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The value of accreditation

By DAVID B. BURKS



FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS, the University has been involved in the process of a self-study and site visit by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association. The purpose of all of the work and effort is reaccreditation for the next 10 years.

Institutional accreditation evaluates how well our entire University program meets five criteria established by the HLC: mission and integrity; preparing for the future; student learning and effective teaching; acquisition, discovery and application of knowledge; and engagement and service.

The arduous process of studying these criteria, researching our programs, evaluating how well the University matches up to the standards, and writing the report engaged the whole campus community. However, the payoff is invaluable.

Primarily, the accreditation process assures a careful investigation of the quality of the University's overall program. It helps the administration, faculty and staff become aware of strengths, challenges, trends and omissions that might not have been easily identified otherwise. It gives the University community more reason to be confident in its work.

The self-study committee chose to be evaluated by new criteria that the HLC had published in 2003, but which would not be mandatory until 2005. The committee and the administration realized that being accredited by the older standards would be easier but would place the University at a disadvantage in 10 years when we would be one of the last to come under the new standards. Instead, the University chose to move forward proactively and became one of the first to have a site visit based on the new criteria.

Since I served on the board of the HLC while the new standards were being developed, I understood the decision affirmed the importance of being mission driven. I firmly believed that Harding would fare well under these standards and would benefit by leading other institutions of higher education in adopting them.

The report from the HLC visiting team cited numerous strengths of the University. Particularly higher praise was given the multiple strategies used to build the institution's financial strength and stability and the number and diversity of service programs.

Other strengths highlighted included success in fund raising and friend making to ensure a viable future and healthy enrollment growth. The team noted that the University understood its constituencies, was respected by the local community, and was committed to strategic decision making and assessment.

It praised the awareness and appreciation of diversity and the dedication and respect among the faculty, staff, board and students. It recognized the University as an intentional Christian community, committed to servant leadership on the local, state, national and even international level.

The team report also recommended that the University address issues that were mentioned in the self-study or emerged during its visit. For instance, the team concurred with the self-study report that governance of the graduate programs needed refining and that the liberal arts program was due a review. It encouraged the University to continue its commitment to diversity among staff and students as well as improvement in the process of strategic planning, program evaluation and faculty scholarship.

This successful self-study process has allowed the University to assure its constituents of the quality of our programs and has given us opportunity to stop and reflect on both our strengths and the challenges we face. It has renewed our confidence in our mission: to provide a quality education that will lead to an understanding and philosophy of life consistent with Christian ideals. And, it has reminded us of the blessings that God has provided for us and our responsibility to use them wisely. **H**

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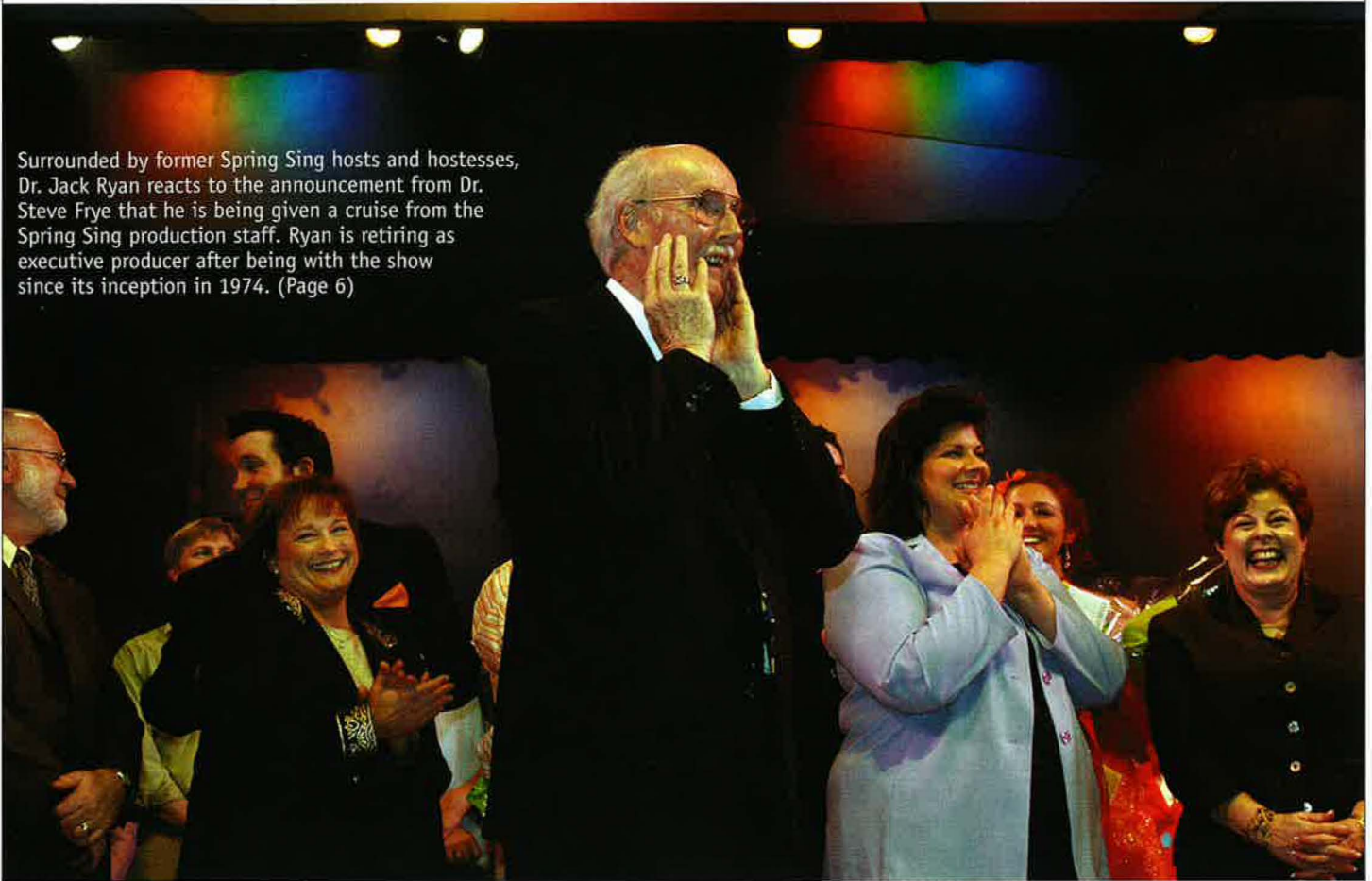
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ON THE COVER

Shooting while the sun is rising is routine for 1992 alumnus Rick Trujillo, who is rated one of the best television photographers in the Western states.

Surrounded by former Spring Sing hosts and hostesses, Dr. Jack Ryan reacts to the announcement from Dr. Steve Frye that he is being given a cruise from the Spring Sing production staff. Ryan is retiring as executive producer after being with the show since its inception in 1974. (Page 6)



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Around Campus

Gifts propel building projects toward fulfillment

TWO RECENT GIFTS HAVE allowed the University to continue a series of projects to better serve students through an improved campus.

In July 2004, the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation awarded the University a \$1 million challenge grant. The award, contingent upon the University raising an additional \$8 million within the fiscal year ending June 30, will fund construction and renovation projects related to the new Wilma Stephens Thornton Education Center and the connecting Coe American Studies Building, as well as the John Mabee American Heritage Center.

Likewise, the Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich., gave a \$700,000 challenge grant to use in construction of the Thornton Education Center. The \$5 million center is part of \$16.9 million of capital expansion and renovation projects in the University's

five-year Eagle's Wings Campaign. To date, \$14.2 million in gifts and pledges has been raised toward the capital goal.

Payment of the Kresge Challenge grant is contingent upon certification by Oct. 1 that the remaining \$2.7 million has been raised to meet the \$16.9 million goal. The grant is the eighth such challenge grant the foundation has awarded to the University since 1972.

Searcy, White County Fund Drive successful

IN MARCH, ONLY FIVE MONTHS after the launch of the Searcy and White County Fund Drive, local business and civic leaders met for a luncheon on campus to celebrate meeting the \$2 million goal.

The goal was the largest single fund-raising project ever attempted in Searcy and White County by the University. At the campaign's end, \$2,147,386 had been raised.

Reynie Rutledge, president of First Security Bancorp,

chaired the campaign and gave the lead gift. "What a great partnership we have between the community and the University," Rutledge said.

"We're grateful to all of the people who have made this work," President David Burks said. "We're glad to be in Searcy, Arkansas; we think it's the perfect place for Harding to be. Thank you so much for your gifts and your support. Please know we value it."

Forty civic leaders serving on four committees organized the fund-raiser. More than 900 individuals and businesses were contacted. Mike Williams, vice president for advancement and campaign director, added, "We did not accomplish this by ourselves but by the generosity of so many in Searcy and White County and by the leadership committee speaking on our behalf."

The Searcy and White County Fund Drive is part of the University's five-year \$135 million Eagle's Wings Campaign. The majority of the Searcy and White County campaign's goal is earmarked for student scholarships.

Retirements bring change to Student Services

WITH THE END OF THE FISCAL year on June 30, the Student Services Office will undergo several shifts in staff, beginning with the retirement of Dr. Dee Carson, assistant vice president and dean of students.

Carson joined the College of Education 10 years ago as a faculty member and was appointed to her current position in 1999. She holds the Ed.D. from the University of Alabama and served as associate dean of the College of Education from 1996-1999.

Said Dr. Jim Carr, executive vice president, "Dee has excelled in this very important administrative role. Both students and faculty alike will definitely miss her."

Taking over her position is David Collins, current assistant dean of students. Collins holds the master of education degree from the University and has been on staff since 2003.

Additionally, at the end of July, Pat Rice, director of Student Health Services since 1982, will retire.

According to Carson, under whom Rice worked, her contribution to the University cannot be measured by years but by the comfort and care she has brought to the students and faculty. "Pat has been more than a nurse, healing the body," said Carson. "She has also been a friend and confidant to the students and her co-workers."

Replacing Rice is Lynn McCarty, a graduate of the University's first nursing class in 1977. A registered nurse, McCarty has been working with Rice for the past year and brings to the position years of health service experience.

CONSTRUCTION BY THE NUMBERS

\$23

Dollar amount, in millions, of projects under construction during the 2004-05 fiscal year, including the completed addition to the Center for Computer Science and Engineering and Kendall Hall renovations



\$6.4 million allotted for remodeling the American Heritage Center, which began in January

\$3.6 million set aside for renovations of Graduate and Armstrong residence halls this spring and summer

\$5.1 million dedicated to the Thornton Education Center (shown here), set to open this fall

\$1.1 million designated for the Oliver and Norma Rogers Research Center at the Graduate School of Religion



NEWSMAKERS

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Department of Art and Design

Beverly Austin, assistant professor, was one of 33 Arkansas artists whose works were selected for display at the 2005 Small Works on Paper exhibition at the Arkansas Educational Television Network's atrium in January.

Department of English

In January, the winners of the 2005 Jo Cleveland Creative Writing Contest were announced. The awards are: fiction, first place, **Sarah Brown** of East Hampton, Conn.; second place, **Sean Webb** of Austin, Texas; and third place, **Matt Hainley** of Apple Valley, Calif.; nonfiction, first place, **Robyn Bocks** of Needville, Texas; second place, **Lauren Candy** of Collierville, Tenn.; and third place, **Tim Nance** of Signal Mountain, Tenn.; poetry, first place, **Bethany Lam** of Bolingbrook, Ill.; second place, **Erin Healy** of Albany, N.Y.; and third place, **Brandon Fox** of Goodlettsville, Tenn.

Articles by Dr. **Terry Engel**, assistant professor, and Dr. **Dennis Organ**, professor, were selected for publication in the spring issue of *Philological Review*. Engel's article was titled "Jim Harrison's True North: A Contemporary Nick Adams Grows Up in Hemingway's *Big Two-Hearted River Country*," and Organ's article was titled "Sleep and Keatsian Romanticism in Faulkner's *The Unvanquished*."

Department of Foreign Languages and International Studies

Fleming Bell, assistant professor, successfully defended his dissertation in December 2004 to receive the Ph.D. in Spanish with a specialization in second-language acquisition from Florida State University. The title of his dissertation was "Comprehension Aids, Internet Technologies, and the Reading of Authentic Materials by Adult Second-Language Learners."

Department of History and Social Science

Dr. **Andy Olree**, associate professor, presented a paper at the annual Stone-Campbell Journal Conference in Cincinnati April 15-16. The paper is titled "Government As God's Agent: A Reconsideration of Romans 12 and 13." >>



Learning online is one option for Elizabeth Smith.

MBA degree now entirely online

THE MASTER OF BUSINESS Administration offering online has been approved and will be available beginning in August.

Though the online component has existed since the program began in 1998, it was previously limited to 49 percent. Students now have the option of completing 100 percent of the degree online.

"It's exciting that we're providing a mix of opportunity to meet the demand," said program director Allen Figley. "We didn't have that flexibility before."

While the "ground programs" on the Searcy and North Little Rock, Ark., campuses will continue, students may now take as many online classes as they choose.

Classes are offered on a rotational basis and last six weeks. There are six entry points per academic year (two each fall, spring and summer) by which students may begin working toward an MBA. The degree may be completed in as little as 12 months.

Figley said the practitioner-focused MBA program appeals to a diverse group of students, some of whom want to learn more about investing and managing their money and others who seek career

advancement.

He is also excited about the global opportunities that may exist in conjunction with the University's International Program offerings. Explains Figley, "Jeff Hopper [dean of International Programs] held a reception at the campus in Greece at Thanksgiving, and there was a lot of interest in the online MBA program. This will allow us to springboard off International Programs since we already have market recognition."

The program also anticipates 20 MBA students this fall from China through the Sino-American Studies Institute, which further expands the global network.



"It is an opportunity to expand the reach of the mission of Harding University beyond geographical boundaries," Figley said.

Dr. Bill Richardson sees the same benefit for the Master of Ministry Program, which he directs. Though more limited in scope than the online MBA, the program has already offered an orientation course online and will offer two more courses this fall.

Richardson said the Master of Ministry degree typically appeals to current ministers pursuing continuing education and adults interested in

midcareer changes. Online courses will allow students from around the world to take University classes without traveling to Arkansas. He said potential students from as far away as London, Mexico and Nova Scotia have inquired about the program.

"All of a sudden it becomes accessible to them because it's as near as the Internet," he said.

For more information about the MBA online, visit www.harding.edu/mba, e-mail mba@harding.edu, or call (501) 279-5789. For more information about Master of Ministry online offerings, e-mail mmin@harding.edu, call (501) 279-4252, or go to www.harding.edu/mmin/index.php.

Accreditation visit reaps favorable results

CULMINATING A TWO-YEAR process that began with an institutional self-study, President David Burks announced in March approval from the Higher Learning Commission affirming that the University will continue as an accredited institution of higher learning by the HLC and as a member of the North Central Association

Dr. Larry Long, vice president for academic affairs and chair of the self-study steering committee, said of the evaluation process, "It has been a long but rewarding road, and the outcome is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of innumerable people. It has been a true team effort."

Of the six regional accrediting agencies, North Central is the largest, certifying nearly 1,000 schools from 19 states. The next scheduled comprehensive visit is in the 2014-2015 academic year.

Simplicity merits *Petit Jean* Gold Crown

WHEN EDITOR IN CHIEF RENEE Lewis planned the 2004 *Petit Jean* yearbook, she had one goal in mind: simplify.

The resulting publication, with its use of clean lines and white space, caught the eye of judges and earned the University the prestigious Gold Crown Award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

Lewis, a senior print journalism major from Salem, Ohio, accepted the award in New York City March 19, along with adviser Jim Miller and athletics editor Emily Sane ('04). The *Petit Jean* was one of four yearbooks selected to receive the annual award. Judges considered applications from 1,238 collegiate magazines, newspapers and yearbooks nationwide.

Lewis entered the yearbook in the competition in October and found out in December that the *Petit Jean* was a finalist, but said she had not expected to receive the highest honor.

"The books that we're up against are great, strong books," she said. "I had convinced myself ... that we were going to get a silver [award]."

But at the awards ceremony, Lewis was surprised to hear that the University had taken a top spot in the competition, over such well-reputed colleges as James Madison University and Indiana University.

Lewis attributed the success of the yearbook to a commitment to simplicity in theme and design. The volume celebrates the yearbook's 80th year with the one-word theme "established" and reduces the number of pictures from previous volumes to make the pages feel less busy.

"Going into last year, I knew I wanted a more reader-friendly design," Lewis said.

Eleven editorial staff members and about 20 writers contributed to the production of the award-winning book.

Lewis said the significance of the honor is still sinking in. "It's a neat feeling."

