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Creating value

By DAVID B. BURKS



THIS PAST YEAR, WE ASKED YOU what you value most about your Harding experience.

As you responded, we found the key ingredient mentioned dealt with relationships formed and grown during your time here, especially the most important one with Jesus Christ.

You commented on things such as “eternal life,” “Christian relationships,” “God doing the impossible,” “Christian principles,” “wonderful friendships,” “worldview from a Christian perspective,” “a more excellent way,” and many

more [Page 16]. A long list of Godly men and women were cited as examples of imperfect people guiding others into a more perfect way.

In the foreword to the 75th anniversary book *Against the Grain*, my friend and long-time board member Jim Bill McInteer ('42) shares the values he found here, writing, “My life was blessed more than words could ever convey. At Harding, I found one to become my wife for more than a half century. At Harding, I found friends of trust, conviction and loyalty. At Harding, I found, then and now, an alma mater that seeks to make people better. And at Harding, I found a most valuable and courageous institution that taught me that two plus two equals four while pointing me to the usage of all truth for the betterment of all men.”

Our Harding family believes service to others is the mark of true servanthood and one of the main keys to successful relationships. We encourage our students to build real, deep and lasting relationships with God, the church, family and their friends.

That service manifested in putting others ahead of self is why faculty members like Dr. Rich Brown run marathons raising thousands of dollars for children at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital [Page 12]. It's why alumni Casey ('03) and Mary Beth Stanford ('03) Picker traveled to Ethiopia to adopt [Page 20], giving a child opportunities he otherwise would not have had.

It's why so many of you serve the Lord where he has planted you.

As we seek to instill those values in students today, we pray that same message will return in years to come when they are asked what stuck with them from their Harding experience. **H**

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What makes the Harding experience so valuable? Readers weigh in on what they cherish years later [Page 16]. Photo by Jeff Montgomery.



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Criminal justice course hones interview skills

STUDENTS IN THE CRIMINAL Justice Program are taking advantage of a new course that develops their interviewing techniques as they search to uncover the truth. Interview and Interrogation made its debut in the 2009-10 academic year and focuses on face-to-face interaction in both settings while developing knowledge of behavioral reactions of a suspect, victim or witness.

Program Director B.J. Houston, who teaches the class, completed two training courses in July and October that focused on various techniques of interviewing versus interrogating individuals to determine if they are being truthful in their answers. The training also zeroed in on methods of obtaining a confession from a perpetrator, regardless of the type of crime committed.

"I anticipate that students taking the course will have a better understanding of how to conduct an interview in contrast to an interrogation

once they leave Harding and enter the real world of criminal justice," says Houston. "Being able to conduct either one successfully (but particularly the interrogation) can lead to obtaining a confession by the perpetrator, which greatly helps in getting a conviction when the perpetrator is prosecuted in court and ultimately leads to taking the 'bad guy' off the street and preventing additional innocent people from becoming victims of crime."

Students are becoming familiar with likely responses to the behavior of the interviewer while developing basic skills in conducting interviews and interrogations. Class activities include role-playing to reinforce skills learned and analyzing video clips of actual interviews and interrogations. Guest lecturers are also visiting to share their expertise on the subject.

"The information learned can be useful not only in the world of criminal justice but also in dealing with people on a day-to-day basis in assessing their credibility and honesty in what they are communicating," says Houston.

Seventy-five students are

currently enrolled in the Criminal Justice Program, which began in 1997 and is housed in the department of behavioral sciences. Students generally go on to law school or another graduate program or enter the law enforcement profession on the federal, state or local level upon graduation.

Advanced emergency system in place

THE UNIVERSITY LAUNCHED a new emergency notification system and conducted a full-scale test Oct. 2. The system, powered by Everbridge, reached all but 26 of the 5,611 individuals within the Searcy campus community.

In August the Department of Public Safety began urging students and employees to sign up to receive emergency notifications and update their contact information. With fall semester in full swing, officials were ready to test the system to ensure its effectiveness and to see if it would have an impact on local cell phone service. There were no service interruptions reported.

"The University's large-

scale test of our new emergency notification system was a resounding success," says Craig Russell, director of public safety. "Our ability to communicate quickly and effectively during a crisis with our students and employees helps us make a safe campus even safer."

The Everbridge system, which replaces a campus-generated notification system, allows University officials to contact students, faculty and staff in the wake of catastrophic events, evacuations or hazardous weather. A pre-recorded emergency message can be distributed with the click of a button, reaching individuals through a phone call, text message or e-mail.

The campus-wide test was designed to attempt to contact the University community using six different paths up to two times each. Paths included cell, home and office phones, e-mail addresses, and text messaging. The test was sent at 1:09 p.m., and all attempts were made by 1:35 p.m. with more than 24,000 total attempts. Some individuals received the notification within seconds, and others received it within a few minutes.

In a test or actual emergency, recipients have the option to send confirmation that they have received the message once it has been distributed. The system attempts to contact each person repeatedly until it receives a response, helping the University account for every individual on campus. Officials can target specific groups or distribute the message to the entire Harding community, including campuses in Memphis, Tenn., and North Little Rock and Bentonville, Ark.

Organizations in more than 100 countries use the Everbridge notification system.



Chatting around the supper table, girls living in University House are entertained by junior Kayla Maynard's tale.

Record enrollment opens door to housing opportunity

EARLY LAST SUMMER WHEN PRESIDENT DAVID B. Burks and his wife, Leah, built a new house in Searcy and moved out of their home of 22 years, a decision had to be made regarding the best use of the on-campus house they left behind. With a record enrollment in the fall came a housing shortage, which, along with the vacant house, opened the door for a unique living opportunity for 11 students.

"It has been considered for a number of uses, but we decided to use it as a women's dorm for the interim time," says Burks. "It was needed by students, and I felt it would be a good use of the facility."

The 11 female students were handpicked to live in the house and include a diverse line up of juniors and seniors with a variety of majors who represent multiple social clubs.

"When Dr. Burks told us early in the summer that he planned to use the house as housing for women, we started looking for girls who had already qualified for privileged housing," says Sheri Shearin, assistant dean of students. "Girls that would be able to get along with each other, girls who had a good track record, and that we felt comfortable leaving over there."

The students, who, according to Shearin, were all very excited and receptive to the idea, paired up into roommates, and those with the most credit hours were able to select the rooms they wanted first.

With four bedrooms and two bathrooms upstairs, each pair of women share a bedroom, and four women share a bathroom. The master bedroom, also shared by two roommates, is downstairs along with a study, which was converted into a bedroom for the resident assistant. There is one bathroom downstairs and a half bathroom near the study.

Since there is not a residence life coordinator on the premises, the resident assistant reports directly to Shearin. The women abide by the same rules that apply to all University students

in residential living. Curfews, sign-out sheets, and health and safety inspections are enforced, and men are not allowed inside the house.

Although the living setup closely resembles that of other dorms on campus, life in the house has its perks. Junior Layne Collins sees living in the house as a great blessing and enjoys the large kitchen and also the roominess of the house for studying. She has been nicknamed the "mom" of the house, and her baked goods can often be found on the counter for the other girls to enjoy.

"My favorite parts of living in University House are the girls that I live with and the extra time we spend together," says Collins. "Because there are bigger common areas (the living room and TV room), I feel that the girls in the house spend more time around each other and form stronger relationships."

Each set of roommates has an assigned day of the week to do their laundry, and there is a "community jar" in the kitchen where they contribute \$10 each per month for house expenses such as dishwashing detergent and kitchen staples. They keep a "cleaning calendar" on the refrigerator and come together every two weeks for a mass cleaning.

Strong relationships achieved through quality time spent together and teamwork in everyday duties have created an overall harmony in the house, and the women have even started a weekly tradition of "family dinner" on Sunday nights.

"We take turns preparing dinner for everyone," says Collins. "This gives us at least one set time during the week to sit down and enjoy a meal together. We also like to pray together at curfew at least twice a week."

Collins says she has really enjoyed her experience living in the house and would definitely like to be considered again next year.

According to Burks, the house will most likely be used for overflow housing until the next president is selected after his retirement.

Spring Sing plans world tour

CELEBRATING ITS 37TH YEAR, Spring Sing promises to take its audience around the world without leaving Benson Auditorium. This year's "International" theme explores the global reach of Harding, from international programs, missions abroad, and students from different countries.

During the weekend of April 1-3, six club acts, the University Jazz Band, and Spring Sing Ensemble will showcase the "global village" aspect of Harding.

This year's show makes Spring Sing history, marking the first time four men will host the musical revue. The all-male cast includes second-year host Nate White, sophomore vocal music education major from Omaha, Neb., along with three new faces: Sam Barker, junior vocal music education and Bible major from Decatur, Ala.; Cameron Frazier, junior vocal music education major from Searcy; and Stephen McBride, freshman physics major from Williamstown, N.J.

Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday, April 1, and Friday, April 2, and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 3. Tickets are \$10, \$12 and \$15 and may be purchased at www.hardingtickets.com.



Clockwise: Sam Barker, Cameron Frazier, Stephen McBride and Nate White

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COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND RELIGION

Dr. Dale Manor, professor, authored a chapter on the book of Ruth in *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary Volume 2*, which was published in November.

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION

Department of Communication
Six students participated in the electronic media competitions at the National Broadcasting Society Region 4 convention Nov. 20-21 in Austin, Texas. They were accompanied by instructor Bob Ritchie.

Grant Dillion, junior electronic media production major from Searcy, won first place awards in the animation and video public service announcement categories. Rachel Gardner, senior electronic media production and broadcast journalism double major from Indianapolis, received honorable mention in the video news package category. Gil Gildner, sophomore graphic design major from Little Rock, Ark., won first place in the show opener video category for his news introduction which airs nightly on Harding's TV-16. Stephen Goodale, senior broadcast journalism major from Marrero, La., won first place in news-weather segment video. April McCall, senior electronic media production major from Gainesville, Fla., won third place in the instructional video category. LaRell Reynolds, junior electronic media production major from Dumfries, Va., won two first place awards in promotional script and instructional video. Reynolds also received honorable mention in sports segment video.

Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Candice J. Adams, a graduate student in the Speech-Language Pathology Program from Jackson, Miss., attended the American Speech-Language Hearing Association's 2009 Minority Student Leadership Program in New Orleans in November as part of the association's Strategic Objective to Increase Racial Diversity. Adams was one of 30 representatives chosen to participate out of 90 applicants nationwide.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The College hosted the Association of Christian Educator Preparation Programs annual conference in September under the theme "Nothing Without Joy: Reflecting on the Heart of Teaching." More than 40 representatives from 10 colleges and universities across the nation attended the three-day conference. >>

First students receive Yingling Scholarships

THIRTEEN STUDENTS WERE honored as first recipients of the Louis Yingling Family Endowed Scholarship Fund at a reception Nov. 3.

The late Louie Yingling, a farmer from Pangburn, Ark., left his estate to the University for Bible scholarships specifically with hopes to provide for students as the children he never had. Yingling attended Harding from 1937-38 but was unable to continue his education for financial reasons.

Yingling's cousin and executor of his estate, Dewitt Yingling, greeted students at the ceremony.

Recipients of the \$10,000 per year scholarship are Lacey Bates, freshman youth and family ministry major from Atlanta, Ga., and Addison Keele, freshman missions major from Broken Arrow, Okla.

Recipients of the \$5,000 per year scholarship are:

- ▶ John Birke, senior missions major, Fayetteville, Ark.
- ▶ Matthew Flynn, sophomore preaching major, New Market, Ala.
- ▶ Chris Knipple, senior missions and Biblical languages double major, Enterprise, Ala.
- ▶ Abigail Mosby, junior missions major, Spanish Fort, Ala.
- ▶ Swayne Parsons, sophomore youth and family ministry major, Port Orange, Fla.
- ▶ David Schilling, sophomore youth and family ministry and electronic media production double major, Champaign, Ill.
- ▶ B. Chris Simpson, senior youth and family ministry and Christian education double major, Dallas
- ▶ Daniel Smith, sophomore youth and family ministry major, Paducah, Ky.
- ▶ Cory Spruiell, sophomore Bible and religion major, Vilonia, Ark.
- ▶ Savannah Steiner, sophomore leadership and ministry and communication sciences and disorders double major, Mabelvale, Ark.
- ▶ Eric Sudeath, junior youth and family ministry major, Amarillo, Texas.

[READING ROOM]

Bible and Religion professors review their latest reads

God Work: Confessions of a Standup Theologian by Randy Harris
Reviewed by Nathan Guy, assistant professor of Bible
Abilene, Texas: Leafwood, 2009, 163 pages

Many congregations (and even families) are experiencing interchurch and intergenerational conflict. Competing voices seem to be replacing honest conversation; harsh rancor often appears more common than reasoned dialogue. What is needed is a person who can speak inspirationally to a broad spectrum of readers, appreciating strengths and weaknesses on both sides of sensitive issues, while encouraging everyone to move beyond pet interests into a deeper level of spirituality. In *God Work*, 1979 Harding alumnus and Abilene Christian University professor Randy Harris lends a mediating voice to the discussion.

In his opening chapter, Harris invites both sides of any dispute to maintain a commitment to doctrine as well as to each other. Appreciating the fact that every reader is an interpreter, Harris pleads with those in disagreement to clarify the question under dispute, never equating first order questions (such as love for God and neighbor) with second order ones (such as issues of church organization). However, pursuit of discipleship includes a healthy desire to please God in every aspect of life.

