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A Third-World Classroom

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David B. Burks, President

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's worth the investment

Much is being written about the cost of higher education today, and rightly so, because it is out of control on many campuses. Harding's cost for 1996-97, including tuition, fees, room and board, will be \$10,810 for a typical student taking 30 hours over nine months.

This cost compares to a national average for private colleges of \$17,631 and an average of \$12,050 for our senior four-year Christian colleges. Harding's total cost is only about 60 percent of the national average and is the third lowest among our sister four-year universities. The average cost for public four-year universities is \$6,823, but the amount of financial assistance available for students at public universities often is significantly less than at private universities.

Financial aid and scholarships must be considered as one views this investment decision. Scholarships at Harding University for 1996-97 will be \$7.1 million with 88 percent allocated for academics and 12 percent for athletics. Some scholarships are funded by restricted endowment gifts, but most result from Annual Fund gifts to the University, which in turn are used for student scholarships. A majority of Harding stu-

dents, 92 percent, receive financial assistance.

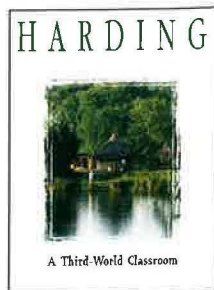
Gifts to the University for our building program help keep tuition costs under control, as do gifts to endowment. As scholarships increase, we must look more closely at endowment earnings to fund these necessary scholarships. We must also constantly look at all areas of expense in an effort to provide an outstanding quality program at the lowest possible cost. Productivity is essential as we work to keep our total costs under control.

I continue to believe that Christian education represents the single best investment of money one can make for young people today. At Harding we have

a community where faith is the major focal point. Classes are taught by Christians from a biblical point of view. Activities are offered that allow students to become servants in a world desperately in need of this lifestyle. Our graduates are making a difference in the Lord's church and in our world. Christian education is worth the investment. *HB*

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On the Cover. Intersession was a totally different experience for 11 students who took a two-week missions course in Third-World development strategies. For more about this unique course, turn to page 12. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)



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Art student brings home the gold

Graphic design students from the department of art attended the Brass Ring Awards banquet and ceremony in Oklahoma City in February. Glenn Pollard won a Gold Medalion Award for his black-and-white illustration entry, and Vanessa Bearden, Eric Bursey, Aaron Gillihan, Paige Glover, Jacque Rimer and Matthew Stevens all received Awards of Excellence.

Team debates all the way to national tournament

The University's debate team, under the guidance of communication professor Dr. Pat Garner, has completed one of its most successful years. The team placed first in the bi-regional tournament, and the novice team placed third in the nation at the national tournament March 8-9 at Townsend State University in Maryland.

Watson earns "distinguished professor" honor

DR. BETTY WATSON HAS BECOME only the sixth faculty member in Harding's history to receive the Distinguished Teacher Award for a third time.

Joining Watson in receiving the 1996 Distinguished Teacher Awards were Drs. Paul Pollard, Cliff Ganus III and Paul Haynie. It was Pollard's second time to receive the honor.

Watson, a professor of elementary education, will now be recognized as a "distinguished professor." Faculty members who win the award three times earn the designation and are not eligible to receive the award again. She first won the award in 1973 and then again in 1982.

A native of Detroit, Watson graduated from Harding in 1964 and earned her doctorate in 1992 from the University of Memphis. She is a member of the Mid-Ark Early Childhood Association and the International Reading Association. She has also served as a project director for the Arkansas K-4 Crusade.

Pollard won his first Distinguished Teacher Award in 1988 and was named Outstanding Alumnus for the College of Bible and Religion in 1994. A professor of Bible, he is a graduate of Harding's Graduate School of Religion and spent four years studying at Oxford University in England. He received his doctorate from Baylor University in 1982.

Ganus, a professor of music who began teaching at Harding in 1968 two years after his graduation from the University, is director of the Harding Chorus and University Singers. He earned his doctorate from the University of Colorado-Boulder and is a member of the American Choral Directors Association and the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

1996 Distinguished Teachers



Dr. Betty Watson Dr. Paul Pollard Dr. Cliff Ganus Dr. Paul Haynie

He is a founding member of the Foothills Arts Council in Searcy.

An associate professor in the department of history, Haynie joined the faculty in 1990. The Hot Springs, Ark., native graduated from Harding in 1971 and re-

ceived his doctorate in 1989 from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. He was a member of the faculty at Mississippi County Community College in Blytheville, Ark., before returning to Harding.

Students rally to clean up twister damage

WHEN MELBOURNE, ARK., AND surrounding areas were hit by tornadoes in April, the local housing authority called Harding for help. Eighty-five students responded to the call, ready to tackle the immense clean-up job.

Early on a Thursday morning, the student caravan headed to northeast Arkansas, and when they arrived, they were shocked to see the heavy damage the community had sustained.

"This was an eye-opening experience for me," said Karie Stewart, a freshman nursing major from Lebanon, Tenn. "I've never seen disaster like that before. Insulation was hanging from trees, and shingles, glass and other debris covered the ground. It was unbelievable."

Students immediately started clearing the streets and several fields in the government-housing area of town. Residents who had weathered the storm but sustained minor damage were also helped, as the students cleaned homes, replaced shingles on roofs, and encouraged the storm victims.

"The most shocking thing I saw was a house that had lost its roof," Stewart said. "We looked in

a window and saw children's crayons and pictures blown around, and toys and posters were scattered everywhere."

"The biggest impact we made that day was through the sheer number of students who showed up to help," said Student Association President Ryan Sorrell. "When the housing authority called me, I asked if we were limited by the number of students we could bring, and they said no. When we arrived with 85, they were completely overwhelmed."

With so many students working, the clean-up projects the housing authority had planned were finished quickly, leaving the students to begin clearing areas originally designated for the county jail's work detail. They worked throughout the day and returned to Searcy that evening. Some local businesses and the American Red Cross provided the students with lunch and refreshments.

Melbourne suffered only a few fatalities from the storm, thanks in part to the residents' adherence to tornado safety tips. Most families had sought shelter in the hallways of their homes or in storm cellars.

Rouhana welcomed back for largest-ever spring graduation

A STANDING OVATION GREETED Drew Rouhana as he wheeled himself across the Benson Auditorium stage May 11 to receive his diploma.

The 22-year-old from Westerville, Ohio, was left paralyzed from an accident last year while on a spring break mission campaign in Jamaica. Confined to a wheelchair and continuing his course work at home, he returned to campus for commencement exercises.

The audience's cheerful applause was a commendation to Rouhana for the strength and determination he has shown throughout his difficult recovery process. During the previous year, the University student body and faculty had coordinated a series of projects to raise more than \$40,000 toward Rouhana's mounting medical costs.

Asked to lead his fellow graduates in the commencement opening prayer, Rouhana prayed that God would bless students partici-



Commencement Highlight. Drew Rouhana, injured in an accident last year, receives his long-awaited diploma from President David Burks May 11.

pating in summer mission campaigns with safety.

The Registrar's Office reports that this year's graduating class of 472 seniors was the largest in the history of the school, surpassing the previous record by 30 students.

The record number of graduates brought a record-breaking crowd of graduation guests as well — a crowd the 3,400-seat Benson Auditorium could not hold. Closed-circuit television monitors

in the adjacent McIneer Center enabled friends and family to observe the ceremonies.

Addressing the Class of '96 was Dr. Don Gardner, chancellor emeritus of Oklahoma Christian University, who also serves as president of the National Christian Schools Association. He urged the seniors to utilize the special skills God has given them to "bring honor to God and joy to your heart."

Two School of Business teams take national championships

APRIL WAS A GREAT MONTH FOR School of Business students, who won two national championships in collegiate business games.

A five-member team placed first in the National Business Policy Competition in San Jose, Calif. Twenty-six teams from the United States, Canada, Australia, Mexico and France participated, including San Diego State University, Boise State University, Northern Arizona State University and Southern Nazarene College.

Harding's team won the first-place trophy for the first time in 22 years. The previous national championship came in 1974 at the Emory University Business Games. This year the team also won a special award for the highest return

on investment plus awards in seven other categories.

Team members were Christopher Turney, a senior from Olathe, Kan.; David Pitcher, a senior from Portland, Ore.; Dennis Bartley, a junior from Grottoes, Va.; Keith Smith, a junior from Memphis, Tenn.; and Allison Recor, a junior from Searcy. The faculty adviser was Mike Emerson, assistant professor of accounting.

A four-member team representing Harding's chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM) took first place in the organization's national competition in Corpus Christi, Texas.

The team's national championship trophy was its third first-

place finish in the last four years. The team of undergraduate students defeated competitors from both graduate and baccalaureate programs.

Members of this year's team were Danilo Amoretty, a senior from Managua, Nicaragua; Cindy Herman, a junior from Guatemala City, Guatemala; Jeremy Hutchinson, a junior from Bentonville, Ark.; and Sandra Johnson, a senior from LaJunta, Colo. Adviser for the team was Lavon Carter, associate professor of management.

In the SAM competition the teams were provided information about a company and then analyzed the company's problems and made recommendations. Presentations by team members were then made to a panel of national judges.

NEWSMAKERS

From Harding to Harvard Law

Shelley Hughes Keller, a 1993 alumna who received a bachelor of arts degree in political science, has been admitted to the Harvard University School of Law. While Harding students have been accepted to Harvard before, she is the first to be accepted into the university's law school.

Research earns award for Yeakley

Dr. Flavil Yeakley, professor of Bible, received the American Society for Church Growth's highest award at the society's annual convention Nov. 16, 1995, in Chicago. The Donald A. McGavran Award was presented to Yeakley for his lifelong commitment and contribution to church growth through research.

Franklin receives check for academic success

Ginger Franklin, a senior computer science major from Highlands Ranch, Colo., was honored by the Arkansas Society for Computer and Information Technology (ASCIT) at its annual meeting March 7. Franklin received the 1996 ASCIT Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, which was accompanied by a \$1,000 check.

Carson, Morgan obtain grant to assist local school

Drs. Delores Carson and Jan Morgan of the School of Education have received a grant from the Arkansas Department of Education to implement an inclusion-model classroom at Sidney Deener Elementary School in Searcy. The \$3,000 grant will provide training and materials to incorporate special-education students into the regular classroom setting. After implementation, Carson and Morgan will serve as consultants for the school's teachers.

Texas Tech names Organ distinguished alumnus

Dr. Dennis Organ, professor of English, was named Distinguished Alumnus of Texas Tech University's department of English April 25. Organ received his doctoral degree from the university in 1974. He chairs Harding's English department while also serving as executive director of Alpha Chi, the national collegiate honor society with its headquarters on campus.

Alexander named dean of College of Bible and Religion

DR. TOM ALEXANDER IS DEAN OF the College of Bible and Religion as of July 1, replacing Dr. Carl Mitchell who had served in that role since 1989.

Mitchell announced his retirement from administrative responsibilities last fall to work in Italy at the University's Florence campus.



Dr. Tom Alexander

Alexander, an associate professor of Bible, joined the faculty in 1978. In addition to teaching, he has served since 1992 as associate dean of the College of Bible and Religion.

The Dresden, Tenn., native received his undergraduate education at both Freed-Hardeman and David Lipscomb universities. He then attended Harding's Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tenn., where he received master of arts and master of theology degrees.

After graduate school he served as pulpit minister for the Providence Road Church of Christ in Charlotte, N.C., before joining the Harding faculty. He earned his doctorate in 1990 from Emory University in Atlanta.

A six-member search committee recommended Alexander's appointment. The committee interviewed candidates from both on and off campus. Thirty applications were received, and five candidates were interviewed.

Brazilian missionary posthumously receives honor

RONALD EUGENE GOUDEAU, long-time missionary to Brazil, was named Alumnus of the Year for the University's Graduate

School of Religion April 9, marking the first time in the school's history that the honor has been given posthumously.

Goudeau was killed two days before his 43rd birthday in a Sept. 14, 1995, accident in Midland, Texas. He, his wife and their three sons were on furlough from the Brazilian mission field at the time. His widow, Karen, was present in Memphis to accept the award on his behalf.

In his remarks at the ceremony, Dr. Bill Flatt, Graduate School dean, said Goudeau's life exemplified everything for which the Graduate School stands. Lyle Hendrix, an elder for the White Station Church of Christ in Memphis, also praised Goudeau's accomplishments, stating that the strong church in Campo Grande, Brazil, now stands as a tribute to Goudeau's many years of work there.

Goudeau received two degrees from the Graduate School — the master of theology degree in 1977 and the master of arts degree in 1980. He also attended the main campus, where he was active in the Chorale and received bachelor's degrees in speech and Bible in 1974.

Phi Beta Lambda members compete in Washington, D.C.

FOUR MEMBERS OF HARDING'S chapter of Phi Beta Lambda intercollegiate business organization earned trips to Washington, D.C., in July to compete in the national competition and convention.

The four finished either first or second in the Arkansas competition held in Little Rock April 12.

Participants in the national competition were Michael Horton of Middleton, Idaho, in economics; Dana Hemphill of Cabot, Ark., in business principles; Eric Cohu of Mount Vernon, Mo., in human resources management; and Shane Jackson of Norcross, Ga., and Joe Gulley of Livingston, Texas, in management.