Homecoming presents tale as old as time

IN ADDITION TO REUNIONS AND banquets, Homecoming 2005 offers a variety of activities to engage alumni and visitors in the University atmosphere. One highlight of this year's weekend is the musical — the University's production of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," based on the book by Linda Woolverton — selected by the departments of Communication and Music.

This tale recounts the story of a prince whose unforgiving nature results in his being turned into a beast. To be set free, he must learn to love another and have that love reciprocated. This well-known classic runs Oct. 28 and 29.

Additionally, the classes of '55 and '45 will be inducted into the Golden and Platinum Circles Thursday evening, followed by the annual Black and Gold Banquet Friday evening.

All visitors are invited to attend the pregame family picnic Saturday beginning at 11 a.m., and then watch the Bison football team play Arkansas Tech University at 2 p.m. at First Security Stadium.

Homecoming dates are Oct. 27-29, which coincide with the Board of Trustees and the President's Council meetings.

For more information, contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at (501) 279-4276.

Honors 205: "The Human Situation III"

Instructors:

Steve Baber, Ph.D., Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science; Tim Baird, Ph.D., Chair of Department of Computer Science and Engineering; Gabriel Foust, M.S., Instructor of Computer Science; Ken Olree, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Engineering; Dana Steil, M.S.E., Instructor of Computer Science

Focus:

Designed to reach students who do not have a background in the sciences, this course introduces students to a wide range of critical-thinking and problem-solving techniques involved in computer science and mathematics.

Overview:

The five professors for this class aim to unite a variety of subjects under the common theme of model making. Students examine the concept of creating models to express thoughts, to aid in problem solving, and to design new things. Students will also be exposed to models that have been created to simulate intelligence and the functioning of the human brain, and they will discuss the ethical and philosophical issues related to the use of models.

Methods and Expectations:

While the teachers present lecture material to introduce students to concepts, students can expect to apply what they have learned to solve hands-on problems, often in groups. Group work mimics real-world situations and exposes students to different ways of thinking about a problem. Whether they are building with Legos, solving logic problems, constructing neural networks or working with computer software, students collaborate extensively with their classmates. Students are encouraged to relate the examples of models in the class to models in their own fields of study.

Outcomes:

The primary purpose of this course is to extract core concepts from engineering, mathematics and computer science and to prepare students from all disciplines to apply these principles in their fields. While the curriculum aims for more breadth and depth than a typical general education class, it does not demand highly specialized knowledge of computer science applications or jargon. Students may substitute this class for the general education requirements in biology, mathematics, physical science or global literacy.



Honors 205 students collaborate on a computer project.

Dr. Mark Elrod leads Quiz Bowl members Kolby Kuwitzky, Jason Loy, Amanda Brown and Andrew Ferren in a practice competition against faculty members.



NEWSMAKERS

COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND RELIGION

Dr. **Paul Pollard**, professor, presented a seminar on 2 Corinthians at the Stirling, Scotland, annual Bible study seminar for Scottish preachers and church leaders Feb. 1-4.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

Department of Biology

Dr. **Mike Plummer**, professor, co-authored *The Amphibians and Reptiles of Arkansas* with Stan Trauth of Arkansas State University and Henry Robison of Southern Arkansas University. The book was published in June 2004 by the University of Arkansas Press.

Plummer also authored an article titled "Seasonal Inactivity of the Desert Box Turtle, *Terrapene ornata luteola*, at the Species' Southwestern Range Limit in Arizona" in the December 2004 *Journal of Herpetology*.

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

Sharen Crockett, professor, was recognized as a 2005 Honorary Membership recipient by the Arkansas Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Executive Council. This honor recognizes individuals who have helped advance the Family and Consumer Sciences program or have rendered outstanding service to the Arkansas FCCLA Association.

Department of Mathematics

The University's team comprising seniors **Chris Curry**, a mathematics major from Conroe, Texas; **Jeff Cutsinger**, a mathematics major from Englewood, Fla.; **David Locke**, a computer science major from Fort Collins, Colo.; and **Andrew Masters**, a computer science major from Thibodaux, La., won the second annual Arkansas Undergraduate Mathematics Competition in February. The competition, held in Searcy, challenged the teams to finish 61 out of 100 questions within a three-hour time limit. The winning team was one of nine competing from five Arkansas colleges and universities. >>

Quiz kids go national

CLOISTERED IN THE BASEMENT of the Ganus Building, Amanda Brown of Sherman, Texas, sits with four other students, her thumb poised on a buzzer and her eyes focused on a spot on the carpet. At the center of the tangle of buzzer wires sits Dr. Mark Elrod, reading aloud the questions from a sample College Bowl competition.

The Academic Team, who won third place in Division II of the National Academic Quiz Tournament held April 8-9 in New Orleans, and at press time was preparing to compete in the national College Bowl Tournament, holds practices like this twice a week to prepare for intercollegiate competition in which students' knowledge is tested on anything from "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" to the eventful papal reign of Innocent III.

The team placed first in a College Bowl regional tournament at Texas A&M on Feb. 19 — beating Baylor University, Louisiana State University and the University of Arkansas — and qualified for the national College Bowl Tournament in Seattle April 22-24.

In January, the team placed third in a D-II National Academic Quiz Tournament in Rolla, Mo., and qualified for the subsequent New Orleans

competition. Team member Jason Loy of Hot Springs, Ark., led both the Rolla and New Orleans tournaments in personal points scored. The 32 teams in the national D-II competition included Dartmouth, LSU, Stanford, Yale, Washington University, and the universities of Florida, Ottawa, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. The team was only outpaced by the University of Chicago and the University of Michigan.

"I've been really impressed with how seriously they take it," says coach Elrod, associate professor of political science. "These kids thrive on the competition of academic knowledge."

Elrod and Dr. Mike James, Communication Department chair, are co-sponsors of the team. Elrod says the new team has taken many schools by surprise.

The practice moves quickly. Elrod reads a question, and before he is finished, a student buzzes in to answer. Madame Bovary — correct. Next question. Anemia — correct. More questions. Syllogism, west coast offense, Pippi Longstocking.

Occasionally the practice digresses. A question about the board game Monopoly prompts teammates to quiz sophomore Andrew Ferren of North Little Rock, Ark., on trivia about the game. Ferren has memorized the position

of all the properties on the board, among other things.

Most of these students have prior experience in quiz competitions. Loy, a freshman, has been participating in quiz bowl since seventh grade and has learned strategies for the game.

"A big thing in quiz bowl is knowing your opponent," he says. He adds that by judging the strengths and weaknesses of an opposing team, he can decide how long to wait to answer to minimize risks.

Elrod says succeeding in academic tournaments requires an understanding of many scholarly fields. "It's not just trivia," he says. "It's in-depth knowledge."

Loy says he used to read encyclopedias to study for quiz bowl, but he found that to be inefficient. Now, he studies archives of quiz bowl packets, reads well-known novels, and reads portions of textbooks not covered in courses, in addition to simply paying attention in classes.

Elrod says he thinks the team has a lot of potential, and he hopes to travel to more competitions. "Harding has been very generous to make money available for this," he says.

The other members of the five-person team are senior Kolby Kuwitzky of Richardson, Texas, and freshman Sarah Rummage of Antioch, Tenn.

— Sarah Brown



The story of Jesus Lectureship's foundation

SEVEN KEYNOTE SPEAKERS FROM throughout the United States will collaborate in the 82nd annual Lectureship Sept. 25-28. The series will focus on the theme "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" and begins with a presentation of the same title by Jim Bill McInteer of Nashville, Tenn.

Other keynote speakers include Buddy Bell of Montgomery, Ala.; Randy Harris of Abilene, Texas; Don McLaughlin of Atlanta; Prentice Meador of Dallas; John Risse of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and Kevin Witham of San Diego.

Also in the works are the preachers, elders and wives dinner, with featured speaker Neale Pryor of Searcy, and two fireside chats, hosted by Edward Myers of Searcy. Myers will interview guests Tex Williams of Austin, Texas, president of World Bible School, and Don Williams, a former youth minister from Eglin, Okla.

For more information on the 82nd Lectureship, call the Institute for Church & Family at (501) 279-4660.

Clubs compete for charities at Spring Sing

SPRING SING BEGAN A NEW tradition as social clubs competed for prize money to donate to their favorite charities in the John H. Ryan Sweepstakes Award competition.

The overall winner was Ju Go Ju, Ko Jo Kai and Friends performing on behalf of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International. The group also won the awards for choreography, costume (tie) and music.

Chi Omega Pi, Delta Chi

Delta, Delta Gamma Rho and Friends placed as first runner-up and tied for the costume award. Their proceeds benefited Hope Cottage.

Chi Sigma Alpha, Regina and Friends, who also received the award for originality, passed on their winnings as second runner-up to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Third runner-up and winner of the spirit award was Chi Kappa Rho, King's Men, OEGE and Friends, who donated their winnings to Habitat for Humanity.

This was Dr. Ryan's last year as executive producer of Spring Sing. He has been part of the production since 1974, when it began as a small-scale musical showcase for campus guests. He retires from the Communication Department at the end of the semester.

Public Relations takes six CASE awards

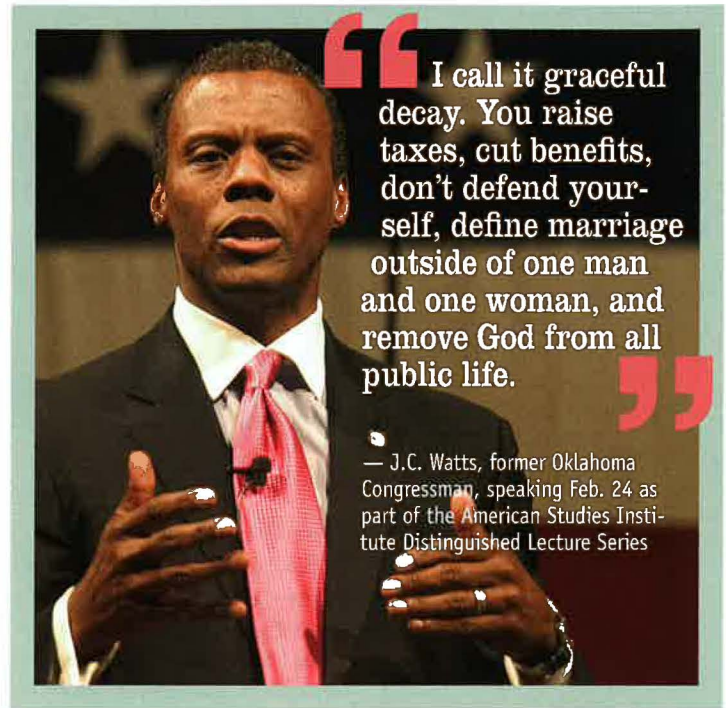
THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE brought home six awards from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education's (CASE) District IV competition. The awards ceremony was held April 4 in Houston.

The University's case statement received first place in the Logo Design category and second in the General Institutional Literature category. It was designed by Jeffrey Hunter and written by David Crouch.

This magazine won second in the area of Periodicals Improvement. It was redesigned by Tom Buterbaugh.

In the General Writing Collection category, stories by Sarah Brown, Jennifer Lashley and Jamie Lockwood took second.

A fourth-place award went to an American Studies spot



I call it graceful decay. You raise taxes, cut benefits, don't defend yourself, define marriage outside of one man and one woman, and remove God from all public life.

— J.C. Watts, former Oklahoma Congressman, speaking Feb. 24 as part of the American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series

in the category Television Spots. Written by David Crouch, video footage was provided by Mark Prior. Light Productions in Little Rock, Ark., produced the spot.

In the area of Visual Design, the viewbook produced by the Lawlor Group of Minneapolis took fourth.

CASE IV includes colleges and universities in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Only 48 of the district's 242 member institutions won awards.

First goal accomplished for PA Program

THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT Program has received provisional accreditation and began interviewing and accepting applicants immediately upon receiving the news in March.

On Jan. 13-14, representatives from the Accreditation Review Commission for the Education of Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) conducted a provisional accreditation site visit, which was necessary be-

fore classes could begin.

"We have received provisional accreditation with no citations," said Dr. Mike Murphy, program director. The program will have the next 18-30 months to prepare for a continuing accreditation site visit by ARC-PA, the next step in the process.

But, said Murphy, the immediate task at hand is to enroll students. After the January site visit, the program began accepting applicants, confident of a positive review. The application deadline was April 29, and classes begin June 6.

He plans to enroll 16 students for the first class. An additional 24 students will be added in June 2006.

The master's-level program, which trains highly skilled licensed health professionals to practice medicine with physician supervision, will be the only one of its kind in Arkansas and among the University's sister institutions.

The program application and additional information can be found online at www.harding.edu/paprogram.

NEWSMAKERS

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

Department of Physical Science

A summer fellowship proposal by Dr. **Dennis Matlock**, assistant professor, has been selected for support by the Arkansas Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network. His proposal is titled "A Real-time Method to Study DNA Unwinding by Hepatitis C (HCV) NS3 Helicase."

REGINA SPIRIT AWARDS

Regina social club awarded seniors **Emily Dubois** and **Jimmy Huff** the 2005 Regina Spirit Award for their service to the University and community. Dubois, an economics major from Owensboro, Ky., is a member of Shantih social club. Huff, a computer engineering major from Snyder, Texas, serves as the 2004-05 Student Association president and is a member of Knights social club.

STUDENT SERVICES

Three new deans have been named in Student Services. Beginning June 1, **Stuart Varner**, who previously served as dean of students at Freed-Hardeman University, is the new associate dean of students.

Brian Bush will join the University in mid-June as assistant dean of students. He will work predominantly with the men's residence life coordinators and male students. He comes from Norman, Okla., where he was practicing law and working with the Westside church's campus ministry program.

Sheri Shearin also has been named assistant dean of students. In her new position she will work mainly with the women's residence life coordinators and female students. Shearin previously served as dean of the elementary school at Harding Academy in Searcy.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

The University's Trio Student Support Services, under the direction of Dr. **Jim Johnston**, has been funded for the next four-year grant cycle. The grant award is \$337,971 per year. The grant is written for 275 students, and 354 students were on the active list during the spring semester.

University heads West with adventure course

THIS SUMMER, A NEW 10-DAY academic program ventures off the Searcy campus to a retreat facility 30 miles west of Castle Rock, Colo.

Through outdoor education and leadership training, Harding faculty members and other instructors at the University's Colorado Training Center aim to prepare rising sophomores, juniors or seniors in high school for the trials that face Christian young adults.

From Aug. 4-14, current University students will lead rigorous outdoor activities such as white-water rafting, rappelling, camping, hiking, orienteering, horseback riding and canoeing. Participants will also receive instruction in search-and-rescue missions. These experiential metaphors for real-life struggles will allow them to stretch their abilities and boundaries.

"The hostile and jagged terrain at our training center forms the perfect landscape for challenge-oriented learning," said Dr. Jeffrey Hopper, director of the University's summer enrichment programs.

At the Colorado Training Center, University faculty will present a biblical history course — worth three hours of transferable university credit — that explores archaeology, geography, history, and political and religious figures. A faculty member who also serves as field director of an excavation site in Israel will lead the group in its own archaeological dig. By closely examining the historical and geographical context of the rugged terrain in the Mediterranean World through which Christ walked, participants will be better prepared to map

out their Christian path in a modern context.

Leadership development professionals from organizations such as the Air Force Academy will challenge participants by offering their perspectives on the role of Christian leaders in areas across the globe.

Enrollment is limited to 40 students. For more information, visit www.harding.edu/rockies. To request an information packet and application form, e-mail rockies@harding.edu or call (501) 279-4157.

Discipline-specific experiences offered overseas

A CLINICAL TERM EXISTS FOR the overwhelming sense of awe a sightseer feels moving from one Florence, Italy, museum to the next in search of Renaissance masterpieces in a short amount of time: Stendhal Syndrome.

But the 20 art majors and three faculty members from the Department of Art and Design spending this summer at the University's program in Florence need not worry. Unlike tourists with three days to soak it in, they have the whole semester to do nothing but absorb and discuss the magnificence that surrounds them.

This departmental session has been in the works for nearly four years. When Dr. Jeffrey Hopper assumed duties as dean of International Programs in 2001, he shared his vision with the faculty: "It's my dream that every department and college will find a place in the world where their students can best be served for a term."

The announcement echoed the thoughts that had been running through Art and Design Department Chair Dr. John Keller's mind since his

return from a summer 2000 term in Florence. "I was determined to somehow have more of our faculty and students use the villa," Keller said. "I spoke with Jeff immediately after the [faculty] meeting, and we nailed down the summer of 2005 within a few days." Beverly Austin, Dr. Steve Choate and Keller will offer art history classes and studio classes in watercolor, drawing and painting.

