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Christian to the core

By DAVID B. BURKS



ADDRESSING THE STUDENTS OF HARDING IN THE 1925 *PETIT JEAN* yearbook, President J.N. Armstrong told them to “remember that [Harding’s] existence cannot be justified unless the lives of her students manifest the principles of our Lord, unless they are true to him who took upon himself the form of a servant and went about doing good.”

More than 80 years later, the integration of faith, learning and living remains paramount. Our stated mission is to provide a quality education that will lead to an understanding and a philosophy of life consistent with Christian ideals.

Perhaps the supreme value of a Christian education is found in its specific goal of connecting faith with every aspect of the learning process.

To this end, we have created a new position that you may read about on Page 2 of this magazine. Bruce McLarty has agreed to become our new vice president for spiritual life and dean of the College of Bible and Religion. McLarty brings a wealth of talent to this position as he deals with every facet of spiritual life at the University.

As the keynote speaker at the faculty conference at the beginning of the school year, McLarty spoke from Acts 9 where the Lord tells the apostle Paul, “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you ...” He reminded us that while our challenge to develop Christian servants is tremendous, God has told us he will be with us as we prepare graduates who are unafraid of the world.

McLarty provided three action points for the year. His first, caring, reminded us to believe in our students and see beyond who they are today.

Because Christianity is not a private matter, church was the second emphasis. Our faith is intended to be lived in community.

His third, class, admonished us to consider Christianity not as one aspect of campus life, but as our core, flavoring the entire University.

Instilling Christian principles into the hearts of students will continue to represent the mission, character, heart and soul of Harding. This will be a great year as we continue to put God first and give him the glory. We ask for your prayers toward this end. **H**

David B. Burks

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ON THE COVER

The letterman jacket belonging to Chancellor Clifton L. Ganus Jr. — recognized not only for his academic and leadership contributions, but also for his love of sports — represents decades of athletic accomplishment and involvement at the University. For a list of his top 10 Harding sports moments, see Page 18. Photo by Jeff Montgomery.



Freshman Amy Taylor from Lucas, Texas, sketches on the front lawn during her Art 104 Multimedia Drawing and Rendering class. To learn more about the class of 2009, turn to Page 12.

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McLarty fills new vice president post

BRUCE MCLARTY BEGAN SERVING in a new position as vice president for spiritual life and dean of the College of Bible and Religion this fall.

The former pulpit minister of College Church of Christ in Searcy, McLarty is responsible for the undergraduate Bible program, Institute for Church & Family, Center for World Missions, School of Biblical Studies, and the Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tenn. He will also be the liaison for spring break and international campaigns.

Dr. Monte Cox, associate professor of Bible, is the new associate dean. As such, he will coordinate academic affairs for the College of Bible and Religion while continuing to work with the Center for World Missions. In his new role he will help create a strategic plan for the College of Bible and Religion.

Drs. Tom Alexander and Duane Warden, former dean and associate dean, returned to full-time classroom duties. McLarty, a 1978 alumnus who holds a bachelor of arts degree in Bible, received a master of theology degree in 1982 from the Graduate School of Religion. He has

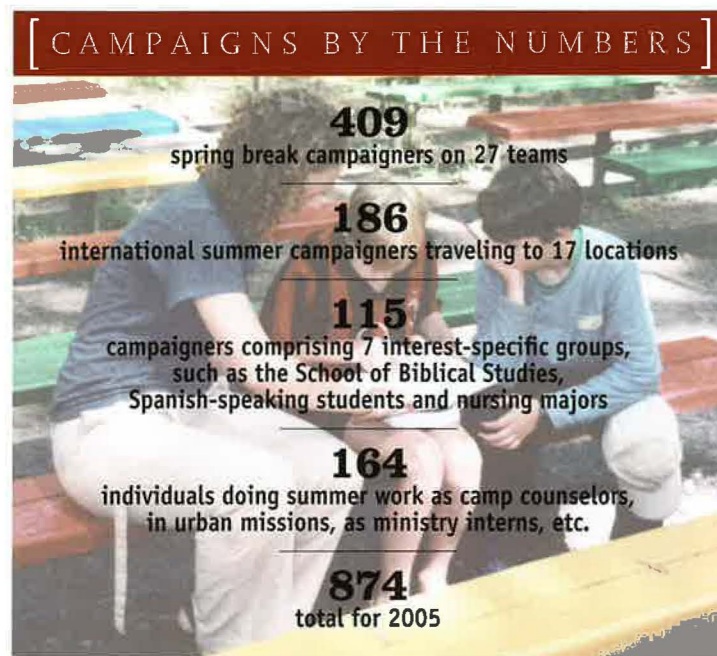
preached at churches in Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee, in addition to serving as a missionary in Kenya.

McLarty has written articles for *21st Century Christian*, *Church & Family*, *Image*, *The Gospel Advocate*, and *Upreach* magazines. His book, *Journey of Faith: Walking With Jesus Through the Gospel of John*, was published in 1997. He has also written a commentary on the biblical book Philemon for the Truth for Today Commentary Series. The College of Bible and Religion named him Outstanding Alumnus in 1999.

Cox received the bachelor of arts degree from the University in 1981, the master of arts degree from the Graduate School of Religion in 1994, and the doctorate in philosophy from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in 1999.

Cox, who spent nearly 20 years as a missionary in Kenya, served as visiting professor of missions before joining the faculty in 1993. Each year he leads students from his "Living World Religions" class to Chicago to engage in conversation with those of other faiths. During the summer he guides students on a tour of Greece and the Mediterranean world in the Honors Abroad Program. Cox received the Distinguished Teacher Award in 1999 and 2005.

The vice presidential position was announced Feb. 23, and more than 30 names were recommended to the search committee by the March 30 deadline. Eleven were chosen for further consideration, and four were interviewed.



College of Pharmacy prescribed

PLANS TO ESTABLISH A COLLEGE of Pharmacy continue to move forward.

The eight-member committee appointed by President David Burks in January and charged with evaluating the establishment of such a program now seeks qualified candidates for administrative and faculty member positions.

"That is a key piece in determining the exact timeline for our moving forward," says Dr. Larry Long, vice president for academic affairs. Long adds that the University has been in contact with the accreditation agency — Accreditation Council on Pharmaceutical Education — and is aware of its guidelines.

"We have engaged a team of consultants who have surveyed the area for potential clinical sites and made a positive report, believing that sufficient clinical locations are available for Harding to begin its program. With the help of the consultants, we are in the process of working on the preliminary stages of the application for accreditation," he said.

School administrators made preliminary inquiries during the fall 2004 semester about developing a pharmacy program. "There are only 89 schools in the nation offering pharmacy degrees," Burks said. "Nationally there are 10 applicants for every position available in pharmacy programs. In the last reporting year, applicants increased by 41.7 percent.

"There is a national demand for individuals possessing a pharmacy degree," he added. "We also think a pharmacy degree program will fit nicely into Harding's mission. Harding already has outstanding programs in premedicine and nursing, and students in the new Physician Assistant Program are in their second term."

Burks expects the College of Pharmacy to begin in fall 2007. The four-year degree program will lead to a doctorate of pharmacy.

Those interested in dean or faculty positions should contact Long at (501) 279-4335 or e-mail vpaa@harding.edu.

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ALPHA CHI

Don McLaughlin, a senior psychology major from Alpharetta, Ga., was one of 10 undergraduate students nationwide to receive an Alfred H. Nolle Scholarship of \$1,500 for 2005-06. The nomination and selection were based upon his plans for study, extracurricular activities and scholarly paper.

Alpha Chi, the national college honor society, has headquarters on campus. The Harding chapter was one of 37 to receive Star Chapter Awards for 2003-04 at the national convention in St. Louis this spring.



ASSOCIATED WOMEN FOR HARDING

At the annual national council meeting in April, eight women received honor for their contributions.

Kim Robertson of Searcy was honored as Outstanding Member by the Searcy chapter and Outstanding Member of the Year by the national council of AWH representing all chapters.

Betty Alston of Searcy; **Ina Brown** of Heber Springs, Ark.; **Marilyn McMennamy** of Rogers, Ark.; and **Nancy Walker** of Searcy received Worthy Woman awards, patterned after Proverbs 31. Three other chapters selected Outstanding Members. The Memphis, Tenn., chapter recognized **Jeannie Alexander** of Cordova, Tenn.; the Northwest Arkansas chapter named **Jodie Burns** of Bentonville; and the Heber Springs, Ark., chapter honored **Tina Mays** of Heber Springs.

AWH presented a check for \$100,338 for first-year, need-based scholarships at the University.

COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND RELIGION

Dr. **Dan Stockstill**, associate professor, has been appointed assistant dean for academic affairs. Stockstill has been with the University since 1990. >>

U.S. News ranks University among South's best

FOR THE 12TH CONSECUTIVE year, *U.S. News & World Report* magazine has ranked the University as one of the South's best. The rankings are in the magazine's annual *America's Best Colleges* issue.

The report also named Harding one of the "best values" among universities in the South.

The University was ranked 24th to remain in the top 25 among regional universities of the South, behind such notable schools as Rollins College, James Madison University, Samford University, Loyola University and The Citadel.

Harding is included in the Universities-Master's category, which comprises schools that offer a full range of undergraduate- and master's-level programs but few, if any, doctoral programs. The 12

states included in the magazine's southern region include those from West Virginia to Florida and from Arkansas to the East Coast. The University is the highest-ranked Arkansas school in this category.

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

Church & Family leadership changes

IN MAY DR. HOWARD NORTON resigned as executive director of the Institute for Church & Family to teach part time in the College of Bible and Religion. Norton had served as executive director of the

institute since its inception in 1997. He continues to direct Lectureship, edit the *Arkansas Christian Herald*, and serve as assistant dean for church relations.

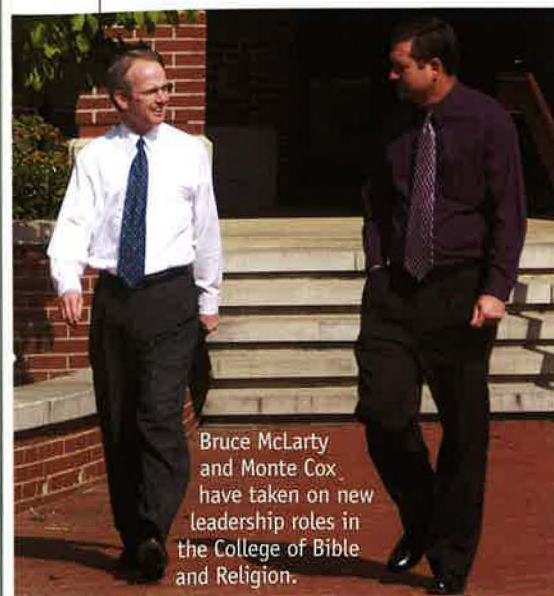
Andrew Baker was named director of the Institute for Church & Family. He began with the Institute in 1999 and has served as coordinator of events, director of Uplift and Uplift Family Getaway, consultant to *Church & Family* magazine, distribution manager of the *Arkansas Christian Herald*, and director of the Spring and Men of God conferences.

Tim Westbrook is the new associate director. He was a missionary in Hungary for 10 years and most recently worked at Truth for Today in Searcy. His responsibilities include managing the online Bible program and ministers retirement program, as well as serving as advertising manager for the *Arkansas Christian Herald* and *Church & Family* magazine.



"Most people don't have months not to do anything. Out of necessity, a much higher percentage of people than in previous storms will make the decision not to go back home. This will stand out as an exception to the paradigm. ... A disaster of this magnitude is not something that Americans are used to. It changes the rules."

— Dr. Eric Gross, associate professor of history, as quoted in the *Dallas Morning News* Sept. 4 regarding the economic impact of Hurricane Katrina. The article subsequently appeared in newspapers around the United States, including *Charlotte Observer*, *Kansas City Star*, *Duluth (Minn.) News Tribune*, and *San Luis Obispo (Calif.) Tribune*.



Bruce McLarty and Monte Cox have taken on new leadership roles in the College of Bible and Religion.

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Eastern European Missions partners with COBA

IN MAY THE COLLEGE OF Business Administration signed an agreement with Eastern European Missions (EEM), sealing a partnership for Character in Business Seminars in Ukraine and Russia.

Bryan Burks, dean of the College of Business Administration, and Dr. Budd Hebert, professor, represented the University, and Frank Farr and Richard Baggett represented EEM in the partnership agreement.

According to the announcement on EEM's Web site, "This is a significant step in the expansion of this program to teach basic business and Christian principles to university students in the former Soviet Union."

Says Burks, "This fits into our future goal of a Center for Business Missions through the College of Business."

Richard Baggett first envisioned these business seminars in 2000. While his son, David ('03), attended the University for a degree in international business, Richard discussed initiating this project with Heber. Later, they made a trip to Volgograd, Russia, to investigate the viability of their plan to provide instruction at a university level there. Based on that trip, a strategy was developed to further the plan for Business Character Seminars. At EEM's request, Hebert wrote a four-volume curriculum.