Pre-engineering program bolstered by four new courses

FOUR ENGINEERING COURSES have been added to the department of physical science course line-up.

Dr. David Cole, department chairman, and associate professor Dr. Bill Ryan studied the engineering programs at several universities in Mississippi, Texas and Missouri in formulating the new course curriculum, but worked most closely with Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, which has donated some equipment for one of the new courses.

Courses added to the department's curriculum are Engineering Graphics and Design, which introduces students to computer-aided mechanical drawing; Materials Science, which focuses on structures and properties of solids; Statics, which analyzes gravity, inertia and friction; and Mechanics of Materials, a course that studies compression, torsion and bending.

According to Ryan, these are the fundamental courses all engineering schools offer and that all students will need as background preparation, whether pursuing mechanical, chemical, aerospace, electrical or civil engineering.

Last year's national ACT records indicate that more than 1,500 high school students associated with churches of Christ desired to pursue engineering studies. Fifty-three of them chose Harding as their first college choice, but only 14 were recruited. Ryan hopes the number will grow to 25 or more next year.

"Students will still be required to transfer to another school to pursue their degree," Ryan said, "but these classes will put them closer to junior level when they transfer."

Ryan is a registered professional engineer who will teach all four courses as they are phased into the curriculum. He has been a member of the faculty 13 years.

Campus bustles during dog days of summer

EACH MAY, WHEN THE LAST FINAL has been taken, the last bell has rung, and the graduation speeches end, what happens next?

Yes, a few hundred brave souls stick around for three sessions of summer school, and it's business as usual for the University staff, but does a still silence overtake the campus until August? Hardly!

Harding continues to bustle throughout the summer, thanks to a significant number of events held on campus that attract thousands of guests. In fact, more than 14,000 people attended events on campus this summer.

Several of these events have statewide scope. One of the largest is the Arkansas Special Olympics Summer Games, which drew nearly 2,000 Olympians from 16 different regions of the state in May.

In June nearly 1,000 high school juniors from around the state came to campus for the American Legion Auxiliary's Arkansas Girls State. The program teaches valuable lessons in American citizenship and government and ranks second only to Ohio in size among Girls State programs nationwide.

This month the Arkansas division of the National Youth Conference brought young people to campus for a biblically centered look at teen issues, and the Governor's Youth Conference, which is sponsored by the National Family Partnership of Arkansas, offered sessions geared toward the prevention of alcohol, drug and tobacco use among young people in Arkansas.

Harding's American Studies Institute experiences some of its busiest days of the year in summertime, playing host to several events of its own. The National Leadership Forum, for example, is co-sponsored by regional civic clubs and promotes citizenship education for high school juniors

and seniors from a five-state region.

Each June the Office of Church Relations gears up for two sessions of Uplift, the popular week-long youth Bible camp. And the Institute for Advanced Study, this year for the first time, sponsored four different sessions for well-prepared high school juniors that enable them to experience college life early while earning three college credits.

Basketball camps, a dinner theater program and new-student orientations add to the mixture, proving that the lazy days of summer are anything but lazy at Harding.

Texas associations honor Colemans

BENEFACTORS OF A CAMPUS LECTURE series were honored recently for their contributions to the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association (TAIA) and the Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Dale and Joan Coleman of Dallas, Texas, received citations for outstanding service at both organizations' February meetings. The Colemans fund the annual distinguished lecture series of the department of family and consumer

sciences.

At its annual meeting, TAIA recognized Dale Coleman as the outstanding irrigated grower in the state. A leader in the association for almost 40 years, he built his operation from one well to 34, spreading over 5,500 acres. His irrigation system includes 31 miles of underground lines, making it one of the largest systems in Texas.

Mrs. Coleman received the Mabel Erwin Award for distinguished service to the Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in recognition of 60 years of work in the profession. She received the B.A. degree in general home economics in 1934 from Harding, the B.S. degree from West Texas State University, the M.S. degree from Kansas State University, and both the M.B.A and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago.

She was named Distinguished Alumna at Kansas State and received the Outstanding Service Award from the American Dietetic Association.

The Colemans began funding the distinguished lecture series in 1993. The series annually brings to campus nationally recognized lecturers on family and consumer sciences issues.

Johnson, Perkins present papers in New Orleans

Drs. David Johnson and David Perkins, both of the School of Business, attended the annual meeting of the American Academy of Accounting and Finance Dec. 2, 1995, in New Orleans. Johnson presented a paper titled "EVA, MVA and Stockholder Wealth Maximization," which critiqued the economic value-added approach to business profitability measurement. Perkins presented a paper titled "The Objective of Costing: Strategic vs. Operating Decisions."

Olbricht publishing three books

Owen Olbricht, missionary-in-residence for the College of Bible and Religion, has published two books, *God Is the Audience and Baptism: New Birth or Empty Ritual?* While in the process of writing a third — *God, the Holy Spirit — he is leading a summer campaign to Russia.*



Staff members Byron "Sarge" Napier, Lavelle Harris, Clarence McDaniel and Guilford Rice were recognized for meritorious service with \$1,000 checks in April.

NEWSMAKERS

Nature of God is subject of new book for women

Carolyn Priest, instructor of reading, has written a new book titled *Her Reflections of His Image*. The book examines different aspects of God's nature and includes a study of women's efforts to imitate such qualities in their lives.

Diffine's book evaluates state and national economy

Dr. Don Diffine, professor of economics, has released a new book, *Arkansas and the U.S. Economy in the Late 20th Century*. The 19-chapter, 250-page book tackles topics like crime prevention, educational issues, health-care options, governmental effectiveness and economic progress.

Senior receives Benedict Fellowship

Julie DeWoody, a public administration major who graduated in May, was announced April 30 as one of five winners of the \$1,500 Benedict Fellowship awarded by the Alpha Chi National Collegiate Honor Society. DeWoody, from Hope, Ark., plans to attend law school at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.



Heading the Cast. "For Me and My Girl," the 1996 Homecoming musical, stars Angela Sholl, Tim Pell, Eve Clevenger and Henry McDaniel.

"Meet me at Harding in October!"

REMEMBER THAT OLD ROOMMATE who just couldn't keep the room clean? Or the great lab partner who helped you get through chemistry? Or the club brother or sister you promised you'd never lose touch with?

Call them up, and tell them to meet you at Harding for Homecoming Weekend '96!

Oct. 24-26 will be the perfect time to renew those old friendships while spending a fun-packed weekend with your family. There's something for everyone — reunions, two performances of the annual Homecoming musical, campus tours, a barbecue luncheon, the Bison football game and much more.

It all kicks off Thursday night with the Golden Circle Dinner honoring graduates of 50 or more years, followed by the Black and Gold Banquet and alumni awards Friday night. Saturday features social-club reunions on the front lawn, numerous departmental and organizational reunions, and a great Bison bout with the Ouachita Baptist University Tigers that afternoon at Alumni Field.

Class reunions are planned for the classes of 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986 and 1991. The 50th-year class of 1946 will be inducted into the University's Golden Circle, and the 25th-year class of 1971 will present a special alumni chapel program Saturday morning.

This year's musical is L. Arthur

Rose and Douglas Furber's "For Me and My Girl," a comedy set in 1930s London. When the Lord of Hareford dies, an illegitimate son is discovered to succeed his father's position. But before the boy can take on the lordship, he and his girlfriend, who are rather rough around the edges, must be educated and refined — a hilarious parody of "My Fair Lady." Another woman then enters the picture, intending to pursue the son and his millions.

"The show is very different from those we've done in past years," said Cindee Stockstill, drama assistant. "It's light and fun — the audience is sure to get caught up in the play and will go away singing its toe-tapping songs."

The musical's four lead roles have already been cast. Playing Bill is Tim Pell, a sophomore from Wadsworth, Ohio, who is transferring to Harding from Michigan Christian College. Sally is played by Angela Sholl, a senior premedicine major from Tulsa, Okla., and Jaquie is played by senior music major Eve Clevenger of Nashville, Tenn. Gerald is played by senior theater major Henry McDaniel of Henderson, Tenn. Remaining cast members will be selected during the first week of school in August.

Homecoming '96 is the first to be planned by Mark Moore, who was appointed director of alumni relations in January. Through this event, along with the new alumni benefits package now being of-

fered, he hopes to improve alumni networking and services offered by the University.

"We have more than 30,000 alumni," Moore said. "And while it seems that you run into Harding alumni everywhere you go, we need to do a better job of letting people know where their friends are so they can take advantage of the network that's out there."

Alumni should watch their mail for a complete Homecoming schedule as October approaches. For more information contact Mark Moore by mail at Harding University, Box 768, Searcy, AR 72149-0001; by phone at (501) 279-4276; or by e-mail at mmoore@harding.edu.

Assistance is needed to trace University's musical legacy

WITH YOUR HELP, THE DEPARTMENT of music hopes to gather enough historical information to permanently archive its history.

Jason Jewell, a 1995 graduate now pursuing his master's degree in history at Pepperdine University, is undertaking the project as the subject of his thesis. He is in Searcy for the summer, interviewing former faculty members, and needs alumni who were members of any choral or instrumental group to contact him with their recollections.

Especially valuable to the project are old pictures, brochures, musical recordings, anecdotes and personal memorabilia from before the 1950s.

"This department has a long history that has never been captured in a single document," said Dr. Arthur Shearin, chair of the music department, "and with the school's 75th anniversary approaching, it seems appropriate that we chronicle its history."

Those with information for Jewell may contact him through the department of music by calling (501) 279-4343, or by writing the department at Harding University, Box 767, Searcy, AR 72149-0001.

73rd Lectureship addresses the church in a chaotic world

TODAY'S CHURCH FACES A RESTLESS, turbulent world burdened with obstacles to the Christian faith. In fact, it's a world much like the apostle Peter's in the first century. And now, as then, Christians need encouragement to keep the faith in the face of life's trials and to depend on Christ as the anchor of stability in their lives.

But how should the church respond to the chaos? And what resources are available to us?

Harding's 73rd Annual Bible Lectureship, "Christ's Church in a Chaotic World," takes a walk through the pages of 1 Peter to answer these questions and tackle the pressing issues challenging today's Christian.

Set for Sept. 29-Oct. 2, the 1996 Lectureship brings to campus more than 80 of the church's most knowledgeable speakers to lead more than 130 lectures and classes exploring the themes of 1 Peter. Four evening lectures will set the tone, featuring keynote speakers Ken Durham, Neale Pryor, Lanny Henninger and Mark Howell.

Each full day of the event includes lectures addressing challenges to faith, such as medical ethics, the Muslim religion, the media, politics and the judicial system. Daily sessions will also highlight dynamic, practical ministry programs now being successfully carried out by churches in response to needs world wide.

The program features textual studies, forums addressing conventional and nonconventional worship practices, and an entire range of special topics sure to be of great interest to today's Christian: the behavior of children after divorce or adoption, connecting with Generation X, ministering in the military, racism, challenges of parenting, men and mentoring, substance-abuse recovery programs, and the counseling of victims of

the Oklahoma City bombing, to name a few. Panel discussions will focus on congregational issues and various outreach programs for special-needs Christians.

Select classes will be offered in Spanish and, as in years past, an exciting ladies program is planned, along with 12 lectures presented by Harding students.

A complete Lectureship planning guide will soon be published and available to those interested. For more information about the 1996 Lectureship, contact Allan Isom, Harding University Office of Church Relations, Box 2280, Searcy, AR 72149-0001; or call (501) 279-4660.

CASE honors magazine photo

A PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF MONTGOMERY received a Special Award from District IV of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) at the organization's annual meeting April 2 in Tulsa, Okla. The award is the first ever in CASE competition won by a Harding photographer.

Montgomery's winning entry, "Pie in the Face," appeared on the back cover of the fall 1995 issue of *Harding* magazine. Montgomery has been the University's director of photographic services since 1991.

Six photographers from the district were cited for their skills from the more than 150 photographs entered in the awards competition. Membership in the district includes colleges and universities in Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico.

Special Award. Harding photographer Jeff Montgomery displays his award-winning magazine photo.



Ethiopian educator chosen recipient of honorary doctorate

BEHAILU ABEBE, AN ETHIOPIAN educator and minister, received the honorary doctor of laws degree March 15 at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Chancellor Clifton L. Ganus Jr. presented the degree in a ceremony attended by more than 200 people, including the government's administrator of special education. The ceremony was held at the church of Christ mission compound that houses the school for the deaf, a preacher training program, and the administrative offices for evangelism in Ethiopia.

Abebe has been director of the mission since 1971, except for a five-year period when he was forced to take political asylum in

Kenya because of oppression by the Marxist government in Ethiopia. When the government fell in 1991, he returned to the mission.

The school for the deaf now has 805 students, the preacher training program has trained 350 ministers, and 550 churches of Christ now exist because of the work and leadership of Abebe. He has also helped develop a World Bible School program with more than 20,000 Ethiopian students enrolled.

During the 1984 to 1986 famine that crippled Ethiopia, Abebe and the mission administered the distribution of food, supplies and farming tools valued at more than \$19 million. For its efforts the mission received one of three government awards presented to relief agencies.

