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David B. Burks, President

FROM THE PRESIDENT

From small beginnings, we celebrate our Diamond Anniversary year

IN MANY WAYS, 1924 was not considered a significant year. America was between two great wars, the economy was slowly growing, and prohibition gave way to organized crime.

It was during this Great Gatsby era that Harding took root, making the 1998-99 school year Harding's 75th. As we celebrate our Diamond Anniversary, we will take time to honor those that went before us, who sacrificed in unbelievable ways to make this school possible, and who gave their very lives to ensure its success. As we celebrate those who came before, we also celebrate those who, the Lord willing, are yet to come; those thousands of children who will sit under trees planted for them by their forefathers,

who will drink from wells dug by those long gone, and to whom they and we are eternally indebted.

Presidents John N. Armstrong, George S. Benson, and Clifton L. Ganus Jr. have piloted this great University for much of its history and have been instrumental in educating

the more than 35,000 alumni that are living and serving worldwide. Our 75th year events will stand as a tribute to their lives and the lives of those they served.

I don't think that J.N. Armstrong ever imagined a school of almost 4,200 students from every state and more than 40 nations. I think he would be surprised to see Harding's academic presence on three continents. However, I don't think he would be surprised by how the students serve each other and their world, for this has always been the very heart of the Harding education.

Plans are well under way for what I hope will be a year of celebrating Harding's heart, giving thanks to God for the way in which He has blessed us, and seeking His guidance for the future. A Blue Ribbon Committee has been meeting for a year and a half making preparations for this very significant time.

The year will be marked by outstanding presentations by Mikhail Gorbachev, John Major, James Dobson and Bill Cosby. Homecoming and Lectureship will be highlighted by special presentations designed to recognize outstanding alumni and church leaders. Founder's Day will bring those people from Harding's earliest days to campus to be honored in a special way. This edition of the magazine contains a schedule of these events.

In conjunction with beginning the 75th year, Harding is producing a book entitled *Against the Grain*.


For many years, I have wanted our faculty to produce a book that speaks to the heart of Christian education. Although there is a chapter that deals with our history, the bulk of the book addresses the need for Christian education in our culture, and in a very practical way, describes how we integrate faith into every aspect of university life.

The book includes a 16-page, color-picture section and a CD-ROM entitled "Sounds of Harding." The disc contains many familiar voices including Jimmy Allen, George Benson, Clifton Ganus Jr., Neale Pryor and L.C. Sears. Many of the early music groups perform, and four of our U.S. presidents make comments relating to Harding and her mission. I think you will want to take advantage of this book, which will be on sale in the bookstore.

AS THE SUMMER draws closer to its end, we are making final preparations for the students' return. The addition to the Art Center is nearing completion, as is the Donald W. Reynolds Center for Music and Communication. The new Beebe-Capps Expressway, running behind the baseball field, is now open and provides a new and unique view of the campus. A new entryway for the campus from this expressway, taking you between the Ganus Athletic Center and the Reynolds Center onto Park Street will be completed in August. The Benson Auditorium is being refurbished, providing a new look to the interior including 168 additional seats in the upper balcony.

As you read this, Leah and I, along with hundreds of students, will be making our way back from international campaigns. We have spent three weeks in Australia working with the Toowoomba church just west of Brisbane. Through this experience I was again reminded of why our forefathers believed in the power of Christian education and the influence it has in people's lives. I have seen this influence firsthand on the other side of the world.

Dr. Benson said on many occasions that he returned to Harding from the mission field in China to train hundreds of others to take his place. That tradition continues, and it's for this reason that our 75th anniversary is so special.

I pray that you will join us for the events this coming year, and help us celebrate Harding's heritage and future, giving glory to God for continuing the dream of a small group of early believers. 

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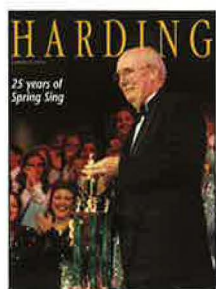


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"As we celebrate our Diamond Anniversary, we will take time to honor those that went before us ... who gave their very lives to ensure its success."

On the cover.

Dr. John H. Ryan, who has been associated with Spring Sing since its inception in 1974, is honored by having the Sweepstakes Award renamed after him. More coverage of the 25th anniversary show begins on page 12. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)



JEFF MONTGOMERY

Newsmakers

Chemical society honors Wilson

Dr. Ed Wilson, professor of chemistry, received the Member of the Year Award from the Central Arkansas section of the American Chemical Society at the group's annual awards banquet April 21 in Little Rock, Ark. Wilson was noted for his distinguished service to the field of chemistry.

Shearin elected president of state music association

Dr. Arthur Shearin, chair of the music department, was elected April 13 in Little Rock, Ark., to a two-year term as president of the Arkansas Association of Schools of Music. The association is comprised of all deans and chairs of Arkansas' colleges and universities who are members of the National Association of Schools of Music.

