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# Transforming leaders

By DAVID B. BURKS



GRADUATE EDUCATION IS THRIVING at the University. Its growth is evident as we add new programs and facilities and continues not only on the Searcy campus but also in locations at Bentonville and North Little Rock, Ark., and since the 1950s, at the Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tenn. [Page 12].

The 50th annual commencement ceremonies at the Graduate School May 3 proved a pivotal point in its history, providing time to reflect on humble beginnings as well as thanksgiving for the blessings the School enjoys today with 4,069 alumni spread worldwide.

Located on a beautiful, wooded, 13-acre campus in a residential area, the School's facilities include the original E.L. King mansion, which serves as E.H. Ijams Administration Building; the classroom building named after the first dean, the Dr. W.B. West Jr. Center, built in 1978; and two apartment buildings. At the hub of campus is L.M. Graves Memorial Library with the recently added Oliver and Norma Rogers Research Center. Containing 138,000 volumes and 590 periodicals and annuals received from at least 33 countries, the facility houses a quality collection of religious literature.

The School offers four graduate degrees and a doctoral degree: Master of Arts, Master of Arts in Christian Ministry, Master of Arts in Counseling, Master of Divinity, and Doctor of Ministry. All are taught in a community committed to furthering God's work in the world.

Dr. Evertt Huffard, vice president, dean and alumnus, feels the blessing he received as a student must be passed on. He says, "We all want to equip God's people for greater works of service. The faculty and staff all share the same passion for training in ministry. Students who pass through our classes and worship with us each day in chapel will be drawn closer to the Lord. We all seek to integrate the best biblical scholarship with real ministry challenges because it takes more than good intentions to transform lives to the glory of God."

Worship, fellowship, reflection and study have combined for 50 years to transform lives on the Memphis campus. It has and will continue to challenge students academically, intellectually and spiritually. In a word, it is about "transformation." **H**

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## ON THE COVER

Following the July 29, 1993, fire that heavily damaged the E.H. Ijams Administration Building at the Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tenn., Art Roberts painted and sold prints of this watercolor to help raise funds for rebuilding. The School graduated its 50th class May 3.

PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY



Prepared for forecasted storms, freshman Hailey Allen of Gold River, Calif., takes a few moments on the morning of April 10 to read her Bible. [Page 16]

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Dr. J. Warren Casey

## Casey chosen music chair

DR. J. WARREN CASEY HAS been named chair of the Department of Music, effective May 10.

Casey's resume includes leading the music education program; directing the band program for 14 years and jazz ensembles for more than 25 years; working with Spring Sing, Homecoming and other musical presentations; teaching several semesters in International Programs; and engaging in scholarly and professional activities on the international level.

"Dr. Casey was chosen from among several good candidates," said Dr. Larry Long, vice president for academic affairs. "I have every reason to believe that he will be a skillful and successful chair. I am pleased that he is willing to accept this appointment."

Casey has most recently been involved in transcribing the music of Italian band composer Carlo Della Giacomina in Todi, Italy. A two-time recipient of the Distinguished Teacher Award, Casey joined the faculty in 1982. He holds

the Ph.D. in music education from University of Oklahoma.

Casey replaces Dr. Arthur Shearin, who is returning to the classroom full time after serving 15 years as department chair.

"I commend Dr. Shearin for his leadership, organizational skills, and contributions to the overall academic community at Harding," Long said. "He will continue to be an asset in the classroom and as director of Concert Choir."

**"You are a part of that legacy. As you learn about health care, you want to learn about what happened — what you should do, what you shouldn't do. ... The study was improperly conducted. It never should have occurred. We should be sure it does not happen again. The best way to ensure it does not happen again is to keep this story before the public."**

— Civil rights attorney Fred Gray, speaking about the Tuskegee Institute Study to nearly 500 nursing faculty and students gathered at the University March 13 for Tri-Chapter Research Day. Gray spoke to administrators and students throughout the day before addressing the community in an American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series presentation.

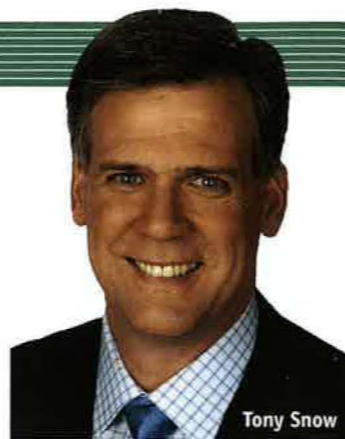
## Snow leads fall lecture series

FORMER WHITE HOUSE Press Secretary Tony Snow is scheduled to open the 2008-09 American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series Sept. 23.

Snow served as press secretary for the George W. Bush Administration from May 2006 to September 2007. In 1991 he served as director of speechwriting and deputy assistant for media affairs for President George H.W. Bush.

He has spent a quarter of a century in the news business, working in all three major media — print, radio and television. After obtaining the bachelor of arts degree from Davidson College in 1977, he taught in Kenya and Cincinnati before starting his career in 1979 as an editorial writer for The Greensboro Record in North Carolina. He's written nationally syndicated columns for The Detroit News and USA Today.

For seven years, he served as host of "FOX News Sunday." Most recently, he hosted "The Tony Snow Show" on



Tony Snow

FOX News Radio and "Weekend Live With Tony Snow" on the FOX News Channel.

In February 2005, Snow was diagnosed with colon cancer. After successful surgery, he began chemotherapy treatment and returned to work at FOX News. In March 2007, 10 months after becoming White House press secretary, Snow's doctors discovered his cancer had returned. He underwent surgery, resumed his White House duties, and began a second round of chemotherapy, which he completed just prior to leaving the Bush Administration.

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

## Pharmacy gains green light

THE WAIT IS OVER. THE University's College of Pharmacy received pre-candidate accreditation status in January and will seat its first class this fall.

"A newly instituted doctor of pharmacy program of a college or school of pharmacy must be granted each of two pre-accreditation statuses at the appropriate stage of its development," explained Dr. Julie Hixson-Wallace, dean of the college. "Our faculty members are hired, and we look forward to enrolling 60 students for our inaugural class in August."

Representatives from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) visited campus Nov. 14-15, 2007. The college was awarded pre-candidate status through June 2009. The granting of this status indicates that a college has taken into account ACPE standards and guidelines in planning for a doctor of pharmacy program and suggests reasonable assurances of moving toward candidate status.

ACPE will schedule a site visit for spring 2009 to consider the college's advancement to candidate status.

Forty-nine students representing 18 states have been interviewed and accepted. More than 300 applications are being reviewed for the 11 remaining spots.



## Tornado relief

More than 800 students, faculty and staff spent Feb. 10 providing cleanup to the Clinton area after the state was ripped by tornadoes Feb. 5. The report turned in to FEMA showed more than 5,000 volunteer hours. David Cook, minister for Choctaw Church of Christ, said, "I am overwhelmed by what Harding was able to achieve in one day. ... Your presence in our community made an everlasting impact that has opened many doors to share the love of Jesus with people who know nothing or very little about our Lord."

CASEY AND GRAY PHOTOS BY JEFF MONTGOMERY; SNOW PHOTO COURTESY OF WASHINGTON SPEAKERS BUREAU; LEFT PHOTO AND METAL BACKGROUND PHOTO BY LIQUID LIBRARY; TORNADO PHOTOS BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

## Gospel of John Lectureship's focal point

THE 85TH ANNUAL LECTURESHIP, slated Sept. 28-Oct. 1, promises an engaging, uplifting experience. The theme, "That We May Believe: Stud-

ies From the Gospel of John," will examine the account of Christ's life written by "the apostle whom Jesus loved."

Said Dr. Howard Norton, Lectureship director, "Our focus on the Gospel of John will be a faith-building experience. Speakers will emphasize significant themes within

the Gospel such as the new birth, true worship, the kingship and divinity of Jesus, the compassion of Christ, and the victory of faith over unbelief."

Seven keynote speakers will cover a variety of topics from the fourth Gospel. Monte Cox of Searcy will open Lectureship Sunday evening

with his keynote address, "That We May Believe." Other featured speakers include Virgil Fry of Houston; Tim Lewis of Oklahoma City; James Nesmith of Richmond, Va.; Stan Reid of Austin, Texas; Jim Woodroof of Searcy; and Howard Wright of Atlanta.

More than 50 classes will cover such topics as church growth, counseling, missions, conflict resolution, and youth and family ministry. Special activities include the Women's Day program on Tuesday and Monday's Preachers, Elders and Wives Dinner, featuring Robert K. Oglesby Sr. of Richardson, Texas.

Registration will begin Sunday, Sept. 28, at 2 p.m. in the McInteer Rotunda. For more information, visit [www.harding.edu/lectureship](http://www.harding.edu/lectureship).

## Choral reunion, recording set for July

ALL CHORAL ALUMNI FROM any year or any group (including A Cappella Chorus, Belle Canto, Belles and Beaux, Chorale, Chorus, Concert Choir, Good News Singers, and University Singers) are invited to participate in a choral reunion and recording session July 25-27 on campus.

The repertoire for this event will consist of a mix of hymns from both old and new traditions. A compact disc will be produced with proceeds benefiting scholarships.

The event begins Friday, July 25, with supper followed by a rehearsal and will dismiss on Sunday afternoon after a recording session. Participants will be responsible for making their own housing arrangements.

Contact the Music Department at (501) 279-4311 or [music@harding.edu](mailto:music@harding.edu) if you plan to attend.



### BEHIND THE BRICK

## One of two originals: Olen Hendrix Building

IF THE OLEN HENDRIX BUILDING walls could talk, their stories would begin at the turn of the 20th century.

Built in 1926 as part of Galloway Woman's College, the classical structure was used as the primary classroom building. The three-story brick facility contained faculty offices, 29 classrooms and laboratories. Shiny floors and freshly painted walls greeted students.

For only seven years did Galloway women hurry to class within its portals. The Great Depression took a toll on the school, forcing closure in 1933, and its students then joined with newly coed Hendrix College in Conway, Ark.

The furnished, versatile building was a strong selling point when Harding College moved to Searcy in 1934. Harding, which had outgrown the Morrilton, Ark., campus, purchased the 29-acre campus with 11 buildings valued at \$600,000 for a mere \$75,000 — a bargain even in the '30s.

Most classes were held there until new structures were erected; it then housed the

sciences until Pryor Science Building was built in 1967. In the early '70s, the administration decided to remodel and update the facility, converting the third floor to house the new nursing program and dedicating the first and second floors to family and consumer sciences.

In 1975 the University named it the Olen Hendrix Nursing and Home Economics Center. Olen Hendrix served as an Arkansas state senator from 1958 to 1982. A member of the University's Board of Trustees from 1964 until his death in 1998, he was awarded an honorary doctor of laws in 1989.

During the summer of 2006, the University again renovated the building's exterior and replaced the outside staircases. However, efforts were made to maintain its original appearance.

Today, the Olen Hendrix Building continues to house the College of Nursing and Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Hendrix and Pattie Cobb Hall, which predates it by eight years, are the campus' only original structures still standing. **H**

### ADVANCEMENT

**Mike Williams**, vice president, received the Ed.D. from University of Pennsylvania March 7. His dissertation was titled "Inside or Outside: Succession in Presidential Appointments."

### CASE AWARDS

The University received five awards at the Council for Advancement and Support of Education Southwest District IV annual awards competition held in Little Rock, Ark., April 7.

Three pieces from *Harding* magazine by **April Fatula** ('99), **Scott Goode** ('97) and **Jennifer Marcussen** ('01) received a silver prize in the writing-general writing collection category; an International Programs brochure designed by **Aaron Landry** ('07) received a silver in the visual design-admissions, recruitment, promotional material category; the Black & Gold Banquet program designed by **Tom Buterbaugh** ('78) received a silver in the brochures/flyers/booklets-two- or three-color category; the arts calendar designed by **Enrique Colon** ('04) received honorable mention in the visual design-illustration category; and the admissions video produced by **Renee Lewis** ('05) with **Matthew Hewes** ('07) as director/videographer/editor took honorable mention in the audio visual communications-film or video category.

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

#### Department of Art and Design

Six graphic design students won nine awards in the 23rd annual Brass Ring awards contest held March 28 at Oklahoma Christian University.

Recipients were junior **Bethany Cannon** of Prattville, Ala., third place for trademark/logotype application; junior **Austin Click** of Carrollton, Texas, merit award for black and white illustration; senior **Sterling Gray** of Rockford, Tenn., third place for trademark/logotype and merit award for black and white illustration; senior **Andrew Murray** of Anaheim, Calif., first place for color photography and second place for black and white photography; senior **Anna Parks** of Flatwoods, Ky., third place for 3-D packaging design and merit award for cover design; and senior **Shawn Russell** of Newton, Ohio, first place for cover design.

#### Department of Communication

Dr. **Mike James**, professor and chair, received the Eldridge W. Roark Jr. Meritorious Service Award in recognition and appreciation of varied and meritorious service to Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honor society at the organization's national convention in Atlanta Feb. 29. >>

### SYLLABUS

## COMP 440: 'CS Software Development Project'

### INSTRUCTOR:

Scott Ragsdale, M.S.E.  
Assistant Professor of Computer Science

### FOCUS

The goal of this course is to simulate a real-world environment through analysis, design, implementation and testing phases of the software life cycle.

### OVERVIEW

This class is the capstone course for computer science majors. Students form teams and compete against one another for the development of the finest software gaming product.