Abebe's daughter, Rahel Behailu, graduated from Harding in 1993.

NEWSMAKERS

Woodroof addresses ethics of interpreters

Debbie Woodroof, adjunct instructor of communication, helped present a workshop sponsored by the Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf March 30 in Little Rock, Ark. Her presentation dealt with the registry's code of ethics.



Doctor Abebe. Behailu Abebe, his wife, Alem, and Chancellor Clifton Ganus are shown after ceremonies in which Ganus presented Abebe an honorary doctorate.

Institute adds Myers to fellowship

Dr. Edward Myers, professor of Bible and Christian doctrine, was elected to the membership of the Institute of Biblical Research at its annual meeting Nov. 18, 1995, in Philadelphia. He was recommended by the institute's executive committee to be appointed a fellow, and was accepted and approved by the institute's members.

by PHILLIP TUCKER

A SHOCK *to the* WHITE HOUSE

A LOT OF MAIL is delivered each day to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. *A lot.* And through rain, sleet, snow or government shutdown, it must be answered.

For the last 12 months, that monumental task has been handled by one of Harding's own — Dr. Jack Shock, associate professor of communication.

Last July, thanks to a one-year leave of absence from his teaching duties, Shock, 37, moved to Washington, D.C., to report to the Clinton White House as director of presidential letters and messages.



JACK R. SHOCK
DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS AND MESSAGES

THE WHITE HOUSE

Although responsible for managing a 25-member staff, his primary charge has been helping the president answer the mail he receives each day in the form of regular letter mail and electronic mail.

It's a job that's right up Shock's alley.

"It's like singing the national anthem at the World Series or winning an Academy Award," he said. "You might dream of doing something like

this, but then reality sets in and you remember that those jobs go to other people. Then the opportunity comes knocking."

Last summer Shock received a phone call about the vacant position from Debra Wood, a former high school student of his who now serves as White House director of student correspondence. He immediately sent a résumé, took several writing and editing tests, went for an interview and got the job.

It turns out Shock couldn't have picked a more exciting year to be in Washington. With two government shutdowns and the Blizzard of '96 to weather, his introduction to life inside the Beltway was anything but humdrum.

"It is exactly two miles from my house to the White House," he said. "At last I will be able to tell my grandchildren I walked two miles to work in snow that was literally waist deep!"

Except for the fact that Fridays are always busiest, Shock says there really are no typical days for him and his staff, which includes a deputy director, editors, interns, volunteers, and a team of six exceptionally bright, young writers he has grown fond of. They work long hours, including weekends, and everyone must be ready at all times to respond in the event of catastrophe, as they did following the April crash of Commerce Secretary Ron Brown's plane in Croatia.

"Those were truly somber days around the White House," Shock said.

"We immediately went into disaster mode to deal with the amount of mail that came in after the tragedy."

Coming to terms with the emotional impact of his job has been one of the toughest things Shock has had to conquer during the past year.

"I've read hundreds of heartbreaking letters. There are millions of people in our country who are hungry, who need a place to sleep, who need a parent to take care of them, and who are afraid to leave their homes because of the violence in their streets," he said. "But being here has given me greater confidence in my government and a greater appreciation for government employees. I've also learned that our government works. It has flaws, but stacked up against all the others, I'd choose it any day."

Shock certainly must have a greater appreciation for history, too. After all, a walk through the black-and-white marble-tiled corridors of his office building is no ordinary occupational experience. It's a walk through history.

Tucked away inside the Old Executive Office Building just west of the White House is Shock's office — steps away from the president's. Once the largest office building in Washington, the impressive structure was completed in 1888 and originally housed the State, War and Navy departments.

With its steep mansard roof, intricate ceiling murals, marquetry floors, and cast-iron ornamentation from top to bottom, the building is considered one of the nation's best examples of



Hail to the (Other) Chief. Associate Professor Jack Shock (fourth from right) poses with President Bill Clinton and the writers and editors comprising the White House's department of presidential letters and messages. Shock has served as director of the department for the past year.

French Second Empire architecture. Seven presidents had offices here at various stages of their progression to the presidency, including Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower and George Bush.

The building now houses agencies that comprise the Executive Office of the President, including Shock's department of presidential letters and messages. The department is a division of the correspondence department, which, with more than 80 employees, is the largest department in the White House. Its employees ultimately answer to the chief of staff, Leon Panetta, and then to the president.

Shock was interested in pursuing his present position for several reasons, one being the opportunity to work with college interns. One of his responsibilities at Harding is the placing of students for internships in work environments, a requirement for all mass communication degrees. Now that he has supervised a few of his own interns and knows how to make them a valuable part of an office setting, he believes he will be much better prepared to help Harding students find jobs.

"The White House intern program is very sophisticated and has taught me a lot about experience-based education," he said. "I'm eager

to put that knowledge to good use."

Through the many contacts he has made, Shock is also building what he hopes is a network of potential employers for Harding graduates. Most of the people with whom he works are political appointees, as is he, so when the current administration ends, they will move into other government work, consulting, public relations, publishing, law, and any number of other careers — careers that will be of interest to our graduates.

SHOCK RETURNS to the Harding classroom in August with an exciting chapter in his life completed, supplying plenty of practical new material for his communication students. In a way his career has come full circle. The first person he ever interviewed as a student journalist was a young Bill Clinton in 1977. Shock was a high-school senior, and Clinton was Arkansas attorney general.

Now Shock is ready to come home, deeply grateful for the support he received from the Harding administration and the communication department in allowing him to experience "the thrill of a lifetime" in Washington.

"My life is in Arkansas," he said. "My family is there, and my life's work is there. I'm very fortunate to have a job to come home to.

"I've learned some major life lessons through this experience, one being that there are great things to do out there if you want to do them. I'm very excited about coming back to Harding and being a living example that our graduates can work in places like the White House."

Although ready to return to Searcy, Shock admits he'll miss the excitement of the White House.

"I'll miss standing in the Rose Garden," he said, "and trying to appear nonchalant when finding myself on an elevator with someone famous. And I'll miss hearing 'The Star-Spangled Banner' played during official arrivals of visiting heads of state, and hearing four cannons being fired continuously beside the Washington Monument throughout the song. It's the most patriotic thing I've ever experienced."

But of all the things Shock has seen, experienced and learned during his year at the White House, what one memory will he bring home that stands above the rest?

"I drafted a speech for the president," he said. "It was the thrill of my life to stand 10 feet away from the president of the United States and listen to him give a speech that I wrote. I stood there, mouthing the words along with him and thinking to myself that it just doesn't get any better than this. And it hasn't." ■

by PHILLIP TUCKER
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MOST 16-YEAR-OLDS worry about getting a driver's license, passing algebra, and maybe getting that first job flipping burgers.

But not Christian Coon. He doesn't have time for such things — after all, he's got graduate school to think about.

Christian, 16, walked across the Benson Auditorium stage May 11 to become the youngest graduate in Harding's 72-year history.

Reputedly, Harding's previous record for youngest graduate was held by Dr. Joseph E. Pryor. The retired dean and science professor graduated from Harding in 1937 at 19 and went on to serve nearly five decades

on the faculty.

The new record holder speaks three languages, earned a near-perfect grade point average, and completed the requirements for his bachelor's degree in international business in just two years.

Born in Longmont, Colo., Christian moved at age 2 with his family to Waldnewkirchen, Austria, located between Vienna and Salzburg, where his father had committed the family to mission work.

While working in several then-communist countries and the Eastern Bloc nations of Europe, Christian's father faced challenging and often dangerous obstacles. Smuggling Bibles behind the Iron Curtain and spreading the Gospel illegally became a way of life for him and the family — and it made an impact on Christian.

"That kind of work is very difficult," he said. "It really teaches reliance on God and not yourself."

Christian and his two brothers went through a few years of Austrian public schools before their parents, both former schoolteachers, began teaching them at home. Christian believes the situation was a definite advantage for him.

"First of all, Mom always knew when we were sick, and she didn't have to write a note!" he said. "And Dad worked with goals in mind for us. For example, he took us through all the math from sixth to 12th grades in about two and a half years."

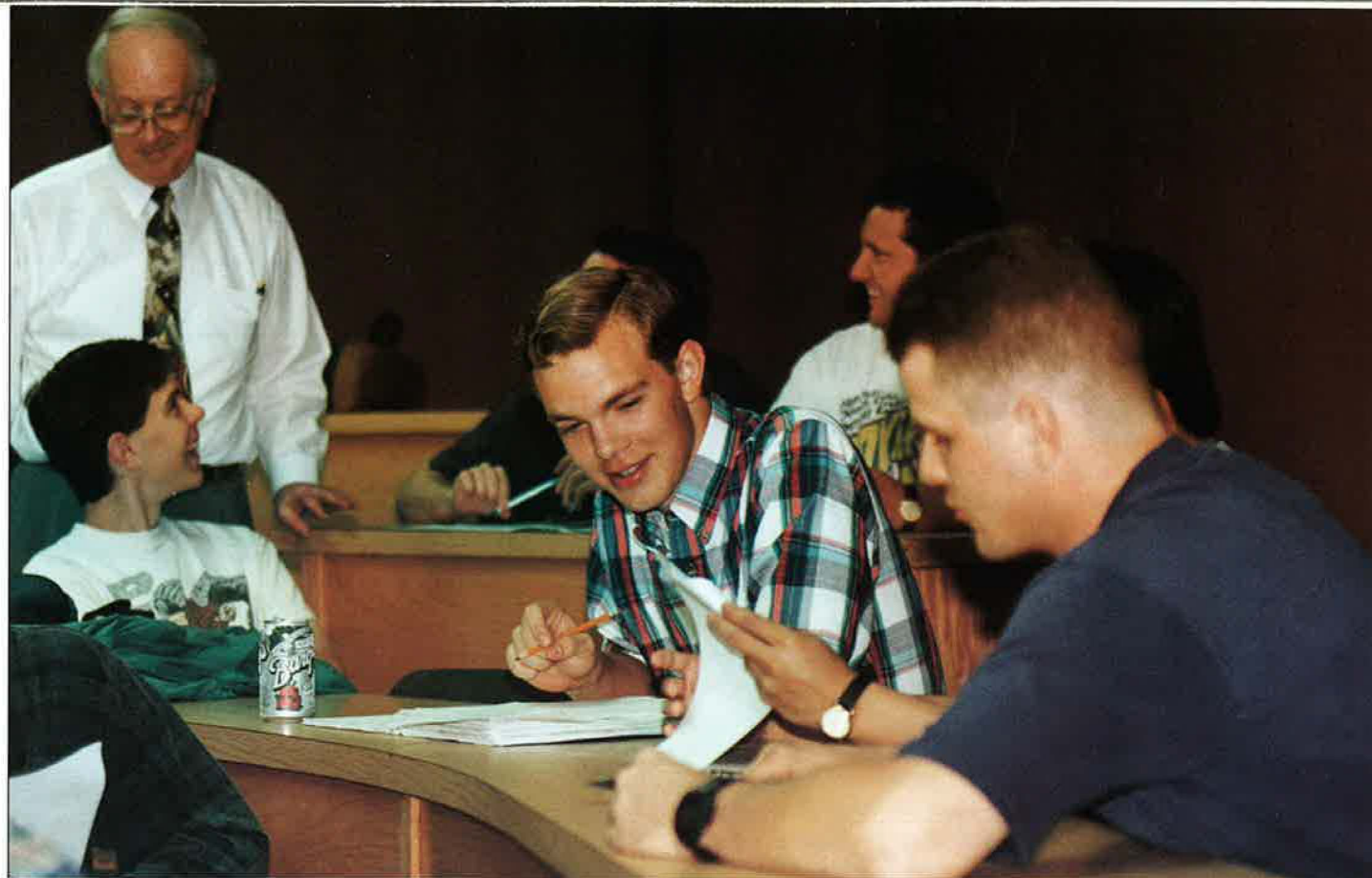
When Christian and his older brother, Josh, were ready for higher education, their father searched for the college that would be best. Although neither parent had ties to Harding, they selected the school over all others.

In April 1994, after 12 years in Austria, the entire Coon family took a temporary leave from the mission field and moved to Searcy so the two boys could enroll. Based on their remarkable SAT scores, as well as their high scores on the California Achievement Test and the Prescholastic Aptitude Test, Christian, 14, and Josh, 16, entered Harding that May.

Christian earned 31 hours through the College Level Examination Program, 22 of which were in foreign languages. He quickly acclimated himself to college life, but the transition was not without its enlightenment.

"Hearing all the different accents on campus has been interesting and very educational," Christian said. "I learned that the plural of 'y'all' is 'all y'all!'"

Christian attended school non-stop for



Class Time. Christian (center) enjoys an informal session with his classmates in Business 435, Christian Business Ethics for Men. The course, taught by George Oliver (far left), was a requirement for Christian's degree in international business.

At age 16,
Harding's youngest
graduate is

Ahead of His Time



Time Out. Taking a break between classes, Christian (second from left) visits with Central American friends Monica Torres, Carlos Hernandez and Belvet Recinos. A lover of languages, Christian learned Spanish while at Harding.

the next two years, and admitted that much of his time outside class was spent studying. His membership in Alpha Chi National Honor Society is a testimony to that. But he also found a little time for the French Club, the Society for the Advancement of Management, and his social club, King's Men.