The book includes several attempts to tackle challenging topics — such as the role of God in the world or the threat of mixing Christianity with nationalism — through clever analogies. For example, Harris attacks some of the central tenets of Calvinism by means of a card game illustration in which your partner (God) sometimes responds to the cards you play (i.e., the role of prayer); you will lose some hands (i.e., not everything is “willed” by God), though God’s team wins in the end.

The most important contribution this book provides is a framework and language for dialogue. The book serves a critical role of bridging what can only be described as a lamentable divide. Unity comes through understanding and understanding through conversation. With humor and insight, Harris matches wit with wisdom in a book that is sure to keep the conversation going.

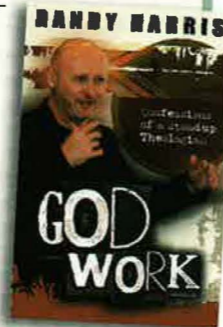
In the Aftermath: Provocations and Laments by David Bentley Hart
Reviewed by Dr. Keith D. Stanglin, assistant professor of Bible and historical theology
Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2009, 204 pages

David Bentley Hart, an Eastern Orthodox theologian, burst onto the theological scene with his 2003 book *The Beauty of the Infinite*. His deep learning, engaging wit and compelling prose, so evident in his first book and every offering since, shine forth in this new collection of essays. The 21 brief articles and review essays in this book originally appeared from 2001 to 2007 in a variety of journals, including *First Things*, *Touchstone* and *The Wall Street Journal*. These articles are popular-level pieces that are at the same time instructive, provocative and profound.

Although he is primarily a theologian, Hart displays the breadth of his knowledge and skill as a philosopher, historian and cultural commentator. The contributions in this volume treat a wide array of topics that cannot be surveyed here, but some common themes emerge. Hart’s uncompromising critique of Western, secular, post-Christian culture and values — along with their rotten and vapid fruit — will resonate with skeptics of the Enlightenment project. Related to this point and seemingly out of step with a society that has elevated politeness to a cardinal virtue, he is not shy about demolishing current critics of Christianity who often get a free ride. In such moments, Hart is at his best.

Theological discourse as a genre is not usually known for its wit, humor and literary virtues. But there is something strikingly fresh about this theologian’s method and style. Many of the articles in this book are available online, and you can quickly discover whether this book is for you. While it is not meant only for

theologians or specialists, *In the Aftermath* is definitely for those not afraid of new vocabulary. For those who read books to be challenged, to be entertained, to laugh, to draw closer to God, and, above all, to learn, then David Hart is a must read. **H**



Horses are used to enhance science education in a new program begun with area students this fall.

Merging horses with science education

FOR THE FIRST TIME, Cannon-Clary College of Education held an eight-session equine studies program called “Science and Horse Sense” this fall. The program utilized horses to merge relationship skill-building activities with academics to enhance science education.

Children from area schools participated in the program, which focused on building teamwork and relationship skills using Equine Assisted Learning, a hands-on system that utilizes the horse as a partner in the learning process. Activities include grooming, leading, haltering and using obstacle courses to incorporate the use of mind, body and spirit. The process helps students build self-esteem, improve communication skills and enrich relationships.

Amy Adair, a science instructional specialist in the College, envisioned the program after hearing about the Black Stallion Literacy Project, which encourages children to read through hands-on activi-

ties with horses and *Black Stallion* books written by Walter Farley. Adair realized that the same principles could be applied to increase a child’s interest in science.

After spending a couple of hours working with horses, students conducted authentic scientific investigations such as using technological tools to examine drinking water to ensure that it was at optimum temperature for the horse. Another project checked and measured the vital signs of the horse. Students also dissected an eye, worked with GPS activity and did DNA extraction. Each scientific investigation was organized according to Arkansas state frameworks for education.

Adair, who hosts the program at her farm just outside Searcy, completed training to become an equine specialist in September through the Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association, an international organization that certifies equine specialists and therapists. She worked with Dr. Todd Patten, assistant professor of education, and Anne Lehman, who works with the professional counseling program, to lead

the study. Vicki Garland, a science specialist at the Wilbur D. Mills Educational Service Cooperative, also worked with the team.

The program has prompted plans for an equine assisted psychotherapy and learning class for University students to be offered beginning fall 2010. Students pursuing a degree in professional counseling would learn how to set up activities with horses to be used in learning and therapy through the course. The equine studies program will also offer professional development opportunities for Arkansas teachers beginning in the spring.

For more information about the equine studies program, contact Adair at aadair@harding.edu.

Engineering programs attain accreditation

THE ELECTRICAL AND mechanical engineering programs received accreditation in August from the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. The commission conducted a site visit and evaluation in September 2008.

Housed in the engineering and physics department, the electrical and mechanical engineering programs began in fall 2004. The computer engineering program, which started in fall 2000, was accredited separately in 2007.

“Having our electrical and mechanical programs accredited now, along with the computer engineering program, demonstrates Harding’s commitment to excellence in a broad range of academic degree programs,” says Dr. Larry Long, vice president of academic affairs. >>

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION *continued*

Cheri Smith, assistant professor, passed the exam to become a certified Arkansas PRAXIS III assessor in October. The exam is administered by Arkansas Department of Education.

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Dr. Cathleen Shultz, dean and professor, co-edited the book *Giving Through Teaching: How Nurse Educators Are Changing the World*, which was released in January.

Lisa Engel, assistant professor, earned the designation of Certified Nurse Educator in November after successfully completing the certification examination developed and administered by the National League for Nursing.

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Dr. Rayanne Story, assistant professor, was elected to a three-year term as president of the Arkansas Association of Health-System Pharmacists in September. She will serve as president-elect until October 2010.

Pharmacy student Celia Proctor, president of the University’s American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists chapter, attended the association’s midyear regional meeting in Oklahoma City Oct. 23-25. She was elected to represent Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas at the annual meeting in January.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

Department of Behavioral Sciences

Dr. B.J. Houston, associate professor and director of the Criminal Justice Program, completed The John E. Reid and Associates course on The Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation July 20-22 in Las Vegas. In addition, she completed The Wicklander-Zulawski and Associates course on Criminal Interview and Interrogation Techniques Oct. 13-15 at Black River Law Enforcement Training Academy in Pochontas, Ark.

Departments of Chemistry, and Engineering and Physics

Three students presented their research at the Arkansas Idea Network of Biomedical Research Excellence Conference Oct. 23-24 in Fayetteville. Lori Wheeler, senior biochemistry and molecular biology major from Ward, Ark., placed first in the biology poster presentation. Sky Vanderberg, senior biochemistry and molecular biology major from Moberly, Mo., placed first in the biology oral presentation. Greg Lyons, senior physics major from Hudsonville, Mich., placed second in the physics poster presentation. >>

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Point of view

Associate Professor of Political Science

Steven Breezeel discusses that, while time and presidents change, ideas remain the same.

What led you to political science?

I've always had an interest in studying politics and government, trying to understand why things are the way they are. There was initially this idea of "I want to know more about this." There's the opportunity within the field of political science for us to go beyond the idea of sitting around drinking coffee and arguing politics to getting real data and conducting serious research. Rather than making up stories about why voters might support one particular candidate more than another, we can actually go out and ask them questions: "Why did you support this candidate over another?" We can look at characteristics of successful candidates rather than just guessing and really figure out what influences voters.

The science behind politics ...

Political science was originally part of the field of history. When they formed a separate field, they wanted to apply a scientific method to politics. You're studying people and how they behave. It's a neat field; it's got a lot of promise to it. It's nice to be able to take the next step and look at evidence, look for patterns, and try to figure out if we can understand what makes people tick and how they interact in the political arena.

On-campus application ...

Last year I took my Elections class and had them do a survey to find out about the distribution of partisanship on campus. You hear this idea that there are only Republicans at Harding, so the class went out to see. So, are there Democrats at Harding? Yes, there are in fact Democrats



at Harding. Are they outnumbered by the Republicans at Harding? Yes, they are in fact outnumbered by a really big margin (6.8 to 1). Is this something that surprised anybody? No, but we were able to go and find out what the distribution looked like and see if Harding students voted for Barack Obama or John McCain. That's the kind of thing about political science that is fun to me.

How have you seen students change as far as political views over the years?

Essentially what I get with my students is a cohort that may be more conservative or more liberal than the previous one, but then I'll also get cohorts that differ in terms of their engagement. Some of them are right-

wing radicals, some are left-wing radicals, and most are somewhere in between. The majority of students are content to sit around and talk about politics, but every once and awhile, I'll get students who are really plugged in. We had one young lady who was heavily involved in Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe's campaign a couple of years ago and others who have worked with members of Congress, judges and other officials. Some of them are much more about plugging into the halls of power, and others are more geared toward the analytical side of things.

Has the current political climate affected your class?

The one thing about politics is there's always something new on the agenda. We're trying to solve

some sort of a problem, and, if we solve it, it goes away, and we find a new problem. Other issues tend to defy permanent solutions and remain on the agenda for generations. We've been arguing and studying about economic policy forever. We can look at that and how that influenced the election of the presidents from Franklin Roosevelt to Ronald Reagan and Barack Obama. With the upcoming health care policy, you can hear echoes of the Clinton administration. We've been down this road. It's a different set of proposals, but the whole idea of health care reform has been part of the public debate for a long time. You can go all the way back to the '60s with Medicare. In politics, we go from one issue to the next. The things that people talk about change, but, in terms of the underlying game, it's always happening.

Has time changed how and what you teach?

I want to make what we're doing relevant, so I continually bring in examples that are current. For instance, since 2001, when I deal with international politics, I spend a lot more time on terrorism than I used to. When you're dealing with the presidency, which is a class I'm teaching right now, we are naturally going to talk about the issues of the day, but I don't want my classes to disintegrate into Republicans and Democrats arguing about whether we should pass a specific bill. I try to keep it in the realm of analyzing the process and focusing on how people interact as opposed to spending a lot of time debating the merits of the Senate Finance Committee's bill. **H**

Dr. Steven Breezeel ('94) is an associate professor of history and political science in the College of Arts and Humanities. He earned his Ph.D. from University of Illinois. Breezeel teaches U.S. National Government, the Presidency, Congress, Elections and Research Methods.

PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

Capturing history on Searcy Police building walls

PAINTING MAJOR NICK Peirce began his journey as an artist with his brother's coloring book and a box of crayons when he was just a child. His brother told him the only way he could color on the pages was if he stayed in the lines. Now, as a senior at the University, Peirce is coloring the walls of the Searcy Police Department.

While taking an art class taught by assistant professor Beverly Austin, he was assigned to create a mural for a local business or individual. Austin told Peirce that the police department was looking for someone to paint a mural in their building, so he set up a time to meet with them.

"I met with the chief of police and his secretary, and they showed me pictures of who they wanted in the murals and also which buildings and events around Searcy they wanted to include," says Peirce.

Peirce, who says he used his camera and imagination to get started, created the first mural to depict a veteran officer and his patrol car with the

historic White County Court House in the background. The second mural shows another officer conducting a routine traffic stop while a backup officer waits on a motorcycle. The third mural features two officers standing outside the department building engaged in conversation.

The entire process has taken one and a half years, and Peirce still has two murals left to do on what will become the "Hall of Honor" at the department. The two remaining murals are only "sketches and ideas at the moment," according to Peirce. One of those murals will include his father, Terry, who was a police officer at the department for 10 years before he died in 2003 from non-work related issues.

"I think he would be very proud to see the work I have done," says Peirce.

Peirce has done everything from oil and acrylic painting to watercolor and drawings and even attempted pottery once. He admits he has trouble pinpointing his favorite piece of artwork, but his most memorable piece is a print of Bob Ross, host of "The Joy of Painting," which aired on PBS stations across the U.S.

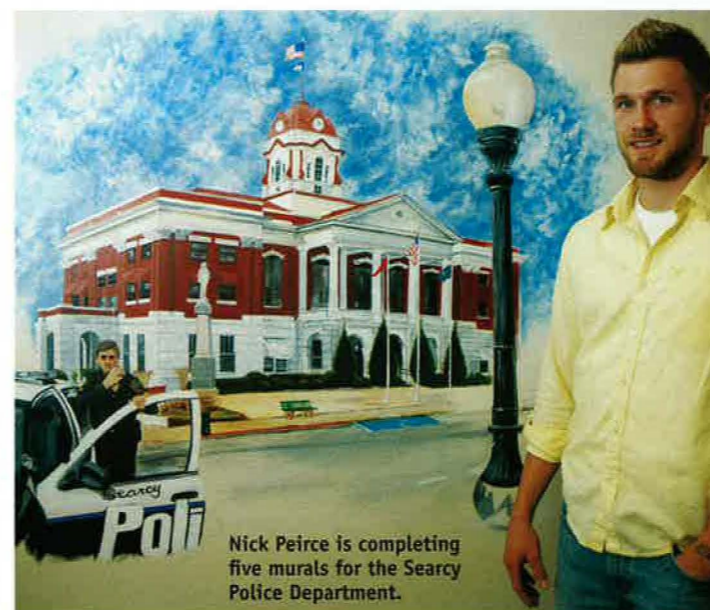


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Nick Peirce is completing five murals for the Searcy Police Department.

for 12 years.

"I used to watch him on TV when I was a kid, painting and talking about all the 'happy little trees.' [He's] just one of my many inspirations."

