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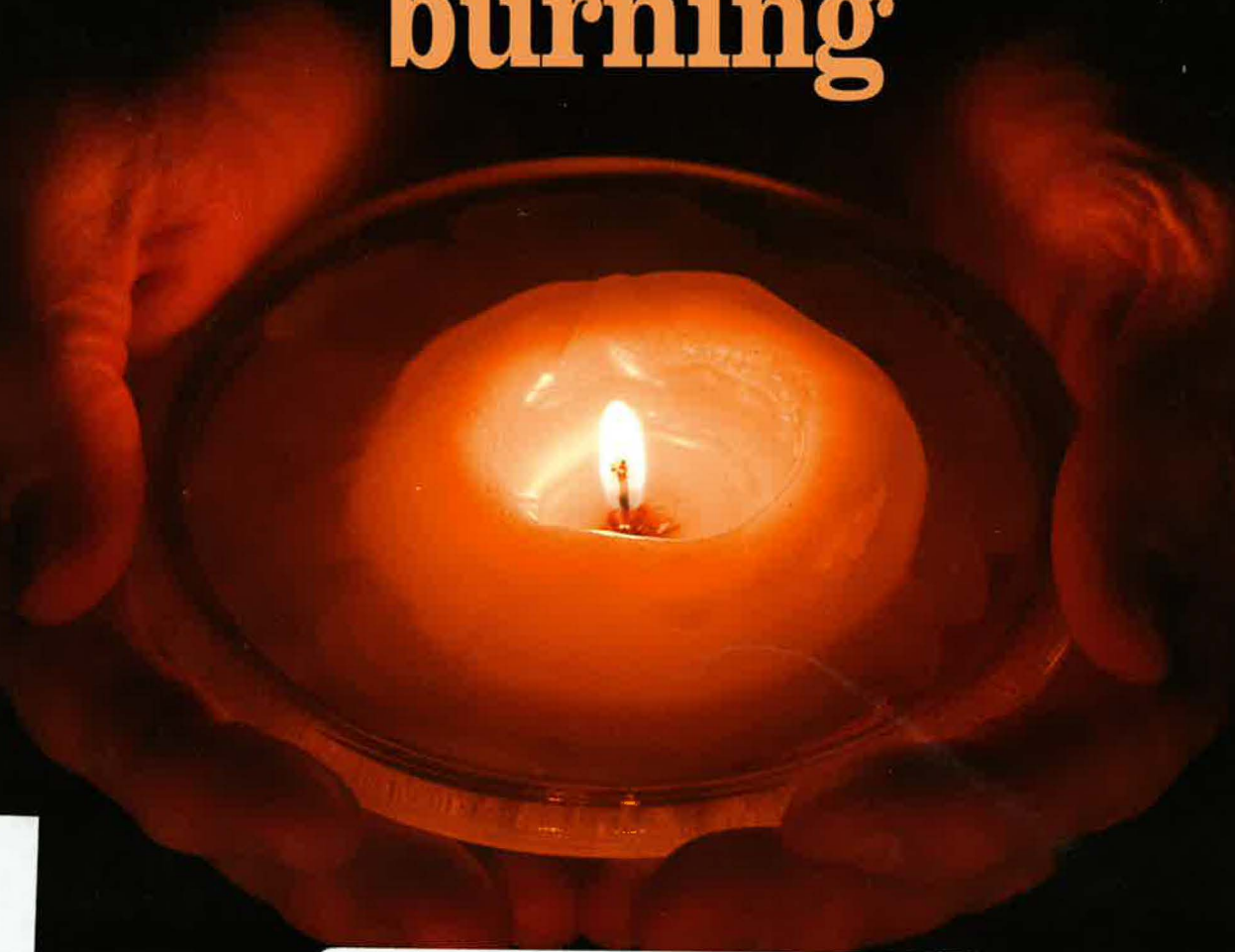
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# Significant step

By DAVID B. BURKS



JULY 9 SERVED AS A MONUMENTAL DAY in the expansion of health sciences, not only at the University, but throughout Arkansas, the nation and the world (Page 2).

Although ground clearly had been previously broken — as evidenced by construction proceeding in the background that rainy morning — the ceremony cemented our dedication to constructing the Center for Health Sciences, which will, upon its completion next summer, house the Physician Assistant Program and College of Pharmacy.

These programs will supplement our already strong premedicine program and nationally accredited nursing program. Also joining the health sciences lineup next fall is a master's in speech pathology (Page 3).

As Dr. Mike Murphy, director of the Physician Assistant Program, said in his remarks, "This act of groundbreaking is a declaration of belief in our future. ... We are able to break ground because people within the Harding community care and commit their time, hearts and resources."

Perhaps board chairman Harry Risinger summed up the role of this facility best in his closing comments when he talked about the earthly life of our Lord, Jesus. Matthew 9:35 reads, "Jesus went through all the towns and villages ... preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness." Risinger went on to say that Jesus was not only "concerned about their spiritual state; he was also concerned about their physical life while here on earth."

This twofold purpose is right at the heart of the University's mission. This \$7.7 million facility is being built to the glory of God because our aim is to honor God in everything we do.

We are excited about what the future holds for graduates of these programs (Page 18). We ask for your prayers as we, with God's help, carry out the task set before us. **H**

*David B. Burks*

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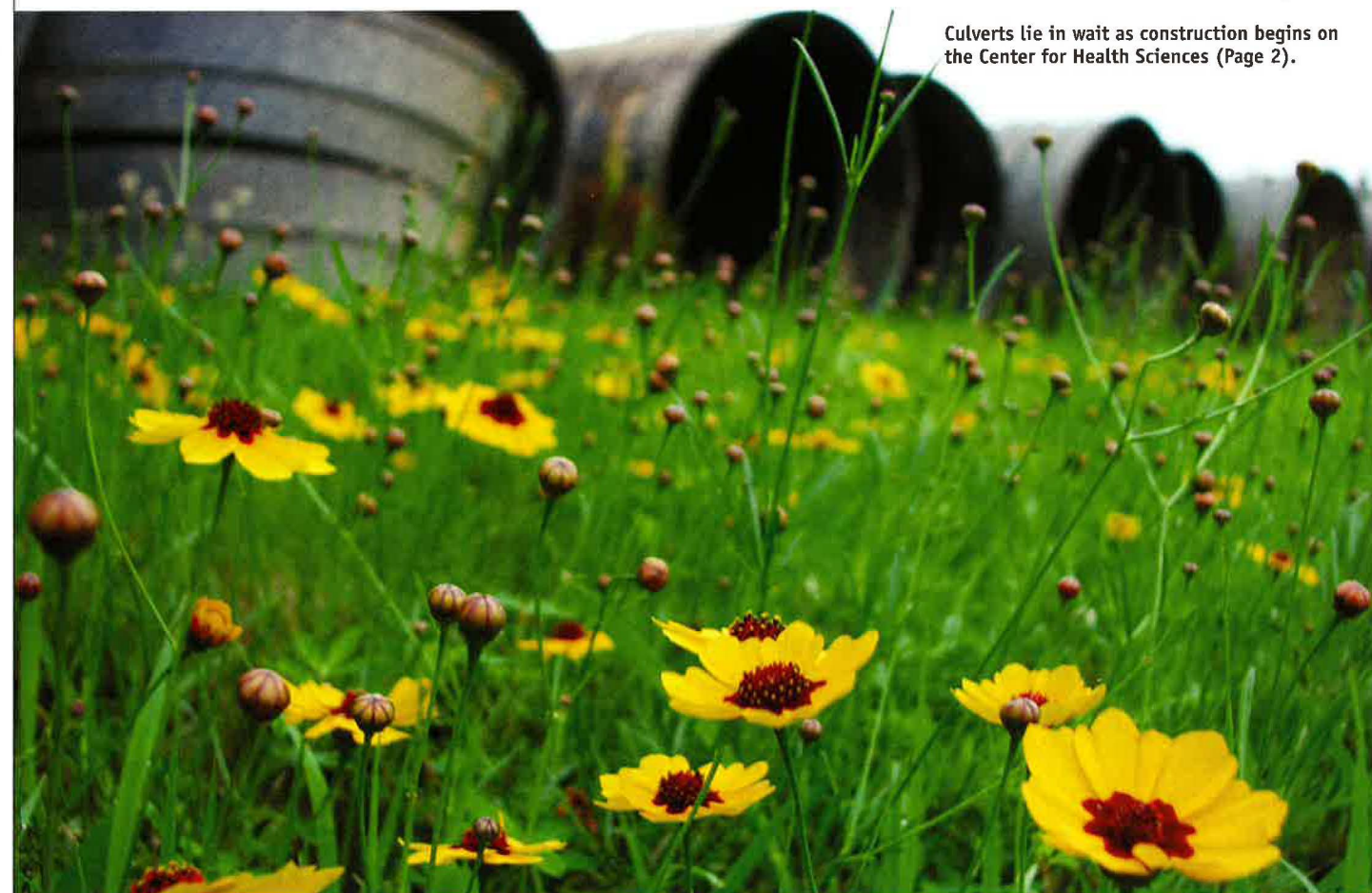
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## ON THE COVER

Realizing the flame is nearly out for World War I veterans, Will Everett ('90) interviewed those remaining for his documentary "WWI Living History Project." Photo by Jeff Montgomery.

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## Health Sciences breaks ground

ON JULY 9, PRESIDENT DAVID B. Burks directed the groundbreaking of the \$7.7 million facility to house the College of Pharmacy and Physician Assistant Program.

During the ceremony, Dr. Mike Murphy, director of the Physician Assistant Program, said, "Projects like this don't just happen because the money is there. They are born out of desire to develop and expand Harding's ability to integrate faith, learning and living for our children and our children's children."

Dr. Julie Hixson-Wallace, dean of the College of Pharmacy, added, "The beginning of construction of the Center for Health Sciences represents an incredible vote of confidence in both the College of Pharmacy and Physician Assistant Program from the University administration."

The two-story building will provide 35,800 square feet of space on East Park Avenue. The ground floor will house an administrative suite for each program that will include offices, a reception and waiting area, conference room, and faculty workroom. Both programs will share a large laboratory, 10 examination rooms, an observation area and clinical storage.

The second floor will contain faculty offices, three large classrooms, three laboratories, small conference rooms,

and a student library with specialized pharmacology and physician assistant materials.

Initially pharmacy students were to begin classes this fall. Although most administrative and faculty positions had been filled, a few key positions remained open, prompting the decision to postpone for a year.

In June Hixson-Wallace said of the decision to delay, "We are committed to ensuring that the college provides the highest quality program possible. In order to accomplish this, we believe that we need additional faculty in place at least six months in advance of our start date."

Classes are now set to begin fall 2008 — contingent upon achieving precandidate status with the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. The maximum number for the first class was 40; however, with the delay, more students will be able to begin training in 2008.

"Our proposed College of Pharmacy had always been on an accelerated track," said Dr. Jim Carr, executive vice president and chair of the original committee that evaluated establishment of the program. "We planned to start much earlier than is normal for such a program. We will now revert to the more traditional path."

The first class of physician assistants graduated July 28, with 16 receiving the master of science in physician assistant studies (For the full story, see Page 18.)

## Reaves, Walker join Trustees

FOR ROY REAVES AND DR. Robert Walker, this Homecoming holds a special attraction — their first meeting as members of the University's Board of Trustees. President David B. Burks announced the appointments in June.

Reaves, of Russellville, Ark., is chairman and CEO of the Central Division of Liberty Bank of Arkansas. He serves as vice chairman of River Valley Regional Intermodal Facilities Authority and River



Roy Reaves

Valley Heart Association, as board member of Pope County Soil Conservation District, and as a member of Rotary Club and the President's Council. The Arkansas Community Development Program honored him with its Award of Exceptional Accomplishment for Community Development.

He holds the bachelor of science degree from the University, an MBA from

University of Arkansas, and a diploma from Stonier Graduate School of Banking in New Brunswick, N.J. Reaves is a member of Westside Church of Christ in Russellville.

Walker, of Decatur, Ala., works with Surgical Associates of North Alabama. He received the bachelor of science degree from the University and the doctor of medicine from University of Alabama School of Medicine. He is certified by the American Board of Surgery and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

He serves on the board of directors for Alabama Policy Institute and Compass Bank of Decatur and is a member of the President's Council. He has received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the College of Sciences and the John A. Caddell Award from Decatur General Hospital Foundation. An elder at Beltline Church of Christ, Walker and his wife, Beth, have three children.



Dr. Robert Walker

## On the Net and newsstand

"[The University] focuses on the individual as a whole. So many schools focus on fostering intellectual growth, but they ignore the rest of the individual. Harding in its entirety helps a person grow in so many ways."

— *The Princeton Review*, which included the University in its listing of colleges receiving the Best in the Southeast designation, based on statistical and student opinion-based narrative information. The statement was a response to an 80-question survey administered to students.

*U.S. News & World Report* magazine also ranked the University as one of the South's best in its annual *America's Best Colleges* issue, as well as a best value among schools in the South. For more information, visit [www.harding.edu](http://www.harding.edu).



## Speech pathology master's gains pre-accreditation

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING accepted for the master of science degree program in speech-language pathology, which will begin in fall 2008.

The program is a candidate for accreditation by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. This is "pre-accreditation" status with the CAA, awarded to developing or emerging programs for a maximum of five years.

The communication sciences and disorders program, formerly housed in the Communication Department, transitioned into its own department this fall, chaired by Dr. Rebecca O. Weaver.

Weaver, past president of the Arkansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association, holds the bachelor of arts degree from the University,

master of communication disorders degree from University of Mississippi, and Ph.D. from

University of Memphis. She currently serves on the Council for Clinical Certification and Legislative Council for ASLHA.

Course work for the graduate degree comprises 57 credit hours that include both lecture and clinical practicum hours completed over five semesters. The curriculum will provide students with knowledge and skills in articulation, fluency, voice and resonance, swallowing, receptive and expressive language, the impact of hearing on speech and language, cognitive aspects of

communication, social aspects of communication, and communication modalities.

Students will complete practicums in a wide variety of settings, including public schools, hospitals, geriatric facilities and the University's speech clinic. Plans are also underway to introduce practicum experiences at the international studies campuses in England and Zambia.

Graduates will be eligible to apply for licensure as speech-language pathologists with the Arkansas Board of Examiners in Speech Pathology and Audiology and the Certificate of Clinical Competence through the ASLHA. For information on graduate study in speech-language pathology or to schedule a visit, call (501) 279-4640 or visit [www.harding.edu/cd](http://www.harding.edu/cd).



## Freshmen, Facebook help tell enrollment story

MATTHEW FAHEY COULD NOT WAIT to join the 2007 freshman class. A countdown calendar on his Facebook page calculated — in days, hours, minutes and seconds — the time until he would leave his home in Wolcott, Conn., for the University. Also through the social medium Facebook, he connected with nearly half of the 998 first-time-in-college students in a group called "Harding Freshmen 2007!!!" before he set foot on campus.

This large freshman class contributed to the 21st consecutive record enrollment, which stands at 6,332. It is a 3.7 percent increase over last year's total of 6,108. The figure is also bolstered by a 5.7 percent increase in graduate enrollment and a strong retention rate of 80 percent.

Undergraduate enrollment is 4,154, with 1,206 of those being new students. The student body represents 49 states and 52 foreign countries. With 11 freshman National Merit Finalists, the University expects to be among the top schools in the country in the enrollment of National Merit Scholars.

The total number of graduate students grew from 2,060 to 2,178, as business and education graduate offerings continued to gain popularity, and the Physician Assistant Program added its third class. Students in various graduate education programs total 1,632, and students in the MBA Program, 221. Both programs are now offered on the Searcy campus and at the North Little Rock and Northwest Arkansas professional centers.

Adding diversity to the student body are 273 international students — 117 of whom come from China, and 69 of whom come from Central America and Mexico.

The overall number includes 134 students studying overseas at International Program sites in Brisbane, Australia; London, England; Athens, Greece; Florence, Italy; and Namwianga, Zambia.

The Honors College continues to draw students with 768 participants. Nineteen percent of first-time-in-college students are enrolled.

## ASSOCIATED WOMEN FOR HARDING

AWH presented its Lifetime Achievement Award to **Louise Ganus** at the National Council meeting in April. **Edith Chaffin** of Heber Springs, Ark., was named AWH Member of the Year.

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

**Department of Art and Design** "Double Vision from Pisa, Italy," a watercolor by department chair Dr. **John Keller**, received the bronze award for the Mid-Southern Watercolorists' 37th Annual Juried Exhibition.

## Department of History and Social Science

Dr. **Paul Haynie**, professor, appeared as a commentator on the Arkansas section of The History Channel's series "The States."

## Department of Music

Dr. **Patricia Cox**, professor, presented a paper titled "Professional Role Development of Arkansas Music Educators" at the Fifth International Symposium of the Sociology of Music Education held July 2-5 in St. John's, Newfoundland.

## COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND RELIGION

**Nathan Guy**, instructor, and Dr. **Keith Stanglin**, assistant professor, presented papers at the 2007 Christian Scholars' Conference held June 21-23 at Rochester College. Guy's was titled "It Is a New Creation: God's Dream for a Brave, New World," and Stanglin's was "Anabaptists and Arminius on Free Will and Election."

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

**Matt Wilson**, a student pursuing the master of education degree and National Board Candidate, was selected as an Arkansas preliminary finalist by the State Selection Committee for the 2007 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Program.

## COLLEGE OF NURSING

Dr. **Cathleen Shultz**, professor and dean, served as moderator for a panel discussion of "Scholarly Collaboration in Action: Ernest Boyer's Model of Scholarship and the College of Nursing" at the 2007 Christian Scholars' Conference held June 21-23 at Rochester College. Contributors included Dr. **Sheila Cox Sullivan**, associate professor, on "Visitation in Critical Care Units" and Shultz on "Building Communities That Care: Reflections on 30 Years of Faith-based Outreach." >>

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## Diverse figures head Lecture Series

FOUR INDIVIDUALS WHOSE roles in defense, diplomacy, community service and business have made national and international impacts comprise the American Studies Distinguished Lecture Series for 2007-08.

