 years. Gary is in public relations at regional headquarters for State Farm Insurance in Monroe, La. He and his wife, **Pam Bandy**

('78), have two sons. (107 Racove, West Monroe, LA 71291)

'73 Holly Catterton Allen earned her Ph.D. in Christian education in May 2002 from Biola University in La Mirada, Calif. She is an associate professor of Christian education at John Brown University, where she directs the new child and family ministry program. Her husband, **Leonard**, is the owner and editorial director of Leafwood Publishers. They have three children. (1409 Hunter Ridge, Siloam Springs, AR 72761)

'74 Debbie Shipman Lange is branch manager for Delta Employees Credit Union. Her husband, **James** ('76), is an air traffic controller for the Federal Aviation Administration. (170 Eli Run, Fayetteville, GA 30214)

'75 Ann McDonald Lane has been named a member of the board of directors for Kid Net

Foundation's Jonathan's Place, an organization providing specialized services and 24-hour emergency residential care to abused, neglected and abandoned children in the Dallas area. She works for Fidelity Investments as a relationship manager. (9416 Clear Hurst, Dallas, TX 75238)

Alan Whitten received the Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award in the College of Administrative Science from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, where he has worked since 1981. He teaches accounting and management information systems and serves as director of information systems for the business college. He and his wife, Merle, have two children. (913 Henderson Road, Huntsville,

AL 35816)
'77 Mark McLean received an Ed.D. in Christian leadership in May from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is the minister for the Central Kitsap Church of Christ, where his wife, **Nancy Reynolds** ('78), is the secretary. They have two children. (640 N.E. Conifer Drive, Bremerton, WA 98311)

'78 Ken Harrison is assistant director, Arkansas Administrative Statewide Information System, for the state of Arkansas. He and his wife, Diane, have a son. (5504 Tulley Cove, Little Rock, AR 72223)

'80 Alan Gentry is an e-commerce specialist with Dalton Flooring Liquidators. He also is a featured soloist with the Gadsden/Etowah County Community Chorus. He and his wife, Ann, have

John ('73) and Chrys Shackelford ('75) Howard

Managing the business of books

JOHN HOWARD has worked to ensure that his family's company is a family company. As a result, Howard Publishing is steeped in tradition, rich in leadership and growth, and anchored in purpose.

In 1990, John took over as president of his father's small hymnal-publishing company and developed it into a Christian bookseller.

Today it is the number-one gift-book company in the gift-store industry, employing 40 people, including 14 Harding alumni. Working as accountants, editors, copywriters, graphic designers, and sales and marketing representatives, the crew produces 35 books a year. Their most notable publication is the *HUGS* series, launched in 1997, which includes 29 titles and has sold more than four million copies.

If that's not accomplished enough, *Christianity Today* recently named Howard Publishing "The

Best Christian Place to Work in America" in the small-media organizations category of their survey. John; his wife, Chrys, director of special projects; their son, Ryan, vice president of marketing; and the entire family were honored by the award.

"We do try to make our work environment a fun and pleasant place to be," Chrys says. "We have monthly luncheons in order to keep each employee informed of company activities. We celebrate every holiday in a special way."

As part of the annual Christmas festivities, employees look forward to Flannel Pajama Day, which includes breakfast waffles served in the company kitchen.

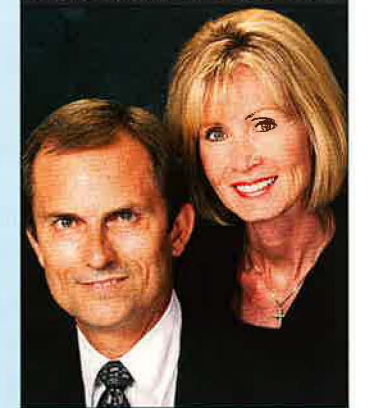
But there are more serious traditions at Howard Publishing, too. John gives a \$1,000 bonus to any employee who adopts a child, and he provides home computers for graphic de-

signers who need to spend more time with their children. He also allows employees flexible work days to accommodate their children's school schedules and has designated Tuesday mornings as a company-wide time of prayer.

"John leads Howard Publishing with a servant-leadership mentality," Chrys says. "He never asks others to do what he would not do himself, and no one works harder than he does. His management style is to let each department work as a team and seek his advice when needed."