Pew Younger Scholars Program includes Bales

Senior English major Greg Bales of Searcy was selected to participate in the Pew Younger Scholars 1998 Summer Seminars Program held at the University of Notre Dame earlier this summer. The three-week program included a select group of talented students from across the country.

Bowling obtains doctoral degree

Dr. Jerry Bowling, assistant professor of Bible, successfully defended his dissertation, "An Examination of Spirituality Based on Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences," March 27 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He received his doctoral degree May 22.

Chief financial officer retires; Buddy Rowan fills position

ONE OF THE LONGEST ADMINISTRATIVE tenures in school history came to an end July 1 with the retirement of Chief Financial Officer Lott R. Tucker Jr.



Lott R. Tucker Jr.

Tucker, 70, completed a 47-year career in the financial operation of the University. According to President

David Burks, Tucker will continue in a part-time role as senior vice president working on projects designated by Burks including the Searcy and White County Fund Drive, the Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tenn., and Harding Academy.

Tucker's replacement is no stranger to the business functions at Harding. Buddy Rowan has been a staff member for 31 years, and, prior to his promotion, he was assistant vice president for finance.

Following his graduation from Harding in 1951, Tucker joined the staff of the school's business office. He was named vice president for finance in 1970 and was appointed senior vice president and chief financial officer in 1996.

His administrative responsibilities included the management of the University's \$57 million annual operating budget and \$186 million in assets. One of his major assignments was the direction of the Searcy and White County Fund Drive, which recently raised more than \$1.3 million locally.

Tucker retired in April after 36 years on the Searcy Planning Commission. He served three terms on the Searcy Chamber of Commerce Board and was president of the organization in 1970, was chairman of the Searcy Industrial Development Corporation, was a member of the State Chamber of Commerce, and has been an elder at the College Church of Christ for 24 years.

Rowan, 60, joined the Harding staff as an accountant in 1967. In 1970 he was named comptroller and was promoted to assistant vice



Buddy Rowan

president in 1984. Prior to joining the Harding staff, he was business manager at Ohio Valley College for one year and an internal auditor for the federal government for three years.

Howard "distinguished" as four teachers honored

THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY ADDED ONLY THE EIGHTH "DISTINGUISHED professor" to its ranks April 10 when Dr. Tom Howard received one of four 1998 Distinguished Teacher Awards at the annual faculty and staff dinner. It was Howard's third time to win the award, making him ineligible for future awards, but earning him the "distinguished" title.

Kay Gowen, Dr. Ed Higginbotham and Dr. Jack Shock were the other three recipients.

Gowen, an associate professor of communication, joined the University in 1987 as an assistant director in the public relations office. She next worked two years in the student services office as dean of women. Gowen joined the faculty in 1992 in the department of communication. In addition to classroom responsibilities, she oversees the production of *The Bison* newspaper and the *Petit Jean* yearbook. A 1968 alumna, she received her master's degree from Arkansas State University.

Higginbotham is an associate professor of education who joined the School of Education in 1991 after working for 31 years with Harding Academy, including 15 years as superintendent. He also served as the director of the University's Career Center from 1991-94. A 1960 alumnus, he received his doctorate from the University of North Texas.

Howard, now a distinguished professor of political science, also serves as chair of the department of history and social science. He joined the faculty in 1972 and has served as chair since 1993. Howard obtained his doctorate from the University of Arkansas.

In his new role, Rowan is responsible for the offices of business and finance, human resources and campus security. He also oversees the school's physical plant operations, transportation, the campus post office, auxiliary enterprises and cafeteria operations.

A native of Paris, Texas, Rowan is a 1960 graduate of Abilene Christian University and has done post-graduate study at the University of Kentucky. In 1982 he received Harding's Distinguished Service Award.



Bob Diles



Harold Redd

Diles, Redd added to board of trustees

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES INCREASED its number to 24 when Bob Diles and Harold Redd were added at the May 15 semi-annual meeting.

Diles, president of Central Arkansas Christian School in North Little Rock, Ark., and Redd, minister of the Midtown Church of Christ in Memphis, Tenn., will join the trustees at the next meeting in December.

A 1961 alumnus who received his master's degree in 1967 from the University of Memphis, Diles has worked for 36 years in the field of Christian education, including Harding Academy in Memphis and at Central Arkansas Christian School since 1976. He served as superintendent for 14 years before being appointed president in 1990.

Diles serves as a board member for the National Christian School Association and for Rivercity Ministry, an inner-city outreach in North Little Rock.

Redd, a native of Oklahoma, attended Oklahoma Christian College and obtained a master of theology degree in 1985 from the Graduate School of Religion. He is a candidate for the doctor of ministry degree from Abilene Christian University.

Since 1971 he has preached for congregations in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Tennessee. A Bible teacher at West Memphis Christian School since 1986, he previously taught at Harding Academy in Memphis for 10 years.

"Both of these gentlemen bring years of Christian education experience to our already excellent board," President David Burks said. "I look forward to working with them as we map the University's future."