Retired Lt. Col. Steve Russell began the series Sept. 11.



Steve Russell

Russell, who commanded the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry in Tikrit, Iraq, from spring 2003 to

2004, was instrumental in the hunt and capture of Saddam Hussein.

President of Zambia Levy Patrick Mwanawasa spoke Sept. 27 in an event co-sponsored by L.C. Sears Collegiate Seminar Series. A lawyer,



Levy Patrick Mwanawasa

Mwanawasa served as the nation's solicitor general in 1985 and was a senior partner in his own firm from 1978 to 1992.

That same year, he was named vice president of Zambia. In August 2000, he was elected the Movement to Multiparty Democracy's presidential candidate. He won the election in December 2001, beating 10 others, and was re-elected in September 2006.

Former president and chairman of Godfather's Pizza Inc. Herman Cain will speak Nov. 8 in a presentation co-sponsored by College of Business Administration. The national chain was performing poorly before Cain became president in 1986 and led it to profitability in 14 months.

Cain was elected to the board of directors of the National Restaurant Association in 1988, serving as chairman from 1994 to 1995. He was then appointed chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.



Herman Cain

He also served as a senior adviser to the 1996 Dole/Kemp presidential campaign. In 1996, he became CEO and president of the National Restaurant Association, a position he held for two and a half years before becoming CEO and president of RetailDNA. Today Cain is a nationally syndicated radio talk show host of "The Herman Cain Show" and a Fox News business commentator.

The series continues Feb. 12, 2008, with author and historian David Barton, founder and president of Wall-Builders, a national pro-family organization that distributes historical, legal and statistical information and helps citizens become active in their schools and communities.



David Barton

He researches original writings of the Founding Era and serves as consultant to state and federal legislators. He has participated in several cases at the Supreme Court and helped develop history/social studies standards for students in California and Texas.

An author of numerous books on historical, legal and educational issues, he regularly speaks at conferences nationwide and appears on TV and radio programs. The final speaker will be announced at a later date.

## Brenda Seawel: 'Comm Mom'

ONE NAME OFTEN SURFACES when an office on campus must search for an administrative assistant: Brenda Picker Seawel. Not that she's available. Seawel began working with Dr. Mike James in the Communication Department in 1999 and has no intention of going anywhere.

"I feel like I have the best of everything," she says. "Great faculty, great boss. The biggest perk is the students."

They feel the same about her. "Comm Mom" is the nickname students — and a few faculty members — have given Seawel. "That's my greatest accomplishment," she says. "To know they feel like they can come to me as a mom. Nurturing is a big part of what I do here."

Prior to 1999, Seawel and her husband, Morris, tried several times to relocate to Searcy, where her family had moved when she was in high school. She recounts a story of Dr. Jim Carr Sr. knocking on the door of her parents' house one night when she and Morris were visiting from Houston. "He said, 'We need to get you back here,' and told Morris about a job in admissions." Their twin sons, Derek and Dustin, were just beginning their senior year of high school and would soon be coming to Searcy to attend the University anyway. They gave their OK. "We prayed about it, and our house sold in one week," she recalls. "It has been such a blessing."

This May, Seawel and her daughter, Erica, will graduate together. Though Seawel began college in 1976, she lacked several courses toward a degree. "I had no intention of finishing," she says, "but Dr. [Lou] Butterfield kept encouraging me." She enrolled in the Degree Completion Program in 2006, beginning her first class when the twins moved away. "It was a good solution for 'empty nest syndrome,'" she says.

For the last seven years, Seawel has served as a sponsor for Zeta Rho social club, and she and Morris co-host a home Bible study for students. "Our group has just really bonded," she explains. "We spend a lot of time in prayer, and we have lots of conversations afterward about what's going on in their lives. We try to acknowledge when prayer is answered to see how God is working in our lives."

Due to her long-time association with the University, she also has many stories to relate to students — Carr's buttons, for example. "Students today don't know about those buttons that say, 'It's Great to be at Harding,' or that he came up with that saying," she says. "But that's how we feel."

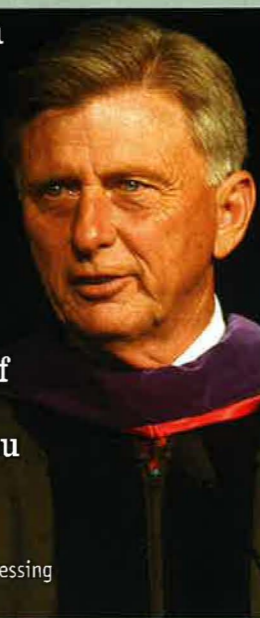
— April M. Fatula



SPEAKERS PHOTOS SUBMITTED. SEAWEL PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

“When I went through commencement the first time, I thought, ‘What are they talking about? I’m done. Why call it commencement?’ This is the first day of the rest of your life. Education is never ending. It does not stop with the conferring of these degrees. Education dynamically will follow you all of your life.”

— Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe of Searcy, addressing graduates May 12, 2007.



## Athletic Training kicks off

FOLLOWING A FIVE-YEAR process that included a departmental study and site visits, the University's Athletic Training Education program received national accreditation this spring from the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education.

The Kinesiology Department began the study in fall 2001 to determine the need and feasibility of changing the program from internships to a clinical-based curriculum. A committee comprising faculty and medical advisers presented its recommendations in an application filed in fall 2003. CAATE evaluators visited campus in fall 2006 and confirmed their findings in February.

During the study, students were allowed to declare athletic training as their major. Upon graduation, these individuals will be able to sit for the national exam and earn their certification.

Dr. Randy Lambeth, kinesiology associate professor and certified athletic trainer, di-

rects the bachelor's program. He believes having clinical instructors work hands-on with students in the actual environment will only increase the opportunities available to athletic training graduates.

"Sports has become a major industry in America," he says. "It has become more important that those involved are kept safe. Certified athletic trainers are finding employment at schools, colleges, professional athletic events, medical clinics, in the military, in industry and many other venues."

The 128-hour athletic training degree places specific, rigorous requirements on students. Clinical-based courses are a major component of the program, requiring 100-200 hours of clinical work each semester from the sophomore to senior years.

## Business missions center realized

IN MAY, EASTERN EUROPEAN Missions formalized a partnership with the College of Business Administration, establishing the Harding Character Initiative, a center

for business missions.

Explained Dr. Bryan Burks, dean of the college, "The purpose is to introduce Christian moral and ethical concepts to students and business leaders in nations that formerly constituted the Soviet Bloc."

For the last eight years, Dr. Budd Hebert, professor of international business, has led a group of students on a business mission trip to Ukraine during spring break. He will continue to lead these teams as they go into Eastern European universities and present the course on business ethics Hebert authored. By presenting the material and building personal relationships with students who enroll, Hebert and his teams will seek openings to present the gospel as the source of ethical principles. Additionally, specific opportunities will be created outside of class for Hebert's teams to discuss the Bible with enrollees.

Hebert will continue to create and revise curriculum, structure seminars, and recruit and train University students and teams from other Christian universities.

In addition to providing financial support, EEM will identify universities in Eastern Europe who want their students to benefit from this program, as well as make arrangements for housing and off-campus meetings, translate material, and provide translators and guides.

The goal is to create a replicable program in which others could take part, Dr. Mike Armour, president of EEM, explained. "We now know that this program can be packaged so it is replicable. This is the time for us to enter into a formal relationship. Whatever lies ahead, I know that much good will be done, the kingdom will be expanded, and Christ's name will be glorified."

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY Dr. Forrest L. Smith, associate dean for academic affairs, is part of collaborative research with Virginia Commonwealth University examining the biochemical mechanisms of pain processes in the brain and spinal cord and how opiates like morphine block pain. The findings were published in the January issue of Brain Research and the April issue of Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES Department of Computer Science Frank McCown, assistant professor, presented two papers at the ACM/IEEE Joint Conference on Digital Libraries June 17-23 in Vancouver, British Columbia. They were titled "Agreeing to Disagree: Search Engines and Their Public Interfaces" and "Factors Affecting Web Site Reconstruction From the Web Infrastructure."

Department of Engineering and Physics Dr. Ken Olree, assistant professor of engineering, co-authored "Differential Activation of Nerve Fibers With Magnetic Stimulation in Humans," which was published in the July 2006 issue of BMC Neuroscience, and "Differential Activation and Block of Peripheral Nerve Fibers by Magnetic Fields," published in the August 2006 issue of Muscle & Nerve.

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences Dr. Beth Wilson, professor and chair, and Sharen Crockett, professor, co-presented a concurrent session for the 21st Century Families Conference: From Research to Reality in Little Rock, Ark., April 17-19. Their presentation was titled "Children Living With Domestic Violence: Strategies for Reducing Negative Outcomes."

Department of Kinesiology Stephen Burks, assistant professor, received the Ed.D. in higher education from University of Arkansas at Little Rock July 5. The title of his dissertation was "Student Characteristics and Activity Choices of College Freshmen and Their Intent to Persist in Religiously Affiliated Institutions."

Dr. Ken Turley, associate professor, and research assistant Justin Bland, a master of science in education student from Germantown, Tenn., presented papers at the 2007 Christian Scholars' Conference held June 21-23 at Rochester College. Turley's was titled "The Chemoreflex in Children," and Bland's was titled "Effects of Caffeine on Children During Exercise." >>

## Degrees combine in ministry training center

THIS FALL, THE SCHOOL OF Biblical Studies became the Center for Advanced Ministry Training. Including both bachelor and master of ministry degree programs, the center is the latest evolution of the original Christian Communications Program that began in 1974.

"Regardless of the name or administrative organization, the objectives of the program have not changed through the years," says Dr. Bill Richardson, director of the center.

"Our goal is to prepare students to faithfully engage in fruitful Christian ministry as capable students of biblical literature and theology, effective communicators of the message, and humble servants."

The bachelor of ministry is an intensive 128-hour degree program designed to equip mature students to preach the gospel and prepare for missions and other areas of service. Fifteen fully funded tuition scholarships are available to qualified students. The curriculum, which includes 94 hours of Bible and ministry classes and 34 hours of liberal arts, may be completed in three years or less. A new component is the practical apprenticeship, which exposes students to field work in diverse areas of ministry under the tutelage of local church mentors.

Richardson says he hopes that bachelor of ministry degree students will continue toward the master of ministry degree, a 36-hour non-thesis graduate program aiming to help Christian servants hone their ministry talents. The program provides foundational courses in theology and culture, along with 10 practical ministry courses. A num-

ber of 40-percent tuition scholarships are available to qualified students, who may take in-residence and at-a-distance courses, which combine online virtual classrooms, streaming video and teleconferencing. Theoretically, a student with a high school diploma could earn both degrees in four years.

The center currently enrolls 30 undergraduate students; 42 students are pursuing the master's degree.

"Our students have a passion for what they're doing," Richardson says. "It's exciting to see how many of them have experienced God's grace in a profound way."

For more information on

the Bachelor of Ministry Program, contact Gary Gregg, associate director of the center, at (501) 279-4290 or e-mail gwgregg@harding.edu. For information on the Master of Ministry Program, contact Richardson at (501) 279-4252 or e-mail mmin@harding.edu.

## Clayton, Williams move up in rank

TWO ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE appointments in nursing and English went into effect this fall.

Dr. Da'Lynn Clayton, who had been serving as interim associate dean of the College of Nursing for the past year and a half, was formally

named to the position. She joined the faculty in 1985, left in 1992 to pursue the Ph.D. at



Dr. Da'Lynn Clayton

University of Texas, returned in 1998, and in 2001 was promoted to associate professor. She also

holds the bachelor of science in nursing degree from Harding and the master of science degree from University of Michigan.

She is nationally recognized for her work in clinical practice using the Modeling/Role Modeling Theory and is actively involved in research regarding ways to prevent harm to children during health examinations.

Dr. John Williams, professor of English who joined the faculty in 1992, is now chair



Dr. John Williams

of the Department of English. He previously taught at Ohio Valley University, where he also served as acting vice president for instruction and division chair.

He holds the bachelor's and master's degrees from University of Memphis and the Ph.D. in American Literature from Ohio University. Williams coordinates capstone projects for senior English majors and directs the Jo Cleveland Creative Writing Contest. He has authored *Fiction as False Document: The Reception of E.L. Doctorow in the Postmodern Age*, a book on criticism of the American writer. He also co-authored *Making History: Ray Muncy in His Time*, a biography on the late faculty member, department chair and noted historian.

Williams replaced Dr. Gary Elliott, who retired.

## Take five with 2007-08 SA President Charlie Walker

### 1> How will this year's SA run differently than previous administrations?

After talking with several former presidents, my understanding is that the Student Association has often felt obligated to wear too many hats. It has felt pressure to be the service project team on campus, in charge of campus activities, the school spirit team, etc. In other words, the SA was expected to do it all.

And to a degree this is true. The SA needs to be involved in many aspects of campus life. But when this is the case, we can easily get so wrapped up in worthy pursuits that the chief objective is pushed to the back seat.

This year we do not want to lose sight of our organization's main goal: to be the voice for students' interests and concerns.

### 2> What service efforts are planned for the year?

We are currently working on putting together a team to concentrate on just that. Harding's strong legacy of devotion to community service and missions is one of the ways our university is distinct. The SA will be dedicated to continuing this tradition.

Also, we want to work with several other strong organizations on campus to make sure community service and missions are not just for a select few, but rather something in which to involve the entire University. This is not accomplished by forcing or "guilting" students into participation, but rather by getting the right groups together. These groups

include Harding in Action, Bisons for Christ, Wednesday night home Bible studies, and prayer groups.

### 3> How do you plan to appeal to students and get them to actively participate in SA activities/projects?

The best thing we can do is focus our energy and efforts on the



Charlie Walker

right activities and projects. In the three years I've been here, I've noticed that Harding students always respond. I look back to Hurricane Katrina, spring break campaign efforts, the Day of Service, and countless examples of individual students and families that were going through trying times — in all these cases our students came together.

This is no different for other projects worthy of our attention, such as attempts to better the parking situation on campus or efforts to move SA elections to Pipeline. If we focus on the right areas, I have no doubt that students will back worthwhile projects.

### 4> What do you hope will be this year's greatest accomplishment?

In many ways, this year's

theme for the SA will be "realizing our potential as a university." In my speech [to the student body] I said that we are going to be an Acts 17 campus. I love that in verse six the Apostles were described as men who "turned the world upside down." They were also described as being ordinary and uneducated. If 12 ordinary, uneducated men can change the world, then I truly believe 6,000 Harding students working together are definitely capable.

We also want to build a strong Student Association for the future — an organization in which students believe and trust. Strong schools have strong student governments. Some clubs or organizations tend to divide students by department or social circles; however, I believe the SA has potential to be an organization that truly unites the student body.

### 5> How does it feel to know that you will potentially be working with your father — a new board member — during your tenure?

I have truly been impressed with our board's spiritual focus and overall willingness to help the Student Association in whatever way it can. The men and women who make up the Board of Trustees are all people I look up to and admire; Dad is no exception. I consider each of them role models. They are living proof that one can succeed in the world without being of the world.

As far as working with Dad, we both tend to think alike for the most part, and we both care deeply for Harding University. Furthermore, he has never been shy about letting me know who is boss. I don't expect that to change.

## [DEDICATION]

### Tahkodah hall named for Lambeth

THE NEW \$500,000 DINING HALL at Camp Tahkodah was dedicated to former director Randy Lambeth in a surprise ceremony July 14.

More than 70 guests — in addition to 165 campers, 23 counselors and 15 other staff members — attended the grand-opening celebration, including former camp directors Cliff Sharp and Matthew Henderson.

Lambeth, now athletic trainer and associate professor of kinesiology at the University, directed the camp from 1988 to 2003. His association with Tahkodah dates back to 1977, when he worked as a counselor. He served as assistant director from 1979 to 1988. Under his leadership, the program expanded to five sessions, and facilities were developed for year-round use.

The 6,748-square-foot building seats 240 and includes a rock fireplace and wraparound porch. It also houses a dishwashing room, kitchen, laundry room, infirmary and nurses quarters.

Said current director Ross Cochran, "The new mess hall is the fulfillment of a dream that is at least 10 years old."



Randy Lambeth holds the sign proclaiming Camp Tahkodah's latest facility.

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## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

**Greenkeepers Garden Club**, which provided expertise and design style to transform the University during the 2006 Christmas season, earned first-place honors in civic achievement at the Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs Inc. awards ceremony April 18.

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

**Lou Cook**, secretary in the Athletics Department; **Johnny Ferguson**, director of grounds beautification; **Cindy Hunter**, secretary in the President's Office; and **Dr. Sherry Pollard**, counselor, were honored with Distinguished Service awards at the annual faculty and staff dinner April 13.

## DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARDS

**Janice Bingham**, associate professor of nursing; **Dr. Mike James**, professor and chair of communication; **Dr. Robert McCready**, associate professor of French; and **Dr. Ken Turley**, associate professor of kinesiology, received Distinguished Teacher awards at the annual faculty and staff dinner April 13.

## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF RELIGION

**Dr. Evertt Huffard**, vice president and dean, served as a discussant in a panel review of Michael Casey's *The Rhetoric of Sir Garfield Todd: Christian Imagination and the Dream of an African Democracy* at the 2007 Christian Scholars' Conference held June 21-23 at Rochester College.

**Dr. Dave Bland**, professor, presented a paper titled "The Role of Human Interaction in the Process of Character Formation," and **Dr. Mark Powell**, associate professor, presented "Rationality and Christian Belief: The Resurrection of Jesus as Case Study" at the conference.

**Lynn Anderson** of San Antonio was named Alumnus of the Year April 5. President of Hope Network Ministries, Anderson is a nationally recognized speaker and author.

## HARDING PLACE

**Harding Place** was recognized by Capital Senior Living as the best retirement community of the 64 it manages across the country.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Gov. Mike Beebe appointed **Craig Russell**, director, to the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies.

## STUDENT LIFE

**Corey McEntyre** has been named director of Campus Life.

## A winning attitude

By SCOTT GOODE, sports information director

JUNIOR FORWARD CATHERINE McMenemy's love of basketball is merely one of her varied interests. For starters, she is an aficionado of opera music. "It is really soothing," she says. "I would love to go to the opera someday. I think I get that from my grandmother; she really likes opera music, too."