Under John's guidance, the Howard Publishing team seeks God's wisdom as they choose from thousands of manuscripts each year — knowing that the

ALUMNI PROFILE



John and Chrys Howard live in West Monroe, La., and are active members of White's Ferry Road Church of Christ. John serves on the relief, mission and finance committees. Chrys teaches ladies' and children's classes, works with teens, and manages Camp Ch-Yo-Ca, which John's father founded and is where she and John first met. They have three children, Korie ('95) Robertson, Ryan ('97) and Ashley ('99) Moore; and nine grandchildren.

words they print can change a life — and as they strive to accomplish the company's mission: "Increase faith in the hearts of growing Christians, inspire holiness in the lives of believers, and instill hope in the hearts of struggling people everywhere — because he's coming again!" **IHI**

— Jamie Lockwood

two children. (3191 Hawthorne Circle, Southside, AL 35907)

'81 Tim Nichols works as interim director of Student Support Services and serves as an adjunct instructor at Potomac State College of West Virginia University. He has signed a contract to publish his Civil War novel, *The Reunion*. (Route 1 Box 206A, Burlington, WV 26710)

'82 Charles Savage is an instructor of music and director of the Choral Union at Ohio University-Zanesville (OUZ). In April he received a performance of his composition "Mad Rush to the End" at an OUZ concert. He also received performances of his music "Shakespeare Music, Set 1" during the performance of *Taming of the Shrew* at the Zanesville Community Theatre. (110 Parkwood Ave., S. Zanesville, OH 43701)

Arthur Sutherland, an assistant professor of theology at Loyola College in Maryland, received a \$7,000 grant from the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion to help conduct research for a book he is writing on the renowned Protestant theologian Karl Barth's view of strangers. (228-D Rodgers Forge Road, Baltimore, MD 21212)

'83 Mark Jellison is the pulpit minister for the Central Church of Christ in Cincinnati. He and his wife, Vickie, have three children. (310 Crescent Ave., Wyoming, OH 45215)

Allen Mann and his wife, **Resa King** ('81), own and operate Resa's Hallmark and Let's Do Lunch at Resa's in downtown Miami, Okla. They have three children. (1 N. Main St., Miami, OK 74354)

Darrell Truitt is digital production specialist for Menasha Packaging Display Group. He and his wife, Heidi, are part founders of a nonprofit Christian organization called Caring for Others. They have two children. (W177 N5056 Roseway Ave., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051)

'84 Ronald Norwood is a systems analyst with the West Corp. He has a son. (2872 Duane Plaza, A, Bellevue, NE 68123)

Meg Chandler Wolf is a geriatric care manager with Total Care Management. She teaches first- and second-grade Sunday school at Griffin Road Church of Christ. She and her husband, Barry, have two sons. (5180 S.W. 89th Terrace, Cooper City, FL 33328)

'85 Frank Baker is an environmental scientist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,

ALMA MATTERS

Alumni board goal: staying connected

by LEE MACKEY, alumni association president

LATE IN THE SUMMER, MEMBERS OF THE ALUMNI board met in Memphis, Tenn., to discuss activities that are taking place on and off campus, as well as to plan new and exciting events for the future.

Several off-campus activities are already proving to be popular with alumni around the country. We have just completed our third year of Bison Bash receptions. This event, generally held toward the end of summer, is designed as a send-off for students who will be new to the University in the fall and for their families. All current students, as well as alumni, are invited to attend these events. This past summer, more than 40 Bison Bashes were held around the country. The comments we receive each year from these new students and their parents are very positive. For many, this is the first introduction to the Harding family.


Another regular event is the President's Reception, which is hosted in several cities around the country each year. Often held in conjunction with other Harding events in the area (such as football or basketball games and choral events), this provides alumni the opportunity to meet with President Burks and other members of the administration. Dr. Burks typically gives a short update on what is taking place on campus and answers guests' questions.

On-campus activities are almost too numerous to mention. From Homecoming and Spring Sing to American Studies events and family retreats, the University has something to offer alumni almost every month of the year.