### METHODS AND EXPECTATIONS

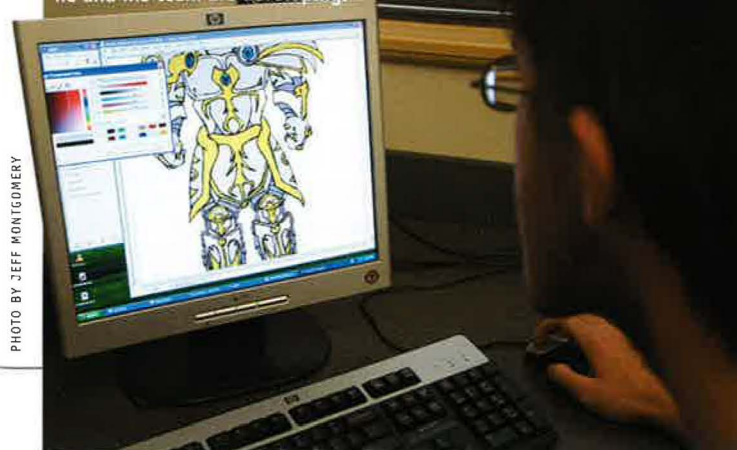
At the beginning of the semester, each team selects a previously established game concept. Over the course of 13 weeks, members expand on the concept and create their own version of the game. Elements that must be taken into consideration include networking, artificial intelligence, theme and graphics, and installation and help. At the semester midpoint, each team gives a user interface presentation to report its progress.

Outside feedback is paramount to the success of the project. As the semester draws to a close, each product's entertainment and technical standards are rigorously judged and challenged by approximately 40 computer science faculty and professional testers over 10 days. The finished products are introduced at the end-of-semester software showcase.

### OUTCOMES

By the end of each semester, teams have created and fulfilled a complete software development business plan. They have not only mastered technical aspects of developing their game, but also learned to successfully pitch their product. Many of these new breeds of software rival packages in the entertainment market today. The success of the project prepares students to confidently enter the field upon graduation. **H**

Senior Jeremy Bullock of Antioch, Tenn., refines the graphics for the game he and his team are developing.



# Point of view

Associate professor of business and Australian native **Reet Cronk** brings fresh perspective and insight to information technology.

### Your path to IT ...

"I was in molecular genetics, but wanted a flexible career to fit in with the children. We had moved from a large city (Canberra) to a smaller, more rural city (Toowoomba), where no one had heard of a molecular geneticist. I began graduate work in IT, but changed countries during the middle of my dissertation, so it took a little longer. A Ph.D. in the Australian system, similar to the British system, requires a larger dissertation component. That was laborious to complete via e-mails back and forth with my supervisor."

### Finding a place for IT in business colleges ...

"It's a big challenge. IT is not as an established discipline as accounting or economics and is relatively new to the business world, and its true value is not recognized. Yet we, the IT people, are often the first to be called when information is needed or something needs to be done. Being a female working in technology ... it can be a struggle at times, even just within our building. Being of a different nationality, a different gender and a different discipline, it can be hard to get into conversations!"

### The challenge of recruiting women [currently 10-15 percent of IT majors] ...

"I believe this number is associated with the misunderstanding that all of IT is geeky or techie. Many of our IT graduates will serve as the interface between business clients and techies. A substantial portion [of what we do] is to communicate the value and application of technology to the business. Actually, major attributes of our IT graduates



would be 'soft-skills,' such as managing change and managing people.

"Women are great at that."

### Your husband [Vice President for Information Systems and Technology Keith Cronk] works in the same field you do. Does work dominate dinnertime conversation?

"Our children are the majority of our conversation. Keith and I both have degrees other than IT and have traveled a lot, so our interests and discussions address many things. IT is to us somewhat like the air we breathe — most of the time we don't need to discuss it; we mainly mention it when it changes in some way or we want to use it for some new purpose. As a team, we have a lot to offer. I'm a faculty

member using his technology. He gets constant feedback, and I learn how I can better use what's available, how to get maximum value out of what exists.

"Both of our lives are centered on Christ, and lots of our discussions are about how to put his words into practice. We love Harding and often discuss how we may make things better, what trends we see, and what we should be addressing in the future — in both the spiritual and educational sense."

### Classroom philosophy

"My goal is learning. Students' goals are assessment and grade focused. I tailor assessment for maximum amount of learning. Sometimes I allow students to resubmit an assignment. They think it is wonderful because

they have a chance to get a better grade. I see it as they get an opportunity to work more and learn more.

"I encourage students to ask 'why,' to look at the bigger picture: implications, consequences that go beyond the immediate. We don't just adopt technology for the sake of new technology."

### The importance of an international emphasis in business ...

"We [in American universities] are always preaching global but can tend to be ethnocentric, academically speaking, within my area of IT research. European and Asian research has a lot to offer to the IT discipline as well."

### How has Facebook affected University life?

"We developed a survey last year that revealed students spend a minimum of 10-15 hours per week on Facebook — and people tend to underreport Internet usage. The survey results suggested that Facebooking has replaced sleeping, watching TV and studying. But a number of students thought it enhanced their relationships."

### Mac or PC? [She has both.]

"I don't know the Mac well enough yet. In terms of graphics, design and presentation, Macs are way ahead. I think they are coming together, using the same design approach. I switch between both worlds. I have to speak both languages. But I'm very used to the PC and feel more in control on a PC." **H**

*Dr. Marguerite Cronk directs the Information Technology Department. She holds the Ph.D. from University of Southern Queensland, where she taught IT and biochemistry before her family's move to the United States in 1999. Cronk has published and presented internationally for 12 years and was the 2007 keynote speaker at the European Conference on Information Management and Evaluation in Montpellier, France.*

PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

## Touchdowns and hoedowns mark Homecoming

FROM BROADWAY TO LONDON'S West End, Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma" has entertained millions with its classic love story between cowboy Curly McLain and farm girl Laurey Williams in 1906 Oklahoma Territory. This fall it comes to life on the Benson stage as a highlight of Homecoming 2008.

The musical, along with class reunions, Family Picnic, Strolling for the Cure and the Harding History House are only a few of many events planned for Oct. 23-25.

The classes of 1948 and 1958 will be honored at the Golden & Platinum Circle Banquet Thursday evening, Friday's Black & Gold Banquet will recognize distinguished alumni. The Bisons take on University of Arkansas-Monticello at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Security Stadium.

"Oklahoma" will be performed Friday and Saturday evenings. Tickets will be available for purchase at [www.hardingtickets.com](http://www.hardingtickets.com). Look for a complete schedule closer to the date at [www.harding.edu/homecoming](http://www.harding.edu/homecoming).

Bison Daze I for high school juniors and seniors coincides with Homecoming. Visit [www.harding.edu/admissions/bisondaze](http://www.harding.edu/admissions/bisondaze) for more information.



## Academic integrity pledges showcased

A PERSONAL COMMITMENT now finds expression in a public place. A box has been installed in the Administration Building lobby to display the academic integrity pledge cards collected for the first time last fall from students and faculty. The pledges will continue to be collected at the beginning of each academic year.

The signed commitments indicate "our common pledge to maintain a high level of integrity in our academic course work, just as God calls us to do in all our endeavors," as stated on the plaque above the box.

The accompanying verse is

Job 31: 6, which says, "Let me be weighed in an even balance that God may know my integrity."

Said Dr. Dennis Organ, chair of the academic integrity committee, "This is a visible symbol to visitors and a reminder to ourselves of this pledge we took."

## Reynolds roof raised

HIGH WINDS JAN. 29 CAUSED major damage to the roof of the Reynold's Center for Music and Communication. The winds blew off the copper shingles covering the facility. By the next morning, temporary repairs had been made to protect the building from water damage. No injuries were reported.

Additionally, the construction site of the Center for Health Sciences received minor damage.

Throughout White County, wind gusts reached as high as 70 miles per hour, causing extensive damage to many businesses, homes and cars.

Numerous trees, limbs and utility lines fell across the county during the storm.

## MOST POPULAR FRESHMEN NAMES

### Women:

- Ashley (18)\*
- Brittany (16)\*
- Megan (15)\*
- Jessica (14)
- Sarah (13)\*

### Men:

- Matthew (16)
- Andrew (14)
- Joshua (11)
- Jonathan (10)\*
- Benjamin/James (tied at 9)

\* (Listed is most common spelling; total includes all variations)

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES *continued*

#### Department of History and Social Science

Dr. **Fred Jewell**, professor, received a plaque for 30 years of service to Phi Alpha Theta national history honor society at the organization's convention in Albuquerque, N.M., Jan. 4.

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

**Wendy Ellis**, assistant professor, was named a program reviewer for the International Reading Association. The association, in conjunction with the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, nationally recognizes reading programs at colleges and institutions across the United States. The three-year commitment begins this fall.

**Connie Elrod**, assistant professor and director of the North Little Rock Professional Center, received a doctorate in education from University of Memphis March 19. The title of her dissertation was "Factors Contributing to the Use or Nonuse of Computer Technology in a Technology-rich Environment in an Arkansas School."

### COLLEGE OF NURSING

**Jackie Harris**, assistant professor, has accepted the University's National League for Nursing Ambassador appointment. In this role, she will represent the University to the Ambassador Program and distribute information from NLN to the faculty.

### COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

#### Department of Chemistry

Dr. **Dennis Matlock**, associate professor, served on two American Chemical Society exam committees in 2007, helping formulate and complete new versions of national chemistry examinations. The committees finalized the tests for biochemistry and general organic biochemistry in November and December, respectively.

#### Department of Engineering and Physics

Dr. **Kenneth Olree**, assistant professor, was granted licensure as a professional engineer by the Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors in December 2007.

### EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. **Jim Carr** has been reappointed by Gov. Mike Beebe to a second nine-year term on the Arkansas Forestry Commission. His first appointment was by Gov. Mike Huckabee in 1999.

## Nationally televised

By SCOTT GOODE, sports information director

**T**HE HARDING-HENDERSON State matchup has been more than just a game in recent seasons. For several years, the Bisons and Reddies have met in the last regular-season Gulf South Conference game, and something is always on the line — a trip to the conference tournament or possibly a GSC West Division championship. The games are always close, heated contests, and in Searcy, the games are always played before a packed house at Rhodes. In fact, three of the top 10 highest-attended games in GSC history have featured these two teams playing in Searcy.

This year's game would have continued the tradition. But when a call came in to the Sports Information Office in late October, the meeting took on a whole new significance. Chris Fitzpatrick, NCAA's director of broadcasting, called early one morning to let me know that the Feb. 23 game would be one of six NCAA Division II games broadcast nationally on College Sports Television, a subsidiary of CBS Sports, which can be seen in more than 20 million homes nationwide.

The phone call made my heart beat faster. The Bison football team had been featured on five regionally broadcast

games, but no University team in any sport had ever played before a national audience.

Immediately after hanging up the phone, I went to athletic director Greg Harnden's office to break the news. Head basketball coach Jeff Morgan was already there as I passed on the announcement from the NCAA. Morgan's first comment was, "Now we've got to win some games to make that game mean something."

The team did just that. The Bisons stayed at or near the top of the GSC West Division throughout their early conference schedule and entered the game with a chance at the West Division title.

Preparations for the game began almost immediately as we worked on poster and pocket schedules and media guides. Tipoff for the game was set for 11 a.m., instead of the originally scheduled 7:30 p.m., so we scrambled to get the correct time on everything we were ordering.

The game was the fifth of six NCAA Division II games on the CSTV package. Before the first of those six games, the University's athletics administration participated in a conference call with television personnel to learn how to prepare the campus.

Simultaneously, Winnercomm, the game's production company, dispatched site coordinator David Jones to Searcy to

check out Rhodes Field House. Jones met with TV 16 director Bob Ritchie and me. We decided to place the primary game cameras facing the Rhodes Rowdies. Typically, the cameras face the scorer's table and team benches, but at Rhodes, the Rowdies are a large part of the show.

As the day of the game neared, Liz Howell, director of alumni relations, began a two-pronged publicity attack. Howell hosted several luncheons each Monday to help plan on-campus events surrounding the game. Those meetings led to the Student Activities Committee hosting a pep rally the night before the game that included a slam-dunk contest by several members of the basketball team.

Howell also began sending mass e-mails to alumni, parents and friends across the country, announcing the game time and letting them know what channel the game would be on in their area.

The night before the game, the television staff began arriving from numerous points around the country and checked into their rooms at Heritage Inn. The crew, which included, among others, Fitzpatrick; Justin Kutcher, play-by-play announcer; Vince Curran, color commentator; and Jeff Strauss, director, dined at Doc's Grill across from campus.

After the meal, they attended the pep rally and shot footage of Rowdies to use the next day.

Feb. 23 began very early for those involved in the telecast. The production truck arrived behind Rhodes Field House at 4 a.m. Scott Hannigan, a senior from Horatio, Ark., met the truck and spent the seven hours until game time running errands for producer Jack Coffey.

Almost immediately, a crew of about 20 began transforming Rhodes into a television-ready arena. By 7 a.m., cameras were in place, miles of cable snaked through the rafters, and the crew relaxed and enjoyed a breakfast buffet provided by Aramark.

Rhodes' doors opened to the public at 9:45 a.m., and streams of Rowdies with painted faces began filling the seats. Long before tipoff, the arena was packed, and the noise was deafening.

At 10:30 a.m., the television lights came on, and the Bisons hit the court. The Harding-Henderson State rivalry was on display for the entire nation to see, and the Bisons put on a show. Five different Bisons scored 10 or more points. Senior Matt Hall led the team with 18, and freshman Kevin Brown had two highlight-reel dunks. The team rolled to a 72-59 victory.