Title takers. Winners of the Society for the Advancement of Management national championship are Scott Meislohn, Shayne Gardner, sponsor Lavon Carter, Maria Hurtarte, Andrew Jordan, Bill Witt and Dr. Randy McLeod, dean of the School of Business.

Business teams capture impressive victories

A NATIONAL TITLE WON BY THE CHAPTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE Advancement of Management capped a successful spring semester for School of Business teams at regional and national competitions.

The national championship for SAM was awarded April 4 in Washington, D.C., at the society's annual conference. The five-member team, consisting entirely of undergraduate students, chose to participate in the more difficult category with teams containing graduate students.

"This team worked really hard preparing for the competition," said Lavon Carter, associate professor of management and faculty sponsor of the team. "They were each individually motivated and worked great as a team."

Carter said the students were given a case study about a popular cruise line six weeks prior to competition. During the next six weeks, the students spent countless hours in research to prepare their presentation for the judges.

"They became experts in the travel industry," Carter said. "I guess it impressed the judges."

Team members were Shayne Gardner of Pasadena, Texas; Maria Hurtarte of Guatemala City, Guatemala; Andrew Jordan of Kaufman, Texas; Scott Meislohn of Maumelle, Ark.; and Bill Witt of Flagler, Colo.

The economics team won the Mid-South regional competition of Students in Free Enterprise during competition conducted April 8 in Memphis, Tenn.

The regional victory was the 21st for the economics team, according to Dr. Don Diffine, professor of economics and faculty sponsor for the team.

The team's entry, "Free Enterprise — The Greatest Story Never Told (Until Now)," elaborated on more than 54 projects and programs presented to civic and professional groups during the academic year.

The team's regional win sent them to national competition May 13 in Kansas City, Mo., but were unsuccessful in their bid for the national championship.

Economics team members included Linda Benthall of Maumelle, Ark.; Jonathan Dismang of Beebe, Ark.; Seth Haines of Fort Smith, Ark.; Greg Mathews of The Woodlands, Texas; Ana Quinonez of Quetzaltenago, Guatemala; and Mandy Snyder of Mountain Home, Ark.

Newsmakers

Journal publishes Johnston's article

Dr. Jim Johnston, associate professor of education, had an article titled "Perplexity and Cognition in Schools for Thought: Efforts to Make and Maintain Teacher Change" published in *Excellence in Education: An Arkansas Perspective*, a special publication of the Arkansas Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Professional of the Year Award goes to Wilson

Dr. Beth Wilson, chair of the family and consumer sciences department, was presented the Professional of the Year Award March 13 at the annual conference of the Arkansas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in Little Rock, Ark. The highest honor the association presents, the award recognizes Wilson's commitment and passion toward her profession.

Bost awarded scholarship for developmental educators

Dr. Dee Bost, director of the Advance Program, attended the Kellogg Institute's summer program for learning skills specialists at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. Bost was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the National Association for Developmental Education, which was applied toward the cost of attending the Institute.

Brown recipient of two Ole Miss awards

Phil Brown, an assistant professor of accounting on doctoral leave, was named the recipient of the Outstanding Doctoral Student Teaching Award at the University of Mississippi. He was also named by the Ole Miss accounting faculty as the School of Accountancy's Doctoral Consortium Fellow for 1997.

Gillihan takes first place at Brass Ring Awards

Senior graphic design major Aaron Gillihan of Vancouver, Wash., received first place in the graphic identity division at the Brass Ring Awards, an annual graphic design competition sponsored by Oklahoma Christian University Feb. 28. Gillihan also won second place in the miscellaneous category.

Oldham presents papers to national math council

Dr. Bill Oldham, professor of math, presented papers at two meetings of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. His paper titled "The Geometric Solution of Probability Problems" was read Oct. 13, 1997, in Memphis, Tenn., and a second presentation titled "Let Geometric Probability Solve Your Problems" was given Nov. 9, 1997, in Anchorage, Alaska.



Benson Apartments unveiled

Nathan Randolph, Lott Tucker, Bill Flatt and David Burks take part in the April 23 ceremony dedicating the new George S. Benson Apartments at the Graduate School of Religion.

443 receive diplomas; Tucker awarded honorary degree

WITH PROUD FAMILY MEMBERS AND friends packed into the Benson Auditorium, 443 students received diplomas during commencement May 16.

Addressing the graduates was Dr. J. Stanley Marshall, former president of Florida State University and now the chairman and chief executive officer of The James Madison Institute, a public policy think tank in Tallahassee, Fla.

"A little more money won't make you happy," Marshall said. "To be content, you have to be comfortable with yourself and master the situation that you're in."

Among the graduates were 13 students receiving master's degrees from the School of Education. The remaining students received bachelor's degrees.

After all had received their diplomas, a select few were asked to return to the stage to be recognized for graduating with a 4.0 grade point average.