HE ALSO ENJOYED computer graphics and learning new languages, something he excelled at. He was already fluent in German, French and English when he enrolled at Harding, but he took advantage of being around the large number of Central and South American students on campus to begin learning Spanish.

"Languages are such an excellent tool for reaching people," Christian said. "I found that in Europe, even knowing a few words makes people much more open to the Gospel and the development of relationships."

The role of American, yet international, student was one with which Christian found himself comfortable:

"I really appreciate Harding's international environment. The international students have a different way of thinking, and I tend to relate well with them."

Dr. Budd Hebert, associate professor of business and director of the University's Center for International Business, advised Christian academically and taught several of his courses. He was impressed with Christian's many talents.

"He has an intellect that is just extraordinary, but he is a very, very humble young man," Hebert said. "In fact, when it came time to make presentations in class, he did not think he had anything important to say to the other students because they were older!"

"Christian is bright, sincere and spirit-filled with a good sense of humor and a strong internal confidence. He can also accept criticism which, of course, is unheard of for most 16-year-olds. He's quite a kid."

In May, Christian entered graduate school at the University of Central Arkansas, where he is now pursuing a master's degree in international business. Afterward he plans to return to Europe, where he believes his background will be a great asset.

"I'm familiar with European cultures, which is important because Europe is not very open to doing business with foreigners," he said. "It's a huge opportunity."

Although business opportunities for him

may be great, Christian's greater goal — and the mission of Harding's international business program — is to one day be able to support his parents and other missionaries through his work.

"The bottom line today is money," he said. "So many more things could have been done if we'd had the money — things my family still hopes to do one day."

Christian has certainly proven himself to be capable and intelligent with a confident outlook on his future. But why is this young man in such a hurry?

"Why not?" he responded. "The Bible tells us in Ephesians to redeem our time because the days are evil, so I don't believe in wasting time. By finishing my undergraduate work early, I feel I have a definite head start."

Few around campus have known Christian was only 16.

"He is so quiet, you just assume he's much older than he really is," Dr. Hebert said.

"Being tall doesn't hurt, either."

Christian always enjoys the reaction when someone hears how old he is.

"They immediately ask to see my driver's license!"

Well, at least now he has one. **EH**

A Third-World Classroom

by SCOTT MORRIS ■ photography by JEFF MONTGOMERY

*A unique missions course
exposes students to survival in
underdeveloped nations*

BELOW THE RUGGED HILLSIDE, the landscape reveals a small, spring-fed lake surrounded by an African hut, a one-room Appalachian shack, a cluster of Mexican dwellings fabricated of tin and cardboard, a Guatemalan house, and a thatched Thai house. The air is mixed with the conflicting aromas of sweet honeysuckle vines, smoke from a smoldering campfire, and the stench of chickens, pigs and rabbits caged nearby.

"This place is certainly full of new experiences," says senior Tamara Bledsoe as she struggles to milk a goat. In fact, that statement is true for all 11 students enrolled in a two-week course in Third-World development strategies.

Milking a goat was perhaps the most civil of those experiences. Throughout the course the students were taught a variety of low-tech approaches that can improve the conditions of poverty and hunger plaguing Third-World countries where many of the them are planning extended mission work or short-term health-mission campaigns.

Monte Cox and Jerry Myhan designed the unique course. Cox, an assistant professor of Bible, and Myhan, associate professor of nursing, have both worked in countries that daily face the problems of poverty and hunger.

Cox spent nine years in Kenya, Africa, before joining the Harding faculty full time in 1992.

"I felt I was ill prepared for living and relating to the people I was trying to save spiritually," Cox said. "I felt helpless in dealing with their poverty, I couldn't help the farmers with the diseases afflicting their cattle, and the social issues they faced were overwhelming to me."

Myhan felt similar helplessness during five years in Haiti and on subsequent trips working at health clinics in the country.

"We began to see the same patients with the same conditions over and over again," he said, "and we realized we weren't doing anything to get to the root of the problem."

The United Nations reports that 5 million children die in Africa each year because of hunger and malnutrition, and another 5 million are left crippled.

It was with these and other similar concerns in mind that the College of Bible and Religion and the School of Nursing began jointly offering this course two years ago.

The class is conducted nearly two hours from the Searcy campus in Perryville, Ark., about 45 miles northwest of Lit-



Animal Farm. Freedom Goguen cradles a rabbit in her arms as Joseph Toyang, an HPI employee from Cameroon, Africa, gives the Harding group a hands-on lesson in rabbit farming.

tle Rock. The rural town is home to Heifer Project International's (HPI) Learning and Livestock Center.

HPI has worked for more than 50 years to alleviate hunger and poverty in all parts of the world by providing food-producing animals and other related assistance to families in need. The center's lambs, goats, pigs, water buffalo, chickens and rabbits are given to families in underdeveloped countries in an effort to provide the individuals with a source of food and four-footed profit-making centers. Families are required to pass on the offspring of their gift to other needy families.

These gifts spread like ripples in a pool — first increasing the physical and mental welfare of the individuals, and then strengthening the entire community.

DURING THE MAY EXPERIENCE five students were assigned to the squalid Mexican "barrio," or Spanish community. Four poorly constructed shacks pieced together out of a few logs and a lot of cardboard provided their shelter. All five students grouped together, staying in the largest barrio structure. The dirt floor was not much of a welcome, but they were greeted by a sixth occupant — a small wren constructing a nest between two cardboard pieces.

Three students journeyed deeper into the woods to live in the Appalachian shack. The wooden structure housed one bed and a cast-iron cookstove that made the already warm room swelter with intense heat.

The remaining three students were assigned to the adobe Guatemalan house, a three-room structure with a tin roof.

With a small garden plot and a natural gas supply from a bio-gas unit, this setting is considered quite wealthy for an underprivileged country.

It was in these environments that the students — all from different backgrounds and academic interests — were prepared for a weekend of Third-World survival. Or were they?

As if adjusting to the new surroundings were not enough, each facility had a meager food supply to spread among all its inhabitants. Each household was encouraged to barter and trade with other households in order to obtain enough food for meals, but to complicate matters each locale was given its own fabricated "language." Before bartering could take place, these language obstacles had to be mastered in order to communicate with each other.

The languages involved adding unfamiliar words to the beginning and end of each sentence, adding a common suffix to the end of nouns, reversing the subject-verb or verb-object placements, or a combination of the three. Struggling to communicate in chopped, awkwardly formed sentences (i.e., "Found I lentils-ala in cabinet-ala, we can use, no?") only complicated the bartering process.

"These are basically just fun games, but it lets the students learn how difficult it is to communicate in a foreign culture," said Myhan.

Once languages were conquered, each housing unit exchanged its excesses for what were shortages at another location. Those with too much rice but no water were finally able to obtain their much-needed basic necessities — items that are so often taken for granted in America's culture.

Each group finally obtained enough potatoes, carrots, onions, rice, eggs and cornmeal for the evening's meal and, with good planning, two additional meals the following day. But for senior biology major David Deikun, the sight of two water snakes swimming across the lake proved too tempting.

"We could eat one and trade the other one!" he yelled as he waded into the water. After several minutes of trying to capture the snakes, David's frustration rose when the slithering reptiles escaped into a thicket of tall grass at the water's edge. But dinner that night, even without the "delicacy" of snake meat, was enough to fill the students' stomachs.

"We'll go to bed full because we bartered for more food," said Jessica Biggerstaff, a sophomore from Alturas,

Calif. "We realized there are enough resources if we all share."

After dinner they gathered on the Guatemalan hillside to visit before the next day. Relaxing on the cool grass, they looked up into the dark sky and passed the time looking for constellations. The illuminations of fireflies flying above sometimes skewed their judgment.

"This experience makes us more aware of our blessings every time we eat something," said sophomore Freedom Goguen, "and it makes us realize how much time it takes for Third-World residents just to survive."

"The hardest part is persevering all day long and being civil to each other when we're tired," said Christina Weber,

a junior from Ellisville, Mo. Then she jokingly added, "And being dirty is also pretty tough."

With the Big Dipper finally located, the students left the hillside and disappeared into the dark to their respective homes. It was only 9:30.

SATURDAY MORNING BEGAN with breakfast at 7. Most had made pancakes out of remaining cornmeal, and some were lucky enough to have a boiled egg left over from the previous evening.

Work duties were assigned at 8 a.m. A group of five was selected to make bricks, and the remaining six were sent to work at a garden site. The next few hours would be spent



To the Work. Laboring as gardeners, Mika Haneishi sifts rocky soil while Jessica Biggerstaff adds another shovel full of dirt to the pile.

working for wages in order to buy food at a market later in the day.

The gardeners put into practice intensive gardening techniques they had learned earlier in the week. On a hill similar to those in the mountains of Central and South America, the students worked between two rows of honey locust bushes that had been planted to prevent hillside erosion.

Using shovels, hoes and machetes, the students prepared a mounded garden bed with 12-inch walkways on each side. The dirt was then sifted through wire mesh in an attempt to eliminate all roots, rocks and other debris. The dirt occasionally revealed grub worms, which the students saved for fish bait.

After four hours, a 20-foot-long bed was constructed along the curved contour of the hillside. They had exceeded their goal by 10 feet, but since they were being paid by the day, they could only hope for a bonus to reward their extra efforts.

The brick makers had clay, cement mix, sand and water at their disposal. Knowing they were to be paid per brick, the students quickly streamlined the operation. They had obviously gained skills from their hands-on instructional session earlier in the course.

Each brick maker assumed an individual role — the strenuous job of hauling wheelbarrows full of clay; the dusty job of sifting the dry clay through a mesh; the responsibility of mixing clay, sand, cement and water to the appropriate consistency; and the arduous task of operating the brick press.

Each role was skillfully filled, resulting in 80 perfectly formed four-by-eight-inch rectangular bricks several hours later.

"We had to work as a team because we knew the more bricks we made, the better we would eat tonight," said Gabe Moudy, referring to the students' purchase of goods at the forthcoming market.

Brick making and intensive gardening were only two of many skills taught during the course. The students also learned basic health and first-aid skills, water treatment techniques, animal husbandry, composting, conservation, and how to construct solar ovens and make fuel resources.

"This is all appropriate technology for Third-World countries," said Cox. "If I had known things this simple while I was in Africa, I really would have been able to help some people."

With their morning of labor completed, the students were tired, sweaty and hungry. Their once-clean clothes were evidence of their strained, grimy work.

At mid-afternoon, they gathered under a shady oak to be paid for their labor. They were paid in kennings, a mock currency named after HPI educator Ken Herren.

Upon payment, the students regrouped with the resi-



Supper's On. Barrio residents Freedom Goguen, Mika Haneishi and Gabe Moudy prepare potatoes, carrots and onions over a campfire.

dents of their respective global-village homes to count up their kennings for the open market. Just as they had hoped, the gardeners discovered a bonus payment for their extra efforts.

At the market hungry students found a live rabbit, vegetables, fruits, coffee and tea bags, rice, eggs, and several other basic items for sale. With currency in hand, they began the process of purchasing their evening meal.

Bargaining for better deals was part of the students' nature by now, and it quickly ensued.

"Can you change this 500-kenning bill for me?" Tamara asked Ken, who was playing the role of the market vendor.

"Sure, I'll give you 300 kennings for it," Ken deviously replied.

"Well," said Tamara, "what about 300 kennings plus an onion?" It was a deal.

One of Jessica's purchases was a glassful of milk. She delicately carried it away taking care not to lose one precious drop.

The five residents of the barrio managed to purchase a loaf of bread, a stick of butter, four small potatoes, an apple, an orange, two carrots and a bag of rice. Although their purchase took all 14,000 of their kennings, they and the other groups had purchased enough for a respectable dinner.

THE GLOBAL-VILLAGE EXPERIENCE enlightened the closely bonded students to situations they may someday face on the mission field.

"This class can't change the world, but it can change these students," Cox said. "Then God can better use them to change the world — a world that desperately needs the love and compassion that God offers everyone."

"I realize now what it's like to live in a place like this," said freshman Mika Haneishi of Japan. "We're no longer ignorant of these problems."

"Even if some of us never go to a Third-World country, this class has changed our world view." ■



Carrying a Torch for America

Junior Cindy Cheatham becomes a part of Olympic history as a torchbearer for the 1996 Games

by PHILLIP TUCKER
photography by JEFF MONTGOMERY

INSIDE THE OLYMPIC MUSEUM in Lausanne, Switzerland, is a showcase of torches carried by runners in past Olympic Torch Relays, a modern Olympic tradition that began with the 1936 Berlin Games. Each torch is unique, bearing symbols representing that year's host city or country.

Last spring, while attending Harding's Florence, Italy, campus, junior Cindy Cheatham visited the museum and was particularly impressed with the torch display. Being an athlete who has always been captivated by the spirit of the Olympics, Cindy snapped a few photos that now fill her scrapbook.

This month Cindy took her own place in Olympic history, having been chosen to represent her home city of Montgomery, Ala., as a runner in the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay preceding the Centennial Games in Atlanta.