Fitzpatrick said this about the game: "The administration, fans, alumni and community of Searcy, Ark., and Harding University provided an unbelievable atmosphere for the NCAA Division II Basketball Game of the Week when they hosted Henderson State on Feb. 23. We expected a great crowd but were very pleased when we realized that the game was at full capacity, especially with a morning start time. The collective efforts of the two institutions and the Gulf South Conference contributed greatly to the atmosphere. NCAA Productions and CBS College Sports are simply grateful to be a part of the NCAA Division II initiative, which allows the NCAA to televise and showcase Division II to the nation each week."

Once again, it proved to be more than a game. **H**



College basketball is at its finest Feb. 23 as the Bisons play the Henderson State University Reddies in conference action before a national television audience — as well as a packed Rhodes Field House. The Bisons won handily 72-59.

PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

### [ROUNDUP]

#### Men's basketball makes NCAA Tournament

THE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM EARNED its second NCAA Division II Tournament appearance. The Bisons, the No. 6 seed in the South Region, lost 86-77 to No. 3 University of Tampa during the first round in Lakeland, Fla. The team's first trip to the tournament came in 2003.

The team finished the season with an 18-13 overall record. A 10-4 conference mark gave the Bisons a tie for the Gulf South Conference West Division Championship, the first men's basketball conference title since the reinstatement of basketball in 1957-58. The Bisons also advanced to their first GSC Tournament Championship Game before falling 93-89 to Christian Brothers University.

Senior forward Matt Hall led the Bisons in scoring with 21.7 points per game. He earned his third GSC West Division Player of the Year Award and joined Butch Gardner as only the second Bison basketball player to have his jersey retired. Sophomore guard Trent Morgan earned Second-Team All-GSC honors.

#### Lady Bisons return to tourney

THE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM TOOK ITS SECOND-STRAIGHT TRIP to the Gulf South Conference Tournament.

The team went 8-6 in the GSC West Division and earned the third seed in the conference tournament. The Lady Bisons fell 65-58 to Valdosta State University in the first round and just missed a berth in the NCAA II Tournament. They finished 18-10 overall.

Sophomore Stacey Owens led the team in scoring with 13.7 points per game and was second on the boards with 6.9 rebounds per game. Owens earned Second-Team All-GSC honors. Junior Catherine McMenamy earned her third-straight All-GSC honor, averaging 12.6 points and 5.1 rebounds per game.

The Lady Bisons averaged 77.0 points per game, their second-highest total in school history.

#### Kirwa takes mile at indoor championship

FRESHMAN DANIEL KIRWA SECURED the University's first national title in the indoor mile in nearly 40 years, winning by one-hundredth of a second at the NCAA II Indoor Track and Field Championships at Minnesota State's Bud Meyers Field House March 15.

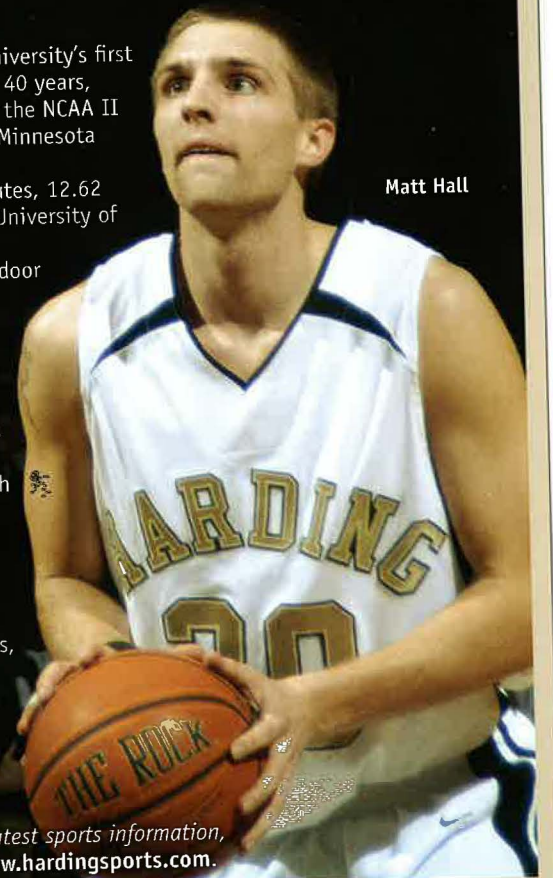
Kirwa crossed the finish line in 4 minutes, 12.62 seconds to barely hold off the Mansfield University of Pennsylvania runner.

Kirwa's victory was the Bisons' first indoor mile national championship since Jim Crawford won consecutive mile titles in 1968 and 1969. Crawford still owns the indoor school record in the mile with 4:01.02 set in 1968.

Kirwa ran the 5,000 meters two hours later and earned his second All-America honor of the evening, finishing third with a time of 14:21.67. Senior Julius Kosgei finished fifth in 14:26.18 to earn his third All-America honor in the indoor 5,000 and his fourth indoor All-America title overall.

The mile win gave the team 10 points, and Kirwa and Kosgei combined to earn 10 more points in the 5,000. With 20 team points, Harding placed eighth nationally.

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



Matt Hall

# ENDURING ALL THINGS

76-year-old Betty Fulop overcomes difficult past to go back to school – and Panama  
By MOLLY MORRIS

EACH YEAR HUNDREDS OF University students participate in spring break campaigns, serving communities in many states and countries.

Betty Fulop of Athol, Idaho, was one of 16 students who traveled to Panama this spring. Like many of her fellow campaigners, Fulop is compelled to work with the elderly, poor and abused. Unlike the other students, Fulop already has experience in all three of those areas.

Fulop, known as “Miss Betty” to her classmates and professors, was born Jan. 10, 1932. She is the only full-time University student who can claim five children, 15 grandchildren, and “five-and-a-half great-grandchildren.” The sixth is due this summer.

She has become well known to many students since coming to the University in fall 2007. She walks to and from her apartment and classes every day with the rest of the student body and can be found studying in the library or student center.

Fulop’s journey to the University has been a long one. Her life has not been easy. She was abused at age 5 and married the first of three abusive husbands at age 17. Fulop has experienced life on welfare and has seen two of her children spend time living on the streets. She has been widowed since 2000.

“I’ve been very poor, not knowing where my next meal would come from,” she says. “I’ve always had these dreams, though, and I’ve had to go through a lot of preparation to reach those dreams. Some of that preparation has been suffering.”

Fulop says she always loved school and wanted to learn more. With her family cheering her on, she enrolled in North Idaho College three years ago and then transferred to Harding.

“My children think it’s wonderful, and they’re all rooting for me,” she says. “They were very proud of me when I told them I aced all my classes last semester.”

Fulop began attending a church of Christ in Wisconsin in 1960 after her fa-

ther, son and sister got involved with the congregation. She was baptized in 1976 and heard about the University through her involvement in the church.

“I thought it sounded like a great Christian school,” she says. “I decided if I ever went back to school, I’d want to go to Harding.”

Now in her third consecutive year of college, Fulop has completed a total of 11 semesters. When she began at the University, she already had 85 course credits from other colleges. She changed her major from psychology to general studies last year and also took on vocational ministry as a second major. Fulop will graduate in 2010. Her goal is to work with abused women, which is part of the reason she decided to go to Panama this spring.

“I always wanted to go on a campaign,” she says. “At first I wanted to go to Philadelphia because I knew that group was going to do a lot of work with poor people. But when it was full, I found out that the group going to Panama would work with poor people there, too.” Several generous churches and individuals helped fund her trip.

“God sent me to Panama for a reason,” Fulop says. “Philadelphia was full for a reason. Maybe I wouldn’t have done as well with the down-and-outers there.”

Fulop traveled with the group to several locations in Panama where students helped paint churches and visited people in each town. They hosted a gospel meeting in each community. Four campaigners spoke Spanish and translated for the English speakers.

Fulop says the group was welcomed in each town, especially smaller, rural places like Coclecito. “They were greatly encouraged and deeply appreciative. They don’t get much encouragement because they’re way out in the country.”

In the city of Santa Marta, the group provided clothes, toys and school supplies. Fulop brought more clothes to give away than she brought to wear. In one town, a small bag containing her change of clothes was mistaken for a donation bag. For her trouble locating her belongings, a church leader named Solomon gave Fulop a Panama hat.

“He said he would be honored if I took it,” Fulop says. “I’d been hoping to buy one for myself, but I thought I would have trouble finding one small enough. The one he gave me fit perfectly. That’s how God decided I was going to get a hat: I wasn’t going to have to pay for it, but I was going to have to suffer for it.”

By all accounts, Fulop was a trooper when it came to surviving tough treks. Junior Raul Alvarado led the campaign to his home country. “She was an inspiration for all of us,” he says. “When we were in Coclecito and Santa Marta, it was tough for us to walk up and down all the hills, but she would walk with us and do everything we did. She was in good shape and never complained about being tired. She was amazing.”



“Miss Betty” enjoys working with the Panamanian children.

Fulop knew when to break a sweat and when to take a break. One afternoon the group went for a swim after a hard day’s work. “While they were burning on the beach, I took a nap,” she says.

In Coclecito, the group helped stack heavy cement blocks and sandbags. Fulop knew she would struggle with the weight, so she asked the others to save just the last two for her to move.

“The Panamanians thought it was really something that I had the courage and stamina and was healthy enough to go with this young group,” she says.

For Fulop, that “young group” was a source of great encouragement. “We did a lot of laughing and a lot of singing to-

gether,” she says. “It was uplifting and spiritually strengthening.” The hymn “Love One Another” became the group’s theme, and members sang it at nearly every church meeting.

“It was just thrilling to hear all these voices singing,” Fulop says. “It vibrated in these little church buildings with good acoustics. Little things like that were just so encouraging. Sometimes I didn’t even sing with them, I just sat back and watched and listened to their exuberance and joy.”

Life in Panama agreed with Fulop. “It’s a laid-back culture,” she says. “At my age, I’m not in a hurry to do things, so I fit right in.”

She enjoyed getting to know other campaigners. “I felt their acceptance and respect in a big way,” she says. “That is a big thing for me as most of my young life I was neglected and later was not really noticed by schoolmates or adults.”

Despite language barriers, Fulop also befriended many locals. In addition to Solomon, who gave her the Panama hat, she got to know a woman named Elisa. “I kept forgetting that we didn’t speak the same language,” she says, recalling the first time she met her new friend. “I kept talking away to her in English, and she would just smile back. Then I would stop and say, ‘I forgot! You can’t understand any of this!’”

Fulop plans to return to Panama next spring. “It means so much more to go where I’ve been already,” she says. “Going once was just like laying a foundation. Now I need to build on that.”

She says she will do two things differently in preparation for next year’s campaign: pack bug spray and study Spanish. “Elisa said she was going to try to learn English, and I told her I would learn some Spanish so that we can renew acquaintances next time.”

Fulop is quick to point out that she cannot take credit for her achievements. She believes her life story demonstrates God’s grace, and she sees the campaign as an opportunity to show that grace to others.

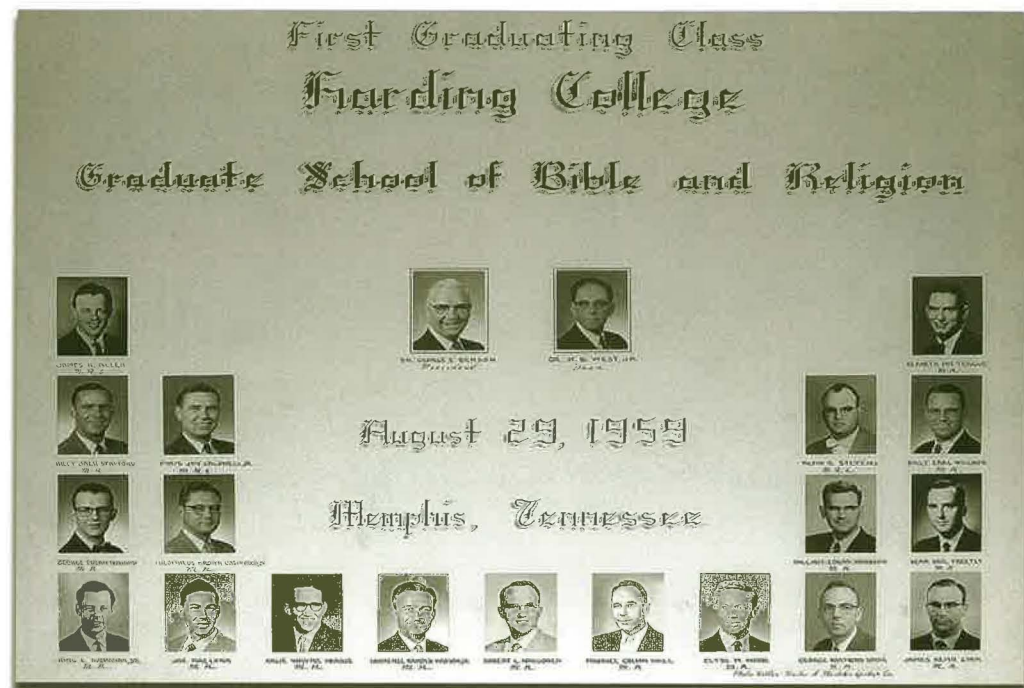
“God has given me all this energy and desire,” Fulop says. “It’s him, not me.” ■

Seated beside Dr. David Bangs, associate professor of education, Betty Fulop participates in the song service during chapel.