Peirce will graduate in May and plans to pursue a master's degree at Memphis College of Art. He plans to teach art at a university while commissioning work and hopes to create art on a full-time basis after retirement. For now, he continues to draw inspiration from his faith, family and friends.

"When I first started doing art work, I just did it because I liked it and because I was pretty good," says Peirce. "But now I do art for the glory of God because without him, my art wouldn't be possible."

Hard work pays off for PA Program

THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT Program received continued accreditation in September from the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant.

The 28-month graduate program began summer 2005 and is the first physician assistant program in Arkansas. Currently, 64 students are enrolled in the program.

"We are honored at having received accreditation for a period of five years with no citations. This is unusual for a program as young as Harding's," says Dr. Michael Murphy, program director. "The credit goes to the program faculty and staff and our many clinical preceptors who have all worked so hard to meet the accreditation standards and provide quality PA education and clinical training for our students."

The program's next review by ARC-PA will be in September 2014.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

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Department of Computer Science
Dr. **Frank McCown**, assistant professor, co-authored an article titled "Why Web Sites Are Lost (and How They're Sometimes Found)" in the November 2009 online edition of *Communications of the ACM*.

Scott Ragsdale, assistant professor, wrote an article titled "Selecting and Using a Course Management System" that was published in the winter 2009 issue of the *Journal of Instruction Delivery Systems*.

Three student teams represented the University at the IBM-sponsored Association for Computing Machinery International Collegiate Programming contest Oct. 24 at Arkansas Tech University in Russellville. The teams placed first, sixth and eighth out of 19 teams in the state. In the Mid-Central Regional competition, team Harding Black finished sixth overall in the region.

HONORS COLLEGE/ INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Dr. **Jeffrey T. Hopper**, dean of the Honors College and International Programs, traveled across Europe Oct. 16-24 performing a solo piano tour. He made stops in England, Denmark, Greece and Italy. Students and faculty at the University's international programs in Athens and Florence were able to attend performances.

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS SERVICES

The University hosted the 2009 Christian College Admission Counselors Conference Sept. 2-3. Representatives from 11 Christian colleges attended.

OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

Jay Simpson, assistant director, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Arkansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators at the organization's fall conference Oct. 22 in Little Rock. The award is based on significant contributions over a period of time and is the highest award given by the association.

MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Dr. **Linda Thompson**, director of the McNair Scholars Program and professor of psychology, co-authored an article published in the fall 2009 edition of the online journal "Face to Face." The publication is sponsored by the Forum for Access and Continuing Education headquartered in the United Kingdom.

The voice of the Bisons

By SCOTT GOODE, sports information director

GROWING UP THE SON OF AN auctioneer in Prim, Ark. (population 471), young Billy Morgan sat in the living room in front of his family's television and did play-by-play of Monday Night Football. For the last 15 years, Morgan has been doing play-by-play for much larger audiences, and, for the last three seasons, he has been the voice of the Bisons for football and basketball.

Morgan, who now lives in Heber Springs, Ark., and works in the auctioneering business, began living his childhood dream as a sports broadcaster on the radio in fall 1994. Morgan had a cousin who worked at the radio station that held the broadcast rights for Heber Springs High School.

"My cousin talked to the station manager, and they let me do it," says Morgan.

For three years, Morgan called Heber Springs High School games until the recommendation from a well-respected Arkansas broadcaster elevated his career to the collegiate level.

In summer 1996, Morgan sent a cassette tape of highlights to University of Arkansas play-by-play man Paul Eells.

"He was very encouraging to me," says Morgan. "He told me he thought I could do college sports if I caught the right break."

Eells knew Barry Dowd, then athletic director at Arkansas State University, and recommended Morgan to him. Dowd contacted Morgan for an interview and hired him in 1997 to work baseball and women's basketball games.

Morgan did play-by-play in various combinations for Arkansas State men's and women's basketball, baseball and football teams through 2004 when he ended his tenure.

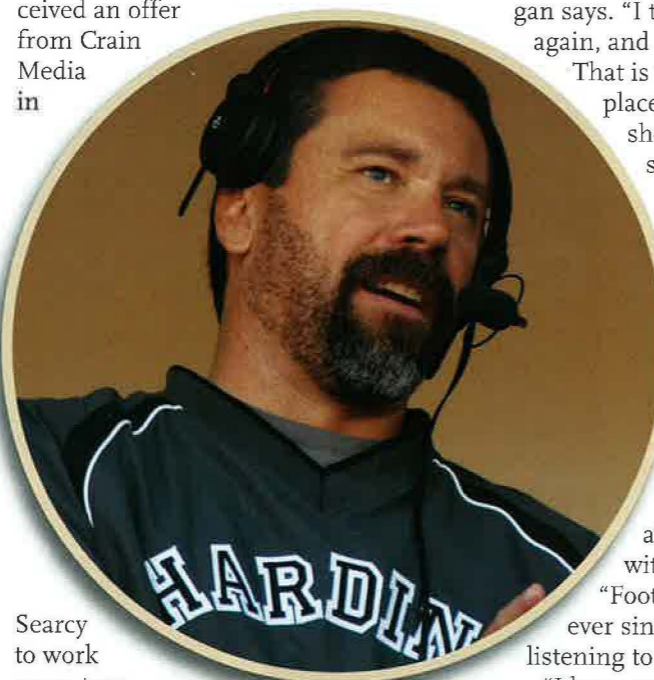
"I enjoyed it, but I was just really tired of being on the road all the time," says Morgan. "I had been wrestling with the decision to leave for a couple of years because my two sons [Brooks and Brett Ty] were young, and I had been missing the holidays for years. Every year I would wake up somewhere different on

Thanksgiving and that really bothered me from a family standpoint."

When he left Arkansas State, Morgan believed his play-by-play days, at least on the collegiate level, were finished.

"I wanted to step away, but, whenever the new season started, I really missed it," Morgan says. "It was football season again, and I did not have anything to do. In my heart, I really thought I had made a mistake."

Morgan resumed broadcasting Heber Springs High School football games that year. Then in spring 2006, Morgan received an offer from Crain Media in



Searcy to work some tape-delayed television broadcasts of Harding Bison men's basketball.

"I really did not think it was something that I would be interested in, but I did it because it was just three or four games," Morgan says. "When I did the games and saw the faster pace of college basketball, I remembered how much I enjoyed it. It kind of got my juices going again."

Morgan then forwarded some clips of his Arkansas State football calls to Harding Sports Information Director Scott Goode and Public Relations Director David Crouch, saying that if the University needed someone to fill in on radio, he would enjoy doing it.

"In summer 2007, we found ourselves looking for a play-by-play announcer for football and basketball games. Football season was less than 90 days away," says Crouch. "Billy Morgan was looking to get back into broadcasting after a brief hiatus from the college sports scene. Our paths crossed, and, as the saying goes, 'the rest is history.' He brought NCAA Division I experience to Bison radio broadcasts."

However, Morgan did not want to spend all of his time on the road again. "At the time, I was not interested in taking an entire schedule of games," Morgan says. "I thought I'd be on buses again, and I did not want to tackle that.

That is why I got out in the first place. But when Mr. Crouch showed me the football schedule and assured me I would not be in hotels, I talked to my wife, Dusty, and said that I thought this was something I would enjoy. I was also dealing with some health issues at the time, and I felt like the good Lord put this in my life to pick me up a little bit."

Morgan has been on the air as the voice of the Bisons with his trademark opening, "Football greetings, Bison fans," ever since. And those Bison fans are listening to one of the best.

"I love game day," Morgan says. "During basketball season, I love the time just before tip-off. During football, it's the kickoff."

"Billy is the consummate professional," says Crouch. "He never enters the broadcast booth unprepared in his knowledge of Harding teams or their opponents. He has definitely taken our broadcasts to the next level. I have had numerous occasions to listen to the radio broadcasts of Harding's opponents in both basketball and football. Billy Morgan doesn't take a backseat to anyone in his play-by-play skills, enthusiasm and professionalism. We are very fortunate to have him as the voice of Harding sports." **H**

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[ROUNDUP]

Kirwa second at nationals



Amber Parker

LED BY SOPHOMORE DANIEL KIRWA's second-place race, the men's cross-country team placed ninth at the 2009 NCAA Division II Cross-Country Championships in Evansville, Ind., Nov. 21.

Kirwa completed the 10-kilometer race in 30:28.2, just four-tenths of a second behind the winner. He tied Jacob Rotich and Julius Kosgei for the highest finish by a Harding runner at the national meet and topped his own seventh-place finish last year. He earned his second cross-country All-America honor. Also earning All-America was sophomore Philip Biwott, who placed 21st in 32:05.3.

The Bisons qualified for nationals by winning their ninth regional championship at the NCAA II South Region Meet in Tampa, Fla. Kirwa was the regional champion for the second straight year.

The team also won its ninth Gulf South Conference title, and Kirwa was again the individual champion. Biwott, Manase Busienei and Reese Jackson also earned First Team All-GSC honors. Coach Steve Guymon was named GSC and

South Region Coach of the Year, and Kirwa was named South Region Runner of the Year by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association.

Lady Bison runners 19th in nation

THE WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY team placed 19th at the 2009 NCAA Division II Cross Country Championships, hosted by the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville Nov. 21. The Lady Bisons' top runner was senior Katy Grant, who finished the six-kilometer race 59th in 22 minutes, 23 seconds.

Harding qualified for the national meet by placing second among 14 teams at the NCAA II South Region meet in Tampa, Fla. Grant was again the team's top runner, finishing third.

Two weeks earlier, Grant led the Lady Bisons to their fifth Gulf South Conference championship by winning the individual title at the meet. It was Grant's first career cross-country win.

Grant, Esther Kosgei, Gladys Kimtai, Rysper Sirma, Mary Samoei and Naomi Landecker earned First Team All-GSC accolades.

Football finishes 5-6

THE 2009 FOOTBALL TEAM COMPILED a 5-6 overall record, three-games better than the previous season. Much of the improvement was thanks to a defense bolstered by transfer Josh Jones.

Jones, a defensive back, led the Bisons with 94 tackles and the Gulf South Conference with eight interceptions. Jones earned consensus All-America honors and played in the Cactus Bowl, the NCAA Division II All-Star Game in Kingsville, Texas, Jan. 8.

Jones was one of five Bisons honored as All-GSC performers. Defensive lineman Keenan Kitchen, defensive utility player Jermaine Blanchard, all-purpose back Zac Ross, and center Brad Parker joined him.

Ross became only the fourth Bison ever to lead the team in rushing and receiving. He also finished his career as Harding's career leader in kickoff return yards. During his senior season, Ross played wide receiver, quarterback, kickoff returner, punt returner, punter and holder.

Galloway tops soccer scoring

THE 2009 MEN'S SOCCER TEAM WENT 4-15 with a 1-4 mark in the Gulf South Conference.

Junior Connor Galloway led the team with seven goals and 17 points. Senior Drew Nowlin had four assists.

Galloway and senior defender Chad Marshall were named First Team All-Gulf South Conference. Galloway also earned *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-District honors.

The Lady Bison soccer team completed the 2009 season with a 3-10-4 overall record and a 1-4-2 mark in the Gulf South Conference.

Sophomore Chelsea Brandon and freshman Tabitha McReynolds tied for the team lead with four goals each. Junior midfielder Briana Meek led the Lady Bisons with nine points on three goals and three assists.

Senior midfielder Minnie Guzman and junior defender Hayley Withrow both earned All-Gulf South Conference honors. Guzman earned All-GSC honors each of her four seasons, and it was Withrow's first All-Conference honor.

Volleyball takes West Division

THE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM FINISHED the 2009 season with a 28-7 overall record — the most victories since going 33-5 in 2005. With an 11-1 record, the team won their seventh Gulf South Conference West Division championship and advanced to the semifinals of the conference tournament before falling to University of West Alabama.

Three players won All-Conference honors. Senior Manuela Nesheva earned her second GSC West Division Player of the Year Award and was named First Team All-GSC. The Bulgaria native ranked second in the conference with 4.42 kills per game and finished as the team's career leader in kills and service aces.

Junior Emily Tate also earned First Team All-GSC honors after leading the conference with 0.49 services aces per set and ranking second with 4.68 digs per set. Senior Sarah Phipps earned Second Team All-GSC honors and averaged 2.21 kills per game.

For the latest sports information, visit www.hardingsports.com.



Unmasking FACULTY ALTER EGOS

By JENNIFER HANNIGAN

IT'S A BIRD! IT'S A PLANE! IT'S ... A PROFESSOR? ■ For many students, the only side of a professor they see is the academic one. Although mild-mannered faculty by day, after the final bell rings, they have some unexpected identities outside the classroom, transforming from teacher to pilot, marathon runner, competition gardener, lead singer or figure skater — no phone booth or cape required.

JUPITER IMAGES PHOTO



UP, UP AND AWAY

DR. DAVID COLE

SINCE CHILDHOOD, DAVID COLE HAS BEEN INTERESTED in flying, whether he was building model airplanes or launching rockets. “I thought being a pilot was out of my reach,” says the professor of chemistry. However, one day while driving past the Searcy Municipal Airport, opportunity presented itself. “I saw a sign that said, ‘Learn to fly here!’ So I went in. A certified flight instructor said if I was really serious, then I needed to get the written part out of the way first.” With two months worth of studying and practice flights under his belt, Cole received his pilot’s license and was ready to fly solo. “My instructor said there was only one other person who had finished the course faster than I had.”