"The art students who will be taking the studio class will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do on-location drawing and/or painting — plein air — in some of the most sought-after locations in the world," Keller said.

The faculty will also make a point to take day trips to locations not usually selected by students in Florence.

In addition to art in Florence, this summer Mike Emerson and Dr. Mark Davis from the College of Business Administration will offer a discipline-specific experience for their students. Twenty business students will spend six weeks in London to learn about the global business environment firsthand. Emerson said students participating in the program are already studying and taking exams so they will be prepared for on-site experiences such as field trips to businesses, including Wal-Mart International.

The students will have classes Monday through Thursday, with the opportunity to travel on weekends.

Emerson said the business program should continue annually as long as students show interest.

The art program will continue each odd-numbered year, most likely alternating between Florence, London and Athens, Greece.

For more information, contact the International Programs office at (501) 279-4529.



'50-50' posts above-average season

By SCOTT GOODE, sports information director

SOPHOMORE MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER Matt Hall gave the Rhodes Rowdies plenty to be rowdy about.

He led the Gulf South Conference in scoring at 21.1 points per game, earned GSC West Division Player of the Year honors, and became the first Bison to garner the NCAA II South Region Player of the Year award.

Hall's threat to score both inside the paint and from 3-point range prompted his teammates to give him the nickname "50-50."

That figure was only slightly exaggerated. He shot 52 percent overall and 39 percent from 3-point range.

But those who knew Hall during his younger days would say that he was an unlikely candidate to play college basketball, much less earn any kind of player of the year honors.

When Hall was in junior high, people laughed at him when he said that he wanted to play college basketball.

"In junior high I was terrible," Hall says. "I was barely 6 feet tall and played strictly post. I think my high-point game was eight points."

He was not on the varsity team as a 10th grader at DeQueen (Ark.) High

School and was nicknamed "Matty Joe Fatty."

"I played on the junior varsity team in 10th grade. It was fun, and I had a pretty good year, but I still was not very good at all."

When he returned to school for his junior year, Hall had noticeably changed. He had grown 4 inches over the summer and measured 6 feet 5 inches.

"I still did not shoot the ball very well, and I was very uncoordinated after growing 4 inches."

He was not starting for DeQueen, but he led the team in scoring and rebounding coming off the bench. Hall was still determined to play college basketball.

That summer he made the Arkansas Wings AAU basketball team and the transformation of "Matt Hall the basketball player" began in earnest. He practiced and played with some of the best from high schools around the state.

"Even when I was not traveling with the Wings, I was in the gym three hours a day, and that was when I really started working on my shot."

Going into his senior season, Hall was on the radar of college coaches throughout the state, including Bison

head coach Jeff Morgan.

A setback occurred when he broke his right ankle only five games into the season. He made it back to play seven more games before DeQueen's season ended in the first round of the state tournament.

Morgan was undeterred by the injury. "He was a kid we had developed a relationship with early in the recruiting process. His dad called and told us he had a broken ankle. I told him that Matt was a great person and someone who would fit at Harding. I also told him that we had offered Matt a scholarship, and we were sticking with it."

After Hall joined the Bisons, the coaching staff determined that he should sit out his freshman season as a redshirt.

"My redshirt year was 100 percent positive. Jay Brogdon ('04) played the same position that I would that season, and I learned so much from him. There is no way that I would be where I am today if it were not for Jay. I still look up to him and ask him questions when he comes to our games."

Entering his first season of action for the Bisons, Hall had only played 12 competitive games in the previous two years. But it did not take long for Bison coaches and fans to see that Hall was worth the wait. As a freshman, Hall ranked second on the team in scoring at 13.3 points per game and rebounding at 5.5 rebounds per game. He also became the University's first GSC West Division Freshman of the Year, shooting 49 percent from the field and hitting 19 3-pointers.

"It took me a while to get back into game shape, but it worked out all right."

Despite his impressive debut, Hall's personal goals for his sophomore season were very reasonable.

"I thought I would be doing pretty well to get all-conference," Hall says.

His sophomore season started with a dunk early in the Bisons' first game with Arkansas Baptist College. On his second dunk attempt, an opponent made contact with him from behind, and Hall fell to the floor on his right shooting wrist, breaking a small bone. The diagnosis was that he would miss four to six weeks,



Matt Hall goes for two of his 30 points against Christian Brothers University Jan. 20. The Bisons won 70-67.

PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY



ROUNDUP

Baseball adding junior varsity team

In an effort to provide greater opportunities for freshmen to participate in the baseball program, athletic director Greg Harnden recently announced the formation of a junior varsity team.

The squad will consist of 15-20 players and play a 20-25 game schedule against other junior varsity and junior college teams beginning in the 2005-06 school year.

Baker heading new women's golf program

The University is adding women's golf for the 2005-06 school year, with Andrew Baker as head coach.

Golf is the seventh women's intercollegiate sport and will be allotted a limited number of scholarships.

Baker is associate director of the University's Institute for Church & Family, a position he has held for five years. He was a member of the Bison golf team from 1994-98. He can be reached at (501) 279-4660 or abaker@harding.edu.

Kogo races to national championship

Senior Janet Kogo ran the fastest 5,000 meters in the history of the NCAA II Indoor Track and Field National Championships and became only the second Lady Bison runner to earn an individual national championship.

Kogo, a native of Kapsabet, Kenya, won the race in 16 minutes, 19.59 seconds, shattering her own school record of 16:34.51.

The victory earned Kogo her second All-America honor of the weekend and the third of her indoor career.

The women's team of Kogo, sophomores Kalina Szteyn and Tessa Tarole, and freshman Gosia Drazkowska broke its own school record by more than two seconds and placed sixth in the women's distance medley. The new mark was 11:47.31.

The Bison distance medley relay team of seniors Reed Fisher and James Mason, sophomore Przemek Bobrowski, and freshman Artur Kern placed third in 9:59.85. The team qualified fourth, but finished better than expected, earning All-America honors in the process. It was the second indoor All-America honor for Bobrowski.



Janet Kogo

Struggling season for Lady Bison basketball

The women's basketball team completed the 2004-05 season with an 11-17 overall mark, finishing 4-12 in league play.

Sophomore transfer Ashley Dixon and freshman Kinsey Tucker were the team's most potent scoring threats. Dixon led the team with 9.7 points per game and made a team-high 51 3-pointers. Tucker averaged 9.6 points per game and scored a Lady Bison freshman-record 34 points against the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

Sophomore Chelsea Simpson was the leading rebounder with 5.5 per game, and sophomore Laura Broadwater led the team with 2.8 assists and 2.2 steals per game.

The team's lone senior was four-year letter winner Jaime Simpkins, who averaged 4.1 points and 4.0 rebounds per game.

Kirby named new women's basketball coach

Tim Kirby, men's assistant basketball coach for the last 12 seasons, was named head coach of the women's program Feb. 27. He was the men's head coach at Carl Albert State College in Poteau, Okla., from 1990-93.

Kirby replaces Brad Francis, who resigned after eight seasons as head coach.

For the latest sports information, visit www.harding.edu/athletics.

but Hall missed only two games and played the rest of the nonconference schedule with a brace.

In 11 preconference games, Hall averaged 17.3 points, scoring almost all of his points on the inside. He made only nine 3-pointers during the stretch.

"During the time that I played with my wrist hurt, it was painful to shoot, especially from the outside."

As the wrist healed, Hall became the top scoring threat in the conference.

"Matt is so explosive around the basket, making him a tough matchup inside," Morgan says. "He became even more dangerous because he could step out and shoot the 3-pointer."

Hall made 55 percent of his shots during conference play and hit a team-best 48 percent from 3-point range (28-of-59), prompting the "50-50" nickname.

Against Delta State University, he scored 37 points, the most ever by a Bison sophomore. In that contest, he shot 14-of-25 from the field, including 3-of-6 from 3-point range.

"He has always been a good shooter," Morgan says, "but he became even better just before going on that great conference run because he spent a lot of time on his own working on his shot."

Hall's dominance, combined with the record-setting outside shooting of junior Lonnie Smith and defense of junior Ceso Sprewell, led the Bisons to their fourth consecutive Gulf South Conference Tournament and an 18-11 final record.

Smith connected on 86 three-pointers, breaking the record of Ronnie Brothers set in 1992. Sprewell collected 93 steals, shattering the mark of 80 set by Kennedy Polidor in 1995.

Hall's 21.1 points per game makes him second in all-time scoring among Bison sophomores. Only Butch Gardner's 21.7 points in 1974-75 was higher.

Despite his tremendous season, Hall was left off the NCAA II All-America list.

"That will be motivation for next season," Hall says.

What are the chances that the child once dubbed "Matty Joe Fatty" will reach All-America status? Better than 50-50. **H**



Faculty
offices
reveal

True nature



By JENNIFER LASHLEY

Photos by JEFF MONTGOMERY

OFFICE SPACE — ALL TEACHERS CRAVE IT. Like a rite of passage, coming into one's own office marks a stepping-stone in the professional world. A library, kitchen and relaxation room all in one, the room reflects the personality of its owner and often illustrates the passions of the dweller.

The inhabitant knows where to find everything, whether the room is organized, cluttered or a landfill of stacks — that is, after all, the magic in having one's own space to fill.



DANIEL ADAMS ▶ an eclectic mix

Associate Professor of Art

ARTISTS ARE KNOWN TO BE ECCENTRIC. Daniel Adams eagerly claims that title as he ushers you in and welcomes you to sit on his couch — his bathtub couch, that is.

The tub hails from his college days at Stephen F. Austin University. He found it in old college housing that was being torn down, purchased it for \$20, and hauled it down three flights of stairs.

Its intent has always been for sitting. “I just wanted one,” he says. His mom mentioned a similar tub in “Breakfast at Tiffany’s,” and Adams proceeded to cut out the side, eventually added the cushion, and now asks his guests to sit in/on the tub/couch.

Above the tub hangs a collage self-portrait. It started as one picture, he explains, but he wanted to see how different colored paper affected the look. He decided he liked how they all looked put together. The result: the centerpiece for the room inspired by the serial imagery of Andy Warhol — minus the self-destructive elements.

His walls are decorated with his own works and objects of varying interests and background. “I have to have things to look at,” he says. “Not just any one particular type of thing.” His goal is to spark creativity, and he uses such items as an aluminum-can telephone, an old typewriter, a lava lamp, a booming kaleidoscope, and a replica of an antique radio.

Other pieces represent his travels to Greece, the classes he teaches, campus interests, such as the brick symbolizing his sponsorship of Red Brick Studios — the club for graphic design majors — or his hobbies, including calligraphy.

Two paintings are simultaneously realistic and abstract. “They developed into something that kind of look like something but aren’t really anything,” he says. After he completed them, his mother — a writer — wrote essays based on them. “It was really interesting to find out what my mother saw in my abstract pieces.”

Ultimately, he says, “I’m just a wad of contradictions.”



FLEMING BELL contemporary Latin America

Assistant Professor of Spanish

BY THE TIME FLEMING BELL TURNED 24, he had traveled to 24 countries — a feat most cannot match. His fervor for travel began when he was 11, during a 15-day trip with his parents to Argentina, Brazil and Peru. This vacation would also set in his heart a lifetime love for language.

More than 20 years after that South American trip, he recently defended his dissertation in Spanish with a specialization in second-language acquisition. His office, however, transcends any language barrier.

Evidence of his tours comprises the space, specially arranged to engage his students in Latin culture.

“When I started to bring in all of my decorative items, I wanted to interest students,” he says. “I wanted something that would be eye-catching, that would draw out their interest in Latin culture, and give you a feel as you walk in. That’s also why I play music that I like. I usually have it going all day long.”

His bookcases hold texts arranged in orderly fashion — from religious books and hymnals to Latin American literature and anthologies to coffee table books and *National Geographic* magazines. They also serve as presentation for his souvenirs, many grouped together by country of origin, including replicas of Bolivian boats and miniature houses from Venezuela.

His flag display narrates his trips; each country he has visited is represented — in chronological order.

Choosing his favorite pieces is not an easy task, but he considers his Peruvian dolls the most valuable of his display. “I guess I’m so sentimental,” he says. “Everything has a history.”

One of his most prized possessions is a painting of Iguaza Falls, one of the first places he visited on that initial trip overseas. Making the piece more special is the artist, Thomas Harding Paine, the grandson of University namesake James A. Harding.

The back wall catches the eye, drawing it to an alpaca-skin tapestry of a llama from Bolivia, picked up on a side trip during Bell’s time as an apprentice missionary in Venezuela.

On the right wall hangs a sign that reads — in plain English — “This space reserved.”
Look for a Ph.D. there soon.



KAYLA HAYNIE ▶ she loves Lucy

Assistant Professor of English

KAYLA HAYNIE HAS ONE VICE: LUCY. “My daughter says Lucy is my one weakness,” she says. “I like her because she’s funny.”

The corner office in the English Department suite embodies the spirit of Lucy. A string of lights in the shape of miniature televisions with Lucy line a wall. Dolls modeled after Lucy in her most-famous episodes take the top shelf on one bookcase. From lamps and puzzles to books and posters, Lucy owns the space, permeating the room with a 1950s atmosphere laden with black and pink accents.

Her love for Lucy stems from watching the show as a child. Also, she claims, “My mother was a bit like Lucy.”

In addition to the Lucy collection, Haynie’s walls and shelves are filled with other mementos, which fondly remind her of the stories attached. From the Mickey Mouse hat she got on her first trip to Disneyland in 1959 to the pink flamingos her daughter gave her, she describes her space as “lots of memories that I treasure.”

She fights the image that English professors have stuffy, plain offices full of books, although hers is full of literature, from world literature to pop culture to books about Lucy and film. Her bookcases also hold a collection of toy antique cars, including a green truck that is the one toy left from her childhood.

The nostalgia follows her throughout the room. “No matter which direction I go, there’s something there,” she says. Yet what she is drawn to first each day is not the Lucy lights strung on the wall or the toy cars lining her shelves, but the family pictures residing in various spaces throughout the room.

Her students are always shocked when they first visit. Their reaction: “Wow, Mrs. Haynie.” She says, “Students don’t expect teachers to have interests in other things.”

The location of the office invites sunshine and light, complementing the vivid colors. And although much of the space is filled, Haynie plans to keep collecting, adding to her storehouse of treasures. What will she add?

“Stuff to keep us from being too serious,” she says. “Life can be fun, too.”



B.J. HOUSTON ▶ justice with a smile

Associate Professor and Director of Criminal Justice Program

STUDENTS DO NOT WALK INTO A PROFESSOR'S OFFICE expecting to see crack pipes and brass knuckles. But for B.J. Houston, the drug paraphernalia and illegal weapons are merely teaching tools.

Each object has a story, which she shares with the criminal justice students at the University and law enforcement officers she instructs for the Criminal Justice Institute.

"The things that I have in here are mementos from things that I have done as a prosecutor," explains Houston. "I can take those ... and for students who have lived life and may not have ever seen those things, you can say, 'Hey, this is what this looks like, and this is what people are using when they commit crimes today.'"

The visuals help the lessons stick with the students, who visit Houston's office not just for the unusual decor, but also just to talk and hang out. "I love to watch them come in and scan the room," she says, noting that they are always drawn to the "toys" and patches she has acquired from different law enforcement agencies.

One of the more poignant pieces is a painting done by a convicted murderer given to her by a former student. Of the painter she says, "He was in prison the rest of his life, but you can see what a talented, talented artist he was."

To counteract the seriousness of criminal justice, Houston keeps several humorous and calming objects as well, such as her beta fish, turtle fountain, ceramic skull and marriage proposal from a student. "It takes a sense of humor to deal with it," says Houston. "They provide some serenity in an otherwise very hectic profession."

Not everyone understands the humor, she explains. What may seem morbid to some is merely a way of coping with the bad. "You're talking about a bad side of life that most people never see," she says. "They see [the humor] as weird or sick, when it's only a way of trying to deal with really, really bad stuff."



DALE MANOR ▶ his life is in ruins

Associate Professor of Bible

LIKE ALL AVID ARCHAEOLOGISTS, Dale Manor likes to unearth things.

His office is no exception. A massive book collection with rows of ancient artifacts and Indiana Jones posters, his territory draws visitors into the adventure.

Yet underneath the mound, order exists, giving the room a frazzled charm. The casual observer is easily disconcerted, but Manor knows where to find everything he needs, including the 10 Commandments (on top of the mini fridge).

His contents span thousands of years. The earliest piece dates back to 4,300 B.C., a contrast to recent acquisitions, including the replica of a Roman sword his parents gave him this past Christmas.