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PHOTO BY ASHLEY DOWLER





Golden graduation May 3 at Graduate School of Religion marks 50 years of

# Ministry in Memphis

By MARK PARKER, assistant vice president

**I**T MAY BE HARD TO REMEMBER A TIME WHEN graduate education in the United States was a novel idea. At the University, graduate education is now a vital element. ■ Graduate work was not always this popular, however — especially graduate studies in Bible. >>



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Jacob Parnell, a Master of Divinity student, presents a chapel devotional in the E.H. Ijams Administration Building.

he year was 1952, and Harding's first graduate program was set to begin. The man in charge was Dr. W.B. West Jr., fresh from Pepperdine College, where he had started the graduate program in Bible. Now President George S. Benson had called West to Searcy to do the same thing.

In 1952 there were many reasons such a program in Bible would be a risky venture. There was no precedent in churches of Christ for a successful graduate program in Bible; 20 years earlier, a fledgling graduate Bible program had closed at a sister school, and all other graduate programs were outside the Bible Belt.

West recalled another challenge to starting the graduate program, one that persists even today: "Others believed that we had had good preachers without a graduate school and that we didn't really need it and, consequently, shouldn't take the risk."

Despite these objections, 30 students began advanced course work in Bible during the fall of 1952. Graduate training in Bible had come to Searcy.

But it didn't stay there long.

By 1958 Benson took the bold step of moving the program to Memphis, Tenn., making this the first graduate program in Bible among churches of Christ east of the Mississippi. "A graduate school," he explained, "does not belong on a campus with an undergraduate school."

Harding had already begun an extension program in Memphis, offering classes at the Union Avenue church building as early as 1955. The city had the advantage of a large pool of ministers in local churches and offered more opportunities for students and spouses.

The Board of Trustees soon voted to establish a graduate school of Bible in Memphis, and in the fall of 1958, the Graduate School of Religion was born. Soon the School moved into facilities at 1000 Cherry Road, a Georgian-style mansion on what was then the outskirts of the city.

In August 1959, 21 students graduated from the first class on the Memphis campus. Three made names for themselves as university professors: Jimmy Allen at Harding, Mac Lynn at the Graduate School of Religion and Lipscomb University, and Clyde Woods at Freed-Hardeman University.

### High expectations

Starting a graduate school is a monumental task, but growing that school into an excellent institution is no small feat either.

West insisted that the School have high expectations for its students. After all, ministry is challenging, so why should training for ministry be easy?

Two individuals kept the bar high. Jack Lewis brought his dual New and Old Testament doctorates to Searcy in 1958 and then made the move to Memphis with the School that same year. As the years progressed, he was known as the pro-

fessor who expected more than one could possibly give. And yet, time and again, students rose to the challenge. His chapel talk, "The Ministry of Study," became a mantra for the School. In it Lewis displays his wit and conviction as he tells young ministers that they should not apply themselves to ministry until they have applied their backsides to the seat of learning. At his retirement in 1989, Lewis had influenced thousands of students who have in turn taught around the world.



Dr. Jack P. Lewis

But academic rigor cannot be achieved and maintained without significant resources. That means a good library.

Enter Annie May Alston in 1962. Her skill as a librarian might have gone underutilized if she had not also possessed the wherewithal to find the funds that kept the library growing. Today, the foundation she laid has produced the leading biblical research center in churches of Christ.

Of particular note is the course she developed, which is now known as "Advanced Theological Research." Known affectionately as "graduate school boot camp," the course teaches skills necessary to achieve the academic expectations of the School.

No good history is complete without a love story, and Lewis and Alston provide just that. The two married in 1978 and continued to serve together in study and service until Annie May's death in 2007.

### Moving forward

As the School matured, many wondered about taking it to the next level. In the 1970s, President Clifton L. Ganus Jr. encouraged Dean Harold Hazelip and faculty to consider offering doctoral degrees. A Ph.D. degree was discussed, but the immediate need of churches was practical training for ministry. After much evaluation of various options, the faculty approved a proposal on Oct. 25, 1976, to offer the Doctor of Ministry degree. Harding became the first school among

churches of Christ to offer a doctoral program in a religious field and awarded the first Doctor of Ministry degree in 1979.

For years counseling had been a part of the School's curriculum because founders realized that so much of ministry engages personal and family issues. But in 1995, the Master of Arts in Counseling was added, spearheaded by Dr. Bill Flatt, dean at the time. The degree brought together counseling classes into one degree that allows students to seek counseling licensure upon graduation. The distinctiveness of the degree is its integration of ministry and counseling. "Ministry and therapeutic skills can go together," says Dr. Ed Gray, program director. "Counselors with ministry knowledge are able to serve churches as well as their clients."

The next level also meant verifying that it was achieving the high standards set for itself, so the School began considering membership in the Association of Theological Schools, the accrediting body for all major theological schools in North America.

Today, this move seems like a natural progression of a maturing school, but at the time, discussions about accreditation contained notes of caution. Some were concerned that accrediting bodies would dictate policy or even doctrine. Those fears proved unfounded, and in 1996, the School received membership into the Association of Theological Schools, the first school among churches of Christ to be accredited by that association.

### Technologically advanced

The world of education continues to change with new technologies. Theological education is changing as well, and the School continues to deliver innovative ways for students to access resources available here.

The School was the first of the University's programs to offer online courses, beginning in the fall of 1998. Today, 10 online courses are available each year, with participants from across the nation and several foreign countries. Dr. Allen Black's course "The Gospel of Mark" and Dr. Richard Oster's class "Corinthian Letters" have been staples of the online program.

In order for students to take full advantage of innovative learning formats, in 2003 the School launched MinistryConnection, a distance-learning program for those living beyond an easy drive from Memphis. Combining online courses with weeklong courses on campus, Ministry Connection allows students from around the world to earn a degree with minimal travel. More importantly, established ministers are able to stay in their communities while developing their skills.

As the School continues to grow, it serves as a bridge for students wishing to explore the Bible with academic rigor and wanting to study in an

environment that supports their Christian convictions and fuels their passion for ministry.

### Leading the way

Any assessment of the future of the Graduate School of Religion will reflect its history: bold initiatives, academic rigor and creative programs.

In 2006, President David B. Burks named Dr. Evertt W. Huffard vice president/dean. Huffard has served as dean since 1999, but the new position of vice president provided more leadership on the Memphis campus.

Such administrative changes may have seemed small, but they were actually a bold initiative that allows the School to continue its focus on academics, but with added flexibility to develop creative programs.

Any evaluation of the School's future will also take into account the work of the 4,069 alumni serving in churches and ministries around the world. At the start of the 21st century, the School had had enough students pass through its halls to determine the value of graduate theological education for the kingdom of God.

Alumni teach on the Bible faculty of nearly every Christian college associated with churches of Christ. They lead churches — from small to huge — around the globe. Graduates who have committed to meeting the high expectations of training here become leaders of vibrant ministries.

"Leadership is the key," Huffard explains. "Our churches will not rise above the level of their leaders. We need ministers whose bar for excellence is set high."

### 50 years later

The fears some voiced when the School began turned out to be unfounded.

Some feared that a graduate school in Bible would lead to fanciful theology that lost sight of our Restoration heritage. Instead, the School has continued to be a stable voice during turbulent times. Open inquiry has allowed the School to avoid excess on either extreme.

Although some feared that accrediting bodies would place strictures on the teaching, in reality the accrediting process has been a valuable resource for the School and a blessing for students. The self-evaluation process required for accreditation ensures that the School is honest about its strengths and challenges. Accrediting teams have proven to be a valuable resource for maintaining a strong institution. In the end, students have a degree recognized and accepted from a world-class theological school.

The University takes pride in its distinctive facility focused solely on ensuring that the next generation of spiritual leaders in our churches is trained for a lifetime of faithful service.

What began as a risky venture has yielded an institution that provides encouragement, skills and transformation to ministry leaders. **H**



## At a glance:

▶ **Average age of students:** 35, many second-career

▶ **Location:** Memphis, Tenn.

▶ **Context:** Metropolitan, with opportunities for ministry in the inner city, Hispanic communities and college campuses, in addition to established congregations

▶ **Alumni:** 4,069

▶ **Current enrollment:** 210

▶ **Number of states in which students live and serve while enrolled:** 25

▶ **Degrees offered:** M.A. (academic focus), M.A. in Christian Ministry (practical focus), M.A. in Counseling (for MFT or LPC licensure), Master of Divinity (foundational ministry degree), Doctor of Ministry (professional terminal degree)

▶ **Web site:** www.hugsr.edu

Dr. C. Philip Slate (far right) gathers with his predecessors, Dr. W.B. West and Dr. Harold Hazelip, after becoming dean in 1986.



The open Bible and signage at the corner of Park Avenue and Cherry Road greeted visitors before its removal in 1998.



Dr. Jack P. Lewis and a visitor examine the cover page of an original 1578 Geneva Bible, which predates the King James. The book resides in the archives of L.M. Graves Library.

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# Before the sun shines

**I**T IS EARLY MORNING THURSDAY, APRIL 10, THE 101st day of 2008. While FEMA's national situation update states "conditions in Arkansas could become quite dangerous with numerous large and long-lived tornadoes possible," it is calm but overcast as first risers start their day. Night owls may find it hard to believe, but activity is beginning all across campus in these morning hours before classes begin. The silence of the night is interrupted by such sounds as vacuum cleaners running, weights clanging and voices praying. Four photographers rose in the dark to give a glimpse of early morning life on campus. >>



The sign at the corner of Center and Grand streets welcomes visitors to campus 24 hours a day.  
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Watching the radar for impending storms, staff officer Richard Crowley works the midnight to 8 a.m. shift.

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Assistant to the reference librarian and part-time student, Laura King arrives at Brackett Library at 6 a.m., which allows her to take classes later in the day. Her husband, Jared, comes with her, working as a custodian.

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In the Charles White Dining Hall, Aramark employee Willene Kusler combines ingredients as she makes biscuits for breakfast.

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Shannon Brazas, a freshman from Hilton, N.Y., cleans before classes begin in the American Studies Building.

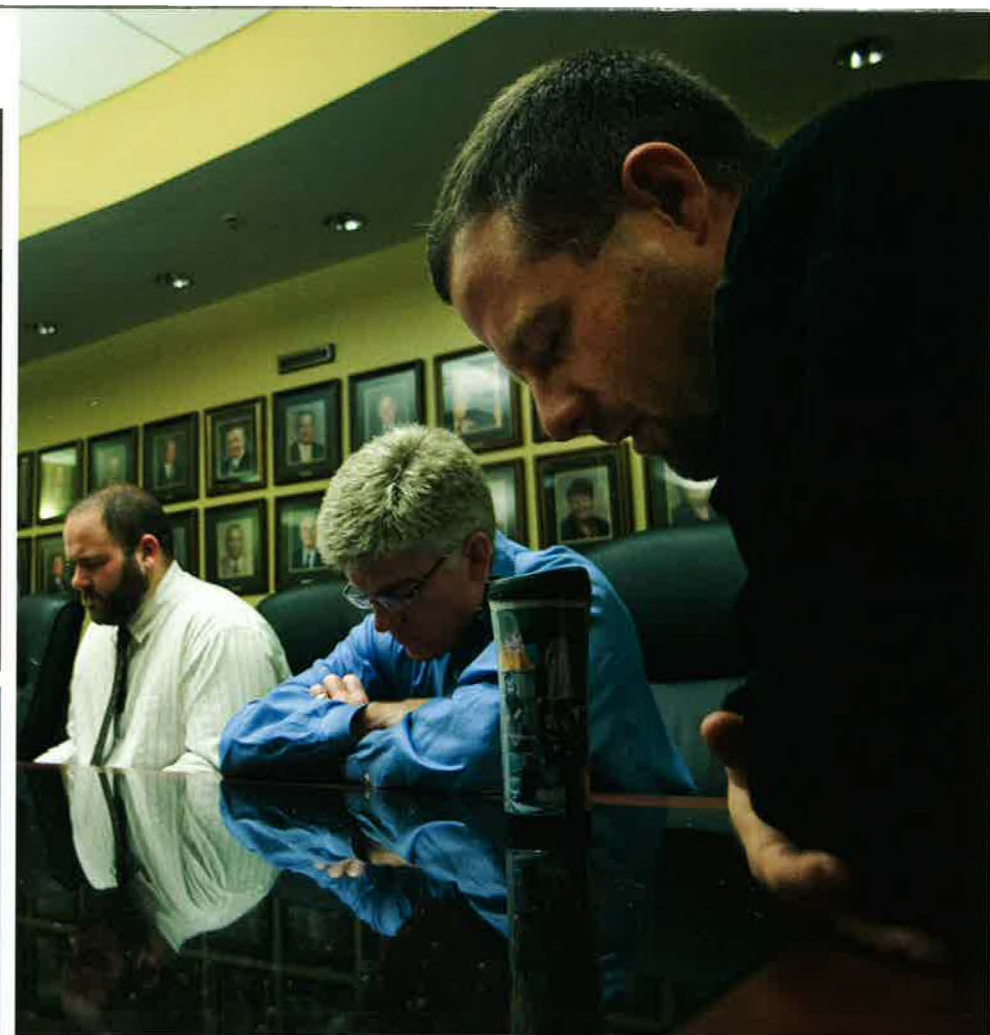
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An early morning air conditioning problem in Allen Hall finds Dana McMillion, director of maintenance, on the job.  
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With her clinical chronic health rotation beginning at 6 a.m., senior Jessica Enocksen of Spring, Texas, starts her day reviewing charts at White County Medical Center in Searcy.  
PHOTO BY ALYSSA MORAN



Dr. Kevin Stewart, assistant professor of chemistry; Steve Guymon, head men's and women's track and cross country coach; and Shane Fullerton, assistant women's basketball coach, participate in a 7:15 a.m. monthly prayer group in the President's conference room.  
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Since the weather is not conducive to running outside, Andrew White, a sophomore from Centralia, Mo., hits the treadmill in the Wellness Center before classes begin.  
PHOTO BY CRAIG RAINBOLT

## Real-life Indiana Jones creates artificial site to simulate archaeological dig

IN THE POPULAR MOVIE SERIES, THE crusader side of Indiana Jones receives a much more glamorous treatment than the professor side. While Dr. Dale Manor wears a similarly styled hat, uses the *Raiders of the Lost Ark* theme song as his cell phone ring tone, and has had his share of adventure, he brings the scholarly approach to archaeology to students. ■ "I find him fascinating," Manor says of the character. "Not so much in the way he does archaeology, but the fact that he is one!" >>

# Digging up the past

By APRIL M. FATULA



Juniors Amy Henderson of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Secily Luker of Heber Springs, Ark., and senior Jeremy Daggett of Searcy dig at Tel Achzib, a large-scale site Dr. Dale Manor has created for students to gain hands-on experience in archaeological technique, retrieval, recording and interpretation.

PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

# Digging up the past

Although he has not searched for the Ark of the Covenant, Manor does have enough stories from his experience as field director at Tel Beth-Shemesh in Israel each summer since 2000 to keep the students in Honors 342 captivated.

For this new interdisciplinary honors class called “Biblical World and Archaeology,” Manor has constructed a classroom laboratory about 25 miles from the main campus that comprises a multilevel simulation and mixture of structures and artifacts found at various dig sites throughout Israel.

According to the course description, the class is “a historical and religious survey of the context of the world of the Hebrew Bible [and] a laboratory exercise and introduction to archaeological theory and method to familiarize the student with the strategies of archaeological technique, retrieval, recording and interpretation.”

In other words, students are learning how to dig, procedures to follow when they unearth something, and the significance of their findings.

Explains Manor, “This is where we’re learning and practicing. They’ve read a book on how to dig, but the best way to do it is hands-on.”

This day in March is the students’ third time to dig. As the eight of them gather their gloves, kneepads and notebooks, Manor announces, “OK. We’ve got graph paper, we’ve got record-keeping paper, compasses, one scale ...”

They get to work quickly, for time is limited, and the spring rain has made their work more difficult. As they dig, “They’re measuring, drawing and verbally describing what they’re finding,” Manor explains. “Then they go to the literature to find out what the objects represent.”

So far, the objects have been limited to beads, but such a discovery generates much attention.

Amy Henderson, a junior history major from

Murfreesboro, Tenn., exclaims, “We found a bilobate [two lobes] bead! We’re very excited! I was troweling and saw the shine.”

Measurements of each discovery — including elevation — are taken and recorded precisely so that ideally students can later construct a 3-D model. The findings will be passed on to future classes to carry on where the previous class left off.

“I have some cards for the finds,” Manor tells the group. “It’s tedious,” he says of the precise descriptions required.

As if to prove his point, he instructs them to mark through number 7 the European way. And, he reminds them, “Everything is in metrics.”

“Which we’re still adjusting to,” says Kaitlyn Briscoe, a senior economics major from Lakeside, Texas.

The students will later transfer their descriptions to detailed forms, so they must make sure they capture everything.

Regarding the bead, Henderson informs her team recorder, “It has oval lobes, by the way, and it’s red.”

The precursor to this labor of love actually began in 2005 when Manor created a smaller-scale version of the site west of Denver for an Honors Symposium summer program at Honors College Dean Jeffrey T. Hopper’s request. Assisted by his wife, Sharon, Manor spent last summer and fall 2007 — while still teaching three classes — preparing the current site for the spring course. The course will be offered again this fall, and he expects to use the site for five years.

HE NAMED THE SITE TEL ACHZIB, which means “ruin of deception.” Micah 1:14 refers to the Israelites placing their trust in towns rather than God. Manor also appreciated the play on words since it is a fake site he built.

“This is something I always wanted to do,” he says. “But I just thought, ‘Wow, wouldn’t that be neat.’ I never figured it was a realistic expectation. I am very grateful to Jeff Hopper and the Honors College, which provided the funding to make this possible.”

The result far surpassed Hopper’s expectation. “Those who visit the site are impressed with the level of detail and the sheer scope of this project,” he says. “In some ways, this large-scale laboratory functions as a superior teaching tool for carrying the students to dig with him in an authentic and ancient site. He knows exactly what has been placed into the site, and he knows where everything is located. At an ancient site, one can never know if everything has been found or if proper inferences have been made.”

At times, Manor’s insider knowledge becomes too much for him to contain. It is still early in the semester, but he wants them to find something besides beads.

Peter McGraw, a senior Bible and religion major from Cordova, Tenn., sifts through soil, which he says, “Looks like deer droppings.”

Manor, observing his method, says, “Can you

think of a faster way to do it?”

Then, out of student range, he says, “They’re actually spending way too much time on this. I’ll get merciful after awhile.”

True to his word, Manor later announces, “Alright, I’m going to make a recommendation to you guys. Get the big pick and go at it.”

He demonstrates and says, “I want you to notice how I’m doing it. I’ll come forward just a little bit.”

He later confesses in class, “I appreciate your sensitivity that you might run into bricks. I appreciate your caution. You don’t know what’s there. Trouble is, I do. You don’t know how hard it is for me to shut up. It is really tough.”

Preparing the site was not easy either. Patrick Barber (’04) helped the Manors with this process — busting up rocks, carting dirt, digging pits, laying plaster — and he has come to see how students are progressing.

“I haven’t done a fraction of what he and his wife did,” Barber says.

As he and Manor discuss the site, Barber says, “They don’t know what’s under there yet?” To which Manor replies, “They’re assuming there is something.”

The jokes are classic Manor. His sense of humor is reflected in some of the objects buried: a 45 of pagan love songs on a shrine and a Harding Academy-produced recording of funeral songs, which he placed under a skeleton.

His students play right along. In class a couple of days later, Manor discusses layers in an archaeological dig. A layer is an occupation level, each of which is separated by an accumulation of soil. A latrine indicates that the archaeologist has reached a new occupation level. An archaeologist tries to remove the soil between occupation layers to uncover each such layer.

Says Briscoe, “I hope we find one of those [latrines] in our square.”

Little does she know that her group would also have to process the finds inside the latrine. “It may seem bizarre, but some important information has been brought to life from the discovery of a latrine in Jerusalem from the time of the Babylonian siege,” Manor says. “An analysis of the latrine contents revealed that people were eating weeds just to stay alive.”

The purpose of a latrine may be self-explanatory, but that is not the case for all the objects.

Manor has a yellow bucket of artifacts in class, some of which have come from Beth-Shemesh. One is a piece from the roof of a mud-brick structure

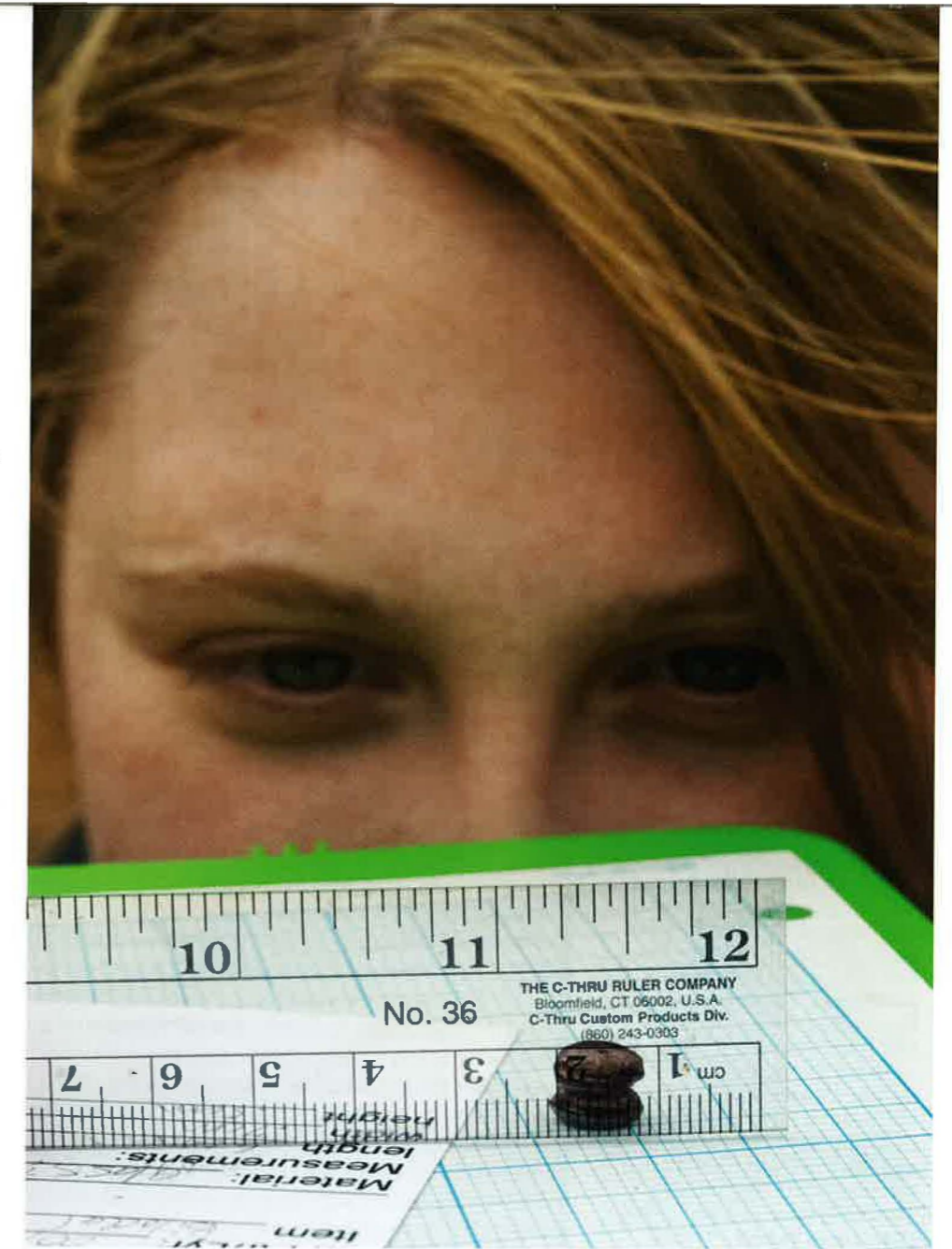
from a real excavation, another is a piece of kurkar, which is concretized shell conglomerate.

Food processing was the subject of the last reading assignment, so he brought in the kurkar as an example of a tool for grinding grain.

He relates the artifact to an Old Testament story in Judges 9:53 of the woman who throws an upper millstone piece at Abimelech, cracking his skull. Joab, when relating that Uriah was dead, planned to remind David of the millstone episode that had killed Abimelech (2 Samuel 11:21). A biblical mandate forbids a person from taking a millstone from a poor person, because it is essential for survival (Deuteronomy 24:6).

“By the way, there’s some of this out there,” Manor concludes rather ominously. “I’m not telling you where.”

If he can keep up that mysterious air and secretive nature over the next few years, Manor, the archaeologist and professor, may prove to be even more like Indiana Jones, the adventurer. **H**



Senior Kaitlyn Briscoe of Fort Worth, Texas, measures a bead unearthed by her team.

An aerial view of Tel Achzib conveys the magnitude of the site, which simulates three distinct ancient civilizations.



PHOTO BY DALE MANOR

PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

## 1962

**Janis Campbell Long** retired in May 2006 after 32 years as a commercial insurance underwriter and supervisor. During her career, she worked for three insurance companies in Orlando, Fla. She moved to Georgia in 2007 to be near one of her three children. (1391 Broadhurst Road W., P.O. Box 233, Screven, GA 31560)

## 1969

**Dick Shenfeld** was inducted into the Indiana Track and Field Hall of Fame Feb. 1. He is head of the health science department at Homestead High School in Fort Wayne, Ind., where he coaches both cross country and track. He has coached 39 years and been an Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches sectional representative for 25 years. (14721 Lightning Ridge Run, Fort Wayne, IN 46804)

## 1972

**Mary Jane Perry Hall** is an author and fashion designer of crochet clothing and accessories. A designer for three years, she has had 150 designs accepted for publication. She is a member of the Crochet Guild of America. Her book, *Positively Crochet!*, contains 50 patterns and gives positive and encouraging tips on life, relating them to crochet. Her husband, **Terry** ('71), is a minister and has a national motivational seminar called "Yes You Can." They have three children, **Brian** ('94), **Jamie Vaduva** ('97) and **Tracy** ('99). (1395 Betty Drive, Beavercreek, OH 45434; mary-jane@newave.net)

**Leland Vickers** is working in regulatory affairs for the Animal Health Division of Bayer Health-Care at its U.S. divisional headquarters. He retired in December 2007 as a commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve after more than 23 years as a supply corps officer. He and his wife, Jackie, have two sons, **Geoffrey** ('00) and **Jonathan** ('02). (7810 Houston St., Shawnee, KS 66227; lpvickers@kc.rr.com)

## 1979

**Edward Willett** published his second science fiction novel, *Marseguro*, and his sixth novel overall. He is also the author of more than 30 other books for both children and adults, with topics ranging from computers to history, biography and science.