Although a native of Canyon, Texas, she roots for the New York Yankees. "I think a lot of my sports background comes from my uncle and dad. They are big Yankees fans."

McMenemy loves to travel, especially to Colorado, and enjoys meeting new people — as evidenced by her communication disorders major, Spanish minor, and dedication to learning sign language.

"If I learn Spanish or sign language, I expand the number of people who I can communicate with," she says. "What better way to help people than teaching them how to talk."

Her teammates joke that you can ask her about anyone, and she will know the person's name.

But on the Lady Bison basketball team, another passion makes McMenemy a leader on the squad — winning. She is used to it. During three varsity seasons at Canyon High School, McMenemy led the Eagles to a 97-5 record and three Texas Class 3A state championships.

"At Canyon, we had a winning mentality. We won so many games, when we lost, we thought, 'What just happened?'" she says. "I think that is what coach [Tim] Kirby is trying to do here — recruit girls who become upset when we lose. That [attitude] is a big part of having a winning program."

In 2005, she brought that attitude to the University under Kirby, then in his first year as head women's coach after 12 years as men's assistant for the Bisons.

One of the first things that drew McMenemy to the University was trees. "I always knew I wanted to go to a college with trees," she says. "When I got here, Harding just blew all the other schools away. The campus was beautiful. I got to meet the players, and they were



Catherine McMenemy

so excited about the season. They really sold the school for me. Coach Kirby and [assistant coach] Shane Fullerton were bonuses."

Recruiting a state champion was not an accident.

"One of the best ways to create a culture of winning is to recruit players like Catherine," says Kirby. "We've always tried to find players from teams, either high school or junior college, that have won games. That winning mentality is

hard to teach. It is not impossible, but it is hard to take someone who has never won and teach them how to win."

With a winning mentality already in place, McMenemy excelled on the court as a freshman. She ranked second on the team and eighth in the Gulf South Conference in scoring at 14.0 points per game and second on the team with 6.6 rebounds per game. She also earned Gulf South Conference West Division Freshman of the Year honors.

DESPITE THE TEAM'S 12-17 RECORD that season, a strong 2006 recruiting class and group of determined veterans then turned the tide of a program that had had only one winning season since 1999.

Led by McMenemy, who received first-team All-GSC honors, the Lady Bisons rolled to 19 wins in 2006-07, the most since 1996-97.

As a result, the team qualified for its first GSC Tournament since joining the league in 2000. The Lady Bisons met University of West Florida in the first round, and McMenemy performed like a player who had had her share of experience in postseason tournaments. She connected on 11-of-19 shots and scored a career-high 30 points in the Lady Bisons' 24-point victory.

Despite a loss to Valdosta State University in the quarterfinals, McMenemy was named to the All-Tournament team.

Unlike some athletes, she has also earned something from others that has little to do with basketball — their respect.

When a recruit visits, Kirby often deploys McMenemy to host the potential newcomer.

"I like to be real with people, and I think that is the way most of our players are," McMenemy says. "That really sells the recruits on Harding. That is what they like and what they get when they arrive on campus."

Women's basketball manager Casi Bailey says McMenemy is "the most caring person I know. I have never heard her complain about anything."

Sounds like coach Kirby found a winner — on and off the court. **H**

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### [ROUNDUP]

#### Baseball wins 34

THE BASEBALL TEAM TIED A SCHOOL RECORD for victories in 2007, finishing 34-22.

Senior left-hander Justin Phillips reached several University milestones, becoming Bison baseball's first All-America honoree. Phillips, the NCAA II South Central Region Pitcher of the Year, posted a 10-3 record with a 1.21 ERA and a school-best 121 strikeouts, which tied for the most in NCAA II this season.

Junior centerfielder Adam Darby was the team's top offensive threat, winning the Gulf South Conference batting title with a .404 average. He also led the team in home runs (7) and RBIs (53). Darby earned All-Region and All-GSC honors.

#### Brown, Wess capture Berryhill Award

MARY BROWN, FOUR-YEAR MEMBER of the women's track and cross country teams from Lafayette, Tenn., and Kyle Wess, football team running back from Houston, were honored with the highest accolade the Athletics Department gives — the 2007 M.E. Berryhill Award.

Brown, a biology major and National Merit Scholar, earned First Team NCAA Division II All-South Region honors this season, placing 15th at the regional meet. The three-time All-Gulf South Conference honoree also earned Academic All-GSC and USTFCCCA All-Academic Team honors in 2006.

Wess, an information technology major, earned consensus NCAA II All-Southeast Region honors after leading the conference in rushing yards per game with 91.5. He also earned CoSIDA Academic All-District honors in 2006 and is a two-time Academic All-GSC recipient.

Along with a certificate, the two honorees received gold Harding watches.

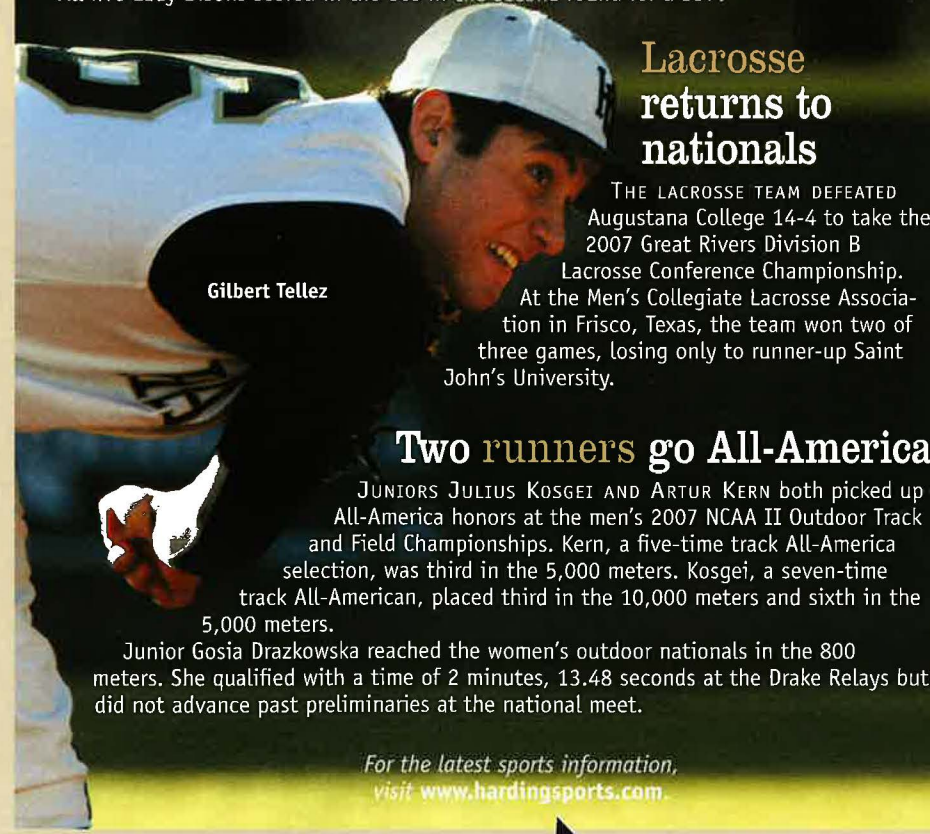
#### Warder, Gay drive golf teams

SOPHOMORE ANDREW WARDER SHOT an 8-over-par 224 to lead the Bisons to a ninth-place finish in the 13-team GSC Championship, played at Hot Springs (Ark.) Country Club.

Warder's season stroke average of 74.7 was the second-best average in Bison golf history.

The women's golf team placed fifth of nine teams at the GSC Championship. Sophomore Natalie Gay shot 167 to place 16th overall.

All five Lady Bisons scored in the 80s in the second round for a 337.



Gilbert Tellez

#### Lacrosse returns to nationals

THE LACROSSE TEAM DEFEATED Augustana College 14-4 to take the 2007 Great Rivers Division B

Lacrosse Conference Championship.

At the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association in Frisco, Texas, the team won two of three games, losing only to runner-up Saint John's University.

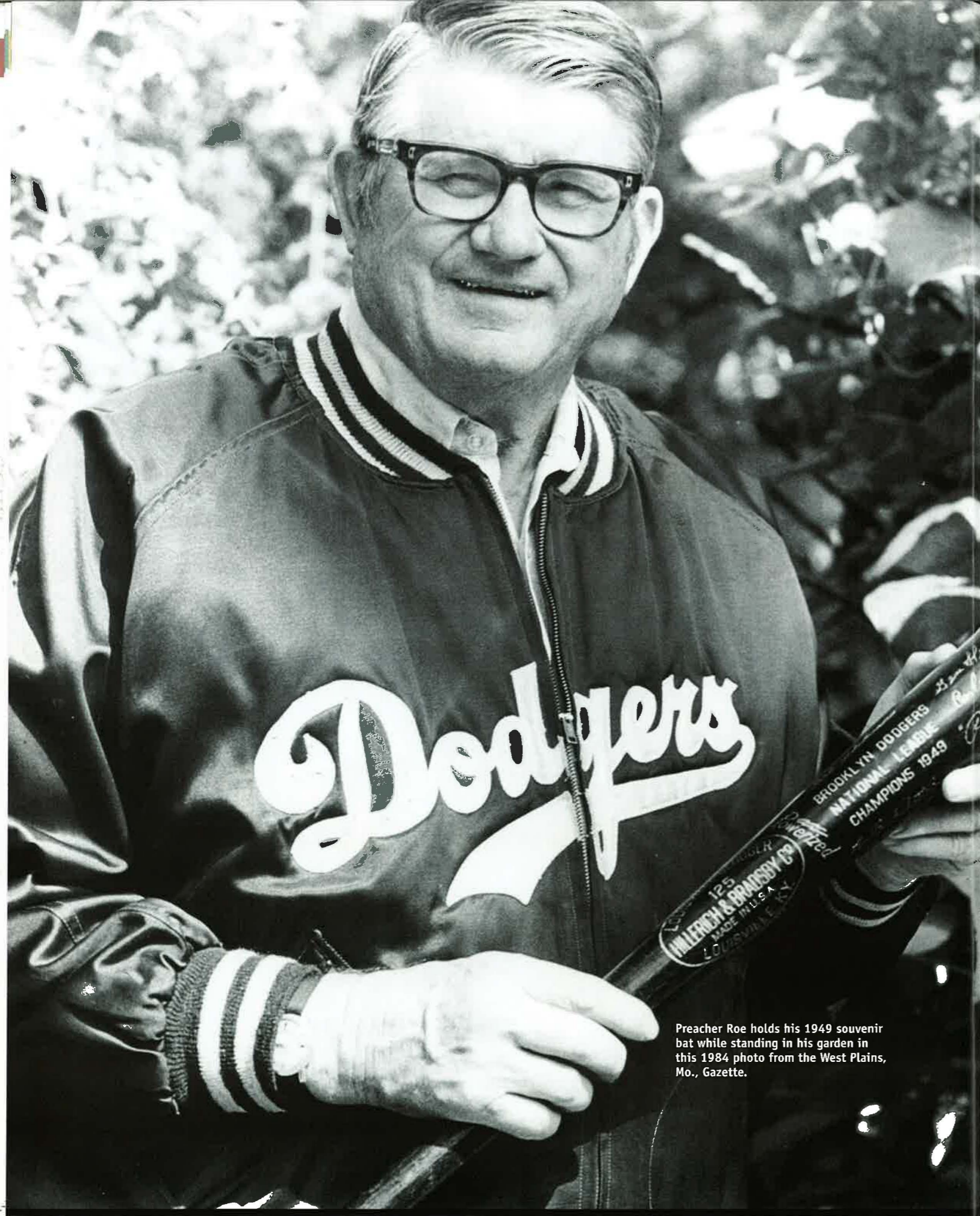
#### Two runners go All-America

JUNIORS JULIUS KOSGEI AND ARTUR KERN both picked up All-America honors at the men's 2007 NCAA II Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Kern, a five-time track All-America

selection, was third in the 5,000 meters. Kosgei, a seven-time track All-American, placed third in the 10,000 meters and sixth in the 5,000 meters.

Junior Gosia Drazkowska reached the women's outdoor nationals in the 800 meters. She qualified with a time of 2 minutes, 13.48 seconds at the Drake Relays but did not advance past preliminaries at the national meet.

For the latest sports information, visit [www.hardingsports.com](http://www.hardingsports.com).



Preacher Roe holds his 1949 souvenir bat while standing in his garden in this 1984 photo from the West Plains, Mo., Gazette.



# An inside look at baseball's legendary PREACHER ROE

By SCOTT GOODE, sports information director

**I**F ONE DAY COULD CHANGE A MAN'S LIFE, APRIL 26, 1937, WAS THAT DAY FOR ELWIN "Preacher" Roe. In a 13-inning marathon baseball game against Arkansas Tech, Roe, Harding's star left-handed pitcher, struck out 26 batters and walked none in a 4-4 tie. The umpire stopped the game, not because of a sore throat from calling strikes, but because of darkness. ■ Professional scouts descended on Searcy to watch the phenom

pitch — with good reason. In 1937, Roe pitched in seven games for the Bisons with 97 strikeouts. Offers came to sign with a professional team, but Roe passed on those and returned for the 1937-38 school year and one more season.

Roe was born in Ash Flat, Ark., in 1915 to Dr. C.E. and Elizabeth Ducker Roe. A country doctor, C.E. was an avid baseball fan and pitched semiprofessionally well into his 50s. Preacher earned his nickname as a toddler when his uncle,

who had just returned from

World War I, asked him his name. For some reason he responded, "Preacher." The name stuck.

When Roe graduated from Viola (Ark.) High School, Harding students from the area recruited him to Searcy to play baseball and basketball for the Bisons.

"The main thing was that we were looking for a school for baseball," says Roe. "My dad knew that Harding was an >>

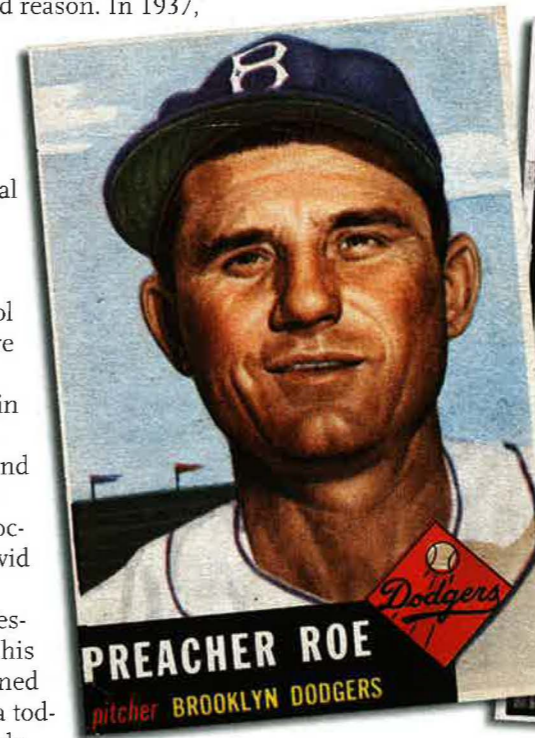


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up-and-coming baseball school. My decision to go to Harding was one of the greatest things I ever did.”

In each of his first two seasons, Roe earned All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference honors. He had an occasional dazzling outing — like the 26-strikeout effort against Arkansas Tech — but his record suffered at times due to his teammates’ poor fielding.

“I remember turning around one time during that Arkansas Tech game, and all three of my outfielders were sitting down in centerfield talking,” Roe recalls.

But in 1938, everything came together. School administrators constructed a new field, christened Benson Field after then president George S. Benson. The Bison’s Buck Harris wrote, “The park is Harding’s greatest achievement in athletics since the school has been in Searcy.”

That same year, in a 6-0 victory over Arkansas College, Roe struck out 20 with no walks. He allowed only one hit, an eighth-inning single. The field, used in following years by the intramural program, may never have seen a better pitching performance.

The game was the first of many that wowed the Harding faithful that spring. Roe completed the season with a perfect 12-0 record and 192 strikeouts in intercollegiate competition. His only loss came against a Class D professional team from Newport, Ark. He earned his third All-AIC honor and helped the Bisons’ take their first AIC championship.

“He was a leader,” said the late M.E. (Pinky) Berryhill, who, along with player-coach Robert Vann, coached the baseball team in 1937-38. “I never knew a more dedicated competitor.”

**W**HEN THE 1938 SEASON CONCLUDED, Roe signed a \$5,000 professional contract with the St. Louis Cardinals. Frank Rickey, the scout credited with signing Roe, was the brother of Branch Rickey, who is known today as the father of the modern farm system of which Roe was a product. The signing bonus was equivalent to \$68,000 in today’s dollars.

The Cardinals allowed Roe to finish the school year, and he officially signed his contract July 28. Even in the 1930s, most professional players first went to minor leagues for more seasoning. But because Roe joined the organization so late in the year, the Cardinals brought him straight to St. Louis. His job was to pitch batting practice and the occasional exhibition game. That was the plan anyway.

When Roe joined the Cardinals — nicknamed the Gas House Gang due to their reputation for mischief — veteran pitcher Lon Warneke, also an Arkansas native, took Roe under his wing. One of the lessons Warneke taught him was how to chew tobacco. Warneke reasoned that anyone from Arkansas should know how to chew.

On Aug. 22, Warneke gave Roe another lesson. Things were not going well for St. Louis on the field. Entering the day, the team was 17.5 games behind league-leading Pittsburgh and in seventh place out of eight teams in the National League. The Cardinal starter was struggling on the mound against Cincinnati, and manager Frankie Frisch had seen enough. He called

in 23-year-old Roe without allowing him to warm up. Roe recalls that he “nearly swallowed the whole plug” before he trotted in from the bullpen.

His professional debut did not go as well as he would have liked. He pitched two and 2/3 innings and allowed six hits and four earned runs. He walked two and struck out one. The Reds defeated the Cardinals 11-4, and Roe did not see Major League action again until 1944.