The 10 students with that honor were Floryluz Argueta of Miami, Fla., Mitchell Blue and J.R. Duke of Searcy, Rhonda Grubbs of Hinckley, Ohio, Robert Huff of

Haskell, Texas, Laura Kretzer of Volga, Ky., Christopher Long of Searcy, Alan Meadows of El Dorado, Ark., Clarice Perkins of Ozona, Texas, and Ruth Sellers of Marion, Va. A total of 221 other students graduated with honors

Retiring Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Lott Tucker was surprised by President David Burks when an honorary doctor of laws degree was awarded to him. The honorary degree was the 41st such degree granted by the University.

Four staff members honored for service

FOUR STAFF MEMBERS WERE GIVEN their due recognition for their behind-the-scenes work at the annual faculty and staff dinner in April when they received the 1998 Distinguished Service Awards.

The individuals selected were Ruby Davis, Fran Dugger, David Hurd and Rowan McLeod.

Davis serves as custodian of the Pryor Science Center, where she has worked for 28 years. Noted for the concern she shows for her student workers, the pride she takes in her work is evident. Dugger, an inventory control clerk in the bookstore, has worked 23 years for

the University. She was recognized for the relationships she has developed with foreign students and the special attention she gives them.

Hurd has been employed by the University for 22 years and currently serves as director of video services, a position he has held for 20 years. While presenting the award, President David Burks stated that Hurd goes beyond his job description in attending and recording many special events and functions on the campus. McLeod has been a staff member of the Advancement Office for 14 years. Currently a regional advancement officer who manages the office systems and staff as well, he is known for his honesty, accuracy and dependability.

The Distinguished Service Awards are presented annually to four staff members who have been employed for 10 or more years. Each recipient is awarded a plaque and a \$1,000 check.

University takes three CASE awards

THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE received three awards from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education at the CASE District IV convention held in Austin, Texas, March 30-April 1.

In the category of general feature writing, the feature, "The Adoption Option: A Choice of Love," which appeared in the Winter 1997 issue of this magazine, took the grand award. The article was written by Phillip Tucker, a former publications writer who is now with Vanderbilt University.

A program designed by Tom Buterbaugh commemorating the ground breaking of the Donald W. Reynolds Center for Music and Communication received a visual design achievement award in the category of special pieces.

A third award was earned for a radio spot titled "Rock the Rhodes" that advertised the opening game of the renovated Rhodes Memorial Field House. The 60-second radio spot, produced by KWCK-FM in Searcy, took an excellence award in the radio category.

75th anniversary Homecoming promises to be a jewel

PLANS ARE ALREADY IN MOTION for Homecoming '98, to be held Nov. 5-7. It promises to be a memorable celebration with the theme "Harding's 75th Anniversary Homecoming — What a Jewel!"

The Golden Circle Dinner will begin the festivities on Thursday, Nov. 5 and welcomes alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago to attend. Distinguished and Outstanding Alumni Awards will be given on Friday, Nov. 6, at the annual Black and Gold Banquet.

Also taking place are two building dedications. The Stevens Art Center addition will be dedicated Friday, Nov. 6, and the Reynolds Center for Music and Communication ceremony will be held Saturday, Nov. 7.

The production "Peter Pan" has been chosen as the Homecoming

musical. Featuring the flying Peter Pan and friends, the show will be performed on the evenings of Friday, Nov. 6, and Saturday, Nov. 7.

Many special reunions will take place during this celebration. Along with the social club reunions, many academic departments on campus are planning reunions as well as the classes of 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988 and 1993.

The annual homecoming football game will be held Saturday, Nov. 7. The Bisons will go up against Lone Star Conference foe Ouachita Baptist University, always an exciting in-state rivalry.

Many more activities are in the planning process for Homecoming '98. "This promises to be one of the most exciting Homecomings in Harding's history," said Brett Watson, director of alumni relations. "If you've ever thought about returning to campus for Homecoming, this is the one to attend since there's something for

Lectureship theme accents "Things that Count"

MAKING NOTE OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY, THE FALL LECTURESHIP THEME, "Celebrating 75 Years: Focusing on Things that Count," will feature speakers who have figured prominently in Harding's history.

Keynoters Dr. Jimmy Allen, Dr. David Burks, Dr. Clifton Ganus Jr., Bruce McLarty, and Dr. Neale Pryor, all of Searcy, will highlight the values Harding has stood for in the past and reaffirm the University's commitment to Christian education for the future. Jim Baird, an alumnus of the Harding Graduate School of Religion, will also lead a keynote lecture.

Along with the keynote lessons, the Lectureship will feature classes centering on the theme. Providing additional space for exhibitors and fellowship, exhibitions will be held in the Rhodes Memorial Field House, where concessions and a cafe will be located.

Coinciding with the Lectureship will be the Founder's Day program on Monday, Sept. 28. A special chapel presentation honoring graduates from 1924 and 1934 and their children will take place, along with a luncheon and the annual preachers and elders dinner.

In addition to regular Lectureship activities, a Women's Day is planned for Tuesday, Sept. 29.

"To celebrate this special anniversary, the Lectureship features speakers with Harding connections," said Dr. Howard Norton, executive director of the Institute for Church and Family Resources. "The speakers will point out the things that we've stood for in the past and plan to stand for in the future."