EEM secures the invitations in universities for the seminars and provides the translation, printing and delivery of the curricula used. EEM also provides travel funds for Hebert and partial funding for student team members' travel. Hebert re-

cruits and trains University business students willing to use spring break to teach in the seminars and helps them raise the remainder of their funds.

In the spring of 2002, the first Business Character Seminar was held at a university in Donetsk, Ukraine. A positive response resulted in more invitations to schedule other programs. For the past two years, business students have accompanied Hebert to Ukraine and participated in the seminars. Requests for similar events have now been received from Barnaul and Novosibirsk, Russia, where EEM established a learning center in 2004.

Completing the course

THIS FALL THE UNIVERSITY began a program designed for working adults who have been unable to complete their degree. The Degree Completion Program offers students a bachelor of arts in leadership and management, which will enable them to pursue advanced careers in management within a wide variety of organizations.

This intensive, fast-track program addresses the foundations of business practice, sound management issues and leadership qualities. To be eligible, students must have 60 or more hours of college credit and be at least 23 years of age.

Most classes meet evenings once per week over a six-week term. Three courses are offered online, including two textual Bible courses. The majority of instruction is delivered from University classrooms in North Little Rock, Ark.

For more information, call (501) 279-4407 or e-mail dcp@harding.edu.

Morris secures spot at top law school

Graduating with two majors, three minors, and a near-perfect score on the Law School Admissions Test, Jared Morris ('05) of Montgomery, Ala., should be ready for Yale. But before he arrived at the nation's top-ranked law school this fall, he needed one more thing: warm shoes.

Morris was accepted to Yale in March, and after traveling to New Haven, Conn., to visit the university in April, he decided to enroll. Morris is the first Harding graduate to be accepted to Yale Law.

Accustomed to wearing flip-flops in the warm climates of Alabama and Arkansas, he says the cold Connecticut winters will be an adjustment for him.

"I'll definitely have to buy a new wardrobe," he says.

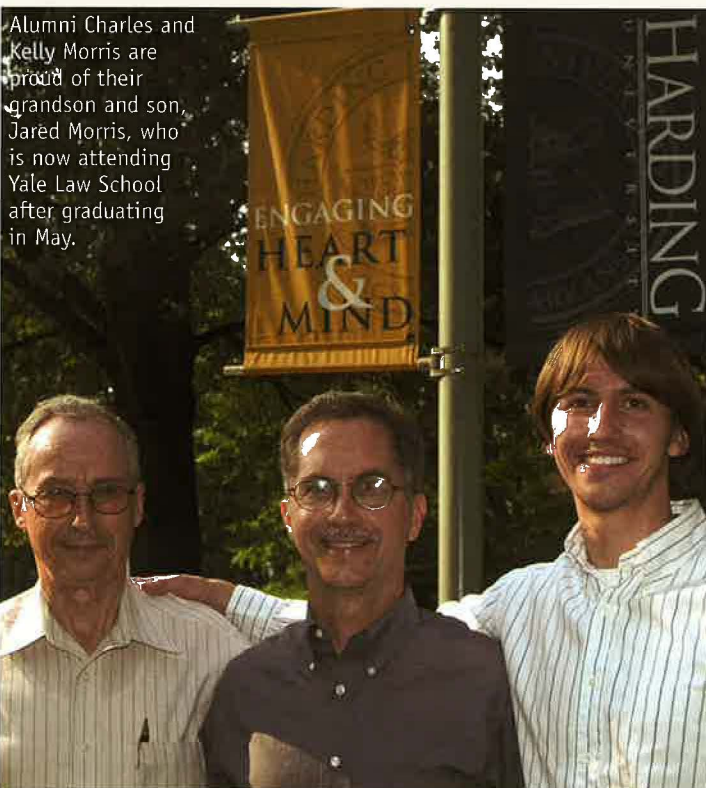
Morris, a third-generation University student, graduated in May with degrees in political science and public administration and minors in English, Bible and economics. His parents, Kelly and Arlene Morris, graduated from the University in 1974 and 1978, respectively, and his grandparents, Charles and Edna Morris, graduated in 1950 and 1948; but he says they did not pressure him to follow in their footsteps.

Morris had known he wanted to go into law since he was in high school. He had already been accepted at Harvard, Columbia and University of Chicago when he heard from Yale. Columbia and University of Chicago had offered him sizeable scholarships, and he had gone to Massachusetts in March to visit Harvard.

But being accepted at Yale — ranked first in law schools by *U.S. News & World Report* — was surreal, he says. According to the magazine, Yale accepted only 6.5 percent of applicants in 2004.

"I'm not sure I've really gotten rid of the grin on my face."

— Sarah Brown



Alumni Charles and Kelly Morris are proud of their grandson and son, Jared Morris, who is now attending Yale Law School after graduating in May.

PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Members of the University's Phi Alpha Omega chapter of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL), a national intercollegiate business organization, won awards at the National PBL Competition in Orlando, Fla., June 29-July 3. All five entrants, who were also spring 2005 Arkansas state winners, placed in the top 10 nationally. The national PBL winners include **Chantel Vinson** of Batesville, Ark., first in Human Resource Management; **Brian Ford** of Powell, Ohio, fifth in Accounting II for Professionals; **Matthew Swindle** of Paragould, Ark., fifth in Public Speaking; **Gregory Seiders** of Warwick, R. I., sixth in International Business; and **Cody Warren** of Wylie, Texas, 10th in Business Law.

Lori Sloan, assistant professor of marketing, was selected for the American Marketing Association Hugh G. Wales Award as an outstanding national AMA sponsor/adviser. She was nominated by the University AMA student chapter and selected by the national panel.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES Department of Biology

The Amphibians and Reptiles of Arkansas, co-authored by Dr. **Mike Plummer**, professor, was selected for inclusion at the American Library Association's Summer Conference program in June, "The Best of the Best from the University Presses: Books You Should Know About." The program highlighted 27 titles reviewed for the *University Press Books Selected for Public and Secondary School Libraries 15th Edition*.

Department of Kinesiology

Clay Beason, assistant professor, received the doctor of education in May from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. His dissertation was titled "The Relationship Between Organizational Climate and Job Satisfaction for NCAA Division II Athletic Compliance Directors."

Dr. **Ken Turley**, associate professor, published two peer-reviewed manuscripts in March. "The Chemoreflex in Young Boys and Girls" appeared in *International Journal of Sports Medicine*, and "The Chemoreflex — Adult Versus Child Comparison" appeared in *Medicine in Science, Sports and Exercise*. >>

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Justin Shubert (center) discusses plans for launching wireless Internet access at Searcy's Berryhill Park with Jonathan Picklesimer, Christopher Perry, Mayor Belinda LaForce and Sen. Mark Pryor.

Small-town park goes big-city wireless

AS THE HEAT OF SUMMER GIVES way to cooler autumn days, the atmosphere of a city park may tempt students to leave behind their dorm-room desks. But now, they may do so without neglecting their studies.

Thanks to the efforts of two University students, a trip to Searcy's Berryhill Park now provides opportunities to catch up on e-mail, do research projects, and take advantage of other resources available on the Internet.

Students Justin Shubert and Christopher Perry worked with the city of Searcy last spring to provide the park with free wireless Internet access available to the public.

"It's the first free public wireless park in the entire state of Arkansas, to our knowledge," says Shubert, who graduated in May with a degree in information technology and now lives in Dallas. According to Perry, a senior information technology major from Fresno, Calif., Wi-Fi systems are common in businesses such as coffee shops but are rarely offered at outdoor public facilities, even

in larger cities.

The two students came up with the idea for bringing the service to Searcy last fall. Shubert had worked during the summer for the Dallas Parks and Recreation Information Technology Department, which was in the process of organizing a Wi-Fi network for Dallas parks, and had the opportunity to watch the plan develop because his boss was directly involved.

When he came back to school, he saw no reason why the technology had to be limited to big cities like Dallas.

"I just said, 'Why can't we do this in Searcy?'"

Shubert and Perry discussed their idea with assistant professor of business Jonathan Picklesimer, who encouraged them to write up a plan to present to the mayor. "I thought, this is a very doable-size project, and it can really put Searcy on the map," Picklesimer says.

After successfully pitching the idea to Searcy Mayor Belinda LaForce and City Treasurer Tammy Gowen in October 2004, the two students went to local banks and businesses to sell advertising packages to fund the project.

In April, the team was selected as a semifinalist in the Donald W. Reynolds Gover-

nor's Cup collegiate business plan competition. The town launched the service at Berryhill Park in May, and Picklesimer says the network averages three users a day.

"It's everybody," he says. "If they've got a computer, they'll go out there and use it. We've had high school students to business professionals, young adults, more mature users. ... Everybody is using computers."

The original idea for Searcy Wi-Fi included the Searcy Sports Complex, but an estimated cost of nearly \$50,000 to cover the 110-acre complex — about four times the cost of providing service at Berryhill — forced them to postpone such plans. Perry says that now that the network is in effect at Berryhill, they would like to focus their attention on doing the same for the sports complex.

Perry says he has received positive feedback from people who have used the service. The network is especially useful for people who do not use the Internet often enough to warrant having the service at home.

"This is a good opportunity for them to get a service that they'd normally have to pay for, at no cost."

— Sarah Brown



Cheri Pierson Yecke

Gracia Burnham Scott Waddle

José María Aznar Zell Miller

Education, terrorism forefront of Lecture Series

NOTED EDUCATOR CHERI PIERSON YECKE began the 2005-06 American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series Sept. 8.

Yecke is an author, researcher and presenter whose works have appeared in newspapers and magazines across the country. Gov. Jeb Bush recently appointed her chancellor of education for K-12 in Florida. As the distinguished senior fellow for education and social policy at the Center of the American Experiment, she authored numerous commentaries and three major studies on education and contemporary social issues.

In Virginia, Yecke served on the State Board of Education, as deputy secretary of education, and as secretary of education. She has also served as director of teacher quality and public school choice at the U.S. Department of Education and commissioner of education for Minnesota.

Also speaking in September was Gracia Burnham, a missionary who spent more than a year held captive by a rebel group in the Philippines.

For 17 years, she supported her husband, Martin, in the Philippines, where he served with New Tribes Mission as a pilot. In 2001, rebels seized the Burnhams and several other guests at a resort off Palawan Island and took them as hostages. After 376 days of captivity, Martin was killed in a firefight between the Philippine military and the rebel group. Gracia was wounded but freed.

She is the author of *In the Presence of My Enemies*, which gives a gripping account of the couple's year of terror in the Philippine jungle. In her second book, *To Fly Again*, Gracia reflects on the lessons and spiritual truths she learned while in the jungle.

Scott Waddle, the Nov. 3 speaker, graduated at the top of his class at Annapolis. Years later he was hand-picked to command a Los Angeles class fast-attack nuclear submarine, the USS *Greeneville*. When it collided with a Japanese fishing boat in February 2001, the story made international headlines.

Against the advice of his lawyer and against the direction of the Navy, Waddle followed his conscience. Instead of denying or making excuses, Waddle

took complete responsibility for his actions. His deep remorse compelled him to offer a sincere apology to the victims' families. Waddle's pursuit of integrity provides an inspiring challenge to anyone facing difficult choices in life.

On Feb. 14, José María Aznar, the man who led Spain economically and culturally back to the forefront of Europe, will share his views on terrorism, the global economy and leadership.

Before Aznar took office as president of Spain — serving from 1996-2004 — the country was economically paralyzed by high unemployment, a deficit and little growth. His numerous economic reforms created 5 million new jobs and a budget surplus. They also increased Spain's gross national product by 68 percent and propelled Spain to the eighth-largest economy in the world.

Aznar has been a firm supporter of international efforts against terrorism. His administration was undermined by a brutal terrorist attack on March 11, 2004, but he held firm in his resistance to terror and his support for the United States, even when polls indicated he do otherwise.

Zell Miller, the only person ever to have been the keynote speaker in both the Republican and Democratic national conventions, brings the series to a close April 27. He began his career in public service in 1959 with a term as mayor of Young Harris, Ga. He went on to serve in the state senate and as lieutenant governor, governor and U.S. senator.

The *Los Angeles Times* called Miller's HOPE Scholarship Program "the most far-reaching scholarship program in the nation." His prekindergarten program won an award for innovation from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

He has written six books, including the *New York Times* best seller, *A National Party No More: The Conscience of a Conservative Democrat*. Miller now serves as a contributor on Fox News.

All presentations begin at 7:30 p.m. in Benson Auditorium. Tickets are not required, and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call (501) 279-4497.

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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS
Jim Baird, director of desktop support services; **Billie Gibbins**, postal services supervisor; **David Kelly**, director of construction services; and **Steve Martin**, assistant director of educational media services, were presented with the 2005 Distinguished Service Awards during the annual recognition dinner held April 15.
 All four recipients received a \$2,000 check and a framed certificate commemorating the award.

DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARDS
Dr. Jenene Alexander, associate professor of education; **Dr. Monte Cox**, associate professor of Bible; **Dr. Ed Gray**, professor of counseling; and **Ken Stamatis**, assistant professor of education, received the 2005 Distinguished Teacher Awards at the annual recognition dinner held April 15.
 Recipients of the Distinguished Teacher Award are determined by in-class teacher evaluations by students, as well as evaluations from their faculty colleagues. Each of the four honorees received a \$2,000 check and a framed certificate commemorating the award.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF RELIGION
Matt Carter, the campus minister at Kansas State University, was named 2005 Alumnus of the Year at the School's annual Ministry Forum in April. Carter directs the work known as Cats for Christ.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
Kevin Uebelein ('81) and **Dr. Jeffrey T. Hopper** performed June 5 at the Roppongi Hills concert hall in downtown Tokyo. Uebelein is the president of Prudential International Investments, and Hopper is dean of International Programs and the Honors College.

STUDENT SERVICES
David Collins, assistant vice president and dean of students, received the doctor of education in May from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. His dissertation was titled "The Effects of Consolidation on Extracurricular Activity Participation in Selected Arkansas High Schools."

SPEAKER PHOTOS SUBMITTED. WASHINGTON PHOTO BY GETTY IMAGES
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CareerNet connects students and employers

IN JUNE THE UNIVERSITY launched CareerNet, an online service seeking to match employers with students and alumni.

Through this service, students and alumni post their resumes and fill out a profile that includes degree, field of study, skill set and general information. Employers throughout the state and nation may post available jobs and search for resumes that fit profiles for which those jobs call.

"This site works much like any of the national job boards," says Deb Bashaw, director of career counseling and placement. "We are very excited about the job opportunities this creates for our students and alumni, as well as connecting employers with some excellent prospects."

To benefit both alumni who have established careers and students who are at various stages in pursuit of careers, job categories will include full time with experience, full time, internships and summer jobs.

Bashaw says accounts for employers, students and alumni will be screened and posted within two business days after registration. She believes alumni who own businesses will respond enthusiastically. "We need to tap into the resource of our alumni who have the potential to hire students, and this is just one tool to do that."

The Career Center hosts several job fairs each year on campus, but Bashaw sees CareerNet as a way for even more companies to partici-

pate. "It's expensive for companies to send recruiters to a career fair, but this is a free way for them to connect with our students. Also, we don't have space on campus to host every company that would like to hire our students. But on our Web site, we've got space."

Students, alumni and employers may register at www.harding.edu/career. For more information, contact the Career Center at (501) 279-4454 or e-mail careercenter@harding.edu.



Business plan wins students \$20,000

AFTER AN EXPENSIVE TRIP TO the bookstore last year, Jonathan Towell of Bryan, Texas, and Luke Dockery of Fayetteville, Ark., came up with an idea to save students money on textbooks.

The result, a plan for an online auction site, won Towell, Dockery and two other students \$20,000 in the Donald W. Reynolds Governor's Cup collegiate business plan competition.

Towell and Dockery, both pursuing degrees in business administration, noticed signs on bulletin boards around campus advertising used books and thought that if students had a better way to connect with one another, both buyers and sellers would benefit.

"We decided the best way to do that would be to set up a Web site," Dockery says.

Towell and Dockery started the Web site, www.hubuy.com, in fall 2004 using software they had purchased. More than 300 users registered for HU Buy, and the site had more than 75,000 hits before they decided to take it down

temporarily to redevelop to fit their needs. They recruited Colby Blaisdell, an interactive media major from Plano, Texas, and Peter Kirby, a computer engineering major from Mangum, Okla., to help them with the project.

The Web site works like eBay on a local level, Towell says. Anyone with a University e-mail address can register to buy and sell textbooks or other items with no user fees. Local businesses that want to sell on the site can subscribe for a fee and sell to students.

Towell heard about the competition in February from a friend who was entering, and the team submitted a 50-page plan. Sixty teams from 14 Arkansas colleges and universities entered the competition, and the HU Buy team was chosen one of 18 semifinalists. Two other teams from the University also made it to the semifinal round. The final awards were presented in April at a luncheon in Little Rock, Ark.

Al Frazier, a faculty adviser for the group, says he thought the group placed first because the students had proven they could implement their plan.

"It was a doable project, one that they had in some ways already started," he says. The Governor's Cup, now in its fifth year, awards more than \$100,000 in cash prizes to students for entrepreneurial business plans. The award amount makes the Arkansas competition the fourth-largest collegiate business plan competition in the United States.

Frazier said the project, which many students do in association with a class, gives students valuable hands-on experience in their field.

"The whole process, students tell us, is a great learning experience."

— Sarah Brown

Anatomy of a road trip

By JENNIFER LASHLEY

WHAT'S IT LIKE FOR A TEAM ON THE ROAD? Follow the Lady Bison volleyball team as it competes in the first tournament of the season.

THURSDAY, AUG. 25

Two coaches, two graduate assistants, one manager, one trainer and 13 volleyball players set out for San Antonio before most students have rolled out of bed for chapel. This road trip marks the first set of matches in the 2005 season for a University sport that has gained a large following in recent years. With seven returning players from last season and three straight Gulf South Conference West Division championships, expectations run high for this talented group of athletes.

These expectations are for not only athletic but also academic performances. Schoolbooks and study guides take up room alongside clothing and toiletries. The women who form the Lady Bison volleyball team take their studies seriously. In addition to winning tournaments and championships, they take home honors in scholastic pursuits as well.

The destination: St. Mary's University. During the next 48 hours, the women will play four matches, pushing themselves physically and testing their endurance. Several will participate in their first collegiate game; others will adapt to a new lineup. And ultimately, teammates will bond — if they haven't already.

Late summer humidity greets the players even at 6:45 a.m. as they gather behind the Rhodes Field House to board the chartered bus. The bus looks like something

between a giant RV and a semi, but the inside is even more curious. With 29 beds, a bathroom, televisions, DVD players, tables, a kitchen and satellite TV, no stops are planned on the nine-and-a-half-hour trip to San Antonio. But while the passengers have a bathroom and other amenities, the driver, Tim Acheson of North Little Rock, does not. He says, "It's mind over bladder."

Head coach Keith Giboney explains that the team usually meets before leaving for away games to talk and pray, but this time, because of special travel arrangements, everyone gets on the bus, finds a bed and goes to sleep. "We've never traveled this way before," he explains.

The bus remains quiet until nearly noon, when the women wake hungry and ready for lunch. After the meal, activity picks up with the passengers watching movies, playing card games and, well, being college students. A few even go back to sleep, in the way that only the 18-22 demographic can. Only two days into the academic year, no one has too much homework ... yet.

Arriving around 4:30 p.m., the women head straight to the gym, where they take the court for a quick practice and then attend a welcome dinner hosted by St. Mary's before heading to the hotel. After check-in, Giboney holds a brief team

meeting and devotional and reminds his players to be responsible in their

sleeping and eating habits. He stresses

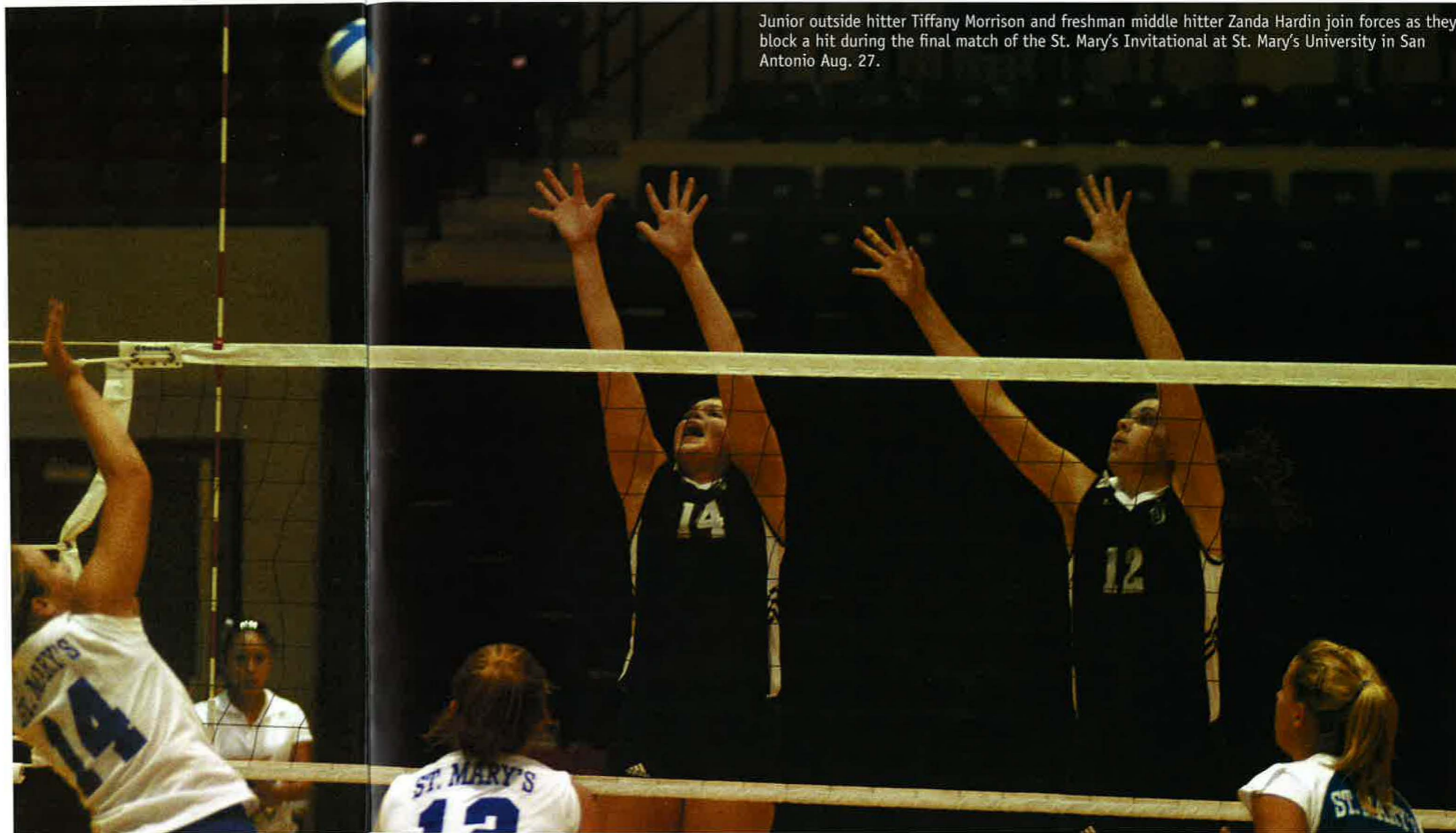
his philosophy of "Christian-student-athlete,"

helping them remember their priorities. When the meeting

breaks, everyone heads for bed, knowing rest

is vital when your first match is against

a nationally ranked team.



Junior outside hitter Tiffany Morrison and freshman middle hitter Zanda Hardin join forces as they block a hit during the final match of the St. Mary's Invitational at St. Mary's University in San Antonio Aug. 27.

FRIDAY, AUG. 26

The real action begins at 10 a.m., when the Lady Bisons play 25th-ranked Ashland University. Not only is the game a challenge because of the opposition, it is also a learning experience for team members playing together for the first time — with leadership resting on senior outside hitter Synda Veitenheimer, junior outside hitter and powerhouse Tiffany Morrison, and junior middle blocker Katie Westmoreland. Four returning sophomores — outside hitters Katelin Parks and Mary Piech and defensive specialists Meredith Rosenbaum and Niki Trevino — along with six freshmen comprise the rest of the team.

Taking the court for the initial match of the invitational and season, they know Ashland is a tough opponent. And with

the jitters and nerves usually associated with firsts, the women struggle at the net. Veitenheimer reminds them during a timeout, "We gotta swing ... we can't play patty cake." Returning to the floor, they scrap out a victory to take the game, 34-32.

But the second game proves more difficult as the women adjust to a new lineup, including freshman setter Leah Tepe, whose initial performances reveal a tough, smart player. With her confidence, you would never know she is a rookie. Is she apprehensive? "Not really," she says, "But I was a little nervous before the first match because it was my first college game." She will go on this day to garner her first double-double with 47 assists and 15 digs.