He returned to Harding following the Cardinals’ season and served as a volunteer coach for the basketball team, purchasing new uniforms for the players. Throughout his baseball career, Roe would return home in the off-season to teach and coach.



Dr. George S. Benson reads a proclamation from Harding on “Preacher Roe Night,” Sept. 19, 1952, at Sportsman’s Park in St. Louis.

In 1939 and 1940, he played for the St. Louis Cardinals’ minor league affiliate in Rochester, N.Y., a member of the International League. He helped lead the Rochester squad to a league championship in 1939. Another reward befell him in 1940, when his wife, Mozee Clay, had their first child, a son named Elwin Jr. Roe’s father delivered his grandson.

The Roes moved on to Columbus, Ohio, in 1941, where his salary doubled from \$200 to \$400 per month. His habit of playing for winning teams continued there. The Red Birds of the American Association won the Little World Series — a contest between champions of the International League and American Association — all three seasons that Roe was on the team.

In 1944, Roe returned to Major League Baseball for good. St. Louis traded him in September 1943 to the Pittsburgh Pirates — a team in desperate need of left-handers — for cash and two pitchers who would spend the season in the minors.

“People asked me if I was upset after the Cardinals traded me,” Roe says. “I told them, ‘No way; the Cardinals had so many left-handers, I’d have never gotten there.’ This [trade] allowed me to get to the Major Leagues.”

St. Louis was the runaway winner of the National League that season, finishing 14.5 games ahead of the Pirates. But Roe had a strong debut in what was, in essence, his rookie season. Ironically, his manager for the Pirates was none other than Frankie Frisch, the man responsible for his “surprise” big-league appearance back in 1938.

Roe went 13-11 with a 3.11 ERA and led the team with 88 strikeouts in 1944. He was even better the next season, compiling a 14-13 mark with a 2.87 ERA and leading the team in nearly every pitching category. He also earned the first of his five All-Star selections, but baseball cancelled the All-Star Game that season due to World War II.

Life was great for Roe, who now had two sons with Mozee. That was until a nearly fatal day in the offseason before the 1946 season.

Roe had returned to Hardy, Ark., to teach and coach. During his last game before leaving for spring training, he was knocked unconscious in a scuffle with a referee. Falling backward, he hit his head. Unconscious for more than 57 hours, he landed in the hospital 54 days with a skull fracture that measured more than 6 inches long. A doctor present at the game administered adrenaline shots that kept Roe alive long

enough to get to the hospital.

The injury left Roe with short-term memory loss and forced him to relearn most of his pitching skills. The effect was obvious in his performance. That season, he was 3-8 with a 5.14 ERA. The 1947 season was even worse as Roe struggled to a 4-15 record and 5.25 ERA. He allowed 19 home runs in 144.0 innings and walked more batters (63) than he struck out (59) for the only time in his career.

His career at a standstill, Roe received help from two old friends who revived his mental and physical game — Branch and Frank Rickey. Branch, who gave Jackie Robinson his first Major League contract in 1947, was general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers and remembered the outstanding left-hander he had signed from Harding almost 10 years earlier.

Branch sent Frank to Arkansas to spend the winter with Roe. The two hunted, fished and built up Roe’s stamina. On Dec. 7, 1947, Roe was traded to the Dodgers.

Branch told Roe that he acquired him because, “It seems to me you are in for a change of luck. You’ve had a few years of bad luck running, and I want to be the one holding your contract when your luck changes for the better.”

Says Roe, “To me, becoming a Brooklyn Dodger was second only to coming to Harding.”

Whether luck or the result of recovering from his head injury, Roe’s career took on a whole new life in 1948. He went 12-8 with a team-best 2.63 ERA, the first of four-straight years that Roe led the Dodgers in earned run average.

In 1949, he earned his second All-Star honor. He pitched a scoreless inning before a home crowd of 32,577 at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, his only time on the mound in five All-Star selections.

**T**HE SEASON WAS MEMORABLE for another reason. The Dodgers edged out the Cardinals by one game for the National League pennant and met the New York Yankees in the cross-town World Series. Roe pitched game two of the Series, shutting out the Yankees on six hits in a 1-0 Dodgers victory played before more than 70,000 spectators at Yankee Stadium. He struck out three with no walks. Roe’s win was the only one against New York, the Dodgers falling four games to one.

“I really didn’t realize I was pitching a good game,” says Roe. “I was just trying to pitch inning by inning, and I turned around, and it was the ninth inning. At that point, you just don’t want to lay one in there [that they can hit] with a 1-0 lead. Looking back on it, I think it was probably the best game I ever pitched.”

Roe again showed his All-Star quality in the 1950 season, winning 19 games and striking out 125 hitters, his highest total in seven seasons with the Dodgers.

But as good as 1950 was, 1951 is the season for which Dodger fans will always remember Roe. He compiled a 22-3 record with a .880 winning percentage, the fourth-highest percentage by a left-hander in Major League history. He became the only pitcher ever to have two separate 10-game winning

streaks in a season and earned *The Sporting News* National League Pitcher of the Year award. He was fifth in the National League Most Valuable Player voting, losing to his own catcher, Roy Campanella.

The Dodgers, who had led by as many as 13 games midway through August, just missed the World Series that season, losing a playoff to the New York Giants.

Roe and the Dodgers returned to the Series in 1952 against the rival Yankees. Once again, Roe won his outing 5-3 in game three, and once again, the Yankees won the Series, this time four games to three. He also pitched as relief in two of the games.

Roe had one final chance at the Yankees in 1953 as the two New York squads again squared off. But he suffered his first loss in a World Series, falling 4-2 and giving up home runs to Billy Martin and Mickey Mantle. The Yankees won, four games to two.



Dressed in his Dodgers’ uniform, Preacher Roe pitches for the boys at Camp Tahkodah.

“Mantle’s home run went all the way up to the fourth tier at Yankee Stadium,” recalls Roe. “[Dodger shortstop] Pee Wee Reese comes running to the mound and asked me what I was looking at. I said, ‘I just had to

see how far that thing went.’ He hit that ball so hard, I believe it was flat by the time it got out of there.”

At 39, Roe was the third-oldest player in the National League in his final season with the Dodgers in 1954. He had tried to retire following the 1953 season, but Dodgers president Walter O’Malley told him about a youngster he wanted Roe to tutor. The young southpaw’s name: Sandy Koufax.

“I haven’t gotten much credit for it, but I taught Koufax how to throw his curveball,” Roe says. “He couldn’t throw a curveball any better than my grandmother. He threw it too hard. It couldn’t break. So I told him to throw it at seven-eighths speed. Our teammates heard me say that so much, they said we were seven-eighths twins.”

Following that season, he and Mozee went home to the Ozarks. Roe completed his career with a 127-84 record and a 3.43 ERA. He had 956 strikeouts in 1914.1 innings. As a Dodger, Roe had a 93-37 record. His .715 winning percentage is still the best in franchise history.

The family moved to West Plains, Mo., where Roe purchased a grocery store he ran for many years. Mozee died in 2001 after 63 years of marriage.

In 1967, he began a procession to numerous halls of fame with his induction into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame. Others included the NAIA Hall of Fame (1976); Columbus, Ohio, Baseball Hall of Fame (1979); Dodgers Hall of Fame (1986); Harding Athletics Hall of Fame (1989); and Missouri Sports Hall of Fame (1998).

At 92, Roe is still revered in West Plains and has a street named after him. When he walks into the local Wendy’s, the eyes of the boys working behind the counter light up with excitement. He has been known to play nine holes of golf several times a week.

Roe says, “When I look back on my life, there were just a few things that became part of me. For me, that was Harding College. It was the best break I ever got in life.”

And the break that let him become a baseball legend. **H**

# Keeper *of the*

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Alumnus Will Everett interviews  
World War I veterans as he  
strives to keep history alive.

By APRIL M. FATULA, photos by JEFF MONTGOMERY

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ORLD WAR I VETERAN FRANK BUCKLES, 106, says he plans to celebrate his 125th birthday. He just might, since his secret to longevity — as revealed to independent radio producer Will Everett ('90) — is a strong desire to live. >>

**B**UCKLES SHARED THIS ADVICE AND more when Everett interviewed him for a documentary titled “WWI Living History Project.”

Buckles, one of the few remaining U.S. veterans of “The War to End All Wars,” saw no action in the European conflict but completed assignments in England and France after talking his way into enlistment at age 16.

“I wanted to get to France in a hurry, so I joined the ambulance service,” Buckles says.

“You were sure aware that that war was a serious thing.”

Everett fears Americans have lost that awareness. “It is an end not too many people seem to know is approaching,” he says of the day when there will be no remaining veterans. “There is not much to remember them by. America’s memory of World War I has been overshadowed by World War II.”

When Everett began the documentary, 17 veterans were living. Of the 17, only three are alive today, substantiating the sense of urgency he felt toward the project.

“When I found out that no one was

## Will Everett, on working with Walter Cronkite:

“IT’S AMAZING how easy it is to do things that seem to be insurmountable. When you just pick up the phone and call CBS and say, ‘Can I speak to Walter Cronkite’s secretary?’ They put me through, and I told her, ‘This is what I’m doing. Is it worth even sending a proposal?’ She said, ‘Oh, yeah, this sounds great.’

“He was 90 at the time and looking for projects that would perpetuate his legacy — historically important projects. This was right up his alley.

“He was such a gracious guy. He was just 100 percent true to everything I thought he would be. When it was over, we just chatted. He made a few punctuation changes, minor things. It was so cool being edited by Walter Cronkite. He used a big, heavy black thick marker.

“It opened so many doors, and it lent such an authenticity to the project. Having a name like that on a program — stations right away take notice. ‘Oh, a Walter Cronkite production, we have to have this.’ A documentary hosted by Walter Cronkite, where do I sign the check?”

doing it, I had to,” he says. “Somebody had to. Nothing speaks louder than the testimony of an eyewitness. And we’re losing those eyewitnesses.”

So the Port Isabel, Texas, resident set out to preserve their voices in a two-hour National Public Radio special. Narrated by Walter Cronkite, the two-disc CD features many veterans in their own words, as if taken from diary entries. It also includes period music and speeches.

Identifying living veterans was not as easy as calling Veterans Affairs and requesting names and numbers. For one thing, 80 percent of World War I veterans’ records were lost when the St. Louis building that housed them burned in the 1970s. When Everett initially contacted the VA four years ago, he was told, “That information is private.”

“That kind of deterred me for a couple of years,” he admits. “At the time there were 150, so that made it hard to know which ones to choose.”

In October 2005, he was in Hollywood doing a story on Chuck Wild, a music composer originally from Kansas City, Mo., where a local World War I monument stands. (No national monument exists.) “His father had been on the board of Liberty Memorial, so he had a personal connection to it. He sort of pushed me along and said, ‘You really need to look into this. I bet you could get funding.’”

With renewed inspiration, Everett contacted the VA again and talked to someone more helpful. But he still had his work cut out for him.

“The records were a mess,” Everett says. “They had only a fragmentary list of people who they thought might be veterans. They didn’t know if they were alive or not. They’re so overwhelmed, I guess, with World War II, Vietnam. ... They just

didn’t have the resources to deal with it.”

So he took the VA’s list and searched via Google and news archives, finding several unregistered names.

“I needed some VA support, and I think I helped them by cleaning up their records,” he says.

That was phase one.

Everett then had to become somewhat of an authority on World War I in order to write an accurate script — especially since he was asking *the* Walter Cronkite to narrate.

“I just crammed on the subject,” he says. “For months and months, I read and read and read. I got every movie, every documentary. Documentaries were really helpful. They gave me an idea of how other people condensed the war.”

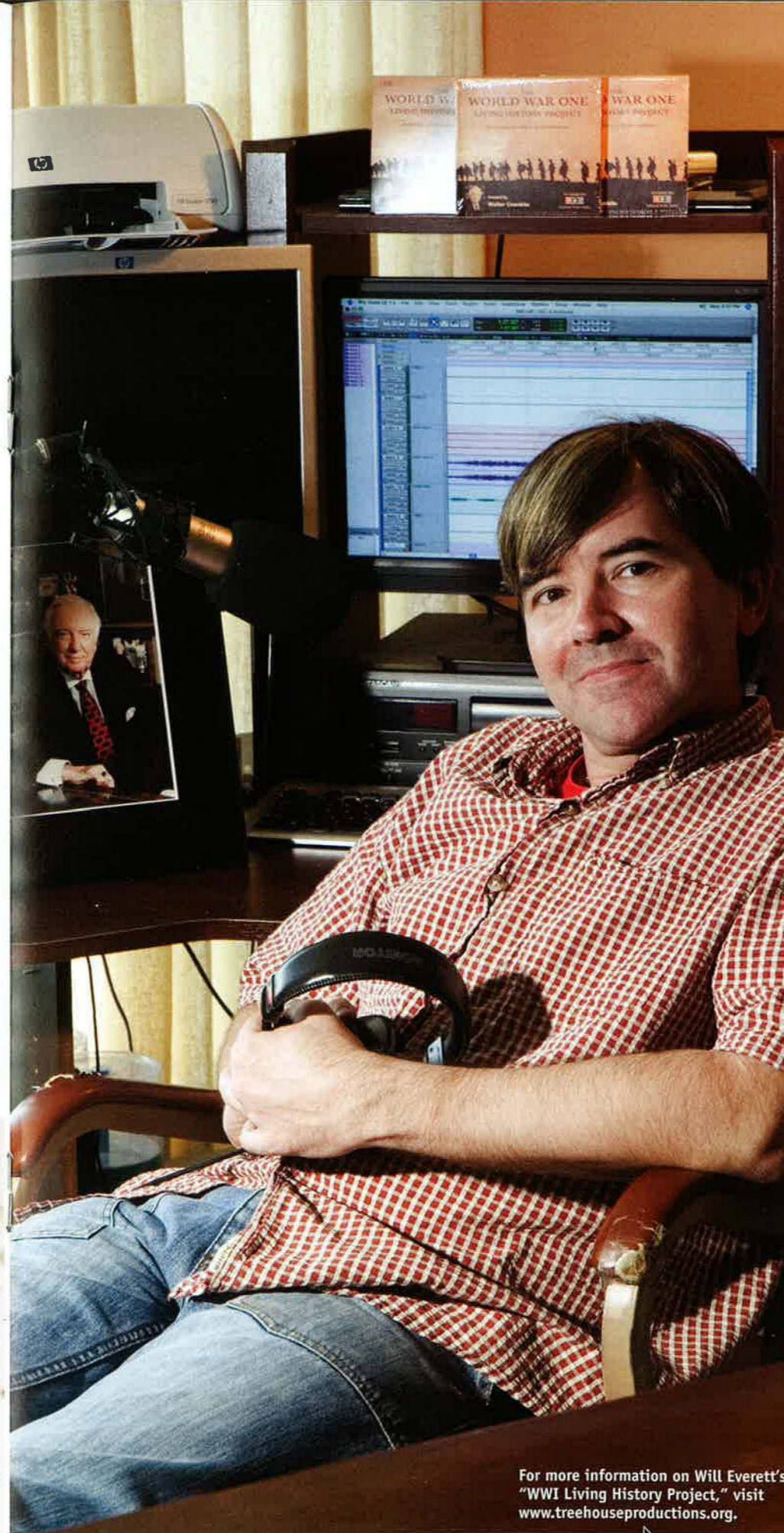
THE FIRST SEGMENT OF DISC ONE outlines events leading up to the United States’ involvement in the war.

“That’s 28 minutes telling the story of the war,” Everett explains. “It wasn’t just Cronkite reading a history book. It was a narrative combined with these different voices.”

In addition to his research on the war, Everett studied centenarians, reading a book called *If I Live to Be 100*.

“It really helped me to grasp the difficulties and nuances of interviewing old people. I was reading that on the road, going to my first interview. By the end of the first trip, I’d done more research on World War I, and I felt a lot more comfortable talking to these people.”

He started interviews in April 2006 and finished that August. Some of the veterans he located died before he had the chance to visit. “I’m amazed that I got as much as I did,” he says. “Some of these guys, you’d never guess are 112,



For more information on Will Everett’s “WWI Living History Project,” visit [www.treehouseproductions.org](http://www.treehouseproductions.org).



114. ... What a unique honor to go around interviewing people that age.”

The reaction from most veterans, though, was surprise that they would be singled out for such an honor.

When Everett interviewed 107-year-old Homer Anderson, for example, he began by asking if he knew how many veterans were left. “About 150” was Anderson’s guess. “No, only 18,” Everett told him. “It’s a pretty elite group.”

“Reassuring people was something I learned to do right away,” he says. “To let them know that it’s OK to talk about this and this and this and this. Then that just opens up all these stories. I’m more interested in these people as human beings as opposed to old soldiers with tales from the trenches. Most of them saw World War I as a footnote to their lives. They were teenagers. There were other wars; they got married. ... So many other things happened to them.”

Including death. Anderson proved to be a case in point of here today, gone tomorrow. Everett interviewed him July 13, 2006; he died two months later on Sept. 23.

Anderson’s death saddened him, but he puts it in perspective. “Here he is, 112. I meet him one day, and then a few months later he’s gone; that makes sense,” he says. “You don’t want them to go, but you know they will.”

Everett took pains not to impose his 21st-century views on the project, but some listeners might struggle not to compare current events in the Middle East. Listening to the documentary, knowing that this was to be “The War to End All Wars,” one cannot help but look forward to a day like the one 110-year-old Anthony Pierro described upon hearing that the war was over: “It was just like a new day. Just like the sun had come out of the clouds.” **H**



# First physician assistants chart their own course

By JENNIFER L. MARCUSSEN

**J**ULY 28 MARKED A MILESTONE IN Harding history as 16 individuals received the master of science degree in

physician assistant studies. In addition to being the University's first PA graduates, they are also the first in the state of Arkansas. ■ And they are needed.

Two weeks before graduation, 11 students had accepted job offers in cardiology, psychiatry, neurosurgery, family practice/primary care, mental health, internal medicine, dermatology and orthopedics — all in Arkansas. Many had interviews scheduled.

