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'A great place to learn'

By DAVID B. BURKS



"UNLESS THE LORD BUILDS THE HOUSE, ITS BUILDERS labor in vain."

These words from Solomon in Psalm 127:1 quoted by Dr. Julie Hixson-Wallace, dean of the College of Pharmacy, at the dedication ceremony for the Center for Health Sciences Homecoming weekend emphasized the direction behind the construction of our new home for the Pharmacy and Physician Assistant programs. (Page 12)

These two academically challenging, faith-based programs emphasize community outreach and missions, benefiting both those receiving medical assistance and health care providers. The Physician Assistant Program has witnessed two classes graduate while the College of Pharmacy welcomed its inaugural class last fall.

Their beautiful, new home utilizes the latest educational technology. The patient skills center, outfitted with 10 traditional examination rooms as well as cameras, gives students opportunities to counsel and examine patients while allowing faculty members to assess the performance, either in real time or by watching digitally recorded footage. The recordings can also be broadcast to classrooms for peer assessment. Additionally, monitors and cameras in the student activities area on the second story create a virtual classroom for up to 64 by connecting one large classroom with four small breakout rooms.

It thrills me to announce that the \$7,705,142 needed for this project has been given or pledged.

I am also excited about the caliber of our students. As pharmacy student Janice McKean said in her remarks at the dedication, they are "talented, intelligent and ready to serve."

A 1990 alumna, McKean and her husband, Byron ('88), relocated their family from Wichita, Kan., to Searcy because, she said, "The positive, Christian examples make me want to be part of the program."

Physician assistant student Sarah Spear summed up the feeling of our students when she quoted a classmate: "How blessed we are to have such a great place to learn."

I love the spirit of cooperation I see in this building. I invite you to visit, not only at Homecoming, but anytime you have the opportunity to view firsthand our new Center for Health Sciences. May it always be used for the glory of God. **H**

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President David B. Burks gives remarks at the Center for Health Sciences dedication ceremony Oct. 24. Photo by Jeff Montgomery.

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PHOTO BY NOAH DARNELL

Foreign Language earns national recognition

THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE teacher education program has been awarded nationally recognized status from the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and the National Council for Accreditation on Teacher Education.

The recognition — awarded to only 56 schools in the nation — puts the University in the top two percent of foreign language departments among colleges and universities across the United States. It is the only program in Arkansas, Tennessee, and among institutions associated with churches of Christ with this distinction.

"This was one of the most challenging tasks with which we have been confronted," said Ava Conley, chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and International Studies.

The foreign language department was required to submit eight key assessments with criteria and data on student performance for the last three years. This data included results from national licensure exams, institutional comprehensive content exams, unit plans, student work samples, portfolios from student teachers, oral proficiency results, linguistic samples, and professional development and involvement assessments.

A major component was the Oral Proficiency Interview. The OPI is a carefully structured conversation between a trained, certified interviewer and the person whose speaking proficiency is being tested. The interview is interactive and continuously adapted to the speaking

They said it

From "Pep Talk,"
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
Sept. 28, 2008, editorial



"It occurred to us as we watched Dinesh D'Souza speak (and muffled our urge to cheer) that he wasn't talking to the Lions or Rotarians, but to college kids. Sorry — young adults. And they paid attention. And applauded him. And laughed at the occasional joke.

"He was connecting. Not only did he make sense to old fogies like us, he was connecting with the young crowd."

ability of the individual being interviewed.

"I feel honored but challenged," Conley said. "Having reached this status, the challenge for maintaining this level is even greater. There is the challenge of building confidence in the students and creating the desire to achieve the levels of proficiency required."

Board members achieve senior status

FOUR MEMBERS OF THE University's Board of Trustees retired to senior status at the Board's semiannual meeting in October. The University honored Pat Bell of Little Rock,

Ark., Bob Brackett of Vero Beach, Fla., Mel Gardner of Fort Worth, Texas, and Jim Bill McInteer of Nashville, Tenn.

Bell, a 1958 alumnus, has served on the governing body since 1986. He was chairman from 1995-1998.

Brackett became a member of the Board in 1990. The University's library is named for him and his wife, Sandy.

Gardner, a semiretired executive with Trinkote Industrial Finishes, was appointed to the Board in 1990.

McInteer, a 1942 alumnus, began his service on the Board in 1950. From 1969-1977, he was treasurer, and, from 1978-2008, he was secretary. His tenure lasted an unprecedented 58 years.

Education's accreditation extended

CANNON-CLARY COLLEGE OF Education received continued accreditation for eight years from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education following the organization's evaluation during the spring 2008 semester.

The College's graduate and undergraduate programs have been accredited by NCATE since 1961. The University offers 26 graduate and undergraduate programs within the College.

Approximately 2,200 students are enrolled in the College's programs each year. In addition to undergraduate students, classroom teachers, principals, superintendents and other administrators are enrolled in graduate programs at campuses in Searcy, North Little Rock and Bentonville, all within Arkansas. Graduate students account for approximately two-thirds of the College's enrollment.

"We are very pleased to have been associated with NCATE for 47 years," said Dr. Tony Finley, dean. "Harding continues to meet the high standards that NCATE sets forth. We are also very pleased that the Board of Examiners was so complimentary of our programs and the quality of our graduates."

College of Education faculty and students spent more than a year preparing for the site visit from NCATE's Board of Examiners. The next NCATE visit is scheduled for 2016.

NCATE currently accredits more than 600 institutions, which produce approximately two-thirds of the nation's new teacher graduates each year. NCATE accredits all of the universities in the state of Arkansas.

Coffee in, usage up at Brackett Library

STUDENT USAGE OF BRACKETT Library, the new hot spot on campus, has gone up 37 percent this fall.

The library has always benefited from a centralized location on campus, but it has not always been a popular gathering place. After the recent additions of a Java City coffee shop and sleek, modern furniture, students are flocking to the library to research, use the desktop computers and wireless laptop lab, and buy vanilla lattes while studying. Library director Ann Dixon says, "The appearance is much more inviting, and students like the more relaxed atmosphere."

Brackett Library easily meets all of a study group's needs. The first floor features tables large enough to accom-

modate group projects, and quiet conversation is encouraged. To help with making handouts or posters, the multimedia center is also nearby. The second floor has four conference rooms, two of which come equipped with projectors to enhance presentation preparation.

A new library Web site facilitates use of academic resources as the facility transitions from a print-based provider to promoting more online access. Librarians selected creditable Web sites, databases and print sources for certain subjects and put them into one accessible area on the Web site. If students need assistance with research or finding materials, they can find the name and contact information of the librarian who oversees those specific research areas.

Electronic course reserves are available online and can be accessed anywhere. "Last

year, 5,838 reserve items were accessed by students," says Dixon. Brackett Library also offers more than 21,000 full-text academic journals through the University's subscriptions to online databases. Students are making frequent use of this resource.

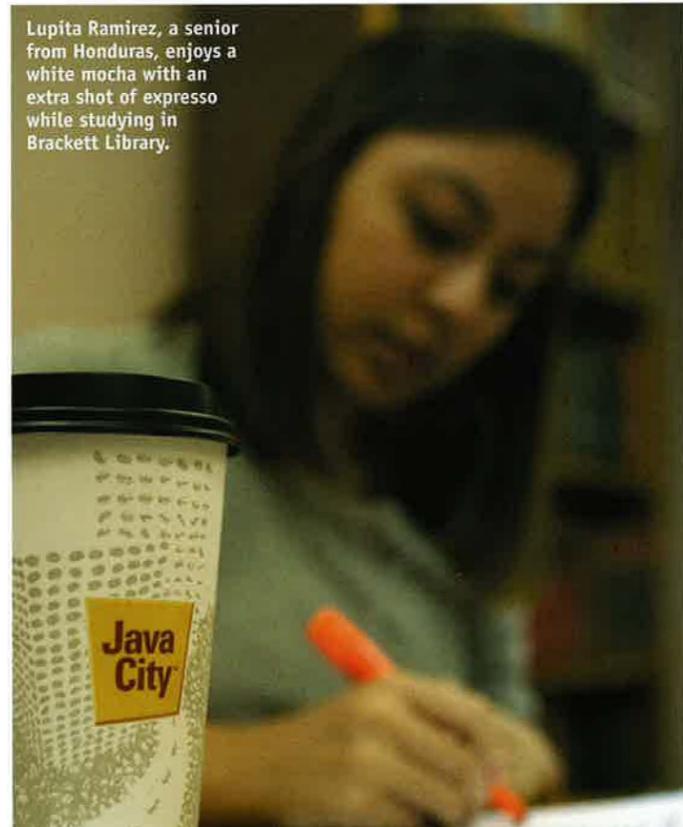
According to Dixon, for the 2007-2008 school year, 316,797 searches were made on the 73 databases provided by the library.

Another resource available to students is student workers. "Service has always been our highest priority. Student workers are trained to recognize the needs of our patrons and to help when they can, but they can also bring in a librarian when the question is more complex," Dixon says.

Neely new Trustee

A NEW FACE WAS PRESENT AT the Board of Trustees meeting during Homecoming weekend. Lundy Neely ('71), the latest addition, was announced by President David B. Burks May 9.

Hailing from Vandalia, Ohio, Neely is president and chief executive officer of Crown Solutions Inc. He serves as elder at Vandalia Church of Christ and is a member of the University Builders Circle and President's Council. He has been named to Who's Who in American Leading Executives, an Arthur Andersen Up and Comer, as well as an Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year finalist. He and his wife, Beth Geer ('70), have seven children, all of whom graduated from the University.



Lupita Ramirez, a senior from Honduras, enjoys a white mocha with an extra shot of espresso while studying in Brackett Library.

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PHOTOS BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

Spring Sing uncovers fountain of youth

ALTHOUGH SPRING SING IS turning 36 this year, the theme "Juvencence" proves that the musical revue doesn't feel a day past 15. April 9-11 the hosts and hostesses, 20-member ensemble, University Jazz Band, and seven club acts will "celebrate the energy and excitement of childhood, adolescence and young-adult life," said Director Steven Frye. "Seeing nearly 1,000 students engaged in musical parodies is juvenescence in a pure form."

The various club shows feature a car wash, the lost boys, adventures under the bed, a day at the beach in 1890, a look at geriatrics, a sock hop, and Native Americans.

"Every year is in a very real sense a first year," said Frye. "There are new directors, staff members, songs, costumes, sets, challenges and dreams. Our structure will be a little different this year. We may have a few more surprises in store."

Headlining the show are second-year host and hostesses Elizabeth Harrell, a senior vocal music education major from Brentwood, Tenn.; Logan McLain, a junior computer science major from Searcy; and Haley Jane Witt, a sophomore nursing major from Chattanooga, Tenn. Newcomer Nate White, a freshman vocal music education major from Omaha, Neb., completes the group.

Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday, April 9, and Friday, April 10, and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 11. Tickets are \$10 for Thursday's show, \$12 and \$15 for Friday night and Saturday afternoon, and \$15 for Saturday night. They may be purchased at www.hardingtickets.com.

[READING ROOM]

How Full Is Your Bucket? Positive Strategies for Work and Life by Tom Rath and Donald O. Clifton

Reviewed by Cecil Boothe, director of Northwest Arkansas Professional Center New York: Gallup Press, 2004, 128 pages

How Full Is Your Bucket? is written by a grandfather-grandson team that explores the positive psychology of everyday interactions and how these interactions can be contagious and change lives.

Dr. Don Clifton, former psychologist at University of Nebraska, began by asking the question, "Instead of focusing on what's wrong with people, what would happen if we focused on what's right with people?" The American Psychological Association recognized Clifton's work in 2002 and cited him as the "grandfather of positive psychology." That same year, he learned that he had aggressive, terminal cancer. He asked his grandson, Tom Rath, to join him in writing the book. The first draft was finished just weeks before his death.

The concept is based upon the simple metaphor of a dipper and a bucket. The author explains that in each of us there is an invisible bucket that is constantly emptied or filled. By doing things that increase positive emotions, we fill our own and other people's buckets. In the same way, by saying or doing things that decrease positive emotions, we empty our own and other people's buckets.

The events of the Korean War are used to explain how American prisoners of war felt hopeless because of the effects of negative psychological warfare. In contrast, the story of the author's own childhood is used to explain the effects of constant positive reinforcement. Other examples are used to help the reader better understand that negative experiences will slowly and surely erode our well-being, and praise and positive experiences will build us up and improve our health.

The book concludes by challenging the reader to set a goal of giving authentic praise and recognition on a regular basis. Readers are directed to a Web site (www.bucketbook.com), which provides additional resources and allows the reader to send positive comments electronically.

The Secret Adversary by Agatha Christie

Reviewed by Connie Elrod, director of North Little Rock Professional Center West Valley City, Utah: Waking Lion Press, (originally published in 1922) 2008, 268 pages

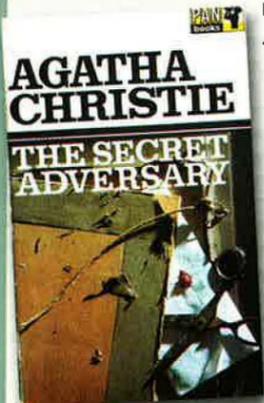
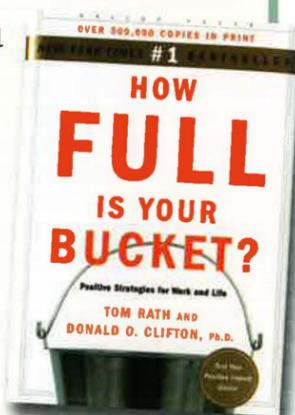
Ever since I was a young girl, mystery novels have been my favorite books. *The Happy Hollisters* mysteries were a big hit in my home growing up. Because I am a fan of mysteries, Agatha Christie is my favorite author.

Of all of the detectives Christie uses to create her stories, Hercule Poirot's quirky nature has made him my favorite. However, the latest Christie novel I read, *The Secret Adversary*, starred the detective duo of Tommy Beresford and Prudence "Tuppence" Cowley.

Tommy and Tuppence, old friends and recent World War I veterans, find themselves down on their luck and broke. They decide to start a detective firm known as the Young Adventures. Their first case involves a young girl by the name of Jane Finn who had vanished in the midst of the war with a folder of government papers.

Tommy and Tuppence overhear the name while eavesdropping on a stranger's conversation. As the reader will soon learn, there is more to Finn than meets the eyes. Mystery, danger and intrigue begin as Tommy and Tuppence unravel the story of Finn, falling in love along the way.