While each item provides a history lesson in itself, his most treasured pieces change with his mood. He compares it to trying to choose a best-loved Bible verse — it just depends on the situation.

The canopic jars are his favorite fake pieces. While his are replicas of jars used in ancient Egypt, the originals held organs of the dead, who were usually wealthy and of high status.

As far as real artifacts, the lamelic store jar from the time just before Hezekiah is his favorite. It is one of few ceramic pieces he has from Tel Beth Shemesh, the excavation site for which he serves as field director each summer.

Believing enough pieces couldn't be recovered to restore the jar, Manor was able to bring the fragments home. Once he assembled them, he was surprised at the completeness of the jar. "I didn't realize how much of it was there," he says. "It probably was actually restorable."

He counts the picture of him excavating a pair of human legs found in an olive-crushing basin one summer as the most bizarre item.

Yet the piece that garners the most attention is the sarcophagus, which is actually a DVD/VHS holder that came all the way from Corinth, Miss. — not quite Egypt.

"Some day I plan on fixing it up so that I can get in it," he says. "My wife facetiously says I'll be buried in it. That might be sort of an interesting ceremony." **H**

Award-winning
photojournalist
Rick Trujillo

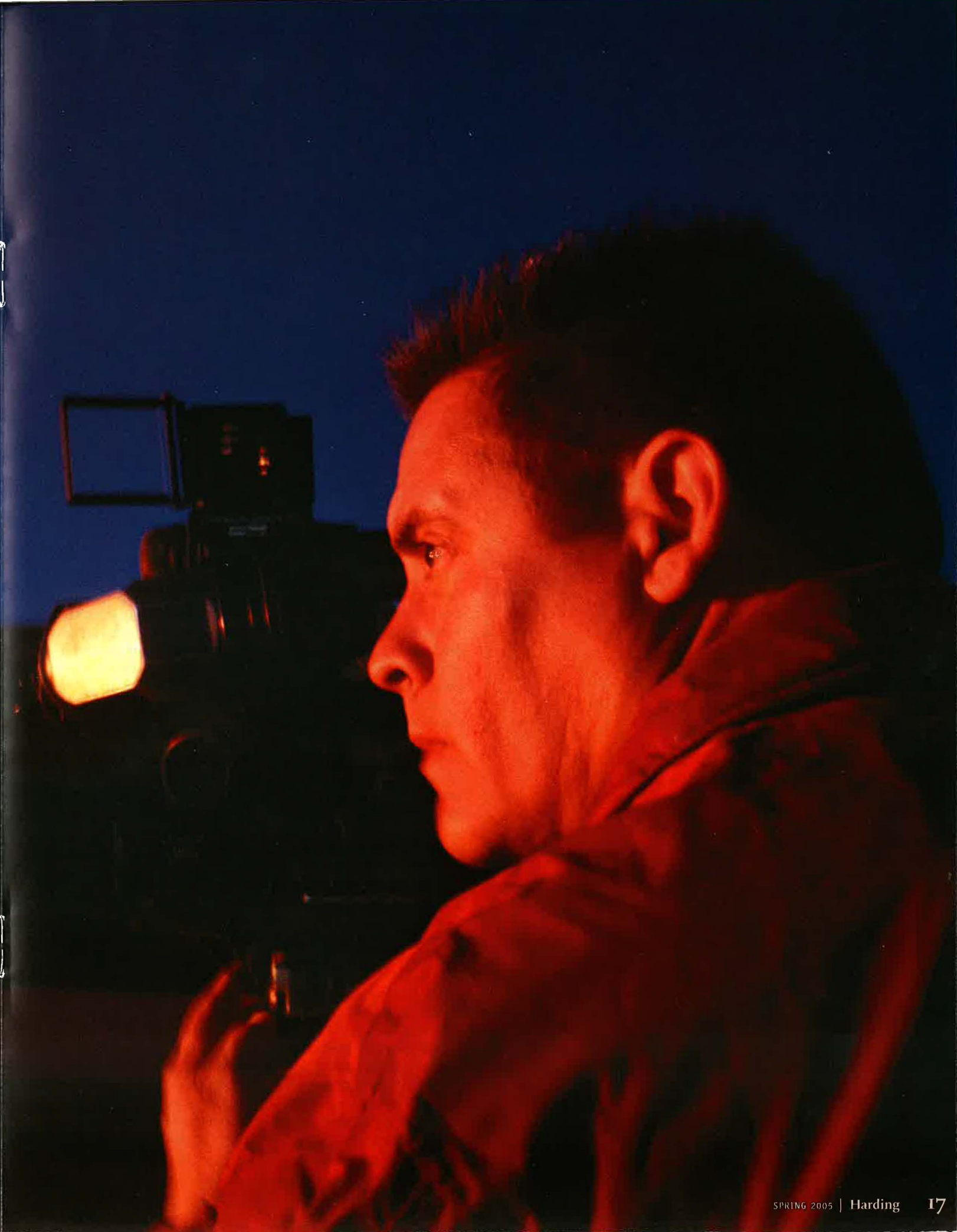
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By APRIL D. FATULA

Photos by JEFF MONTGOMERY

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T'S 4 A.M. LONG BEFORE MORNING JOGGERS BEGIN THEIR routine or the corner coffee shop invites its first customers inside, Rick Trujillo ('92) arrives at the WB television station in Denver to begin his Friday as a photojournalist for KWGN. ■ He checks his mail, goes over the day's assignments, and then heats a microwavable Uncle Ben's Thai-style noodle bowl. Though the strong smells come too early for the uninitiated, it is the first of several small meals Trujillo will eat throughout the day.



"You eat when you can eat, and you use the bathroom when you can use the bathroom," Trujillo says matter-of-factly, explaining the lifestyle sacrifices that come from working out of one's vehicle as he does. "Something you should know about me is that I'm directionally challenged, and I eat a lot."

By 8 a.m., when Trujillo sits down to a more traditional breakfast of eggs benedict, his workday is more than half over, and he has already witnessed death and new beginnings.

Beyond the jokes about no sense of direction and the frequent snacking lies the intensity of what a routine day in an anything-but-routine job such as Trujillo's entails. This particular day is billed as feature news for KWGN's "WB2 Morning News," and as he drives north to Boulder to cover the grand opening of a swanky new hotel and spa, Trujillo cracks jokes with feature reporter Dan Daru.

The mood changes abruptly at 5:37 a.m., when a call comes from the satellite truck operator: Just up the road is a rollover with a fatality.

It is by no means Trujillo's first close-up with death. Like any

city photojournalist, he has covered many violent crimes, including the JonBenet Ramsey case and Columbine. "Columbine changed me forever," he says more than once of the 1999 high school tragedy.

As he approaches the accident scene with his camera, a representative from the Boulder County Sheriff's Department says, "Please be mindful of the investigation. The coroner is still down there."

Two highway signs have been knocked down, and the contents of the car are strewn about the hill. A sheet covering the front passenger window indicates the body is still inside.

"It's speeding, I'm sure of it," Trujillo says, implying he has seen this tragic result many times before.

He respects the officer's request to stay out of the way, but soon realizes he can move much closer to the scene with his camera without compromising the investigation. He gets the footage, then returns to the Jeep, where a discussion on mortality ensues. "He was here 10 minutes ago," Trujillo muses. "Maybe he was going to work."

Discussion soon veers back to the task at hand. Daru jokes about Trujillo's bad sense of direction, but he emphasizes, "You don't need that to be a good photographer and storyteller."

Based on awards alone, Trujillo is indeed among the best television photographers in the Western states, including much larger markets than Denver such as Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle. His latest award from the National Press Photographers Association (NPPA) solidifies this, placing him among the top 10 photographers in Region 9.

In an e-mail sent to KWGN employees congratulating Trujillo, long-time KWGN photographer and NPPA liaison Eric Goody writes, "Region 9 has been, and continues to be, the most competitive market for photojournalists in the country. And the Denver stations are leading the way nationally on how news is shot and covered. Thus, our photographers are working alongside the best of the best. To place in the top 10 is not an easy thing to do in Denver."

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS LATEST AWARD comes as no surprise to his co-workers. Reporter Vinita Nair has only been at KWGN seven months, but she already knows Trujillo's reputation. "I knew I wasn't going to get you unless I went ahead and requested you," she tells him, describing her story idea — a new treatment for varicose veins.

"Rick's really good, which is why I really want to work with him," she goes on to explain. "Hopefully, this Monday. I'll keep my fingers crossed, at least."

Minutes after this request, Trujillo checks his e-mail and finds a reminder from morning show host Natalie Tysdal about a story on special-needs cheerleaders — a request she made of him the day before. Trujillo figures he will tape the segment Tuesday night, though that is probably when he should be sleeping.

"It's been over four years, and I'm still not used to it," he says of the lack of sleep and early hours. "During sweeps, I get used up."

Like most TV stations, KWGN pulls out all the stops during these periods, when viewership is measured. A piece created for the most-recent sweeps period won him the latest NPPA Region 9 award — second place in the feature category for a news clip, which propelled him into the top 10 photographers. It was a segment on John Fielder, a well-known Colorado nature photographer.

Rick Trujillo career highlights

Photojournalist, KWGN-Denver, 2000-present

General assignment. Covers spot news and features for "WB2 Morning News." Also shoots special projects and sweeps pieces. Covered the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City.

Freelancer, Aurora, Colo., 1999-2000

Shot for national cable network HGTV's "Christmas Castles," "Dream Drives," "If Walls Could Talk" and "Modern Masters" programs. Also shot a national pilot called "Candy Unwrapped" for the Food Network. Shot for the Canadian Broadcasting Company's "Hockey Night in Canada," ESPN2, Rocky Mountain Fox Sports Net, and Florida's Sunshine Sports Network.

Photojournalist, KUSA-Denver, 1998-99

General assignment. Shot for the No. 1-rated 10 p.m. newscast of any affiliate in the nation.

Photojournalist, NEWSTV Corp., Lawrence, Kan., 1997-98

Shot for ABC News, NBC News, "Dateline NBC," "The Today Show," "MSNBC," "Extra," "American Journal," "Inside Edition," "Hard Copy" and RTL German Television

Photojournalist, KUPK-Garden City, Kan., 1995-97

Production manager for commercials in first year, news photographer in second. Shot and edited stories for award-winning "Western Kansas Update" newscast and for KAKE News in Wichita, Kan.

Photojournalist, KTHV-Little Rock, Ark., 1993-94

General assignment. Primary photographer and editor for award-winning "Travelin' Arkansas" segments.

Other Credits:

CNN, ZDF German Television, "Real TV," Fox News Services, "Celebrity Justice," Rocky Mountain PBS's "Spirit of Colorado," The Golf Channel, Arkansas Educational Television Network's "The Arkansas Traveler."

Professional Awards:

- 2004 NPPA Region 9 TV News Clip Contest Top 10
- 2003 Colorado Associated Press "Best Morning Show" Staff Member
- 2002 Heartland Region Emmy Nomination — Sports Editing
- 2001 Heartland Region Emmy Award — "Outstanding Morning Newscast" Staff Member
- 10 NPPA Awards
- 7 Kansas Association of Broadcaster Awards
- 5 Arkansas Associated Press Broadcasters Association Awards
- 2 "Best of the West" Contest Awards
- 1 Colorado Broadcasters Association Award



Rick Trujillo, a Denver photojournalist, gets down on his hands and knees in search of the “money shot” at the grand opening of the St. Julien Hotel and Spa in Boulder, Colo.

“The awards that I have won have been for natural sound pieces with just the subject talking,” Trujillo says. The success of such pieces is based largely on how the surrounding sounds are edited. One of his favorite examples is a story he did on a Black Jack dealer, focusing on sounds such as card shuffling.

Trujillo relies heavily on his five senses. “I like to work in the dark, so I can hear,” he says of his technique in the editing bay.

“I like still photography, but I can’t even describe what an F-stop is. I just shoot from the heart — how it feels, how it looks.”

At St. Julien in Boulder, texture, shape and color catch his eye. Inside the hotel room his shots include a pan of the room, a tight shot of the hotel-issued terry-cloth robe, and several angles of the exotic, fresh flowers.

“I don’t do a lot of pan and zoom,” he says. “I do still shots.” As if to prove his point, he backs up with his camera, saying, “I want to get this flower in there.”

He is also constantly thinking beyond the individual elements — the “money shots” as he refers to them. He sees the entire package. “I don’t have time to edit,” he explains. “I try to do it in the camera. Two seconds here, four seconds there.”

Veteran editor Ed Cain says, “Rick is one of the best I’ve seen and worked with in 30 years. He has built-in compassion and an eye for detail. He’s a Michelangelo in the editing bay. Not bad for an ex-Marine.”

Not bad for someone who has taken an unconventional path toward a television career, which he admits is a young man’s game. “When I got my first TV job, I was 37 years old,” he says. “I didn’t have any time to waste.”

That was more than 10 years ago, when he began as a photojournalist for KTHV in Little Rock, Ark. He served as general assignment photographer and primary photographer/editor for the award-winning “Travelin’ Arkansas” segments. He moved back to Denver in 1998 and began his current position in 2000.

“You have to be in great shape for this job,” he says, lugging

his equipment up and down stairs, with the camera on his shoulder. “Most guys my age have bad backs, bad knees. Exercise is the fountain of youth for this job.”

Fortunately, that comes naturally for this University cross country letterman who has competed in more than 450 races, including marathons, triathlons, mountain races and trail runs.

“It’s highly competitive, fast paced, never ending,” he says of the career he has chosen.

“I’m 49, but I still feel like a kid,” he says. “There’s so much still to learn.”

Trujillo also has a lot to share. Chris Hembree, an intern at KWGN, who, coincidentally is also beginning his television career at age 37, says, “He’s an excellent teacher. We were told if you want to go out with a good photographer, go with Rick.” Hembree requests to work with Trujillo often; in his six weeks at the station, the two have done eight assignments together.

Trujillo counsels Hembree, who mentions that KKTU in Colorado Springs has overnight positions to fill, including assignment editor. “You’d be doing mostly spot news, but you’d get your foot in the door,” Trujillo offers.

He later looks for opportunities for Hembree to shine. He believes the next assignment, Auraria Librarian Day at Metropolitan State College of Denver, will be just that. “You could film this, Chris. This would be the perfect opportunity. You get the shot; then let me look in the viewfinder.”

Unfortunately, by the time they find their destination, there is no time to spare. Trujillo will set up the shot instead of Hembree so they can make it to an 11 a.m. news conference. “I hate to rush, but you know how the news business is,” Trujillo tells the interview subject.

It is a business Trujillo loves. “This is the best classroom in life. You experience so much, see so much, hear so much.

“God gave this gift to me,” he says. “I didn’t plan it. It is quite an amazing job.” **H**

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By JENNIFER LASHLEY

Photos by JEFF MONTGOMERY

BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY MAJORS OFTEN PURSUE one of two careers: education or medicine. But what about science enthusiasts for whom the classroom or clinic holds no allure? They find the answer may be research. ■ For four alumni, the place to begin research-driven careers has been St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. ■ The St. Jude environment provides one-of-a-kind opportunities for these alumni to delve into research and make contributions toward pediatric cures and treatments of cancer and other catastrophic diseases.



Kelly Brown Matmati

WORKING WITH WORLD-RENOWNED clinicians and researchers fuels the love for science in many, but the institution also offers a wide range of careers, from biomedical research to information technology. No matter the person's field of interest, he or she must possess the essential component of curiosity, which in many has been simmering for years.

Kelly Brown ('01) Matmati discovered her passion for science during her first high school biology class. "I found out about the DNA code and how DNA codes for RNA, which codes for protein, and I just thought that was the coolest thing," she remembers. She has been exploring facets of research for four years at St. Jude, most currently as a graduate student in neuroscience at the University of Tennessee studying DNA damage in the brain in the Department of Genetics and Tumor Cell Biology.

Introduced to the institution through a summer internship program, Matmati decided to pursue a more permanent position upon graduation. One of her first jobs was as an "egg chick" in the virology lab working on influenza. She explains, "My job was just to put chicken eggs in the incubator and look and see if chickens were growing inside." After six months, she moved to a more challenging full-time position in the Hartwell Center for Bioinformatics and Biotechnology where she worked on gene expression profiling. One way this method is applied is in helping doctors identify types of leukemia and choose the most effective therapies for individual patients.

Jeremy Post ('01) has also found a home in the Hartwell Center. His decision to enter research was not as clear-

“The more you get into it [research], the more you see how **COMPLEX** the human body is, just how **PHENOMENAL** the machinery is.”