Clinical director Gary Hill is not surprised at their success. "The students who have applied here have applied because they wanted a Christian-based medical education," he says. "I think that means a lot.

"From the time they came back from their first rotations, it was amazing listening to them talk. They were talking to one another like medical professionals, not like the young students we had seen just a year earlier."

The PA profession is one of the 10 fastest growing employment areas in the United States. Students who complete the 26-month program may provide medical

care to patients by working with a supervising physician, relieving overworked doctors and allowing more patients to be treated.

PAs will be particularly beneficial in Arkansas, which ranks 47th in availability of primary care physicians per capita. And with more than half of the 2007 graduates planning to work in state, they are taking a critical step toward alleviating these shortages.

According to Dr. Mike Murphy, program director, these PAs desire to serve. "Within the next few years, these students will impact the lives of hundreds of thousands of patients for whom they will provide care ... not only to physical needs ... but to spiritual needs as well."

They are well on their way to making a difference. Meet three of our new physician assistants dedicated to improving others' quality of life. >>

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## The class of 2007

- > First class of PA graduates in Arkansas
- > 16 students: 11 women, five men
- > Six states represented: Arkansas (8), Texas (4), Idaho (1), Indiana (1), Mississippi (1), Virginia (1)
- > 11 with jobs upon graduation
- > More than half plan to stay and work in Arkansas
- > Specialties: cardiology, dermatology, family practice, internal medicine, neurosurgery, orthopedics, mental health, psychiatry
- > 100-percent attrition rate
- > Community-based master's projects included: teaching breast self-exams, diabetes education in elementary schools, and a developing weight-loss program

## Sarah Kate Epperson > THE TRANSPLANT

SARAH KATE EPPERSON, a 2005 graduate of Freed-Hardeman University, initially wanted to attend PA school in Texas or North Alabama. About to accept a place at Texas Tech, she learned about the University's startup and applied for a position here instead. Part of her decision was based on a desire for a Christian environment; she also liked the smaller class size.

"I just felt like I would get a lot more one-on-one attention from the faculty," she says. "Other schools have about 50 students in each class."

She did, however, have a few qualms about being in the first class and knew she would face obstacles. "I wasn't worried that I would get less of an education," she says. "It was more like not knowing what we were going to do next. The first year was kind of experimental. But Dr. Mike [Murphy] did lots and lots of work. He's a great director."

Facing the unknown brought the students together during the year-one summer semester of eight-hour classroom days spent poring over anatomy and physiology. That closeness endured, so that upon return from clinical rotations

during year two — in which each works exclusively with a physician for a six-week period — they felt as if they had never been apart.

"We go out to eat a lot when we get back together," she says. "We're all friends. We're the loudest 16 people you've ever been with. I'm pretty sure we've almost gotten kicked out of Pizza Hut a lot of different times."

Epperson, who got married two weeks before starting the program, says her greatest personal challenge was learning to juggle both family and school. One word emerged as key to survival for her and her classmates: flexibility. "That was our class motto," she says.

Stress aside, she feels prepared to enter her field. "I was very pleased with the quality of education," she says. "I also think it's getting a lot better."

Much of her confidence stems from extensive clinical rotations that comprise the second year. Each student works eight: two in family practice; one each in geriatrics, psychiatry, emergency room and general surgery; and two electives. The physician assistant earns more than 2,000 clinical hours — more than twice



Sarah Kate Epperson measures the width of a patient's heart — one small way she assists cardiologist John Henderson.

the amount of a nurse practitioner. "PA school is more like medical school," Epperson explains. "We're certified to do a lot more procedures."

The Vicksburg, Miss., native never planned to stay in Searcy after completing her degree. But during her six-week rotation with cardiologist Dr. John Henderson at Searcy Medical Center, she

began to think otherwise while performing EKGs, treadmill stress tests and pacemaker interrogations. "I thought, 'Man, he would be awesome to work for.'"

But before Epperson could work up the nerve to ask for a job, he offered one. She didn't have to think twice. As for her husband? "He's pretty happy," she says. "We were looking for a way to stay here."

## Chris Casey > THE LOCAL

CHRIS CASEY likes to fix things. To take an injury, locate and alleviate the problem, and see someone able to live pain free gives him great satisfaction. Thus it is no surprise to learn he is working as a PA for orthopedist Dr. Bill Helfley of

Martin, Bowen and Hefley Knee and Sports in Little Rock, Ark.

"As an athlete myself, I was always kind of interested in sports medicine," he says. "I love surgery, and you get to do a lot of that. And there are very tangible

results from your work."

What is surprising is the fact that less than three years ago, he did not even know what a physician assistant did, much less desire to become one.

Growing up in Searcy, Casey doesn't remember ever visiting a PA; they were relatively unknown and unutilized. That was of no consequence, however, as he was going to attend medical school — or so he thought.

But during his junior year at the University, the biology major reconsidered this plan, overwhelmed by the additional years of study required. When he learned about the PA profession, he liked what he saw.

"It really appealed to me," he says. "I could get out there and practice medicine and enjoy a lot of the perks that physicians get and undergo some of the same training as physicians, but with less schooling."

He entered the program energized but realistic, expecting bumps along the way. An easy-going person, Casey wasn't phased by the need for constant flexibility. "That didn't bother me one bit," he says. "I can roll with the punches as well as the next guy."

His clinical rotations took him all over

Arkansas. As he gained the experience needed to be a proficient physician assistant, he also faced one of life's toughest lessons: not every problem can be fixed.

"On my ER rotation, we had a lot of tragedies that kind of came in a wave," Casey says. One particular incident that sticks with him occurred at night, near the end of his shift. A woman about 37 came in with her young daughter. "She seemed like she was doing fine in the waiting room," he remembers.

Upon examination, her vitals were normal, and doctors couldn't find anything wrong. They stepped into the nurses station to check test results for another patient when the woman suddenly stopped breathing.

"We ran back and rushed her into a trauma room and did CPR on her for 45 minutes," he says. "And we lost her. ... We did everything we could to bring her back, but we lost her. It was one of the saddest things I have seen." Doctors later suspected a pulmonary embolism took the young mother's life.

Yet despite the hardships that come with the job, Casey sees no turning back. "I really do love this profession," he says. "I love what I get to do. I'm very satisfied."

## Nicole Reece > THE TRAVELER

AS A SENIOR exercise science major at the University, Nicole Reece was well on her way to a career as a physical therapist. But while shadowing one, she realized that profession did not suit her.

Unsure of her next move, Reece, from Glen Allen, Va., investigated the PA Program. She says, "I heard about it, researched it and thought, 'That sounds great.' I was excited about being part of a new program and getting it started and up on its feet."

Knowing that both faculty and students would delve into the unknown together, she also admits to feeling less pressure. But she says she felt very prepared for her second year. "I was always scared at the beginning of my clinical rotations, but once I got in there, I was

the mountains of Guatemala.

She learned about the opportunity when Health Talents International made a presentation to the class during the first year. At that time, 10 students signed up, but only Reece and Madill were able to raise the funds to go.

There she lived with a host family of eight in an adobe house with dirt floors. "My family cooked all their meals over an open fire in a room with no chimney," says Reece. "It was very primitive. There were holes between the ceiling and the tops of the walls."

But they insisted she have a room of her own. "It was very humbling. They wanted to give me everything that they could."

Each morning she and Madill would

hike down a mountain, where they would be picked up by Health Talent's medical team to go to a local village and set up a clinic in its church. For a small fee, they treated such illnesses as muscular pain, worms in children and tumors. Then the team and members of each church would pray with the patient.

At one point in the rotation, the team drove to a larger, more modern clinic a couple of hours away. There a plastic surgeon and gynecologist treated more serious problems, such as fixing cleft lip deformities and performing hysterectomies.

New experiences abounded during her global adventure. "The first surgery I was in on was in Guatemala," she says. "I remember the doctor telling me to stand back. He didn't want me passing out on him."

She handled it well. "In that situation ... you almost detach yourself a little bit. You don't think of it as a person; you think of it as a

problem that you are solving."

For now, she is working at a women's correctional facility in Newport, Ark., for Correctional Medical Services. Would she ever go back to Guatemala? Says Reece, "I've already been asked to."

Let's just say she's not ruling it out. **H**



Only a couple of months out of school, Nicole Reece is tackling a challenging job: providing medical care to incarcerated women in Newport, Ark.

like, "OK, I can do this."

Many students chose to perform clinical rotations in Searcy and Little Rock; others went as far as Texas. But for Reece, even Texas was too close. Instead, she and classmate Mary Madill chose to practice developing-world medicine in



Chris Casey is ready to assist in the first surgery of the day at Arkansas Surgical Hospital in Little Rock.

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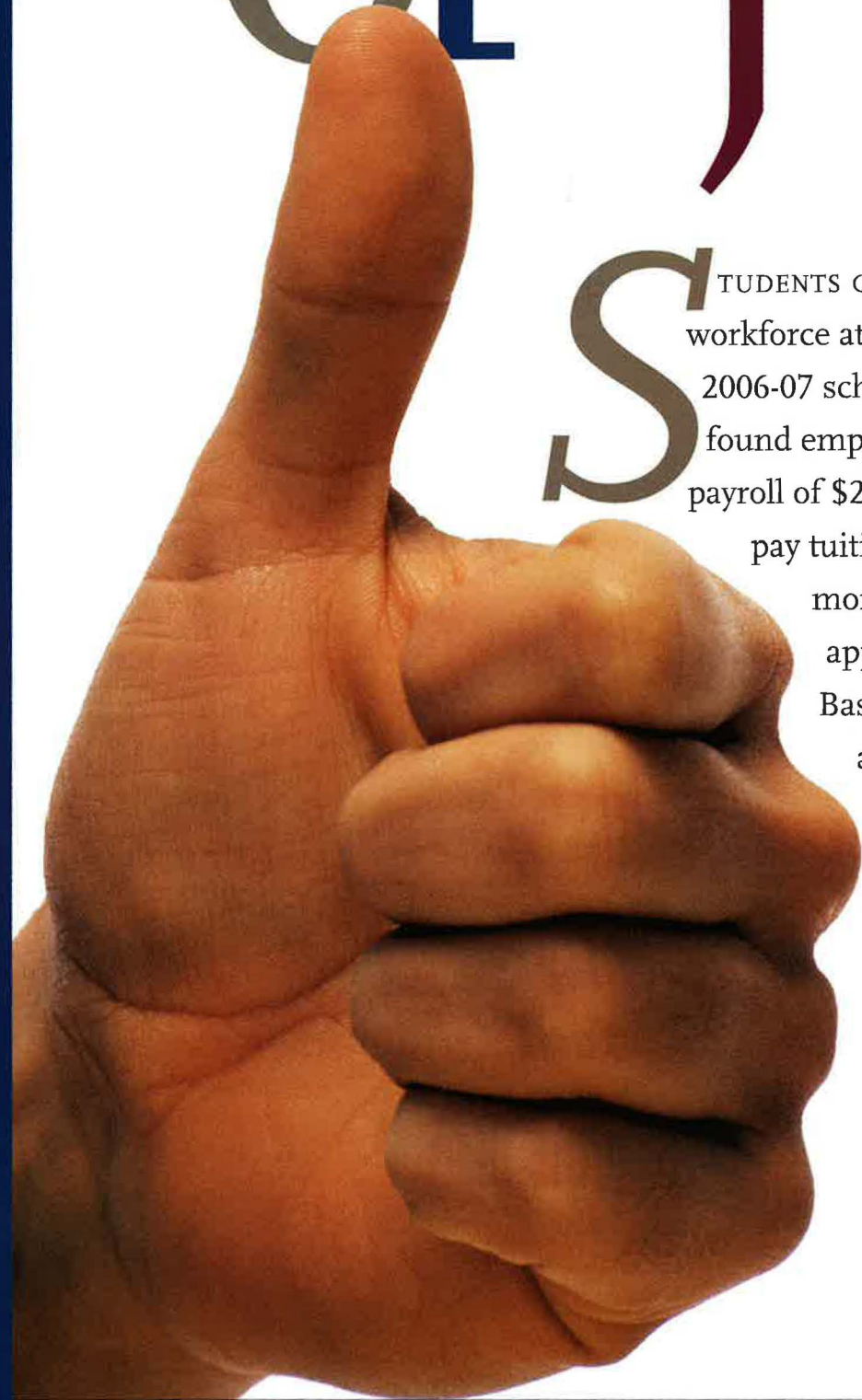
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The dirt  
on

# top jobs

By APRIL M. FATULA

**S**TUDENTS CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO THE workforce at the University. For the 2006-07 school year, more than 1,600 found employment resulting in a gross payroll of \$2.2 million. Some work to pay tuition; others for spending money. Many gain internship or apprenticeship experience. Based on conventional wisdom and anecdotal evidence, a Top 10 guide to on-campus student jobs follows, in alphabetical order.



## Admissions Office

SOPHOMORE ENGLISH MAJOR Elizabeth Heyen of Enid, Okla., has worked in admissions two semesters and enjoys developing relationships with prospective students. Among her responsibilities are calling high school students, picking them up at the airport when they visit, giving campus tours to them and their families, and representing the University at events around the country. She recently attended a conference in Albuquerque, N.M., and then treated six high school students to dinner to talk about their college expectations.

"It's fun to be the one who answers their questions about college and explains why Harding might be a good fit for them," she says. "It has even more meaning when you know that you're influencing their choices."



## Aramark Classic Fare Catering

MOST CAMPUS JOBS limit students to 10 hours per week. But Classic Fare Catering doubles that, which is helpful to those working through school. "If you need 20 hours a week, you can get them," says Janice Yates, a senior communication disorders major from Memphis, Tenn.

This is her third semester with catering, and she squeezes all of her hours into the weekend, concentrating on school-work the rest of the week. She often works during Aramark's popular Sunday Bison Brunch. "I get to see faculty members and get to know people around Searcy," Yates says. The free meal at the end of the shift offers one more incentive.

## Brackett Library

BONUSES ENJOYED by student workers in Brackett Library come in the form of home-cooked meals and TLC. Each year the library staff honors its 50 students with a casserole day in the fall, soup day in the spring, a plate of holiday treats in December, an Easter basket in the spring, and a birthday bag at the appropriate time.

Another benefit is the Chris Broadway Endowment Fund, which provides financial assistance to student workers who participate in mission trips.

No wonder many of these students stay on as long as they are on campus. Upon graduation, each one receives a Bible and card expressing appreciation and words of wisdom.

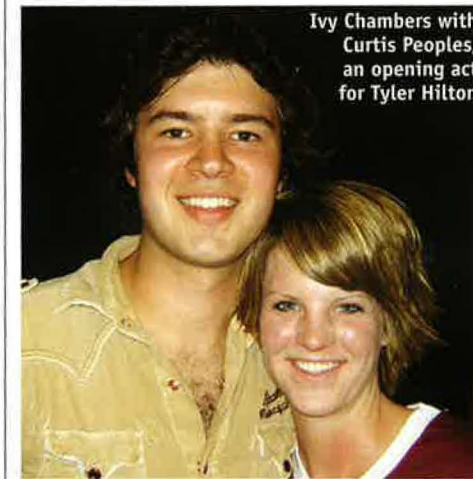
## Campus Activities Board

ACCORDING TO Corey McEntyre, director of Campus Life, the positions with Campus Activities Board — known on campus as "CAB" — should be the top eight on this list.

Ivy Chambers, a junior human resources major from Albuquerque, N.M., would probably agree. She had the opportunity to meet Tyler Hilton backstage when he performed in Benson Auditorium last fall.

Positions range from office staff, who work on such tasks as correspondence with talent agencies, to marketing representatives, who help promote and advertise all campus events to the University community. While the former job pays by the hour, compensation for the latter includes free admission to events and a T-shirt.

CAB student workers have a strong voice in deciding which bands play at the University and — as Chambers' experience demonstrates — a better chance of meeting those performers.



## Computer Lab Attendant

MOLLY MORRIS, a senior print journalism major from Indianapolis, took a second on-campus job her junior year that allows her to practice writing skills, but she did not give up her post in the public computer labs. "I'll probably want to keep it until I graduate," she says. "It's great for meeting new people. It can get busy, and you do have a lot of responsibility, but there's also some downtime when you can study."

This semester, an average of 10 students applied for each open position. Because lab attendants receive specialized training, they receive higher pay than many other on-campus jobs. >>

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## Honors Symposium

"THE COUNSELORS actually operate the program," says Dr. Jeffrey T. Hopper, director. "They are free to design activities and generally contribute their creativity to the program." Among those activities are helping at Tahkodah's global village and dressing up for the famed tabernacle experience.

J.A. Wiser ('00) served as a counselor in 1998 and 1999. "The best part of the job is the ability, as a student, to become even closer friends with many of the professors," he says. "I also got to know and befriend some of the best students in the country."



Craig Rainbolt

## Public Relations Photographer

SHOOTING PICTURES allows the student backstage or front-row access — whatever he or she needs to capture the event. "I feel like when I'm taking pictures at a game, I have the best seat in the house," says Craig Rainbolt, a junior nursing major from Searcy. "I've had basketball players literally jumping over me in Rhodes."

Rainbolt has worked in the Public Relations Office since his freshman year. Other memorable assignments of his include a seat on the University plane to Dallas for a Rangers game and documenting students' tornado relief efforts in Dumas, Ark.



## Public Safety

PUBLIC SAFETY STUDENT personnel operate in one of the most diverse and unpredictable work environments. From aiding students who lock themselves out of cars to investigating campus disturbances, the 15 to 20 individuals employed each semester oversee a wide range of responsibilities.

Rebecka Ockay, a senior child and family sciences major from Watertown, N.Y., has been an officer since January. During the day shift, she patrols campus and responds to any calls for assistance from students, faculty or staff. "It's not so much police work and stopping crime," she says. "It's more service-oriented."

## Resident Assistant

"THIS IS A VERY WELL-PAID position for the amount of time you put in," says Tania Davis, Sears Hall residence life coordinator.

Davis, who previously served as RLC in Shores Hall, describes an RA as a liaison between students and the administration. RAs serving freshmen, she says, strive to acquaint them with campus and help them as they adjust to being away from home for the first time. Upperclassmen, on the other hand, may rely on them for conflict resolution.