"I love athletics and competition, and the Olympic Games have always been exciting to me," Cindy said. "I am honored to represent my community in this way."

The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) conducted a nationwide search through local United Way organizations to select 5,500 "community heroes" to serve as torchbearers. More than 38,000 people were nominated to participate in the 84-day, 15,000-mile journey across America from Los Angeles to Atlanta.

Selection was based on one's volunteer work, service as a community leader or role model, acts of kindness or generosity, and the performance of extraordinary feats or accomplishments.

Cindy, a 21-year-old nursing major, was nominated by her mother and was selected to run July 1 in Montgomery. Only 43 Montgomery-area torchbearers were selected from more than 600 applicants.

Cindy's selection for the honor was based, in part, on her choice of career, her work with inner-city ministries and various disaster-relief projects through Harding, and her high-school nomination for Montgomery's prestigious Jimmy Hitchcock Award for high school athletes.

"All my friends at Harding and at home have congratulated me, and I'm realizing that the Olympics is something everyone can re-

late to," Cindy said. "That's part of the honor — that everyone can be a part of it."

Cindy is the daughter of alumni Dr. Carl W. Cheatham (BA'62, MRE'65, MTh'65) and the former Augustine Hendrix (BA'61). Her brother, Craig (BA'90), who served as Student Association president in 1989-90, is understandably proud of his sister.

"Cindy has always shown great interest in sports and helped pioneer some first-time girls' teams in high school," he said, "but this honor is more for her leadership and service as a citizen than for her athletic success. Cindy gives far more than she takes in everything in which she's involved, which well represents our community and Harding.

"She loves to compete, and does so with a great spirit — and that's what the Games are all about."

Each relay runner was supplied with a uniform and carried the 3.5-pound torch about one kilometer. This year's torch featured 22 aluminum "reeds" representing each of the modern Olympic Games, the names of the 20 Olympic host cities, the 1996 Olympic logo, and a center handle of Georgian hardwood. Cindy will be able to purchase her torch at cost.

ACCORDING TO THE ACOG, the Olympic Torch Relay has its roots in ancient Greece, when a sacred truce would be called so athletes could peacefully compete in the Olympic Games. Runners called "heralds of peace" would travel throughout Greece before the Games, proclaiming the beginning of the truce and issuing a clarion call to attend.

The tradition was revived when Dr. Carl Diem of Germany created the first relay, running from Olympia,

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Greece, to Berlin as part of the opening ceremonies of the 1936 Olympic Games. The relay has heralded the beginning of every Olympic Games since.

Today the flame, which was ignited in Olympia March 30 and transported to Los Angeles April 27, symbolizes "the light of spirit, knowledge and life." In passing the flame from one person to another, the relay hands down the symbolic fire from generation to generation.

The 1996 Olympic Torch Relay carried the flame through 42 states and 29 capitals, coming within two

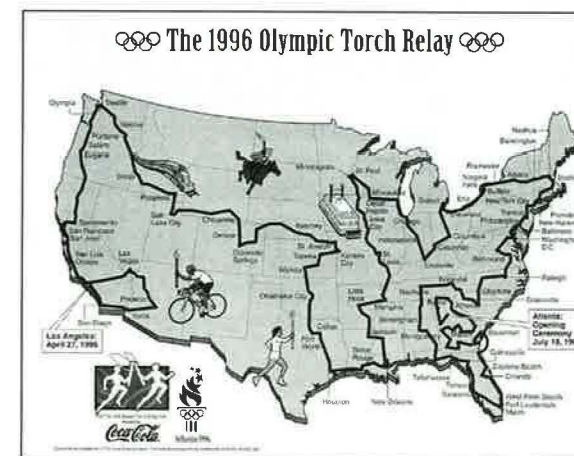
hours of 90 percent of the U.S. population, and arrived in Atlanta's Olympic Stadium July 19. The flame will be extinguished during the closing ceremonies Aug. 4, having been in the United States 100 days and marking the 100th anniversary of the modern Olympic Games.

About 2,000 former Olympians and 2,500 other individuals selected by relay sponsor Coca-Cola brought the total number of torchbear-

ers to 10,000 — the largest torch relay in modern Olympic history.

"Carriers of the torch have a time-honored responsibility and duty to uphold and represent the Olympic ideals and sanctity of the flame," said Billy Payne, president and C.E.O. of the ACOG. "They represent what is best about America and are exemplary models of the many heroes who every day make significant sacrifices in serving others in society."

Cindy Cheatham has tasted the thrill of the Olympics firsthand and no longer has to go to a museum in Switzerland to experience it. Her memories — and her torch — will always serve as reminders of the day she became a national hero. ■



NEWSMAKERS

Olree retiring; Altman named athletic director

Ted Altman has been chosen to succeed Harry Olree as athletic director. Olree will work until the end of the summer sessions, ending 39 years of service. For the past seven years, Altman has served as assistant athletic director, specifically overseeing track, cross country, volleyball, baseball and women's basketball. He has been a member of the Harding staff for 34 years, including nine years of coaching experience in football, basketball, softball and track. During his tenure at Harding, he also served 17 years as vice president for student affairs.

Harnden chosen for assistant's post

Greg Harnden was named assistant athletic director in May. He will continue to coach the Lady Bison basketball team. In seven seasons Harnden has guided the Lady Bisons to a 127-87 record. His 1996 team went 24-5 and earned a berth in the NAIA national tournament in Jackson, Tenn. A native of Kansas City, Mo., Harnden attended Harding for one year before earning his B.S. degree in mathematics from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1969. He then earned the master's degree in educational administration, also from UMKC.



Scott Alexander



Lori Hendricks

Alexander and Hendricks selected top athletes

SCOTT ALEXANDER, A THREE-YEAR starter on the Bison football team, and Lori Hendricks, an All-American volleyball player, were selected in May as recipients of the M.E. Berryhill Awards for outstanding senior athletes.

Alexander, a chemistry major from Searcy, came to Harding as a walk-on player and graduated as a four-year letterman. He is president of Harding Athletes as Role Models, a volunteer group that speaks at area schools about abstaining from drug use, and is also assistant director of the University's Camp Tahkodah.

Hendricks, of Vancouver, Wash., was selected as a third-team NAIA All-American in 1995 and was an honorable mention selection in 1994. She is the only Lady Bison volleyball player to receive the national honor.

A kinesiology major, Hendricks was a three-year starter on teams that compiled a 114-43 collegiate record.

Winners of the Berryhill awards are selected on athletic achievement, scholarship and character.



Jason Cooper



Angie Fouts

Cage stars named All-Americans

BASKETBALL STANDOUTS ANGIE Fouts and Jason Cooper were named to the 1996 NAIA All-American teams after leading their respective teams to record-setting seasons.

Fouts, a junior from Searcy, was a first-team All-American selection after being a second-team choice in 1995. She is the only Lady Bison to receive All-American honors.

The 5-9 post player set school records in scoring and rebounding, averaging 22.6 points per game and grabbing 10.8 rebounds per contest. Fouts scored in double digits every game, tallying 30 or more points five times and 20 or more in 20 of the team's 29 games. She was ranked nationally in scoring, rebounding and free-throw percentage.

Fouts' season totals also earned her the Most Valuable Player distinction in the NAIA's Southwest Region. The Lady Bisons were 24-5 for the year, earning the team a berth in the national championship tournament.

Cooper was named a third-team NAIA All-American. He, too, was named Most Valuable Player in the Southwest Region, leading the Bisons to a 24-6 mark and a trip to Tulsa for the national playoffs.

An outstanding player at Searcy High School, Cooper became a starter as a sophomore. He ranks eighth on the all-time Bison scoring list with 1,411 points, and led the Bisons in scoring and rebounding during his junior and senior years.

Track record falls

A 29-YEAR SCHOOL RECORD in the steeplechase was eclipsed in the spring by Simeon Sawe, a sophomore transfer student. Sawe's new record of 8:44.72 surpassed the old mark of 9:01 set in 1967 by All-American national champion Cliff Clark.

Sawe also set a new school record in the 5,000 meters with a 14:15.3 time in the event. The Kenya native is an NAIA champion in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and the 5,000 meters.

In addition to Sawe, nine other track team members qualified for the NAIA national meet. Representing Harding in the meet were Jason Thomas, Ron Nelson, Jeremy Winters, Abe Kirwa, Jermaine Cuffie, Ericka Harris, Jonah Tanui, Grant Chism and Daniel McCondichie.

Tennis teams finish season nationally ranked

LED BY THREE SENIOR ALL-Americans, the Lady Bison tennis team finished the regular season 13-4 and ranked 14th in the NAIA. Alicia Rojas, Jessica Ruiz and Beatriz Arvizu led the Lady Bisons to a top-15 national ranking the last four years.

The 13-4 record included a 4-1 mark against NCAA Division I teams. During the senior trio's four-year tenure, the Lady Bisons compiled a remarkable 69-15 dual match record.

Arvizu also has the distinction of being named an Academic All-American. She was the only Harding athlete to be recognized this year for both athletic and classroom achievements.

Arturo Rodriguez and Guillermo Hernandez, both All-Americans, led the men's team to a 16th spot in the NAIA national rankings. Rodriguez was ranked 13th in singles, and the two combined to rank 16th in doubles.

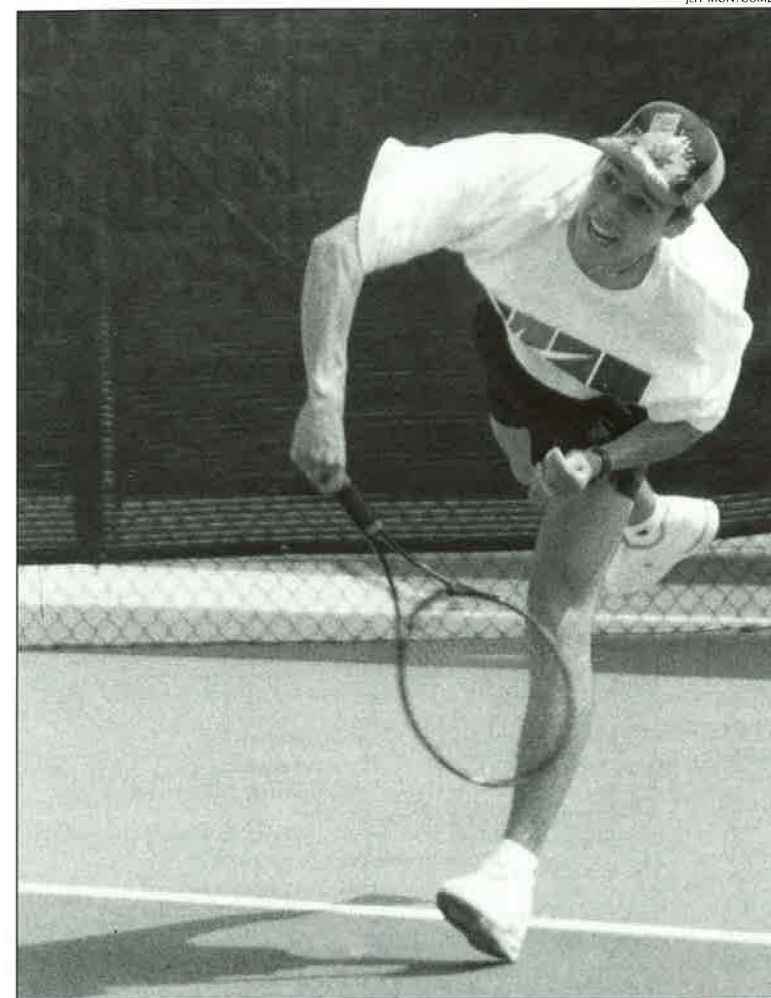
The team's 9-9 record for the season was deceiving. Seven of the losses came from teams nationally ranked in the top 10.

Golfers capture third in region

JUNIOR BRAD WOOD SHOT A 54-hole total of 229 to lead the Bison golf team to a third-place finish in the NAIA's Southwest Regional Tournament. Wood finished fourth in the regional finals.

The Bisons' 945 score left them behind the University of Mobile (899) and Spring Hill College (937), but well ahead of fourth-place Lyon College (985).

Other Bisons scoring in the regional tournament were junior Brad Williams, ninth at 233; sophomore Andrew Baker, 12th at 241; and senior John Harris, 18th at 247. Wood and Williams were



All-American. Arturo Rodriguez, a senior from Mexico, displays the form that won him a national ranking of 13 in NAIA singles action.

named to the all-region team.

During the season the golf team won the Henderson State University and Greystone tournaments and finished a respectable fifth in an NCAA Division II tournament at Delta State University.

Harding will begin Lone Star Conference play next season.

SAU ends hardballers season in sectionals

SENIORS DARYL JOHNSON AND Todd Miller led the Bison baseball team into the NAIA sectional finals only to see Southern Arkansas University, the NAIA's seventh-ranked team, come from behind to post a 6-4 victory. The Bisons finished the season at 24-29.

Johnson, the team's center fielder, is a definite professional prospect. He led the team in batting average (.365), home runs (7), doubles (12), hits (58), steals (19), walks (31) and RBIs (41). He holds the career record for stolen bases with 103 in 122 attempts.