Danny Stokes

cut as Matmati's, but he credits chemistry professor Dr. Ed Wilson's undergraduate research program for opening his eyes to options besides medical school for science majors. He began his job at St. Jude a year after graduation, taking time first to determine his career choices and goals. "I was a little bit intimidated to get into a research program," he admits. "But if you're interested in it, you can't hold back anything."

He works in method development in the proteomics and mass spectrometry group studying disease progression. Essentially, this team works to determine differences in protein expression between normal and diseased cells and identify indicators of what is occurring in a cell. "I work in studies that seek out biomarkers for diagnoses of disease," he says. "What we are looking to do is diagnose disease on a molecular basis rather than a pathological basis ... so that you can determine [disease] much earlier."

Where do all these proteins come from that are popular in many studies? That's where Danny Stokes ('01) plays a vital role. He works in the Protein Production Facility, another of the hospital's core facilities, which serves principal investigators throughout the institution. Jokingly calling it a protein farm, he explains that his job is to take DNA, put it inside bacterial or insect cells, grow the cells, express the protein, harvest the protein, purify the protein, and hand it back to the investigators.

With multiple projects occurring simultaneously throughout the hospital, Stokes believes the job fits his personality. "I like to jump from project to project, and any week I'm on three or four different projects," he says. "There's always something new coming in the door, so there's always something new for me to work on."

He also finds that with the caliber of principal investigators at St. Jude, the work is very exciting. "You always have someone running at the forefront waiting to publish," he says. "It's very competitive."

Likewise, competition drives much of

the work in Christie Corley ('00) Johnson's lab, where studies are conducted to aid in the creation of flu virus vaccines. A senior research technologist, Johnson has worked in the Department of Infectious Diseases in the division of virology in the flu group for four years. Although the department name sounds alarming, the work itself is not dangerous — no protective suits are required. Her lab works on reagent preparation, for example, creating antisera.

She credits her interest in St. Jude to a field trip that she took with associate professor of biology Dr. Steve Moore in her upper-level cell and molecular biology class. On the trip, she made contacts at the hospital, which helped her to secure a position soon after graduation — a job she enjoys because of the hands-on elements involved. She also says the lab associated with the cell biology class prepared her for lab work.

JOHNSON HAS FOUND HER NICHE, driven from working with team members and applying practical techniques rather than theory. "I very much enjoy what I'm doing now," she says. "I am not sure that I'll go on and get a higher degree. I do like being the hands-on person, and I think more so than I would like the academic part."

However, for Stokes, graduate school is the next step, but not a science-associated program. Instead, he will enter law school at Baylor University in August. Why the change? "With my personality, a lot of things sound interesting to me," he says. "I find science fascinating, but I also find law fascinating. I don't want to get to 45 and think, 'Well, I've done a lot of good, but what if? What if I'd made the switch?' This way, I can do both."

And he believes he will find ways to bring the two fields together. "Actually, two of the people I have talked to here at the hospital thought that with my background I would be a good candidate for intellectual property law," he says, describing how this would bridge the gap between scientists and the patents they seek to secure. In turn he could help sci-

entists protect their research, in the end generating more revenue for future studies. No matter what course he chooses with law, he is not closing the door to science. "If I need to, I can do law for a while and maybe come back to research," he says.

Both Post and Matmati are headed to medical school, earning either an M.D. or M.D./Ph.D. While Post's plans are not concrete — "I have an idea," he says. "I'm interested in going to medical school to be a physician scientist," his decision has not come without much consideration. "I have been back and forth between working in missions and working in science," he says. "My time here has been very important because it has given me experience, helping me understand myself, the gifts that God has given me. ... I feel like this is who I am."

For Matmati, once reluctant to earn an M.D., the decision to attend medical school now naturally follows her research ambitions. In college, she says, "I didn't even consider it. I didn't take the MCAT or any of that stuff. When I came to St. Jude, I started to get more interested in the clinical aspects of the biomedical field." While basic research fascinates her, she longs for more personal experiences helping people and making a difference. "I feel like medicine is the way I can do that," she concludes.

She also hopes to use her influence as a doctor to promote changes in health care policy, citing injustices in the current system she has witnessed during her years in Memphis. She holds St. Jude as a great example for other institutions because of its financial policy. She explains, "No patient is turned away because of an inability to pay. The charitable arm of the organization — ALSAC — pays all the bills that patients' insurance doesn't pay. The hospital also provides food and housing for the families while they're in Memphis getting treatment, making it possible for any patient who has the kind of cancer St. Jude treats to come here."

The years directly following graduation are crucial for all students, as they



Jeremy Post

determine if they are in the right field, or if perhaps, another path would better suit their abilities and passions. These alumni see their time at St. Jude as one of preparation for successful careers and pursuits — and as eye-opening and faith-building tools.

Research provides an interesting environment to confront questions about faith and science. “You find a dichotomy in research,” Stokes says. “You find that research either pushes you one of two ways. The more you get into it, the more you see how complex the human body is, just how phenomenal the machinery is. We have some of the smartest people in the world trying to figure out the problems with the body, and we’re making progress, but every time we come up with something, there’s always something new on the horizon to tackle.

“To me, it makes no logical sense to think that something this complex just

happened, when some of the smartest people on the planet can’t even figure out how to fix it most of the time.”

“Or even understand what’s happening,” adds Post.

“Exactly.” Stokes continues, “But on the other side, scientists tend to believe in what they can see, what they can measure. We see the human body. Now let’s figure out where it came from. While I don’t personally hold to that, it does drive them. They’re driven to do good things, maybe not for the same reason I am, but they still accomplish the same goal.”

Says Post, “A scientist can use the tools that he has to make measurements and to see nature. You have it in your hand, and you can push the buttons in nature and see what it is that God has created. To me that’s an awesome experience, and that’s what we get to do here every day.” **H**



Christie Corley Johnson



Danny Stokes



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1945

Platinum Circle
Reunion at Homecoming 2005

1955

Golden Circle
Reunion at Homecoming 2005

1960

Reunion at Homecoming 2005

1963

Carroll D. Osburn has taken early retirement from Abilene Christian University. He is now serving as executive director of the Caris Foundation, which is dedicated to providing basic necessities of life to Third World situations. His wife is Linda. (803 Glendale Drive, Keller, TX 76248)

1965

Reunion at Homecoming 2005

1966

Dan Blazer, J.P. Gibbons Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Duke University School of Medicine, is the new president of the American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP). He conducts research in geriatric psychiatry, epidemiology, social psychiatry, community studies of the elderly, religion and psychiatry, among other subjects. He has written more than 30 books and contributed to others. He serves on the editorial board of more than 20 professional journals and has presented to physicians at more than 200 continuing medical education programs. He is listed in *Who's Who in the World, 2004*, and the *Guide to America's Top Psychiatrists, 2004-05*. He is the winner of AAGP's Senior Investigator Award in 1994 and Pioneer Award in Geriatric Psychiatry in 2000. In 1997 he received the Milo Leavitt Award from the American Geriatrics Society for lifetime contributions to education in geriatric medicine. He was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in 1995. His wife is Sherrill. (203

Midenhail Way, Cary, NC 27513)

1968

J. Kenneth Glass was appointed to serve a one-year term on the Federal Reserve Advisory Council by the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. He is chairman, president and chief executive officer of First Horizon National Corp. in Memphis, Tenn. He is a member of the board of directors of FedEx Corp., GTX Inc., the Financial Services Round Table, and the Tennessee Bankers Association and serves on several nonprofit boards. He and his wife, Brenda, have a daughter. (414 N. River Oaks Road, Memphis, TN 38120)

1970

Reunion at Homecoming 2005

Danette Key Lawson is the director for Parkgate Children's Center, a Christian child-care center. She previously served on the staff at Burke Road Church of Christ for 27 years. She and her husband, Kim, have two children. (4907 Fairmoor, Pasadena, TX 77505)

1975

Reunion at Homecoming 2005

1976

Doran Hammett has accepted the position as CFO of Kingfisher General Hospital in Kingfisher, Okla. He and his wife, Linda, are moving from Vincent, Ohio, where they have lived for 12 years. They have three children. (1350 Brackenridge Road, Vincent, OH 45784)

1978

Tim Albright was recently promoted to general manager of Days Inn West/Pyramid. (111 W. Daner, West Memphis, AR 72301)

1979

Edward Willett released his first adult science fiction novel, *Lost in Translation*, in February. This is his fifth novel. He has authored more than 20 nonfiction books and is also an actor and singer. He and his wife, Margaret, have a daughter. (303-2333 Scarth St., Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada S4P 2J8)

1980

Reunion at Homecoming 2005

Bruce Binkley was promoted to president and chief operating of-

ficer at T.D. Williamson Inc. Bruce is a deacon at Broken Arrow Church of Christ and a board member at Hope Harbor. He and his wife, **Kim White** ('80), have four children. (3809 S. Aster Ave., Broken Arrow, OK 74011)

Steve Holt Sr. was recently appointed executive director of Hopeworks. He and his wife, Lynn, have two sons. (1888 Court Ave., Memphis, TN 38104)

Renee Sigman Williams is the Chapter 12 standing trustee and a Chapter 7 panel trustee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern and Western districts of Arkansas. She and her husband, Lynn, have two sons. (125 Roberts Ridge Terrace, Hot Springs, AR 71901)

1981

Steven Smith is a family nurse practitioner and president of River Region Advanced Practitioners Association. He and his wife, Nancy, have a daughter. (500 Pinetree Lane, Montgomery, AL 36109)

1983

Tammy Gattis Alexander was

PROFILE: BERNIE COX 1966

Rewarding a standout coach

Bernie Cox has spent the last 30 years winning. As an American history teacher and football coach at Little Rock's Central High School, he has led the 5A Tigers to seven state titles, including consecutive championships in 2003 and 2004. His record: 250-93-8.

To honor his leadership on and off the field, in February the Little Rock School District voted to rename Quigley Stadium — the home field for Central High School — Bernie Cox Field at Quigley Stadium.

"It was very humbling," says Cox of his recognition. But he is quick to point that it takes teamwork to be successful. "It's not something that one person accomplishes. It's a lot of people ... parents, administrators, coaches and teachers."

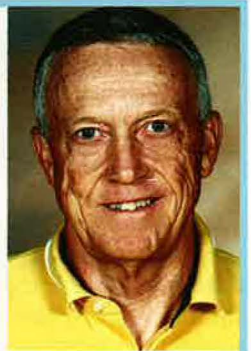
Cox has taught and coached all 39 years since graduating from the University, spending time at Searcy and Conway, Ark., schools before moving to Central 33 years ago.

He has distinct goals for the young people with whom he works so that they understand discipline and commitment. "Watching the kids come in and mature and get stronger and

develop ... that is very rewarding," he says. The culmination of it all, he notes, is to see students succeed, with the knowledge that one has influenced their decisions and attitudes.

Even with seven state titles under his belt, he will not retire from coaching any time soon. He plans to stay on the field as long as he enjoys it and can continue to impact the lives of his players and students.

However, Cox is not the only alumnus coaching a championship-level football team in Arkansas. Three other alumni trained teams who made it to the state championships in 2004: Lanny Dauksch ('78) coached the West Memphis High School Blue Devils to an appearance against Central; Rick Jones ('77), in his first year at Greenwood High School, took the Bulldogs to a class 4A championship game; and Tim Perry ('80) took his Central Arkansas Christian Mustangs to a class 3A title. **H**



Bernie Cox

— Jennifer Lashley

signed by Bethany House Publishers to a three-book deal in their historical Christian fiction line. The first novel in the series, *Taken to Heart*, is scheduled to be published later this year. Her husband, **Joe** ('81), is dean of the Kenneth W. Monfort College of Business at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. The college was a winner of the 2004 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. They have two children. (2108 62nd Ave., Greeley, CO 80634)

1985

Reunion at Homecoming 2005

1987

David Null was selected by executive appointment to the President's Advisory Panel for Medicare Education. The committee meets quarterly in Washington, D.C., to advise regarding Medicare and other health-related issues. He is a financial adviser for Merrill Lynch. He and his wife, **Amy**, have two children. (3335 Old Montgomery Highway, Birmingham, AL 35209)

Max Teehee earned a Ph.D. in microbiology from Colorado State University in fall 2004. He is assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Disease as a virology researcher with the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps. He and his wife, **Alice Coburn** ('84), have two children. (207 Tanglewood Court, Walkersville, MD 21793)

1989

Eva Gonzalez Cruz and her husband, **Armando**, have two daughters. They worked as missionaries in Panama for 12 years and have recently moved to New York. (714 4th Ave., #2, Brooklyn, NY 11232)

1990

Reunion at Homecoming 2005

1991

Ginger Blackstone was promoted to network supervisor for CNN USA. (57 Forsyth St. N.W., #7G, Atlanta, GA 30303)

Becky Owen was chosen president-elect of the Louisiana Association of Extension 4-H Agents in August 2004. (140 Feazel Road, West Monroe, LA 71291)

1992

Lorrie Chafin is a senior vocational rehabilitation counselor for

the state of Missouri. She received her L.P.C. in April 2004 and has a private practice on the side. (2801 Kansas Ave., Joplin, MO 64804)

Julie Jordan is an infection control practitioner at William Beaumont Hospital. (29354 Sherry, Madison Heights, MI 48071)

Donita Schneider Philipson is a French teacher and department chair for Lecanto High School. She has two children. (P.O. Box 164, Lecanto, FL 34460)

Kristi Thurmon was recently promoted to HCS case manager/regional director at Lakes Regional MHMR Center. (2455 40th S.E., Paris, TX 75460)

1993

Holly Hilton was promoted to service writer for Richmond Harley-Davidson. (2326 W. Grace, #1, Richmond, VA 23220)

1994

Kristi Cash White was chosen to join an international delegation of play therapists to minister to children in Sri Lanka after the tsunami. She and her husband, **Allan**, have two children. (1221 S.W. 27th Court, Gresham, OR 97080)

1995

Reunion at Homecoming 2005

1996

Christy Defoure Harrison received her master's degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in 1999. She is an A.P.N. in family practice with White River Rural Health. (1503 E. Moore St., Searcy, AR 72143)

Frank McCown is on academic leave from Harding while pursuing his doctorate at Old Dominion University. His wife, **Becky Pratt** ('00), is a professional development coordinator for Regent University. (426 Delaware Ave., # 324, Norfolk, VA 23508)

Julie Crockett Reedy received the Arkansas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher of the Year Award at the state meeting March 11 in Arkadelphia. Julie teaches at White County Central School and will represent Arkansas at the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher of the Year competition. Her husband is **Robert**. (175 Crockett Road, Rose Bud, AR 72137)

Robin Baker Thompson is living

in Stuttgart, Germany, and teaches at Robinson Barracks Elementary School. She has two children. (CMR 447, Box 12, APO, AE 09154)

1997

Rick Castleman is the worship minister for the Lexington Church. He and his wife, **Teresa Amy** ('96), have a daughter. (777 Bentley Drive, Lexington, SC 29072)

1998

Robert Darnell completed his master's in architecture at the University of New Mexico. He is now project manager for Place Architecture. He and his wife, **Leslie**, have a daughter. (2019 W. College Place, #303, Bozeman, MT 59718)

2000

Reunion at Homecoming 2005

Jason McGlawn started a Web design and video production business. His wife, **Penny Brandimere** ('02), teaches sixth-grade English at Southwest Middle School. (115 Choctaw Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

2001

Emily Spencer Harris made the chancellor's list as an M.F.T. student at John Brown University. She is also an intern at Life Source in Fayetteville, Ark. She and her husband, **Gary**, have four children. (102 Ernie Wood Road, Rose Bud, AR 72137)

2002

Rachel N. Goad Smith graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2003 with her master of science in nursing. She married her husband, **Brent**, in September 2003. (4037 Bedford Cove, Memphis, TN 38135)

Jim Marcussen is a petty officer second class in the U.S. Navy and is deployed to the Persian Gulf aboard the USS Nimitz. (USS Nimitz CVN 68, FPO, AP 96620)

2004

Michaela Faye Cox is children's minister for the Pleasant Valley Church of Christ in Little Rock, Ark. (2102 Peach Tree Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211)

Marriages

Stefanie Culbertson ('98) to **Brandon Coleman**, Sept. 20, 2003. (1732 N. Morello Ave., Meridian, ID 83642)

Kristen Webster ('02) to **Daniel Demaree**, Oct. 18, 2003. Kristen is a child life specialist with Cook Children's Medical Center. (631B Arcadia St., #705, Hurst, TX 76053)

Brook Ginnings ('02) to **Eric O'Dell**, Dec. 28, 2003. (2514 Belmont Blvd., Nashville, TN 37212)

Robin Worrell ('91) to **Jeff Lane**, July 17, 2004. (4715 36th St., Lubbock, TX 79414)

James Blachly ('01) to **Melissa Holland** ('03), July 24, 2004. (45 White Oak Lane, Little Rock, AR 72227)

Jason Edens ('99) to **Jana Weaver** ('04), Oct. 9, 2004. (952 Pickens Chapel Road, Searcy, AR 72143)

Andy Ashworth ('96) to **Stacey Revier** ('01), Oct. 30, 2004. Andy is a senior programmer with Wal-Mart Inc., and Stacey is a loan officer/sales manager with First Western Bank. (1 Tavistock Drive, Bella Vista, AR 72714)

Heather Ware ('00) to **Jason Cook**, Oct. 30, 2004. (221 Graylynn Drive, Nashville, TN 37214)

Stephanie Young ('00) to **Johnathan Wildeboer**, Jan. 1. (28232 466th Ave., Lennox, SD 57039)

Klaus Schmidt ('03) to **Leah Wicker** ('01), Feb. 12. (109 S. Circle Drive, Ash Flat, AR 72513)

Births

To **David** and **Amy Fussell** ('93) **Hollowell**, twin daughters, **Anna Laurie** and **Abby Leigh**, May 13, 2003. (23 Cherry Drive, Saraland, AL 36571)

To **Chuck** ('88) and **Buffie Gaiche** ('90) **Baril**, a son, **Baron Charles**, May 22, 2003. They have two other children, **Brittany** and **Brandon**. (164 Wimbledon Court, Gallatin, TN 37066)

To **Jason** ('96) and **Angie Beck** ('96) **Thomas**, a daughter, **Alaina Michelle**, June 6, 2003. They also have three sons, **Micah**, **Braden** and **Cale**. (601 Madison 4370, Combs, AR 72721)

To **Todd** and **Becca Thompson** ('98) **Daniel**, a daughter, **Maya Christalee**, Nov. 6, 2003. (1085 CR 4240, Mount Pleasant, TX 75455)

To **Pat** ('99) and **Deborah Root** ('99) **Bills**, a son, **Caleb Michael**, Dec. 31, 2003. They have another son, **Joshua**. Pat is the youth minister at Hendersonville

[FROM THE PAST]

Reunited Belles and Beaux reflect on first USO tour

In December, when Belles and Beaux traveled to the Orient, it was a trip of many firsts: the first time to fly, the first time to perform for a head of state, and the first time to eat raw fish.