For more information about the Lectureship, contact the Institute for Church and Family Resources, Harding University, Box 12280, Searcy, AR 72149-0001; call (501) 279-4660; or e-mail icfr@harding.edu.



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everyone, regardless of class year, major or club."

For more information contact Brett Watson, Office of Alumni Relations, Harding University, Box 10768, Searcy, AR 72149-0001; or call (501) 279-4276. For tickets to the banquets, football game or homecoming musical, please use the card in this magazine.

Meredith selected as Graduate School's Alumnus of Year

DON MEREDITH, HEAD LIBRARIAN at the Graduate School of Religion, was named the school's alumnus of the year during its annual Ministry Forum April 7.

The award, presented by Dean Bill Flatt, credits Meredith with creating the top theological library among schools associated with churches of Christ.



Don Meredith

"His years of knowledgeable and extremely helpful work has won him

accolades from around the world," Flatt said.

Meredith worked as a student in the library before graduating in 1967 with his master's degree. He then attended the University of North Carolina, receiving a master's in library science. He returned to the Graduate School in 1968 as assistant librarian and has been the head librarian since 1983. His dedication to the library was recognized in April when he received a 30-year service pin from the University.

"He has an encyclopedic knowledge of the library's collection and almost an instantaneous recall of its holdings," said Annie May Lewis, former librarian and long-time co-worker of Meredith.

Meredith, a member of the American and Tennessee Theological Library Associations, the Memphis Library Council, and the Christian College Librarians Association, is a 1982 recipient of the University's Distinguished Service Award.

Herrin's research earns second place

Senior Kathy Herrin of Searcy received second place for her chemistry research presentation at the annual meeting of the Arkansas Academy of Science held at the University of Arkansas Medical Science campus in Little Rock, Ark., April 3. She has obtained a summer fellowship in biochemistry at UAMS.

Miller conducts workshop for theater group

Robin Miller, associate professor of communication, gave a directing workshop titled "Creating the Illusion of Violence: Safe Combat for the Stage Actor" at a Christians in Theater Arts regional workshop March 13 in Birmingham, Ala.

Jewell receives doctorate in English

Dr. Alice Jewell, professor of English, successfully defended her dissertation April 28 and received her doctoral degree May 9 from the University of Arkansas. Her dissertation was titled "From Homer to Melton: A Study of Invocations in Epic Poetry."

Shultz edits journal featuring genetics

Dr. Cathleen Shultz, dean of the School of Nursing, edited the April 1998 issue of *Holistic Nursing Practice*. The journal, which took Shultz 18 months to prepare, was a special issue that discussed the complexities of genetics and how they affect individuals.



Life experiences out of the classroom

HITTING THE ROAD TO ADD REAL-LIFE experience to their classroom knowledge, students visited an exhibit in Memphis, Tenn., a maximum security prison in Pine Bluff, Ark., and a community day in Marianna, Ark.

Attending Media Day for the "Ancestors of the Incas" exhibit in Memphis, Tenn., the communication students of Kay Gowen and Dr. Jack Shock got an inside look at the process of planning a media event from Public Relations Coordinator Tracy (Evans) Paden, a 1995 alumna. During the exhibit, the students mingled with the media at a press conference held to publicize the event.

The students also viewed the exhibit, which showcased ancient Peruvian artifacts including gold ceremonial knives, jewelry and masks, a mummy with hair and a skull that bears the marks of successful brain surgery.

"It was a great opportunity for our students to have a firsthand look at a media conference event from a public relations perspective," Gowen said.

Senior public relations major Jeff Krinks was pleased to have the chance to experience Media Day. "In class you read about how to put on a press conference, but it's much different when you actually get to see the event in person."

Criminal Justice Instructor Michelle Hammond took her students on a trip of a different sort — Cummins Prison in Pine Bluff, Ark. At Cummins, the students met with a panel of prisoners who talked about the harsh realities of prison life. A prisoner who has been incarcerated for 20 years, Lewis Wallace led the class tour of the facilities, which included a look at the different prison blocks, infirmary, prison yard and the execution chamber. Wallace explained how each facility was used and described the community within the prison walls.

Hammond said she wanted her students to get an accurate view of prison life. "Before the students become prosecuting attorneys, police officers, probation officers or pursue other careers in the field, I want them to get a realistic view of the criminal justice system," she said. "They need to be aware that they won't be dealing with the best society has to offer."

Many of the students were affected by the prisoner's panel presentation. "It was really interesting to listen to the inmates' view of prison life, and it made me think about how I view people who have been sent to prison," said Aimee Wilson, a junior criminal justice major.

"This experience has given me a new understanding of the system, which I'll be able to pass on to the children I plan to work with in the future," said Brandy Bruce, a junior elementary education major.

The music department faculty and students had a full day in Marianna, Ark., where they sang for area schools and joined in with local groups to present a concert for the community titled "Gift of Love." The University

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Singers, directed by Dr. Cliff Ganus; the University Brass Quintet, directed by Mike Chance; and the White County Youth Orchestra, directed by Dr. Patricia Cox and Harding alumna Christine Wilkinson, which includes Harding Academy and Searcy High School students; all performed for Marianna's elementary, middle and high schools during the day. That evening, University and community music ensembles joined together to present a concert.