Miller, who converted to third baseman from shortstop for the 1996 season, concluded his college career by hitting .348. Miller and Johnson, the only Bisons to play in all 53 games this year, were selected to the All-Sectional team.

Other standouts on the team were pitchers Tim Lacey, a junior who finished the season with a 6-6 mark, and Bentley Harrell, a sophomore who compiled a 6-3 record. Shane Pharr was the leading freshman, hitting .328 with six doubles and a home run.

NEWSMAKERS

Francis assistant Lady Bisons basketball coach

Brad Francis, girls' basketball coach at Harding Academy in Searcy, has moved up to become assistant women's basketball coach and NCAA compliance coordinator at the University. During Francis' tenure as head girls' coach at Harding Academy, his teams compiled a 159-54 record, including four county, conference and district championships, a regional tournament championship, and a second-place finish in the 1991 Class A state tournament. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Harding.

Fullerton new baseball coach

Shane Fullerton, a graduate assistant for the baseball program, will become head baseball coach to replace Jess Bucy, who has announced his retirement effective in December. A 1994 Harding graduate, Fullerton was an All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference catcher on the Bison baseball team. He was also named to the NAIA District 17 team and was a three-time choice on the AIC All-Star team. For the past two seasons, he was a graduate assistant coach for the Bison squad. In 1991 he was assistant coach of the Blytheville, Ark., American Legion team, and in 1993 as head coach, the team won the district tournament and went on to the state tournament.

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'53 Joan Hayes Holloway (BA) is an accounting professor at Palm Beach Community College. She was chosen Teacher of Excellence of Florida for 1996. (1330 N. Military Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410)

'55 Bill Clark and his wife, the former **Joan Bridges Haynes** ('57), are working among Israeli Palestinians. (Box 407, Nazareth 16103, Israel)

'59 Juanita Clift Dodd is a clinical dietician with Providence Portland Medical Center. (8525 S.W. Morgan Drive, Beaverton, OR 97008)

'61 Herman McHan (BA) retired from teaching and is now minister for the Lisbon Church of Christ. He and his wife, the former **Karen Partezana** ('63), have three children. (7401 Elmwood Drive, Lisbon, OH 44432)

'66 Raymond Murray (BA) is minister for the Eastside Church of Christ in Baltimore. (4408 Freestone Lane, #104, Baltimore, MD 21236)

Jim Wilson (BA) is general secretary for Media and Entertainment International. (6, av. William-Favre, CH-1207, Geneva, Switzerland)

'68 Helen Sample Floyd (BS) is administrative assistant to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Harding. She and her husband, David, have one child. (4 Kerrie Circle, Searcy, AR 72143)

'69 Virgil Anderson (BA) is a high school science teacher with the Forrest City, Ark., public schools. His wife, the former **Rhondia Holt** (BS'69), is an outreach therapist for Family Counseling and Diagnostic Clinic and teaches psychology at East Arkansas Community College. (193 SFC 320, Forrest City, AR 72335)

'70 J.C. Davis (BA, MA'74) was selected for inclusion in the 1996 edition of *Who's Who Among American Teachers*. He has taught history at Cumberland County

High School in Tennessee for 20 years. His wife, the former **Lana DeLong** (BA'69, MA'74), is an elementary teacher at Crossville Elementary School. They have two sons. (Route 8, Box 275-B, Crossville, TN 38555)

Randy DeLaet (BS) was promoted to regional sales manager for the Fort Smith, Ark., office of Blue Cross and Blue Shield. He has been with the company since 1970. (10 Paul Valley Road, Alma, AR 72921)

Norma Thornton Rios is a computer clerk with South Arkansas Developmental Center for Children and Families. She and her husband, Nicholas, have one daughter. (1729 Morning Star Road, El Dorado, AR 71730)

Richard Gillenwaters (BA) is an associate professor of business at York College. His wife, the former **Vicki Turner** ('71), works in York's business office. (915 Woodcrest, York, NE 68467)

'71 Carol Weems Darling is administrative assistant with the Metro Church of Christ in Oviedo, Fla. She and her husband, Stephen, have two children. (4413 Steed Terrace, Winter Park, FL 32792)

Teddi Jean Douse Howell is a child-care attendant with the Crieve Hall Church of Christ Mother's Day Out program. She and her husband, Bruce, have six children. (5042 Cherrywood Drive, Nashville, TN 37211)

Johnie Luker (BA) is director of development for New Mexico Children's Home. He and his wife, Ginger, have worked in 10 children's homes since 1952. (1356 N.M. 236, Portales, NM 88130)

'72 Larry Harris (BA) is executive director of Willow Brook Christian Communities. He was recently elected president of a new association of senior service providers among churches of Christ at a national meeting held in Abilene, Texas. He is married to the former **Janet Prince** (BA'73). (1297 Worthington Heights Blvd., West Worthington, OH 43235)

'73 Houston Bynum (BA, MA'75) is pulpit minister for the Washington Street Church in Fayetteville, Tenn. He and his wife, Beverly,



have three children. (11 Hudson Drive, Fayetteville, TN 37334)

'74 Nancy Duhon Hatton received a bachelor's degree from Lamar University in December 1995 and teaches in the Lumberon, Texas, Independent School District. She and her husband, Michael, have two children. (895 E. Lucas, Beaumont, TX 77703)

'75 Tim Bixler is a director with Delta Center Stage. A play he directed, "Haiku," recently took top honors for best play and best actress (his wife, the former **Sonya Edens**, BA) at the Southwestern Theater Conference in Louisville, Ky. The couple have been invited to Ireland for international competition in 1997. (196 Clower Circle, Greenville, MS 38701)

Bill Brewer (BS) is in his 11th year as pulpit minister for the Siwell Road Church of Christ. He and his wife, Gloria, have two daughters. (1973 Castle Hill Drive, Jackson, MS 39204)

David Goff (BS) is a research chemist with Westvaco, Charleston, S.C. He and his wife, the former **Jocelynn Brown** ('78), have four children. (229 Old Dominion, North Charleston, SC 29418)

Debbie Hupp Kelly (BA) is an instructor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in the department of rhetoric and writing. She and her husband, Steve, have two children. (115 E. Lea Circle, Bryant, AR 72022)

Alan Yarbrough (BA) is a licensed psychologist. He and his wife, LaDonna, have two children. (102 Fairways Drive, Hendersonville, TN 37075)

'76 Jim Johnston (BA, MEd '78) is a faculty research associate at Vanderbilt University, where he received his doctorate in 1994. His wife, the former **Kathy Kendall** (BA'75), teaches third grade at Ezell-Harding Christian School. They have four children. (320 Gaywood Drive, Nashville, TN 37211)

'77 Randy Givens (MTH, MAR) is chairman of the department of speech at York College. He is listed in the 1996-97 edition of *Who's Who in American Education*. (1315 Blackburn, York, NE 68467)

'78 Tim Albright (BA) is pul-

pit minister with Brook Street Church of Christ and is working on a master's degree in counseling at Harding Graduate School of Religion. His wife, Betty, is secretary for Harding School of Biblical Studies. (210 E. Border St., Harrisburg, AR 72432)

Terry Noblin (BS) is a salesman with C.M.S. Communications and a private security officer with American Protective Service. He was married in the Philippines to the former **Elizabeth Escosio**. They have two children. (1679 Maldon Lane, St. Louis, MO 63136)

Michael Reichel works in Germany as a language specialist for the U.S. Government. He and his wife, Kornelia, have a daughter, Gennifer, born Feb. 4, 1994. (Konrad-Adenauer Strasse 87, 69007, Sandhausen, Germany)

'79 Tim Jorgensen (BA, MDiv '92) is minister for the Arnold, Mo., Church of Christ. He and his wife, Rebecca, have a daughter. (2932 Highland House Villas Court, Arnold, MO 63010)

'80 Tim Perry (BA) is athletic director and head football coach for Alabama Christian Academy. He was selected Coach of the Year in 1995. (2912 Woodforest Lane, Montgomery, AL 36109)

'81 Joe Alexander is associate dean of the College of Business at the University of Northern Colorado. He was recently selected by the Colorado Alliance for Commerce and Industry as one of 50 individuals to participate in a leadership and management program for 1996. His wife, the former **Tammy Gattis** (BBA'83), is office manager for the Westview Church in Greeley. (2509 50th Ave., Greeley, CO 80634)

Mike Jones (BA, MTh'85) received his Ph.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in December 1995. (3009 Joan Ave., Louisville, KY 40205)

Mike Philpot (BBA) was recently named executive vice president for the West Tennessee Industrial Association, which works with community chambers and leaders in a 20-county area to retain and recruit industry. He and his wife, the former **Robin Gill** (BA'80), have two children. (185 Rolling Hills Drive, Jackson, TN 38305)

'82 Steve Foster is owner of Foster Construction, which was

named 1995 Alaska Business of the Year. He and his wife, the former **Becky Cox** (BA'80), have four children. (Box 303, Soldotna, AK 99669)

Kerry Lowery (BBA) is director of corporate development for American Oncology Resources. His wife, the former **Karla Adams** (BA'79), is a part-time teacher with Northland Christian School. They have two daughters. (17206 Kettle Creek Drive, Spring, TX 77379)

Trella Yates (BA) is choral director for Woodland Junior High School. She is also conductor for the Arts Center of the Ozarks Children's Chorus, which performed at Carnegie Hall in July 1995. (738 N. Oakland, #5, Fayetteville, AR 72701)

'83 Lee McCain (BBA) is assistant buyer and manager of technical support for Wal-Mart Stores Corporate Office. (P.O. Box 1111, Bentonville, AR 72712-1111)

'84 Jeff Sutherland (BA) is a quality technician for Schering-Plough Health Care Products. He and his wife, the former **Laura Baker** (BA'88), have two children. (2123 #7 Deer Ridge Drive, Memphis, TN 38134)

'85 Victoria Kadziauskas (BS) is a licensed practical nurse with Olsten Kimberly Quality Care. She does home care and private-duty nursing. (174 Woodward Point Road, Brunswick, ME 04011)

'86 Jimmy Boring (BBA) is territory manager with Bauer Medical Inc. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two children. (5673 Riverhead Ave., Memphis, TN 38135)

Terri Davis (BA) is a typesetter with Alpha Graphics in Fort Smith, Ark. (2510 Fayetteville Road, Van Buren, AR 72956)

'87 Stephen Mark Brown (BME) is an opera singer. He was the lead tenor in the PBS presentation of "La Traviata," which was broadcast March 23, 1995. (75 West End Ave., #R-5E, New York, NY 10023)

Robert Harsh received his bachelor's degree in industrial technology from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in December 1995, and is an electronics technician with 3M Corp. He and his wife, Toni, have three children. (523 N. Broadway, Weatherford, OK 73096)

Keith Hedges (BBA) received his B.S. degree in occupational therapy in 1994 and is now a traveling therapist for Mississippi Rehabilitation. (4412 Orchid St., Shreveport, LA 71105)

Sherri Clements Shannon (BBA) moved with her family to Japan, where her husband, Morgan, will serve for three years in the U.S. military. (PSC 76 Box 2276, APO AP 96319-2276)

'88 David Doederlein (BBA'88) is senior marketing analyst for United Parcel Service. (5510 Tallantworth Trail, Cumming, GA 30130)

Sandra Garner (BA) is assistant director with Heakin Research Co. (3144 Knight Lane, #104, Memphis, TN 38115)

Brad Hager (BA) recently received Virginia Tech's prestigious Cunningham Fellowship to pursue a doctoral degree studying wood science and forest products. (1236 Van Voorhis Road, #B6, Morgantown, WV 26505)

Brenda Hill Tyler (BSN) is an occupational health nurse with Irwin Army Hospital. She and her husband, Barry, have one child. (2000 Huntington Square, Manhattan, KS 66503)

'90 Aven Humphreys (BA) is education and meetings manager for the Tennessee Medical Association. (249 Glenstone Circle, Brentwood, TN 37027)

'91 Robert Buckles (BA) is a merchant with Hohenberg Brothers Co. (2305 Scottwood, Gastonia, NC 28054)

Dennis Dyes (BBA) is owner/president of D&D Capitol Management. His wife, the former **Wendy Simpkins** (BFA'91), is an account executive with KSD-FM radio. (2517 Mentor, St. Louis, MO 63144)

Vene Rodriguez (BA) is an elementary teacher at Colegio Espiscopal, San Marcos. (P.O. Box 1339, Balboa Amcon, Panama)

Lonnie Smith (BBA) is a C.P.A. with his own accounting firm. His wife, the former **Anne Delany** (BA'89, MEd'90), is curriculum coordinator for Kodiak Island School District. (P.O. Box 4312, Kodiak, AK 99615)

Lydia Stephens (BA) works in the accounting department of Dia-

mond Chain Co. (6315 Fairlane W. Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46259)

Jason Vogel (BS) is a programmer for Laser Image. His wife, the former **Sandy Lamp** (BA), is office manager with the same firm. (1110 W. Nursery Road, Rogers, AR 72758)

Jane Stewart Watkins (BS) was recently awarded the 1996 Business Professional of the Year Award from the Arkansas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She operates her own business as an etiquette consultant. (2 River Glen Circle, Little Rock, AR 72202)