The pair is quickly giving Hercule Poirot a run for his money as my favorite detective. **H**



Distance Bible available for high school students

THE UNIVERSITY AND THE Institute for Church & Family will begin offering distance education Bible classes to high school students in the fall of 2009 through the Distance Delivery Bible Program.

Four freshmen level classes are being added to course listings of the College of Bible and Religion that will be available to high school students anywhere in the country. The courses are Leadership in the Old Testament, Leadership in the New Testament, Introduction to Religious Writings of the World, and Basic Introduction to Ethics.

Each of the four courses provided in this program was

selected on two criteria. First, the course content needed to be relevant to the developmental needs and interests of students preparing for college. Second, the content was designed for transferability. In other words, students who enroll in the program should be able to have a meaningful academic experience as well as college credit that will work toward degree requirements at Harding and any other institution of higher learning.

"We are confident that most of the hours we are offering this fall will be accepted at least as elective credit at most colleges and universities," said Tim Westbrook, associate director of the Institute for Church & Family. "Students who complete the courses not only have a head start on hour ac-

cumulation, but they also have a challenging experience that should help prepare them for college life, both academically and spiritually."

Current students in the Distance Delivery Bible Program receive a 50 percent scholarship on their distance Bible courses. Dual-credit or high school participants will also receive the same financial assistance. ICF hopes that by providing this scholarship, more students will be able to benefit from Christian education, no matter what college or university they eventually attend.

For more information about how to enroll and participate in the University's new dual-credit program, contact the Institute for Church & Family at 501-279-4660 or onlinebible@harding.edu.

Lectureship Forum

As part of the "Around the World in 60 Minutes" missions panel held in Cone Chapel Sept. 29, Bill Richardson discusses Central and South America after Monte Cox gives a world overview. Others on the panel included Mark Berryman (Africa), Marvin Crowson (North America), Allen Diles (Europe) and Gordon Hogan (Asia, Australia and New Zealand).

Challenges

- Balancing evangelism and relief/development ministries
- Partnering with nationals and developing leaders



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COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION

Division of Mass Communication The University's newly formed Society of Professional Journalists student chapter secured a \$500 grant from the national organization for a proposed spring journalism workshop for local high school students. **Shannon Cornett**, a freshman from Delton, Mich., wrote the proposal. The organization's officers include President **Jeremy Watson**, a senior from North Little Rock, Ark.; Vice President **Blake Mathews**, a junior from Missouri City, Texas; Treasurer **Ashton Reely**, a senior from Paragould, Ark.; and Secretary **Samantha Holschbach**, a junior from Plymouth, Wis.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Andrea Bowen, field experiences graduate assistant, and **Dr. Clara Carroll**, associate professor and chair of professional field experiences, conducted a research presentation Nov. 20 at the Arkansas Reading Association in Little Rock regarding "The Effectiveness of the Graduate Pre-candidacy National Board Certification Program at Harding University." Research shows that educators taking advantage of the National Board Certification graduate program at the University achieve NBC at a rate 10 percent higher than the national average and that the learning of their students is positively impacted.

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Gov. Mike Beebe in November appointed **Dr. Cathleen Shultz**, dean, to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing for a four-year term. She also served on the Board from 1989-1992. Shultz is president-elect of the National League of Nursing.

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Dr. Forrest Smith, associate dean of academic affairs, presented a poster at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Assessment Expo Oct. 30. **Carol Kell**, director of admissions, and **Susan Grace**, director of student affairs, worked with Smith to create the poster titled "How GPA Will Reshape Our Evaluation of Admission Criteria to Pharmacy School." Their poster was awarded the \$500 grand prize for Assessment Expos Poster Exhibit by UALR Provost's Assessment Advisory Group.

Pharmacists Mutual Companies has added the College of Pharmacy to their scholarship program. A check was received in November for the 2008-2009 scholarship to begin funding this award. >>

Point of view

Assistant Professor of Engineering **Ken Olree** gives his take on the personal applications of engineering.

What sparked your interest in engineering?

Bioengineering drew me to engineering initially. My mom advised me to do something that would make the world a better place. For me, bioengineering emphasizes using your engineering talents to help people. In some cases, like the cochlear implant, you can directly help people who can't hear to hear. To me, that's really exciting. As an engineer, you're involved in research and creating new things, and you can develop a device that could potentially help thousands of people. You have the potential to make a much bigger impact using the skills God has given you.

You worked at St. Louis Children's Hospital for five years. What were some of the projects you did there?

We looked at the way children with cerebral palsy move. We put reflective markers all over their bodies and had them walk through a room, recording where those markers moved. Later we reconstructed the three-dimensional coordinates of their movement. We also put electrodes over the muscles, primarily on those in the legs, and had the children walk over force plates in the floor. Looking at the information, we then made a recommendation as to the types of surgeries they might want to do. A physician couldn't tell just by looking which muscles were active at what times and how much activity was there. We actually measured those things, which hopefully resulted in better outcomes for patients.

Relationships with students ... I tend to see the same students year after year since I teach



sophomore- to senior-level classes. I get to know them pretty well. I have students who send me e-mails after they've graduated and ask for advice. I get wedding invitations and announcements about babies. It's neat to be able to develop close relationships like that.

Instrumentation and the iPhone ...

One of the classes I teach is Instrumentation. In this class, physical variables such as temperature, pressure, flow, stress and strain, and light intensity are measured and converted into an electrical signal that a computer can read and use to create something interesting. For instance, you can twist and turn iPhones, and the screen turns to whichever way is up. An ac-

celerometer inside measures the acceleration of gravity, telling it which way is down when the screen is turned.

The job market ...

We've had a lot of different employers hire our graduates. I've had students call or e-mail me and say that they went on a job interview and had an offer immediately after the interview. Huntsville, Ala., has been kind of a hot zone for our students. Many of them have gone there and found a lot of success. Most have jobs lined up before they graduate, and others are finding them pretty quickly once they are out.

With the economy in a recession, do you think these jobs will take a hit? I don't think we're seeing any

decrease in the interest of hiring engineers. In fact we've had a large proportion of engineering managers tell us as recently as October that they're still looking to hire. Even though the economy may slow down a little bit, I'm not anticipating any significant decrease in interest in hiring our students.

Where do you think engineering is headed?

In the U.S., greener alternatives and alternative energy will be two of the biggest demands for engineers. The need for better-maintained infrastructure will be another demand, making what we have now work better. Looking at the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Web site, two fields of engineering are expected to grow faster than average for all job categories. One is environmental engineering, and the other is bioengineering. Environmental engineering is concerned with how to make the environment cleaner and better. Bioengineering is concerned with improving healthcare and developing better medical devices. In bioengineering, a much bigger need for medical devices will surface because more people will get their care from home. With these devices, information can be sent back to a physician or hospital. **H**

Dr. Ken Olree is an assistant professor of engineering in the College of Sciences. A Searcy native, he holds a Ph.D. in bioengineering from the University of Utah. Prior to teaching at the University, he worked at St. Louis Children's Hospital in Missouri. During the summer of 2008, he consulted for G6 Inc., a Salt Lake City company, aiding in the design of a device for blocking nerve impulses using large, time-varying magnetic fields. This work incorporated information he developed as a part of his doctoral studies. A portion of this research is currently under review for a patent with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY



Your name could be on a brick surrounding the Kenneth Davis Fountain in the heart of campus.

Plans announced for new brick walkways

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF the University now have another opportunity to be part of the school's history. Two more areas of historical interest on campus have been designated for brick-paved walkways.

The first walkway will surround the Kenneth Davis Fountain at the center of campus. The second will surround the Bell Tower near Pattie Cobb Residence Hall. Both projects are part of the Paving the Way fundraising project.

Previously alumni and friends had the opportunity to buy inscribed bricks on the plaza in front of Benson Auditorium or on the front lawn walk between the American Studies and Olen Hendrix buildings.

In the new project, bricks will first be placed around the Davis Fountain. Once that area is filled, bricks then will be placed on the walkway around the Bell Tower.

Gifts of \$125 will be recognized with a four-inch by eight-inch inscribed brick. The bricks can be inscribed with one to four lines of text with up to 15 characters per line. Funds from the sale of the bricks go toward scholarships awarded by the University.

"These walkways will become a part of two historic areas of the campus," said Dr. Jim Carr, executive vice president. "Bricks are a great way to recognize a graduation, birthday, wedding, anniversary or other special achievements. Donors may also wish to purchase a brick as a memorial to honor a friend or family member, an alumnus, or a special faculty or staff member of the University."

Ordering your brick is simple. Complete the card included in this issue of the magazine and mail it to the address on the form with a check payable to Paving the Way project. If you want to purchase more than one, simply copy the card for each additional brick and send the forms together with your check.

Book to fund scholarships

TOPPER LONG, FORMER CEO of Textron Engine Marine and Land Systems, is donating the profits of his recently published book to the University's Lois and Eunice Scholarship Fund.

While writing the book, *Gullible's Travels: Leadership Lessons for Your Journey Through Life's Jungle*, Long and his wife, Carole, decided to give the proceeds to the fund.

The book encourages business professionals to "do what's right" in today's fast-paced world. "It's truly a jungle out there, and we all need guidance if we're going to survive with Christian values intact," said Long.

The Lois and Eunice Scholarships began in 1997 when the Longs created the fund to help deserving and financially disadvantaged female students.

Last year eight young women were the beneficiaries of scholarships. This year the Longs anticipate helping 12 to 15 women through the fund.

Gullible's Travels may be purchased at www.CornerStoneLeadership.com.

FACEBOOK FACTS

Top reads in the Harding network:

- The Bible
- Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling
- Blue Like Jazz* by Donald Miller 1984
- by George Orwell
- Chronicles of Narnia* series by C.S. Lewis
- Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
- Lord of the Rings* trilogy by J.R.R. Tolkien

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

continued
Walgreens, the nation's largest retail pharmacy chain, made a \$30,000 gift to the College of Pharmacy in October. The College will use the funds for supplies and equipment in the pharmaceutical compounding laboratory. It is the largest gift received to date designated for student laboratories. Pharmacy students will begin using the laboratory this semester.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

Department of Biology
Garrett Sheumaker of Lakeland, Fla., a senior biology major, won first place for his oral presentation in biological sciences at the Arkansas Infrastructure for Biomedical Research Excellence 2008 Research Conference Nov. 7-8 at University of Arkansas.

Department of Engineering and Physics

Gregory Lyons of Hudsonville, Mich., a senior physics, mathematics and computer science major, won third place for his poster presentation in physics at the Arkansas Infrastructure for Biomedical Research Excellence 2008 Research Conference Nov. 7-8 at University of Arkansas.

Department of Chemistry

Lori Wheeler of Ward, Ark., a senior biochemistry and molecular biology major, took second place for her poster presentation in biological sciences at the Arkansas Infrastructure for Biomedical Research Excellence 2008 Research Conference Nov. 7-8 at University of Arkansas.

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

Dr. Beth Wilson, professor and chair, served as proposal reviewer for the education and enrichment section of the National Council on Family Relations' 70th annual conference Nov. 5-8 in Little Rock, Ark. NCFR also renewed certification for the department's family life education program.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Alan Elrod, a sophomore history major from Searcy, won second place in the Tuscan American Association's Quizme competition Nov. 13. His prize was a spa weekend in Saturnia. Elrod spent the fall semester at the University's International Program in Florence, Italy.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Jennifer Harris Hannigan ('08) joined the University as publications writer Oct. 13.

Playing for the cure

By SCOTT GOODE, sports information director

THE IDEA STARTED OUT small. Drawing on an event held last season by the women's basketball team, women's volleyball coach Keith Giboney and graduate assistant Meredith Rosenbaum organized a fundraising effort for breast cancer awareness at one of their matches in October during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Originally, they planned for the team to wear pink uniforms and to possibly pass around a basket for donations.

"It was going to be really simple," says Rosenbaum. "Then coach Giboney came up with the idea of giving the proceeds to Lori Griffin ('92) Newby." Newby, who is battling breast cancer, is a fourth-grade teacher at Searcy's McRae Elementary and the wife of Harding Academy coach Jon Newby ('94).

The event began to grow when Rosenbaum decided to involve women's soccer. "I know coach [Greg] Harris, so I asked him if his team wanted to join us. We also decided to see if the football team and cheerleaders wanted to be involved, and then we asked [Harding Academy head volleyball coach] Michal Giboney to help get the Academy involved."

As the project grew, Rosenbaum chose the title "Play for the Cure" and decided to sell pink T-shirts. Seeking help for the best way to promote the occasion, she enlisted Assistant Professor of Marketing Lori Sloan, who helped her find five volunteers from the American Marketing Association. Without the students, Rosenbaum says she could not have carried out the event.

Rosenbaum and her volunteers made their first appearance at the Oct. 4 football game against Southern Arkansas University. The next event was the Lady Bison soccer game Oct. 5 against University of West Florida, followed by the volleyball team's match against University of Arkansas-Monticello Oct. 7. Students were encouraged to "pink out" the stands at the Oct. 11 football game against Ouachita Baptist University. The effort also included a Harding Academy volleyball

Dressed in pink, junior Sarah Phipps from Memphis, Tenn., returns the ball to help the Lady Bisons defeat University of Arkansas-Monticello in five sets. Even the opposition got in the spirit of "Play for the Cure," donning pink ribbons.



match and culminated at an Academy football game Oct. 17.

In addition to fans, the athletes showed their support as well. At the football game, the Bisons wore pink ribbon decals on their helmets, and the cheerleaders waved pink pompoms. The soccer and volleyball teams wore pink jerseys for their games. The volleyball team's jerseys

were donated by Kirk ('87) and Diane Tepe, parents of senior setter Leah.

After the last game, "Play for the Cure" had sold almost 1,000 T-shirts and raised nearly \$5,500.

"We gave a portion of the proceeds to the Susan G. Komen Foundation and the rest to the Newbys," says Rosenbaum. "Both were very grateful." **H**

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[ROUNDUP]

Lady runners 20th at nationals

SUFFERING FROM THE EFFECTS OF EXTREME COLD and, for at least two members of the women's cross country team, their first-ever encounters with snow, the Lady Bisons placed 20th of 24 teams at the NCAA Division II National Meet Nov. 22 in Slippery Rock, Pa.

The top Lady Bison finisher was sophomore Rysper Sirma, who placed 90th in 23 minutes 38 seconds. Junior Esther Komen placed 102nd in 23:47, junior Katy Grant was 126th in 24:09, freshman Gladys Kimtai was 138th in 24:24, and junior Gosia Drazkowska placed 156th in 24:54.