Dr. Ganus felt that the students benefited by participating in the event. "The audiences were very appreciative, and we really enjoyed performing there," he said. "It was an effective event for the community, and we look forward to performing again next year."

Micheal Stone, a junior elementary education major from Marianna, said that the day was a great experience, allowing the students to travel and share their talents.

A native of the area, Stone received a boost from the performance. "It was great to visit home and hear the cheers and claps from the audience," he said. "I've been away for three years, and it's nice to still have support from my hometown."

Berryhill Awards recognize seniors Harris, Duke

TOP PERFORMERS IN AND OUT OF the sporting arena, seniors Ericka Harris and John Richard Duke were chosen the 1998 Berryhill Award winners.

A sprinter on the track team, Harris was an All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference performer at 100 and 200 meters in the 1995 final conference championship. The following two years, she qualified for NAIA national meets and was named to the 1997

All-American team with a fourth place finish in the indoor 200-meter event.

In addition, she has been named to the 1997 and 1998 Lone Star Conference All-Academic teams.

Duke, a two-year starter on the basketball team, began his collegiate career as a "walk-on." As a junior in Harding's final year of NAIA play, he was selected an All-American Scholar Athlete, made the COSIDA All-Region Academic team, was the national leader in three point shooting (54%), and the Shelter Insurance Scholarship winner.

He topped off academic honors with COSIDA Academic All-American recognition as a senior.

The Berryhill Award is given annually to the senior male and female athlete who demonstrate outstanding ability on the court or playing field and exhibit excellence of character outside of competition. The award carries the name of former coach and athletic director M.E. "Pinky" Berryhill.



Track teams finish in the top 20 nationally

THE INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD season was highlighted by the outstanding running of Olympian Calister Ubah. The sophomore sprinter took her second national championship, winning the 55-meter dash in 6.9 seconds at the NCAA II meet in Indianapolis. She won the 100 meter in the NAIA last year.

The outdoor season got off to a slow start with the men taking fifth and the women sixth in conference action.

Junior college All-American Jerry Maritim won the Lone Star Conference 5,000 meter in 14 minutes, 37 seconds, a national qualifying time, and later also qualified with a 9:01 steeplechase and a 3:51 in the 1,500 meters. Teammate Jonah Tanui also made nationals with a LSC victory in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Senior Seth Crum, running the race of his life, won the conference title in the 10,000-meter race with a 32:10 clocking. Calister Ubah, in the 100- and 200-meter races, had bests of 11.3 and 23.41, and she anchored the 4x100 meter relay to

a school record and national qualifying time of 47.21.

At the nationals, the men finished 18th and the women finished 20th. Maritim finished second in the steeplechase in 8:53 and fifth in the 5,000-meter run. Ubah ranked third in both the 100- and 2,000-meter runs, despite competing with an injured hamstring.

Tennis teams record winning seasons

DESPITE A 16-8 RECORD AND A sixth-place finish in the Lone Star Conference, coach David Elliott considers the 1998 Bisons one of his best men's teams ever.

NAIA All-Americans and seniors Arturo Rodriguez and Guillermo Hernandez went 16-7 and 18-12 respectively at the number one and two singles positions and teamed to go 15-7 at the top doubles spot. Igor Tamindzija was 14-14 at number three, and Orlando Martinez was 17-12 at number four.

The big winners were number five Andrew Garner at 20-9 and Darren Wade at number six with a 21-7 record. They teamed up to

win 19 of 26 matches at the number three doubles position.

At the LSC tournament, Central Oklahoma put the Bisons in the losers bracket with a narrow 5-4 win. Northeastern State fell by a 5-2 score to the Bisons, and then Cameron came out on top 5-4 in the match for fifth place.

The Lady Bisons fell on hard times in April. After an 11-3 start, they went 4-7 the last month for a season-ending 15-10 record. The conference tournament saw the Lady Bisons record an eighth-place finish.

Seniors Julie Gil (14-9) at number one and Christina Rodriguez (15-6) playing number two singles led the way for the team. Shelly Schaefer (14-12), Rachel Leonard (13-9), Hiroko Okamoto (15-11), and Anil Aldaz (14-7) played numbers three through six.

NCAA competition proves tough for baseball team

ENTERING THEIR FIRST YEAR OF NCAA Division II play in the Lone Star Conference, the Bison baseball team played one of the toughest schedules in division II as only five of the 19 teams were under .500. Although the Bisons struggled to finish at 12-35, they had several big wins both in and out of the conference.

Early in the season, the Bisons beat second-ranked Central Missouri State 6-3. In the Bisons' first LSC home stand, they broke Southwestern Oklahoma's 11-game winning streak as the Herd took two of four games with come-from-behind wins. The Bisons finished with a respectable 6-6 record at home in the LSC.