Defeated 30-22 by Ashland in game two, the Lady Bisons battle back in

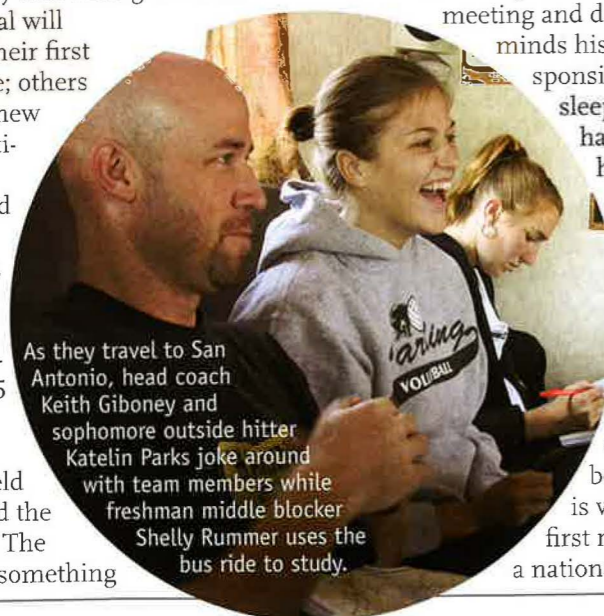
games three and four, securing the first win of their season. But it does not come without setbacks. "You're in the wrong ZIP code," says Giboney to his back row at the beginning of the fourth game. But he encourages them during the timeout, "For the most part, you guys are playing smart, making good decisions, keeping the ball in play." The women step up and pull out the win.

While the win showcases the potential and skill of this year's team, it also reveals frustrations, explains graduate assistant Daniel Burkert. One such example is when they forego the basics, such as moving their feet and penetrating the block — skills fundamental to the game. "We need to beat top 25 teams to get ranked," he says.

After a quick lunch, they head back to St. Mary's and gear up for match two

against 21st-ranked Armstrong Atlantic University. Although they are running off adrenaline from the first win, it is not enough to capture the victory. Despite the efforts of Veitenheimer with 15 kills and 14 digs, the Lady Bisons lose in three — not quite sure how this very close match got away from them.

Nonetheless, a gloomy disposition does not settle over the team. Instead, hunger pains set in, and they head to the River Walk for dinner with instructions to meet back at the bus at 10 p.m. sharp. This is the team's one chance to have a little fun and relax because tomorrow's match is not until noon. Split up into groups, many choose to partake of traditional San Antonio fare. After many chips and queso, they ride back to the hotel, satiated and ready for sleep, but not satisfied with a 1-1 record. >>



As they travel to San Antonio, head coach Keith Giboney and sophomore outside hitter Katelin Parks joke around with team members while freshman middle blocker Shelly Rummer uses the bus ride to study.

SATURDAY, AUG. 27

Morning comes early even with a good night's rest, and the team arrives to play match three against Western State College followed by an 8 p.m. match against host school St. Mary's. The Lady Bisons intend to add two wins to their record. Says graduate assistant Cade

Smith, "We should beat both of these teams."

After a rocky start, the team takes the match in three games, 30-28, 30-17 and 30-21. Even with the victory, Giboney thinks they could have performed better. In fact, he says, the team played better in the first match Friday than this one — Western State just happened to be a weaker team. He does not accept his

players' lack of collegiate experience as a valid excuse. "We only have one senior and two juniors and a bunch of sophomores and freshmen, but every team can say that."

The final match is not until 8 p.m. Because several of the women's friends and family members have made the trip for these inaugural games, they decide to take a long lunch at a nearby Chili's, where one table watches Smith down six glasses of Dr Pepper, eat a cheeseburger and fries, and finish off everyone else's meal. A post-lunch nap passes the rest of the afternoon, and, finally, the women prepare for their match versus the Rattlers.

Game one begins with a struggle for the Lady Bisons, who only hit .041, and St. Mary's wins easily 30-25. The Lady Bisons head into game two hoping to redeem themselves, but after a series of back-row blunders, fall behind 13-7 and give up the game.

The third game is a defining moment for the team. Earlier in the day Giboney said he would be pleased going home with a 3-1 record, but going 2-2 was not acceptable. The players take the floor knowing that they must win to continue the match. Thanks to several errors on the part of St. Mary's, the Lady Bisons stay alive 30-24.

Fueled by the win, the team feeds off this energy to edge out a 30-28 win in game four. By now, all first-game jitters should be long gone, including adjusting to two freshman starters, Tepe and middle blocker Zanda Hardin.

Game five, the tiebreaker, is played to 15. Excitement pumping from the narrow escape in game four, the team starts out in control and never looks back. Led by Westmoreland's 18 kills, the Lady Bisons stomp the Rattlers 15-5.

Feeling somewhat relieved by their comeback, the team loads up for the ride home. Compared to the trip here, this ride should be much quieter and quicker — they're traveling all night and should arrive back in Searcy around 8 a.m. By 10:30 p.m., they are on the road discussing plans to finish homework and get in social time with one day left in the weekend. Within the hour, the players retreat to their bunks. Shortly after, the lights go out and the voices quiet. With sleep comes the realization that the first tournament is now officially behind them. **H**

[ROUNDUP]

McGaha fills baseball coaching slot

Patrick McGaha, formerly head baseball coach at College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Mo., accepted the head baseball coaching position in May. McGaha replaces Shane Fullerton, who moved to women's basketball assistant coach.

McGaha compiled a 119-95 record in his four seasons at Ozarks. Last season he directed the Bearcats to a school-record 37 victories, a championship in the Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament, and a berth in the NAIA National Tournament.

McGaha received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University and earned a Ph.D. in physical education from Florida State University in 2000.



Pat McGaha

Fisher, Morrison Berryhill winners

Seniors Reed Fisher, a track and cross country runner from Columbia, S.C., and Amie Morrison, a defensive specialist for the volleyball team from Cleburne, Texas, received the 2005 Berryhill Award.

Fisher is a three-time NCAA All-America honoree, collecting the award in 2005 as a member of the indoor distance medley relay team. He also has two All-America honors in cross country. A biology education major, he earned NCAA Academic All-America honors in 2004 and was a three-time GSC Academic All-Conference honoree.

As libero for the Lady Bisons, Morrison set the NCAA II record for career digs. She is a three-time all-conference and all-region honoree and earned Gulf South Conference Defensive Player of the Week honors 10 times. Morrison, an early childhood education major, was also a three-time academic all-conference and three-time academic all-district honoree.



Reed Fisher



Amie Morrison

Lacrosse advances to nationals

The sixth-seeded lacrosse team reached the semifinals at the Men's B Division Intercollegiate Associates National Championship in Blaine, Minn., falling to No. 2 Utah Valley State College 12-8.

The team manhandled No. 3 Davidson College in the quarterfinals 11-3 led by five goals and two assists from junior John Tomassoni.

Junior attacker Alan Frost, senior goalie Jonathan Johnson and midfielder Tomassoni were named All-Tournament.

Tennis teams attain NCAA tourney

The men's tennis team made its fifth NCAA II Tournament appearance, completing the year with a 16-7 overall record.

Senior David Ferreira earned his fourth all-conference

honor, compiling a 13-5 singles record, including a team-high 11 wins at No. 1 singles. Sophomore Ryan Roberts also earned first-team all-conference honors.

Senior Derek Bullington won a team-high 16 singles matches and, along with sophomore Ethan Bryant, received second-team all-conference honors.

The women's squad compiled an 18-13 overall record for its 14th consecutive winning season and also qualified for the NCAA II national tournament.

Junior Catherine Carui, sophomore Milena Chisaca and freshman Karina Gomes each earned all-conference honors. Gomes was named Gulf South Conference West Division Freshman of the Year and won a team-high 18 singles matches.

Kogo three-time national champ

Senior Janet Kogo turned in one of the most impressive individual performances in University history, winning the indoor 5,000-meter, outdoor 5,000-meter and outdoor 10,000-meter NCAA II national championships during the 2005 track season. She became the University's first three-time national champion and earned a school-record six All-America honors.

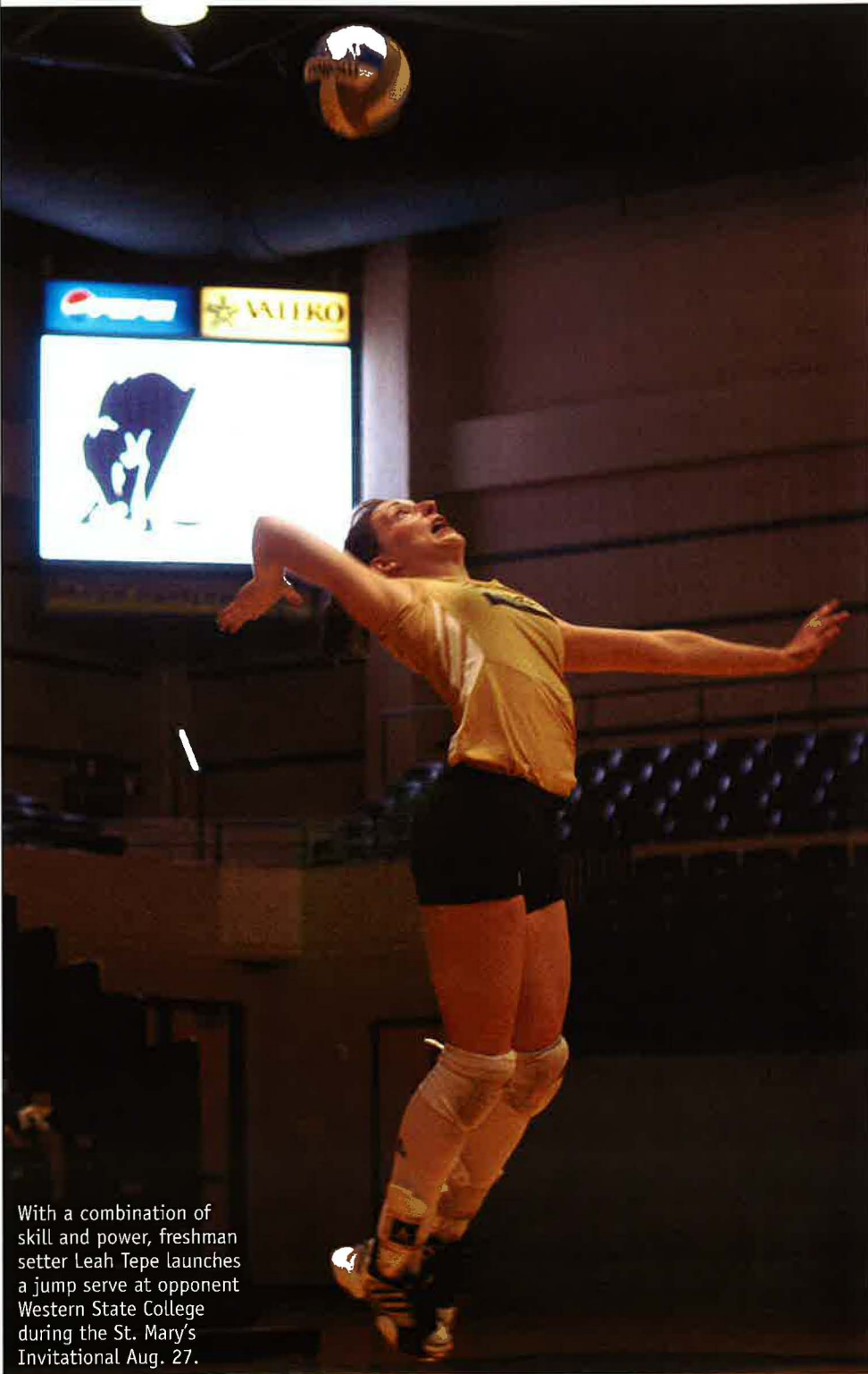
Also earning All-America honors for the Lady Bisons during the outdoor season was freshman Gosia Drazkowska, who placed fourth at nationals in the 800 meters. With Kogo's two 10-point finishes and the five points earned by Drazkowska, the Lady Bisons tied for eighth place nationally with 25 points.

For the men, freshman Julius Kosgei collected his first All-America honor with a fifth-place finish of 14 minutes, 27.76 seconds in the 5,000 meters.

Sophomore Milena Chisaca from Chapineio, Columbia, displays the form that enabled her to finish 17-6 in singles play.



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



With a combination of skill and power, freshman setter Leah Tepe launches a jump serve at opponent Western State College during the St. Mary's Invitational Aug. 27.

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In a time when backpacks are designed for textbooks and laptops, freshmen are accustomed to the accessibility and convenience of Internet and wireless technology.

The freshman 1,020

They come from 47 states and 16 foreign countries, they blog, and they are part of a record enrollment of 5,975.

By APRIL D. FATULA

MEMBERS OF THE NEW FRESHMAN CLASS DID NOT WAIT UNTIL Summer Experience or Student Impact to begin scoping out potential roommates and friends. More than 100 of them took it online, creating a “blogring” in January called “Harding Freshman 2005.”

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PHOTO BY CHELSEA ROBERSON

The average age of a freshman beginning college this fall is 18, which means he or she was born in 1987. For these students, voice mail has always been available, Pixar has always existed, and digital cameras have always been around.*

Thus, the use of blogs is just one more indication of their tech-savvy nature; more than half of the applications the Admissions Office received for this class of 1,020 were completed online.

Like the post office and stamps, telephones are so 20th century. E-mail accounts come standard for this group. “It is a huge resource,” says admissions adviser David Scharff. Though he is available at his office number and by cell phone, he says the overwhelming majority of communication he received from these students was through e-mail or “IM,” instant messenger.