The team won its fourth consecutive Gulf South Conference Women's Cross-Country Championship, claiming the top three individual spots for 22 total points. The Lady Bisons finished second at regionals in Searcy with 47 points. Sirma was the team's top runner and finished in fifth place in 22:38.

Football offense breaks records

THE 2008 FOOTBALL TEAM STRUGGLED to a 2-9 record, dropping six games by eight points or less, but arguably had the best offense in the history of the program. The Bisons compiled 5,051 yards in 11 games, surpassing the 5,000-yard plateau for the first time. The majority of those yards, 4,187, came through the air.

Leading the offense was a trio of wide receivers. Junior Kurt Adams broke the team's single-season record with 1,122 receiving yards on 61 receptions. Adams, who had 11 receiving touchdowns, earned Second-Team All-GSC honors. Sophomore Jordan Watson was second with 808 receiving yards on 51 receptions, and junior Zac Ross led the team with 65 receptions for 523 yards. Quarterback David Knighton completed 57 percent of his passes for 3,834 yards and 24 touchdowns.

Senior left guard Ross Conn was also a key ingredient in the offense. Conn started all 42 games in his career and earned All-GSC honors three times.

Defensively, senior linebacker Sevohn Greer earned All-GSC honors after leading the team with 99 tackles, 13 tackles for loss and 6 sacks. He also broke the Bison record with seven forced fumbles. Sophomore linebacker Jason Thomasson was second on the team with 89 tackles.

Special teams took two All-GSC awards. Junior Daniel Phipps was selected First-Team All-GSC, and senior Ryan Ferrell connected on a school-record 18 field goals, earning Second-Team honors.

Men's soccer returns to tourney

THE MEN'S SOCCER TEAM SET a program record for Gulf South Conference wins and qualified for its second straight GSC Tournament in 2008. Under the direction of GSC Coach of the Year, Dr. Greg Harris, the Bisons went 3-3 in conference play with each of the losses coming by only one goal. The season concluded with a 3-1 loss to University of Montevallo in the semifinals of the conference tournament.

The team, which set a school record with 43 goals scored, had four players earn All-GSC honors. Scoring team-high 11 goals, freshman Phillip McCormick was a First-Team honoree and GSC Freshman of the Year. Senior Odie Guzman was also First Team and tied for the lead with five assists. Second-Team honorees included senior Carter Truax (6 goals, 5 assists) and junior Chad Marshall (2 goals, 2 assists).

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With Marshall as its top defender, the defense tied a school record with five shutouts.

Brandon tops for women's soccer

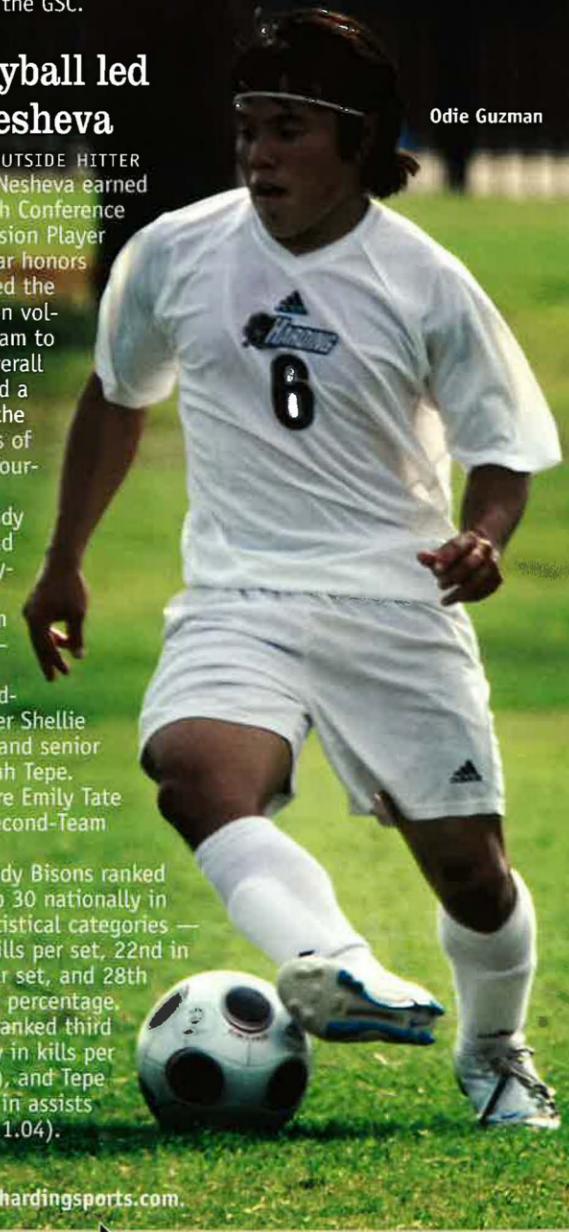
THE 2008 WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM PLAYED its season with only one senior, forward Lauren Stark, but the play of underclassmen showed that there are good things to come for the Lady Bisons. One of those highlights was freshman forward Chelsea Brandon who earned Gulf South Conference Freshman of the Year after tying a school record with 17 goals, nearly half of the team's 39-goal tally for the season. Junior midfielder Minnie Guzman joined Brandon on the GSC's post-season honor roll. Guzman, who had two goals and six assists, earned Second-Team All-GSC. The Lady Bisons finished the season with a 7-9-1 overall record and a 2-5-1 record in the GSC.

Volleyball led by Nesheva

JUNIOR OUTSIDE HITTER Manuela Nesheva earned Gulf South Conference West Division Player of the Year honors and helped the Lady Bison volleyball team to a 24-9 overall record and a berth in the semifinals of the GSC Tournament.

The Lady Bisons had three players earn First-Team All-GSC — Nesheva, senior middle blocker Shellie Rummer, and senior setter Leah Tepe. Sophomore Emily Tate earned Second-Team honors.

The Lady Bisons ranked in the top 30 nationally in three statistical categories — 20th in kills per set, 22nd in assists per set, and 28th in hitting percentage. Nesheva ranked third nationally in kills per set (4.59), and Tepe was 15th in assists per set (11.04).



Odie Guzman

Editor's note: Not only were they racing against 23 other top teams in the country, Bison cross country members found a formidable foe in Mother Nature as well at the NCAA Division II Nationals Nov. 22 in Slippery Rock, Pa. ■ Sub-freezing temperatures and snow took their toll on the No. 3 ranked Bisons, finishing sixth overall. ■ Freshman Daniel Kirwa, who opened his career with seven straight victories, finished seventh with a time of 31 minutes, 30 seconds, well behind his regional time of 29:58. He and senior Artur Kern, who placed 15th in 31:41, earned All-America honors. ■ Arkansas Democrat-Gazette writer Doug Crise gives a compelling glimpse into the team, which appeared the day before Nationals.

Defenders of the SPEAR

By DOUG CRISE, © ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

THE SPEAR WAS JULIUS KOSGEI'S IDEA. ■ To hear Kosgei explain it, a spear means having something worth protecting. It means feeling connected enough with those around you to stand between them and any threat from the outside world.

That line of thinking is right up Kosgei's alley. And if it means the Harding University men's cross country team gets more than a few stares when it arrives at meets carrying a large spear, that's just fine.

"In Kenya, the spear is what you use as a matter of defending

yourself," said Kosgei, a senior and one of four Kenyans on the roster. "If you have the spear, no enemy can threaten you." At least as far as running is concerned, no one has threatened the Bisons.

Hardly anyone has even caught the Bisons. Harding heads to Slippery Rock, Pa., for Saturday's NCAA Division II

cross country championships with an outside shot at winning a national title.

While Bisons coach Steve Guymon said, "everyone's got to run perfect" to topple national powers like Abilene Christian and Chico State, perfection is something the Bisons are used to.

Thanks to undefeated freshman Daniel Kirwa, another Kenyan, Harding is 7 for 7 in individual titles this season. As a team, the Bisons have claimed both the Gulf South Conference and Division II South Regional titles, recording a perfect team score in both championships by placing five runners in the top five.

Even by the standards of collegiate running, where foreign addresses are common, the Harding roster is a mishmash of

American and international cultures. Stateside, the Bisons sport athletes from Chicago to Alabama to Connecticut. Beyond American borders, Harding has two Polish runners to go with the four Kenyans.

Guymon, previously an assistant coach at University of Kansas and head coach at Cordova (Tenn.) High School, was encouraged to maintain a foreign pipeline after replacing coach Bryan Phillips six years ago.



Trying to dress for wintry weather, Daniel Kirwa races at Nationals in Slippery Rock, Pa.

The challenge for Guymon hasn't been finding the athletes — connections from the Phillips regime plus Harding's overseas missionary work laid the groundwork before his arrival — but rather finding athletes who can compete at the national level while fitting in at a school with strict codes of moral and spiritual conduct.

Guymon has managed that. An added bonus that he didn't count on was what he called the "great amount of fun" that resulted from watching a team separated by language, background and culture form friendships that will last far beyond college.

Sometimes, that coming together meant recognizing the realities of life on a continent scarred by war and poverty. When Polish runner Artur Kern went with Kosgei to his home of Timbora, Kenya, last Christmas, the two were forced to flee the city because of violence resulting from a recent political election.

"I was not so much worried," Kosgei said. "If it were a matter of going to war, I would go. But for him, he was kind of worried."

Meanwhile, the arrival of Kirwa, who is expected to battle Chico State senior Scott Bauhs for the individual national title, has taught the foreign runners a very American concept: taking a lesser role for the good of the team.

"I used to be maybe No. 1," said senior James Cheruiyot, another Kenyan.

"It's not good to have one runner who's No. 1 and another runner who's No. 100. You need all the runners to pull closer together." In doing so, the Bisons — spear in hand — have spent a season pulling away from the field.

"None of us are from here, so we form our own family," Kosgei said. "And people from the same family walk together." **H**



Steve Guymon

Constructing a course

FOR THE CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS, running in the NCAA Division II South Region Meet had always involved a road trip, either on a bus or in vans to Memphis, Tenn., Huntsville, Ala., or Florida. Not this year. With a berth in the NCAA Division II national meet on the line, Bison and Lady Bison runners woke up in their own beds, drove four miles north of Searcy to the Wyldewood Retreat Center, and took care of business.

The Bisons accomplished a first for the men's cross country team, with a perfect score of 15 points. The Lady Bisons also gained one of the two national-meet berths with a second-place finish.

The home-course advantage came mostly due to the work of head coach Steve Guymon and a little encouragement from an optimistic student assistant.

In 2006 at the regional meet in Memphis, Tenn., no one bid to host the 2008 regional meet. Guymon's student assistant Holly Skelton looked at him and asked, "Why don't you bid?" Guymon answered, "Because we don't have a course." Skelton replied, "We will by then."

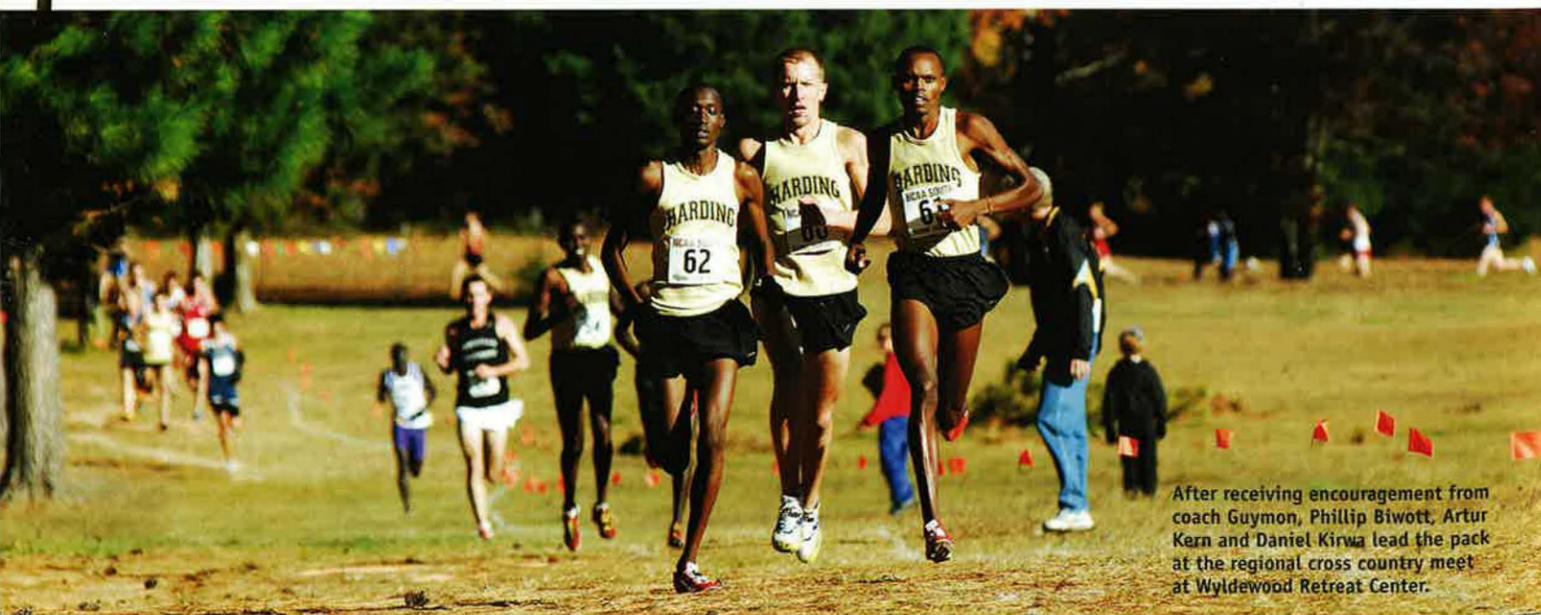
So Guymon volunteered to host the meet, and the region's coaches confirmed Harding as the host institution. Within 10 days, the University had to submit a bid to the NCAA about a course it did not have, but the NCAA accepted the bid and work began.

Guymon says that he wanted a course that was different than most of the courses they run on, usually a golf course or a large park. "Wyldewood is made up of rugged horse pastures," he said.

After designing the course, Guymon had a bulldozer blaze a trail through the hill in the woods. His sons and some student athletes filled holes, cleared trees, removed rocks and spread mulch throughout the trail. They added two gates so runners could cross the road, spent many hours cutting the course, and, because it is a pasture, removed droppings.

After the course was completed, the teams trained on it twice a week. Senior Julius Kosgei named the course "The Spear," which led to the teams' 2008 motto "Defend the Spear," which they said before each meet for motivation. It worked. **H**

— Scott Goode



After receiving encouragement from coach Guymon, Phillip Biwott, Artur Kern and Daniel Kirwa lead the pack at the regional cross country meet at Wyldewood Retreat Center.