Sophomore catcher Derek Reaves and freshman outfielder Seth Watson were named to the All-LSC Second Team. Freshman pitcher Phill Gisel, senior third baseman David Rampey, and senior pitcher Bentley Harrell were selected for All-LSC Honorable Mention.

Sidelines

Cross country teams earn academic honors

Both men's and women's cross country teams were named NCAA All-Academic teams. The men had the fourth highest grade point in the nation with a cumulative average of 3.49, and the women were seventh in the nation with an average of 3.67.

Former Bison coach added to ASU Hall of Honor

Jess Bucy, retired basketball and baseball coach, was inducted April 11 into the Arkansas State University Hall of Honor.

One of five new members, Bucy joined 75 others already in the Hall of Honor. Bucy was a three-year letterman in two sports from 1949-51, a star outfielder for the Indian baseball team, captain of the 1951 squad, and later played minor league baseball.

He went on to become a successful high school and college basketball coach, including 21 years as Harding's head basketball coach.

Golf team sixth in conference

The Bison golf team finished a competitive sixth at the Lone Star Conference tournament, shooting a 947 (78.9 average) for the three-round, two-day championship, won by Texas A&M Commerce.

Freshman Paul Sobotka's 76.5 average and sophomore Brent Powell's 77.7 average consistently led Coach Nicky Boyd's team all year. Andrew Baker, Brian Layton, Jeff Powell and Greg Ramer all competed to fill the number three through five spots.

1998 Bison Football Schedule

Sept. 5	University of Arkansas-Monticello Monticello, Ark.	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	Southwest Missouri State University Springfield, Mo.	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	Tarleton State University	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	Texas A&M University-Kingsville Kingsville, Texas	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	Southeastern Oklahoma State University <i>Parents Night</i>	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	Northeastern State University Tahlequah, Okla.	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	University of Central Oklahoma	2 p.m.
Oct. 24	East Central University Ada, Okla.	2 p.m.
Oct. 31	Langston University	2 p.m.
Nov. 7	Ouachita Baptist University <i>Homecoming</i>	2 p.m.
Nov. 14	Southwestern Oklahoma State University Weatherford, Okla. Home games in bold	2 p.m.

Leaping Go into the great unknown

by JAMIE MARTIN, photography by JEFF MONTGOMERY



ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL Association of Colleges and Employers, 1998 is a good year to graduate.

In fact, the association calls the job market for the Class of 1998 the "pot of gold at the end of the rainbow," especially compared with the one that faced the 1994 graduates who entered a job

market crippled by the recession of the early '90s.

The effects of the strong job market can be seen by the number of graduating seniors who have already secured jobs starting after graduation.

We talked with four graduating seniors to find out about their goals and plans. Of these four, two have secured jobs, one will look for a job in nursing, and one is going on to graduate school. We will catch up with them a year from now to find out how things turned out for them.

Kim Hardy, 23, from Gordon, Ga., just completed her degree in nursing — one of the hottest fields, says the NACE. Some of her accomplishments while at Harding include her work with the Rape Crisis Organization in Little Rock, Ark., and a six-

week stint in Nigeria with the Nigerian Christian Hospital.

"The medical mission trip was a life-changing experience," Hardy said. "I saw the conditions in which people live over there, and realized some of the concerns I have about life are insignificant when compared with the problems the Nigerians face."

Hardy's work with the Rape Crisis Organization has directed her future goals to psychiatric nursing. Now finishing a project that has given her training in sexual assault nursing education, she presented a pa-

per detailing the project in June.

Originally a pre-med major, Hardy later realized she wanted to switch to nursing. "As a nurse you become more involved in the individual's life as you try to help the patients on many different levels," she said.

Immediately after graduation she recuperated from her se-

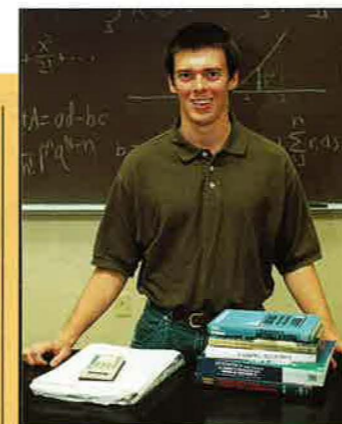
nior year and spent some time with her family. She is planning her wedding, which is set for October. After the wedding she and her husband will settle in Douglas, Ga., where he is a physical therapist. Hardy said that although she plans to eventually work in psychiatric nursing, she will most likely look for a nursing position in an intensive care unit to gain experience.

Robert Huff may be leaving Harding, but he's not leaving the academic realm — he's going on to graduate school at Rice University in Houston. Rice has offered



Kim Hardy

"I'm in denial about graduating. I've been here for five years, and I love Harding. I don't want to go — yet I'm excited about the future too."