If the year had been 2005, the stories might have been overshadowed by any one of the many international journeys in which University students participate. But the year was 1960, and the experience of these 17 students was truly one of a kind.

The group — handpicked from the A Cappella Chorus — traveled more than 22,000 miles on behalf of the United Services Organization to provide entertainment to American servicemen and women stationed in the Pacific Command, which included Hawaii, Japan and Korea.

Forty-five years later, the group reunited in Searcy Jan. 15 to reminisce and sing together in honor of director Kenneth Davis Jr. (See tribute on Page 31.)

In a letter each group member received after the tour, Elvis J. Stahr Jr., secretary of the Army, wrote: "On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, 'Well done,' for your fine performance before our Armed Forces personnel. The Department of Defense is particularly grateful to you for your contribution in promoting the morale of our overseas personnel."

Members felt the power of their

morale-boosting efforts. "We felt we were bringing joy to the soldiers," recalls Anne Berryhill ('62). "We really felt like they connected with us."

The group spent the first two weeks in Korea, performing three shows a day, including one at the presidential palace for Korean President and Mrs. Posun Yun.

The next leg of the journey was a flight from Seoul to Tokyo. In her album, Carol Bowman ('62) Thomas recalls that everyone except she and Sara Good ('61) Bills was sick and vomiting from food eaten in Korea. On top of that, she adds, they flew too far north and landed in the wrong city, but they performed their program anyway.

The shows were elaborate. Some called for 10 or more costume changes, and members formed smaller groups and trios in which they performed operatic arias, dramas and spiritual songs. "We became popular," recalls Berryhill. "They spread the news ahead to the next locale. We literally had followers around the island sometimes."

Transport carriers that delivered fresh fruit and vegetables to troops served as the group's primary mode of transportation. Says Berryhill, "We were so green; just scared to death. We were on the carriers, looking at crates of tomatoes. They made us put parachutes on, and we

were glad to do it."

Christmas fell in the middle of their journey, while they were in Japan.

In a letter home, Bills wrote, "Dean [Priest] and I are going to 'slicker' something from everyone and give it back as a Christmas gift." "Slick boys," as a previous letter explained, were pickpockets.

When a photo from that Christmas party appears during a slide show at the reunion, Bills says, "See, everyone looks so happy because they got their stuff back."

Happier still were the group members' family and friends upon their return. "It was a big event at Harding," Berryhill says. On their way back they had to spend two days in Los Angeles waiting for Love Field in Dallas to deice. "We got in a few minutes before the curtain was to open on our welcome home concert," she explains. "It was the best concert we ever performed, even though we hadn't had sleep in two days. The audience was so excited."

As they recall memories of the tour, Belles and Beaux and "Uncle Bud," Jerry Atkinson ('62) says with fondness, "When you look back ... I don't think I ever worked as hard in my life at anything as I did at Belles and Beaux and Chorus." **H**

— April D. Fatula



Kenneth Davis Jr. directs during the Belles and Beaux reunion in January. He founded the show group in 1958.

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Church of Christ, and Deborah is a homemaker. (120 Grove Lane S., Hendersonville, TN 37075)

To **Jason** ('96) and **JoEllyn Cole** ('96) **Cooper**, a son, Eli Brooks, Jan. 21, 2004. They have another son, Colin. (14611 Chambery Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211)

To **Neil** ('97) and **Jill Anderson** ('95) **Ford**, a son, Tucker Anderson, Feb. 24, 2004. They have two other sons, Alex and Westin. (4013 Brookside Drive, Columbia, TN 38401)

To **Patrick** ('91) and **Sarah Folkerts** ('93) **McGaha**, a son, Ryan Patrick, March 3, 2004. They have another son, Connor. (P.O. Box 141, Point Lookout, MO 65726)

To **Joel** ('99) and **Stacy Little** ('99) **Means**, a daughter, Emma Kate, March 17, 2004. (2516 Westwood Main, Bryan, TX 77807)

To **Blaze** and **April Lemon** ('94) **Patzer**, a daughter, Parker Hope, May 5, 2004. They also have a daughter, Raegyn. (2264 Holly Drive, Erie, CO 80516)

To **Thomas** ('01) and **Becky Prevatt** ('00) **Doran**, a son, Cody Thomas, May 13, 2004. (571612 Lessie Road, Hilliard, FL 23046)

To **Jay** ('94) and **Carrie Butler** ('94) **Hawkins**, a daughter, India, May 13, 2004. They have two other children, Jackson and Avery. (3212 Ray Ave., Caldwell, ID 83605)

To **Jeff** and **Kari Young** ('95) **Harris**, twin boys, Jackson Brooks and Lukus John, May 18, 2004. They also have a daughter, Chloe. (280 Woodland Trail, Belton, TX 76513)

To **Jeff** and **Wendi Scott** ('92) **Gibbs**, a son, Jacob, June 1, 2004. They also have a daughter, MaKenna. Wendi is manager of Kids Station. (405 Biscayne Court, Longview, TX 75604)

To **Ethan** ('96) and **Ashley House** ('94) **Sheffield**, a daughter, McKenney Grace, June 2, 2004. They have two other children, Meredith and Stone. (9 Silver Oak, Searcy, AR 72143)

To **Ron** ('94) and **Holly Hays** ('95) **Sparkman**, a daughter, Annie Hudson, June 13, 2004. They also have a son, Max. (2826 Colonial Circle, Nashville, TN 37214)

To **Neil** ('99) and **Amy Arnold**, a daughter, Hillary Ashton, June 29, 2004. (21 Clervaux Drive, Little Rock, AR 72223)

To **Andrew** ('99) and **Melanie Madison** ('99) **Garner**, a son, Jonathan Patrick, June 29, 2004. (3132 Via Puerta, Carlsbad, CA 92009)

To **John** ('04) and **Tia Tarole** ('01) **Stone**, a daughter, Abigail Jean, July 1, 2004. (314 N. Sawmill Road, Searcy, AR 72143)

To **Chris** and **Haley Wayman** ('99) **Beavert**, a daughter, Cortlyn, July 4, 2004. (1027 Chestnut, Magnolia, AR 71753)

To **Tommy** ('98) and **Michelle Coan** ('99) **Noel**, a daughter, Emilyn Stacey, July 7, 2004. They have another daughter, Claire. (10 Mine Hill Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118)

To **Matt** ('98) and **Brooke Lovelace** ('98) **Phillips**, a daughter, Landyn Bailey, Aug. 14, 2004. (202 N. Church St., Blue Ridge, TX 75424)

To **Matt** ('95) and **Kara Clark** ('94) **Huddleston**, a son, Joel Allen, Aug. 15, 2004. They have two other sons, Levi and Luke. (1420-1 Suwama, Tokai-mura, Ibaraki-ken, Japan 319-1114)

To **Brian** ('96) and **Suzu Oliver** ('97) **Snow**, twin daughters, Sarah Grace and Hannah Faith, Aug. 21, 2004. (600 Swallow Court, Su-isun City, CA 94585)

To **John Mark** and **Charice Turner** ('95) **Curtis**, a daughter, Anna Claire, Aug. 23, 2004. They also have a son, Zachary. (704 High Eagle Drive, Arlington, TX 76001)

To **Edward** and **Brooke Manasco** ('95) **Poolos**, a daughter, Sophia Elizabeth, Sept. 5, 2004. They have another daughter, Amelia. (P.O. Box 466, Arley, AL 35541)

To **Earle** ('97) and **Carrie Owen** ('99) **Brown**, a son, Benjamin, Sept. 7, 2004. (117 Crystal Lane, Fairview Heights, IL 62208)

To **John** ('96) and **Stephanie Clary** ('98) **Land**, a son, John Henry V, Sept. 10, 2004. They also have a daughter, Avery. (4117 Longview Road, Little Rock, AR 72212)

To **Brice** and **Priscilla Ray** ('97) **Bradley**, a son, Collin Jamison, Sept. 28, 2004. They also have a daughter, Audra. (5950 S. Oak Way, Littleton, CO 80127)

To **Jason** ('00) and **Alison Bryan** ('01) **Kuepker**, a son, Noah, Oct. 5, 2004. They have two other children, Brendan and Emma. Jason is a marine financial analyst for Conoco-Phillips. (1208 Meadow Drive, Bartlesville, OK 74006)

To **Kevin** and **Jessica Rickard** ('99) **Mullins**, a daughter, Jayda Mack-aelynn, Oct. 6, 2004. (3950 Evans Court, Loveland, CO 80538)

To **Rutledge** ('93) and **Lisa Gordon**, a son, Mason Kenneth, Oct. 7, 2004. They have another

son, Austin. (10409 Chablis Lane, Frisco, TX 75035)

To **Kristopher** ('96) and **Jamie Stanley** ('99) **Keim**, a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, Oct. 8, 2004. Kristopher works for Computer Systems of Arkansas, and Jamie is a homemaker. (12920 Westglen Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211)

To **Jeffrey** ('95) and **Carolyn Terwilliger**, a son, Samuel Michael, Oct. 8, 2004. (1252 TR 13, West Salem, OH 44287)

To **John** ('94) and **Christina Lamp** ('96) **Tucker**, a daughter, Cassidy Leigh, Oct. 9, 2004. (21 Radcliffe Drive, Bella Vista, AR 72714)

To **Mark** and **Jennifer Johnson** ('95) **Curtis**, a son, Cole David, Oct. 15, 2004. They have three other children, Kaleigh, Duke and Maddie. (13900 E. 89th St. N., Owasso, OK 74055)

To **Aaron** ('99) and **Katie Peters** ('00) **Mitchell**, twin daughters, Molly Rebekah and Moriah Rachael, Oct. 15, 2004. They also have a son, Jack. (7125 B Capitol Ave., Columbus AFB, MS 39705)

To **Mike** and **Melissa Roberson** ('93) **Sansom**, a daughter, Jenna Elizabeth, Oct. 18, 2004. They also have a son, Graham. (708 Winsley Place, Brentwood, TN 37027)

To **Bryan** and **Missy McJunkins** ('96) **Duke**, a son, Trevor Richard, Oct. 21, 2004. (2418 Forest Creek Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211)

To **Max** and **Lori Manley** ('89) **Plaster**, a daughter, Molly Grace, Oct. 23, 2004. They have three other children, Ty, Brynna and Sawyer. (7627 Briarwood Lane, Barnhart, MO 63012)

To **Grady** ('95) and **Debbie Hawkins** ('95) **Howell**, a daughter, Carrie Curtis, Nov. 5, 2004. They have another daughter, Hudson Elaine. (224 Memphis Ave., Holly Springs, MS 38635)

To **Richard** ('01) and **Joanna Carson** ('98) **Ashlock**, a son, Daniel Kyle, Nov. 9, 2004. They have another son, Nathan. Richard is a physical therapist for Baptist Hospital in Little Rock, Ark., and Joanna is a technology instructor for the Conway Adult Education Center. (870 S. Salem, #7009, Conway, AR 72034)

To **Scott** and **Holly Laguna** ('99) **Christensen**, a daughter, Kendall Kate Ray, Nov. 9, 2004. They have another daughter, Gillyan. (15922 86th Ave., Court E., Puyallup, WA 98375)

To **Terry** ('95) and **Leanne Simmons** ('94) **Ramos**, a son, Zachary Matthias, Nov. 9, 2004. (300

Symmes Road, Fairfield, OH 45014)

To **Aaron** and **Amanda Epton** ('95) **Herman**, a son, Judah, Nov. 10, 2004. They have another son, Ethan. (58 Shady Oaks Drive, Covington, LA 70433)

To **Scott** ('96) and **Kimberly Smith**, a daughter, Brenna Catherine, Nov. 12, 2004. They also have a son, Bret. (2411 Defoe Circle, Bryant, AR 72022)

To **Bryan** ('00) and **Emily Smith** ('01) **Jobe**, a daughter, Amelia Beth, Nov. 15, 2004. (7257 Maplelawn Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48197)

To **Michael** ('94) and **Stephanie Neff** ('95) **Oelze**, a daughter, Eden Grace, Nov. 17, 2004. Michael is an assistant professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Illinois, and Stephanie is a homemaker. (2317 Rebecca Drive, Champaign, IL 61821)

To **Didier** ('86) and **Jenny Netsch** ('85) **Villard**, a daughter, Josie Jane, Nov. 19, 2004. They have two other children, Roman and Noëlle. (614 Geiser Brook Court, Lake St. Louis, MO 63367)

To **Justin** ('00) and **Donna Chaffin** ('00) **Harrold**, a daughter, Addison Rose, Nov. 27, 2004. Justin is a sales analyst with Hormel Foods, and Donna is a homemaker. (9670 Waterford Place, #104, Loveland, OH 45140)

To **Troy** and **Lindsey Faram** ('98) **McKnight**, a daughter, Ella Claire, Nov. 28, 2004. (4025 Acacia St., Fort Worth, TX 76109)

To **John** ('94) and **Traci Ferguson** ('03) **Calloway**, a daughter, Emmi Grace, Nov. 29, 2004. They have two other children, Shelbi and Grayson. (1415 Magee Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

To **Brad** and **Jami Dwight** ('95) **Gustafson**, a daughter, Rylee Elizabeth, Nov. 30, 2004. They have another daughter, Jaylyn. (4053 Carbury Court, Chantilly, VA 20151)

To **Cody** ('97) and **Becky Black** ('97) **Campbell**, a son, Nathan Carver, Dec. 2, 2004. They also have a daughter, Ava. (711 Palmer Place, Richardson, TX 75080)

To **Daniel** and **Jenny Edmondson** ('01) **Pace**, a daughter, Lily Claire, Dec. 2, 2004. (320 Savannah Drive, Jonesboro, AR 72404)

To **Dan** ('00) and **Crystal Jensen** ('00) **Whittington**, a daughter, Mia Kadyne, Dec. 2, 2004. (108



Summerwood, Searcy, AR 72143)

To **Philip** ('02) and **Joy Weaver** ('03) **Huff**, a daughter, Joanna Emma, Dec. 3, 2004. (10315 Pleasant Oaks, Mabelvale, AR 72103)

To **Jeremy** ('98) and **Kelli Shannon** ('96) **Johnson**, a daughter, Bethany Shannon, Dec. 8, 2004. (2325 Nashville Pike, #716, Gallatin, TN 37066)

To **Brandon** ('02) and **Hannah Middleton** ('01) **Siegel**, a son, Will Taylor, Dec. 9, 2004. (4307 Spring Glen, Sherwood, AR 72120)