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Mixing the **NEW** with the **OLD**

By JENNIFER HANNIGAN,

photography by JEFF MONTGOMERY



OMECOMING WEEKEND 2008 WAS A TIME FOR REMEMBERING PAST events while looking forward to things to come. Adding to all of the traditional festivities, newness was celebrated with the dedication of the Center for Health Sciences. >>





Physician Assistant students Kendyl Washburn, Ian Miller, David Pritchett and Jason McCandless and Pharmacy student LeAnne Foley witness the Center for Health Sciences dedication.

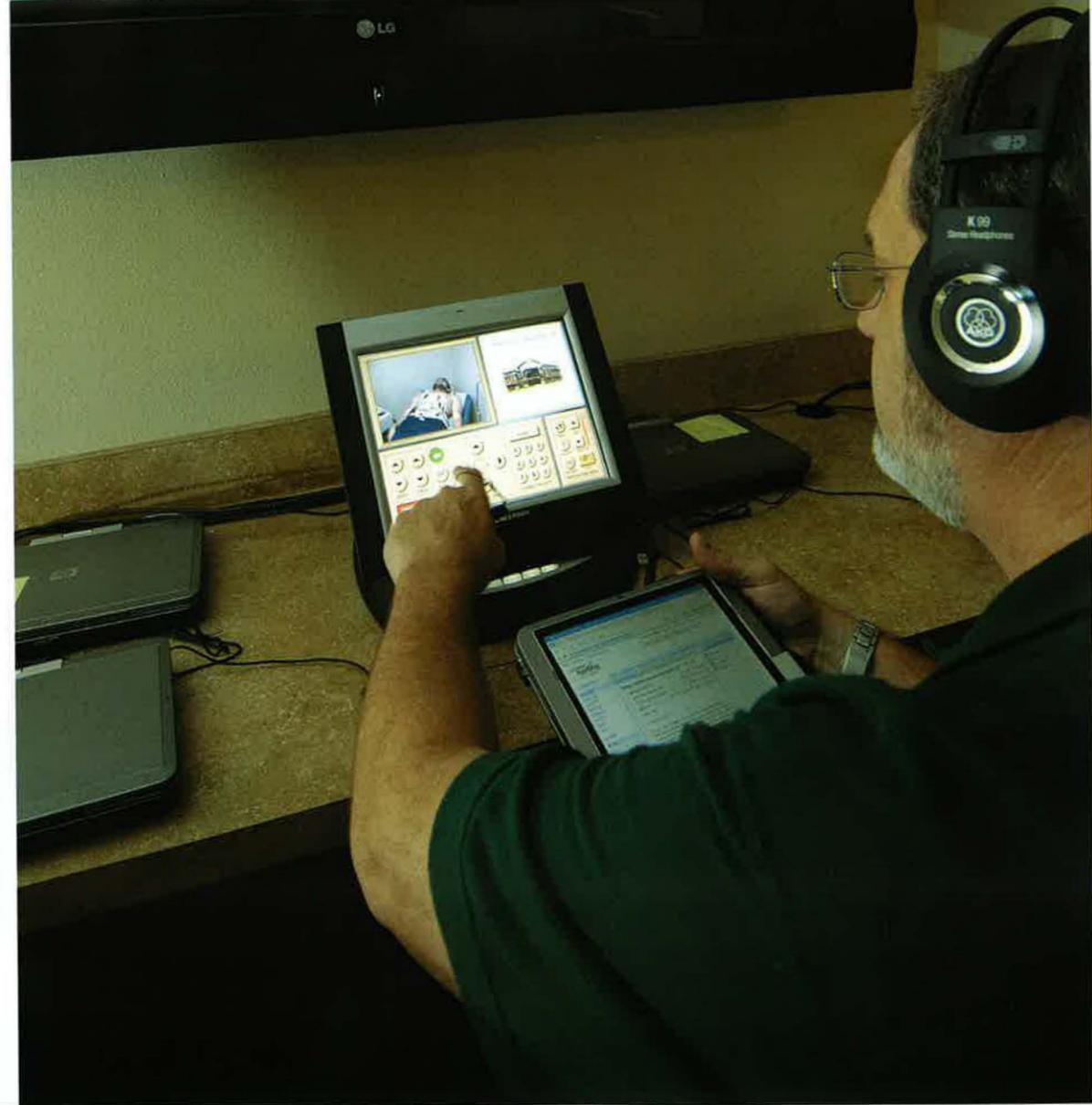
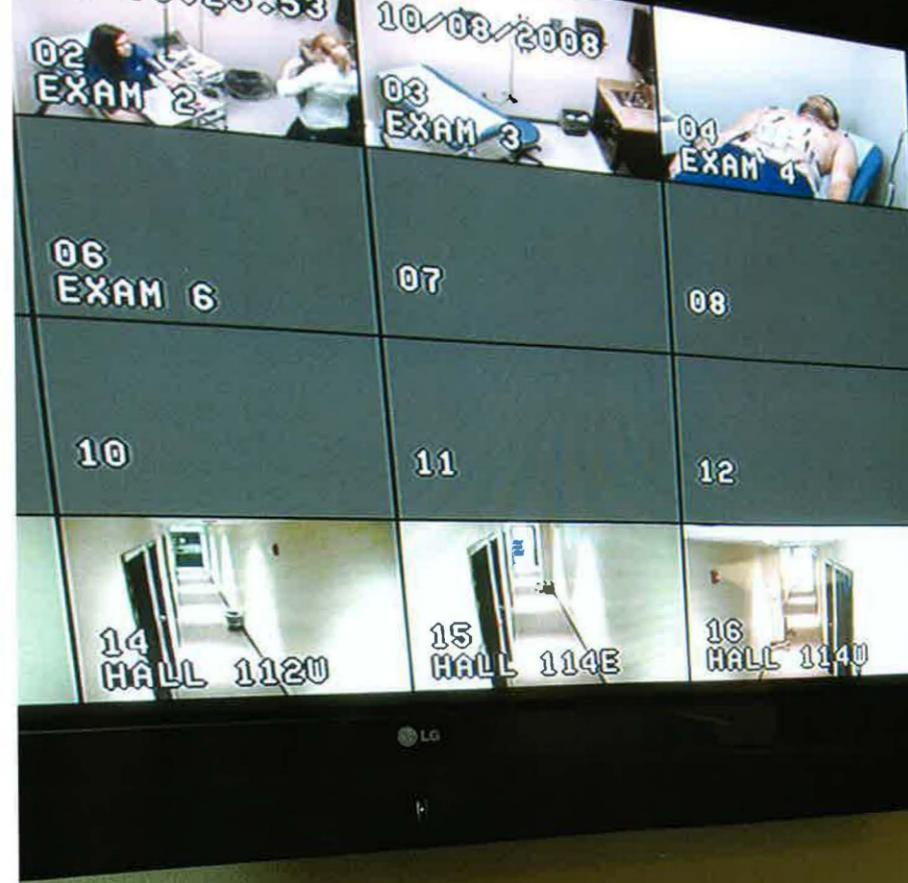


Bob Diles ('61) enjoys holding his grandson Colt while in the COP-PA Kettle Café for refreshments with his daughter-in-law Amanda Wooldridge Diles following the Center for Health Sciences dedication. Amanda was a member of the first Physician Assistant graduating class in 2007.

The faculty, staff and students from the College of Pharmacy and Physician Assistant Program, along with members of the University and Searcy communities, gathered in front of the new building Oct. 24. Although shadowed by the Center, the pharmacy and physician assistant students' white coats shown as brightly as their excited smiles. For them, the dedication of this building was more than a place for classes but where they would be primed for their chosen careers.

President David B. Burks opened the ceremony noting the importance of the programs housed within the center. "Obviously, it's about more than a building, it's about people," said Burks. "It's about the cooperation and the partnership that exists between the faculty and the students, and it's a marvelous thing to see."

College of Pharmacy Dean Julie Hixson-Wallace and Physician Assistant Program Director Mike Murphy each spoke, along with student representatives from both programs, thanking those involved and looking ahead to what is to come. >>



Dr. Mike Murphy ('77), Physician Assistant Program medical director, displays some of the technology available in the patient skills center.

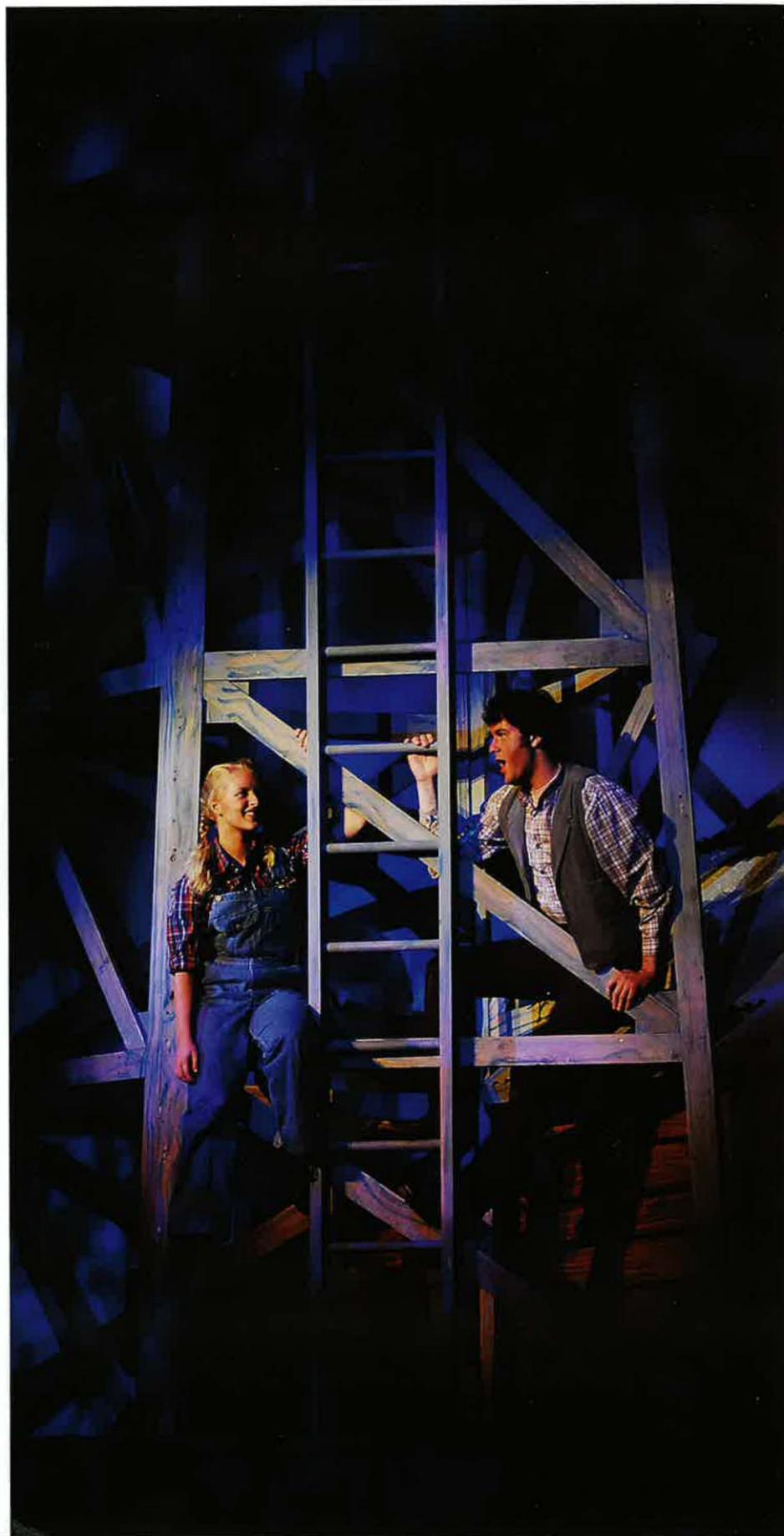


■ Proudly, Mike Canterbury poses with his daughter, Catherine, after her halftime selection as Homecoming Queen. Catherine is a senior from Nashville, Tenn.



■ Thundering Herd freshman Michelle Thomas of Cabot, Ark., performs during halftime of the Homecoming game.

■ "Oklahoma!" featured senior Elizabeth Harrell of Brentwood, Tenn., as Laurey and senior David Walton of Nashville, Tenn., as Curly.



member of the first pharmacy class, Janice McKean, who moved her family to Searcy to enroll, expressed her enthusiasm for being a part of the new college at the University. "I hope that we can help Harding gain a reputation of being a top-notch college of pharmacy," said McKean, "a school that is known for its high academic standards and, more importantly, using our talents to serve God."

Sarah Spear, a first-year P.A. student from Little Rock, Ark., commented on the University's commitment to learning. "This building and the faculty in the P.A. and pharmacy programs are evidence of that dedication," said Spear. "The Center for Health Sciences is not only something that the University can be proud of, but also the town of Searcy and the state of Arkansas."

The dedication helped kick off the weekend's events, which included class, club and department reunions; Bison Stampede 5K run; Black and Gold Banquet; and tailgating before the football game. Friday and Saturday nights alumni and students filled Benson Auditorium to enjoy the Homecoming musical, "Oklahoma!" On Friday night the musical was followed by a reunion of its own, allowing the cast of the 1982 production to meet their 2008 counterparts.

"We dedicate this building to the glory of God," Burks said, closing the ceremony Friday. "And we promise and pledge that we're going to do everything we can to be true to his principles, to teach his word, and to truly make a difference in this world." ■

■ Intently focused, Dr. Tim ('73) and Barbara Duke ('78) of Searcy attend the Center for Health Sciences dedication. The Beene Student Activity Center in the new building was provided by a gift from the Dukes and their children, Dr. Jacob Duke ('03) of Nashville, Tenn., and Layne Duke ('05) Neese of Little Rock, Ark. The Center is named for Barbara's parents, the late Dr. Horace Beene and his wife, Hazel, of Magnolia, Ark.



■ Connecting at the Homecoming barbecue in Ganus Athletic Center, Frances Neal of Cleveland, Miss., talks with former faculty members Marilee ('58) and Bobby Coker ('56).

Learning kindness, dignity and respect

Nursing gerontology program rapidly turns into award winner

By JENNIFER HANNIGAN,

photograph by BEN ZWEIG



A GRANT GIVEN ONLY ONE YEAR AGO HAS BECOME THE IMPETUS to an Award of Excellence for the College of Nursing.