Several suggestions were received for improving Homecoming weekend. One idea we implemented this year that involved significant student participation was "Xtreme Tailgating." Our goal was to completely fill the parking areas around the stadium in the hours leading up to the football game with cars, trucks and sport utility vehicles full of food, beverages and school spirit. We hope that this event quickly becomes not only a Homecoming tradition, but a home-game tradition.

One significant campus improvement that has just been completed is the renovation of the bookstore. (See story on page 6.) Alumni visiting campus will want to come by and see the new and expanded line of Harding sportswear and merchandise. Returning students have been thrilled with the new area dedicated solely to social club-themed clothing.

New ideas currently being discussed are a greatly expanded Associated Women for Harding presence around the country and a mentoring retreat where a small group of students chosen by the faculty gather for an intense two-day leadership meeting with selected alumni. Topics could range from networking and church relations to community involvement and other spiritual issues that affect young Christian leaders of the 21st century.

The ultimate goal is for our alumni to feel connected to each other and to the University. If you would like to receive the Alumni Digest via e-mail or are in need of other information, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@harding.edu or phone (800) 477-4312. 

where he was recently promoted to senior enforcement specialist. He and his wife, Cheris, are members of the North Atlanta Church of Christ. (145 Chessington Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30022)

Pete T. Teasley Jr. has been chosen by the North American Council on Adoptable Children as a presenter for their 29th annual conference. He is a social worker for Lilliput Children's Services in San Leandro, Calif. He is also a trainer for foster and adoptive parents. (511 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577)

'86 James Gurchiek is the principal at McRae Elementary in Searcy. His wife, **Cindy Howard**, is a third-grade teacher at Harding Academy. They have three children. (18 Meadow Lane, Searcy, AR 72143)

Gordon Roddenberry and his wife, **Shauna Wood** ('85), teach at Peek's Chapel Elementary in Conyers, Ga. Gordon teaches physical education, and Shauna is a third-grade teacher. They have twin sons. (5195 Bailey Road, Conyers, GA

30094)

Abraham Vicente is the foster-home licensing regional manager for the state of Arizona. He and his wife, **Karen McKeel**, have three sons. (907 N. Sailors Way, Gilbert, AZ 85234)

'89 David Hall has been named Oklahoma's Young Optometrist of the Year. His wife, **Suzette Huffaker** ('88), is a homemaker. They have two children. (910 Cardinal Lane, Okmulgee, OK 74447)

Tod Jones is an adjunct at the University of Maryland, College Park. His book, *The Broad Church: A Biography of a Movement*, was published in August. His wife is Karen. (15935 Yukon Lane, Derwood, MD 20855)

'91 Sara Gaston Barton is a campus minister at Rochester College. Her husband, **John** ('89), is chairman of the Interdisciplinary Studies Program and professor of philosophy for the college. They have two children. (889 Hadley Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307)

Samuel Clark is the family and children's minister at the Burke Road Church of Christ. His wife, **Anlaura Leek**, is a homemaker. They have two daughters. (4303 Ute St., Pasadena, TX 77504)

Philip DeYoung is a senior software consultant for Software Architects and a marathon coach for the leukemia and lymphoma Team in Training program. His wife, **Lisa Bailey** ('90), is a 911 dispatcher with the Garland Police Department. They have a daughter. (5310 Lee Hutson, Sachse, TX 75048)

Lisa Ort Harris is a self-employed writer. Her novella, *Rescuing Sidney*, is to be released in December. Her husband, **Scott**, is the principal at Dallas Can! Academy. They have three children. (1522 Columbia Drive, Glenn Heights, TX 75154)

Ken Kyle is the assistant showroom manager for Millenium Theatre at Gold Strike Casino Resort in Tunica, Miss. (3733 Vernon Ave., Memphis, TN 38122)

'92 Lisa Walker Layton is a registered nurse at CARTI/Searcy, a nonprofit radiation therapy center. She and her husband, Mike, have two sons. (267 Watson Road, Bradford, AR 72020)



Les Rydl is a firefighter and paramedic for Hillsborough County Fire Rescue. He also works in the emergency room at Brandon Hospital. He and his wife, **Janea Spell** ('91), have four children. (303 W. Wheeler Road, Seffner, FL 33584)

Clint Stapp is senior financial analyst for Baylor Health Care System. (5104 Susan Lee Lane, North Richland Hills, TX 76180)