To **Bert** ('94) and **Franca Aragon** ('96) **Parker**, Arianna Belle, Dec. 10, 2004. They have another daughter, Belica. (40789 Marion Ave., Hemet, CA 92544)

To **Jason** ('99) and **Joelle Edmondson** ('99) **Donoho**, a son, Lane Gregory, Dec. 14, 2004. (37 West Point Drive, Maumelle, AR 72113)

To **Judd** ('95) and **Amy Deuel** ('95) **Adams**, a daughter, Emma Grace, Dec. 17, 2004. They also have twins, Mason and Maddie. (35 Rogers Drive, Morrilton, AR 72110)

To **Luis** and **Thania Paz** ('93) **Lee**, a daughter, Valentina, Dec. 19, 2004. They also have a son, Luis. (km 16.5, Carretera a El Salvador Colinas de Andalucia, #25, Guatemala City, Guatemala)

To **David** ('92) and **Katy Staggs** ('96) **White**, a son, Gabriel Jamison, Dec. 20, 2004. (2206 Daniel Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

To **Brian** and **Sheila Parsley** ('90) **Sedlock**, a son, Hogan Nicklaus, Dec. 24, 2004. They also have a daughter, Jessie. (11547 Hancock Court, Independence, KY 41051)

To **Barry** and **Jennifer Meyer** ('92) **Boverie**, a son, Zane Eric, Dec. 27, 2004. They also have two daughters, Lydia and Anna. (5639 Ivy Lane, Milford, OH 45150)

To **Russell** ('92) and **Michelle Pearson** ('97) **Maile**, a daughter, Rebecca Raye, Dec. 30, 2004. They have another daughter, Madalyn. Russell is a market analyst with Riskmetrics Group. (2548 Weymouth Way, Norman, OK 73071)

To **Jon** and **Amy Neely** ('98) **Stevens**, a daughter, Ava Elizabeth, Dec. 30, 2004. They have another daughter, Neely. (848 Big Sky Lane, Fort Worth, TX, 76131)

To **Dustin** ('98) and **Claudia Navarro** ('97) **Crawford**, a daughter, Alanna Rose, Dec. 31, 2004. (8 S. Brook Pebble Court, The Woodlands, TX 77380)

To **Joel** ('01) and **Kelly Harsin** ('01) **Odell**, a son, Jesse, Dec. 31, 2004. (342 Pleasant Hill, Humboldt, TN 38343)

To **Rex** ('02) and **Laura Martin** ('96) **Butts**, a daughter, Caryn Mae, Jan. 1. Rex is a student at Harding Graduate School of Religion, and Laura teaches special education at Memphis City Schools. (1000 Cherry Road, Memphis, TN 38117)

To **Jeremy** ('00) and **Rachel McFarland** ('00) **Luallen**, a daughter, Emma Makaila, Jan. 3. They have another daughter, Madison. (Harding University, Box 10840, Searcy, AR 72149)

To **Kyle** and **Andrea Conner** ('03) **Bartlett**, a daughter, Emma Ruth, Jan. 4. (471 Tripleton Pike, Bedford, IN 47421)

To **Shannon** and **Trina Shaw** ('92) **Menard**, a son, James Lennox "Lex," Jan. 4. They also have a daughter, Miranda. (700 Kimberly, Jonesboro, AR 72401)

To **Brandon** ('98) and **Kim Smith**, a daughter, Olivia Rose, Jan. 4. They also have twins, Lilly and Lane. (9165-39 Nesbitt Ferry Road, Alpharetta, GA 30022)

To **Jason** and **Cori Weaks** ('99) **Brown**, a daughter, Rylee Lynne, Jan. 5. (8402 Crystal Lane, North Richland Hills, TX 76180)

To **Daniel** and **Kristen Webster** ('02) **Demaree**, a daughter, Sonya Ruth, Jan. 9. (631B Arcadia St., #705, Hurst, TX 76053)

To **Jason** ('03) and **Jalaina Tyree** ('02) **Hammett**, a daughter, Evelyn Lucille "Evie," Jan. 9. (2322 W. Randolph, Enid, OK 73703)

To **Jeffrey** ('97) and **Jennifer Baker**, a daughter, Elizabeth Ryan "Betsy," Jan. 11. (1060 Manship St., Jackson, MS 39202)

To **David** ('98) and **Angela Rampsey**, a son, Easton Michael, Jan. 14. (912 W. Indianapolis St., Broken Arrow, OK 74012)

To **William** ('01) and **Denise Roof** ('00) **Anderson**, a son, Dakota Ray Charles, Jan. 17. (7940 Xerxes Ave. N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55444)

To **Toby** and **Jenni Smith** ('95) **Logsdon**, a son, Caleb Tobias, Jan. 18. (314B Bataan Road, Fort Lee, VA 23801)

To **Randall** and **Becky Long** ('96) **Woods**, a daughter, Brooklyn Mackenzie, Jan. 18. (5701 Maurice Bell Drive, El Paso, TX 79932)

To **Jon** and **Allison Martin** ('00) **Simmons**, a son, Jon Thomas, Jan. 26. (400 N. Sawmill, Searcy, AR 72143)

To **Travis** ('04) and **Lindy Logan** ('03) **Carr**, a daughter, Julie Kaye, Jan. 27. (12275 Claude Court, #1323, Northglenn, CO 80241)

To **Randall** and **Melissa Null** ('00) **Cowart**, a daughter, Ashlyn Renae, Feb. 2. They also have a son, Andrew. (P.O. Box 1074, Ball Ground, GA 30107)

To **Glen** ('00) and **Holly Shelby** ('04) **Hall**, a son, Wesley Allen, Feb. 3. (13545 Daniels Drive, Mobile, AL 36695)

To **Larry** and **Julie Uptegrove** ('02) **Christensen**, a son, Jack Tanner, Feb. 7. (5207 Cinnamon Lake Drive, Baytown, TX 77521)

To **Matt** ('94) and **Kendra Adams** ('94) **Lawyer**, a son, Peyton McKenzie, Feb. 7. They have another son, Jacob. Matt has started a dental practice in Franklin, Tenn. (2073 Upland Drive, Franklin, TN 37067)

To **Steven** ('93) and **Jennifer Fly** ('93) **Nutt**, a daughter, Callan Jill, Feb. 7. They have two other children, Derek and Avery. Steven is an accounting officer for the Gainesville Bank and Trust, and Jennifer is a homemaker. (1060 Fountain Glen Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30043)

To **Larry** ('92) and **Michelle Sabourin** ('93) **Cheshier**, a daughter,

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Continuing the mission

By D. MARK MOORE, director of planned giving

The University has long been blessed with friends who demonstrate their belief in our mission by providing scholarships for students and facilities in which to learn.

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If you have an interest in helping the endowment grow, please call 1-800-477-4312. We will be happy to explore options with you. **H**



D. Mark Moore

ter, Amelia Suzanne, Feb. 9. They have two other daughters, Hannah and Brayden. Larry works in sales for APM Inc., and Michelle works part-time as a perinatal ultrasound technologist. (3871 Old Hudgens Trail, Duluth, GA 30096)

To **Joe and Nikki Bledsoe** ('94) **DeLong**, a daughter, Laura Anne, Feb. 13. They have three other children, McKenna, Michael and Grace. (3270 Cumberland Court, Kissimmee, FL 34746)

To Eric and **Lisa Cook** ('92) **Neufeld**, a son, Keaton Andrew, Feb. 14. They have two other children, Julia and Aldan. (1803 131st Drive N.E., Lake Stevens, WA 98258)

To **Lance** ('00) and **Heather Gantt** ('99) **Kemper**, a daughter, Briley Grace, Feb. 17. (310 E. Center, Searcy, AR 72143)

To Stephen and **Heather Oliver** ('93) **Stewart**, a son, Jackson Oliver, Feb. 23. They have another son, Carson. (14 Spring Drive, Maumelle, AR 72113)

To **Tim** ('92) and **Sharon Cheek** ('95) **O'Neal**, a son, Luke, Feb. 26. They also have two daughters, Lindsay and Lauren. Tim was promoted to branch manager of Crawford & Co. (2951 N. Governor St., #209, Wichita, KS 67226)

To Donald and **Melissa Tittle** ('00) **Trcka**, a daughter, Emily Dawn, Feb. 27. (4812 Water Oak Drive, Killeen, TX 76542)

To **Clay** ('00) and Jennifer **Moody**, a daughter, Cayleigh Ann, March 3. (1200 W. Third St., Salem, MO 65560)

Passages

L.D. "Buck" Harris ('40), 86, died March 6, 2004. He retired as superintendent of Blytheville Public Schools in 1980 and as personnel director for Mississippi County Community College in 1992. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, **Reedie Bridges** ('41); a son, L.H. "Bucky"; and a daughter, Ruth Ella MacDonald. (732 W. Adams St., Blytheville, AR 72315)

Lavonne Thompson Ransom ('61), 67, died Nov. 2, 2004. She lived in Coshocton, Ohio, and was a retired business teacher from Coshocton High School. She is survived by her husband, **Gerald** ('61); two daughters, **Robyn Crow** ('84) and Amy Rouse; a brother, **Dwight** ('62); and a sister, **Ramona Noland** ('56). (1250 Kenilworth

TRIBUTE

MILDRED BELL

She led by example

By BETH WILSON, chair of the Family and Consumer Sciences Department

What a privilege it was for me to sit at the feet of Dr. Mildred Lecy Bell and learn about life, family, teaching, leadership, scholarship, God, Christ and the daily Christian walk.

I did not attend Harding as a student and did not have the opportunity to sit in her classes. Yet I became what she called "her adopted girl." My 34-year journey with her began in 1971 when she interviewed me for a teaching position. She taught me many lessons.

Bell was a quiet, humble servant leader whose professional accomplishments were exceptional yet often undocumented. She had a passion for learning and expected the highest levels of scholarship from her students and faculty. She believed in hard work and stewardship. She never expected anything from others that she was not willing to do herself. We saw Bell "walk the walk" daily.

She made my transition to department chair an easy one. Her commitment to the mission of home economics — to strengthen individual, family and community life — was strong and unwavering. Yet she was able to turn over the reigns to a new person who still had much to learn. Bell mentored me, cheered me when I was discouraged, gave me helpful gems of wisdom, and laughed and cried with me. When I learned of her death, I felt that I had lost my own personal cheerleader.

When discussing her memorial service, her sister, Winnie; Sharen Crockett; and I came to realize that all of the adjectives about her life that we wanted to emphasize were found in the definition of love in 1 Corinthians 13. She was patient, kind, did not envy, did not boast, was not rude, was not self-seeking, was not easily angered, and kept no record of wrongs.

Giving to others was a constant in her life. Throughout the 35 years that she was professor and chair, she helped hundreds of students who needed tuition, books, food, gas, clothing or money for mission trips. Whatever the need, Bell was always willing to supply. She was also very generous to the church — so much so that she was called to the IRS office to prove her contributions! The IRS soon learned that her records were accurate.

Bell's generosity extended to the faculty as

well — it seems she could find lots of times to give to us in unusual ways.

Her generosity was futurist. During her term as president of the Arkansas Home Economics Association, she was instrumental in establishing a doctoral scholarship for members that continues today. Two current faculty members, Dr. Terri Rine and Dr. Lisa Ritchie, have been recipients of the scholarship. Instead of a retirement dinner, she asked that we establish an endowed scholarship, which



after much persuasion, she agreed to let us name in her honor. The Mildred L. Bell Family and Consumer Sciences Endowed Scholarship has allowed many students to complete their degrees at the University.

Today, Bell's family, friends, colleagues and students rise up and, as Proverbs 31:28 says, call her blessed. We truly were. **H**

Bell ('49), 80, died Feb. 26. She was chair of the Family and Consumer Sciences Department for 25 years. She is survived by a brother, Robert; and a sister, Winnie ('49). (32 Indian Trail, Searcy, AR 72143)



Ave., Coshocton, OH 43812)

Virgil Temple Bentley ('43), 85, died Nov. 17, 2004. He served churches of Christ for 65 years in Humble and Fort Worth, Texas; Cordell and Oklahoma City, Okla.; Rockingham, N.C.; Flushing, N.Y.; Arlington, Va.; and Dallas for the last 37 years. He earned an M.L.A. from Southern Methodist University in 1970 and an M.A. in gerontology from the University of North Texas in 1975. He published several books, especially on aging, and he directed Temple Publishing Co. for many years. In 1990, the Pruett Gerontology Center of Abilene Christian University honored him for his distinguished service in the field of gerontology. Bentley was instrumental in the design, creation and ongoing improvement of Christian Care Centers. For several years, he served as administrator and then as the minister to the aged and elderly at the Christian Care Center in Mesquite, Texas. He served as an elder of Highland Oaks Church of Christ. He also served on the board of visitors of the gerontology program of Abilene Christian University. He is survived by his wife, **Ann French** ('42); a son, **John David** ('71); a daughter, **Ann Hathaway Tipples**; two grandsons; and a great-granddaughter. (10715 Wyatt St., Dallas, TX 75218)

Joe Lewis Leslie ('37), 87, died Nov. 27, 2004, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. He was a lifetime member of the Broad Street Church of Christ, where he served as an elder. He enjoyed singing and song leading. He served four years in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II and was a past Post Commander of the American Legion in Henderson County, Tenn. He owned the John Deere farm implement dealership in Lexington, Tenn., before becoming a secondary school teacher for the U.S. Department of the Interior working with the Blackfoot Indians in North Dakota. He moved back to Lexington in retirement and worked with senior volunteer programs. He is survived by a son, **Albert**; and a daughter, **Nancy O'Brien**.

Johnny Tee Clark ('49), 76, died Dec. 9, 2004, from complications following an accident. He received his master's from Sul Ross State University and earned a doctorate from Western Colorado University. He began a career in education as a mathe-

tics teacher. At the age of 24, he became superintendent at Ackerly, Texas — the youngest superintendent in the state. He was superintendent at Wilson, Olton, and Hereford school districts before retiring from Goose Creek Schools, where he served from 1969 to 1985. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, **Tommye Glynn Billings** ('51); a son, **Jimmy**; a daughter, **Joy Brunson**; a brother, **W.B.**; two sisters, **Ethel Mitchell** and **Dolly Gullo**; and three grandchildren. (4806 Burning Tree St., Baytown, TX 77521)

Horst Alfred "Al" Petrich ('55), 70, died Dec. 17, 2004. A captain in the U.S. Navy, he served his country from 1954 to 1984. As an aircraft carrier pilot, he completed more than 2,000 landings and was a highly decorated officer. He served on the USS Essex, was commanding officer of VRC-40, was safety officer of the newly commissioned USS Nimitz, and was commodore, Reserve TAC Support Wing, New Orleans, La. He retired as chief of staff at the Naval Safety Center in Norfolk, Va. Upon retirement, he participated in a specially designated program at the Eastern Virginia Medical School, served as an official financial counselor for the city of Virginia Beach, and was volunteer docent for the Hampton Roads Naval Museum and USS Wisconsin, located at Nauticus in Norfolk. He served with the Norfolk Chapter of Kiwanis International. He was a lifelong member of the church of Christ and served 10 years as an elder at the Central Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, **Ramonda**; his son, **Kurt** ('80); two daughters, **Erika Ricks** ('81) and **Ramona Koonce** ('84); a brother, **Helmut** ('63); a sister, **Waltraut Enguidanos**; and four grandchildren. (621 Robins Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23452)

Roberta Brandon Bradley ('45), 81, died Jan. 3 from complications from diabetes. While attending Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn., she heard **Hugh Rhodes** preach and studied the Bible with him. He convinced



her to attend Harding her senior year of college. An avid lover of horses, she met her future husband, **C.W.** ('44), at the horse stables at Harding. They worked and worshiped with churches in the Memphis, Tenn., area for 42

years, and before that, in the Carolinas 18 years. She was a homemaker and former physical education teacher. She loved people, especially children, and her interests included reading, oil painting, refinishing furniture, writing poetry and stories, antiques, and collecting unusual items. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, **C.W.**; a son, **James** ('82); two daughters, **Susan** ('75) and **Patti Ryan** ('79); two brothers, **Newman Brandon III** and **Joe Brandon**; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. (2763 Castleman St., Memphis, TN 38118)

Paul Rogers ('68), 70, died Jan. 6. He served as pulpit minister for the Centerville, Tenn., Church of Christ from January 1957 until his death — the longest ministry in one congregation of churches of Christ. He was Alumnus of the Year in 1975 at Harding Graduate School of Religion, was Centerville Man of the Year in 1978, served on the board of David Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn., from 1986-2003, and received the Distinguished Christian Service Award from Harding in 1978. He was recognized by the Hickman County Chamber of Commerce in 2004 with the Lifetime Achievement Award. He is survived by his wife, **Judy Johns**; two sons, **Larry** and **David**; and two daughters, **Susan Harber** and **Emily Webber**. (138 N. Central, Centerville, TN 37033)