In October 2007, the College received a grant from The John A. Hartford Foundation Institute for Geriatric Nursing, which enabled Dean Cathleen Shultz and Elizabeth Lee, assistant professor of nursing, to attend a faculty development institute in Atlanta. They were given “volumes of free information” said Shultz. “We came away saturated with information. It would have taken us years to gather it on our own.”

This information allowed Shultz, Lee, professors and students to incorporate the latest studies and techniques in elder care into the College’s gerontology program. The “long and painful [process] paid off in the end,” said Lee.

As a result of the innovative program, the College of Nursing received the 2008 Award for Excellence in Gerontological Nursing Education for the category of Baccalaureate-Level Curricular Innovation. The national honor was presented by the John A. Hartford Foundation and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Oct. 19. The recognition included \$500 and the opportunity to present at the national workshop in December 2008.

Because Arkansas ranks in the top five states with the highest elderly population in the country, the College knew the need for gerontology education was great. The number of Americans age 55 and older will almost double between now and 2030 as the baby boomers begin to reach retirement age, according to Lee. “The medical community is not equipped in any theory to care for this large number,

especially in nursing,” said Lee.

A major component of the new curriculum was the introduction of an Ombudsman Program, which trained nursing students to become certified advocates for elders in long-term living facilities — the first of its kind in the nation. The goal of the program was to place students in long-term elder care facilities and give them the opportunity to connect with residents. The students are trained in state and national regulations and are able to identify any changes that should be made. Through their relationships with the elderly, they strive to empower their patients.

Students are also taught methods of improving the elders’ health. “The key to elder care is keeping the patient mobile and healthy,” said Shultz. “So many good medicines and treatments are out there now that, if you can get elders into care earlier, they’re going to have a better quality of life.” By keeping elders healthy, countless medical costs are cut in addition to a decrease in tax dollars spent, “which is a win-win for everybody,” Shultz said.

In its fourth semester, the Ombudsman Program has produced more than 100 certified advocates. “They are like ambassadors for nursing and elder care,” said Shultz. “The students are going back to their communities or to different countries and showing the places where they work the information they’ve learned. It’s a huge ripple effect.”

Along with the Ombudsman Program, the College of Nursing incorporated nu-

From their journals ...

“Many of the residents [of the facilities] had enjoyable jobs, families and normal lives just like me. It was amazing how much I found that they were older versions of me.” — Samantha Jones, senior

“I have seen a trend toward viewing aging as a natural and graceful process, almost like a rite of passage.” — Sarah Fraser, senior

“I never really thought of myself as an elderly person. Now I realize that my view of my aged-self now will really impact who I become. Treating the elderly like you want to be treated is the best you can do.” — Elizabeth Allen, ‘08

“I found it so important to take the time to actually sit down and talk to those who really needed a listening ear. That’s what an advocate and volunteer should be about.” — Julissa Lynn ‘07

merous volunteer efforts and international campaigns to allow its students to see the care of elders elsewhere. Harding in Zambia was co-founded by the College and gives students the opportunity to explore elder culture in Africa. Associate Professor Janice Bingham takes a group of nursing students to Tanzania during spring break while Assistant Professor Lisa Engel and her group visit Haiti. All of the experiences broaden the students’ outlooks on elders in varying cultures.

Through the changes to the program and the interactions it produced, student feedback became increasingly positive, with 95 percent of graduating seniors stating that their attitudes toward the elderly have improved. The students were a major part of the change, but “ultimately the biggest instigator is the Lord,” said Lee. “He tells us to treat people with kindness, dignity and respect.”

It is by teaching these ideals that the College of Nursing has not only produced an award-winning program but has also molded Christian stewards — an even more rewarding result. **H**

College of Nursing Dean Cathleen Shultz and Assistant Professor Elizabeth Lee share the joy of their Award for Excellence in Gerontological Nursing Education with New York University Dean Terry Fulmer and American Association of Colleges of Nursing President Fay Raines.



Earning a Ph.D. T O D A Y

By JENNIFER HANNIGAN,

photography by JEFF MONTGOMERY

Meet the Ph.D.s:

- **Denise Fisher** is an instructor in the department of family and consumer sciences. She received her doctorate from Iowa State University in Ames.
- **Deveryle James** is a new assistant professor in the English department who earned her degree at University of Buffalo in New York.
- **Frank McCown**, assistant professor of computer science, attended Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va.
- **Jim Miller** is an instructor in the College of Communication and received his Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

SHAKESPEARE ONCE MUSED, "WHAT'S IN A NAME? That which we call a rose, by any other name, would smell as sweet."

However, each year for a select group of professors, earning the three little letters at the end of their names smells the sweetest of all. ■ For some, such as Denise Fisher, the journey to earn a Ph.D. is a long process, with doctoral classes and dissertation research worked around their teaching schedule at the University. ■ Others choose a different approach. Deveryle James, Frank McCown and Jim Miller all chose to leave the place they called home to immerse themselves in their doctoral work. Although their disciplines and alma maters differ, their struggles, triumphs and ultimate goals are similar. >>

What made you go back to school?

James: While attending a community college [in Houston], I met this amazing professor. She was a little, fiery, enthusiastic woman, and she told me that I needed to go on and get my Ph.D. I thought I was doing well where I was, just plodding along, but she saw something in me and told me I needed to go. And that lit the fire in me. I made up my mind to go, and she encouraged me all along the way.

Miller: I've always wanted to get my Ph.D. I believe that higher education is an incredible opportunity to expand your mind and to think about things you've never thought about before. That has always appealed to me.

Fisher: I went back because Dr. Ellen Daniel, who worked at Harding, came to me while I was teaching adjunct courses and said that I really needed to get my doctorate. I had never thought about it before, but she encouraged me to go.

Why did you decide to go away and get your Ph.D.?

Miller: I wanted to immerse myself in the pursuit of my Ph.D., so I decided to work on it full time. I didn't want to have to teach full time and also work on my degree. Leaving gave me the opportunity to be in a completely different educational context.

McCown: By leaving, I could be completely engrossed in my

schoolwork and not have to balance that with my teaching. I could just focus and do what I needed to do.

James: I lived in Houston before I went to University of Buffalo. I had just graduated from University of Houston and could have stayed in the South since I've lived here most of my life, but I wanted to go somewhere different.

How did you adjust to living in a new place?

Fisher: All of the students in my cohort lived in a learning community for each three-week course. The program had rented a sorority house, and we all stayed together. It was a huge bonding experience because we were pressured to get so much done during those weeks that we would get together at night and have study sessions. It really made us close.

Miller: My wife and I loved our three years in Knoxville. It gave us the opportunity to establish friendships and relationships at a new church, and it broadened our horizons. We found a church that we just loved. It sponsors the Christian student center at U.T., so we were able to work with a lot of wonderful students. We were able to get really involved with that congregation.

James: Coming from Texas to New York was exciting and new. However, the weather was the worst part. During the winter, I had to layer up every day to go outside. It was like putting on a uniform with my boots, coats and scarves. Fortunately, I had good friends and a good church home, and I had contact with family and my mentor back home. They were all very encouraging.

McCown: At school, I developed several friendships. I had fellow Ph.D. students with whom I shared an office, so we became good friends. I also got to know the other master's and doctoral students, the faculty, and my adviser really well. My wife and I found a really good church that became the core of our friendships there.

Was it difficult to leave once your doctoral work was finished and return to Harding?

Miller: Frankly, it's been hard. Three years is just enough time to really build relationships. We had become part of that culture and church. Trying to figure out where we fit back in is part of the struggle. But being able to work with such talented and gracious faculty and students here has made the transition easier.

McCown: When we were going to Virginia, I kept telling my wife that I wanted it to hurt when we left. It would mean that we had genuinely made some good friendships. And that ended up being true. Coming back was hard. When we returned, it was like starting over.

Deveryle James



Frank McCown

James: When I left Buffalo, I came to Harding to work. The transition has been great. My colleagues here are wonderful. I really feel like part of the gang. They have really made it a pleasant process for me.

Explain your dissertation topic.

Miller: I qualitatively investigated how public college administrators balance the First Amendment rights of the student press and the broader welfare interests of their campuses. I am a former director of Harding's student publications and worked with students on the *Petit Jean* yearbook and *Bison* newspaper. Student press law is one of the biggest issues that college media advisers face. One of the first classes I took at U.T. was on communications law. In that class, I wrote a paper about student press law, and, through the help of my professors, I realized that topic was something I could pursue.

McCown: My dissertation was on something called lazy preservation. It's essentially about reconstructing lost Web sites. If a Web site were to totally disappear, how would you get that Web site back if you didn't have a backup? By getting copies of the Web page from various locations and bringing them together, you can rebuild the Web site as best you can. I describe how you can use Google, the Internet Archive, and a variety of other Web entities to find lost Web pages.

Fisher: My dissertation was a narrative inquiry looking at young, up-and-coming women who had emerged as leaders in the field of family and consumer sciences. I listened to their stories and looked at what it meant for them to be in their position. My whole purpose was to see what we can do to produce more heads of our profession.

James: I have always been interested in women's literature and have noticed that women are always sort of special characters. They can either stop the action or act as a catalyst for the action in the novel. I've always loved film as well, so when I went to University of Buffalo, I majored in comparative literature, which speaks to different genres from visual text to printed text. I also knew that I wanted to use the topic of women, but I wasn't sure how to narrow that down. I chose to look at violence toward women after working in a domestic shelter and decided to take a historical view of it through film and literature.

Describe the research process.

Miller: While researching my dissertation, I traveled to different colleges and spent hours interviewing college administrators. I learned a lot about higher education in the Southeast and about the

struggle administrators have working with student press. In my course work, I tried to gear my papers toward that one topic. In the end, I was able to take those papers and change, edit, and use them toward my dissertation.

James: It was a lot of trial and error for me, but I was really excited to have the chance to write about something I was interested in. I was selective in the films I chose. I watched more than 35, but I chose to write about 16 of them. I looked at the different ways the law affected how women were treated. At first, a woman had to prove that violence had occurred. It was her word against a man's. Once the feminism movement started, things began to change, and I wanted to track that change. I began to notice a pattern as I watched the films. The more a woman deviated from a standard and the mainstream, the more graphic the violence became.

McCown: Before I could begin research on my dissertation, I had to pass a very rigorous test on different fields of computer science. Once you pass that at a high enough level, you can decide on your dissertation topic, which involves a great deal of planning, reading, writing papers, and really understanding a large body of knowledge. Sometimes the plan doesn't work out, and you have to do other things instead. You have to manage all of that and keep going to bring it all together.

Fisher: I went to part-time teaching while I was working on >>

my dissertation. The research was very intense because I had to interview people multiple times, and those interviews had to be transcribed. One interview might be 50 pages. I then had to sort through that and look for themes. My major professor was going to resign due to family issues, so she told me in August that I had to be finished in December. I went to part-time teaching, and, whenever I wasn't teaching, I was in my office glued to my chair.

Did you ever want to quit?

Fisher: When I was working full time and taking courses, the load was heavy. It can be overwhelming, but you get so far in that you can't turn back. I was thinking about all of the people who were supporting me, and I wanted to finish for them and for me.

James: Sometimes I would get bogged down with the cold weather and how solitary the work was. Once I finished my course work, I didn't have that interaction of working with everyone, which I love. I was on my own. There were days where I had to get up and go to the computer, and I didn't want to do it. I made a sign that said, "Never a day without a line." I was committed to writing something every day, even if it was just that one line. I always knew I was going to finish; it was more a question of when I would finish.

Miller: My dissertation defense in December 2007 did not go well. I remember walking into the proposal defense confidently, believing I was ready to wow my committee with my dissertation proposal. I left thinking I would never complete a dissertation worthy of my committee's expectations. But a couple of factors kept me going. First was my family. I knew I had a responsibility to them to finish what I started. I wasn't about to let them down by failing to complete it. Second, I felt a strong responsibility to Harding. They entrusted me with the responsibility of improving myself so I could contribute in greater ways to the faculty.

What was your relationship like with your dissertation adviser?

James: Dr. Robert Daily was my adviser, and I could not have made it without him. I could tell that he really believed in me. He gave me a lot of direction and encouragement. I had taken a couple of his classes when I first got to University of Buffalo, and, even though I had not chosen a dissertation topic, I knew I wanted him as my mentor.

Fisher: Yvonne Gentzler was my major professor, and she was definitely a huge support. I had her home, office and cell phone numbers, so we became very close. She came down here [from Iowa] twice and spent the weekend. We would sit and hash things out and get a lot accomplished.

McCown: My adviser was Michael Nelson, and he was only four years older than me. We would go play basketball together a couple of times a week. We had a pretty good relationship. We went to conferences and wrote a lot of papers together. My wife and I even had him and his wife over for dinner.

Miller: I had four committee members who served as mentors in different ways. Dr. Barbara Moore, my chairwoman, had done a lot with legal research and press law and had written a book about press law. She was the professor of that first communications law class that I took. We worked the closest together. She had the most practical advice for me. She ultimately provided the inspiration for me.

Denise Fisher



How is your teaching different now?

Fisher: Because I focused so much on leadership in my dissertation, it really caused me to reconsider what I'm contributing to the profession. I want to give back more through participating in professional organizations and forming everyday relationships with my students so that I can be a mentor to them. I'm ultimately training my future colleagues.

James: It's more challenging now. There's more at stake. Now I'm really doing what I set out to do. I feel more empowered. I got to see how people teach and what makes a good teacher. But I'm still learning. Not a day goes by that I don't learn something from my students. I think I'm more equipped now.

Miller: My experiences at U.T. gave me a greater appreciation for scholarly research. I've tried to bring in more academic research and expose my students to that. I didn't have as deep of an appreciation for the research side of teaching before I left. I want my classroom to emphasize more than technical skills needed in mass media professions and for my students to think more holistically, understanding through research how the mass media influences our world.

McCown: Professionally, I think I am a better teacher. I have more context in which to place concepts I am teaching. My knowledge is a lot deeper, and I am now an expert in some areas that I did not know about before. I am able to apply some of those things to my classes. I'm also a little bit more involved in research, so I'm having students do more research-oriented projects.

How are your relationships with students different now?

James: I tell my students that I was recently a student myself and that I was on the other side of this desk. I don't want them to feel that I am better than they are. Since I've been on both sides, I can truly empathize with them.

McCown: I'm teaching a seminar course in which my students have to write a paper, which I didn't teach before. Now that I have written so many papers, I know what it takes to write a good one. I'm probably a harsher grader because of it, but I want to show them what is required to write a good paper.