## PROFILE: JAMES KNIGHT 1967

### Heroes and outlaws

FORMER FEDEX PILOT James Knight no longer takes to the skies, but still seeks adventure. Only now, his journeys take him to the past — specifically America of the 1860s and 1930s.

As author of two books, Knight, who currently lives in Franklin, Tenn., has explored the lives of the infamous Barrow gang in *Bonnie and Clyde: A 21st Century Update* (2003) and Civil War cavalryman Burton Warfield in *Letters to Anna* (2007). While the two topics appear to have little in common, they do have one link to Knight: Alma, Ark., his hometown.

Confederate soldier Warfield is a distant relative. Years after the war, he moved his family west from Tennessee to Alma. His oldest daughter, Mary, then married James A. Farris, Knight's great-great grandfather. Once Knight discovered the family's stack of letters — most from Warfield to his wife, Anna, but a few from her to him, he saw a story that had to be written. Using the correspondence as an outline, he researched battles, visited Union prison camp sites, and interviewed historians and professors to paint a historically accurate yet personally revealing picture of one Southerner's war experience.

However, a new biography on Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow interrupted his family tale. While reading a retelling of the crime spree, Knight stumbled upon an incident that sounded very familiar. The event: the killing of the Alma town marshal by gang members Buck Barrow and W.D. Jones on June 23, 1933. Knight's mother was 9 years old the day it happened and remembers playing in her front yard when Barrow and Jones drove by fleeing the scene. Her and other eyewitness accounts differed from what Knight was reading, so he took it upon himself to get the facts straight.

Today, Knight is content with these two books under his belt. He continues to explore history in his volunteer work with the local Civil War museum and by taking his 1934 Ford to car shows. The car is an exact replica of the last ride Bonnie and Clyde stole, and the one in which they met their untimely demise.

But he hasn't put down the pen for good. After all, he says, "A lot of history isn't correct. You have to seek out the facts, almost like detective work." Not to mention, there's Billy the Kid, Jesse James, Doc Holliday, and a host of other Wild West characters he may one day investigate. **H**

— Jennifer L. Marcussen

(139 Angus Crescent, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, S4T 6N1)

## 1982

**Larry L. Chapman**, president of Crossroads Evangelism, received the 2007 Congressional Order of Merit. He is serving on the President's Advisory Council repre-

senting Texas. He and his wife, **Sharon Schwartz** ('83), have two daughters, Lauren and Kristin. (108 Bree's Way, Aledo, TX 76008)

**Charles Savage** is instructor of music at Ohio University-Zanesville, where he recently conducted his compositions "Hungerford Stairs," "Sonnet

122" and "Three Haiku Settings." He also was featured as guest conductor of his Short Symphonic #1 with the Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds. He has been appointed director of OUZ Visual and Performing Arts Summer Institute for 2008. (110 Parkwood Ave., South Zanesville, OH 43701; savagec@ohio.edu)

**Terry Neu** earned his Ph.D. from University of Connecticut and teaches at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn. He authored a book, *How to Help Boys Succeed in School*. His wife, **Jane Shewmaker**, received her advanced degree in nursing at Sacred Heart University in May 2006 and is a nurse practitioner. They have a daughter, Rachel. The University was saddened to learn of the loss of their 19-year-old son, Jacob, in an automobile accident June 14, 2007. (671 Chaffeeville Road, Storrs, CT 06268)

## 1984

**Rick Alexander** started his own company in January 2007, MaveRickAudio LLC. He did audio for a reality show that aired on WE TV in March called "Cheerleader U," based on the University of Central Florida national champion cheerleaders. His wife, Sherry, is chief financial officer and vice president for WMFE, a PBS/NPR station. (7943 Merrimack Cove Drive, Orlando, FL 32822)

## 1985

Joel and **Connie Alexander Reeves** announce the adoption of a daughter, Alexandra Elizabeth, born June 25, 2007. They also have a son, Matthew. Joel is an engineer for Raytheon, and Connie works part time as an interior designer for Perkins + Will. (2305 Blue Cypress Drive, Richardson, TX 75082)

## 1986

**Barry Wheeler** coached his Stockton, Mo., high school volleyball team to the Missouri Class 2 State Championship. He and his wife, **Lynette Gardner**, have three children. Their two sons, Logan and Brandtly, run track at Harding, and their daughter, Lauren, was a starter for her father's championship team. (713 N. Ward St., Stockton, MO 65785)

## 1988

**Amy Blankenship** married Scott Sewell Oct. 6, 2007. Amy, a television spokesperson, is founder

and president of Shop with Style, a Manhattan-based firm that follows consumer shopping trends. She contributes feature segments on fashion, gifts, entertaining and other lifestyle topics to television programs. Scott is an information systems consultant for Customer Effective. (320 E. 23rd St., #15D, New York, NY 10010)

## 1990

**Samantha Farrar** married Stephen Hayner Feb. 9. Samantha has been a missionary overseas with Pioneer Bible Translators for the past five years and now works at their office in Dallas, and Stephen is a tool and die maker with Jadtis Industries.

(521 Buckingham Place, DeSoto, Texas 75115)

**Steve and Angie Thomas Thatcher** announce the birth of a son, Braden Thomas, Nov. 5, 2007. (1881 Olde School Road, Edmond, OK 73012; sthatch1@cox.net)

## 1991

Scott and **Lynn Regauld Beardsley** announce the birth of a son, Alexander Scott, Jan. 12, 2007. They also have a daughter, Addie. Scott is an investment banker in Little Rock with Crews & Associates, and Lynn, after working 15 years in critical care nursing, is a homemaker. (126 Bald Eagle Drive, Paron, AR 72122)

**Rebecca Kay Owen** married Jeffrey Lloyd Willis June 2, 2007. (4852 Persimmon Heights, Kenton, TN 38233)

## 1992

**Russ and Tracy Kibler Ogburn** announce the birth of a son, Joseph Wilson Daniel, Feb. 5, 2007. They have three other children, Jared, Meagan and Christopher. Russ is district manager with Wells Fargo Financial, and Tracy is a homemaker and seamstress. (452 Annandale Parkway, Madison, MS 39110; rwogburn@bellsouth.net)

## 1993

Todd and **Tracy Crouch Cuning-**

**ham** announce the birth of a daughter, Jency Michelle, May 30, 2007. They also have two sons, Jace and Jaden. (702 Pepper Tree Court, Smyrna, TN 37167)

**Doug Horton** is a secondary computer teacher at Mount Dora Christian Home & Bible School. (917 Marietta Lane, Eustis, FL 32726)

Simon and **Tamra Spencer Larter** announce the birth of a daughter, Aislinn Grace, Jan. 9, 2007. (512 Almonesson Road, Westville, NJ 08093)

Johnny and **Laura Cobb Spiegel** announce the birth of a son, Maddox Pierce, Feb. 13. They have two other sons, Preston and Spencer. Laura owns Studio L Jewelry. (1423 Tulane Drive, Richmond, TX 77469)

## 1994

Joe and **Nikki Bledsoe DeLong** announce the birth of a daughter, Hannah Nicole, Dec. 17, 2007. They have five other children, McKenna, Michael, Grace, Laura Anne and Jimmy. Joe is an engineer for Navigation Technology Associates Inc., and Nikki is a homemaker. (4008 Piedmont Drive, Huntsville, AL 35802)

**Matt** ('95) and **Kara Clark Huddleston** announce the birth of a son, Jude Aaron, Sept. 22, 2007. They have three other sons, Levi, Luke and Joel. Matt is missions minister for Cordova Church of Christ, and Kara is a homemaker. (2078 Kellogg Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670)

Blaze and **April Lemon Patzer** announce the birth of a son, Easton Blaze Martin, April 30, 2007. They also have two daughters, Raegyn and Parker. Blaze is general manager at an HVAC company, and April is a registered nurse at Children's Hospital in Denver. (2264 Holly Drive, Erie, CO 80516)

## 1995

**Gregory Donald Hargett** married Ann Elizabeth Davis May 13, 2006. Gregory is a student at Virginia Commonwealth University in the master of science in nurse anesthesia program. (1239 Gaskins Road, L, Richmond, VA 23238)

**Tony** ('89) and **Johnna Burnett Gentry** announce the birth of a daughter, Sophia Hope, Aug. 6, 2007. They have another daughter, Alexis. Tony is preaching minister at Brookline Church of

## ALMA MATTERS

### Making progress

By KEVIN H. REDD, alumni association president

IN 1 TIMOTHY 4:15, PAUL bids Timothy to be diligent in his teaching so that everyone may see his progress. So, too, it is important that



Kevin H. Redd

we move forward in our daily walk with God as teachers and spiritual leaders in the world. This also applies to the Alumni Association. I believe that current and future students, faculty, staff, and alumni benefit from such progress. Moving forward with programs and functions will aid all of us spiritually and enhance the University. I am proposing we implement several new programs and increase participation in existing ones. To do so, we need the cooperation and participation of as many alumni as possible. Participation, donations, and any other help we may receive will aid us as we move our Alumni Association and University forward. Take a look and see how you can help us as we grow spiritually and personally.

- ▶ **Alumni Campaigns** (through Campus Ministry) — Enabling alumni to return to countries they visited as students.
- ▶ **Alumni Each 1 Reach 1** — Each alumnus reaches out to at least one prospective student and steers him or her toward the University. Alumni also reach out to fellow alumni to encourage participation in the Alumni Association, President's Council and other areas of support.
- ▶ **Alumni Admissions Counselors** — Call alumni for prospective students' names just

as admissions counselors call on students.

- ▶ **Alumni Night** — A night at the Rhodes where alumni are invited to attend an athletic event.
- ▶ **ASAP!** (Alumni Spiritual Assistance Program) — For those who need help spiritually after they've left campus. The program can utilize the services of Campus Ministry, the College of Bible and Religion, and alumni who are spiritual leaders.
- ▶ **Alumni Job Search** — The University's CareerNet allows alumni to post jobs as well as search resumes to hire University graduates.
- ▶ **Alumni Association Stickers** — For alumni to place on the back windows of their cars. Graduates receive these in their senior packets.
- ▶ **Regional Alumni Association Delegates** — These individuals can help keep alumni active and involved without having to travel to the University. Delegates plan or host meetings in their communities. These are just a few of the programs that may be beneficial. If you or anyone you know has ideas about how we can move forward as an Alumni Association, or if you would like to become involved, please let us know. We'd love to hear your suggestions. May God bless you all and this great University as we endeavor to do God's will. **H**

Kevin H. Redd ('04) is serving a two-year term as volunteer president of the Alumni Association. He may be reached at [kredd@remitdata.com](mailto:kredd@remitdata.com).



Christ in Brookline, Mo., and Johnna is a nurse in the intensive care nursery at Cox Medical Center in Springfield, Mo. (1233 E. Highpoint St., Springfield, MO 65804)

**Brian and Sara Griffin Hoover** announce the birth of a son, Kam Griffin, Feb. 10, 2007. They have two other sons, Collin and Kyler. Brian is vice president of sales for SunGard Availability Services Inc., and Sara is a homemaker. (8500 E. Askersund Cove, Cordova, TN 38018)

1996

**Nolan and Jennifer Baer Atkins** announce the birth of a daughter, Lauren Kennedy, Nov. 12, 2007. They also have a son, Harrison. (2505 Ensenada Lane, Fort Worth, Texas 76108)

**Victoria Bellizzi Crews** is elementary principal for Pikes Peak Christian School in Colorado Springs, Colo. She earned a master of education in 2006 from Arkansas Tech University in Russellville. Her husband, **Bobby** ('93), serves as youth minister at Eastside Church of Christ. They have three children. (3880 Saddle Rock Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80918)

**Jay and Lydia Painter Hall** announce the birth of a son, George "Blake" Painter, Oct. 11, 2007. They have two other children, Carley and Parker. (14 Eagle Mountain Villa Court, #7047, Ellijay, GA 30540)

**Jon** ('90) and **Holley Martin Raley** announce the birth of a son, Jonathan Holden, June 5, 2007. They also have a daughter, Hannah. Jon is a chiropractor and involvement minister at Airport Road Church of Christ, and Holley is a homemaker. (209 Tiffot Court, Crestview, FL 32539)

1997

**Kyle** ('96) and **Angie Sickbert Brice** announce the birth of a son, Quinlan Edward, Nov. 3, 2007. They have two other sons, Keegan and Nolan. Kyle is a federal agent with the U.S. Department of Treasury Criminal Investigation Division, and Angie is a homemaker. (101 Jasmine Drive, Republic, MO 65738)

**Jason Cravy** works for Peachtree Windows and Doors. He finished his MBA in global management in February 2006 from University of Phoenix. His wife, **Catherine Anderson**, is a homemaker. They

have four children, Tynan, EmmaMae, Arden and Makenna. (4500 Terrys Landing, Winston-Salem, NC 27104)

**Jeremiah** ('96) and **Lisa Grove Downie** announce the birth of a son, Landon, Jan. 21. They have two other children, Payton and Ethan. Jeremy is a telephone account manager for Verizon in Ashburn, Va., and Lisa is a part-time fitness trainer and college instructor. (9918 Stephanie Lane, Hagerstown, MD 21740)