'93 Edward Boone is a laboratory manager at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn. He earned his Ph.D. from Auburn University. (4969 Old Clarksville Pike, Ashland City, TN 37015)

Scott Harsh is the junior high assistant principal at Greater Atlanta Christian School. He and his wife, **Teresa Garner** ('94), have a son. (335 Firecrest Lane, Lawrenceville, GA 30045)

Priscilla Stone is teaching full time at Arkansas State University in Heber Springs. She previously taught in the self-contained special education department for Rose Bud and Heber Springs schools. (149 Mountain Aire, Heber Springs, AR 72543)

Marlin Williams is the sports director/anchor for WTVA-9, the NBC affiliate in Tupelo, Miss. His wife is **Tracy White** ('94). (104-A County Road 1451, Saltillo, MS 38866)

'94 Amy Griffith is assistant vice president at Werntz & Associates. She and her husband, Scott, have two daughters. (5775 Branchwood, Keithville, LA 71047)

'95 Douglas Seglem is a pediatric resident physician with Cristus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital. He graduated in June with a doctor of osteopathy degree from the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. His wife is **Ana Bonilla** ('93). (12531 Minuteman Drive, San Antonio, TX 78233)

Karissa Boyd Mckee Martin is a registered nurse and is working on a master's in information systems. She and her husband, Daniel, have a son. (PSC 47 Box 468, APO, AE 09470)

'96 Kyle Brice is a criminal investigator with the U.S. Treasury

Department, Criminal Investigation Division. His wife, **Angie Sickbert** ('97), is a homemaker. (101 Jasmine Drive, Republic, MO 65738)

Kim Meadows Burrell earned her master's in educational leadership and is the assistant principal for DeSoto Central Middle School. Her husband is Dean. (10149 Oak Run Drive S., Olive Branch, MS 38654)

Jesus Carias is the owner of IP International Painters. His wife is Xochitl. (11100 Louetta, #513, Houston, TX 77070)

Tracy Falwell received a master's in teaching Spanish from Middle Tennessee State University, where she has been hired as a Spanish instructor. (1314 East Main, #4, Murfreesboro, TN 37130)

Kellye Gooch is the owner of Dream Adventures Travel Agency, which she opened in June. (8147 Country Mill Cove, Cordova, TN 38016)

Daryl Rodgers is a graduate teaching assistant working on his Ph.D. in Italian linguistics at the University of Illinois. His wife, **Rebecca Folkerts**, is a chemotherapy oncology nurse at the Carle Cancer Center. (2403 W. Springfield, W-10, Champaign, IL 61821)

Nathan Wolfe is the minister at Lewiston Church of Christ. He and his wife, **Jennifer Lee**, have three sons. (2318 Lynnisa Court, Clarkston, WA 99403)

'97 Amy Cothran Gray teaches English and is technology coordinator for Christian Unified Schools of San Diego. She received her master's in educational administration from Azusa Pacific University in July. Her husband is Rod. (9808 Shirley Gardens Drive, #4, Santee, CA 92071)

Mark and Judie O'Farrell ('96) **Kinonen** work at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. Mark is an audiovisual technician, and Judie is a public affairs

writer. (2810 Ave. N-1/2, Galveston, TX 77550)

Michelle Liberko Plasterer is a captain with the U.S. Air Force. Her husband is Eric. (4611A Jackson Place, Mountain Home Air Force Base, ID 83648)

Kami Wentz Wallace received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law May 17. She is an attorney at Cullen & Co. Law Office. Her husband, **David** ('79), is a communications specialist at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Communications Department. (18 Berkshire Drive, Little Rock, AR 72204)

'98 Marc Childress graduated from medical school at the Uniformed Services University in Bethesda, Md., in May 2002 and is a family-practice resident for the U.S. Air Force at St. Louis University. His wife, **Jennifer Walters**, graduated from pharmacy school at

RECONNECTING

'RDF 1972' regains lost class ring after 30 years

MORE THAN 30 years ago, Robert Dennis Fant's ('72) discarded class ring became a childhood treasure for then 10-year-old Iza Ellis, who found it in the gravel along some railroad tracks in Sand City, Calif.