Fisher: One of the things I incorporate into my classes now is reflection time. While doing my course work, we would reflect on what we had learned, and this helped me to cement it all together. I also try to make projects more applicable. I've changed some of the work to be more research-based to help my students if they choose to go on to a master's program.



Jim Miller

Where do you go from here?

McCown: Computer science is constantly growing and changing, so you really can't afford to just stay still. You have to keep learning. I do my best to read a lot and keep up with the latest research in my fields. If I don't keep learning, I'll be in trouble because the students will notice if I'm not up to snuff.

Fisher: I hope that I can do more research because I think you definitely grow through research. I'm hoping to work collaboratively on research projects with some of the colleagues I've gained through my Ph.D. program.

James: I plan on writing more. I presented in Fort Smith, Ark., about women in fairy tales and the idea of beauty, which kept with the theme of women in media in literature. I want to get involved in Hope Cottage [women's shelter] in Searcy as well.

Miller: I don't know what's next. I do know that I am always looking for new challenges. I have made a goal for this year to present research at a conference and be published. Next year I will make new goals concerning research because I understand the importance of contributing knowledge to the field. The journey is really the beginning. The Ph.D. is done, but there is still so much to do. **H**

1953

Dorothy Todd McCray and her husband, Hubert, celebrated their 50th anniversary April 5, 2008. Dorothy is a retired elementary school teacher after 24 years. They have three sons. (3825 Acorn Circuit, Beaumont, TX 77703)

1969

Carl Collins and his wife, Kathy, retired from teaching in Portland, Ore., in 2006. They are spending their first three years of retirement serving as teaching missionaries at an international missionary school in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Carl teaches middle and high school science, and Kathy teaches English. They plan to return to the United States in June 2009 to resume life in the Northwest near their children. (Morrison Academy, 42 Chichang Road, Dashe Hsiang, Kaohsiung, 81546, Taiwan ROC; ckcollins3@yahoo.com)

1971

Mike Shue retired from education. He is project manager for Valley Oak Court Subdivision in Mabelvale, Ark. He is married to Mary Jane. (Mound Lake Estates, #800, England, AR 72046; mshue@rauschcoleman.com)

1974

Don Belcher has accepted a position as pulpit minister at Southwestern Church of Christ in Grove City, Ohio. He and his wife, **Pam Jones** ('76), have four children, **Rachel Moore** ('01); **Don Jr.**; **James**, a current student; and **Rebekah**. (5306 Merrybly Lane, Grove City, OH 43123)

1975

Dave Hawley was honored at Wichita Collegiate School in Kansas when the new Dave Hawley Tennis Complex was named in his honor. Dave has coached 17 boys teams and 19 girls teams to state championships. He and his wife, **Sally Kritz** ('76), have two children. (7324 Ayesbury Circle, Wichita, KS 67226)

Alan Whitten retired as director of information systems for the College of Business at University of Alabama, where he had worked since 1981. (20519 River View Drive, Athens, AL 35614)

1978

Diane Trombly Brown has been named Michigan Art Education

PROFILE: LARRY HARRIS 1972

Making the twilight years sparkle

WHEN LARRY HARRIS GRADUATED from the University, working in a nursing home was "the last thing on [his] list of potential professions." However, Harris has quickly adopted this distinctive ministry as his own.

As chief executive officer of Willow Brook Christian Communities in Delaware, Ohio, Harris compares his job to "being mayor of a small town," often responding to the needs of his residents.



A nonprofit, churches of Christ-funded project, Willow Brook serves as a mission field. "We are doing some good for people," Harris says. "We are making sure that our residents have a positive environment and somewhere to be well cared for until the very end." Harris entered the Willow Brook family at age 25. "I kind of grew up with Willow Brook," he says. "As I have gained experience, Willow Brook has grown and added new ministries. I have made it my life's work."

When he began as administrator, nursing homes were seen as "dark, dirty, stinky places where you went to die," but Harris wanted to make Willow Brook different. "It's more like a nice hotel where people are cared for," he says, describing carpeted floors, a generous number of nurses, and the absence of typical nursing home odor.

In his time, Harris has seen many residents come and go — all of whom have left their mark. While the passing of residents proves to be one of the difficulties of his job, the other is raising funds for his mission. "The opportunities to serve those people can be very limited," he remarks.

Willow Brook tries to help any and all who come through its doors to fund their stay through charitable gifts, internal support or government programs. Harris says, "The truth is that we are doing a fine job caring for people who can pay, but I wonder if we can't be doing more for those who can't afford to take advantage of Willow Brook."

Looking toward the future, Harris wants to add a low-income apartment complex to the three other Willow Brook campuses. The various sites include independent- and assisted-living residences, a nursing home, adult day care, an Alzheimer's care unit, restaurants, and fitness centers.

The most priceless component of the communities is the staff. "We have a terrific team here," notes Harris. "There is this loving, caring spirit that most of our people exude. People who visit can sense that there is something different about Willow Brook."

Harris' servant nature has also made the difference at Willow Brook. Although he is CEO, he strives to help his managers and directors become servants as well. "I am a servant of all 250 people who work in my organization," he says. "Ultimately, I want my leaders to be servants of the masses." **H**

— Jennifer Hannigan

Association's Elementary Art Teacher of the Year. She received her M.A.T. from Saginaw State University in 2005 and teaches in the Bay City School District. She and her husband, **Loran** ('81), have two daughters, **Amanda** ('06) and **Rebecca**, a current student. (1013 Harding, Essexville, MI 48732)

1980

Bruce Binkley was promoted to president and chief executive officer of T.D. Williamson Inc. Sept. 10, 2008. He has 29 years experience in financial and operational management for companies such as Phillips Petroleum and Unit Rig & Equipment, including 21 years in various roles with TDW. He and his wife, **Kim White**, have four children. (216 S. Forest Ridge Blvd., Broken Arrow, OK 74014)

1984

Etta Madden received a Fulbright Scholar award and is a senior lecturer in American Literature at the University of Catania, Sicily, for spring semester 2009. Etta is professor of English at Missouri State University. (961 S. Pickwick Ave., Springfield, MO 65804)

1989

Les D. Maloney announces the publication of his book on Psalms: *A Word Fitly Spoken: Poetic Artistry in the First Four Acrostics of the Hebrew Psalter*. He is a volunteer serving on active duty until July 2009 ministering to the families of soldiers deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. (6751 Arthur Cemetery Road, Troy, TX 76579)

1990

Jeff Holland completed a master's in marriage and family therapy at Abilene Christian University. Jeff is a counselor and recruit coach with Pioneer Bible Translators in Dallas. His wife, **Brenda Greer** ('91), is also a recruit coach. They have three children, **Josiah**, **Ellianna** and **Becca**. (5818 Emily Court, Midlothian, TX 76065; togodude@yahoo.com)

1991

Koy and Laura Hill Butler announce the birth of a daughter, **Caroline Dupree**, May 27, 2008. They also have a son, **Reece**. (319 W. Locust St., Lonoke, AR 72086) **Kevin Kit and Kimberly Garner**

Parker announce the birth of a daughter, **Caroline Lassiter**, Aug. 2, 2008. Kit is a professor at Harvard University, and Kimberly is a medical sales representative. (4 School St., Waltham, MA 02452; kimandkitparker@aol.com)

1993

Mark Cornell has been directed by the U.S. Air Force to develop the military's first nurse practitioner service for the inpatient area. He is working in the surgical ICU at Wilford Hall Medical Center. His wife, **Brenda Vallette** ('92), teaches sixth-grade reading at Stevenson Middle School. They have three children, **Shelby**, **Mark** and **Brendan**. (1823 Kingsbridge Drive, San Antonio, TX 78253)

1995

Kenyon and Anna Pettit Fletcher announce the birth of a son, **Kylyn Bradley**, Oct. 27, 2008. They have another son, **Ryan Ashton**. (2615 Ashleigh Lane, Alpharetta, GA 30004; kballfletch@aol.com)

Pat and Denise Winn Moreland announce the birth of a daughter, **Kasey Ann**, May 15, 2008. Pat works in quality assurance for Rocket Software, and Denise is a homemaker. (2440 General Franz Sigel Drive, Pea Ridge, AR 72751)

Nathan and Nancy Bellcock Nicholas announce the birth of a son, **Jacob Gordon**, Oct. 28, 2008. They also have two daughters, **Jennifer** and **Tricia**. (403 Milan Highway, Trenton, TN 38382)

Christopher Phillips was awarded a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from University of Wisconsin-Madison in December 2007. He is serving as an active duty captain and psychologist in the U.S. Air Force at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo. His wife is **Trellis**. (8415 Garrison Road, Peyton, CO 80831)

Dale Sheehy is youth and family minister for Lake Shore Drive Church of Christ. He and his wife, **Kim Fancy** ('94), have twins, **Brenden** and **Hannah**. (204 Gail Drive, Waco, TX 76708; dalesheehy@hotmail.com)

Tom ('96) and **Kathy Shappard Wright** announce the birth of a son, **Alex Thomas**, Sept. 5, 2008. They also have two daughters, **Anna** and **Abby**. Tom is IT manager for Memphis Gastroenterology Group, and Kathy is a homemaker. (3694 Haynes Road, Bartlett, TN 38133)

1996

Andy and **Kylee Compton** announce the birth of a son, **Casey Alexander**, Aug. 29, 2008. They have another son, **Caiden**. Andy is senior controller of finance at The Delta Companies in Dallas. (400 Melbourne Road, Hurst, TX 76053)

Michael and Susan Parks Flowers announce the birth of a son, **Nathan Michael**, Oct. 10, 2008. They have two other children, **Elizabeth** and **Matthew**. Michael is an engineer at Caterpillar Inc., and Susan is a homemaker. (109 Welton Court, East Peoria, IL 61611)

Brian and Ann Bartak Harrington announce the birth of a son, **Jack Evans**, Nov. 20. They also have two daughters, **Delaney** and **Kacey**. (1933 Wild Star Way,

Castle Rock, CO 80104)

Wes ('97) and **April Snodgrass Vernon** announce the birth of a son, **Adam Wesley**, Sept. 12, 2008. Wes is principal at Owingsville Elementary, and April is a teacher/trainer and writer for Appelbaum Training Institute. (1202 Shadelawn Drive, Mount Sterling, KY 40353)

Chad and Sheila Henry Vester announce the adoption of a daughter, **Katelyn Nohemi**, July 30, 2008, born, Oct. 6, 2007, in Guatemala. They also have a son, **Carson**. Chad is a firefighter for the city of Colorado Springs and owner of Vester Hardwood Floors, and Sheila is a homemaker and part-time search coordinator for People Management International. (6927 Prairie Wind Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80923)

1997

Aaron ('98) and **Elizabeth Johnson Gillihan** announce the birth of a daughter, **Olivia Nicole**, April 25, 2008. They have two other children, **Jonathan** and **Aiden**. (14109 N.W. 27th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98685)

Jim and **Sara Looney Miller** announce the birth of a son, **Grant Michael**, March 17, 2008. They also have a daughter, **Laura**. (209 Live Oak Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

Kyle and **Mandy Winter Osborne** announce the birth of a son, **Jackson Dean**, July 14, 2008. They have another son, **Ethan Scott**. Kyle teaches at Villa Grove High School, and Mandy is an RN case manager at DMH Corporate Health. (665 Country Court, Mt. Zion, IL 62549)

ALMA MATTERS

Women who make a difference

By LIZ HOWELL, director of alumni relations

THE UNIVERSITY'S HISTORY REVEALS MANY women who have gone the distance for Christian education.



Liz Howell

Our four first ladies — **Woodson Harding Armstrong**, **Sallie Hockaday Benson**, **Louise Nicholas** ('42) **Ganus** and **Leah Gentry** ('65) **Burks** — have been rocks of support during their husbands' presidencies.

These women have been called to do things they could not have dreamed or imagined.

Before his death in 1944, our first president, **J.N. Armstrong**, penned these words about his wife, and his sentiments apply to all of our first ladies: "She has been my full partner in these long years — where I have been lacking, she has been strong. And I have said many times that she has been worth more to our work than I have been. Largely I have received whatever honor the public bestowed, and she has always been the silent partner. Every true wife carries the big end of the stick. This cannot be helped; however, many men would like it otherwise. We have loved our work. To us, ours has been a rich life — a life full of burdens, hardships and cares mingled with joys and satisfactions."

Florence Cathcart ('32) was professor of education and dean of women from 1939-54. Cathcart was a Renaissance woman with many talents. She co-wrote the University's alma

mater with **L.O. Sanderson** ('28) and made sure the grounds were beautiful by planting roses on the front lawn. She also had a heart for the female students and often referred to them as "the sweetest girls in the world." A residence hall named in her honor serves as a reminder of her many contributions.

Another group of women who has made a significant contribution to the University is **Associated Women for Harding**. For more than 43 years, these women have raised more than \$1 million for scholarships and special projects.

One of their most successful endeavors is publishing cookbooks. **Elaine Camp** ('41) **Thompson**, **Pat Marshall**, **Lynn Alexander** ('60) **England**, **Mae Anne Songer** ('52) **Tucker** and **Cindy Howard** ('86) **Gurchiek** served as editors and assistant editors of the first three cookbooks. **Sisters Betty Clark** ('59) **Goynes** and **Dee Clark** ('63) **Burke** recently finished volume four, which will be available in the spring. Countless women served by submitting or collecting recipes while others helped by checking and proofreading them. The books have a great reputation because of the outstanding cooks in the Harding family. If you would like to order a copy of the new cookbook, call 800-477-4312, ext. 1.