RAs also have first shot at desk hours, for which they receive additional pay. "You need to be aware and alert, but it's OK if you study," says Davis. "A lot of students like the social aspect of it too — seeing their friends as they come in. Students love jobs where they can study and pick their own hours."

## Sports Information

THE PRIMARY JOB is keeping statistics for the University's athletics teams, but duties range from staffing the scoreboard to operating the game clock to writing press releases — and this year promises to be an exciting one. One weekend alone this fall, an away football game, home volleyball tournament, two home soccer games, and cross country alumni meet kept student workers busy. This spring, these students are scheduled to work the first and second rounds of the men's NCAA basketball tournament hosted by University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

For those pursuing careers in sports information, a post in this office offers on-the-job training. Matt Price ('04), a former worker, now serves as director of promotions for the Huntsville Stars minor league baseball team. **H**



Alex Groves

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## 1962

**Faye Woodham Hall** has been chosen Outstanding Member of Area IX, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Organization of Women Teachers. She has been elected for a second year as president of Antelope Valley Retired Teachers Association. Though retired, she shares a part-time reading specialist job with **Jewel Goodman Warfield** ('63). Her husband is Don. (45453 Genoa Ave., Lancaster, CA 93534)

## 1967

**John Jeter** retired from his accounting faculty position at Cameron University in Lawton, Okla. He and his wife, Peggy, started a wedding photography business in Nashville, Tenn., where their two children reside. (6616 Christiansted Lane, Nashville, TN 37211)

## 1969

**Ronn Rubio** received the National Christian School Association's first Coach of the Year Award July 12 at the NCSA conference banquet at Harding University. He has taught and coached at Harding Academy of Memphis, Tenn., since 1969. He and his wife, **Susan Benson** ('69), have two sons, **David** ('95) and **Seth** ('99). (1425 Flamingo, Memphis, TN 38117)



RUBIO PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY. STEGER PHOTO COURTESY OF HEALING HANDS INTERNATIONAL

## 1983

**Tammy Gattis Alexander** received the 2007 Rita Award for Best Inspirational Romance for her second novel, *Revealed*. Her first novel, *Rekindled*, debuted on the national Christian best-seller list. She recently published her third novel, *Remembered*. Her husband, **Joe** ('81), is associate dean and senior professor of performance excellence at the Jack C. Massey Graduate School of Business at Belmont University. They have two children. (2208 Brienz Valley Drive, Franklin, TN 37064)

## PROFILE: RANDY STEGER 1975

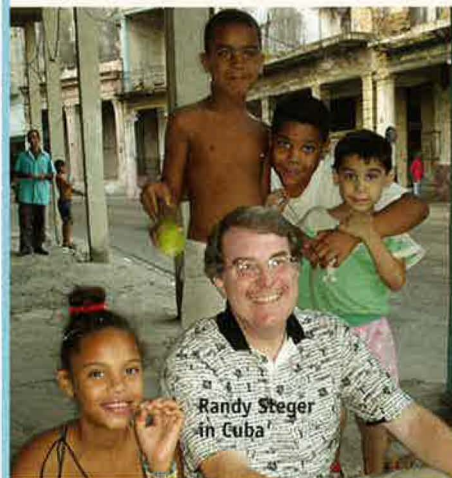
### The business of healing

WHEN DR. RANDY STEGER, professor of marketing at Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn., assigned his seniors to complete a humanitarian aid effort for a class project in 1990, he never imagined how long-lasting and far-reaching the results would be.

A former marketing consultant, Steger says, "Figuring out solutions to real problems is part of my background." When he entered the classroom, he wanted to use this experience firsthand. Thus, each semester, his seniors take on a real company project. That year's class chose to solicit donations of supplies to send to the former Soviet Bloc.

"Projects have beginnings and ends," he says. "But this one just wouldn't go away."

Instead it has evolved into the largest nonprofit organization among churches of Christ for humanitarian aid, operating out of centers in Nashville and Abilene, Texas. Today that project — now known as Healing Hands International — includes



programs for medical, education and agricultural aid; water resource development; and international disaster response. Many initiatives work to meet emergency and immediate responses. Others strive to provide long-term relief and development. Some target both. One such example concerns recent efforts in Zambia: An earlier group had traveled to help a large group of farmers form a co-op and employ drip irrigation methods to grow crops. However, the farmers were unable to find markets in which to sell their goods. So this year, volunteers returned to the area to set up a distribution system, allowing farmers to sell their products and provide for their families.

Steger shares numerous lessons learned as a leader of the organization. On entering a variety of cultures: "You must first truly understand what people need," he says. "Different things work for different people." This is why volunteers' skills, time and strengths are matched with specific requests.

He has also learned to let God take charge of the efforts rather than depending on man. "My understanding of God's providence has greatly increased and grown," he says of the last 17 years. And most importantly, he adds, "God is working through his people." **H**

— Jennifer L. Marcussen

To learn more about Healing Hands International or become involved in relief efforts, visit [www.hhi.org](http://www.hhi.org), e-mail [contact@hhi.org](mailto:contact@hhi.org) or call (615) 832-2000.

**Jane Gore Whitlege** is media specialist for Frisco Independent School District communications department. She and her husband, Hugh, have two sons. (8573 Scott Circle, Frisco, TX 75034)

## 1984

**Tod Martin** was recently named registrar at York College, following prior service as director of admissions and director of external relations. His wife, **Dana Jones** ('95), is a substitute teacher. They have a son. (P.O. Box 306, York, NE 68467)

## 1985

**Chad Morse** is a clinical associate professor at University of Alaska Anchorage. He returned to Latvia on a second Fulbright Senior Specialist grant in 2006, working with Attistiba Higher School of Social Work and Social Pedagogics in Riga. He received the 2006 UAA Full-time Faculty Distinguished Teaching Award from the Alumni Association, his second teaching award at the university. He also received the 2007 National Association of Social Workers, Alaska Chapter, Southcentral Region, Citizen of the Year Award for his contributions to the education of social workers. (3705 Artic Blvd., #106, Anchorage, AK 99503)

## 1986

**Gayle Crowe** has transitioned from 42 years as pulpit minister to vice president for programming at World Christian Broadcasting in Nashville, Tenn. His wife is Lisa. (2000 Mallory Lane, #130-53, Franklin, TN 37067)

**Cary Gilbert** manages all West Coast sales operations for Yahoo! Inc. Direct Marketing Organization. (7985 Santa Monica Blvd., #268, West Hollywood, CA 90046)

## 1993

**David Jacobs** has been named president of the American Advertising Federation's chapter in Knoxville, Tenn. He is senior vice president at The Tombras Group advertising agency. He and his wife, **Mikki Hagood**, have two children. (2049 Eliza Glynne Lane, Knoxville, TN 37931)

**Steven Nutt** is senior vice president with Mountain State Bank. His wife, **Jennifer Fly**, is a home-maker. They have three children. (79 Lochmere Lane, Dawsonville, GA 30534)

1994

**Tony Eldridge** has authored an action/adventure novel, *The Samson Effect*. The book was awarded Editor's Choice by the publisher. (3417 Blossom Drive, Sachse, TX 75048)

**Larry (Ken) Scroggs Jr.** has been named government relations director for Unison Health Plan of Tennessee. He serves as primary contact between Unison, its affiliated companies, and various state and federal regulatory agencies. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two children. (8655 Coriander Lane, Cordova, TN 38018)

1995

**Dale Sheehy** is youth minister for Maplewood Church of Christ. He and his wife, **Kim Fancy** ('94), have two children. (3085 Longleaf Drive, Sulphur, LA 70663)

1998

**Lathan Watts** was elected to the Lewisville, Texas, city council. His wife is **Kim Knight**. (1221 Longhorn Drive, Lewisville, TX 75067)

**Brad Williams** works for the Arkansas Department of Education. His wife, **Amy Christy**, works from home. They have a daughter. (6 Bjorn Borg Court, Little Rock, AR 72210)

1999

**Russell Brown** has joined the law firm of Clark, Quinn, Moses, Scott & Grahm, LLP in Indianapolis as an associate. His wife, **Emily Haas** ('00), has been named assistant principal at Warren Central High School. (6040 Honeywell Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46236)

**Brett Davies** recently graduated from medical school at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md. He has started residency training in ophthalmology at Wilford Hall Medical Center on Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. His wife is **Stacy Glover**. (12239 Dewitt Cove, San Antonio, TX 78253)

**Michelle Goff** is women's campus minister at South Baton Rouge Church of Christ. She was a missionary in Caracas, Venezuela, for four years. (9420 Samoa Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70810)

2001

**Dustin Vyers** is a graphic designer and photographer for National Roper's Supply. (592 County Road 3198, Decatur, TX 76234)

2003

**Amanda Jenkins Ryan** has been promoted to manager of creative services in the university relations office at University of Arkansas, where she is creative director of the alumni magazine, *Arkansas*. Her husband, **Daniel** ('03), is a designer and manager for the Agent Resource Center for Coldwell Banker Faucette Real Estate in Fayetteville, Ark. (3801 Colburn Lane, Springdale, AR 72762)

Marriages

**Candice Glidewell** ('05) to Aaron Gregson, Aug. 20, 2005. Candice is a case manager for Life Strategies Counseling Inc. (109 S. Circle Drive, Ash Flat, AR 72513)

**Mandy Killian** ('02) to Eric Baxter, Dec. 30, 2005. Mandy is a linguist in the U.S. Army. (5895A Gannet Ave., Ewa Beach, HI 96706)

**Robert Conn IV** ('05) to **Lauren Younger** ('04), May 27, 2006. Both are graduate students at

Florida State University. Robert is studying classical archaeology, and Lauren is in law school. (501 Blairstone Road, #205, Tallahassee, FL 32301)

**Daniel Haile** ('06) to **Mallory Carta** ('05), May 27, 2006. (2419 Church St., Abilene, TX 79601)

**Jennifer Bell** ('04) to Matthew Fridg, June 24, 2006. Jennifer earned her master of education in early intervention for students with disabilities from University of Pittsburgh and is director of early intervention for Western Pennsylvania. (541A W. Seventh Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15120)

**Traci Wheeler** ('03) to Philip Minter, July 28, 2006. (7833 Arboretum Drive, #208, Charlotte, NC 28270)

**Matthew Rainbolt** ('05) to **Beth Bonbrisco** ('03), July 29, 2006.

Matthew is pursuing a master of medical sciences degree at Wayne State University in Detroit, and Beth is a literacy specialist in Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. (23012 Gary Lane, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080)

**Allen Sheldon** ('87) to Lisa Ann Crone, July 29, 2006. Allen works for Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority. (2012 El Camino St., Ponca City, OK 74604)

**David Sanders** ('06) to **Jessica Foster** ('04), Sept. 2, 2006. (7850 Grove Brook Court, #103, Germantown, TN 38138)

**Joanna Ingle** ('03) to Nathan Waller, Sept. 9, 2006. Joanna is working for lululemon athletic as community coordinator for the Dallas market. (2803 Riverside Drive, #2008, Grand Prairie, TX 75050)

**Susan Beals** ('91) to David Stearsman, Oct. 7, 2006. Susan is research administration director at Thomas Jefferson University, and David is minister at Media Church of Christ. (738 Pine St., Unit H, Philadelphia, PA 19106)

**Jason Gates** ('00) to **Kim Baltz** ('07), Dec. 9, 2006. (206 Ann Ave., Sherwood, AR 72120)

**Kellen Kemp** ('06) to **Lela Jones** ('06), Jan. 6. (2495 S. Mason Road, #1532, Katy, TX 77450)

**Laci Dawn Roberts** ('05) to Matt Gunter, March 3. Laci received her master's in communication disorders from Arkansas State University in May and was selected as ASU Outstanding Graduate Student for 2007. She is employed by EBS Healthcare. (1213 Waters Dairy Road, #607, Temple, TX 76502)

**Monik Owens** ('04) to Ali Golpayegan, March 23. Monik is a clinical dietitian for the Department of Corrections, and Ali works as a customer service specialist for Lowes. (2425 Summit Ridge Loop, Morrisville, NC 27560)

**Erica Busby** ('01) to Jonathan Lindsey, May 19. (1799 N. Graham St., Memphis, TN 38108)

**Mike Miller** ('94) to Christine Johnson, May 19. Mike is a substance abuse counselor with Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board and is working on a master of social work degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. (1650 Parkcrest Circle, Reston, VA 20190)

**Andy McDonald** ('06) to Erin McCraw, June 2. Andy is associate and youth and family minister at Arnold Church of Christ. (908 Fox Chase Drive, Arnold, MO 63010)

**Amber Genrich** ('02) to Eli Mannon, June 9. (3103 Westledge Drive, #1116, Charlotte, NC 28226)

**Geoffrey Wyatt** ('95) to Dana Lynn Moats, June 9. (P.O. Box 32306, Juneau, AK 99803)

**Michelle Guy** ('02) to Ryan Abshear, June 15. Michelle is an elementary school teacher, and Ryan is an attorney at Lexis Nexis. (8914 Motter Lane, Miamisburg, OH 45342)

Births

To **Ryan** ('99) and **Wendy Case** ('96) **Campbell**, a daughter, Maya Grace, July 26, 2005. (15620 Sambuca Circle, Austin, TX 78728)

To **Micah** ('97) and **Tiffany Chester** ('96) **Parkhurst**, a daughter, Elena Nicole, Nov. 21, 2005. They have another daughter, Olivia. Micah is a self-employed dentist, and Tiffany is a pharmacist at Kroger. (4288 Amber Lane, Memphis, TN 38111)

To **Chris** ('92) and **Christine Giacobassi** ('96) **Crabb**, a daughter, Olivia Rose, Jan. 9, 2006, by adoption. She was born Jan. 23, 2005, in Guangdong Province,



PROFILE: JEFF SMITH 1993

His fishing secret is out

LOOKING BACK, JEFF SMITH ADMITS that having Wal-Mart as the first customer for the Trout Magnet he co-invented was a bit ambitious. "We got the cart in front of the horse for sure, but it was a blessing."

Leland's Lures, owned by Smith and Todd Gainer, began in 1997 with a sale to a regional Wal-Mart manager Smith met while in a West Virginia store for a meeting with a local buyer. Smith, who now lives in Searcy, was working in Belington, W.Va., at the time as a youth minister. He and Gainer had 548 packs, all of which sold in one day. Within a couple of months, stores throughout the Northeast had placed orders. "We had a hard time filling them," Smith says. "I had every person in my family and in the youth group packaging magnets."

From 1998 to 2001, Smith worked with Leland's Lures on a part-time basis; his day job was as a University admissions adviser. A big jump in business in 2001 convinced him to devote his full attention to the company. "That was when the business would either have to grow or fall out," he says. "It was just the right time."

For the last four years, the trout magnet has been the number-one selling fishing lure. The company is in its third year of production of the crappie magnet and also offers lines, rods, hats and shirts. Smith estimates sales of five to eight million trout magnet pieces per year.

The production facility in Elkins, W.Va., employs students and adults with disabilities to make some of the magnets and package them. A facility in Searcy opened in October.

Smith says the trout magnet out-fishes other lures 20 to 1 when used properly. He regularly receives phone calls, e-mails and letters from customers who often comment, "Never in my life would I have believed that one lure could make such a difference, but I do now." Such testimonials and word-of-mouth marketing have helped propel sales; the company does not pay for advertisements.

"Without the right equipment and fishing with it properly, the trout magnet is useless," he says. "If you present it properly, it's deadly." His sign-off on Leland's Lures Web site says it best: "Sore Lip 'Em All." **H**

— April M. Fatula

ALUMNI ANECDOTES

Pilgrimage to a milkshake

By DOB WAITES, Alumni Association president

YOU MAY RECALL YOUR FIRST TRIP to Pattie Cobb or the race across the front lawn to beat the crowd to Heritage at the close of chapel.

But Searcy of the late '70s offered a variety of off-campus dining options that are also crystallized in our memories.

Selections included Tom's Mexican Food, Juan's Taco House, Miss Harris' Cafeteria, Wendy's and others; however, the top three spots for me stood out far above the rest.

3> *Western Sizzlin* — Free drinks before 5 p.m., a great steak sandwich, and a baked potato as big as my head.

2> *Little Rock's Casa Bonita* — A magical place where, with the raising of a small flag, food was brought to your table on a never-ending basis.

1> *Frozen Delite* — Home of five hamburgers for \$1, the iconic hot fudge banana nut, and countless other combinations of dairy decadence. This is the place for which late permission was invented and where 175-pound boys became 210-pound men.

I'm saddened that many of these establishments are now gone. It was not the places or even the food itself that cast such lifelong memories, but the people with whom I shared those meals. It was Steve Bible ('82) responding "What doth hinder me?" to the waitress at Tom's who delivered our drinks with the announcement, "Here is water." It was George Santellan ('80) getting "packed" at Casa Bonita, and Sunday afternoon trips to Miss Harris' with Bible, David Padgett ('82), Robert Ulrey ('82) and David Wright ('83). It was eight guys piling into Mark Clay's ('82) "Lead Sled" at 4:55 p.m. and speeding to Western Sizzlin to claim our free beverages. It was memories of time spent with friends that will last all my life. And while we will never again see each other daily as we did 25 years ago, the memories often flow as a familiar sight, sound or smell allows me to wander back in time.