After graduation, Fant was stationed at Fort Ord, Calif., Army base and lived in Sand City. One afternoon while he worked on his car, he removed his ring and laid it on the driveway. He received a call to go to work and forgot about the ring. "I realized what happened the next day and looked all over the driveway for the ring, but could not find it," he says. He kept looking and even asked around the neighborhood, but to no avail.

Ellis and a friend used to spend their summer days walking to the beach in Sand City from where they lived in Seaside. "We often

found items and saved them as souvenirs of our treasure hunts," she says.

She remembers being very excited and surprised when she first saw the ring. "As a little girl, it was the most valuable item I had yet to discover on one of these outings," she recalls. "I kept it in my jewelry box along with some shells and small rocks picked up from the beach. I kept it as a memento to my childhood.

"On occasion, when moving, I would find the ring and note that my fingers were now large enough to wear it, but it never seemed right for me to wear. I was afraid of losing it. So it stayed tucked safely away."

Ellis recently moved to Mill Valley, Calif., and this time when she came across the ring, she decided to find the owner. She thought the man who lost his ring might have been

stationed at Fort Ord, as many young men at that time were. "I wondered if this man had gone to Vietnam and wondered what may have happened to him. Seeing the impact the Iraq war has had on many young men and women today, I felt that the ring needed to be returned to the owner or his family."

Though the only reference to Harding University she had ever seen or heard was the engraving on the ring, she looked up the Web site and matched the logos. She e-mailed the Alumni Association, requesting help finding a man who graduated in 1972 with the initials RDF. "I was surprised to hear back so soon that Robert Dennis Fant had been located and contacted."

"My wife called me at work and asked if I had lost a ring in Sand City, Calif.," Fant says. "I told her exactly what happened. We got a



Dennis Fant wears his class ring, which was returned after 30 years.

good laugh out of it." Fant, who now lives in Searcy, assumes that an animal carried the ring from his driveway to the railroad tracks.

"This has been fun," he says. "It is interesting to think about what happened to the ring. It is special to get it back; [it] brings back lots of great memories."  — April D. Fatula

EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have an interesting or unusual story of reconnecting with the University or alumni in any way, please e-mail us at: harding-mag@harding.edu.



vived by a son, Larry; a brother, Elvin Matlock; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Sue Long Bucy, 70, died May 11. She worked at Harding from 1969-1995 as personnel insurance clerk and was selected as a distinguished staff member in 1988. She was a member of College Church of Christ. She is survived by her husband, Jess; two daughters, **Carol Knight** ('74) and **Beverly Frizzell** ('77); three sisters, Sally Hopper, Sandra Russell and Cindy Cooper; a brother, Charles Long; two grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren. (229 Ranchette Village Loop, Searcy, AR 72143)

Lawrence Dean, 90, died May 20. He was retired from Harding Press. He is survived by two sons, **Christopher** ('63) and **Dickie** ('66); seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Martha Jean Mathis Mitchell ('67), 57, died May 20. She was retired from banking after more than 30 years and was a member of Westgate Church of Christ. She is survived by her husband, Huey; a daughter, **Michelle Middleton** ('00); a son, David; four brothers, Nathan, Steve, Danny and Jimmy; a sister, Ruby Beasley; and a grandson. (P.O. Box 193, Malvern, AL 36349)

Sarah Ruth Hedrick, 84, died May 29. She had worked for Harding Bookstore and was a member of College Church of Christ. She is survived by three daughters, **Ann Jernigan** ('67), **Dianne LaRue**

('77) and Ruth Taylor; a son, **Mike** ('71); nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Walter Reagan Yarbrough ('48), 80, died June 5. Retired from Ford Motor Co. after 32 years, he was a member of Highland Street Church of Christ and a World War II Army veteran. He is survived by his wife, Julia; three sons, Walter, James and Jon; a stepdaughter, Sheryl Adler; three stepsons, Steven Brown, Mark Brown and David Brown; a sister, Martha Clement; and 14 grandchildren. (340 S. Yates Road, Memphis, TN 38120)