'92 Luis Allen (BBA'92) is administrative assistant for Provident Capital Indemnity. (P.O. Box 1359-1200, San Jose, Costa Rica, Pavas)

Angela Bockmon is a supervisor/manager with ICT Group Inc. She is also a registered representative with WMA Securities Inc. (7088 Wildwood Circle, #48, Louisville, KY 40291)

Leah Keen Elliott (BA, BSW'95) is social services director for Oakdale Nursing Facility in Judsonia, Ark. (1917 W. Arch, Searcy, AR 72143)

Tracy Jennings (BBA) is a program analyst with KPMG Peat Marwick, Federal Services Division. (6761 S. Ivy Way, #A6, Englewood, CO 80112)

Ernesto Tovar Machin is a tennis professional, ranking in the top 20 in Mexico. (Aldavia #102, Cortazar, Guanajuato, CP 38000, Mexico)

Clint Stapp (BA) is a senior accountant in the financial department of Zale Lipshy University Hospital at the University of Texas Southwest Medical Center. (2309 Driftwood, #1017, Mesquite, TX 75150)

Lynn Tannahill (BA) is a guide with the Independence National Historic Park. (452 W. Walnut Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19144)

'93 Stacy Holley (BS) is a kindergarten teacher with East Texas Christian Academy. (200 Muller Garden, #122, Tyler, TX 75703)

'94 Chris Carter (BBA) is a manager for Wal-Mart. His wife, the former **Lisa Cowan** (BS'93), is a medical secretary for General Motors. They have one child. (8124 Creekwood Drive, Davison, MI 48423)

Christy Coonts (BBA) is a graduate student at Owen School of Management, Vanderbilt University. (1602 Hickory Club Drive, Antioch, TN 37013)

Danny Dobson (BBA'94) is a financial analyst for Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp. (1105 Hickory Club Drive, Antioch, TN 37013)

Diana Doss (BA) is a child and family coordinator with Family Educational Advisory Associates Inc. (958 Village Hills Drive, Nashville, TN 37217)

'95 John Mark Curtis is a student at DePaul University in Chicago and a sales specialist with Recreational and Equipment Inc. His wife, the former **Charice Turner** (BBA'95), was recently promoted from sales representative to territory manager for Hormel Foods Corp. (1622 Country Lakes Drive, #107, Naperville, IL 60563)

Forrest Doddington (BA) is Web-design coordinator for Incompass Interactive Inc. (3311 N.W. 28 Place, Gainesville, FL 32605)

Matt Harrelson (BA) is a police officer in Vero Beach, Fla. (1982 S.E. Bolton Ave., Port St. Lucie, FL 34952)

Peter Kosko (BS) is a first lieutenant with the U.S. Army, stationed in Korea. (1153 Bel Aire Drive, Daytona Beach, FL 32118)

Matt Mellor (BME, MEd'95) is vice principal and band director for Westbury Christian School. His wife, the former **Amy Grant** (BME, MEd'95), is elementary music teacher for the same school. (6419 Ludington Drive, Houston, TX 77035)

Wilfred Neal (BA) teaches English and literature at Edward P. York High School in Belize, where he also serves as moderator of their student council. He is appealing to any alumni who would be able to help the high school obtain a working Gestetner duplicating machine. (6 Nurse Findley Crescent, Belize City, Belize)

Kathi Purdom (BBA) is accountant for Baumgartner General Contractors. (1143 S. Cedarbrook, Springfield, MO 65804)

Karen Rinehart (BA) is a kindergarten teacher at Harding Academy, Memphis, Tenn. (3130 Cypress Lake Drive, Memphis, TN 38119)

Vicki Halette Spelce (BBA) is op-

erations manager for Truth for Today World Mission School. (1102 E. Moore, Searcy, AR 72143)

Leana Watson (BA) is a reservations agent with Southwest Airlines. (1801 Reservoir Road, #108, Little Rock, AR 72227)

Marriages

Shannon Gore (BS'91) to John Mark Stobaugh April 8, 1995. Shannon received her D.D.S. degree in June 1995 and is now a dentist. (2900 N. 22nd St., #M-9, Rogers, AR 72756)

Kimberly Butts (BA'93) to Anthony Minton April 29, 1995. Kimberly is human resources associate for City Water & Light. (1235 Haven, Jonesboro, AR 72401)

Craig Hanson (BA'95) to Kristine Beyers (BA'94) May 20, 1995. Craig is working on his master's in art history at the University of Chicago, and Kristine works in the telecommunications department of Deloitte & Touche. (5445 S. Woodlawn, #1W, Chicago, IL 60615)

Debbie Leonard (BA'93) to Christopher Woodson June 10, 1995, in Stafford, Va. Debbie is a benefits administrator for World Airways. (9904 Fairfax Square, Fairfax, VA 22031)

Teresa Morrow (BS'94) to Richard Cambron June 24, 1995, in St. Louis. Teresa is a home economics teacher with Augusta, Ark., High School. (164 Paul Addition Road, Searcy, AR 72143)

Monty Allen (BSW'86) to Charles Robinson June 30, 1995. (P.O. Box 1844-WT, Canyon, TX 79016)

Mike Barineau ('97) to Debbie Harvey (BA'95) July 8, 1995. (3717 Towne Crossing, #2208, Mesquite, TX 75150)

Chad Warpula (BS'95) to Kimberly Sheets (BBA'94) July 22, 1995. Chad is attending law school at the University of Memphis, and Kimberly is employed with State Farm Insurance. (3156 Krystal Lake Drive, Memphis, TN 38119)

McKenzie Cutshall ('97) to Carrie Dillman Aug. 12, 1995. (13305 Plaza Terrace, #253, Oklahoma City, OK 73120)

Allan White (BFA'94) to Kristi Cash (BA'94) Aug. 19, 1995. Allan is media designer at Pierian Spring Software Co. in Portland, Ore., and Kristi is administrative coordinator at Youth Outreach

Glenn E. Murray (HSBS'94)

Cowboy preacher rides onto the small screen

When Queso Productions of Telluride, Colo., asked Glenn Murray to be in their movie, he said no. After all, he's a preacher. He didn't come to Colorado to be an actor.

But when they asked him again — this time to play a preacher in a TV promo for the movie — the HSBS graduate reluctantly agreed. Having spent time in prayer, he decided his brief acting stint might put him into contact with people he otherwise would not have had the chance to reach with the Gospel.

He was then asked to read for a bit part in the movie, but was instead offered one of the lead roles — that of real-life 1880s Telluride marshal Jim Clark.

"Telluride: Time Crosses Over," star-

ring Dennis Weaver and former Olympic skier Susie Chaffee, is a tribute to Clark, who travels forward in time to the present day to save an old man from death by the hand of his greedy grandson.

When filming began in April 1995, Murray had had no previous acting experience.

"It was extremely fun working on the movie, but it was an awful lot of work," said Murray, 44, who serves as minister for the church in Ridgway, Colo. "We worked long hours under a lot of pressure, both physically and emotionally. There's more to it than just walking up there and saying your lines."

Murray used his own horse in the film, an independent feature which is now being considered for purchase by several companies. It

will probably be released as a television movie.

Working on the film and dealing with various problems on the set opened several doors of communication for Murray, allowing



Glenn Murray

him to share his faith. Numerous actors and production people attended worship services at his congregation, and one actor who had unsuccessfully tried out for a part asked Murray to tell him about Jesus.

And when Murray demanded that objectionable language be removed from his lines in the film, he was asked to rewrite them.

"There's a lot of talk today about the movie industry and how they're not making anything good," Murray said. "But as one company executive told me, 'The religious factions of the day will throw stones at the movie industry, but they won't throw us scripts.' Immoral influences from entertainment have entered our homes one show at a time, so to reverse the situation we need moral people to start writing good stuff, one show at a time."

And that's what Murray is now doing. He has started writing a script and hopes to sell it sometime in the next year or two. Meanwhile, he already has another script in hand for a film scheduled to begin taping in January.

Could directing be far behind? **JH**

ALUMNI PROFILE

Debbie Bitting (BA'91, MED'93) to Mark Powell Dec. 16, 1995. Debbie is a resource teacher for the Fulton County public schools. (1442 Markan Drive, #4, Atlanta, GA 30306)

Richard Little (BS'94) to Heather Troutwine ('96) Dec. 23, 1995. (Harding University, Box 1404, Searcy, AR 72143)

Rhonda Wallace (BA'81) to Paul Chatham Jr. Dec. 27, 1995. (P.O. Box 294, Stuttgart, AR 72160)

Sheila Parsley (BA'90) to Brian Sedlock Feb. 17. (4416 Patriot Garth, Belcamp, MD 21017)

Dan Feeney (BBA'94) to Karla McNary (BA'92, MSE'94) March 9. (1469 Evergreen Drive, #201, Palatine, IL 60056)

Randy Carlton (BS'92) to Jennifer Beverly (BA'92) March 16. (1400 Old Forge Drive, #2506, Little Rock, AR 72227)

Jason Parscale (BS'95) to Darlene "DeeDee" Cook (BA'95) March 16. Jason is a graphic designer for Astec Industries Inc. (7509 Sutton Road, Ooltewah, TN 37363)

Garry Vollmering (BBA'92) to Melissa Plummer (BA'93) March 16. (2014 Willoughby Lane, #4624, Arlington, TX 76011)

Births

To Greg and Tracy Goostree (BA'83) Jones, a daughter, Amy Katherine, Jan. 2, 1995. (2920 Dublin Drive, Helena, AL 35080)

To Michael and Mary Lou Thompson (BA'85) Martinez, a daughter, Jenna Victoria, March 7, 1995. (13564 Vallejo St., Westminster, CO 80234)

To Steven (BS'88) and Dana Grile (BA'90) Cash, a daughter, Sierra Michelle, June 7, 1995. (2406 Dover St., Anderson, IN 46013)

To John (HSBS'88) and Pam Brandon (BA'86) Morgan, a daughter, Brynna Michelle, June 21, 1995. (95 Pearl Drive, Ashdown, AR 71822)

To Falmy (BBA'90) and Christi Grady (BA'90) Marin, a daughter, Mikenna Sharon, June 29, 1995. (24306 W. Currant Drive, Golden, CO 80401)

To Kirk (BS'90) and Yvette McCoy (BA'91) Woltman, a son, McKennon Fred, July 1, 1995. (3440 Rosemeade Parkway, #9214, Carrollton, TX 75007)

To Stacy (MTh'83) and Sharie Krumrei (BS'78) Patty, a daughter, Kristen Ruth, Aug. 14, 1995. (4904 Eighth St., Lubbock, TX 79416)

To Donnie (BBA'87) and Karen Anthony (BBA'87) Lance, a daughter, Hannah Melise, Aug. 14, 1995. (5731 Mer Rouge Road, Bastrop, LA 71220)

To Christopher and Karla Bergdahl (BA'88) Kamrada, a son, Nicholas John, Aug. 22, 1995. (4824 Moultrie Circle, Lansing, MI 48917)

To Tim and Kellyne Lewandowski (BA'91) Gaspard, a son, Austin Joseph, Sept. 3, 1995. (1976 Stafford Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70810)

To Drue (BBA'91) and Carol DeMatteis, a daughter, Sydney Gabriella, Sept. 14, 1995. (2140 15th St., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221)

To Michael (BS'85) and Lisa Buford (BBA'85) Henkel, a daughter, Margaret Suzanne, Sept. 14, 1995. (1020 Beam St., Porter, IN 46304)

To Billy (BA'79) and Christie Cofield, a son, Lance Penson, Oct. 9, 1995. (108 Shannon Lane, Belton, TX 76513)

To Ben (BS'86) and Sheila Wood (BA'89) Shields, a daughter, Kayely Morganne, Oct. 13, 1995. (13115 Pleasant Forest, Little Rock, AR 72212)

To Lew and Nancy Smith (BBA'82) May, a son, Patrick Ryan, Nov. 1, 1995. (75 Warner Ave., West Haven, CT 06516)

To Collin and Teresa Heaton (BSN'83) Atnip, a son, Jonathan Edward, Nov. 3, 1995. (685 Ruxbury Court, Suwanee, GA 30174)

To Kevin (BS'88) and Sheila Hunt, a son, Shane, Nov. 7, 1995. (1009 Greenway Glen Drive, #3523, Arlington, TX 76012)

To Scott (BA'92) and Lesli Rider (BA'92) Ferguson, a son, Jordan Thomas, Nov. 22, 1995. (2321 Ralston Ave., Simi Valley, CA 93063)

To Samuel and Donna Pounds ('78) Mitcham, a son, Gavin Kurt Ryne, Dec. 14, 1995. (19 Town East Circle, Monroe, LA 71203)

To Jeff (BBA'95) and Julie Freeman (BA'95) Huskey, a son, Jeffrey Chase, Dec. 16, 1995. (2003 W. Nettleton Ave., Apt. C, Jonesboro, AR 72401)

To Bob and Bonnie Stevens (BA'82) Mohr, a daughter, Anna JoEllen, Dec. 19, 1995. Bonnie

runs her own computer business. (209 W. 18th, Mount Pleasant, TX 75455)