**Shawn** ('96) and **Gloria Matthews Killeen** announce the birth of a daughter, Tessa Amy-Grace, Oct. 24, 2007. They have another daughter, Hannah. (2218 E. Maryland, Sherwood, AR 72120; sgkilleen@comcast.net)

**Jason** ('96) and **Sheryl Plylar Moriarty** announce the birth of a son, Callum Robert, Nov. 21, 2007. They are serving as missionaries in Madang, Papua New Guinea. (DIWAI P.O. Box 108, Madang, Papua New Guinea)

Chad and **Beth Luallen Reagan** announce the birth of a son, Caleb Jackson Silas, Dec. 31, 2007. They have another son, Michael. (135 Guinn Court, Bowling Green, KY 42101)

**Christopher Sergio** married Carrie Dunn March 15. (8404 S.W. 66th Lane, Gainesville, FL 32608; ccsergio@gmail.com)

Jeff and **Amy Roeh Wood** announce the birth of a son, Bryce William, Oct. 23, 2007. They have another son, Landon. Jeff works in the marketing/public relations department for Adams Golf in Plano, Texas, and Amy is a senior paralegal at GMAC-ResCap in Dallas. (914 Autumn Ridge Drive, McKinney, TX 75070)

1998

**Rhett and Marisa Kee Chandler** announce the birth of a son, Caden Jameson, Nov. 9, 2007. They have two other children, Keely and Griggs. (2264 Monthemer Cove, Mount Juliet, TN 37122)

**Wayne** ('00) and **Sherrie Krebs Cook** announce the birth of a son, Eghan Josiah, Jan. 21. They have three other children, Alexa, Declan and Liam. (14116 Cherry Hill Drive, Alexander, AR 72002; sherrie.cook@gmail.com)

**Jeff** and **Kara Krinks** announce the birth of a daughter, Kaitlyn, May 6, 2007. (709 Winter Court, Nashville, TN 37211)

**Carolyn Harper Lyons** announces the birth of twins, Thaddaeus Paul and Harper Mae, Feb. 10. She has another son, Jacob. (111 W. Fourth St., Newberg, OR 97132)

**Jennifer Mitchell Rackley** was appointed volunteer services coordinator for PAGER Association, a nonprofit organization that provides information and support to parents with children suffering from gastro-esophageal reflux disease and related GI disorders. Jennifer and her husband, Phillip, have three daughters, Melina, Ella and Ava. (1003 W. Newman, Harrison, AR 72601)

1999

Kyle and **Jamie Hall Alderman** announce the birth of a son, Kyle Brian II, Dec. 20, 2006. They also have a daughter, Kate. Kyle is manager for Syniverse Technologies, and Jamie is a homemaker. (2852 Blueslate Court, Land O Lakes, FL 34638)

**Brett and Stacy Glover Davies** announce the birth of a son, Caleb Jeffrey, Oct. 19, 2007. They also have a daughter, Sidney. (12239 Dewitt Cove, San Antonio, TX 78253)

**Chad Gardner** has been named partner and owner of Roussel, Floyd & Associates Inc. in Searcy. (212 Cherrie Ave., Sherwood, AR 72120)

Kevin and **Ashley Sholl Lemaster** announce the birth of a daughter, Lucy Talitha, Oct. 11, 2007. They also have a son, Ranger. (16640 Redbud Drive, McKinney, TX 75071)

**Brent** ('97) and **Tonya Glosser Morgan** announce the birth of a daughter, Abigail Claire, July 5, 2007. They also have a son, Ty. Brent is a financial adviser with AIG, and Tonya is a coordinator for the HIPPIY program. (126 Knollwood Lane, Searcy, AR 72143)

**Aaron Michael** ('98) and **Mika Haneishi Roland** announce the birth of a son, Elijah Yuuki, Nov. 15, 2007. They have another son, Josiah. Aaron and Mika have served as missionaries in Montepuez, Mozambique, since 2003. (4 Southbrook, Union, MO 63084)

**Scott** ('98) and **Cheryl Gilbert Savage** announce the birth of a daughter, Madilyn Faith, Oct. 3, 2007. (21370 Dale Rouse Road, Springdale, AR 72762)

**Lee and Mindy Taylor Singleton** announce the birth of a daughter,

Piper, Sept. 12, 2007. They have another daughter, Paige. Lee received his doctorate in mathematics in August 2007 from Florida State University. Lee is a professor at Whatcom Community College in Bellingham, Wash., and Mindy is a homemaker after teaching seven years at Shadeville Elementary in Florida. (2272 Oak St., Lynden, WA 98264)

2000

Jason and **Marie Jones Caskey** announce the birth of a daughter, McKenleigh Faith, Dec. 19, 2007. Jason works in sales, and Marie is a homemaker. (501 Kendall Court, Franklin, TN 37069)

**Brett** ('03) and **April Gillespie Emerson** announce the birth of a son, Corban Stewart, Nov. 23, 2007. They have another son, Caden. Brett and April are church-planting missionaries with the Kabiye Team. (B.P. 802, Kara, Togo, West Africa)

**Jay** ('98) and **Danna Johnson Gentry** announce the birth of a daughter, Kayli Elise, May 30, 2007. They have two other children, Ellie and James. (P.O. Box 1152, Morrilton, AR 72110)

Gabe and **Christy Wiles Gillespie** announce the birth of a daughter, Sadie Faith, Oct. 16, 2007. Gabe is youth minister at Vandelia Church of Christ, and Christy is a special education teacher. (4815 64th St., Lubbock, TX 79414)

Jason and **Jody Knight King** moved to Jinja, Uganda, in October 2007 for a two-year commitment. Jason is building a theological library at the Source Cafe, working with the Mvule Project, and working on a print ministry for Jinja and surrounding villages. Jason and Jody are foster parents to orphans waiting to be adopted. (Box 1515, Jinja, Uganda, East Africa)

T.J. and **Heather Roberts Schlittler** announce the birth of a daughter, Jillian Brooke, Jan. 12. They also have a son, Brock. (600 E. Van Allen St., Tuscola, IL 61953)

**Mark** ('99) and **Shauna Stobart Trainer** announce the birth of a daughter, Hailey Ann, Jan. 17. They have three other children, Mackenzie, Dylan and Jason. Mark is an attorney for Alston & Bird, LLC, and Shauna is a homemaker. (5236 Shasta Way, Marietta, GA 30062)

**Archie** ('99) and **Lisa Abbruzzese Walker** announce the birth of a

daughter, Aria Laila, April 4, 2007. They have two other daughters, Amanda and Alana. (5073 Timber Falls Drive, Indian Land, SC 29707)

2001

**David and Lacey Wheeler Aren-cibia** announce the birth of a daughter, Ally Eliese, Feb. 26. They have another daughter, Gracey. David is completing his doctorate and is a vice principal in Irving, Texas, and Lacey is a licensed specialist in school psychology. (109 W. Oak Valley Drive, Colleyville, TX 76034)

**J. Andy** ('96) and **Stacey Revier Ashworth** announce the birth of a daughter, Ella Kathryn, June 6, 2007. J. Andy is a business analyst in the international division at Wal-Mart in Bentonville, Ark., and Stacey is a mortgage loan officer at Liberty Bank of Arkansas. (1 Tavistock Drive, Bella Vista, AR 72714)

**Jeremy T. Cochran** is a licensed marriage and family therapist with Samaritan Care & Counseling. He and his wife, **Kylie Powell** ('03), have a daughter, Abigail. (149 White Tail Road, Statesville, NC 28625)

David and **Katherine Gurr Hopkins** announce the birth of a son, Tucker Ryan, July 3, 2007. They have another son, Carson. David works for Comair, and Katherine is a homemaker. (4614 Victory Ave., Latonia, KY 41015)

**Justin Lacey** is assistant director of advancement at Houston Baptist University, where he writes proposals targeted to corporations and foundations. (7994 Locke Lane, #43, Houston, TX 77063)

**Russell** ('00) and **Michelle Hatcher Lawyer** announce the birth of a daughter, Mallory Rose, Nov. 20, 2007. They have another daughter, Addison. (6405 Lake Joanna Circle, Panama City, FL 32404)

**Justin** ('00) and **Candice Fisher Moore** announce the birth of a daughter, Marissa Jae, Jan. 8, 2007. Justin is a marriage and family therapist at Harding, and Candice is a national account manager for Simon and Schuster. (1314 Rehoboth, Searcy, AR 72143)

**Rob O'Lynn** received his master of divinity from Lubbock Christian University in 2007 and is a pastoral care resident at Cabell Huntington Hospital and preacher for the Hurricane

Church in Hurricane, W.Va. He and his wife, **Rachael Parsons** ('03), have two children. (312 Walnut St., Proctorville, OH 45669)

**James** ('98) and **Catherine Richardson Rickett** announce the birth of a son, Benjamin David, Jan. 22, 2007. They have two other children, Emily and Alyssa. (3514 Richwood Drive, Texarkana, TX 75503)

**Trey** ('02) and **Paige Fairley Talley** announce the birth of a son, Griffin Douglas, Jan. 15. Trey is youth minister at Westside Church of

Christ in Bakersfield, Calif., and Paige is a physical therapist. (5904 Cougar Falls Court, Bakersfield, CA 93312)

**Chris** ('00) and **Martha Simmons West** announce the birth of a daughter, Nora Ann, Sept. 6, 2007. Chris is a corporate pilot for Abbott Laboratories, and Martha is a homemaker. (8324 Whitetail Drive, Racine, WI 53406)

2002

Larry and **Julie Uptegrove Christensen** announce the birth of a

PROFILE: BROCK WILLIAMS 2002

Visual storyteller

LIKE MANY ARTISTS, Brock Williams struggles with the balance between creative and commercial. As executive producer and owner of Boxcar Films, 90 percent of his business' profits come from corporate work. "I hope to start getting more money coming in from the creative work, while continuing to grow the corporate side of the business," he says.

After graduating with honors with a degree in electronic media, he moved to Columbia, Mo., which has been described recently as "the hotbed of a growing documentary film industry."

*Fuad*, a short documentary he directed, shot and edited, is one of the projects of which he is most proud. It tells the story of a Kurdish artist living in Italy.



Brock Williams

His first job was not quite so glamorous, producing radio and TV news segments for nationally syndicated Homefront Productions. The 90-second stories on home improvement are designed to run in local news programs.

He made the transition to self-employment gradually. "I started freelancing nights and weekends while I worked for Homefront," he explains. "I started Boxcar in May 2005. At the time, it was just a way for me to buy my own camera and edit system and continue freelancing."

Although he did not know with certainty that he was ready, he went for it anyway. "I've always wanted to work for myself, and I figure I could try it now when I'm young without as much risk as trying to do it later in life."

His interest in filmmaking began in childhood. "The best way to learn about filmmaking is to just start making films," he says. "I started when I was like 10 years old, but it's never too late." While at the University, he made two films that were shown on campus: *Fishboy* and *Poor Yorick*.

Williams' advice for other budding filmmakers is fairly straightforward: "You just have to work on as many films as possible — usually for free at first — and make as many of your own films as possible. Over time you get better and better and learn more and more. If you can shoot and edit and produce and write and grip, then you can stay pretty busy as a freelancer." **H**

— April M. Fatula

PHOTO COURTESY OF BROCK WILLIAMS

**Wilson** ('00) and **Tanya Grasham Robertson** announce the birth of a daughter, **Alaina Brooke**, March 3. (600 Barwood Park, #1422, Austin, TX 78753)

**Bryan and Kristen Pottberg Thompson** announce the birth of a son, **Shawn Austin**, July 28, 2007. Bryan is media minister for Lakewood Church of Christ and has his own photography business, **Thompson Photography, LLC**, and Kristen is a home-maker. (6640 W. 72nd Drive, Arvada, CO 80003)

**2004**

**Mitch and Lacey Borger Jones** announce the birth of a son, **Carter Mitchell**, Oct. 23, 2007. (1457 Spinnaker Lane, Azle, TX 76020)

**Brian Walton** is a level three business and planning analyst with Boeing Co. He received his MBA from Florida Institute of Technology. His wife, **Amy**, received her National Board Certification in early adolescence language arts. (140 Medicine Bend Drive, Madison, AL 35758)

**2005**

**Stephen and Suzi Drake Jenne-mann** announce the birth of a daughter, **Elise**, Nov. 23, 2007. They have another daughter, **Abigail**. (8211 Holly Ave., Fort Smith, AR 72908; suzi.jenne-mann@gmail.com)

**Kyle and Melissa Ward Vath** are missionaries in Tanzania working with the Chimala Mission. Kyle is a registered nurse and works primarily with the Chimala Mission Hospital, and Melissa is a teacher at the Chimala Mission primary school. (Chimala Mission, P.O. Box 724, Chimala, Mbeya, Tanzania, East Africa; krmvath@gmail.com)

**Chris Brainard** ('03) married **Jennifer Wisecarver** Aug. 4, 2007. (810 Lakeshore Drive, Forrest City, AR 72335)

**2006**

**Kevin and Trina Hoofman** announce the adoption of a daughter, **Cylar Cate**, Sept. 6, 2007. She is 2 years old. (P.O. Box 8022, Searcy, AR 72145)

**2007**

**Jonathan Edelhuber** married **Julia Selby** Dec. 29, 2007. (100 Antioch Pike, #1003, Nashville, TN 37211)

**Anthony Sofio** married **Jackie**

**Thrapp** May 18, 2007. Anthony is systems analyst for Data-Tronics, and Jackie is an administrative assistant for the youth and family program at West-Ark Church of Christ in Fort Smith, Ark. (1719 Twin Oaks Drive, Van Buren, AR 72956)

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**Passages**

**Travis Powell Blue** ('41), 88, died Oct. 5, 2007. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He was a county supervisor for the Farmer's Home Administration in Green and White counties in Arkansas for most of his career. He also worked in the business offices at both Harding University and College Church of Christ. He served as an elder at Seventh and Muller and Center Hill churches of Christ in Paragould, Ark. He was a 45-year board member of Paragould Children's Home, which he helped start. He also served as an original board member of Crowley's Ridge Academy in Paragould. He was involved in reaching Africans with the gospel through World Bible School. He was married 64 years to his wife, **Hazel Hulett** ('41), who preceded him in death. He is survived by a son, **Roger** ('69); a daughter, **Martha Jenkins** ('73); a grandson; and two great-grandchildren.