Now, he takes to the skies as much as he can, not only for the health of his plane but for himself as well. “With a plane like this, the worst thing you could do is not use it,” he says. “I’m happy flying. You get a different perspective at an altitude like that. You lose the petty things that are going on down on the surface.”

Cole especially enjoys long-distance flying, using the plane to go on trips or visit family. He also flies to help rescue and transport animals as a member of Animal Rescue Flights, a group who finds homes for dogs and cats in high-kill shelters. “[Sophomore] Ashel Parsons, who also flies, and I helped transport a dog from Northern Alabama to Tulsa, Okla.,” he says. “We flew the middle leg of the trip, from Millington, Tenn., to Harrison, Ark. That dog was probably my most interesting passenger.”

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FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET

DR. RICH BROWN

WHILE MANY PEOPLE RUN to maintain their own health, Rich Brown finds himself running for the health of others, particularly those of St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Brown, who began running marathons in 1998, became a "St. Jude's Hero" and raced in the 2002 Memphis Marathon to raise money for the facility. "I knew that the hospital was a great place, and I wanted to help," Brown says. "The next year, I ran and raised \$6,000. I was the second highest individual fundraiser."

In addition to running in eight different marathons — which include the Boston Marathon — more than 20 times, Brown has raced in two 50Ks, a 50-mile race, and, most recently, the Arkansas Traveler 100-mile ultramarathon in October 2009, which wound through the Ouachita Mountains west of Little Rock. "The race was fun," says Brown. "I do plan to do it again next year. I finished 14th and in less than 24 hours at 23 hours and 35 minutes. I really wanted the belt buckle that goes to people finishing in less than 24 hours."

According to Brown, the first 84 miles of the race went very well, but once he paused at that mile's rest stop, his leg muscles began to stiffen. "I could run, but it hurt, especially my left leg. It was like it was trying to shut down. The last 16 miles were hard." Hoping that running would loosen his muscles, Brown pressed on, but the pain continued. Stopping to get a drink from his water bottle, he was passed by a fellow racer who gave Brown, what he says, was "one of the top five or six most influential statements for me this year. He said 'Just keep moving. You can still get there under 24 hours.'" And with that, Brown decided, "Pain hurts, but it won't kill you," gritted his teeth and finished the race. "I was so very happy to be finished — so happy and so tired." He was still feeling effects of the race three weeks later.

Although the Arkansas Traveler was not a St. Jude's-sponsored race, Brown raised \$3,500 for the hospital and earned \$5,000 more when he ran the Memphis Marathon again in December.

Brown learned that, without his support group, he could not have achieved his goal, much like the children of St. Jude's rely on fundraisers like Brown to aid them in their journey.

His St. Jude's Hero Web page, www.mystjudeheroes.org/run100rich, raises awareness for the hospital and for his fundraising.



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FLOWER POWER

DR. ALICE JEWELL

WHAT STARTED OUT AS A GOING-AWAY PRESENT quickly grew into an enjoyable hobby for Alice Jewell.

When she and her husband, Fred, moved from Bloomington, Ind., to Searcy, her friend gave her some irises to plant in their new yard. "I started with her few irises and put them beside our sidewalk leading up to our porch," says Jewell. "The second time she gave me some, I put them around our mailbox. The next time she gave me some, they came up the side of the driveway."

Once her father-in-law began growing irises, the Jewells dug up both sides of their driveway to plant what he had given them. "It just grew from one year to the next. What started as one row around the mailbox is now 10 rows. When you drive by my house, all you see of the front yard is irises."

For Jewell, it was the hardiness of the flower that enabled her to work them into her schedule yet still grow so many. "When I was teaching full time, as soon as the semester started, I was taking care of students and my children, and irises were not a priority. I did not have a lot of time to mess with flowers. I could work on them in the summertime, and they take care of themselves for most of the year with just a little bit of weeding."

In addition to brightening her neighborhood with irises, Jewell enters them into local iris competitions. "The main reason for the iris show is to educate other people about how many kinds of flowers there are, and the goal is to encourage people to grow irises." She has won Queen of Show and is frequently runner-up to the sweepstakes with the second highest number of blue ribbons. She has also traveled to the Iris Society's national and regional conventions, the highlight for her being the national convention in Portland, Ore.

Demonstrating just how independent irises are, she and her husband were able to travel to Greece and teach for the University's overseas program during spring 2009 and returned April 23, the day before the Searcy iris show. "I cut 12 irises and took them to the bank, and I got eight blue ribbons. They did their own thing without me here."

Both Jewells retired at the end of the 2008-09 school year, so she is now able to spend more time with her flowers.

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ABLE TO LEAP HIGH NOTES

DEVIN SWINDLE

WHEN DEVIN SWINDLE AND A GROUP OF MEN started singing after worship at College and North Church of Christ in Mountain Home, Ark., he never imagined it would eventually lead to being a headlining cruise act. “We were just a group of older guys, standing around, singing out of songbooks because we liked to hear ourselves sing,” Swindle, assistant professor of Bible, says.

After he left that congregation to preach in Pocahontas, Ark., he was surprised when he began getting calls for the group to perform. “Six of the eight guys who were in the group originally had never held microphones,” he says.

By 2005, the group First Day as it now exists took shape. Harding alumni Bruce Caldwell ('84), Tim Martin ('84), Matt Nunnally ('97), and students Kyle Jones and Jeff Henig along with Swindle “perform 30 to 40 shows a year,” he says. “First Day sings in places where you couldn't walk in and preach a sermon. It's a full-fledged ministry.”

After a show at Mount Comfort Church of Christ in Fayetteville, Ark., the group was approached about performing on the Music Boat, hosted by Premier Christian Cruises. Setting sail May 4, 2009, First Day was listed alongside top Christian artists like MercyMe, tobyMac, Jars of Clay and BarlowGirl.

“We had three performances on the boat,” he says. “All artists had an autograph session. We were in the main dining hall, and there was the First Day table, the Audio Adrenaline table and the MercyMe table.” After the last fans received autographs, Swindle and the rest of First Day got up to get the other groups' autographs. “That was the neatest part for me. When we weren't singing, we got to hear these guys I listen to on the radio, and we got to meet and talk to them.”

As a result of the cruise, First Day has booked several shows and is excited to see what the future will bring. “We're excited to have this opportunity to minister in a very unconventional way.”

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SUPER SKATER

DR. JULIE HIXSON-WALLACE

GROWING UP WITH THREE ACTIVE BROTHERS, Julie Hixson-Wallace, dean of the College of Pharmacy, did not consider herself athletic. It wasn't until she discovered ice-skating that she found her niche.

“I was never really someone who played basketball or softball,” she says. “When I found skating, it was nice to discover that I could be athletic.”

Hixson-Wallace began skating at a young age at a rink close to her grandmother's house in Charlotte, N.C. When her family moved to Atlanta, she began to devote more time and money to skating. “As I became a mid- to late-teenager and was working part time, I could pay for my own lessons and coaching because my parents weren't really able to do that,” she says. “I had some disposable income of my own, and that's what I wanted to do with it.”

Skating as a member of the Ice-Skating Institute of America, she competed in skating events across the country. “When I skated early on, I started doing pairs skating, dance and freestyle. I would usually compete in all three at most of the competitions we went to.”

It was through skating that Hixson-Wallace met her husband, Ralph. “I was always doing pairs or dance with somebody else. And over time, I ended up doing pairs with him. Toward the end of our careers, we skated pairs more because we both enjoyed that, and we could be together.”

Since moving to Searcy, the couple has had to find ways to work skating in wherever they go. Whether skating at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs — the training grounds for many Olympic skaters — or volunteering at national skating competitions, Hixson-Wallace still finds time to skate.

She even had the opportunity to skate in Searcy during 2008's ice storm. “There was really thick ice on the streets, so I skated on our driveway and the street. I can say I've skated in Searcy now.”

Still on the ice occasionally, she says she owes a lot to her years of skating. “It gave me a whole different perspective on myself. When I got into skating, it gave me more self-esteem and confidence.” **H**



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What did you receive
from Harding that you

VALUE most?

Sure, you loved Harding, but what stuck with
you through the years? We asked you to share
what you VALUE from your college days.

Here's your reply.

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Inspired influence

The lives of Harding officials and teachers were paramount in showing me the Lord. These lives flooded me with inspiration, the most valuable “tool” I received from the school.

I see consistent Dean L.C. Sears, the embodiment of Harding's infancy. His being at Cordell, Harper and Morrilton — as well as Searcy — gave him the perspective we needed in order to appreciate what we had in Searcy. His memories of and connections with J.N. Armstrong and James A. Harding made them come alive and allowed close feelings with these Restoration giants, thanks to the vivid portraits of them painted by Sister Woodson Armstrong, him and others.

I see George Benson, whose life and works in China, the Far East and Africa were more important to me than even his life and valuable works as president of the college.

I see Cliff Ganus, whose humility and generosity stand shoulder to shoulder with his matchless breadth of knowledge, experience and devotion to God.

I see Joe Pryor, whose Christ-like heart disciplined his brilliant mind into a servant the likes of which will be impossible to replicate.

I see Kenneth Davis, whose visage and devotion indelibly explained choral expressions such as “come into the mountain of the Lord” and many others as he directed us.

I see Jimmy Allen, whose love for the souls of men called him to domains unknown to most — from teaching sixth-graders Bible when he was a new Christian to bringing octogenarians to the Lord when he himself was well beyond his own threescore and 10.

Most clearly, I see Andy Ritchie and Hugh Groover, whose lives daily welcomed the spirit of the Lord. It is difficult to use words that express their Godly influence on me — and on thousands of others.

— GERALD CASEY ('61)

Christian relationships

The Christian relationships I formed while at Harding are the memories that have stuck with me the most. I also recall with fondness many events which helped me form those relationships: lily pool devotionals, A Cappella Chorus and tours with Uncle Bud, Harding University in Florence, chapel, international campaigns to England and Australia, campus ministry, prayer nights held in Shores Chapel, Wednesday night home Bible study, social club outings and devotionals, Spring Sing practices and performances, Lectureships, dorm life, studying in the library and fellowshiping there when a break from studies was needed, travels to the Tulsa Workshop, road trips on weekends, talks on the front lawn and in Harding swings, eating in the old Pattie Cobb cafeteria, devotionals in the stairwell of the renovated Pattie Cobb dorm, and so much more.

It was at Harding that I began to grow closer to God by praying with my Christian brothers and sisters and by seeing the relationships some of my peers had with God. My eyes were opened to the world God loves through the missionaries who taught us, such as Van Tate and Monte Cox ('81), and through my travels with international campaigns and with A Cappella Chorus in Europe. Thank you, Harding, for shaping my life with wonderful memories and people who influenced me, both teachers and students.

— TRACEY TURNER DANNELS ('89)

Continual blessings

I arrived in Searcy a day after classes began by way of a Greyhound bus late one night in August 1987. I didn't know where to go even though I was only a block from campus. I was disoriented in more ways than one. Just a week after graduating Marine Corps boot camp at Parris Island and three months from having been a ward of the state of Florida, uncertainty swirled around me like a storm. Over the next eight years (it seemed I really was “educating for eternity”), the Harding community blessed me in ways that I'm still benefitting from. My Christianity matured, my focus improved, my sense of love and belonging developed — and the academics were good enough that I've been well employed ever since. That dazed kid with the buzz cut and sea bag didn't know how good he had it.

— DANA DERE ('92)

God doing the impossible

It was 33 years ago that I arrived on the campus of Harding with just a suitcase and a fan, although I'm not exactly sure about the fan! I came by faith because I was told that there was not any room for me. I credit Jimmy Allen with helping me get enrolled and finding a place in a dorm to live — perhaps because I wanted to major in Bible. It was a giant leap of faith, as I came from what most people would consider the “wrong side of the tracks.” My hair came halfway down my back, and I had experimented with drugs during most of my teenage years. I wasn't considered college material by any standard, but God had other plans. He saw the potential in me and helped me graduate with honors from Harding and the Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tenn.

The Harding experience continues to amaze me every day as I draw from it and the wonderful friendships cultivated there. I now have had the honor of sending my own children to Harding and watching them both graduate with honors and marry Christian spouses. Furthermore, as an elder of the Lord's church, I still see God doing the impossible every day as he did with me so many years ago. God bless the men and women who sacrificed so much to make Harding a unique experience for a young person's journey of faith.

— DANNY DUNCAN ('80)

Sweet influences

Brother Leslie Burke was a great Greek teacher, a beautiful Christian and a devout servant of Jesus. I owe him so much because I taught Greek for almost 50 years at the Bible chair at Eastern New Mexico University and Rochester College along with Bible, church history and archaeology.

I had great discussions many nights in the old army huts and later in the dorm with Marion Hickingbottom ('50), Les Perrin ('50), Chick Allison ('53) and others. I would not give anything for that fellowship.

— STEVE ECKSTEIN ('49)

A merciful tool

Roll, roll back, clock. Roll back to when I had one chin, when I was thin, when my sweetheart and I walked uneasily the walks of the campus eager to impress the other. What sweet sadness gathers around my older throat and gratitude for a place that filled my empty spots with goodness, knowledge, noble themes and high principles. It seemed hard, but all was done in love. >>

Youth is gone, naivety, easy belief. We don't worry for ourselves, but ours, just as those worried for us and not themselves. We were sent, dropped off, kept in prayer, and, because our hearts were open, the place did the trick. Thank God it was here. Thank God that people sacrificed to make this space.