Stan Schwartz ('57), 70, died Jan. 19. He attended medical school at the University of Tennessee. He was a retired orthopedic surgeon and spent more than 25 years practicing medicine in Searcy. At the time of his death, he was serving as chairman of the executive committee of Searcy Medical Center and supervising the addition of Searcy Medical Center West. He was also instrumental in the development and construction of the original site's recent expansion. He was a member of College Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife, **Lois Robertson** ('60); a son, **Steven** ('91); three daughters, **Sharon Chapman** ('83) **Lori Nichols** ('84) and **Robin Daniel** ('85); two sisters, **Sophia Argo** and **Theresa Shaw**; and six grandchildren. (1105 Dobbins Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

Freda K. Gibson Gillen ('51), 77, died Feb. 1 in Garden Grove, Calif. She is survived by her sister, **Doris Gibson Morris** ('50). (134 Westwood Drive, Richmond, KY 40475)

EVENTS

JUNE

- 6-21 Honors Abroad
- 6-July 1 Summer I
- 6-July 29 Eight-week summer session
- 11-16 Uplift, session I
- 16-17 Summer Experience I
- 18-23 Uplift, session II
- 24-July 8 Honors Symposium, session I
- 25-30 Uplift, session III

JULY

- 1-15 Honors Symposium, session II
- 5-29 Summer II
- 8-22 Honors Symposium, session III
- 14-15 Summer Experience II
- 15-29 Honors Symposium, session IV
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AUGUST

- 4-14 Colorado Training Center
- 18-22 Student Impact
- 23 Classes begin

SEPTEMBER

- 25-28 Lectureship

OCTOBER

- 7-8 Family weekend
- 27-28 Board of Trustees meeting
- 27-29 Homecoming

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John Wayne Tacker ('70), 56, died Feb. 9 from cancer. He owned and operated Big John's Shake Shack in Marion, Ark., for 28 years. He was a member of the Missouri Street Church of Christ in West Memphis, Ark. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, **Loretta Cheek** ('70); his parents, A.B. and Juanita; a son, **Jeff** ('91); a daughter, **Lisa Taylor** ('92); a sister, Sherry Baine; and five grandchildren. (48 Rushden Cove, Marion, AR 72364)

Sarah Ruth Robison, 74, died Feb. 19. She was the first dorm manager at Sears Hall at Harding and assisted her husband in the family hearing aid company. She is survived by her husband, Doug; two sons, **Paul** ('78), and **David** ('93); a daughter, **Kathy Bryant** ('79); a sister, Emma Walker; and seven grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Sarah Robison Endowed Scholarship Fund in care of Harding University, Box 12238, Searcy, AR 72149. (152 Robison Lane, Searcy, AR 72143)

Aubery Roukey, 20, died Feb. 24. He attended the University three



semesters as a physics major and played on the soccer team in 2002. He is survived by his father, Stephen; his mother, Mary Martin; and his stepfather, Mark Martin.

Ermal H. Tucker, 95, died March 26. A native of Kansas, she taught at the Kansas City College of Commerce 24



years. She taught business education at Harding from 1957 until her retirement in 1982. She served

as president of the Arkansas Business Education Association in 1967 and was also named that year to the Governor's Council on Education. She received the Distinguished Teacher Award from Harding in 1971 and was named Teacher of the Year in 1972 by the Arkansas Business Education Association. She is survived by a son, **Buford B.** ('59); four grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. (4738 Black Swan Drive, Shawnee, KS 66216)

Due to space restrictions, only alumni, faculty, staff and student deaths are reported.

TRIBUTE

KENNETH DAVIS JR.

A passion for song

By ARTHUR SHEARIN, *chair of the Music Department*

On Friday afternoon, March 4, as I made final preparations for the Concert Choir tour that was to begin the next day, I learned that Kenneth Davis Jr. had been admitted to hospice home care.

I stopped at his and Betty's condominium on my way home. Davis was reasonably alert and free from pain. He inquired about choir tour and mentioned that when I returned, he "might not be around." We embraced and expressed our mutual admiration, sensing that we were seeing each other for the last time. As I left, I took one last glance and saw that he was resting. I was grateful for our visit. The next evening he was gone.

At noon on the day of his death, I left on tour; after all, there was a job to do. That's what he would have done.

During each concert, I paid tribute to Davis. Alumni, especially former Chorus members, were shocked and saddened to hear the news. Many, such as Bob Jones ('61) of Durham, N.C., Jim Green ('69) of Charlotte, N.C., and Ken Tipton ('67) of Southaven, Miss., discussed with me the profound influence that he had on their lives. Others who had never met him came to know that a giant had fallen in Israel.

We learned a lot from the man. Be on time. Make your bed. Learn your music. Sing with passion. Be patriotic. Admit your mistakes. Work hard. Never make excuses. Hold fast to principle. Live holy lives. Each of us has a similar list, written or unwritten.

For Christian college choral conductors who learned at his feet — Joe Bentley ('79), Cliff Ganus III ('66), Larry Griffith ('69), John Hall ('64), Harvey Rhodes ('70) and others — Davis was the prototype. Although each of us developed our own professional style, none of us has strayed far from the principles we learned while studying with the master.

At the time of Davis' memorial service, I was in Oxford, Miss., passing time between two Sunday concerts. I strolled over to the baseball game between Sam Houston State and Ole Miss and recalled all of the softball games that he and I had played together at Camp Tahkodah. Later I visited The Lyceum, the six-column building where James Meredith broke down racial segregation barriers in



Dr. Kenneth Davis Jr.

the early 60s, and reflected on Davis' refusal to let his chorus sing at a church that manifested racism upon his arrival. For me, that final day of tour — his day of memorial tribute — was one of inescapable introspection about a great man's impact on my life.

All of us who knew him can tell a similar story. Whatever you called him — Kenneth, Dad, Dr. Davis, "Uncle Bud" — there is no escaping the conclusion that he had a profound and ennobling effect on each of us. And we are greater for it. **H**

Davis ('42), 82, died March 5 from cancer. He was a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps and received the Purple Heart during World War II. He earned his doctor of music from Indiana University in 1965. Founder of Harding's A Cappella Chorus, he served as its director for 35 years until his retirement. He also founded the Belles and Beaux show group. He served as Music Department chair from 1982-87. He is survived by his wife, Betty McDaniel ('59); three sons, Larry ('74), Steve ('76) and Mike ('90); two sisters, Alice Ann Beasley ('39) and Tommie Jean Sammis ('39); five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. (15 River Oaks Trace, Searcy, AR 72143)



Criminal justice inside and outside the classroom

AN INTERVIEW WITH B.J. HOUSTON

"I am forever giving scenarios. The magic word in my classes is 'poof.' If they've been poofed, they have to think like whatever they've been poofed to be. If I say, 'Poof, you are a drug dealer,' you have to think like a drug dealer. How would you behave? You have to think like a bad guy — because that's what you really have to do. It's the same if you're poofed to be a prosecutor."

EDUCATION: J.D., University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law School
CAREER: Director of the Harding University Criminal Justice Program, 2001-present; law enforcement legal and management specialist, Criminal Justice Institute, Little Rock, 1997-2001; prosecuting attorney, Faulkner County, Ark., 1995-1997; faculty member, Department of Economics and Finance, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., 1980-1995

"My teaching methods are designed to bring students into the lecture so they don't just sit back and listen to me. I want to engage them and especially to cause them to think. I'm well aware that after they've gone from here, they're not going to remember all the laws, theories and statutes that we discuss. But hopefully some of the life lessons will stay with them, especially being a Christian in a non-Christian world."

"Just because someone has the academic credentials or the education in regard to a certain subject, doesn't mean they can teach. I think God has blessed me with the ability to be a teacher and the opportunities to develop that talent to then share

with someone else. You have got to be a performer. ... Maybe I have a little performer in me."

"I've changed careers a number of times, but every time it's been teaching. Even as prosecutor, I'm still teaching the jury the facts of the case. Through the Criminal Justice Institute, I teach legal subjects to law enforcement officers. It's come full circle. I'm back in a university. The cool thing is I'm now able to do this at Harding University — which is my primary responsibility — but in addition, I get to do these other things too."

"I'm such a black and white person — although with time, I've learned to see shades of gray."

"I get to be part of a system where you're making the world a better place to be — especially as a prosecutor. Being able to get the bad guys — there's a real rush to it."

"The law was my first love. I love trying to do the right thing and the excitement that goes along with it."

"I was pleasantly surprised [by the outcome of the Scott Peterson case.] I was fearful the jury would get hung up on the circumstantial evidence.

The defense attorneys hammered on the DNA factor, that there was no physical evidence. There is a diminishing emphasis on circumstantial evidence. The prosecutors in that case had their job cut out for them."

"I have served as special prosecutor in a couple of cases in White County. I'm serving in one now. These experiences allow me to talk about the textbook and share the real world with students."

"I think [TV shows such as 'Law and Order' and 'CSI'] make people more aware of criminal justice. 'Law and Order,' from a prosecutor's perspective, is pretty much on point. They've done a pretty good job on accuracy. As for 'CSI,' I'm not a crime scene investigator, but my friends who are tell me it's not totally accurate."

"Students see the glitz and glamour portrayed on TV, but it's not always that way. Hot checks and forgery make a pretty drab case. But it's human nature. When we watch the news, we look for blood and guts. Sometimes I have to reel them in a little bit."

"Everybody wants to be a crime scene investigator. I ask them, OK, do you want to be in the legal end or in science? If you want to be analyzing, you need to be in science. Many people think anything to do with crime has to be criminal justice. Not always."

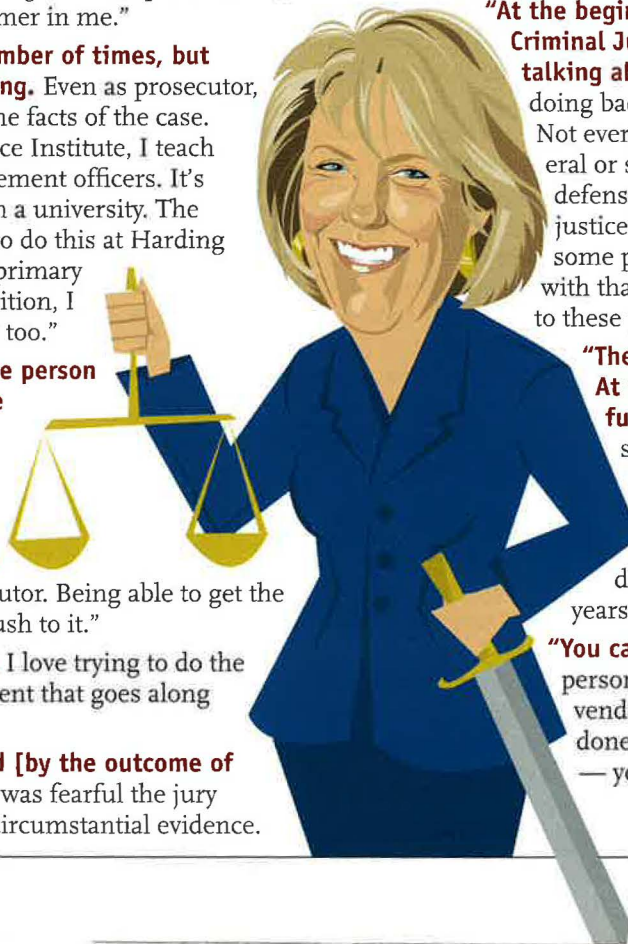
"At the beginning of every class, especially 'Intro to Criminal Justice,' I let them know we're going to be talking about some really bad things. Bad people doing bad things to good people. It's pretty tough. Not everyone can handle it. Working with any federal or state agencies, as a prosecutor, judge or defense attorney — anything within the criminal justice world — you're going to be dealing with some pretty bad stuff. Not all people can deal with that. Rapists, pedophiles ... you have to talk to these people."

"The shock value does wear off after a while. At the same time, you have to be very careful that you don't become calloused. You still have to be sensitive to pain and hurt."

"I take students every year on a trip to Cummins Prison. I will most likely see the man I prosecuted for raping his daughter. He showed up on the tour a few years ago and tried to intimidate me."

"You can't show fear. Most criminals don't take it personally. They know you don't have a personal vendetta against them. They know they've done something wrong, and they got caught — you're just doing your job." **H**

— interview by April D. Fatula





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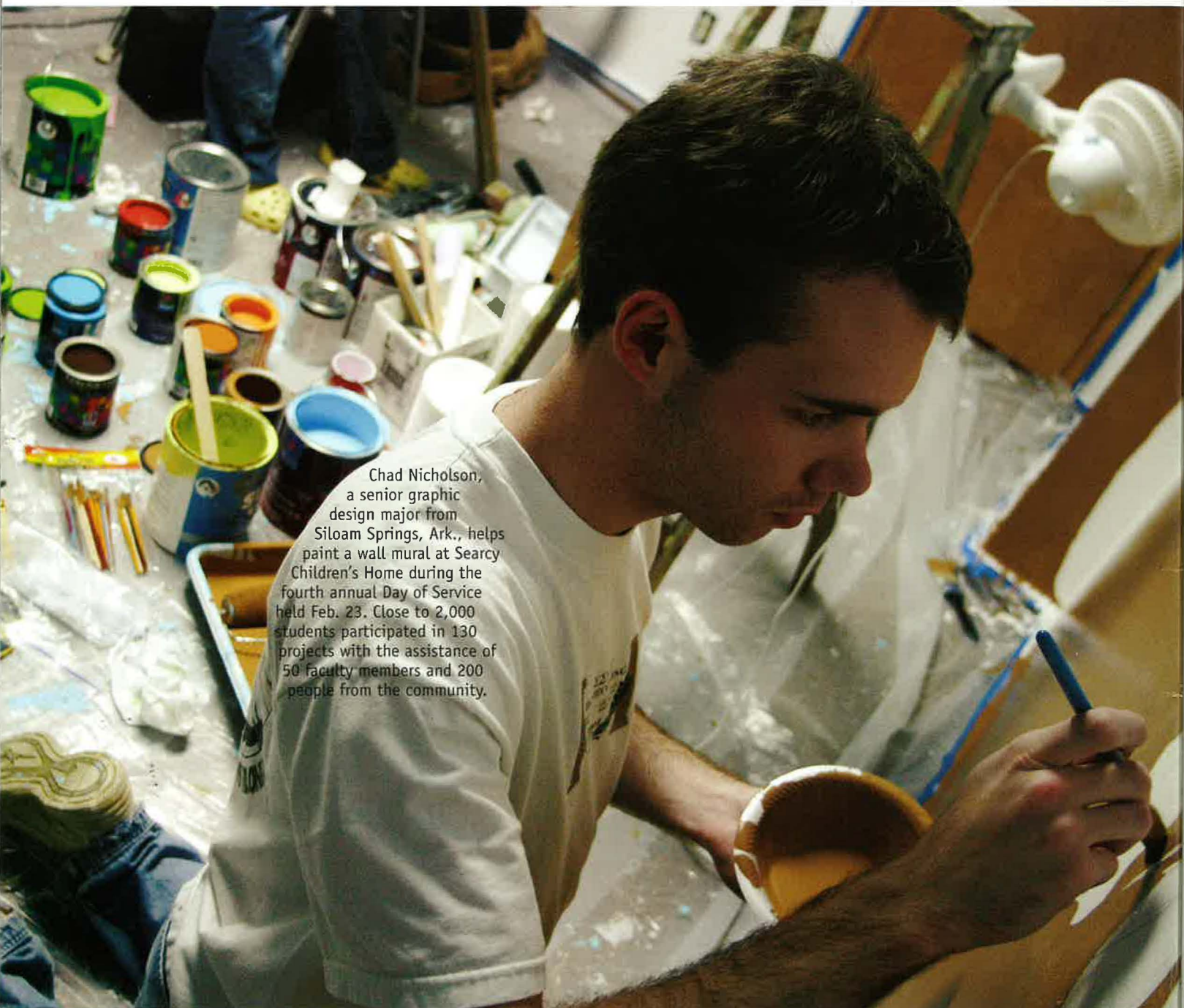
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Chad Nicholson, a senior graphic design major from Siloam Springs, Ark., helps paint a wall mural at Searcy Children's Home during the fourth annual Day of Service held Feb. 23. Close to 2,000 students participated in 130 projects with the assistance of 50 faculty members and 200 people from the community.

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