**Lillie Pauline Reid Crumpler** ('41), 90, died Jan. 21. She taught one year before entering Harding. In 1952 she received her master's degree from East Texas State University in Commerce. She taught school in Jennings, Lehman, Blossom, Paris and Whiteface, Texas. In 1947 she served as president of the Lamar County Chap-

ter of the Association for Childhood Education. In 1952 she began teaching in Waco Independent School District, where she served as teacher, supervisor and principal for special education. After retirement from WISD in 1975, she taught first grade at Waco Christian School for 17 years. She received the Texas Association of Retarded Citizen's Recognition Special Award in 1975 and was honored by Waco Christian School for 50 years of teaching in 1990. In 2003 Texas Christian Academy, formerly Waco Christian, selected her as the first recipient of the Warrior Spirit Award presented by the alumni association. She was a member of Lakeshore Church of Christ, where she taught classes for all ages, including a ladies class. Her husband preceded her in death in 1990.

**Charles Ferrell Clay Jr.** ('44), 84, died Dec. 11, 2007. He worked as a research chemist 35 years for Ashland Oil in Ashland, Ky. He received his training from Massachusetts Institute of Technology to aid in his research on better uses for oil byproducts. He is survived by a sister, **Marie Yingling** ('42). (801 S. Benton, #3305, Searcy, AR 72143)

**Thomas Samuel Love** ('47), 81, died Nov. 8, 2007. He enlisted in the Army at age 17. Upon acceptance to flight school, he became an Army Air Force cadet. He received his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from University of Denver and earned a master's in his field from Southern Methodist University. His only post-university employer was General Dynamics, where he retired after working many years on airplanes in the test lab. His passions were family, church, sports and his workshop. He played tennis and golf, was a substitute Sunday school teacher at Woodland West Church of Christ, and was a volunteer for Hearts and Hands benevolent program. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, **Norma Jeanne**; three daughters, **Debra Dalton**, **Shannon Goddard** and **Lisa Love**; a brother, **John**; a sister, **Mary Whittington**; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. (165 Jefferson Ave., #102, Ruston, LA 71270)

**John Harlan Hurd** ('49), 85, died Dec. 12, 2007. He was a church of Christ minister and preached at 131 congregations in 16 states.

EVENTS

JUNE

- 2-27 Summer I
- 2-July 25 Eight-week Summer Session
- 14-19 Uplift Session I
- 19-20 Summer Experience I
- 20-July 4 Honors Symposium I
- 21-26 Uplift Session II
- 27-July 11 Honors Symposium II
- 28-July 3 Uplift Session III
- 30-July 25 Summer II

JULY

- 4-18 Honors Symposium III
- 10-11 Summer Experience II
- 11-25 Honors Symposium IV
- 26 Summer graduation

AUGUST

- 21-24 Student Impact
- 25 Classes begin

SEPTEMBER

- 28-Oct. 1 Lectureship

OCTOBER

- 3-4 Family Weekend
- 23-25 Homecoming
- 23-26 Bison Daze I

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He was also an outdoor sportsman and loved to coon hunt. He raised cattle and was a member of the Arkansas Cattleman's Association. He retired after 22 years with the U.S. Postal Service as a Rural Route 2 carrier. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, **Patsy Ruth Ballenger** ('50); two sons, **Joe** and **Mark**; a daughter, **Judith Carpenter**; a brother, **Maurice**; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. (324 C.R. 2071, Bono, AR 72416)

**Helen Maxine Justiss Mock** ('50), 78, died Oct. 4, 2007. She was an agent for Omnisphere Travel. She is survived by her husband, **Bobby Lee** ('50); four sons, **Michael**, **Pat**, **Chris** and **Toby**; four daughters, **Lindy Ray**, **Julie**, **Elise** and **Camilla Geldbach**; 27 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. (1008 Pine Ave., Berryville, AR 72616)

**Mary Ellen Engles Huddleston** ('51), 83, died Feb. 3. She is survived by two brothers, **Jake** ('65) and **Joel** ('71); a sister, **Jennifer Rogers** ('73); and a granddaughter.

**Larry Dale Robinson** ('63), 67, died Feb. 14. He was a retired K-Mart manager. He is survived by his wife, **Thelma Ann Taylor**; a son, **Michael Hunter**; two daughters, **Scarlett Robinson** and **Karen Hunter**; a sister, **Linda Piercey**; and four grandchildren.

**Mary Don Merriman Prestidge** ('66), 62, died Jan. 18. She taught at Cabot Elementary in Arkansas from 1966 to 1967. She then moved to Michigan, where she taught at Warren Woods Public Schools from 1968 to 2004. She earned two master's degrees and was nominated for Teacher of the Year for the state of Michigan. After retirement, she took care of her family and invalid mother. She is survived by her husband, **Doyle** ('68); two sons, **Chad** ('05) and **Adam** ('07); two sisters, **Connie Griffin** ('72) and **Kathy Bryant** ('75); and two brothers. (1939 Chancery Drive, Troy, MI 48098)

**Ward, Linda MacKay, Mary Hackler, Lois McClure, Karen Carter and Margaret VanDorien**; and two grandchildren.

**Eric Myers** ('04), 26, died Feb. 25. An accounts manager for T.R.A.D., he formerly worked at Verizon and Dell computer. He is survived by his parents, **Fred** and **Carol Eudaly** ('76) **Myers**; maternal grandparents, **Bosco** and **Tina Eudaly**; a brother, **Scott**; and a sister, **Amy**. (1155 Young Road, Crofton, KY 42217)

**Irene Johnson Gatewood**, 90, died Dec. 16, 2007. She was a history teacher at Harding from 1957-1963, a pioneer missionary in post-war Germany, and an author. She spent 20 years abroad and continued to be a voice for missions and missionaries after returning to the States. She married **Otis Gatewood** in 1981, who preceded her in death in 1999.

**Brian Luke Johnson**, 27, died March 11. He was a student at the University and would have

graduated in May with a dual management and health care management degree. He was also employed full time in the gas and oil industry by C & R Contractors. He was a member of Pineview Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife, **Mary Breshears**; two daughters, **Kaitlyn** and **Kennedy**; his parents, **Bill** and **Betty Ann Johnson**; paternal grandparents, **Dick** ('60) and **Joyce Johnson**; and a brother, **Brandon**. (1401 Deener Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

**Avoiding accidental disinheritance, part 2**

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



Ted Hackney

AS WE DISCUSSED IN PART 1, you must take the simple steps necessary to revise your estate plan when life circumstances change to avoid accidentally disinheriting a loved one.

Remember, an estate plan includes your will, any trusts you have created, life insurance designations, and beneficiary designations to your IRAs and other retirement accounts — annuities, bank accounts with POD designations, property titles, etc. Here are the top three mistakes to avoid:

**Technical errors**

- ▶ Often an individual signs a will in front of witnesses, as required, but signs on the wrong page. Make sure to sign ALL designated lines and pages.
- ▶ Writing "this will is void" in the margin of one page does not necessarily invalidate a will, even if the words overlap language in the will itself. A court may hold that the will is still valid.
- ▶ If you ask a relative to destroy a will but he does not, the will is still considered valid at your death if it was properly executed. Courts usually insist that a minimum standard of care be met in the preparation and destruction of wills and trusts to protect the interests of all concerned.

**Ademption** (property mentioned in a will or trust no longer owned at death)

At age 50 you make a will giving your farm to your two sons upon your death. You leave a small amount of cash in an account that is payable on death to your two nephews. However, at age 70, you sell the farm, and the cash from the sale goes into your bank account. At your death, you no longer own the farm you had

willed to your sons. Instead, that money is now in your bank account, which you willed to your nephews. Your sons are left with nothing because your will purports to give them a farm you no longer own. To avoid failure of your will by ademption, make sure you discuss any purchase or sale of property or assets with your lawyer so that proper changes can be made to your will.

**Misunderstanding survivorship and title to property**

Making your daughter the co-owner of your bank accounts "in case something happens to me" may be very convenient. But, upon your death, all the money in your accounts now belongs to your daughter instead of being split among all your children, EVEN IF your will states that your property is to be divided evenly among them. The accounts in your daughter's name are hers alone, and the court will presume that was your desire. No matter how honorable your daughter may be, she cannot easily divide what she has inherited without creating potentially complex tax issues for herself.

Other assets not controlled by your will or trust at death include life insurance policies, annuities, IRAs, 401ks, 403bs, investment accounts that transfer on death (TOD) to another person, bank accounts that are payable on death (POD) to another person, and real estate owned as joint-tenants-with-right-of-survivorship (JTWROS). Differences between probate and survivorship property need to be understood to ensure end-of-life property distributions occur as you intended. **H**

The Harding University Center for Charitable Estate Planning is offering a free one-hour DVD titled *Avoiding Accidental Disinheritance*. For your copy, please contact **Ted Hackney**, director, at (501) 279-4861 or [thackney@harding.edu](mailto:thackney@harding.edu).

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## Genuine service

By DAVID COLLINS

**“I WOULD NOT WANT YOUR JOB!”** THESE ARE NOT WORDS ONE ENJOYS

hearing from others; but when conversations turn to work, as they often do, this statement inevitably follows.

Whether speaking with a friend or colleague with whom I am well acquainted or talking to a complete stranger, I generally find myself explaining — almost defending — why I actually enjoy serving as dean of students at the University.

I have found that many people believe the focus of my work is on student misconduct, but my interaction with students goes well beyond the realm of discipline. Most of my contact with students comes by assisting them with a variety of circumstances or through working with leaders of social clubs, service organizations, special interest groups and the Student Association in their various pursuits and activities.

In every kind of situation, including those that involve student misbehavior, my colleagues and I in the Office of Student Life have the opportunity to develop relationships with some of the best and brightest young Christian men and women in the world.

I believe the best evidence that demonstrates the exceptional character of Harding students is also the greatest source of encouragement for me in my position. In the second chapter of Philippians, Paul calls each of us who has been *united with Christ* to an attitude of selflessness, an approach to life that imitates our Lord by looking *to the interests of others*. Over and over, I am privileged to witness the way in which students live out this passage in service to others and was greatly encouraged recently when I saw firsthand the actions of hundreds of students following a devastating tornado in our state [Page 3].

But most acts of service done by students are observed by very few. Simple acts of kindness, often done in secret as Jesus taught in Matthew 6, provide encouragement to those who are struggling and satisfy needs of others that would otherwise go unmet. Whether privately studying and praying with a fellow student who is searching for truth, helping each other through illness or grief, or visiting shut-ins or residents of a nursing facility, students quietly give of themselves in numerous ways.

Sometimes, though, the need is so widely known that the response cannot be hidden. Students often band together in academic disciplines, social clubs, athletic teams, organizations and as a collective body to combine resources to sufficiently meet a particular need. They have collected thousands of dollars in a matter of hours to aid fel-



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low students facing dire circumstances and given countless hours of physical labor to assist local residents with significant home improvements.

Not long ago, several social clubs joined together in raising necessary matching funds to purchase an electric wheelchair for a fellow student. Another organization purchased materials and built a fence for a friend and Aramark employee shortly after the passing of her husband and her relocation following a house fire.

As alluded to earlier, recently I witnessed students responding once more to the needs of others. On Feb. 5, Arkansas and several surrounding states were devastated by tornados. Thirteen Arkansans lost their lives, dozens were injured, and hundreds of homes and businesses were damaged or destroyed. Most of the destruction in the state resulted from an F-4 tornado that trekked 123 miles on the ground.

Early on Sunday, Feb. 10, approximately 800 students accompanied by several faculty, staff and local church members boarded busses and vans or joined carpools bound for the town of Clinton, where they met with the local congregation at the high school auditorium for worship service. That morning I noticed tears in the eyes of countless students as local members spoke about and prayed for families who had lost all they owned and, even worse, lost loved ones. I can only hope that the beautiful singing of more than 1,000 voices was as uplifting to our brothers and sisters in Clinton as it was to me.

The group then spread across the Van Buren County landscape and spent the remainder of the day helping with the cleanup of homes, businesses and land. As I joined students at disaster relief headquarters, a large group diligently sorted through hundreds of containers of donated clothing, stopping to help each resident find the very best in just the right size.

My role as dean of students often positions me to see the very private acts of kindness done by students and certainly allows me to see their collective good works. As I interact with young men and women at the University, I am continually encouraged by the amazing way in which their faith is alive in genuine service to others.

That is why I want my job! **H**

# Embrace the future

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## FINAL FRAME

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Surrounded by sons Larry ('74), Steve ('76) and Mike ('90), Betty Davis ('59) addresses the crowd gathered to honor her late husband, Dr. Kenneth "Uncle Bud" Davis ('42). The recently renovated lily pool was named in his honor March 22.