Our time here we can't repeat, that messy convergence of people and choices. It is holy and whole in my mind and sweet and sad because since, life has happened. All were young, hopeful, untested, uninjured, happy and anxious to be beginning.

This place is still here. It stays; you don't. You can't move on and stay. But to this day, impossible as it may be, I want to stay. Stay; hover over the sweet unrepeatable moments. But my Harding isn't there anymore. It's in my sweetheart and in me shared and visited — impractical, unproductive, but there. Imprinted on each cell of our college children. They bear the marks of the merciful tool God used in forming them.

The taste prepared us for a feast that cannot be eaten here. It draws me on to that place: Thank God it's there. Thank God the sacrifice that makes it possible.

— MARK FINN ('82)

Strong investment

My wife and I did not attend Harding University. However, all four of our children attended. This was one of the best investments we ever made.

The dividend: One Harding daughter-in-law, three Harding son-in-laws, and, as a bonus, we have 16 grandchildren. All of the above that are of accountability ages are faithful Christians.

Added to all of these benefits, I have had the opportunity to serve as one of the trustees for the past 20 years with some of the nicest people one will ever meet.

May God continue to bless Harding University.

— MEL GARDNER

The right place

We came to Harding College as a young married couple midterm 1958. We were among the first couples to move into the new married students apartments (that were recently demolished) where we immediately met other couples who built their lives around Christian principles. We were "blown away" by the emphasis on the Lord, the fellowship of Christian students being together, and the atmosphere it provided. It was truly amazing, and we immediately knew we had found the right place for our education.

Through our continued contact with Harding in the years that followed, we became even more "sold." This created a great desire to share the experience with our children and to pass it on to others. I guess it was noticed. One business associate during the 80's said to me in front of several others, "Lathan, we know church of Christ Christians die and go to Harding." Well, we did move back to Searcy when I retired, and we plan to be buried here. My wife, Barbara, stated it like this, "The spiritual experience of being together 24/7 with others my age that loved the Lord and wanted to worship and share their heartfelt feelings daily made me want to pass on the value of such an experience."

We have been blessed. Our four sons all attended Harding. Two of our grandchildren graduated in 2008, and another grandson is a student.

— LATHAN GARNETT ('61)

A firm foundation

The "Harding Experience" was the foundational point, which led to all of my other experiences, making them richer and more fulfilling.

— BILL IVEY ('70)

Passing it on

"Near the foothills of the Ozarks ..." lies a place, an institution, a legacy named Harding University.

The numerous memories that I carry with me of my college days include green beans and mystery meat in Pattie Cobb dining hall; spontaneous devotionals around the lily pool (into which I was thrown upon my engagement to my wife by club "friends"); Monday night meetings in the balcony of Administration Auditorium (where my wife and I had our first "date"); wearing the TNT toilet-paper-roll hat with pins protruding from it to keep club rivals from swiping it off my head during pledge week; Uncle Bud's constantly wanting more consonants in chorus; being part of two NAIA national championship teams in bowling; lettering two years in intramural sports (including pingpong championships my junior and senior years — some thought I majored in intramurals for awhile); and soaking it all in at the feet of Christian professors such as Neale Pryor, Ray Muncy and Nyal Royle. Those were the days, my friends.

I suppose the most valuable assets of my years as a Bison were my undergraduate and graduate degrees that have led to my 32-year career as an educator and my wife, Delores Hawkins ('72), to whom I have been married for more than 38 years.

However, most of the above would have to take second place to the pride I have felt in my children. All four have decided to engage in the Harding experience. Actually the first three have graduated; the fourth is now a senior. I hope someday the Lord will allow me the thrill of knowing that my grandchildren are also part of the Bison herd.

— KERBE LEE ('71)

The man of my dreams

I value most my dear darling husband, Morgan Richardson ('55), happy memories and lifelong friendships.

— ANDEE KING RICHARDSON ('57)

Keeping the tradition alive

The thing I value most is carrying on our family tradition.

My grandparents, Tom and Emma McReynolds, lived in Morrilton, Ark., when the school was still called Arkansas Christian College. My dear granddad served on the board for many years, even after the move to Searcy.

My father, Hubert McReynolds ('35), attended Harding and there met and married my mother, Juanita Fields ('37), in 1935.

Growing up in Texas, my brother, Jim, and I loved going to camp Wyldewood, and when I got too old to be a camper, I served as a counselor.

In fall 1958, I entered Harding as a freshman, and my room was just down the hallway from my mother's room in Pattie Cobb Hall.

I met and married my husband, Larry Hand ('61), while both of us were students at Harding.

Always, precious memories will be in my heart for Harding.

— MIRIAM HAND RICHARDSON ('62)

Direction and purpose

Eternal life! Have you, as I, ever wondered, "If?" If I had stayed at home, worked on the farm, continued a purposeless existence, would I still be alive physically? Certainly not spiritually.

I graduated from high school, and I had my designs set on Kent State University, which I attended four quarters as a number only, not a name. My soul was in turmoil. I had no purpose, no direction. One night on a return trip home, I visited with a former high school student who was attending Harding. He was so positive and upbeat. I told him about my discouragement at KSU. He said, "Why don't you attend Harding?"

I read the catalog with all its rules and regulations and thought, "No way! It's a prison." However, I did go back to KSU with much to think about. During my fourth quarter, a third roommate was added to my room who had recently lost her mother to cancer. She was mature, she was quality, and she was a daily Bible reader. Carol's character and influence got me into Bible reading. My troubled soul led me back to Harding's catalog and to a sudden withdrawal from KSU. The reason? "I am going to Harding to become a missionary." I wasn't even a Christian.

I enrolled at Harding in January 1959, became a Christian on Feb. 28, and the rest has become a lifelong, peaceful journey of ups and downs, but certainly a life filled with direction and purpose.

— MARJORIE HAYES RYAN ('61)

Spiritual growth

After graduating from Lubbock Christian College in 1965 with an Associate of Applied Arts degree and being discharged in Germany from the U.S. Army to attend the second half of Pepperdine University's initial year in Europe program at Heidelberg, Germany, I traveled from Lubbock, Texas, to attend Harding. In 1965 the World Missions Conference, which rotated to all Christian colleges associated with churches of Christ, was to be held there.

The greatest contribution to my scriptural growth was the fact that during my two years at Harding I was allowed to preach at three small churches: Eglantine, Ark., then at a congregation 30 miles from Searcy, and finally at Four Mile Hill Church of Christ, which, at the time, was meeting in an old house, planning to build their new church building. I was able to serve as their first minister and later in the year as their first youth director.

— H. CLOVIS SHIPP ('67)

Seeds that keep on growing

While at Harding, I struggled with the knowledge that I was somehow different from those around me in the depths beneath my average-looking outward appearance. I was not yet aware of being a person with more pronounced disabilities than most folk and assumed that it was my cross to bear that I felt different. My challenges made a lot of people uncomfortable and yet they gave me mental, emotional, physical and spiritual seeds to ease my journey. It took the marvels of modern medical science after my graduation from Harding to help me understand how precious those seeds were and to guide me in weeding out and otherwise preparing the soil of my life in which to plant them. I was stunned to experience their growth as they gave me an ever-widening worldview, a contin-

uous opening of my heart to the awareness of constant spiritual guidance, and other gifts that keep on giving. Their beauty made me less sensitive to how I or others perceived me and focused my attention instead on the sensitivities of others as they experienced God's amazing grace at work in their lives through the acts of service in which I am involved.

As a theatre major at Harding, I was often on stage. Now I am blessed to work behind the scenes of life in planting the descendants of the seeds I was given — seeds of God's righteousness to help free those enslaved by prejudice, discrimination and biases due to other people's perception of their mental, emotional, physical and spiritual challenges. How can I not but treasure these gifts that keep on giving above all the other wonderful experiences I had at Harding? What joy it is to know that God leads me, just as I am, to experience His amazing grace forever and ever. Thanks to all of you for the seeds you gave.

— KEITH SLITER ('83)

Christian worldview

Harding gave me a most valuable "worldview from a Christian perspective." It was through international travel with Dr. Kenneth Davis Jr. and the Harding A Cappella Chorus that I was introduced to a world beyond the USA. This awakening ultimately led my family and me into international missions and subsequently into medical missions in Africa where we are now serving. My Harding mentors and a special Harding network of Christian friends were, and still are, invaluable assets in the sometimes daunting, yet rewarding, work of a medical missionary. I urge Harding students to "come and see." They, too, can make a difference for Christ in a mission setting.

— DANNY SMELSER ('73)

Friendships above all

I thought my world had ended when I graduated from high school in 1941. It was just beginning. Those whom I had known in the earliest years of my life became entities less recalled as I formed relationships more spiritually based during four wonderful years at Harding. My horizons were expanding in every good way.

Daily chapel services, Bible classes, and the sweetest singing I had ever heard were bread to my hungry soul. Selfless, sacrificing teachers showed me a more excellent way, and I yet cherish those dedicated servants of The Most High.

As the Psalmist (37:25) has indelibly set forth, "I was young, and now I am old." My perspective has become more clearly defined and set as the years have come and gone with "swiftness of a weaver's shuttle." I recently told one of life's dearest and trusted friends, "We were boys together, and now we are old men, nearing the last boundary of life, and our friendship has stood the tests of time."

This is the stuff of which eternal life is compounded: the friendships we created more than 65 years ago as part of the Harding experience are certainly to be VALUED highly, perhaps most highly of all.

— GEORGE TIPPS ('45)

What if
we had

Missed this?

On June 5, 2009, Casey ('03) and Mary Beth Stanford ('03) Picker's yearlong adoption process culminated in the news they were now parents — and their 3-year-old son, Caleb, a big brother — to a baby boy in Ethiopia. The Pickers named him Josiah, meaning, "God has saved; God has healed." They kept his full Ethiopian name, Marefu Sumamo, as his middle names, a nod to his birth mother. Before bringing Josiah home to Little Rock, Ark., the Pickers chose to meet the young lady giving them this gift. Through her blog entry, Mary Beth takes us on that incredible journey. >>

By MARY BETH PICKER



Mary Beth and Josiah Marefu Sumamo Picker

Adorning the

grounds

By JENNIFER HANNIGAN

*Exquisite landscaping
on campus doesn't just happen.
It's the result of the grounds beautification
crew's undeniable pride in their work. And it shows.*

THE UNIVERSITY'S FLOWER BEDS AND GREENERY OFTEN

provide the perfect backdrop for pictures, events and documenting different seasons. During Homecoming, bright orange leaves match the bright smiles of reunions with old friends while spring blooms are as colorful as Spring Sing costumes and contrast against the black robes of May graduation. However, while many see the campus grounds as a backdrop, Director of Grounds Beautification Johnny Ferguson thinks they are the stars of the show.

Having served as director for almost 23 years, Ferguson has spent most of his time outside, even before he was taking care of plant life on campus. "I always liked growing stuff when I was living in Mississippi," he says. "I like seeing things grow, landscaping and making it look better."

With the traditional office traded for one outdoors, Ferguson has the best view on campus. "I've learned to appreciate nature more and more," he says. "It's hard to describe how pretty a bloom is. It starts from a little stem and becomes a beautiful flower."

Ferguson's love for his job is apparent. He keeps a photo album of flower beds and landscaping around campus, showing each picture like a proud father. "If I was working at a factory or something like that, I probably wouldn't have a picture of it. I feel really fortunate to have this job. When I retire, I can look back on these pictures and know that I did help this place or at least tried to. I'm proud of it."

Ferguson and his seemingly small team of seven workers maintain every facet of the grounds, from mowing and weeding to landscaping in front of the University's buildings.

"When I come back from vacation and walk around campus, I can't believe that we get all of this done with as few people as we have, and it looks so good."

And, while most would think that advertising for the University is left to the admissions or public relations offices, Ferguson's work makes a statement to passersby. "We like to put things like blooming flowers out on the streets where everyone can see them," he says. "We call it the windshield effect. Bright colors make people look. We also try to have a lot of blooming plants, like azaleas, dogwoods and crepe myrtles around because, when they bloom, they really light up the place."

His responsibilities change along with the seasons. During summer and winter months, many plants die from heat or cold and have to be replaced. Warm-weather plants are transferred into the greenhouse to be replanted next year.

Autumn's falling leaves also keep his team busy. "As leaves fall, probably until the last of February, we'll have to rake leaves every week because they're steadily coming down. We chop them up for mulch in the flower beds." Dead plants and tree limbs are also collected by the city of Searcy to be ground into mulch.

Before classes begin in August, Ferguson and his team plant or rework flower beds on campus and around the buildings. "When we get a new building, we do the landscaping and install the sprinklers almost every time. On a remodeled building, we have to go behind the construction workers because, by the time they get finished, they've just about destroyed everything there."

The campus' newest landscaping can be found in front of the Administration Auditorium, where some plants had been "35 years or maybe longer," according to Ferguson. "The plants got out of hand and lanky. The building needed a new face. We did a lot of landscaping the last three or four years on main campus, and this blended it to complete that new look."