To Bill (BBA'88) and Dru Denham (BBA'86) Baker, a daughter, Mikayla Danae, Dec. 29, 1995. In August 1995 Bill won a gold medal in the high jump at the Bluegrass State Games in Lexington, Ky. (1728 Hunters Trace, Burlington, KY 41005)

To Christopher and Laura Phillips (BBA'85) Morgan, a daughter, Mary Katherine, Jan. 14. (335 Eastlawn Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48307)

To Stuart and Cynthia Nichols (BS'83) Garrett, a son, Preston Lanier, Jan. 5. (912 Pebblebrook Drive, Allen, TX 75002)

To Charlie and Amy Showen (BME'93) Wallace, a daughter, Anna Jean, Jan. 5. (Route 1, Box 12, Gentry, MO 64453)

To Terry and Heather Cramp (BA'89) Whitfield, a daughter, Casidy Mae, Jan. 7. Heather is coordinator of the Community Living Program at Central Algoma Secondary School. (Route 1, Thessalon, Ontario, POR ILO)

To Eddie (BA'84) and Kathy Stark (BSN'85) Rogers, a daughter, Kayla Miriam, Jan. 13. (P.O. Box 979, Kericho, Kenya, East Africa)

To Ken (BSN'91) and Joann Asay (MSE'90) Rabon, a son, Luke Edwin, Jan. 22. (4068 Remora Court, Apt. B, Great Lakes, IL 60088)

To David and Susan Coker (BA'82) Mathis, a son, Austin David, Jan. 28. (317 E. Webster Road, Royal Oak, MI 48073)

To John (BBA'86) and LuAnn Park, a son, Jonathan David, Jan. 30. (119 Lindencrest Court, Sugar Land, TX 77479)

To Kenneth (BME'85) and Casandra Smith (BBA'85) Martin, a son, Jonathan Daniel, Feb. 1. (4710 Bridgeview Lane, Spring, TX 77388)

To John and Angela Jones Gossett (HUGSR), a son, Jonathan Mathew, Feb. 5. (115 Sherwood Cove, Marion, AR 72364)

To Jeff (BA'89) and Dana Reely (BA'89) Jewell, a son, Jeffrey Callahan, Feb. 5. (8008 N.W. 31st Ave., #1607, Gainesville, FL 32606)

To Matt (BBA'89) and Shelley Titus (BA'92) Fletcher, a daughter, Kaycie Jo, Feb. 8. Matt is a business analyst with Perot Sys-

tems, and Shelley teaches fifth grade for the Lewisville Independent School District. (1920 Maxwell, Lewisville, TX 75067)

To Larry and Susan Tate (BA'83) Harrington, a son, Hunter Calvin, Feb. 8. (108 Belle Meade Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

To Christopher (BBA'89) and Kalai Reddick (BBA'90) McHan, a son, Hayden Andrew, Feb. 12. (7425 Emerson Ave. S., Richfield, MN 55423)

To Steve (BA'78) and Vanessa Combs (AA'87) Moss, a daughter, Savannah Camille, Feb. 23. (13002 Flaxseed Way, Stafford, TX 77477)

To Rich and Tami Keplar ('93) Perrine, a son, Blake Thomas, Feb. 25. (242 Canby Court, Gahanna, OH 43230)

To Brent (BA'94) and Lana Leach (BA'95) Murphy, a son, Blake Edward, March 6. (P.O. Box 556, Morrilton, AR 72119)

To David and Lisa Brown (BA'90) Madden, a son, Chandler David, March 12. (Route 4, Box 56A, Prescott, AR 71857)

To Jim and Tracy Shacklett (BBA'82) Murrell, a daughter, Marguerite Stephens, March 15. (122 Moss Creek Drive, LaGrange, GA 30240)

To Steven (BBA'86) and Tammy Johnson (BA'91) Jones, a daughter, India Rose, March 20. Steven is a computer programmer/analyst for Direct Marketing. (2802 Mill Pond Road, Garland, TX 75044)

To Jack and Vanessa Stormes (BBA'82) Lazarus, a son, Tanner Jackson, March 21. (192 Nutmeg Drive, Cabot, AR 72023)

To Jeffrey (BS'90) and Kimberly Evans, a daughter, Elle Brook, March 29. (2102 Bob White Circle, Jonesboro, AR 72404)

To Rick (MDiv'95) and Paula Litland (BS'81) Walker, a daughter, Clara Rose, April 2. Rick is education minister for the Holmes Road Church of Christ, and Paula is assistant director of KinderCare Learning Center. (1235 E. Holmes Road, Memphis, TN 38116)

To John (BBA'94) and Tammy Neal (BA'92) Burnside, a son, Braden Charles, April 3. (P.O. Box 32, Dike, TX 75437)

To Rick (BA'83) and Connie Krug, a daughter, Rachael Kamma, April 5. (2845 N. Prescott Road, Flagstaff, AZ 86001)

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

by PHIL DIXON, director of planned gifts

Friends beget friends

HOLLIS AND LEAH SCOTT, LONG-TIME residents of Memphis, Tenn., were fervent supporters of Christian education and had a long association with Harding, both in Searcy and Memphis. Leah, a 1940 Harding graduate, was a home economics instructor at David Lipscomb University and a founder of the art department at Harding Academy in Memphis.

Leah and Hollis, a Memphis grocer, were married Aug. 3, 1947. Even before their marriage they had an interest in Christian education, and certainly during their married life they were known as very generous people who truly enjoyed giving to such work.

Dr. Bill Cox, former Harding vice president, stated that in 33 years of raising money, Brother and Sister Scott were the only people he tried to persuade to take a gift back. Concerned that they were giving too much and doing without things they needed for themselves, he approached them to take back their



Hollis and Leah Scott



Jim and Anna Gooch

check. Sister Scott responded, "Brother Cox, please don't try to deprive us of the joy of giving to the great work of this school!" Dr. Cox said the Scotts are the only people he has known who have come so close to giving the "widow's mite."

Even after Hollis' death in the early 1980s, Leah remained very active in her giving to Harding until her death in 1994. When a couple at church, Jim and Anna Gooch, were selling a piece of rental property, they approached Leah about their interest in helping the Lord's work. Leah suggested they consider talking with the people at Harding, just as she and Hollis had done.

The Gooches decided to use a charitable giving vehicle the Scotts had also used, the Charitable Gift Annuity. What appealed to both the Scotts and the Gooches was that they would be assured of a regular income from Harding, and then at the time of their deaths, the

money would go toward helping with the University's mission of education for eternity. Sister Gooch says she still feels good about their decision to be a part of the work at Harding.

When Brother and Sister Gooch obtained their annuity in 1975, they had been married about nine years. He was 79 and she was 65. On Dec. 22, 1995, he celebrated his 100th birthday! He and Sister Gooch still enjoy living in their own home and being relatively independent. Not many people who get a Gift Annuity at age 79 are still enjoying the benefits at age 100!

We congratulate the Gooches on their lives of service to the Lord's work and wish to recognize the generosity and influence of the Scotts in introducing Harding to new "friends." If you would like to have a free brochure about Charitable Gift Annuities, please call 1-800-477-4312. ☐

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To Mark (BA'93) and Jan Gentry (BA'93) Taylor, a son, David Joseph, April 17. Mark is youth minister with the Robinson Avenue Church of Christ in Springdale, Ark. (5706-A Sara St., Fayetteville, AR 72704)

Deaths

Thomas Johnson ('32), 92, died in May 1995. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Ann Adkins ('32) Johnson. (1105 S. Church St., #431, Georgetown, TX 78626)

Hank McDaniel (BA'68), 54, died Oct. 4, 1995. He was chairman of the fine arts department at Freed-Hardeman University, where he taught for 26 years, also serving as director of theater and the Pied Pipers. He was the husband of Martha Hicks McDaniel (BA'71) and the father of Henry McDaniel III, a Harding student; Kenneth McDaniel of Henderson, Tenn.; and Kell Lee Christie of Memphis, Tenn. (1101 Hearn St., Hen-

derson, TN 38340)

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Sharon Rogers (BS'71), 50, died in December 1995 in a car wreck in California, where she lived and worked as a dietitian.

Loye C. Ruckman (BA'34), 84, died July 13, 1995. He is survived by his wife, Beulah. (1445 Wedgewood, Odessa, TX 70761)

Pauline Greening Ruby (BS'30) of Camden, Ark., died Jan. 1.

Rocky Woodson (BA'79), 43, died Jan. 14 in Chicago of complications from pneumonia.

Dale C. Straughn Sr. (BA'47), 70, died Jan. 24 in Chattanooga, Tenn. He is survived by his wife, the former Dorothy Brewer ('47), and three sons. He was a retired banker. (3711 Anderson Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37412)

Gladys O'Neal ('49) Baldwin, 68, died Feb. 4. She was the wife of John D. (BA'48) and the mother of John D. III (BA'76). (112 N. Sunflower, Holyoke, CO 80734)

Jo Ann Holton Earsom (BA'56), 61, died Feb. 9 from breast can-

cer. A retired teacher, she is survived by her husband, Ed. (17730 S. Sheriden, Bixby, OK 74008)

Argyll Covey Allen (BS'39), 79, of Auburn Hills, Mich., died Feb. 24. A long-time elder of the Auburn Hills Church of Christ, he was preceded in death by his wife, Marian Graham Allen (BS'41), and survived by two children, Janice M. Luna, missionary in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, and Averill N. Allen, director of a school for missionary children in St. Petersburg, Russia. Two of his grandchildren, Jenny M. Luna and Jared D. Allen, are Harding students.

Jack Colvin (BA'66, MA'68), 54, of Tyler, Texas, died March 5. He is survived by his wife, Helyn; his mother, Sarah Boyd Colvin ('40); two sisters, Ellen Brown ('65) and Naomi Burrow ('70); and a brother, Paul Colvin (BA'78). (11264 Timber Creek Drive, Tyler, TX 75707)

Winston N. Allen (BA'43), 76, died March 15 in Fayetteville, Ga. He is survived by his wife, Irene, of Eagle River, Alaska; two sons, David and Norman; and a broth-

er, Dennis Allen (BA'43). He was minister for the Spring Brook Church in Eagle River for 32 years.

Byron "Chris" Davis (BS'81), 38, of Norfolk, Va., died March 15 from a brain aneurysm. He is survived by his parents, Ken ('42) and Betty McDaniel ('59) Davis Jr., and brothers Larry (BA'74, BS'77), Steve ('76) and Mike (BS'90).

Dot Johns Starling ('45) died March 17. She is survived by her husband, Ralph (BA'45), and daughters Beth Paul (BA'67) and Ann Lewis (BA'71). (1520 Overhill Drive, Stephenville, TX 76401)

Granville Tyler (BA'37) of Decatur, Ala., died April 13 and is survived by his son, Elliott (BS'63).

Gerald Clayton Hendrix ('53), an Arkansas state representative and a banker/rancher from Antoine, Ark., died April 24. He is survived by his wife, Bobbie Lou, and three sons, David (BA'77), Max ('82) and Kent. Also surviving are his parents, the former Sen. and Mrs. Olen Hendrix; a sister, Annette Baldwin (BS'58); and two brothers, James and Darwin (BA'74).

JULY

21-27

Governor's Youth Conference (American Studies Institute); (501) 279-4497

22-8/2

Summer Economic Institute for Teachers (American Studies Institute); (501) 279-4497

27

School of Biblical Studies graduation

AUGUST

8

Final examinations, Second Summer Session

9

Summer graduation exercises, Main Campus; 10 a.m., Benson Auditorium

16-22

Tahkodah Music Camp; (501) 279-4343

19-24

Short courses (Urban Ministry, Christian Worship), Graduate School of Religion, Memphis; (901) 761-1353

23-25

Student Impact orientation for new students; (501) 279-4709

26

Registration for fall classes, Main Campus; (501) 279-4403

26

Fall classes begin, Graduate School of Religion, Memphis; (901) 761-1353

27

Fall classes begin, Main Campus, (501) 279-4403; School of Biblical Studies, (501) 279-4290

SEPTEMBER

13-14

Coming Together (Student Association), Graduate School of Religion, Memphis; (901) 761-1352

20-21

Parents Weekend (Office of Alumni and Parent Relations); (501) 279-4276

20-21

President's Council meeting (Office of University Advancement); (501) 279-4312

29-10/2

73rd Annual Bible Lectureship; theme: "Christ's Church in a Chaotic World" (Office of Church Relations); (501) 279-4660

OCTOBER

5-8

College and University Christian Deans Conference (American Studies Institute); (501) 279-4497

13-19

Seniors College (formerly Alumni College; Office of Alumni and Parent Relations); (501) 279-4276

17-20

World Missions Workshop (College of Bible and Religion); (501) 279-4252

21-25

Short courses, Graduate School of Religion, Memphis; (901) 761-1353

22

Classes begin, School of Biblical Studies; (501) 279-4290

24-26

Homecoming (Office of Alumni and Parent Relations); (501) 279-4276

NOVEMBER

7-8

Preachers' Workshop, Graduate School of Religion, Memphis; (901) 761-1352

24-30

Thanksgiving recess

DECEMBER

16-20

Final examinations

21

Fall graduation exercises, Main Campus; 10 a.m., Benson Auditorium

22-1/13

Christmas recess

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