We express our thanks to all women who have gathered their strength, set aside excuses, and stopped waiting for someone else to get the job done to continue the mission of our University. **H**

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Trey ('03) and Christi Davis Thompson announce the birth of a daughter, Evann Cate, April 25, 2008. They have two other daughters, Emma and Elyssa. Trey is a special education teacher with La Porte Independent School District, and Christi is a dyslexia specialist with Pasadena Independent School District. (8710 Hunters Field Lane, La Porte, TX 77571)

1998

Jonathan and Amy Knight Griffin announce the birth of a son, Gabe Matthew, Sept. 10, 2008. They have two other children, Ella and Jude. (211 S. Aztec Drive, White House, TN 37188)

Kevin ('96) and Jenny Evans Jensen announce the birth of a daughter, Anna Cherrylyn, Aug. 31, 2008. They have two other children, Naomi and Isaac. Kevin is a preacher in Yakima, Wash. (1581 Sunset Way, Cowiche, WA 98923; kevinjennyyjensen@centurytel.net)

Paul and Amy Cash Johnson announce the birth of a son, Ethan Paul, April 2, 2008. They also have a daughter, Claire. (307 New Melville Road, Willard, MO 65781)

Timothy and Jana Hendrix Johnston announce the birth of a daughter, Melody Anne, Feb. 28, 2008. They have two other children, Tristan and Judy. Timothy is a police officer in Dallas, and Jana works part time as a nurse in cardiac ICU in Fort Worth, Texas. (2704 Serenade Court, Arlington, TX 76015)

David and Angela Rampey announce the birth of a son, Cale David, Sept. 3, 2008. David is vice president of sales and marketing and owner of Air Assurance. (912 W. Indianapolis St., Broken Arrow, OK 74012)

Rae Anne Carr Seay graduated first in her class from Nashville School of Law with a doctor of jurisprudence in May 2008. She passed the Tennessee Bar Exam and was sworn in as a Tennessee attorney Nov. 12, 2008. (3650 Mayflower Place, Nashville, TN 37204; rae.anne@comcast.net)

1999

David and Angela Reeves Adams announce the birth of a son, Nathan David, Feb. 11, 2008. David teaches in the history department at Harding, and Angela teaches high school at Harding Academy. (310 Live Oak Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

PROFILE: AMY BLANKENSHIP SEWELL 1988

Shopping with style

LIKE MANY OTHERS, Amy Blankenship Sewell begins most mornings with a news show. However, unlike those who enjoy the news in their pajamas curled up with a cup of coffee, Sewell is on-set and on the air.

Founder and president of the Manhattan-based company Shop With Style, Sewell shares advice on lifestyle topics such as food, fashion, home decor, gifts and general shopping tips on morning shows across the country.

She started down her career path after graduation, working on Capitol Hill as press secretary for a Missouri congressman. However, New York City beckoned her, and she moved to the city to work with a trade association. There for nine years, Sewell realized her passion for providing valuable consumer information through TV segments.

With this fervor, she began building her own company. "I love doing the on-air appearances," Sewell says. "I work with terrific people at the stations, and I have wonderful clients who have great products, which really makes the difference."

Sewell's job is seldom boring. She may showcase Bed Bath & Beyond's dorm-room decor one morning and demonstrate how to grill an Omaha steak the next. "Whether showing an appliance or preparing a certain recipe, I have to be knowledgeable about what I'm showcasing," she says. "I really love that because my work is always new."

In addition to sharing information about products with consumers, Sewell gives a variety of information to her TV audience. Around Halloween, she shares safety tips for children when they go trick-or-treating. She also helps viewers minimize their grocery spending and budget their money during tough economic times.

"There's a lot I really enjoy doing in addition to product promotion that is just giving basic information for people to use, whether saving money or shopping smarter," notes Sewell.

She attributes the success of her business to her varied career path. "Everything I do now is building on everything I did before this," she says. "It took me 18 years in other jobs before I was prepared enough to start this one. I started at just the right time."

As to the future, Sewell is hopeful and flexible. "I plan to follow this wherever it goes, working on my own and with the media." **H**

— Jennifer Hannigan



have three other children, Adam, Jude and Krimson. Marc is program coordinator at The Center for Children and Families in Monroe, La. (501 Lakewood Drive, West Monroe, LA 71291)

Aleksander ('03) and April Mouser Fatula announce the birth of a son, Gabriel Aleksander, Aug. 30, 2008. (707 W. Center, Searcy, AR 72143)

Jason and Lyndsay Allan Magar announce the birth of a daughter, Corinne Adelle, Aug. 7, 2008. They have two other children, Tess and Max. Jason is vice president of operations at Riverbend Financial Group, and Lyndsay is a homemaker. (9707 Boxford Way, Louisville, KY 40242)

Brent and Sarah Rawding Martyn announce the birth of a son, Lucas Grover, June 23, 2008. Brent is director of online sales for Ziff Davis Media, and Sarah is a nurse at California Pacific Medical Center. (450 Fillmore St., #3, San Francisco, CA 94117)

John and Kristen Hogue Renwick announce the birth of a son, Jonathan Michael, June 7, 2008. They have another son, Brennan. They work with the church in Aberdeen, Scotland. (23 Crawton Ness, Aberdeen AB12 3SP, United Kingdom)

Andy and Dawn Crabtree Rose announce the birth of a son, Danny, April 5, 2008. They have another son, David. Andy is an anchor/editor for CNN Radio, and Dawn is a homemaker. (2786 Alamo Place, Snellville, GA 30078)

2000

Jacob ('01) and Heather Seniker Baker announce the birth of a daughter, Mia Lynn, Jan. 12, 2008. Jacob is youth and family minister at Decatur Church of Christ, and Heather works at home as Web designer/marketer for National Roper's Supply. (592 County Road 3198, Decatur, TX 76234; jacob@decaturchurchofchrist.com)

Russell ('99) and Emily Haas Brown announce the birth of a son, Jacob Edward "Jeb," Oct. 1, 2008. (6040 Honeywell Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46236)

Matt and Missy Suggs Dabbs announce the birth of a son, Jonah David, Oct. 20, 2008. Matt is associate minister at Northwest Church of Christ, and Missy is a relationship coach. (6421 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710)

Sean ('01) and Rachel Mitchuson Evans announce the birth of a daughter, Ava Lynn, Sept. 25, 2008. (7676 Chalkstone Drive, Dallas, TX 75248)

Daniel and Elizabeth Sewell Giger announce the birth of a daughter, Analise Dorian, June 26, 2008. Daniel is a database specialist for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and Elizabeth is adult ministries coordinator at Windsor Road Christian Church. (512 Ridge Road, Philo, IL 61864)

Jonathan ('01) and Jennifer Hutchinson Gorham announce the birth of a son, Malachi Vincent, Nov. 5, 2008. Jonathan is a psychology resident in the Air Force, and Jennifer is a homemaker. (5009 Cattail Court, Dayton, OH 45431)

Ben and Christie Corley Johnson announce the birth of a daughter, Julie Corley, March 31, 2007. Ben works as design director at Tactical Magic, an advertising/branding company, and Christie is a homemaker. (3570 Johnwood, Memphis, TN 38122)

Ben and Jenna McKinney McGarvey announce the birth of a son, Hayden James, May 5, 2008. They have two other children, Madalyn and Jackson. Ben is a physician assistant with the U.S. Air Force, and Jenna is a homemaker. (749 Overbrook Drive, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547)

Bert and Denise Purdy announce the birth of a daughter, Cara Michelle, April 7, 2008. (2768 Baccara, Arnold, MO 63010)

Cary and Ashley Burton Sanders announce the birth of a son, Noah Scott, March 23, 2008. Cary is a cartographer for Wiser Co., and Ashley is a homemaker after teaching for seven years. (2507 Wellington Place, Murfreesboro, TN 37128)

Rhonald ('01) and Jenny Stewart Searcy announce the birth of a son, Nicholas Myers, Jan. 11, 2008. Rhonald is a family practice physician in Springdale, Ark., and Jenny is a homemaker. (1842 North Fallbrook Way, Fayetteville, AR 72704)

Forrest ('04) and Tabitha Hayes Smith announce the birth of a son, Jackson Forrest, Aug. 4, 2008. They have another son, Mason. Forrest is youth and family minister at Village Church of Christ, and Tabitha is a homemaker. (11 Alicante Lane, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909)

Brian Stroud is campus minister at Childhaven, a group foster home for teenagers. His wife, **Kristen Haak**, is the infection control and prevention coordinator at Decatur General Hospital. (1817 Childhaven Road, Cullman, AL 35055)

2001

Brent ('99) and Amanda Shores Adams announce the birth of a son, William Shores, Feb. 8, 2008. They also have a daughter, Emma Cate. Brent is a territory manager in surgical urology for Coloplast Corp., and Amanda is a homemaker. (1225 Bonnhaven Drive, Franklin, TN 37067)

Ted Dahlman finished his M.F.A. in playwriting at Texas Tech University and is teaching in Cotton Center, Texas. His wife, **Lisa Paden** ('03), is working on her master of art education degree at Texas Tech. (P.O. Box 285, Cotton Center, TX 79021)

Wesley "Chugs" Duncan is teaching and coaching at Columbia Central High School. He was previously at Columbia Academy for three years. (2003 Wedgewood Drive, Columbia, TN 38401)

David Graves married Lydia Noll on May 12, 2007. They are missionaries with Pioneer Bible Translators in East Africa. (9602 Barbwire, San Antonio, TX 78254)

Ryan ('00) and Rachel Duffy Hinckley announce the birth of a daughter, Caroline Nora, Nov. 25, 2008. Ryan is an analyst with FedEx, and Rachel is a homemaker. (2691 Cotton Ridge Drive, Memphis, TN 38133)

Barry and Kara Lee Love announce the birth of twins, Alyna Michelle and Ryan William, Sept. 15, 2008. Kara is a homemaker. (1301 E. Cimarron Road, Hobbs, NM 88240)

Charlie ('98) and Jennifer Lashley Marcussen announce the birth of a daughter, Josie Mae, Oct. 14, 2008. (17 Rebecca Lane, Searcy, AR 72143)

2002

Charlie ('01) and Sarah Holmes Allen announce the birth of a son, Benjamin Dean, March 12, 2008. They have another son, Luke. Charlie works for Lampo Group as project manager, and Sarah has her own business as a wedding videographer. (649 Crescent Road, Murfreesboro, TN 37128)

Jason ('00) and Melissa Morris

Baker announce the birth of a son, Julian Morris, Aug. 1, 2008. They also have a daughter, Martha Rose. (1419 11th Street S.E., Cullman, AL 35055)

Nathan ('01) and Jenni Wright Bills announce the birth of a daughter, Ruby Katherine, May 27, 2008. They also have a son, Sam. Nathan teaches freshman Bible at Harding, and Jenni is a registered nurse at Lowery Medical Surgical Eye Clinic. (602 E. Park Ave., Searcy, AR 72143)

Duncan Campbell is the first campus minister at Harding Academy of Memphis, Tenn. He received honorable mention for Employee of the Year for the 2007-08 school year. His wife, **Sherah Belva** ('04), is a child and youth counselor for Impact Missions. (1100 Cherry Road, Memphis, TN 38117)

Andy ('03) and Lindsay Young Cox announce the birth of a daughter, Ava Leigh, Aug. 5, 2008. They have another daughter, Anna Beth. Andy is a national account manager for McNeilus Truck Manufacturing, and Lindsey is a homemaker. (865 16th St. S.E., Owatonna, MN 55060)

Carrington and Karise Palmer Edmunds announce the birth of a daughter, Summer Pixie, July 14, 2008. They also have a son, Caleb. (4 Cross Road, Hubbardston, MA 01452)

Roberto Villato ('04) married **Jerusha Godoy** June 21, 2008. (8 Av. 13-41 Sector C-1, PSC, Zona 8 Mixco, Pradera de las Flores, Condominio Jazmines, #12, Guatemala City, Guatemala)

Jason ('03) and Jalaina Tyree Hammett announce the birth of a son, Thaddeus David, July 19, 2008. They have two other children, Evie and Sawyer. Jason is manager at Lowes. (728 Kingston, Yukon, OK 73099; luvbnamama@gmail.com.)

John ('03) and Melissa Lee Hicks announce the birth of a daughter, Brecken Ann, Oct. 14, 2008. They have another daughter, Kayden. (4740 Brookhaven Court, C5, Lake Park, GA 31636)

John McCammon is director of compliance with the department of intercollegiate athletics at University of Alabama. (800 Energy Center Blvd., # 3315, Northport, AL 35473)

Greg ('04) and Lauren Tao Thoman announce the birth of a daughter, Chloe Elizabeth, Aug. 6, 2008. They have another daughter,

Rachel. Greg is owner of a lawn care and landscaping company, Precision Lawns, and a handyman service, THS, and Lauren is a homemaker. (1147 Seven Oaks Blvd., Smyrna, TN 37167)

2003

Andrew and Sara Treat Chance announce the birth of a son, Seth Andrew, Nov. 16, 2007. Andrew is a middle school teacher and adjunct professor for Harding's Northwest Arkansas campus. Sara works part time as an adjunct for Harding and consultant for Arkansas Department of Education. (2536 N. Surtees Place, Fayetteville, AR 72704)

Jeremy and Elizabeth Laukka Wallace announce the birth of a son, Landon Kyle, Oct. 20, 2008. They also have a daughter, Mackenzie. Jeremy is a training consultant with UPS corporate office in Atlanta. (517 Charles Drive, Holly Springs, GA 30115; jkwallace99@hotmail.com)

2004

David ('96) and Kaitlin Seymour Roberson announce the birth of a son, Ethan Adi, Dec. 28, 2007. David is completing his graduate dissertation fellowship at Harvard Medical School, and Kaitlin is a homemaker. (16 Brock St., Brighton, MA 02135)

Kevin and Melissa Edwards Shelby announce the birth of a daughter, Nora Grace, Sept. 30, 2008. Kevin is a counselor with the Center for Children and Families. (9602 Oxted Lane, Spring, TX 77379; mde13@yahoo.com)

Scott ('05) and Emily Patton Walters announce the birth of a daughter, Daisy Reese, Feb. 22, 2008. Scott and Emily both teach English at El Dorado High School. (1500 W. Cedar St., El Dorado, AR 71730)

2005

Jared ('05) and Amber Jones Boyd announce the birth of a daughter, Savanna Marie, Aug. 13, 2008. (1404 Rehoboth, Searcy, AR 72143)

Scott ('01) and Amanda Woolbridge Diles announce the birth of a son, Colt Dylan, Aug. 18, 2008. Scott is a history teacher at Harding Academy, and Amanda is a physician assistant. (211 Indian Trail, Searcy, AR 72143)

Ryan and Elisha Ecacret Stahler announce the birth of a daughter, Chloe Rayne, on Sept. 11, 2008.