The team's hard work does not go unnoticed. For many, it is one of the first things remarked upon when visiting campus. For Searcy real estate agent and alumna Barbara Graham ('73) Duncan, the University's landscaping adds to Searcy's beauty as well. "The grounds crew does a great job maintaining campus," says Duncan. "I take pride as a Realtor when I drive clients around Searcy and point out Harding. The University, I think, truly wants to add to the beauty of the hometown and not just the campus itself."

For couples planning their wedding, one of the appeals of Cone Chapel is its view of the campus. In choosing a wedding location, Daniel ('07) and Erica Seawel ('08) Wade found the chapel a perfect venue. "The chapel needs very few decorations because of the gorgeous backdrop of the front lawn," says Erica. "We have many fond memories on Harding's campus, and it's nice to have that same setting reflected in our wedding pictures. We are very thankful for all of the people who work hard to make campus a beautiful place."

While proud of the work he and his crew accomplish around campus, Ferguson quickly points out that the grounds are not his own doing but that of the Lord. "My team and I have the knowledge to plant it out there, but it's left up to the good Lord to make it bloom, turn it red when it should be red, and make the leaves fall off when they're supposed to. We just try to take care of it a little bit for him." **H**

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Providing the finishing touch, Ralph Sagmoe lays stone edging around new planting beds in front of the Administration Auditorium.



1942

Jim Bill McInteer, president of 21st Century Christian, received the Andrew Factor recognition from Herald of Truth Oct. 6, 2009. (1100 Belvedere Drive, Nashville, TN 37204)

1954

Joe Burks retired in 1997 as program coordinator for deaf and hearing impaired children. He has also retired as program coordinator and chaplain at Lubbock County Jail but continues to work as a volunteer chaplain there. He also assists Broadway Prison Ministries providing Bible correspondence courses to incarcerated individuals or family members. (4405 Eighth St., Lubbock, TX 79416; j.burks@bwaychurch.org)

1973

Stephen Howell retired recently from State Farm Insurance where he was an agent 27 years. He was a minister for the church of Christ for 18 years. He has two grandchildren. (2 Muker Lane, Bella Vista, AR 72714)

1976

Ronda Johnson retired from Harvey School District 152 after 23 years as teacher assistant in the prekindergarten program. She and her husband, Fred, recently moved closer to their daughter and her family. (19 Sixth St., Sandwich, IL 60548)

1980

Garry Baccus recently retired as a command pilot with the rank of colonel from the U.S. Air Force during a ceremony held at the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas. During the ceremony, he was presented with the Legion of Merit for his service as Air Force Information Operations Battlelab Commander at Lackland Air Force Base. He now serves as director of aviation for United Supermarkets LLC in Lubbock, Texas, where he and his wife, Kim, reside. (9809 Topeka Ave., Lubbock, TX 79424)

1986

Mark ('88) and **Meta Poulos Christaldi** announce the birth of a son, Daniel Brayden, Aug. 3, 2009. Mark works for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in Collegeville, Pa., and Meta is a homemaker. (4 Woodland Drive, Malvern, PA 19355)

1989

Allan and **Savannah Morley Hubbard** announce the adoption of a daughter, Ellie Mirta, June 30, 2009. She was born May 3, 2006,

in Ethiopia. They also have four sons, Noah, Jonah, Elijah and Ezekiel. Allan works as victim and witness counselor for the District Attorney's office in Paris, Texas, and Savannah home-

schools their children. (7240 Sesame St., Paris, TX 75462)

Roger Imoto is principal engineer in the Cardiac Rhythm Management Division for Boston Scientific Corp. in St. Paul, Minn. His wife, **Julie Gallagher**, is a school-teacher at Just Kidding Around child care facility. (16984 Hubbard Trail, Lakeville, MN 55044)

1991

Phil and **Jennifer Sharp Baker** announce the birth of a daughter, Camille Elizabeth, Feb. 24, 2009. Phil is a meteorologist and lead forecaster for National Weather Service in Memphis, Tenn., and Jennifer is a homemaker. (12163 Preserve Woods Lane, Arlington, TN 38002)

Kelley and **Lisa Kirkbride Peace** announce the birth of a son, Colton William, Oct. 17, 2009. They have two other children, Austin and Krista. Kelley is a managing geoscientist with Fugro Geoconsulting Inc., and Lisa is a homemaker. (10811 Shell Creek Court, Houston, TX 77064)

1993

Luis and **Michelle Ponds Pineda** announce the birth of a son, Alex Ponds, Aug. 23, 2009. They have another son, Anthony. Luis is owner of Mazatlan Mexican restaurant in Durham, N.C., and Michelle is a veterinarian and owner of Dogwood Veterinary Hospital and Pet Resort in Chapel Hill, N.C. (1004 Goldenview Court, Durham, NC 27713)

1994

Rob and Elizabeth Pickens Galloway announce the birth of a son, James, June 25, 2008. They have three other children, Johnny, Luke and Caroline. Rob is a radiologist. (1028 Sherborne Lane, Powell, OH 43065; gallowayoh6@gmail.com)

Rob and Rebecca Helm Kernodle announce the birth of a son, Jacob Arthur, July 6, 2009. They have three other sons, Caleb, and twins Luke and Joshua. Rob is a territory sales manager for Hayward Distributing Co., and Rebecca is a homemaker. (P.O. Box 432, Perryville, KY 40468)

1996

Barry and Sheri Livingston Birmingham announce the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth "Berklee," June 16, 2009. They have two other children, Blake and Brooke. (107 Mason Cove,

PROFILE: WAYNE HEMINGWAY 1941

Lifelong educator

AS STUDENTS FILED into their Developmental Math class at Lone Star College in Tomball, Texas, they expected the typical first-day-of-class procedure: receiving the syllabus and listening to the professor outline the course. What they didn't expect was that their professor, Wayne Hemingway, had something else in mind: celebrating his 90th birthday.

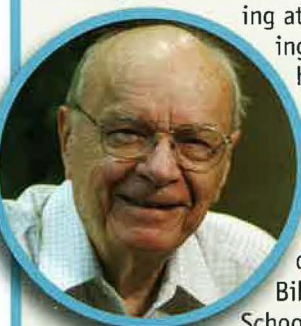
While many retire at 65, Hemingway's teaching career reaches just above that average at 66 years. He began teaching at what is now Harding Academy during his senior year at the University. In

his career, he has helped found and build two Christian schools: Crowley's Ridge Academy in Paragould, Ark., where he served as director, and Madison Academy in Huntsville, Ala., where he was founding president. He also taught at Athens (Ala.) Bible School and Northland Christian School in Houston, where he was administrator and teacher. Prior to moving to Texas to be closer to his children and grandchildren, he taught 20 years in New Jersey.

Having taught GED courses in New Jersey, he decided to find a job in the Houston-area community colleges. "One day in the local paper, there was a notice for a job fair at Lone Star College-Tomball. I told my wife [Annile], 'I'm going to get a job.' And she said, 'But you're 80 years old!'"

Hemingway's enthusiasm for the subject helps students, many of whom have struggled with math in the past, grasp concepts that have eluded them for so long. "I had one girl who gave me a book. Inside the front cover she wrote, 'You're the first teacher who could ever help me understand why letters equal numbers.'" While he hopes students gain a better understanding of math from his class, Hemingway ultimately hopes they leave with a "concern for learning" and are prepared for the future. "What I try to show them is they can learn math, and they can learn enough of it," he says. "They don't have to become an expert or take calculus, but they may be able to give change from the cash register. There are jobs that will be available five years from now that have not been invented yet, and math is going to be the heart of a whole lot of them. If you're prepared, that's great. But if you're not prepared, they're going to pass you by."

Age has never been a factor for Hemingway. "In education now, there is the general mood that, once a person becomes 60 or 65, they automatically have no use," says Hemingway. "But as long as I can be of assistance and help my students and inspire them to be intelligent, use their heads and be honest, I'd like to keep on going." **H** — Jennifer Hannigan



ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL TOOLS IN attracting prospective students to the University is by word-of-mouth recommendations from people like you. Since Harding's beginning, many decisions to attend have been made because a graduate or a friend shared their experience or observation.



Liz Howell

A recent poll of alumni ranks their decision to attend near the top of life-changing decisions behind choosing to become a Christian and marrying their spouse. Many alumni credited church friends, missionaries, youth groups, coaches and family contacts for influencing them to choose Harding while others talked about Christ-like qualities of students who came for a campaign or a mission trip in their hometowns. **Nancy Breedlove** ('73) **Ballard**, **Arlene Hughes** ('78) **Morris**, **Steve Lake** ('86) and many others attribute their introduction to Harding from their summers as young campers at Camp Wyldewood. The influence of **Hugh** ('50) and **Mildred Horne** ('50) **Groover** and Harding students who served as counselors changed their lives. **Lisa Blake** ('89) remembers as a young

ALMA MATTERS

Never underestimate your influence

By LIZ HOWELL, director of alumni relations

child feeling awestruck while watching Kenneth "Uncle Bud" Davis direct the A Cappella Chorus when they visited her congregation. She knew that day she would come to Harding and sing in his choir. **Roger Pritchett** ('78) recalls a similar encounter, "I was impressed by the beautiful voices of the students, their discipline and good manners. I wanted to be part of a place that had that kind of quality students and program." Many others believe that Uncle Bud influenced countless lives for generations to come.

"Each semester I start my freshman and junior nursing class with an introduction that includes a picture of the group of Harding students from summer 1979. These 12 students made an eternal difference in my life and career choice. I am grateful for the 12 that took their summer to come to New Jersey and share their love for Christ. I also remain eternally grateful for the role that **Dwight** ('59) and **Barby Kline** ('60) **Smith** had in my life and their influence," says **Cheryl Lee** ('84), associate professor of nursing.

Mike Williams ('85), vice president of advancement, recognizes **Roger Hladky** ('64) who brought students to campus from the Northeast for more than 30 years.

Cathy Langford ('77) **Wood** remembers the late **Barbara Harris** ('59) **McDonough**. "I was a little girl, and she was at Harding. Barbara's parents were farmers and didn't have much money, yet they sent her to Harding," she says. She can still hear Barbara's voice saying, "Cathy Ellen, you will go to Harding College."

Ronnie Huckeba ('78), head coach of the Bison football team, was influenced by **Sandy Swann** ('65) **Butterfield** and her sister, **Brenda Swann** ('69) **Griffith**, when he was a fourth-grader at church camp. "I thought they were beautiful. Sandy took the time and sent me a Harding pennant. I have told Sandy many times that she was the reason I came to Harding. You never know when a simple gesture may change someone's life."

As alumni and friends, we must never underestimate the importance of our influence in helping a student choose Harding. Through simple words of encouragement, lives and generations of families have been changed for the better. Use your influence by bringing some prospective students to campus and continue the cycle of the Harding experience. To recommend or refer a prospective student, send an e-mail to admissions@harding.edu. **H**

Searcy, AR 72143)

Andy Compton was named controller of TierOne Networks, a Dallas-based wireless Internet service provider, Oct. 27, 2009. (400 Melbourne Road, Hurst, TX 76053)

Brandon and **Kelly Averitt Hoyt** announce the birth of a daughter, Grace Kelly, Sept. 22, 2009. They have two other daughters, Katherine and Emma. (1619 Pineberry St., Lakeland, FL 33803)

1997

Steve ('96) and **Heather Amos Allen** announce the birth of a daughter, Ragan Lynn, May 21, 2009. They also have a son, Jayden. Steve is a nuclear medicine technologist for Boone Hospital, and Heather has a day care in their home. (8888 N. Boatman Hill Road, Columbia, MO 65202)

Gregory Allen Nelson graduated from University of Texas at Dallas with a Doctor of Audiology and now works for Dallas VA Medical Center. His wife, Misty, is a homemaker. (4635 Amesbury Drive, #3224, Dallas, TX 75206)

1998

Michael and **Amy Christie** announce the birth of a son, Stone Michael, Sept. 22, 2009. They have two other children, Cole and Afton. Michael works for Raytheon in the leadership development program, and Amy is a homemaker. (4234 Alverdo Lane, Carmel, IN 46033)

Chris and **Melisha Buck Dolan** announce the birth of a daughter, Adeline Faith, Aug. 18, 2008. They also have a son, Corban. (5894 N.E. 43rd Lane Road, Ocala, FL 34488)

Jeff ('97) and **Melissa Gary Jackson** announce the birth of a daughter, Laura Faith, Aug. 14, 2008. They also have a son, Tyler. Jeff is human resources manager at First Command Financial Services, and Melissa is a homemaker. (6206 Brenhaven Road, Arlington, TX 76017)

Sean ('99) and **Alicia Welch Mills** announce the birth of a son, Asher Immanuel, June 17, 2009. They have two other sons, Samuel and Joshua. Sean is finishing his Master of Divinity, and Alicia is a pediatrician in inner-city Canton, Ohio. (1607 Dover Ave., Dover, Ohio 44622)

1999

Pat and **Deborah Root Bills** announce the birth of a son, Daniel Howard, Feb. 25, 2009. They have two other sons, Joshua and

Caleb. Pat preaches for Highland Oaks Church of Christ in Dallas, and Deborah is a homemaker. (2406 Morningside Drive, Garland, Texas 75041)

Preston and **Jodi Menges Brandimore** announce the birth of a son, Elijah Patrick, July 15, 2009. They also have a daughter, Cecile Rose. (140 Meadowgreen Drive, Franklin, TN 37069; brandimorej@comcast.net)