Perhaps because so many of the students felt like they already knew one another from information shared via the blogring, Student Impact co-director Randi Tribble noticed that the freshman class was “very energetic and personable.”

“They were very enthusiastic,” she says. “They really wanted to jump into things and get involved immediately.”

Not to suggest that the level of energy is artificially enhanced, but for caffeine emergencies, Starbucks has always been around the corner for these students.*

Beyond the common bonds of coffee houses and technology, though, members of the class of 2009 bring a variety of experiences and expectations as they begin school in Searcy.

Though 45 percent say the College of Arts and Humanities holds the most interest for them, they are keeping an open mind, with 31 percent of them waiting to declare a major.

They are high achievers; 66 percent of them received academic scholarships, and 33 of them were valedictorians of their high school classes. In addition, 16 are National Merit Scholars, which means Harding will likely be among the top 100 universities in the country in the enrollment of National Merit Scholars.

In their pursuit of experiential knowledge, freshmen will add to their “places I’ve been” lists as they take hometown



A candlelight devotional is part of Student Impact’s closing ceremony. The five-day orientation is designed to help freshmen become acquainted with campus before classes begin.

road trips and spend Thanksgiving with new friends who represent 47 states and 16 foreign countries. Many of them proudly waved their state or country’s banner at the parade of flags at convocation Aug. 23, where President David Burks officially opened the academic year. In addition to the entering class, he welcomed the other 3,116 undergraduates, who, along with 1,839 graduate students, represent all 50 states and 42 foreign nations.

Although the places from which they come are diverse, they again find common ground in their specific goals regarding academic, social and spiritual achievement (see related article, Page 32). They will prepare for careers, forge lifelong friendships, and be encouraged in their faith. And at the end of four years — when May 2009 is upon them — they will look back and wonder where the time has gone. **H**

**From the Beloit College Mindset List for the Class of 2009, an annual compilation seeking to offer insight into the worldview of students beginning college.*

Class of '09 by the numbers

Women	55%	COLLEGES OF ACADEMIC INTEREST+	
Men	45%	Arts and Humanities	45%
		Sciences	24%
STATES REPRESENTED	47	Business	11%
States most represented		Nursing	7%
Arkansas	325	Education	5%
Texas	208	Bible and Religion	4%
Tennessee	102	ETHNICITY+	
Alabama/Missouri (tie)	44	White	87%
Florida	38	African-American	5%
FOREIGN COUNTRIES REPRESENTED	16	Other	3%
Foreign countries most represented		Unknown	2%
China	12	Hispanic American	1%
Canada	5	Students on scholarship aid++	66%
Guatemala/Honduras (tie)	4	Valedictorians	33
Kenya/Panama (tie)	3	National Merit Scholars	16
AREAS OF ACADEMIC INTEREST+			
Undecided	31%		
Nursing	7%		
Biology	4%		
Management	4%		
Psychology	4%		
Accounting	3%		

+ Information courtesy of the Institutional Research Office
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 All other information courtesy of Admissions Services

In pursuit of a Ph.D.

By JENNIFER LASHLEY

Photos by JEFF MONTGOMERY

TWO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PONDER THEIR FUTURE. ONE BELIEVES HIS HOPE FOR A solid career is athletics, while the other aspires to be a wedding planner. Both desire a four-year college degree, but have never dared to imagine beyond that. ■ Fast-forward to the present. These same two students are entering their senior year of college. Both are preparing to continue their education and eventually enter doctoral programs. They give professional presentations, handle interviews with poise, and speak confidently and knowledgably about their fields of study. ■ Ability was never in question. All they needed was an opportunity to put their passions and talents to work. The Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program has done just that.

A man with vision

RONALD E. MCNAIR WAS THE FIRST IN HIS family to complete a college degree. But he didn't stop there. Determined to succeed, five years later he graduated with his Ph.D. in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at age 26.

Clearly he was on his way to greatness. He was a Presidential Scholar, Ford Foundation Fellow, National Fellowship Fund Fellow, Omega Psi Phi Scholar of the year, and recipient of many honorary degrees and commendations.

But the life of America's second black

astronaut was cut short when the space shuttle Challenger exploded shortly after liftoff on Jan. 28, 1986, killing all seven crew members.

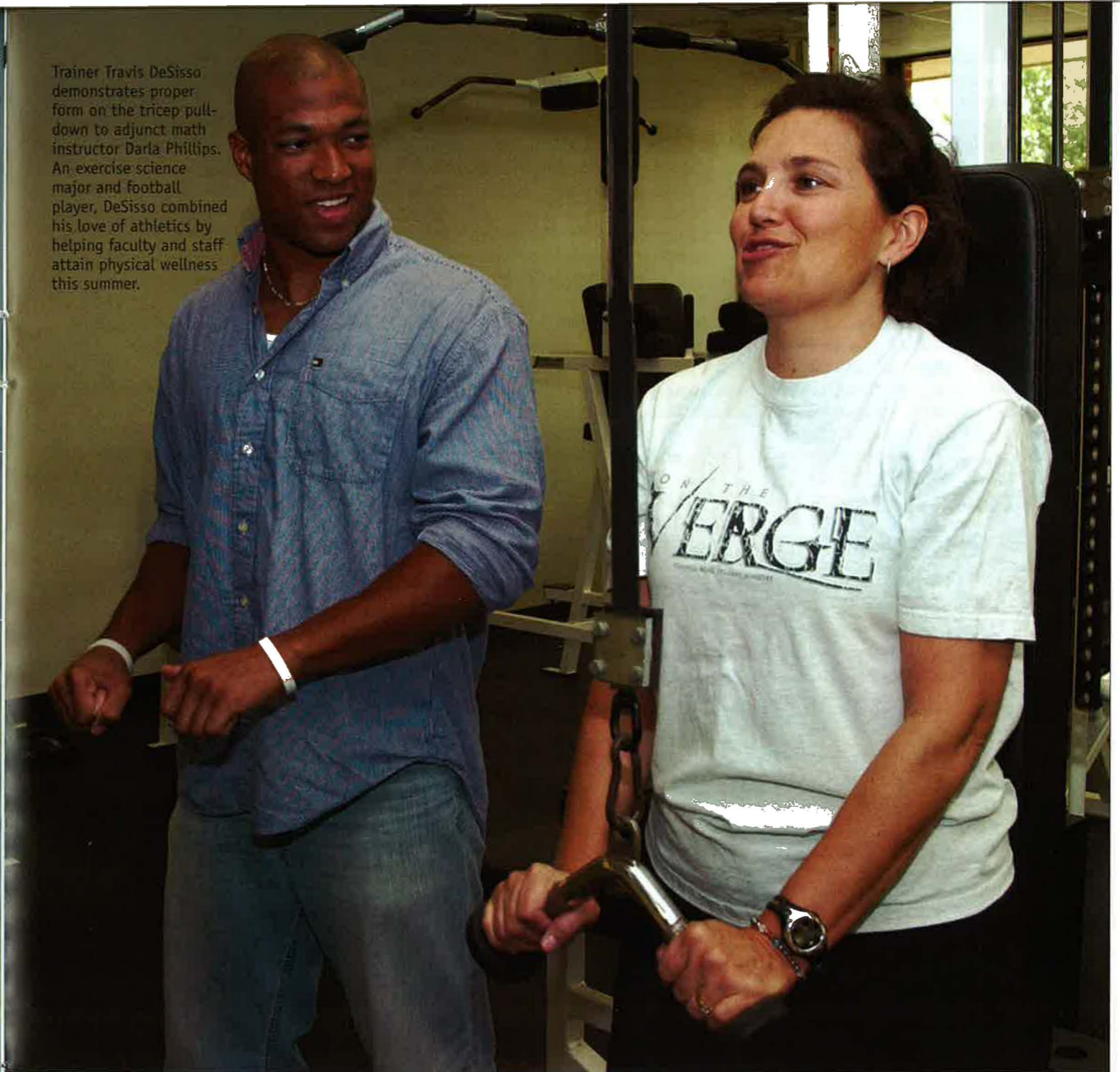
Nonetheless, he achieved much academically and professionally and was an inspiration to many college students who thought graduate and postgraduate work impossible. Almost 20 years later, his life continues to be an encouragement for young people.

The U.S. Department of Education, with funding from Congress, supports the McNair Scholars Program with the

goal of "providing academically enriching experiences and mentoring to prepare students for graduate school admission and eventual doctoral study."

For the past two years, the University has offered this program to promising students who are either low-income and first-generation college students or from minority groups underrepresented in graduate schools. Dr. Linda Thompson, director of the program, says, "Financial aid is a big focus of the program." Additionally, students must have completed at least one year of college and have main-

Trainer Travis DeSisso demonstrates proper form on the tricep pull-down to adjunct math instructor Darla Phillips. An exercise science major and football player, DeSisso combined his love of athletics by helping faculty and staff attain physical wellness this summer.



tained at least a 2.75 GPA.

But financial aid is just one aspect of the program, which also affords students resume preparation, counseling, research opportunities, interview preparation and faculty mentors. Funded through a four-year grant, the program serves 22 students per year. "We have 22 all of the time," says Thompson, adding that the University is one of only three schools in the state to offer the program.

The research component is one of the most beneficial learning tools for students involved in McNair. Not only does it inten-

sify their desire to study a particular field, but also it helps them acquire public speaking skills, understand the importance of deadlines, and compete for graduate school slots more effectively. And the stipend that the students receive at the end of the summer does not hurt either.

Several students have already demonstrated tremendous success, gaining admission to such graduate schools as Southwest Missouri State and Fordham universities and presenting at conferences and conventions in Nashville, Tenn., and Salt Lake City.

Travis DeSisso: love of athletics fuels further study

SENIOR TRAVIS DESISSO HAS SPENT A LOT of time in and around the Ganus Athletic Center. An exercise science major, he attends classes there. A strong safety on the football team and former track team member, he practices in the stadium right outside. A personal trainer, he instructs individuals in the art of working out in the weight room. A McNair scholar, he conducted research in the lab. >>

In fact, through his research and mentoring under associate professor of kinesiology Ken Turley, he has realized a way to incorporate his passion for sports into several realistic career choices, ones he would not have thought obtainable a couple of years ago.

"I'll probably get my master's in exercise science or some type of physiology. ... I've thought sports psychology. I've thought sports physiology," says the West Plains, Mo., native. "I've got some people telling me I should just go be a doctor."

An avid athlete since seventh grade, DeSisso did not always plan to go into science. "When I came to school, I came to play football," he says, spurred on by

"After college I have somewhere else to go. I now know that there are more opportunities out there for me." Travis DeSisso

coaches and friends who had told him he should be a professional athlete.

But a sporting accident helped him learn where his true interest lay. "I spent a lot of time in physical therapy and with an orthopedic surgeon," he says. "During that time I just really listened to what was going on and picked it up. It kind of came easily for me, came naturally, and I knew I wanted to do health science in some way."

When Turley told him about the McNair program, he knew it was an opportunity to fulfill this dream. This past June, he saw the culmination of two years of hard work when he presented research at the American College of Sports Medicine national convention in Nashville, Tenn.

Together with Turley and five other students (some now alumni), he conducted a study involving caffeine and exercise response in children. No study had yet compared the effects of caffeine on exercise responses between children and adults. The experiment focused on the effects of caffeine on physiological responses to exercise in young boys versus college-age men.

The conclusions they drew were that caffeine has a similar effect on metabolic responses to exercise in boys and men. The same dose that causes a significant elevation in exercise blood pressure and decrease in heart rate in boys causes only a similar (though not significant) change

in blood pressure in men.

DeSisso explained the conclusions at the conference as well as hopes for future research on this topic, which Turley is planning. He is quick to point out that the interview preparation offered by McNair helped him act and dress the part in a professional setting.

"It helped out a lot," he remembers. "It was overwhelming to be there anyway, but ... I saw that I was doing things I was supposed to do, and there were people there who weren't."

He was also able to network with others in his field of interest and make several possible graduate school connections — one more perk offered by

the program. And graduate work is the next step in his academic career, although he is not exactly sure where he will go and what he will study. He is sure of one thing: "After college I have somewhere else to go. I now know that there are more opportunities out there for me."

No matter in what or where he earns his final degree, ultimately he wants to help individuals have healthier lives. "I enjoy helping people feel better about themselves and the way they look and ... feel," he says.

While he has enjoyed the personal training business he started this summer with friend and fellow football team captain senior Scott Dutile, he does not see it as a full-time job. "I'm not sure it would be challenging enough," he says.

"I'm in a tough position right now because I'm going into my last year of football, so I'm wanting to focus on football and then switch to [focusing on] grad school."

Along with sports, his academic career has been top-notch, with DeSisso studying as hard as he plays. He may have had to make social sacrifices, but he is happy to balance athletics and scholastic pursuits.

"I think I've done it for so long that way, that I've gotten used to it. When I have a day off ... I don't know what to do with myself. I don't have a lot of free time to just hang out ... but I'm getting to do what I love to do."