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(1222 S. Mill St., Pontiac, IL 61764)

2006

Brandon ('08) and Kristin Barnes Edwards announce the birth of a daughter, Charlotte Kimberly, Oct. 4, 2008. (500 River Oaks Blvd., Searcy, AR 72143)

Kellen and Lela Jones Kemp announce the birth of a daughter, Jacey Dae, Aug. 13, 2008. (21419 Park Bend Drive, Katy, TX 77450)

Chad Smith married Alicia Austin Aug. 9, 2008. Chad completed his master's in communication in December, and Alicia is in her second year at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville School of Law. (2550 W. Orlando Drive, #3, Fayetteville, AR 72701)

Jonathan and Lori Bontrager Towell announce the birth of a daughter, Abigail Bontrager, March 7, 2008. Jonathan is systems administrator for Sunset International Bible Institute and owner of a Web development company, Moxie Machine Inc., and Lori is a homemaker and freelance editor. (5517 10th St., Lubbock, TX 79416)

2007

Jamey and Leah McKinney Holsombake announce the birth of a son, James Patrick, Sept. 13, 2008. (101 Lakeridge Drive, Panama City, FL 32405)

Mark Jones ('06) married Tara Steward Aug. 9, 2008. Mark is a graduate student at Middle Tennessee State University and research assistant at Vanderbilt University, and Tara is a real estate paralegal for a law firm and title company. (116 Harding Place, D-7, Nashville, TN 37205)

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Passages

Elwin Charles "Preacher" Roe ('40), 92, died Nov. 9, 2008. He



was a star left-handed pitcher for Harding, where he averaged 18 strikeouts per game. He achieved national attention when he struck out 26 hitters in a 13-inning game. He was signed by St. Louis in 1938 and played one year for the Cardinals. From 1939-1943, he played in the minor leagues. He signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1944. In 1945, he led the National League with 148 strikeouts, earning his first All-Star appearance. He was signed by Brooklyn's Branch Rickey in 1948 and went 22-3 in 1951 when *The Sporting News* named him Pitcher of the Year. He went 93-37 with the Dodgers and threw a 1-0 shutout against the Yankees in the 1949 World Series. He retired to run a supermarket in Missouri after the 1954 season with a career mark of 127-84, a 3.34 ERA, 101 complete games, and 956 strikeouts in 261 games. He was an All-Star in 1945 and 1949-1952. He is enshrined in the Arkansas, Missouri, Dodgers, Harding and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics halls of fame. He was a member of the Missouri State-West Plains Grizzly Booster's Club and president of the West Plains Chamber of Commerce. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Moze Clay ('42)**. He is survived by two sons, Elwin Jr. and Thomas; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

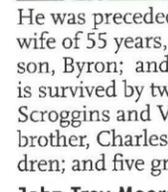
Nellie Elaine Camp Thompson ('41), 89, died Oct. 10, 2008. She



taught in the home economics department at Harding for 30 years and supported Christian education throughout her life. She was a member of College Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Guy ('39)**; and a sister, **Marion Falk ('43)**. She is survived by two sons, **Don ('65) and Marty ('71)**; two daughters, **Barbara Massey ('68) and Janet Talbert ('79)**; a brother, **H.B. Camp ('39)**; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Ralph L. Starling ('44), 86, died July 14, 2008. He was a minister for the church of Christ more than 60 years in New York, Arkansas and Texas. He preached until February 2008 in Johnsville, Texas, and was resident chaplain for Richland Hills Retirement Center the past eight years. He conducted more than 1,500 funerals and weddings and wrote several books, the most recent being *The Bible in Rhythm & Rhyme*. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Dot Johns ('44)**. He is survived by two daughters, **Beth Paul ('67) and Ann Lewis ('71)**; and four grandchildren.

William Brodie Crouch ('48), 90, died Oct. 7, 2008. He was a former minister of North Arkansas Street Church of Christ for 20 years and preached the gospel more than 60 years.



He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Ruth Litton; a son, Byron; and a grandson. He is survived by two daughters, Fran Scroggins and Vickie Walton; a brother, Charles; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

John Troy Moore ('53), 76, died May 30, 2008. He was a long-time newspaper employee, including the Times Picayune sports department from 1965-1988. He is survived by three brothers, Hugh, **Michael ('56) and Patrick ('67)**.



Herman Spurlock ('53), 77, died Oct. 11, 2008, from cancer. He was the former chief engineer for Harding, having been employed 33 years. He was a member of Lions Club with 40 years of perfect attendance and served in many local and district positions, including founding president of the Searcy Breakfast Lions Club. His favorite hobby was flying. A veteran of the Korean War, he was a deacon at West Side Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Esther Pulley. He is survived by three sons, **Mike ('82), Steve and Ross ('89)**; two brothers, Jewel and Bill; a sister, Evelyn Grimsley; two step-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

Ronald J. Dickerson ('59), 71, died June 3, 2008. He was in the U.S. Army, serving 14 months in

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Honors Symposium II
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Uplift Session III

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Korea. He worked for the Dallas County Sheriff's Office for seven years and was a police sergeant for the city of York, Neb., for 23 years. He was a member of Gilmer Baldrige Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by a son, Steven. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, **Bartine Lane ('59)**; a brother, Stanley Evanko; a sister, Judy Dickerson; and two grandchildren. (705 Phillips Drive, Ennis, TX 75119)

Harold Martin Haskell Jr. ('61), 71, died Nov. 4, 2008. He earned an associate degree from Draughon's Business College and received a design certificate from Dallas County Community College. He was a history buff who enjoyed studying the Civil War. He was a member of West Side Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife, Loretta. (602 Chesapeake Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

Denzil Keckley Jr. ('63), 67, died Dec. 7, 2007, following a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was a professor and department chair at the University of North Alabama for 30 years. He is survived by his wife, **Linda Karaker ('65)**; two sons; and three grandchildren. (107 Newport Drive, Florence, AL 35630)

Carol Ann Byers Harmon ('69), 61, died Sept. 28, 2008. She was a member of the Old Spanish Trail Church of Christ in Tucson, Ariz. She is survived by her husband, Bryan; a son, Jed Smith; two daughters, Lana Clifton and Megan Dill; a sister, Kathy Byers; and four grandchildren. (7814 Bordeaux, Rowlett, TX 75088)

Richard James Jr. ('70), 60, died Oct. 2, 2008. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He is survived by his wife, **Linda Newcomb ('70)**; a son, **Benjamin ('02)**; two daughters, **Heather ('97) and Tracy ('99)**; a sister, **Lisa Ritchie ('83)**; and three grandchildren. (131 Oak Valley Drive, Spring Hill, TN 37174)

Jaroslav "Rick" Pinczuk ('71), 61, died Oct. 24, 2008, from cancer. He spent 12 years after graduation preaching for churches in Carman, Man and Kingston, Ontario. At the same time, he did post-graduate work in Slavic languages and literature in several Canadian universities, earning his master's in 1976. Moving to Grimsby, Ontario, in 1989, he renovated a chicken shed into a print shop where he translated and printed tracts and pamphlets into the Ukrainian and Russian languages to be sent behind the

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Iron Curtain. In 1989, after the collapse of the Soviet Union, he aired one of the first Bible TV programs in Kiev. He moved his family to Kiev in 1997 where he continued his mission work. He is survived by his wife, **Carol Bauman ('82)**; his mother, Anna Daniak Pinczuk; three daughters, **Eleah Hyatt ('07)**, Natasha and Larissa; a brother, Felix; and a sister, Sonia. (Slavic Evangelism Ministry, Oleny Telihy Str. 8, Kyiv 254112 Ukraine)

Rick Smith ('71), 59, died Oct. 8, 2008, while on a medical mission trip to Kenya. He was director of chaplains at Memorial Hermann Hospital in the Texas Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his mother and a sister, **Beth ('66)**. He is survived by his wife, Eva; his father, Buel; a son, Gabriel; a daughter, Moriah; a brother, **Stephen ('72)**; and two sisters, **Suanne Walker ('63) and Kay Gowen ('68)**. (410 Emerson, Houston, TX 77006)

Ruth Grevillius ('78), 52, died Jan. 25, 2008. She earned a Master of Science degree in social work from University of Tennessee. She devoted her life to helping others and worked as a behavioral therapist. She was a member of the church of Christ. She is survived by her mother, Vesta Madell Grevillius; a brother,

Merritt; and a sister, Kelly Price. **Jacob Henry Gregersen ('83)**, 82, died Sept. 21, 2008. A decorated World War II veteran, he was a retired preacher, church elder and lab technician with Kodak. He was a member of Cloverdale Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Margaret Ann Sheffield; two sons, David and Dana; two daughters, Debbie Cummings and **Demaree Britton ('87)**; two brothers, Fred and Wesley Edwin; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. (112 Center View Circle, Searcy, AR 72143)

Malcolm Forrest Howell ('87), 43, died Sept. 13, 2008. He was chief operating officer of Environmental Testing Group Inc., which he founded. He had recently completed certification by the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and playing golf. He coached both of his daughters in club basketball. He loved horses and was a lifetime member of the National Cutting Horse Association. He was a talented rider and a champion "cutter." He was a member of Bentonville Church of Christ, President's Council, and board member of Southern Christian Home in Morrilton, Ark. He is survived by his wife,

Stephanie Carter ('87); two daughters, Katherine and Emma; and his parents, **Bill ('54) and Charlean Howell**. (42 Stonehenge Drive, Bentonville, AR 72712)

Jimmy A. "Jimbo" Carr Jr. ('91), 38, died Aug. 28, 2007, from cancer. He was a computer specialist for Accenture Inc., in Austin, Texas. He is survived by his wife, **Amy Candace ('94)**; his parents, Jimmy and Diane Carr Sr.; and a son, Landon Cole. (604 Victoria Drive, Cedar Park, TX 78613)

Cecil Adams, 83, died Oct. 6, 2008. He taught at Arkansas



State University, South Dakota State University, and Central High School in Little Rock, Ark. He served Harding for 10 years as a student loan officer and was in the printing industry for many years. A former elder at Downtown Church of Christ, he was a member of West Side Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife, Mary Sue; three daughters, **Kathy ('71), Karla ('79) and Amy ('99)**; a brother, Mel; two sisters, Deloris Vereb and Wilma Williams; a stepsister, Naomi Smith; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. (2910 E. Moore Ave., #77, Searcy, AR 72143)

Mac vs. PC

By KARIE CROSS

OUR CAPITALIST SOCIETY LOVES A HEALTHY COMPETITION.

Debates over the respective merits of top brands have raged for years, including Coke vs. Pepsi, Target vs. Wal-Mart, Equal vs. Splenda and CNN vs. FOX News.

Enter one of the most hotly contested debates of our connected generation: Mac vs. PC. Apple's Mac ads portray societal stereotypes in a humorous but accurate way. A 20-something, blue jeans-wearing Mac is compared to a balding, stuffy, earth tone-clad PC.

But are the stereotypes true? Do millennials really prefer Macs while baby boomers are stuck in a PC rut?

According to a recent survey of students and faculty, preference for a Mac or PC has very little to do with generation and everything to do with intended usage and familiarity. Most faculty members and students who use PCs do so because they are used to them.

Dr. Michael Claxton's love for his familiar PC was so vehement that he published an obituary in *The Bison* upon the death of his technological companion of 14 years. The ever-loyal assistant English professor wrote, "She survived to witness a host of technological changes — the Internet, e-mail, Wikipedia, eBay, YouTube and eHarmony — but she

stuck with old-fashioned applications like word processing." In his PC's own words, "Better step aside and let the young folks learn all this."

Dr. Keith Schramm, associate professor of chemistry; Dr. Marguerite Cronk, associate professor of business; and Dr. Deveryle James, assistant professor of English; are also PC users. Comments James, "Although many will disagree with me, it has been my experience that the Mac is not as user-friendly as the PC."

Adrienne Barnes, a senior Spanish and international studies major from Polson, Mont., is one such PC user who disagrees. Says Barnes, "I currently use a PC, but I am growing increasingly disgusted with the never-ending problems. Consequently, I'm considering giving a Mac a try to see if it really is better."

Senior Ariana Homan-Cruz, a Spanish and mathematics major and computer science minor from San Antonio, Texas, exclusively uses the PC because she's a programmer. She explains, "Visual Studios is one of the rare good Microsoft products."

Senior political science major Chris McNeal of Yuba City, Calif., used a PC until midway through college, but now he

believes Macs are better. "The appearance is sleeker, and the experience is more enjoyable," he says.

Junior Chris Berry, public relations major from Memphis, Tenn., appreciates Macs for their creative capabilities. Berry says, "Out of the box, Macs are a beautiful tool for writing, designing, media editing and any other creative work."

But do faculty members, representing an older generation, also appreciate Macs? Dr. Jeff Hopper, dean of the Honors College and International Programs, and Dr. Cynthia Carrell and Chuck Hicks, both associate professors of music, use both Macs and PCs. Carrell considers herself "bilingual" and uses different machines for different tasks. Hicks uses Macs for big projects but relies on PCs while traveling. Hopper says, "I normally use a PC and am doing so right now. But when I want good graphics or to have students think I'm cool, I use a Mac."

Some faculty exclusively use Macs because of their specific capabilities. Dr. Fleming Bell, associate professor of Spanish, says, "Typing in European languages is much easier with a Mac. PCs are too Anglo-centric to be very user-friendly." Daniel Adams, a graphic design professor,

says, "More than 90 percent of all graphic design in the world is created on Macs, so that is what we teach."

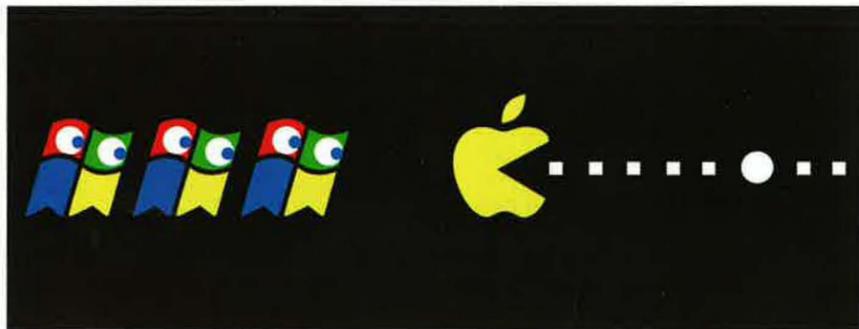
Senior missions major Kacy Meadows from Eagle, Idaho, is a Mac user because of the "ease of use, lack of problems, and simplicity of the operating system."

David Manes, a senior political science major from Pittsburgh, Pa., loves his new Macbook. "It is incredibly easy to use and intuitive with simple tasks that take other laptops a long time," he says.

Complicating the issue, Apple recently began using Intel chips that are used in most PCs. Dr. Mike James, chair of the College of Communication, notes that the "differences between the platforms are becoming fuzzy."

Dr. Tim Baird, chair of the computer science department, agrees, stating that Macs and PCs are basically "the same under the hood." In spite of similarities between the brands, he says, "People get polarized with brand loyalty to one or the other."

Does Harding's campus favor one brand over the other? Slightly more faculty members prefer PCs to Macs, slightly more students favor Macs over PCs, and many users appreciate both brands. Thus, the debate continues. **H**



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