Douglas and **Shelly Griffith Carey** announce the birth of a son, Liam Truman, July 7, 2008. They also have a daughter, Ava Elise. Doug is a registered architect, and Shelly works for Sprint Nextel as project manager of corporate accounts. (2403 Hembree Station Court, Marietta, GA 30062)

Billy ('01) and **Stacey Dempsey Neal** announce the birth of a daughter, Charlotte Kate, July 9,

2009. They have three other children, Suzannah, Molly Beth and Jack. Billy is general manager for AutoBody Express, and Stacey is a homemaker. (201 Michelle Drive, Longview, TX 75605)

Kelly Gibson married **Adrian Rollett** Oct. 4, 2008. Kelly teaches elementary music in Coppell, Texas. (2801 Denton Tap Road, #923, Lewisville, TX 75067)

2000

Brian and Becca Lewis Bush announce the birth of a daughter, Melynn Alise, Sept. 25, 2009. They also have a son, Tyler. Brian is executive director of the Academy of Leadership and Liberty at Oklahoma Christian University, and Becca is a part-time bookkeeper for a child care company. (3612 N.E. 140th Terrace Court, Edmond, OK 73013)

Ryan ('98) and Marlea Plante Hedden announce the birth of a daughter, Katherine Ann, Nov. 13, 2008. (1056 Willowood Ave., Goose Creek, SC 29445)

Andrew and Mindy Skiver Jacques announce the birth of a daughter, Adeline Michelle, Aug. 31, 2009. They have another daughter, Emerson. Andy and Mindy are emergency medicine physicians. (2159 Stabler Road, Akron, OH 44313; mindy-jacques@yahoo.com)

Billy and Alison Turner McQueary announce the birth of a son, Cameron Blaine, June 18, 2009. They also have two other children, Gregory and Anna. Alison is a homemaker. (846 White Diamond Court, Springfield, MO 65809)

Michael and Whitney Long Scifres announce the birth of a son, Grayson Isaac, Oct. 7, 2009. They have two other children, Jackson and Avery. Michael is a registered nurse in intensive care at Baptist Health Medical Center-North Little Rock, and Whitney is a physical medicine and rehabilitation physician at the VA hospital. (29 Wellington Place, Cabot, AR 72023)

Adam and Karey Waddill Simmons announce the birth of a daughter, Brilyn Hannah, July 27, 2009. They have two other children, Carson and Brooklyn. (1060 Lake-wood, Camden, AR 71701)

Johnathan and Stephanie Young Wildeboer announce the birth of a daughter, Katelyn Anna, May 14, 2009. They have two other daughters, Effie and Abbie. Johnathan is a farmer, and

[PROFILE: NATALIE SMELTZER 2003]

From law to fighting world hunger

NATALIE SMELTZER HAD CONSIDERED the possibility of becoming a lawyer since high school. While that dream led her to a position with one of the nation's premier law firms, she never imagined it would create an avenue for her to pursue her interests toward charitable work in Africa.

Smeltzer, a May 2009 graduate of Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, clerked for New York-based Weil, Gotshal and Manges law firm in summer 2008. After her clerkship, she was offered a full-time position to begin upon graduation. While completing her final



semester in New Zealand, the firm contacted her about deferring her start date from October 2009 to January 2010. She was then given the option to push back the date even further to January 2011 for a stipend. An additional stipend was offered for 1,000 hours of pro bono work in a public interest position.

Since Smeltzer was out of the country, she enlisted her mother to contact Dr. Monte Cox, dean of the College of Bible and Religion, regarding opportunities in Africa. Cox introduced Smeltzer to MANA — Mother Assisted Nutritive Aid, a new organization cofounded by University alumni Mark Moore ('00) and Bret Raymond ('90).

"I was very impressed and inspired after meeting with Mark, and I knew that I wanted to be a part of this amazing effort to end malnutrition," says Smeltzer.

MANA is a nonprofit organization working to serve malnourished children with life-saving products. The group's goal is to deliver a fortified peanut butter Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food to children across Africa. Just six weeks' worth of MANA packets can help a child suffering from severe acute malnutrition.

Smeltzer, who worked as a senior accountant and financial analyst while attending law school in the evenings, wears "multiple hats" for the organization that could not otherwise afford someone with her skills. She handles everything from various legal tasks to setting up the organization's nonprofit status with the IRS and assists with business and financial planning. She also helped organize an event for World Food Day in Washington, D.C.

"There isn't really a typical day at work," says Smeltzer. "As a startup organization, there is something new and exciting every day. I am traveling often."

Smeltzer began working for MANA in August and plans to work full time for the organization for several months in 2010. Although she begins her role in corporate law at Weil's Dallas office in 2011, she hopes to dedicate some of her pro bono work to MANA for years to come.

"It is such an amazing cause," says Smeltzer. "A child dies every six seconds from malnutrition, and it is exciting to work on something that could end these senseless deaths."

For more information about MANA, visit <http://mananutrition.org>. **H** — Heather Williams

Stephanie is a homemaker and piano teacher. (28232 466th Ave., Lennox, SD 57039)

Philip ('01) and Serena Williams Harwell announce the birth of a daughter, Sophia Grace, Oct. 27, 2009. They have two other children, Madeline and Jeremy. Phil works at Aristotle Web Design in Little Rock, Ark. (1005 N. James, Searcy, AR 72143)

2001

David and Kim Bagley announce the birth of twin daughters, Claire Meagan and Keely Brynn, May 11, 2009. They have another daughter, Brooke. David is a U.S. history teacher and coach at Haggard Middle School in Plano, Texas. (1101 Cherokee Trail, Plano, TX 75023)

Teresa Boyd married **Matthew Ham** March 21, 2009. Teresa is communications director at Alameda Church of Christ in Norman, Okla., and Matt is installation manager at Comfortworks Heating and Air. (902 W. Chestnut, Goldsby, OK 73093)

Jon and Shannon Fonville DeShazo announce the birth of a daughter, Naomi Adele, June 18, 2009. Jon works for Hewlett Packard in Plano, Texas, and Shannon is a family physician in McKinney, Texas. (2204 State Blvd., McKinney, TX 75071)

Dan ('00) and Joy Tucker McCool announce the birth of twin daughters, Julianna Christine and Maliah Faith, Sept. 8, 2009. They have another daughter, Hope. Dan is owner of Ozark Therapy Institute, and Joy is a homemaker. (1181 Liberty Road, Rogersville, MO 65742)

Jerry and Amy Cathey Osborne announce the birth of a daughter, Chloe Elizabeth, June 16, 2009. They have another daughter, Emily Ruth. Jerry is chief instructor of the Regional Training Institute at Camp Robinson and was promoted to master sergeant, and Amy is a homemaker. (16 Laver Circle, Little Rock, AR 72210)

Brian ('99) and Jennifer Herlong Polk announce the birth of a daughter, Marykate Elizabeth, Aug. 31, 2009. Brian is head football coach and athletic coordinator at Byron Nelson High School in Trophy Club, Texas, and Jennifer is a speech language pathologist for Northwest ISD. (701 Lonesome Trail, Haslet, TX 76052; jpolk@nisd.tx.org)

Martha "Megan" Reed married

Eric Martin Sept. 19, 2009. Megan is production coordinator at FamilyLife, and Eric is information technology manager for Green Bay Packaging, Arkansas Division.

2002

Jeffery and Charissa Whaley Spruill announce the birth of twin sons, Aodan and Beckett, June 23, 2009. Jeffery is a police officer in Oklahoma City, and Charissa teaches music at Surrey Hills Elementary in Yukon, Okla. (2816 N.W. 44th, Oklahoma City, OK 73112)

2003

Jarrold and Emily Bennett Smith announce the birth of a daughter, Sadie Belle, Aug. 18, 2009. Jarrold is a farmer with Jerry Smith Family Farms, and Emily is a pharmaceutical sales representative with Sanofi-aventis Pharmaceuticals. (195 Ransom Smith Road, Pleasant Plains, AR 72568)

2004

Lisa Cassidy married **Jasper Arnold** May 23, 2009. Lisa is a nurse in intensive care at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas, and Jasper is a senior financial analyst at Cardinal Health Inc. (5445 Preston Oaks, #338, Dallas, TX 75254)

Joel ('02) and Melody Chaffin Coehoorn announce the birth of a son, Ryan James, Aug. 8, 2008. They also have a daughter, Alice. Joel, a medical billing programmer for SVA, was awarded the 2009 Microsoft MVP Award in ASP.net, and Melody is a homemaker. (325 E. Main St., Evansville, WI 53536)

Kerry ('02) and Jennifer Scott Fitzgerald announce the birth of a son, Cooper David, Feb. 18, 2009. Kerry is a senior auditor for accounting firm BKD, LLP in Dallas, and Jennifer is a Texas registered interior designer. (1724 Heron Drive, Aubrey, TX 76227)

Brian and Amy Walton, announce the birth of a son, Luke Ray, March 26, 2009. Brian is a senior business and planning analyst with Boeing Co. in Huntsville, Ala., and Amy is a homemaker. (140 Medicine Bend Drive, Madison, AL 35758)

Ben and Breana Reynolds Wilkins announce the birth of a son, Jacob Thomas, Sept. 17, 2009. (3825 Grant Ridge Lane, Antioch, TN 37013)

2005

Elizabeth Ervin Clyburn is a surgical recovery technician with Arkansas Regional Organ Recovery Agency, and her husband, Brock, is in purchasing and marketing at Golden Manor. (315 McKinley St., Lonoke, AR 72086)

Matthew and Laci Roberts Gunter announce the birth of a son, Owen Matthew, May 21, 2009. Matthew is a financial adviser for Edward Jones, and Laci is a certified speech-language pathologist and homemaker. (1015 Ridgeview Drive, Temple, TX 76502)

Denver and Heather Miller Hess announce the birth of a son, Hudson Drew, Aug. 20, 2009. Denver is an accountant for Meredith Manor International, and Heather is developmental specialist for Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities. (401 Oakwood Ave., Marietta, OH 45750)

David ('04) and Lauren Duncan Hudson announce the birth of a daughter, Annabelle Mae, Aug.

19, 2009. David teaches social studies, and Lauren teaches prekindergarten at Delmar Middle School. (12681 Line Road, Delmar, DE 19940)

Logan ('04) and Beth Privitt Light announce the birth of a son, Ellis T, Sept. 21, 2009. Logan is assistant director of admissions for Harding, and Beth received her master's in social work from University of Arkansas at Little Rock in May and is an adjunct in the behavioral sciences department at Harding. (506 Chesapeake Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

Jonathan and Rachel Arnold Rogers announce the birth of a son, Dylan Thomas, Aug. 28, 2009. Jonathan is an electrical contractor with Arnold & Blevins Electric Co., and Rachel is a homemaker. (2708 Gemstone Drive, Sherwood, AR 72120)

2006

Matthew ('05) and Deva Denman Javellana announce the birth of a son, Milas David, May 30, 2009. Matthew is a programmer for Aristotle Inc. in Little Rock, Ark.,

and Deva works for Arkansas Counseling Associates in Searcy. (505 N. Apple, Searcy, AR 72143)

Drew Fralick ('07) married Laurie Padgett Jan. 24, 2009. Drew is an English teacher and Chinese language student, and Laurie works for Disney. They live and work in Shanghai, China.

Neil and Angie Mowrer Rampy announce the birth of a son, Brett Joseph, Oct. 7, 2009. Neil works for the Department of Human Services as a child abuse investigator, and Angie is a homemaker. (5 Redbird Drive, Batesville, AR 72501)

Chris ('01) and Emily Webster Whitman announce the birth of a son, Neil Alan, Oct 14, 2009. Chris is a financial strategist with Guernsey and Associates in Pensacola, Fla., and Emily is an optometrist at Berryhill Eye Care. (4811 La Casa Circle, Milton, FL 32571)

2007

Angela Rhein Howerton is a case-worker at High Plains Children's

[ANNIVERSARY]



The 12th anniversary celebration of Harding Place turns into a classy event for residents of the 115-apartment retirement community located on the edge of campus. As part of the day's festivities, residents were given rides around campus in classic cars, including this 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air. Inhabitants were also celebrating the center's being named as top facility for 2009 by Capital Senior Living, the company that manages Harding Place. The retirement center has a 98 percent resident satisfaction rate. For more information about Harding Place, call 1-888-305-3101 or visit www.hardingplace.org.