Sara Foster: aiming to transform leadership in higher education

ACROSS CAMPUS IN THE MABEE BUSINESS Building another student is completing her second year in the McNair Program. Senior Sara Foster transferred to Harding as a junior after receiving her associate's degree from a community college near her home in Kansas City, Mo.

She adjusted quickly, but not without a struggle. "Coming in was definitely challenging because most of the people my age already had friends," she admits. "Once I did start to meet people, it was pretty easy."

Foster arrived in Searcy in fall 2003 with two options for study. Her primary goal was to become a wedding planner, so she chose management to give her a solid business background. Her dream, though, was to one day teach college — a goal she thought unrealistic. "There was just no way that I thought I could do it because I don't have the financial means to go through a doctoral degree," she says. "But then the McNair people sent me the letter."

The invitation to join the program has given her the opportunity to participate in summer research projects under the mentorship of associate professor of accounting Phil Brown during summer 2004 and assistant professor of business Al Frazier this past summer. Her area of concentration: transformational leadership in higher education.

"Because I want to teach, that's why I'm doing my research in higher education," she explains.

The first summer her project entailed studying transformational leadership solely at Harding. She considered it her learning year because, she says, "I didn't know the process. ... I didn't know a lot about leadership theory. I also stumbled upon transformational leadership, and the more I studied it, the more I enjoyed it."

She explains that transformational leadership comprises five practices that managers use to lead employees. They include challenging the process, which stimulates creativity and outside-the-box thinking; inspiring a shared vision, which gives people knowledge of an institution's goals; enabling others to act, which gives employees choices and re-

sponsibility; modeling the way, which provides an example for them to follow; and encouraging the heart, which recognizes accomplishment.

"I've worked a lot of retail and have seen how managers relate to me and other employees. It always intrigued me ... how they would relate to someone who's a good worker and someone who's not a good worker. It's really cool how it works. I'm learning a lot more about organizational structure. I'm learning a lot about academia — how people consider it an organized anarchy."

What she found at Harding was that upper-level management (excluding faculty) was more transformational than middle-level management (faculty), and that women at all levels of management in higher education were equally transformational.

During summer of 2005 she extended her initial study to include other schools in Arkansas. Her goal was to continue to explore differences between upper-level and middle-level leadership styles and possible gender differences in self-reported use of transformational leadership. Men, she explains, use

task-oriented styles, whereas women use relational styles. Because higher education is male dominated, women tend to adapt to the male style because it is what is being used around them.

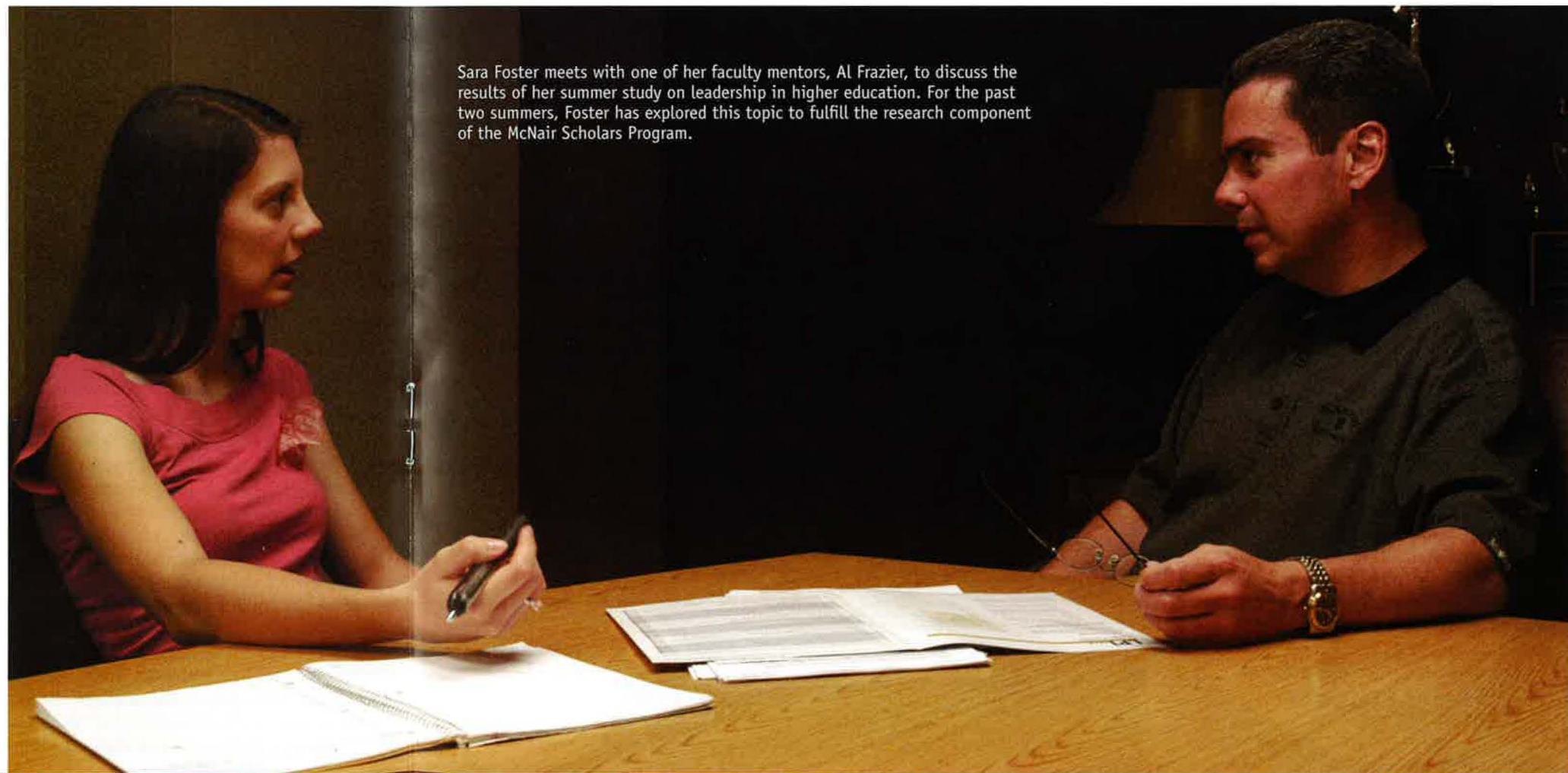
"There's not a lot of leadership [research] in higher education," she says. "I'm opening new doors."

As she faces her final year of undergraduate study, she is looking at several doctoral programs and hopes to be accepted to one concentrating on industrial and organizational behavior. "[It's] where business meets psychology," Foster says. "It helps employees work more effectively." With this degree she plans to consult with large corporations and eventually come back to the classroom.

"I definitely want to teach ... even more now than I ever did before because I've learned what the research process is about," she says.

"This is something I have a passion for, and I want to relay this passion to my students." **H**

If you would like to learn more about the University's McNair Scholars Program, please call (501) 279-4028.



Sara Foster meets with one of her faculty mentors, Al Frazier, to discuss the results of her summer study on leadership in higher education. For the past two summers, Foster has explored this topic to fulfill the research component of the McNair Scholars Program.

Dr. Ganus reveals his

top 10 most memorable Harding sports moments

By SCOTT GOODE, sports information director

CHANCELLOR CLIFTON L. GANUS JR. HAS TRAVELED AROUND THE GLOBE, VISITING ALL 50 states and 121 foreign countries. Adding to his destinations, he is likely to be in attendance when the Bisons and Lady Bisons take on the competition in stadiums and arenas throughout the country. A member of the Harding family since coming to Searcy as a student in 1939, Dr. Ganus has witnessed more University athletic events than anyone else and believes in the value of athletic competition.

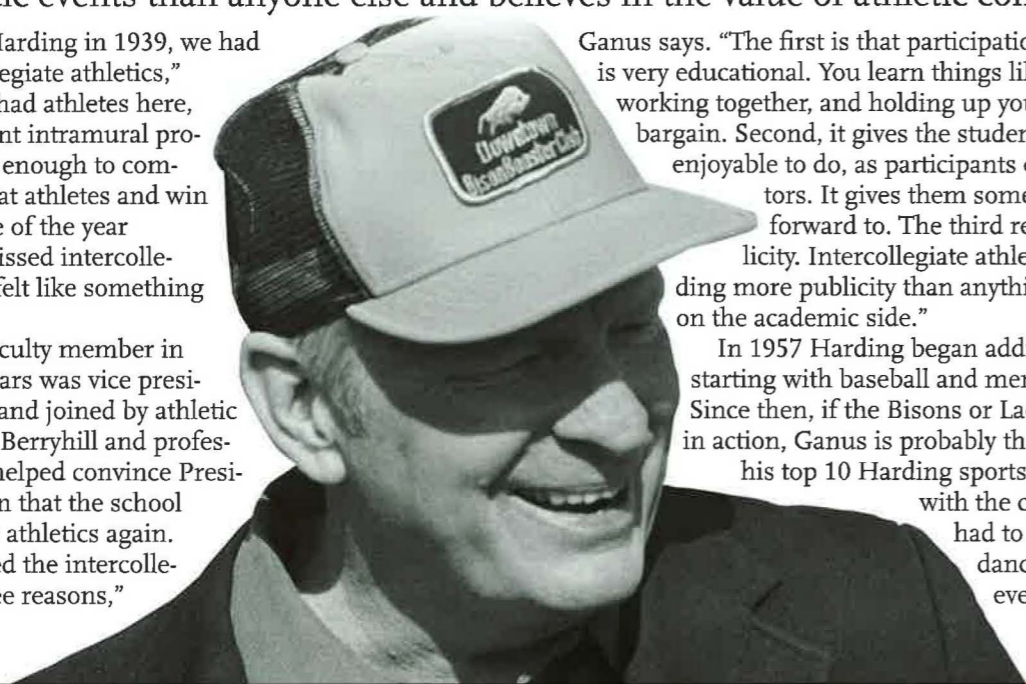
"When I came to Harding in 1939, we had just canceled intercollegiate athletics," Ganus says. "We still had athletes here, and we had an excellent intramural program. I was fortunate enough to compete against some great athletes and win two intramural athlete of the year awards, but I really missed intercollegiate athletics. It just felt like something was missing."

Ganus became a faculty member in 1946 and within 10 years was vice president. In that position and joined by athletic director M.E. "Pinky" Berryhill and professor Joe Pryor, Ganus helped convince President George S. Benson that the school needed intercollegiate athletics again.

"I believe we needed the intercollegiate program for three reasons,"

Ganus says. "The first is that participation in athletics is very educational. You learn things like self-control, working together, and holding up your end of the bargain. Second, it gives the students something enjoyable to do, as participants or as spectators. It gives them something to look forward to. The third reason is publicity. Intercollegiate athletics give Harding more publicity than anything we can do on the academic side."

In 1957 Harding began adding sports, starting with baseball and men's basketball. Since then, if the Bisons or Lady Bisons are in action, Ganus is probably there. He reveals his top 10 Harding sports moments — with the caveat that he had to be in attendance for the event.



10. Nov. 15, 2003

Volleyball wins its first GSC championship

THE LADY BISONS upset the University of North Alabama, ranked No. 23 in NCAA II and No. 4 in the NCAA II South Central Region, 3-1 before a jubilant Rhodes Field House crowd. The victory gave the University its first Gulf South Conference volleyball championship.

With the win, the team earned an automatic bid to the NCAA II National Tournament. It was also the 500th victory in the history of the volleyball program, which dates back to 1983.

North Alabama, who defeated the Lady Bisons in both previous meetings, entered the match with a 23-match winning streak in the GSC Tournament. The Lions had won seven straight conference titles dating back to 1996.

"That was a really exciting night," Ganus says. "I get more nervous at volleyball games than most other sports because of how quickly the momentum can change."



9. May 26-28, 2005

Kogo races to two NCAA II national championships

SENIOR JANET KOGO capped off her remarkable career with two national championships in three days of competition. Kogo won the 5,000 meters by a margin of nearly 14 seconds on May 28. Only two days earlier, Kogo won the 10,000 meters by more than 37 seconds. Kogo finished her career with three national championships and a school-record six All-America honors.

"This was a great achievement for Janet, especially because she won both races so easily. There was never any doubt in the 10,000 meters. In the 5,000 meters, there was one point early on where I was not sure if she would win, but as the race went on, she just pulled away."



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8. May 4-6, 2002

Cone earns GSC Tournament Most Outstanding Player honors

FRESHMAN JUSTIN CONE hit three home runs, drove in eight runs, and picked up a win as pitcher to earn Most Outstanding Player honors at the 2002 Gulf South Conference Tournament at USA Stadium in Millington, Tenn.

"Justin's performance at the conference tournament was really amazing. I remember he hit two home runs in the first game."



7. Oct. 7, 2000

Payne's four touchdowns lead Bisons past UCA

SENIOR GERALD PAYNE caught nine passes for 214 yards and broke the school record with four receiving touchdowns to lead the Bisons to a 31-23 win over University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

"We were behind just before the half, and Payne caught that short pass and ran it all the way through the defensive guys. There was no chance for him to score on that — yet he did. We went on to win the game, and that again was quite an upset."