I invite you to wander back in time as well during Homecoming Nov. 1-3. Visit with friends you haven't seen in years, and relive some of your fondest memories. But this time at Frozen Delite, you may want to hold the nuts and whipped cream — after all, we're not getting any younger. **H**



Dob Waites

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China. Chris is lead technician at Sonitrol, and Christine is a senior caseworker at Colorado Christian Services. (9056 Laurel Court, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126)

To **Benjamin "B.J."** ('00) and **Elizabeth Hedley** ('00) **Marshall**, a son, Luke Benjamin, Feb. 20, 2006. They have another son, Samuel. (12409 Gayton Bluffs Lane, Richmond, VA 23233)

To **Lance** ('97) and **Kathy Hurley** ('00) **Aljian**, a son, Parker Ryan, March 5, 2006. Lance is a tax manager at Deloitte and Touche, and Kathy is a teacher at Cambridge Academy. They have another son, Jacob. (15682 Brookwood Drive, Frisco, TX 75035)

To **Matt** ('94) and **Julie Simmons** ('98) **Risinger**, a daughter, Aniston Brynne, April 4, 2006. They have another daughter, Alyssa. Matt is senior vice president for operations at Wyndham Vacation Ownership Inc., and Julie is a homemaker and part-time CPA. (12031 Windermere Crossing Circle, Winter Garden, FL 34787)

To **Josh** ('01) and **Kim Fincher** ('00) **Osborne**, a daughter, Lorelei Sophia, April 22, 2006. They also have a son, Paxton. Josh is vice president of Atlanta Business Bank, and Kim is a homemaker. (1120 Havenbrook Court, Suwanee, GA 30024)

To **Jeremy** ('03) and Elizabeth Laukka **Wallace**, a daughter, MacKenzie Rece, April 22, 2006. Jeremy graduated in May from University of Georgia with a master of education degree in human resources and organizational development and is a contractor/consultant for the UPS corporate office in Atlanta. (517 Charles Drive, Holly Springs, GA 30115)

To **Nathan** ('04) and **Stephanie Shannon** ('02) **Lang**, a daughter, Anna Marie, May 1, 2006. They also have a son, Clayton. Nathan is an education specialist for NASA Digital Learning Network. (3315 E. Overdale Drive, Pearland, TX 77584)

To Art and **Chrysta Ferguson** ('94) **Buonauro**, a daughter, Deyla Marie, May 2, 2006. They also have a son, Blake. (35443 Marsh Lane, Wildomar, CA 92595)

To **David** ('96) and **Amy Wiley** ('98) **Parks**, a daughter, Jenna Denise, June 2, 2006. They have another daughter, Josie. (105 Coteswood Court, Columbia, TN 38401)

To **Jeremy** ('00) and **Rachel Crum** ('00) **Sciba**, a daughter, Ava Corrine, June 2, 2006. They also have a son, Mason. Jeremy is program



staff at Capstone Treatment Center, and Rachel is a homemaker. (138 N. Valley Road, Searcy, AR 72143)

To **Jim** ('00) and **Emilie Whitley** ('00) **Benvegna**, a daughter, Annabelle Lynn, July 14, 2006. They have another daughter, Alexandra. Jim is an account representative for 3M, and Emilie is an entrepreneur and homemaker. (4948 Hathwyck Court, Concord, NC 28027)

To **Stan** ('91) and **Kim Bennett**, a son, Graham Stanley, July 20, 2006. They also have two daughters, Harper and Miller. (237 Evesham Court, Wake Forest, NC 27587)

To Damon and **Sheila Bateman** ('02) **Farrell**, a daughter, Molly Anne, Aug. 10, 2006. Damon is irrigation manager for Daniel House Landscapes, and Sheila is a human resources representative for General Motors. (27405 Marilyn Drive, Warren, MI 48093)

To Aaron and **Amanda Epton** ('95) **Herman**, a daughter, Anna Grace, Aug. 12, 2006. Aaron is a worship minister, and Amanda is a homemaker. They have two other children, Ethan and Judah. (58 Shady Oaks Drive, Covington, LA 70433)

To **Doug** ('03) and **Amy Brown** ('03) **Richmond**, a son, Ethan Douglas, Aug. 14, 2006. Doug is a resident physician in pediatrics at University of Oklahoma, and Amy is a health educator with Operation Aware of Oklahoma. (11960 S. 98th East Ave., Bixby, OK 74008)

To **Anthony** ('86) and **Lisa Landis** ('89) **May**, a daughter, Abigail Lacey, Aug. 23, 2006. They also have a son, Nathan. Anthony is a post production video editor, and Lisa is a homemaker. (98 Point West Circle, Little Rock, AR 72211)

To **Josh** ('99) and **Stephanie Smith** ('97) **Dyniewski**, a son, Evan Mitchell, Sept. 8, 2006. They also have a daughter, Kaylie. (275 E. Vista Ridge Mall Drive, #6128, Lewisville, TX 75067)

To Logan and **Elizabeth Butler** ('00) **Heeke**, a daughter, Abigail Faith, Sept. 9, 2006. They also have a son, Garrett. (1206 10th St., Tell City, IN 47586)

To Joe and **Nikki Bledsoe** ('94) **DeLong**, a son, James "Jimmy" Robert, Oct. 20, 2006. They have four other children, McKenna, Michael, Grace and Laura Anne. (3270 Cumberland Court, Kissimmee, FL 34746)

To **Clint** ('00) and Rachel **Spencer**, a daughter, Roselyn Jo, Oct. 24, 2006. (860 33rd St. S.E., Paris, TX 75460)

To **James** ('96) and **Kori Schackmann** ('97) **Ireland**, a son, Carter Daniel, Nov. 2, 2006. They have two other children, Hannah and Brenden. James graduated from medical school at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and is in residency in radiology, and Kori is a homemaker. (2138 E. Main St., Cabot, AR 72023)

To Daniel and **Jenny Edmondson** ('01) **Pace**, a son, Jack Remington, Nov. 6, 2006. They also have a daughter, Lily Claire. Daniel is a family practice physician at Searcy Medical Center, and Jenny is a homemaker. (1005 Golf Course Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

To **Jason** ('99) and **Misty McGough** ('02) **Roark**, a daughter, Joshlynn Millie, Nov. 17, 2006. They also have two sons, Elijah and Josiah. Jason is youth and family and worship minister at Crossroads Church of Christ in McMurray, Pa. (4 Meadow View

Place, Finleyville, PA 15332)

To Clint and **Julie Dunaway** ('96) **Riggan**, a daughter, Anna Jane, Nov. 19, 2006. Clint and Julie are inner-city missionaries for Silver City Church in North Little Rock, Ark. (13212 Teton Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211)

To **Jeff** ('99) and Jaime **Fall**, a daughter, Allie Elizabeth, Dec. 3, 2006. (1322 Minerva Ave., West Islip, NY 11795)

To **Adrian** ('01) and **Courtney Kendall** ('01) **Steed**, a son, Canon Lee, Dec. 5, 2006. They have another son, Tyler. (158 Two Pond Loop, Ladson, SC 29456)

To **Lee** ('92), and **Ashley Cosby** ('92) **Fowlkes**, a daughter, Hannah Li, Dec. 25, 2006, by adoption. She was born Jan. 17, 2006. They have another daughter, Jaycie. (285 Clifford Way, Bowling Green, KY 42103)

To **Josh** ('98) and **Jean Massie** ('99) **Bostic**, a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, Jan. 16. They also have a son, Will. (2306 Birchton Drive, Germantown, TN 38139)

To **Shawn** ('92) and Britney **Kell**, a daughter, Adeline Brook, Jan. 27. Shawn is a senior QA test engineer for Sage Software in Austin, Texas. (307 Lakemont Drive, Hutto, TX 78634)

To Ty and **Amy Stump** ('99) **McCathran**, a son, Jake Butler, Feb. 1. Ty is a sales engineer for Oceaneering Inc., and Amy is a homemaker. (4310 Piney Creek Lane, Spring, TX 77388)

To Doug and **Lisa Madeley** ('95) **Martin**, a daughter, Allison Paige, Feb. 3. They have two other children, Emily and Nicholas. (3111 Avon Drive, Arlington, TX 76015)

To Chris and **Jill McDonald** ('02) **Kirby**, a son, Jackson Robert, Feb. 7. Chris is youth minister at Central Church of Christ, and Jill is a physical therapist with Encore Rehab. (609 E. Pryor St., Athens, AL 35611)

To Roy and **Susan Dotson** ('99) **Hollmotz**, a son, Joshua Ryan, Feb. 17. (Gartenstrasse 6, 14476 Potsdam, Germany)

To **Greg** ('99) and **Misty Bacon**

('99) **Mathews**, triplet daughters, Addison Hope, Emery Grace and Harper Faith, Feb. 23. They also have a son, Caden. Greg is a CPA and owner of Insight Accounting, and Misty is a homemaker. (51 N. Altwood Circle, The Woodlands, TX 77382)

To **Daniel** ('07) and **Rebecca Chaffin** ('05) **Hill**, a son, Caden Richard, Feb. 24. (6301 Camp Robinson Road, #G138, North Little Rock, AR 72118)

To **Jerrod** ('97) and Kate **Fletcher**, a son, Jackson Lee, March 3. (9928 N.W. 226th St., Alachua, FL 32615)

To **Drew** ('01) and **Audrey Howell** ('01) **Chandler**, a daughter, Addison Elizabeth, March 6. They also have a son, Griffin. (101 Selvidge Lane, Searcy, AR 72143)

To **Devan** ('00) and **Kaylee Shirey** ('99) **Loftis**, a daughter, Lucy Marie, March 9. They also have a son, Brinton. Devan is a high school history teacher and coaches soccer and varsity girls' basketball at Brentwood Christian School, and Kaylee coaches volleyball and basketball there. (910 Polished Stone Cove, Pflugerville, TX 78660)

To **Jay** ('01) and **Victoria Luttrell** ('00) **Beamon**, a daughter, Audriana Matae, March 20. Jay works part time as an ESL teacher and in ministry to international students at a local university. Victoria completed her master's degree and is a homemaker. (130 Marshall Lane, Winchester, VA 22602)

To **Nate** ('98) and **Leah Atkinson** ('00) **Lucas**, a son, Lathan James, March 28. They have another son, Ethan. Nate is customer relations manager for Atkinson Toyota Scion, and Leah is owner of Celebrity Spa & Boutique. (305 Agate Drive, College Station, TX 77845)

To **Warren** ('02) and **Lacey Nelson** ('03) **Shepherd**, a daughter, Addison Michelle, March 28. (1704 E. Parker Road, Plano, TX 75074)

To Joe and **Andrea Reed** ('99) **Wilson**, a son, Elliot James, March 29. They also have a daughter, Reed. (4486 Whisper Drive, Pensacola, FL 32504)

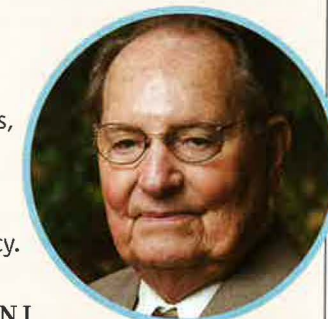
To **Sergei** ('00) and **Wendy Nickols** ('97) **Brajnik**, a son, Rylan Nathanael Sergeevich, March 30. They have two other children, Delaney and Landon. Sergei is funding manager for Drive Financial Services, and Wendy is a homemaker. (4400 Shadow Oak Drive, Corinth, TX 76208)

Honor to whom honor is due

HOMECOMING'S BLACK & GOLD BANQUET will see some of the University's finest honored as the Alumni Relations Office presents annual awards. The following alumni have been chosen for the 2007 awards because they have achieved a degree of excellence and recognition in their chosen fields; exemplify lives consistent with University ideals; actively support the University; and strive to advance their service to community, church and God.

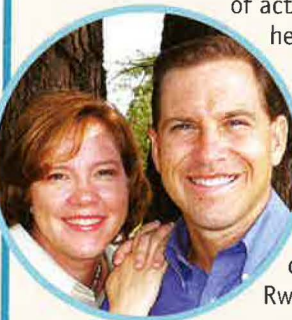
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Dr. **A.R. Brown** ('41) trained many of Searcy's most well-known doctors, some of whom still practice. He and his late wife, Ruth, served in the former Northern Rhodesia, now known as Zambia. He served two years of active duty during the Korean War and in 1959 helped begin Westside Church of Christ in Searcy.



OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI

**Marty** ('90) and **Louise Tucker** ('90) **Koonce** moved to Tabligbo, Togo, in 1997 to join the team of missionaries working there. In the last 10 years, they have seen 35 churches planted among the Watchi people, with six elderships established and more than 50 lay leaders trained. The couple and their four children plan to begin a new mission effort in Rwanda in January 2009.



OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

> College of Arts and Humanities

**Bobbie R. Coleman** ('71) has taught English at Searcy High School for 27 years. The only active teacher to be inducted into Searcy Education Foundation's Hall of Honor, she is a recipient of the Arkansas Governor's School Award for influential educators and the 2004 Arkansas Journalism Teacher of the Year.

> College of Bible and Religion

Long-time teacher of social studies, history and Bible, **Bernard Waites** ('59) has ministered to Corinth and Perrytown churches of Christ in Wilkinson County, Miss., for 45 years. He is a Mississippi Teachers Hall of Fame member, and was named one of Wilkinson County's most influential citizens in the last 100 years.

> College of Business Administration

**Mark Wallis** ('72) of Littleton, Colo., is senior executive vice president of United Dominion Realty Trust. He founded and served as president of Golden Living Communities, during which time he was involved in development of eight communities containing more than 1,200 assisted- and independent-living apartments.

> College of Education

In 1998 **Dwight Thompson** ('62) retired as science teacher at Shawnee High School in Medford, N.J., after 36 years of service in New Jersey schools. He led the Shawnee baseball team to state championship finals in 1993 and also coached basketball.

> College of Nursing

**Christy Golden Mars** ('90) is an advanced practice nurse specializing in hematology-oncology in Memphis, Tenn. She also holds the master of science in nursing degree from Vanderbilt University. She has served in medical missions to Haiti, Jamaica and Trinidad.

> College of Sciences

**William Chism** ('72) served as optometrist at naval hospitals in Florida and Tennessee before opening five optometry offices in Southwest Missouri. He has served as president of Kiwanis Club and on numerous community boards and ranks 11th in career scoring average for Bison basketball, at 16 points per game. **H**

ALMA MATTERS

Homecoming activities support diverse issues

By LIZ HOWELL, director of alumni relations

TWO DISTINCT OPPORTUNITIES await Homecoming participants Nov. 3 with the repeat of Strolling for the Cure and a meeting of the newly formed African-American Alumni Association.



Liz Howell

Last year's Strolling for the Cure was the first of its kind benefiting Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Similar to the annual Race for the Cure, the event encouraged individuals as well as parents with small children in strollers to take an unhurried walk around the campus.

Komen Foundation recognized Strolling for the Cure with its Above and Beyond Award for helping continue its mission to save lives and end breast cancer by empowering people, ensuring quality care for all, and energizing science to find cures.

Strolling allows current students to interact with alumni and members of the community while supporting a worthwhile cause.

Participants should dress comfortably and may pin placards to their backs in honor and in memory of friends and loved ones affected by the disease.

Those interested may preregister by contacting the alumni office at (800) 477-4312, ext. 1. A \$20 donation includes a T-shirt. Virtual strollers may pay \$20 and will also receive a T-shirt. All proceeds benefit Komen Foundation.

At a reception and meeting in Heritage Center Room 206 from 10 a.m. until noon, Eddie Carson ('98), an AP history teacher from Houston, will lead a discussion based upon the works of W.E.B. DuBois and the vision for HU STRONG. STRONG — the acronym for Standing Together to Represent Opportunities, Networking and Growth — was developed by Erica Walker ('91) Rivera. Brainstorming sessions and panel discussions are on the agenda.

During Spring Sing 2007 more than 30 members of the African-American Alumni Association met on campus to develop the HU STRONG Initiative Foundation. The group's purpose is to commit to the recruitment, retention, empowerment and development of University African-American students by creating a scholarship fund.

For more information, e-mail Marcus Thomas at mathomas@harding.edu or Butch Gardner at bgardner@harding.edu or call the alumni office at (800) 477-431, ext. 1. **H**

BROWN PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY. KOONCE PHOTO COURTESY OF MARTY AND LOUISE KOONCE. PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

To **Frank** ('96) and **Becky Pratt** ('00) **McCown**, a son, Ethan Andrew, March 31. (934 Skyline Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

To **Jody** ('98) and **Janelle Brown** ('98) **Bunt**, twins, a daughter, Addison, and a son, Alex, April 3. (4152 Creekhollow Drive, Carrollton, TX 75010)

To Jason and **Jennifer Martin** ('99) **Allaway**, a son, Jackson James, April 8. (11370 S.W. 11th St., Beaverton, OR 97005)

To Donald and **Melissa Tittle** ('00) **Trcka**, a son, Ty Austin, April 12. They also have a daughter, Emily. (7522 Branchwood Way, Temple, TX 76502)

To **William** ('01) and **Stacey Dempsey** ('99) **Neal**, a son, John Ryan, April 16. They also have two daughters, Suzannah and Molly Beth. (1226 Eden Drive, Longview, TX 75605)

To **Mark** ('88) and **Meta Poulos** ('86) **Christaldi**, a daughter, Siana Jill, April 17. (4 Woodland Drive, Malvern, PA 19355)

To **Chad** ('02) and **Emily Short** ('02) **Hughes**, a son, Daniel Wyatt, April 17. (1160 Fitzpatrick Road, Nashville, TN 37214)

To **Stephen** ('01) and **Britney Copeland** ('02) **Finley**, a son, Stephen Carter, April 18. Stephen works for Farmers Insurance Group, and Britney is an instructor at University of Arkansas at Little Rock. (6303 Countryside Drive, North Little Rock, AR 37216)

To **Eric** ('02) and **Larissa Smith** ('03) **Swayne**, a son, Lukas Jonathan, April 19. (3830 Old Denton, #132, Carrollton, TX 75007)

To Chad and **Tamara Bledsoe** ('96) **Austin**, a son, Charles Connor, May 5. Chad works for Discovery Communications, and Tamara is an elementary teacher. (7803 S.W. 51st Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32608)

To **Chris** ('00) and **Paula Farley** ('98) **Morse**, a daughter, Mia Emalynn, May 9. They also have a son, Jackson. Chris is a teacher and football coach at Central Arkansas Christian, and Paula is a counselor who works part time with Families Inc. of Arkansas. (6 Golden Oaks Cove, Maumelle, AR 72113)

To Bryan and **Missy McJunkins** ('96) **Duke**, a son, Owen Bryan, May 23. They have another son, Trevor. Bryan is a partner with the law firm of Friday, Eldredge & Clark, LLP, and Missy is a partner with the law firm of Gross, Gunter, Witherspoon & Calchus,