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Home, and her husband, **Aaron** ('06), is a claims adjuster for Farm Bureau Insurance. (2922 Trigg, Amarillo, TX 79103)

Adam ('05) and **Caroline Shrum Prestridge** announce the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Mary, March 19, 2009. Adam is an accountant for Windstream, and Caroline is taking a year off from teaching at North Little Rock High School. (202 Antler Way Drive, Sherwood, AR 72120)

Derek and **Sarah Harvey Thoma-**son announce the birth of a son, Wyatt Samuel, July 8, 2009. Derek received his Master of Marriage and Family Therapy degree from Harding July 25, 2009. (90 Rebecca Lane, Searcy, AR 72143)

2008

Jeremy and **Robin Jubela Kern-**odle announce the birth of a daughter, Jane Charlotte, June 27, 2009. They have two other children, Clara and Ian. Jeremy is an associate at Haynes and Boone LLP, and Robin is a home-maker. (5410 Merrimac Ave., Dallas, TX 75206)

Aaron Sullivan ('07) married **Meredith Stewart**, June 7, 2008. (1900 Centre Pointe Blvd., #273, Tallahassee, FL 32308)

Jingjing Crystal Zhang is general manager for Sun Solar USA. (13951 Central Ave., Chino, CA 91710)

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Passages

Louise Terry Hester ('38), 91, died Feb. 8, 2009. She received a master's degree in special education from George Peabody College in 1958 and served as a homebound

teacher in the Nashville, Tenn., school system for seven years. She lived in York, Neb., for eight years teaching high school French and served for two years as dean of women at York College. Upon returning to Nashville, she taught school for eight years in Williamson County. She was a member of Granny White

Church of Christ and taught ladies classes. For 30 years, she taught a Bible correspondence study with more than 3,000 students in Africa. She was preceded in death by a son, Paul. She is survived by a son, Lanny; two daughters, Linda Wright and Ruth Miller; two sisters, **T. Rose Greenway** ('40) and **Virginia**

Worten ('50), nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Charline Foreman Gunselman ('45), 87, died Nov. 6, 2009, in York, Neb. She was a secretary for the metropolitan government of Nashville, Tenn., and served as a missionary in the Philippines. She was a member of East Hill Church of Christ in York. She

ENHANCING THE MISSION

Investing in the mission

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

"LOUIE'S KIDS" COULD EASILY BE THE TITLE OF the latest television sitcom or a Saturday morning cartoon show for toddlers.

In reality, Louie's kids affectionately refers to a growing group of Harding students benefiting from the foresight and generosity of Pangburn, Ark., farmer Louie Yingling.

Prior to his death in 2006, Yingling created the Louie Yingling Family Endowed Scholarship Fund, providing financial assistance to students preparing for lives of service in ministry. Officially the students are known as Yingling Scholars, but Yingling always considered the future scholarship recipients as his kids.

Yingling was not a typical Harding alumnus, attending only the 1937-38 academic year. He came from a farming heritage and was the third generation of German immigrants who came to White County in the 1840s. He rode the train 18 miles from his home to campus.

The inability to pay for more than one year of college education limited his Harding experience. However, that single year had a profound effect on his life. His teachers included J.N. Armstrong (Harding's first president), as well as Florence Cathcart, M.E. Berryhill, L.E. Pryor, Knox Summitt, and other icons in those early Harding years. He developed a love for the school and a sincere interest in Harding's mission to train ministers.

Yingling also knew firsthand how financial pressures could cut short a college career. He had to borrow \$138 on a note personally signed by then President George S. Benson. It was not much of a student loan by today's standards, but in 1937 it was a significant investment. Family members attest to Yingling's dislike for borrowing money, and many believe that his college loan may be the only time he borrowed money.

After leaving Harding, he returned to the farm. He loved agriculture, and cotton farming provided his livelihood for more than seven decades. Louie married the former Eloise Capps in 1939. They lived on the 185-acre Yingling homestead their entire 66-year marriage. She preceded him in death by six months.

Yingling decided he wanted "to do something" for two things that were important to him — Harding and preaching the gospel.

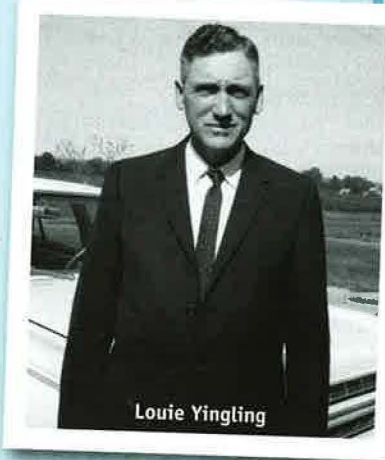
According to family members, he always had the desire to make a gift to Harding. It wasn't until late in his life that he decided how to "make a wise investment." That investment was in the lives of Harding students preparing for ministry. He knew that these students would make a difference in the lives of future generations.

Yingling never had any children but never failed to get a twinkle in his eye when he talked about students who would be beneficiaries of his scholarship fund. To Yingling, these unknown and unnamed students were "his kids."

He knew his kids would make a difference. If you wish to know more about how we can help you create an endowed scholarship fund at Harding, see the ad on the inside back cover of this magazine or contact us at 501-279-4210; thackney@harding.edu; or Harding University, Box 12283, Searcy, AR 72149-2283. You may also visit www.hgift.org. **H**



Ted Hackney



Louie Yingling

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was preceded in death by her husband, William Douglas; and her daughter, Carol Bowling. She is survived by two sons, **Charles** ('69) and **Ken**; a sister, Priscilla Kimble; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Dorothy "Dot" Munger Yingling ('48), 82, of Searcy, died after a brief illness Oct. 7, 2009. She was selected as May Queen at Harding. She taught students in the fifth and sixth grades at Sylvan Hills Elementary in Sherwood, Ark., for 14 years and students in the fourth and fifth grades at McRae Elementary and Southwest Middle School in Searcy for 20 years. She served as executive director of the Kensett Authority after retiring from teaching. She was a member of West Side Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by a son, Phillip. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, **Lewis** ('50); two sons, **Dewitt** ('76) and **Jon David** ('82); a sister, Lena Mae West; and five grandchildren. (1202 N. Hayes, Searcy, AR 72143)

James Bobbitt ('49), 84, died July 15, 2009. After high school, he worked at the Lexington, Tenn., Post Office for a few years to save money to attend Harding. He worked as a banker in Memphis, Tenn., and served as an elder at Forest Hill Church of Christ for 39 years. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, **Gladys Blevins** ('50); two daughters, **Meredeth Legg** ('72) and **Marie Marlin** ('82); and four grandchildren. (6242 Flodden Drive, Memphis, TN 38119)

Juanita Fern Moffitt ('56), 75, died Sept. 11, 2009. She worked as a news reporter, a secretary for D&G Plumbing and Heating, Clay County Judge Harry Niewald, and Clay County Extension Services office in Corning, Ark. She was a Girl Scout Troop leader, a Boy Scout Den leader, a member of South Thornton Church of Christ, and New Piggott Chapter #623 Order of the Eastern Star. She is survived by her husband, Verlin; a son, Gary; a daughter, Vicki Lynne; a granddaughter and four great-grandchildren. (1165 W. Main St., #231, Piggott, AR 72454)

Jonathan Frank Bennett Wood ('60), 71 of North Little Rock, Ark., died Oct. 3, 2009. He played on the first intercollegiate basketball team at Harding in 1957. He remained active at Harding, serving on the President's Council for many years. When his chil-

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Chamber Orchestra Kremlin
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Graduate School of Religion
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Frontline Seminar
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ASI speaker Laura Ingraham
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MARCH

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Spring recess

APRIL

1-3
Spring Sing
1-4
Bison Daze IV
21
Bisons for Christ
day of service
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ASI speaker President
George W. Bush

MAY

8
Spring graduation
10-21
Intercession
10-July 30
Extended Summer Session

JUNE

6-11
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7-July 2
Summer I
7-July 30
Eight-week Summer Session
12-17
Uplift Session I
17-18
Summer Experience I

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dren were young, he coached youth football and baseball. He teamed with his sons to play in tennis tournaments, once winning the Arkansas Father/Son Championship. He worked for the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour division. He also spent his time writing and performing volunteer work at North Little Rock Baptist Hospital and Pleasant Valley Church of Christ, where he served as an elder. He also was a minister and presided over the weddings of many family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, **Margie Clark** ('61); two sons, **Clark** ('83) and **Jon** ('87); a daughter, **Carol Pearcy** ('83); and nine grandchildren. (31 McKee Circle, North Little Rock, AR 72116)

Francis Eugene Whiteman ('61), 79, died Sept. 27, 2009. In 1952 he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving as a ground radio operator in the Korean War. He received an honorable discharge in fall 1956 to begin his college education at Harding. He taught in an elementary school and was principal in another for two years while, at the same time, entering the ministry. He was a gospel preacher for more than 50 years, serving churches of Christ as a missionary in Houghton Lake, Mich., for six years and in Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee and West Virginia. His last place of service was with Union Chapel Church of Christ in Palmersville, Tenn., where he continued preaching until it was physically impossible. Trying to reach the lost was his life. He is survived by his wife of almost 51 years, **Jane Lewis** ('61); a son, Lewis Eugene; two daughters, Amy Ruth Logan and Julie Beth Cooper; three brothers, Jim, Mart and Clarence; three sisters, Georgia Sands, Braxie Hunt and Pearl Seckman; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. (290 Collins Road, Dresden, TN 38225)

William Newton Short ('65), 66, died Nov. 13, 2009. Born in Southern Rhodesia, Africa, he moved to the United States in 1961. He received his master's in French, German and Spanish from University of North Texas in Denton and obtained his doctorate in foreign languages from Rice University in Houston. He was a professor of languages at McMurry University for 27 years, teaching French, German and Spanish. He was chairman of modern languages and served as

sponsor of the Makona Social Club for the better part of three decades. He was a member of Minter Lane Church of Christ for more than 20 years where he taught Bible classes and served in various capacities with a dedication to mission work. He took trips with Let's Start Talking Ministries and led many International Studies Abroad campaigns, taking his foreign language students to Germany, France, Costa Rica and Guatemala. He was preceded in death by a son, Mark. He is survived by a son, Dan; two daughters, Gina Meyer and Vanessa Drennan; a brother, Foy; three sisters, Cybil Dewhirst, Beth Ewing and Maggie Weaver; and seven grandchildren.

David E. Thomas ('71), 59, died Nov. 1, 2008. He earned his master's in counseling from Eastern Michigan University. He served four congregations during his 25-year career as a pulpit minister in Florida, Indiana and Michigan. For the last nine years of his life he served as a licensed professional counselor at the Agape Counseling Center in Plymouth, Mich. He is survived by his wife, **Susan Delong** ('72); a daughter, Stacey Kearney; and a granddaughter. (6500 N. Cosby Ave., #238, Kansas City, MO 64151)

Lindsey D. Warren ('72), 59, died Sept. 24, 2009, in Corinth, Miss. He received his master's in Christian doctrine and apologetics from Harding University Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tenn., and completed his Ph.D. in communication at University of Oklahoma. He preached for 20 years at Northeast Church of Christ in Moore, Okla., and began working with Freed-Hardeman University in 2000 as a professor of speech. He formerly served as campus minister for University of Tennessee at Martin and at Freed-Hardeman. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, **Susan Warren** ('73); a son, Thomas Bart; two sisters, Karen Waters and Jan Coleman McCoy; and twin grandsons. (P.O. Box 196, Henderson, TN 38340)

Korey D. Howell ('94), 38, died Oct. 23, 2008, in an automobile accident. He worked for Nex-tech Rural Phone Co. He is survived by his parents, **Kenneth** ('63) and **Wilma**; two brothers, Kenneth and Kristopher; paternal grandmother, Wanda Howell; and maternal grandmother, Grace Carver. (15729 S.W. Haverhill Road, Leon, KS 67074)

After long road, path still clear

By JAY GRELEN, reprinted courtesy of the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009

EARLY IN HIS LIFE, PAUL CARTER HAD TWO CHOICES, EACH ABOUT

the same distance from the house where he was born 69 years ago.

The dirt road in front of his house cut north to Star City or south to Monticello.

Carter chose Monticello, a road that eventually led him to a career with an Arkansas company that has developed something of a reputation.

When he retired in 2003, Carter was the chief financial officer for Wal-Mart.

Carter's life is the story of Arkansas, of America, says Jasper Howard, a longtime friend.

"Paul reaches through many layers of people," says Howard, who lives in Texarkana, Texas. "His bond is his handshake."

One of Carter's first decisions was his best. He and his wife, June, elementary-school sweethearts, have been married more than 50 years.

His original career path was to major in math at University of Arkansas at Monticello and coach for a living. The summer before college, however, he umpired Little League baseball. One season of Little League parents led him to study accounting.

He started his career with Howard at Gibson's. After Howard's family sold that business, Carter took a job with Sam Walton.

Howard quotes high praise from Walton, who once told Carter: "One of the better things that happened to me was when you came over the Boston Mountains to work with us."

About 10 years ago, Carter survived kidney cancer. Doctors discovered in May that it had returned. After a stay at M.D. Anderson, Carter is back in Bentonville with his family standing vigil.

Saturday afternoon, Carter dispensed fatherly advice. To a granddaughter: Work hard. Study hard. Make a difference in the world.

To a grandson, who is studying the law: Take a 40-hour job next summer so you will know what it's like to work like the rest of the world.

"He told my mother to be sure we get the bills paid on time," says his son, Steve, a lawyer. "He told me don't argue so much."

On Friday, Steve helped his father compose a letter: His parents taught him

about God, who is so powerful that he "spoke the world into existence. ... He loves me enough to save me through his Son," he wrote. "My parents taught me integrity is not just a fancy word. It is the moral obligation to do what you say you will do ..."

Saturday afternoon, Carter was "extraordinarily peaceful," Steve reported. "He's confident of the things he expressed in the letter. This is a transition, not an end." **H**

PAUL CARTER, 69, died Oct. 31, 2009, after a decade-long battle with cancer. He served on the board of trustees for 25 years. He retired from Wal-Mart as chief financial officer in 2003 and was a member of Bentonville Church of Christ where he was an elder. He is survived by his wife, June Webb; two sons, Steve ('82) and Sam ('00); a daughter, Stephanie Howell ('87); seven grandchildren; and a great-grandson. (9656 E Hwy. 72, Bentonville, AR 72712)



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