6. Jan. 12, 1965

Boaz scores 34 points in win over Southern State

SENIOR GUARD NED BOAZ, standing only 5 feet, 8 inches tall, became the first Harding player under 6 feet to score more than 30 points in a game, dropping in 34 to lead the Bisons to an 89-74 win over Southern State (now Southern Arkansas University).

"It was amazing to watch Ned, being so small, just weave through those bigger guys and score. On one play he went end to end and made a layup. You just thought there was no way he could do that, but he did. He also made a couple of great saves in that game, diving out of bounds."



5. Oct. 23, 1964

Clark leads harriers to second AIC crown

CLIFF CLARK (No. 8), one of the best distance runners in Harding's history, finished in a dead heat with Ricky Richardson of Arkansas State Teachers College (now University of Central Arkansas) at the tape to tie for the 1966 Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference Cross Country Meet at Searcy Golf Club course. Both runners had a time of 20 minutes, 37 seconds.

"I always enjoyed watching Cliff Clark and Jim Crawford run. In that race, Clark and Richardson came to the top of the hill running shoulder to shoulder. It looked like Clark pulled ahead and got to the chute first, but the judges ruled the finish a tie."



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LEFT PHOTO COURTESY OF THE 1964 PETIT JEAN
RIGHT PHOTO COURTESY OF THE 1965 PETIT JEAN

4. Nov. 22, 2003

Runners place third at NCAA II cross country championships

JACOB ROTICH FINISHED SECOND, and Peter Kosgei placed third to lead the Bison cross country team to a third-place finish at the NCAA II Cross Country Meet in Raleigh, N.C.

"We could see the runners when they left the stadium and could only see them in certain places as they ran the race. The race finished back in the stadium, so we sat there waiting in anticipation of who would come into the stadium first. The Adams State College runner came in first, but the two Harding runners — Jacob and Peter — came in just after him. It was great to see those two Harding jerseys as they entered the stadium."



3. Nov. 16, 1989

Football team upsets unbeaten UCA to qualify for NAIA playoffs

THE BISON DEFENSE intercepted six University of Central Arkansas passes, led by Tommy Shoemaker's school-record tying three interceptions, and Harding stunned the previously unbeaten Bears 16-11 in Conway. The Bison offense managed only 154 yards in the game and punted 11 times.

"They were supposed to beat us, but we intercepted six passes that day. Tommy Shoemaker (No. 43) was really a star on defense."



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LEFT PHOTO COURTESY OF THE 1960 PETIT JEAN. RIGHT PHOTO BY LESLIE DOWNS

2. Oct. 10, 1959

Bison football wins first game over Arkansas State

IN ONLY ITS SECOND GAME after reinstating football, Harding defeated Arkansas State University's freshman team 7-6 at Alumni Field in Searcy. It was the 1959 team's lone win in that inaugural season.

"Arkansas State had a 230-pound linebacker named Bill Bergey who went on to play pro football. He just beat us up the whole game. At the end of the game, they got down on our two-yard line, and we held them on the last play and won the game 7-6. I just remember how excited we all were to get that first win."



1. March 2, 1987

Camper hits game-winning shot as Bisons defeat Pippin and UCA

FRESHMAN GUARD COREY CAMPER (No. 33) nailed a three-pointer with only 5 seconds left on the clock to give Harding an 88-87 win over Central Arkansas in the semifinals of the NAIA District 17 Tournament in Conway.

"I remember that UCA got the ball, and we knew exactly what was going to happen. [Future Chicago Bull] Scottie Pippin was going to get the ball, go down, jump up and beat us. He got the ball, and Corey jumped in front of him and forced him to turn just a bit, but that bit was enough. He shot it, but it would not have counted. I remember jumping out of the bleachers at UCA. At my age, that was crazy, but I did it." H



Responding to disaster

By JENNIFER LASHLEY

SEARCY IS A HAVEN FOR MANY — A SMALL TOWN HOME to a Christian university. While some see it as a place of retreat from the world, others view it as a place for young people to prepare to go out into the world. But sometimes the world comes to us.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Searcy became a place of calm for those affected by the storm, with the town and state becoming a temporary home to thousands who fled floodwaters and destruction.

Numerous faculty and staff opened their homes to those who evacuated before the storm struck, many coordinating efforts with local churches. Aramark, along with students and other volunteers, fed evacuees at the Arkansas State Fairgrounds Saturday, Sept. 10. The University and ServiceMaster joined forces to set up temporary housing in apartments offered by a Searcy local. Campus Ministry is helping with furniture needs, and 2006 spring break campaigns will focus on the Gulf Coast.

Professor of communication Jack Shock — who has also served as a public affairs specialist for the Red Cross' rapid response team the last four years — located to Batesville, Miss., Sunday, Aug. 28, to work in a shelter there, posting stories on the Red Cross Web site while stationed in a public library/shelter.

"I interviewed a father of three last night around 1 a.m.," Shock said. "He couldn't sleep and was roaming the shelter. They left everything behind in New Orleans and of course, don't know what they will find when they return."

On a lighter side, the Campus Activities Board offered free admission to all displaced families for a viewing of the movie *Madagascar* Friday and Saturday night immediately following the hurri-

cane — giving adults and children alike a short break from the stress and worry consuming so many.

Although only one week into the fall semester, University students immediately expressed a desire to help those displaced and in need. Less than 24 hours after severe flooding ravaged New Orleans, plans were in the works for a variety of projects, many spearheaded by the Student Association and its president, Josh Bundy.

"Most of us cannot imagine what is happening only eight hours from our peaceful campus," Bundy said. "Our hearts are broken. Our minds are bombarded with messages about this humbling event that has changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of our Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana neighbors.

"As soon as word got out about this Hurricane Katrina ... we knew we were going to have to take action."

And take action they did. By Monday afternoon, two churches in the New Orleans area had requested help from students with relief efforts, offering them accommodations. More than 120 stu-

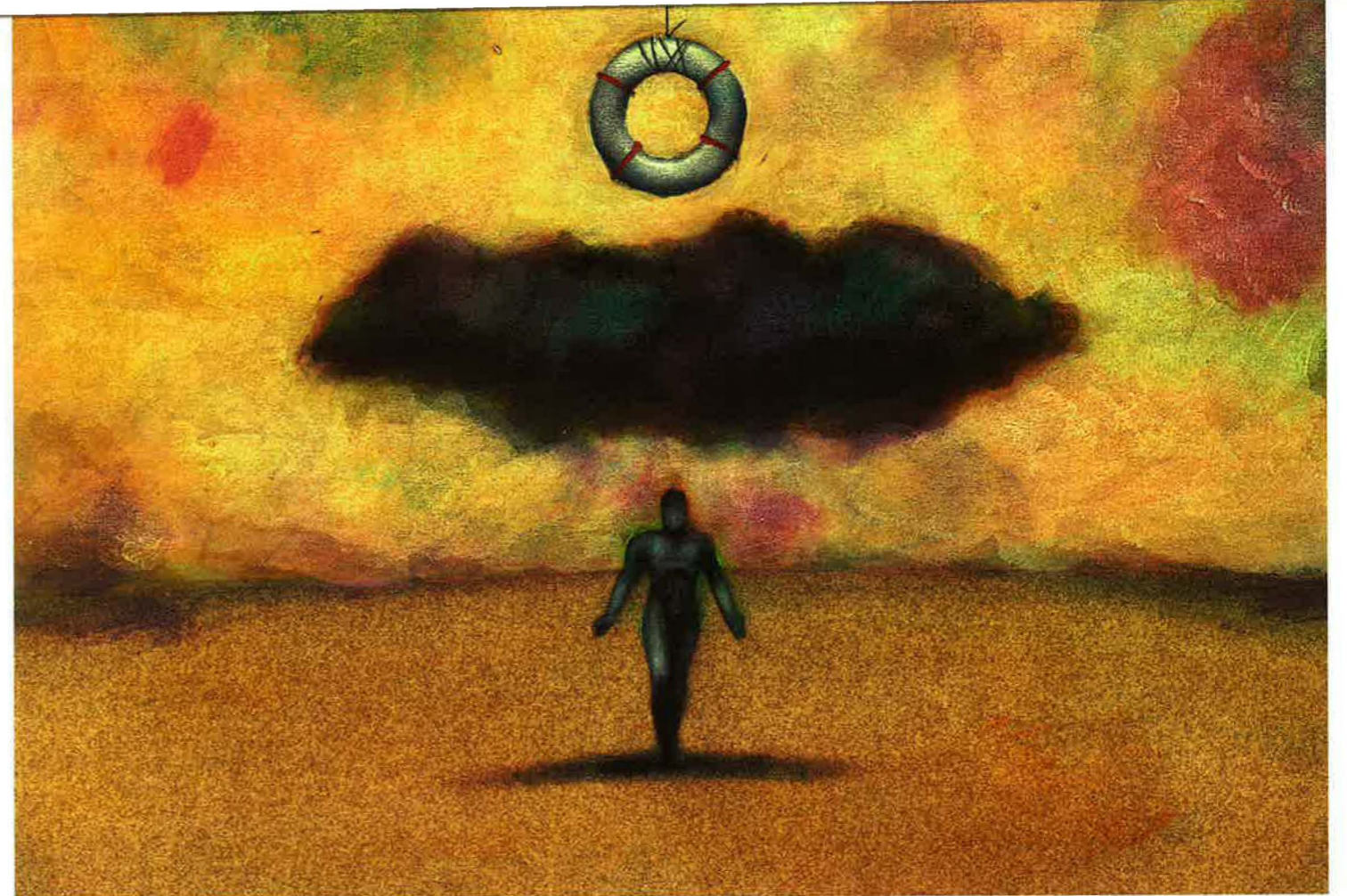


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dents responded and signed up to go down and work.

But the lawlessness and chaos that prevailed on the Gulf Coast made it difficult for the professionals to do their jobs. With students' safety in mind — and with the accommodations being used by rescue workers and storm victims — new plans emerged.

"Since Tuesday the situation has worsened," said Bundy. "The Student Association will host other relief efforts that we want to encourage all students and faculty and staff to participate in. ... We feel our efforts will be best used in our home state currently."

Yet, even with the change, the student body was not discouraged. Instead, students realized the numerous ways they could help out in the local community, many of which are described in the following timeline.

One effort, in cooperation with sister-school Pepperdine University, is providing 270,000 ready-to-eat meals and bottled drinking water to victims in areas hit hardest by the storm. While Pepperdine is shouldering the cost of the items, Harding, through the Institute for Church & Family, is shipping them from Arkansas to a New Orleans suburb for distribution.

Similarly, 20 teams of 12 University students each are forming to assist in impacted areas such as Pineville and South Baton Rouge, La., and Jackson, Miss., every weekend beginning Oct. 7 and continuing through Thanksgiving. A survey group visited the area the weekend of Sept. 9.

"We all appreciate the Christ-like attitude and willingness by our student body to show their love and concern for those affected by the hurricane," said Sherrie McAleese, athletics insurance coordinator at the University. "We need to remember to tell our students how proud we are of their desires to help." **H**

► Immediate student relief efforts

Monday, Aug. 29 ▼

Flooding devastates New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina obliterates much of the Gulf Coast in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Tuesday, Aug. 30 ▼

The Student Association forms plans to travel to Baton Rouge,

La., the following week to assist in cleanup efforts, and more than 120 students sign up for the trip. The plan is later re-evaluated, and the SA decides to focus instead on local relief efforts.

Thursday, Sept. 1 ▼

The SA announces intentions to collect such goods as diapers,

paper towels, bottled water, soap, shampoo and other necessities. Dorms are collecting items in coordination with Downtown Church of Christ and Crain Media.

Saturday, Sept. 3 ▼

The football team raises \$930 through the sale of T-shirts, donating \$2 of every shirt sold

for disaster relief. The SA also loads a truck of much-needed items including water, blankets, canned baby formula and non-perishable food items.

Sunday, Sept. 4 ▼

When a church announcement requests volunteers to help at Camp Wyldewood, temporary home to more than 25 families,

300 students show up after services to help, although the large number causes some of them to be turned away.

Monday & Tuesday, Sept. 5 & 6 ▼

The SA collects funds after chapel, raising \$2,500 to aid in relief efforts. The money will be used to help rebuild churches

and get members back on their feet in New Orleans.

Friday & Saturday, Sept. 9 & 10 ▼

The football team continues its fund-raiser selling shirts in the Student Center. Also, beginning at 5 p.m. Friday, students hold a prayer vigil that extends the entire weekend.

Tuesday, Sept. 13 ▼

After collecting enough goods to nearly fill the SA office, students deliver them to Downtown Church, which will coordinate the delivery to churches and organizations in the Gulf Coast area.

Thursday, Friday & Sunday, Sept. 15, 16 & 18 ▼

One hundred percent of the \$4 price of admission is donated to relief efforts from the student-directed production "Asleep on the Wind."