P.C. (8 Doral Drive, Little Rock, AR 72212)

To **Ben** ('03) and **Amy Tittle** ('01) **Carrigan**, a son, Carter Warren, May 25. (1402 W. Center Ave., Searcy, AR 72143)

To **Kevin** ('96) and **Meredith Hlasta** ('00) **Baldwin**, a son, Hunter Lee, June 2. They have three other children, Jonathan, Emma and Cooper. (4000 Chastatee Drive, Duluth, GA 30097)

To **Jason** ('93) and **Suzannah Lepper** ('94) **Foster**, a son, Jess Samuel Landry, June 4. They have two other children, Ian and Evelyn. Jason is an investigative counsel with the Senate finance committee. (8125 Cliffcrest Drive, Springfield, VA 22153)

To **Ryan** ('02) and **Katrina Austin** ('02) **Cook**, a daughter, Abigail Grace, June 6. (561 Stinchcomb Drive, #8, Columbus, OH 43202)

To **John** ('01) and **Hollie Dayhoff** ('02) **Weber**, a daughter, Ava Marie, June 7. John is a Unix engineer at Bank of America, and Hollie is a homemaker. (315 Rustic Oaks Drive, Wentzville, MO 63385)

To **Jordan** ('96) and **Kimberly Gibbins** ('98) **Harr**, a daughter, Chandler Grace, June 11. They have two other children, Kennedy and Jackson. Jordan is a sales analyst for UST, and Kim is a homemaker. (198 English Hills Drive, Mooresville, NC 28115)

To Hans and **Angie Mong** ('96) **Hausteim**, a son, Paul James, June 12. Angie is a speech pathologist with University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Foster Care Project. (1008 W. B Ave., North Little Rock, AR 72116)

To **Kyle** ('02) and **Tanya Smith** ('01) **Larson**, a daughter, Mallory Temperance, June 28. (5413 Dons Trail, Temple, TX 76502)

To **Brian** ('01) and **Katie Meeks** ('00) **Whitt**, a son, Jamison David, July 1. They also have a daughter, Lily. Brian and Katie work for DWM Inc. Facilities Maintenance. (2445 Nottingham Mall, Niskayuna, NY 12309)

To Brandon and **Melissa Wood** ('00) **Horton**, a daughter, Layla Nicole, July 2. Brandon works for Sewell Automotive, and Melissa is an area director for Primrose Schools. (2218 Arbor Creek Drive, Carrollton, TX 75010)

To Joel and **Angela Cheng** ('00) **Mejeur**, a daughter, Hannah Jade, July 12. (8432 Delegate Drive, King George, VA 22485)

To Michael and **Hannah Rhodes** ('01) **Rogers**, a daughter, Anna Kate, July 12. They also have a son, Wesley. (5714 Buck Run Drive, Lakeland, FL 33811)

To **Cris** ('98) and **Kellie Milner**, a daughter, Gracie Hannah, July 26. They also have a son, Parker. (5313 Windypine Drive, Nashville, TN 37211)

To **Nathan** ('01) and **Mindy Dunkel** ('01) **Noble**, a son, Andrew Scott, Aug. 4. (42 Ettington Drive, Bella Vista, AR 72714)

To **Brad** ('99) and **Regina Huddleston** ('96) **Renfro**, a daughter, Annie Gabrielle, Aug. 7. Brad is a human resource manager, and Regina is a homemaker. (7060 Bridgemont Court, Avon, IN 46123)

## Passages

**Eva Lee Bradley Cralle** ('35), 92, died April 12. She and her late sister, **Thelma** ('35), helped move the campus from Morrilton, Ark., to Searcy in 1934. She and her late husband, Ralph, operated Lena Frances Flower and Gift Shop for 42 years and were life members of the Arkansas Florist Association. She was voted Harrison (Ark.) Business Woman of the Year in 1951, was Boone County Senior Volunteer in 1989, served as the only woman on Harrison High School Distributive Education Board for 30 years, served 10 years on the Adult Girl Scout Troop 73 committee, held local and district offices in the 20th Century Club, and was a charter and life member of Associated Women for Harding. She also was a life member of Chi Sigma Sorority, past president and 50-year member of the Busi-

ness and Professional Women Club, served on the original AM/PM Daycare Board, worked many years as a Pink Lady at North Arkansas Regional Medical Center, helped raise funds to build the Claude Parrish Radiation Therapy Institute, was a member of the dialogue Cancer Group, and served eight years as an officer and member of the RTI Board of Directors. An author of *A Part of All She Touched*, she was a member of Northside Church of Christ. She is survived by a daughter, Karen Weatherford; a stepdaughter, Helen Jane Riedmatten; two grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

**Sarah Boyd Colvin** ('40), 90, died April 23. She and her late husband, J. Rodney, established numerous churches of Christ throughout northern Louisiana. She worked as an aide at LaSalle Nursing Home, was a private sitter, and volunteered and served as president of the LaSalle General Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. She was a member of the Jena Garden Club and Jena Home Demonstration Club. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her son, **Jack** ('66). She is survived by a son, **Paul** ('78); two daughters, **Ellen Brown** ('65) and **Naomi Burrow** ('70); 16 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

**Murrey Woodrow Wilson** ('40), 90, died Aug. 17. He was a minister in churches of Christ, associate professor of education at the University, and a deacon at College Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by his

wife, **Hazel Gragg** ('41). He is survived by two daughters, **Janice White** ('64) and **Sharon Voorhees** ('65); four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Ernie Salners** ('42), 88, died June 27. He was both district and chief chemist for Missouri Pacific Railroad in St. Louis and a laboratory foreman for Pan American refineries in Arkansas from 1945-1957. After receiving his master's degree from Kansas State in Emporia, he taught at Harding Academy in Memphis, Tenn., before moving to Niles Township High Schools in Skokie, Ill., where he was named science chairman in 1965. He was a member of the American Chemical Society and helped develop the Chemical Bond Approach teaching method.

## EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

- 1-3 Homecoming
- 2-3 President's Council meeting
- 8 ASI speaker Herman Cain
- 17-25 Thanksgiving recess
- 26 Groovelily, three-person ensemble

### DECEMBER

- 6 Christmas community open house
- 15 Fall graduation
- 16-Jan. 13 Winter recess

### JANUARY

- 14 Classes begin
- 29 Chapter 6, a cappella singing group

### FEBRUARY

- 12 ASI speaker David Barton
- 26 Wind Ensemble with guest John Mueller, euphonium

### MARCH

- 3-7 Spring recess
- 20-22 Spring Sing/Youth Forum
- 21-24 "Little Shop of Horrors"

### APRIL

- 3 Teresa Walters, pianist
  - 10 Miller Williams, poetry reading
- For a complete list of events and contact information, go to [www.harding.edu/calendar](http://www.harding.edu/calendar).

## FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

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By TED HACKNEY, director of the Center for Charitable Estate Planning

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Ted Hackney

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He was named Greater Chicago's Outstanding Teacher of Chemistry in 1968. He taught and evaluated Advanced Placement Testing in chemistry at Ripon College (N.J.) during the summers of 1964-1970. He presented a paper to Congress for All-American Youth at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. He retired from teaching in 1978. He and his wife established three churches, and he preached in several states. He is survived by his wife, **Jean Overton** ('44); and a daughter, **Beverly** ('69). 3535 Kirby Road, #K216, Memphis, TN 38115)

**Engel Lee Awtrey Burkett** ('46), 83, died April 16. Retired from Searcy Medical Center, she was a member of Downtown Church of Christ. She is survived by her husband, Thomas; and three daughters, Phyllis, **Martha Nash** ('78) and Susan Shai. (5 Weatherstone, Searcy, AR 72143)

**George Snure** ('51), 79, died June 10. He served as pulpit minister for churches in Ohio, Missouri, Texas, Tennessee and Ontario. He was also a teacher, marriage and family counselor, and author. He is survived by his wife, **Janavee Rogers** ('51); three sons; a sister, **Eileen Dale** ('52); six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. (303-2630 Southvale Crescent, Ottawa, ON, K1B 4S8)

**Mae Anne Songer Tucker** ('52), 76, died June 7. She taught at Harding Academy from 1960-1962 and was an employee in the Bookstore from 1971-1996. She was a member of College Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Lott** ('51); and a granddaughter. She is survived by her sons, **Stephen** ('75) and **David** ('77); and five grandchildren.

**Jesse Willis** ('52), 79, died May 4. He served as a medic in World War II from September 1945 to December 1946. He was a preacher of the gospel in Oregon, California, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Kansas from 1952-1987. He began his ministry in Gold Beach, Ore., working at the local sawmill while he planted the church. He retired from pulpit ministry and began mission work when he moved to Missouri. He went to Africa once and to India approximately twice a year for 20 years. He served 10 years as an

elder for Mount Vernon Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Barbara; five children; 18 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. (P.O. Box 495, Monett, MO 65708)

**Betty Riemer Harris** ('53), 75, died March 2. She was a homemaker and charter member of the O'Fallon Artists Guild. She is survived by her husband, **Truel** ('53); two sons, Truel and Mark; a daughter, Sharla Dillon; a sister, Barbara J. Norman; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. (205 Bermuda Drive, O'Fallon, MO 63366)

**Claud Richard Danley**, ('57), 75, died April 10. Claud served in the U.S. Air Force from 1950-1953 during the Korean War. He was a minister in the churches of Christ in New Mexico, Arkansas, Massachusetts and Texas from 1954-1970. He then began a career in real estate that continued until his retirement in 2005. He had recently completed a book about the apostle Peter. He is survived by three sons, Paul, Chris and Scott; a daughter, **Andrea Clyne** ('87); and six grandchildren.

**Mary Alma Binkley**, ('58), 71, died July 6. She worked several years in the University library, in addition to time served in public schools and universities throughout Illinois, Kansas and Oklahoma. She is survived by a son, **Karl Robinson** ('93); two daughters, Patti Jennings and Lea Ann Brown; a brother, Charles Ray; two sisters, Wilma Wilson and Jane Webster; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Gayle Cave Isbell**, ('77), 52, died unexpectedly March 7. She was a teacher at W.W. Estes Elementary School and taught special education and Head Start students for 27 years, mostly for Birdville Independent School District in Fort Worth, Texas. She is survived by her husband, Darren; and six brothers, **Doug** ('76), **Wendell** ('81), **Kevin** ('81), Ron, Steve and Phil. (P.O. Box 580, Barnardsville, NC 28709)

**David Ward**, ('77), 52, died June 6 from cancer. He is survived by his wife, **Bonnie Sue Roper** ('74); a son, **Jacob** ('08); a daughter, **Candace Colon** ('02); and two grandchildren. (1753 Tuscan Ridge Circle, Southlake, TX 76092)



Mary Alma Binkley

# Promoting academic integrity

By DENNIS ORGAN

WHEN I BECAME A TEACHER AT HARDING 40 YEARS AGO, THE TOPIC OF student cheating rarely came up in chats around the mimeograph machine and even less often, as I recall, in general faculty meetings. Over the years, that didn't change much, as faculty and administration kept an eye out for academic misconduct but considered serious cheating an infrequent occurrence.

The situation was probably pretty much the same in other colleges and universities. But today's world is quite different — thanks to blurred ethical boundaries and ubiquitous tools such as computers and cell phones that make cheating easy and inviting.

Just as the call for stronger ethical standards has sounded in arenas as diverse as public accounting, professional sports and government, now educators everywhere are tuned in to the cause of academic integrity. The University is no exception. Although we've always supported integrity as part of Christian life, today we're more alert and more intentional in our actions. Three years ago we signaled our renewed interest by joining the Center for Academic Integrity, a consortium of several hundred institutions focused on doing a better job of promoting honesty on campus and dealing effectively and fairly with misconduct.

Our affiliation with CAI led to the appointment of a broad-based committee to study the academic integrity climate here and make recommendations. After a two-year process of research and discussion, this fall we've implemented a faculty-endorsed plan to improve the way we deal with academic violations. Most of all, however, the plan enjoins us to teach more about academic honesty, building on the Christian call to excellence in all aspects of our lives.

Early this fall the faculty participated in a training workshop on policies and procedures, as well as such strategies as teaching about plagiarism in their courses, and the student body heard a chapel presentation on academic integrity.

Finally, to encourage commitment to a high standard of ethics, we invited students to sign a statement — "I hereby pledge to God, to the Harding University academic community, and to myself that I will uphold godly standards of honesty, authenticity and accountability in all my undertakings" — and placed the hundreds of signed pledge slips in a special display case in the Administration Building as a symbol of that ideal.

It's an ideal I believe the student body sincerely embraces. Two especially interesting findings emerged

from the CAI research survey we administered in 2005. One showed that our students said they engaged in various kinds of cheating at about the same rate as students nationally. The other indicated, however, that our students were more likely to regard those behaviors as serious cheating. I've told the faculty, only half joking, that this means our students cheat as much as others but feel worse about it. In the statistics I see evidence of tender consciences and willingness to do the right thing if the University holds up a clear and high standard. And that is what we intend to do with our renewed overt program to promote academic integrity.

Holding up a clear standard is not as simple as it sounds. I'm convinced that some cheating results from confusion about what's acceptable rather than from calculated dishonesty. Take, for example, the issue of collaboration. Much more than in the past, in colleges and departments all across our curriculum, faculty assign group work for projects and reports. Even in the individual skill of writing, English teachers often use peer critique sessions to help students revise their essays. When students are being told that they not only can, but also should, work with others on their assignments, they can be confused when penalized at other times for collaborating. Obviously, we teachers need to give explicit explanations about when and why collaboration is and is not acceptable in our courses.

Another point of confusion for today's students arises from the wonderful ease of accessing information electronically. The Internet is there, free for the taking; in this communal domain where authoritative gatekeepers lack power, anyone can post information, and anyone can retrieve it. So who should worry about giving credit for borrowed words, let alone borrowed ideas? Again, it's up to teachers to explain the ethics of scholarship and the concept of literary theft.

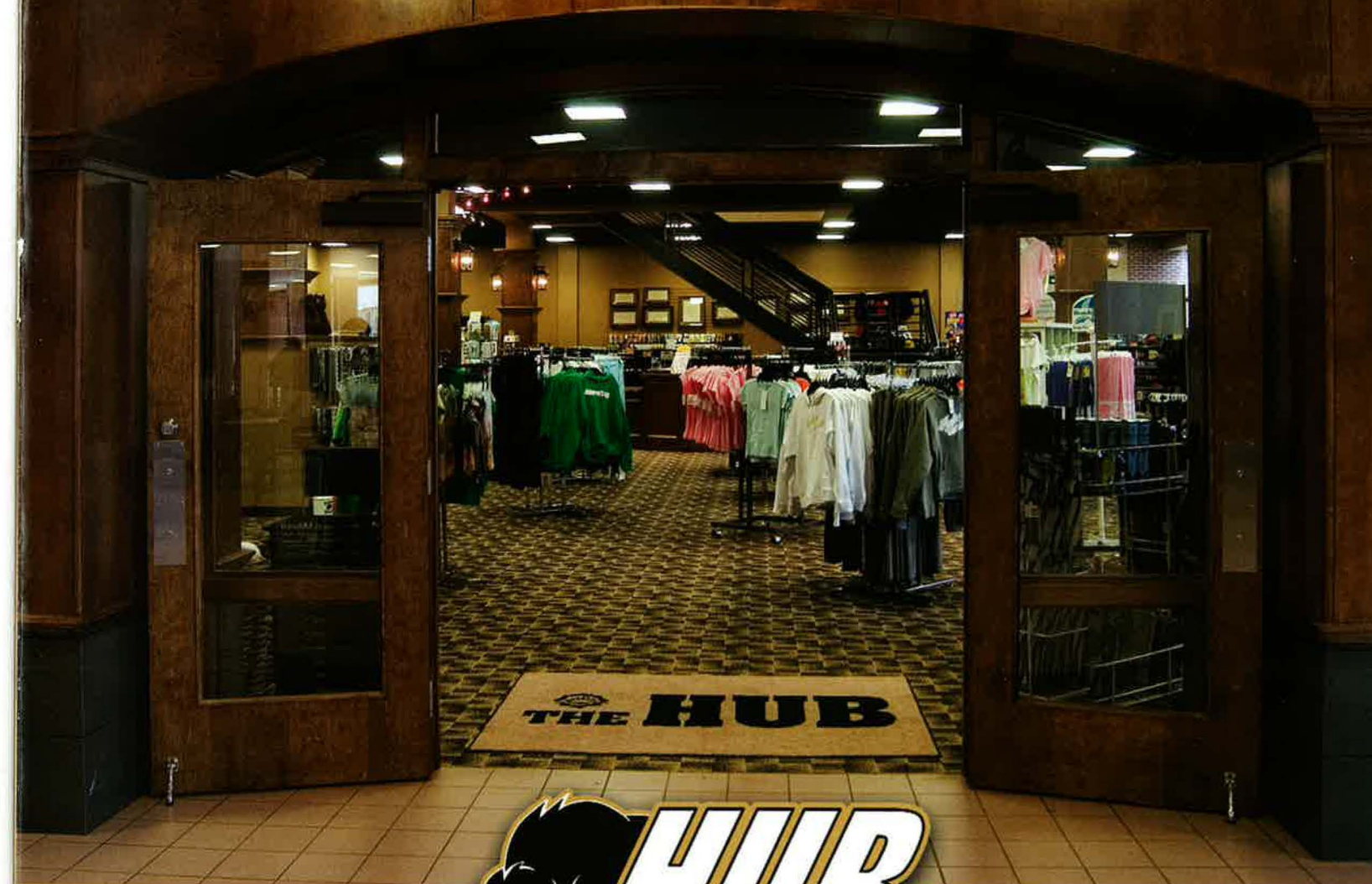
Clearly, countering the trend of increasing academic dishonesty will require much education about academic ethics, not only — and not primarily — more monitoring and punishment of offenses. Our main goal, then, is to create and promote a culture on campus that truly honors the elements of academic integrity named in our pledge: honesty, authenticity and accountability. In time, we want to make the University's reputation for academic integrity as familiar as its reputation for spiritual dedication and upright social behavior. **H**

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