Norma Ruth Moser Rhodes, 80, died June 6, in Lubbock, Texas. A business administration teacher at Harding from 1944-1946, she was also a founding faculty member of Lubbock Christian University and a charter member of Greenlawn Church of Christ. After 36 years, Norma Ruth retired from Lubbock Christian University, where she also served as assistant registrar and secretary. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, **Hugh H. Rhodes Sr.** ('40); two sons, **Hugh (Harvey) Jr.** ('70) and **John M.**; and three grandchildren. (5519 26th, Lubbock, TX 79907)

Avon Malone, 71, died June 16. He preached in Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Oklahoma and Texas. He was a Bible professor at Harding from 1974-1985 and

also taught at Bear Valley School of Preaching, Brown Trail School of Preaching, and Oklahoma Christ-

ian University. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; two daughters, **Glenda Finnegan** ('78) and **Lavon Ribera** ('79); and a son, **Nathan** ('87). (1517 Cat Mountain Trail, Keller, TX 76248)

Inez A. Hayes Veteto ('49), 77, died June 16. She worked with the Child Saving Institute in Omaha, Neb., and was a member of the East Hill Church of Christ in York, Neb. She is survived by three daughters, **Anita Clark** ('74), **Carmen Aufrecht** and **Kristine Had-dox**; a sister, **Ida Elnora Hayes**; and five grandchildren.

Edward LaMar Baker Sr. ('40), 84, died June 20. Baker, a native of Chattanooga, served in the Tennessee General Assembly as a representative from 1966-1968 and as a senator the next two years. He entered Congress in 1970, where he served until 1974. He served as the Southeast regional representative for the United States Department of Transportation from 1976-1980. He was a member of the Bellevue Church of Christ in Nashville, Tenn. He is survived by a daughter, Susan; a son, **Edward L.**; a brother, **George (Jack) Far-rar**, ('42); and three grandchildren.

Ruby Nell Davis, 84, died July 3. She was an employee of Harding for 30 years and was a member of Downtown Church of Christ. She is survived by two sons, **Harrell** and **Danny**; two daughters, **Janelle Clay** and **Wanda Reddick**; a brother, **Ebbie Gene Ussery**; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

John Sam Moore ('53), 73, died July 9. He was an adjunct instruc-

tor at Manatee Community College and University of Tampa and a former adjunct in the math and physics departments at Harding. He was a member of the 43rd Street Church of Christ in Bradenton, Fla. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, **Carol**; a son, **Lawrence** ('80); a daughter, **Janet Lindstrom** ('91); and two grand-daughters. (352 South Orchard Drive, Ellenton, FL 34222)

Dowell Flatt ('62), 62, died Aug. 4. He was a minister his entire career, serving congregations in Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri and Tennessee before joining the Freed-Hardeman University faculty in 1975. After 28 years of service to the University, Flatt retired May 30 from his most recent position as assistant to the dean of the School of Biblical Studies. Through gospel meetings, evangelistic campaigns and other efforts, he traveled to all 50 states as well as to 38 foreign countries, having made it a goal in 1970 to participate in at least one international evangelistic effort each year. Flatt's ministry also was accomplished through his writings, which appeared frequently in such publications as *Gospel Advocate*, *Lord's Way* and *World Evangelist*. He is survived by his wife, Della; two daughters, **Carol Ann Chadwell** and **Donna Lynn Jewell**; four brothers, **Leamon, Bill** ('62), **Don** and **Kenneth**; three sisters, **Rose Fox**, **Linda Anderson** and **Wanda Crabtree**; and two grandchildren. (827 Sand Road Circle, Henderson, TN 38340)

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NOVEMBER

13 **Ethos Percussion Group**, Lyceum Series; (501) 279-4343
 17 **Jim Ryan**, American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series, 7:30 p.m., Benson Auditorium; (501) 279-4497
 18 **Flamenco guitarist Ronald Radford**, Lyceum Series; (501) 279-4343
 23-30 **Thanksgiving recess**

DECEMBER

15-19 **Final examinations**, main campus and Graduate School of Religion

20 **Commencement exercises**, 10 a.m., Benson Auditorium
 21-1/12 **Christmas recess**

JANUARY

5-10 **Intensive courses**, Graduate School of Religion
 12 **Spring classes begin**, Graduate School of Religion
 13 **Registration for spring classes**, main campus; (501) 279-4403
 14 **Spring classes begin**, main campus

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