(5006 Gollighugh Blvd., Beaufort, SC 29906)

Charles "Chad" Floyd ('02) to **Jennifer Walker** ('97), May 7. (1801 Champlin Drive, #905, Little Rock, AR 72223)

Chad Miller ('04) to **Kathryn Henderson** ('03), May 8. (951 Ave. F, Abilene, TX 79601)

Emily Foster ('03) to Mark Windle, May 20. (1504 N. 10th, Independence, KS 67301)

Jerrod Fletcher ('97) to Kate Mulkerrin, May 21. Jerrod is in acupuncture school and working as a salesman for Gator Door and Supply Co., and Kate is coordinator of research programs and services at the University of Florida. (9928 N.W. 226th St., Alachua, FL 32615)

Justin Curry ('03) to **Sara Goen** ('04), June 4. (3488 CR 830, Green Forest, AR 72638)

Robin McKenzie ('89) to Jeffery Gaines, June 4. (8744 Bell Forrest Drive, Olive Branch, MS 38654)

Kristi Means ('01) to Greg Austin, June 25. Kristi is a medical social worker for Northwest Regional

Hospice, and Greg is a project manager for Fibrebond Manufacturing Co. (606 Ash St, Minden, LA 71055)

Manuel Diaz ('03) to Jilma Rivera, July 2. Manuel is employed with IBM as a human resources consultant, and Jilma is a preschool teacher at St. Mary School. (Residencial Rincon Verde 1, Casa #43B, San Pablo, Heredia, Costa Rica)

Dawn Prince ('97) to **David Spence** ('05), July 16. (16579 El Camino Real, Houston, TX 77062)

Births

To David and **Tricia Seibel** ('93) **Swann**, a daughter, Sophie Madeleine, Feb. 19, 2004. (805 Tara Lane, Dandridge, TN 37725)

To **Steven** ('93) and **Jana Stegall** ('94) **Fitzhugh**, a daughter, Ellie Kate, March 22, 2004. They also have two sons, Grant and Will. Steven is head football coach at Ouachita Christian School in Monroe, La. (168 Saterfield Road, Sterlington, LA 71280)

To Tom and **Pam Ratliff** ('87) **Borland**, a son, Brendon, March 29, 2004. They have three other sons, Grant, Chad and Logan. (10917 Mack-in-aw Trail, Fowlerville, MI 48836)

To Tony and **Jennifer Lendman** ('96) **Martin**, a son, Parker James, April 5, 2004. (606 Thunderbird Court, Apt. H, Chesterfield, MO 63017)

To **Ryan** ('99) and **Mendy Coker** ('00) **Smith**, a son, Ryan Kade, June 11, 2004. They also have a daughter, Mary-Parker. Ryan is a coach and teacher, and Mendy is a Creative Memories consultant and AdvoCare distributor. (33 Carolyn Drive, Sheridan, AR 72150)

To Heath and **Karole-Ann Bean** ('00) **Keniston**, a son, Andrew, July 26, 2004. They have another son, Daniel. (129 Daniel Webster Highway, Center Harbor, NH, 03226)

To **David** ('98) and **April Long** ('02) **Watson**, a daughter, Mackenzie Kristen, Aug. 24, 2004. David works at the University of Tennessee Medical Center

in the nuclear medicine department, and April is a nurse in pediatric pulmonology at East Tennessee Children's Hospital. (6249 Rexburg Drive, Knoxville, TN 37921)

To Douglas and **Lisa Madeley** ('95) **Martin**, a son, Nicholas Grant, Aug. 28, 2004. They also have a daughter, Emily Rose. (3111 Avon Drive, Arlington, TX 76015)

To David and **Kristen Grile** ('02) **Chapman**, a daughter, Taylor Dawn, Sept. 15, 2004. (7741 Partridge Drive, Watuaga, TX 76148)

To Randy and **Arwen Whittington** ('98) **Blankinship**, a daughter, Cassidy Arwen, Sept. 16, 2004. They also have a son, Reed. (1714 Rio Hondo Road, Harlingen, TX 78550)

To **Jeff** ('96) and **Tia White** ('99) **Brauer**, a daughter, Ameleah Anne, Sept. 17, 2004. (6308 W. Byers Place, Lakewood, CO 80226)

To **Chad** ('98) and **Teri Wade** ('00) **Mitchell**, a daughter, Reagan Belle, Sept. 17, 2004. (2803 N. Frankfort, Russellville, AR 72802)

To Jordan and **Laura Falgiani** ('00) **Benware**, a son, Dominic

Angelo, Oct. 1, 2004. Laura teaches seventh-grade language at Broken Arrow Public Schools. (1113 W. 119th St., Jenks, OK 74037)

To **Rick** ('95) and **Tanya Warpula**, a daughter, Parker Joy, Oct. 1, 2004. They also have twin boys, Griffin and Carson. Rick is a podiatrist and owner of Austin Family Foot Care. (1111 Wigwam, Leander, Texas 78641)

To **John** ('97) and **Shannon O'Neill** ('98) **Williams**, a daughter, Alexandra Kaitlin, Oct. 7, 2004. They also have a son, Brendan. John is district manager for Bradley Pharmaceuticals. (7011 Merlot Drive, Smyrna, TN 37167)

To **Daniel** ('99) and **MaryAnn Dozier** ('98) **Green**, a daughter, Caroline, Oct. 12, 2004. They have another daughter, Caitlyn. (2232 Rolling Hills Drive, Nolensville, TN 37135)

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 Myron Schirer and **Cordelia** ('89) **Schirer-Suter**, a son, Cedric Theophil Johannes, Nov. 19, 2004. (12 Munroe St., Beverly, MA 01915)

To **Reagan** ('02) and **Jennifer Conner** ('00) **Baber**, a daughter, Avery Kay, Nov. 30, 2004. Reagan is in his fourth year of medical school at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and Jennifer works from home. (15 Timberwood Drive, Cabot, AR 72023)

To Rob and **Stephanie Hutson** ('94) **Cofer**, a daughter, Crismon Rae, Dec. 10, 2004. (301 Whitlock Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718)

To **Craig Zeringue** ('82) and **Patricia** ('79) **Harville-Zeringue**, a son, Schon, Dec. 13, 2004. They have seven other children. (204 Maple Ave., Houma, LA 70364)

To Thomas and **Katherine Wright** ('97) **Fromm**, a son, Fisher Thomas, Dec. 14, 2004. They have another son, Johnathon. (1024 Barbara Ann Drive, Hurst, TX 76053)

To Bryan and **Jennifer Strickland** ('97) **Roberts**, a son, Jackson Barrett, Dec. 17, 2004. They also have a daughter, Lauren Olivia. (736 Station View Road, Knoxville, TN 37919)

To Jim and **Beth Darnell** ('92) **Goodson**, a daughter, GraceAnna Jean, Dec. 20, 2004. They have

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Preserving our past

By LIZ HOWELL, director of alumni relations

For more than eight decades, the story of our University has been unfolding. In an effort to preserve some of the important milestones



Liz Howell

from the past, Associated Women for Harding have opened an archive room titled Harding History on the first floor of Brackett Library.

Black and white pictures and newspaper clippings tell the story of Harding's early

days in Morrilton, Ark., and showcase the development of the current campus until now. Furniture from Galloway College, Godden Hall, Sewell Hall and others was given to AWH throughout the years and transforms the room into a comfortable place to reminisce and reflect. Collections of books by Harding authors, *Petit Jean* yearbooks and *Bison* newspapers are accessible for visitors to read and enjoy.

A few of the many items of interest:

- A brass bell belonging to Florence Cathcart, who co-authored the alma mater and planted roses on the front lawn, rung to remind young men visiting the women's dorm that it was curfew
- Dr. George S. Benson's Dictaphone used during the early years in Searcy
- Books by Dr. James D. Bales
- Dr. Jack Lewis' typewriter
- Promotional items, club jerseys and let-



terman jackets from the early years

- Memorabilia from the administrations and families of our four presidents: J.N. Armstrong, Benson, Dr. Clifton L. Ganus Jr. and Dr. David B. Burks

From pictures depicting the burning of the mortgage to the transition from a college to a university, this room comes to life with the spirit of our predecessors and their beliefs in a premier, Christian education.

Harding History is open during normal library hours. More items are welcome. If you have a historical Harding item that you would like to share with others, please contact me at (800) 477-4312, Ext. 1. **H**

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? ... BETH HEFFINGTON 1994

Coast to coast

Librarians are often pictured as low-key intellectuals walking through rooms full of books talking to each other in quiet whispers. But Beth Heffington quickly erases that stereotype with the description of her work for Speer Library at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, N.J. Her job, she says, "is definitely a challenge, a lot more intrigue than you imagine — lots of politics."

Her role as an acquisitions assistant includes ordering and receiving new materials for the library and working for the collection development librarian, among other responsibilities. But library science was not her initial field of study.

In college, she majored in social work and also found time to join Regina social club and serve as club queen for Knight's social club. During her junior year, she was elected *Petit Jean* queen (the last time the honor was bestowed), and following graduation, she stayed in Searcy for a year and a half pursuing a career in social work.

Then this girl from a small town in Georgia headed to the West Coast —

Seattle — and worked at Harborview Medical Center as a Medicaid liaison for a year. While she found social work challenging and rewarding, she felt a pull toward a more peaceful professional environment with a different workload. Meanwhile her parents had moved to New Jersey, so she seized the opportunity to make a change and moved to the East Coast.

When she saw an advertisement for a job at the seminary, she knew she had found her place. After all, her father was a librarian, and she had started working for him at age 12. She also worked in Brackett Library during her time at the University.



While she enjoys the relationships with co-workers, she admits that there are challenges in her job. One big issue is adjusting to and utilizing technology, an area, she explains, in which libraries generally tend to be behind the curve. Currently she is completing a master's in library science at Rutgers University and then plans to relocate to the Nashville, Tenn., area. Her long-term career goals include a continuation of her academic pursuits, perhaps studying at a seminary or divinity school or earning a law degree and eventually a law librarianship. "Although my career has changed," she says, "I'm so grateful for my Harding social work education that brought so much good to my life." **H**

— Jennifer Lashley

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Members of AWH tour the Harding History room at its opening in May.

From the mouths of babes

Compiled by JENNIFER LASHLEY

THIS AUGUST, MORE THAN 1,000 FRESHMEN FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY and world descended upon campus, eager to enter a phase that signifies the end of childhood and the transition to independence. Here's a firsthand look at some of the expectations and goals new students have for their college experience.

What academic goals do you hope to meet during the next four years?

... to learn new things both inside and outside of the classroom these next few years. In the end, my main goal is to become a teacher so I can share everything I've learned.

— Katie Swann; Tampa, Fla.

... to be a music teacher — well, a violin instructor. I want to make friends with the girls in my hall and become a better Christian, going to devos, chapel and church. I hope to do well in my studies and work hard to achieve my goals.

— Mariah Mathis; Anchorage, Alaska

... to graduate with a high GPA. I hope to learn everything I need for a career in pharmacy, and then I hope to have the ability to apply the knowledge I learn to my career.

— Rachel Sobotka; Mount Ayr, Iowa

How do you plan to grow spiritually during your time at Harding?

... learning a lot in my Bible classes, and I'm really looking forward to meeting so many other Christians and growing spiritually through my fellowship with them.

— Jessica Medsker; Eagle, Colo.

... taking time out of my schedule to set aside for God.

— Alli Henry; San Ramon, Calif.

... to spend time in daily study and worship and really dedicate my life to God.

— Ian Voigts; Naperville, Ill.

My hope is that I will be better equipped to share my beliefs with others.

— Luke Shaffer; Ridgefield, Wash.

The thing that will probably help

me grow the most spiritually while I am here at Harding is being constantly surrounded by a great Christian atmosphere. All the devotionals, Christian teachers and students are really going to strengthen my spiritual life.

— Erin Williams; Newton, Kan.

... to attend church regularly and go to prayer groups.

— Alex Ault; Whitehall, Mich.

What plans do you have to develop socially during college?

... to join clubs and be in a lot of student activities. I'm pretty outgoing, so I'm sure I'll meet people and make friends with them.

— Jenlyn Vilches; Cabot, Ark.

... joining a social club to develop new friendships. I also plan on participating in as many extracurricular activities as I can.

I found out in high school that the more active you are, the more you grow socially.

— Michael Inloes; Mount Ayr, Iowa

... meeting tons of new Christian friends from all walks of life!

— Megan Reese; Tulsa, Okla.

... to become more outgoing in college. I have always been pretty shy, so in college I really want to go out of my comfort zone. I want to take risks that I usually wouldn't take, and I want to do things I usually wouldn't do. I want to stop being afraid of what other people think and just be myself.

— Melinda Birdwell; St. Petersburg, Fla.

... to be involved in track and as many clubs as possible.

— Tyler Kerr; Bedford, Ind.



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Following 90 days of construction, First Security Field sports a new turf that is being used by the football and soccer teams. Paid for by private donations, the field is only the second of its kind in the country and has a GMax rating below 100, making it softer than most grass fields.