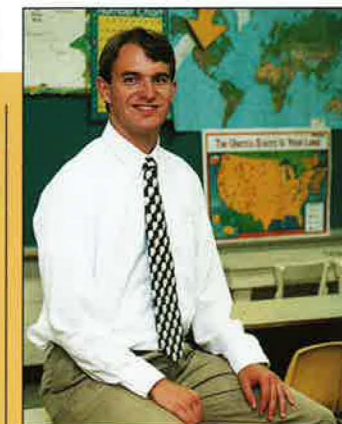
Robert Huff

"I guess I would feel more relief if I were actually done at this graduation, but I'll still be going to school in the fall."



Jennifer Thweatt

"It's unreal to think that I won't be coming back here in the fall."



Chad McNatt

"I feel that I'm ready to move on, even though that means I'll be moving from my friends."

Huff full tuition and a stipend to attend the five-year Ph.D. program.

Huff says he knows Rice's math program will be tough, but he feels that Harding has prepared him well for the curriculum. "There will be many others in the program from the Ivy League who will probably have studied a wider range of math subjects, but I feel the high quality of academic preparation I received at Harding will allow me to compete," Huff said.

Starting over at a new school will be difficult, but Huff has already found people who share his faith at Rice. "I expected my faith to be challenged, especially starting new at a secular school," he said. "But when I met the department chair, he noticed I was from Harding and invited me to a Bible study that he and other department faculty and students hold every Thursday."

Huff, a native of Haskell, Texas, married in June and moved to Houston to get ready for graduate school. A year from now, he hopes to have settled in his new city, new marriage, and adjusted to graduate school academics. He also hopes that he and his wife will be active members of an area congregation.

Jennifer Thweatt, 21, from Albuquerque, N.M., went home for the summer to sit back with the folks and relax.

But not for long.

In the fall she'll depart for Wuhan, China, to spend a year teaching conversational English to university students. "They're required to have learned English grammar," Thweatt explained, "but conversational English is very different."

As an English major, Thweatt gained experience teaching English as a second language in the Sears Learning Center. She

found that experience inspirational as she worked closely with an international student who barely knew how to read English upon arrival at the University. "She really worked hard to keep up with her classes and keep her scholarship," Thweatt said.

Thweatt had kicked around the idea to go to China for some time. Because her grandfather had been a missionary in China for many years, the culture isn't foreign to her. "When I was little, I used Chinese phrases thinking they were a part of English," she explained.

Desiring to do mission work, but unsure of how to go about it, Thweatt learned about the need for teachers in China during the annual World Missions Workshop two years ago. As the pieces began to fall into place, Thweatt realized that this would be a great mission opportunity. "I wanted to do something out of the ordinary, and this is it," she said.

HER MOTHER worried about Thweatt teaching Christ in a communist country, but

Thweatt says that this is not a dangerous mission. Although the Chinese government does not officially recognize any religion, the teachers can still teach religion through their conversation lessons as long as they are discreet. "The Chinese government wants their students to know conversational English, and if I teach Christ in the process, then I'll have satisfied both myself and the government," Thweatt said.

She says that her plans for China seem very far off. "It probably won't hit me until I'm actually there."

Less than a week after graduation, future middle school teachers Chad McNatt,

22, and his wife, Melia, went to Togo, Africa, to work in a six-week missionary internship. After the internship ended, the couple moved to Houston, where both have found jobs teaching at Northland Christian School.

McNatt, originally from Chattanooga, Tenn., and his wife share an interest in long-term mission work. "It was important to us to go to Africa together," McNatt said. "We had two goals: to learn and to serve."

The couple prepared for this internship by attending African missions classes, taking language lessons and meeting with the mission group. "Our perspective of comfort and convenience has completely changed," he said.

Upon their return to the states, the McNatts began their journey to Houston to begin their new teaching positions. Originally McNatt had planned to teach in an inner-city public school, but then met Northland Christian School representatives at a job fair. The school had openings for both he and his wife, so they decided that was where they needed to go. "We feel confident that God opened the doors for this opportunity," he said.

"We want to be used by God there," McNatt said. "It is a Christian school, but the students still need teachers who will have a positive influence on their lives."

Although McNatt says he enjoyed his time at Harding and is glad to have participated in many things, including hosting the 1997 Spring Sing Show, he's glad to move on to new places. "The void left by graduation will be filled quickly by new children and new places," McNatt said. "God has so much more in store for us." ■

Exemplified by her joyous attitude while battling cancer,

Suz's spirit shines through

by ALICE ANN KELLAR, photography by JEFF MONTGOMERY

"THE FACT THAT I HAVE CANCER is of little importance; the fact that God is in control and able to use me at all is of major importance to me. I want my focus to be about life and God's blessings, about taking joy from everything — except maybe exercise." ■ With that statement, Suzanne Spurrier, a 1971 graduate who has been associated with Harding's library

23 years, expresses the philosophy, both serious and humorous, that has sustained and strengthened her as well as countless others in recent months.

It's not as though crisis is new to Spurrier. She has taken life's blows and come out the winner several times over. So when the Brackett Library director was diagnosed a year ago as having malignant tumors in several organs, she launched out immediately from a spiritual standpoint. In doing so she has not only touched lives literally around the world, she continues to influence and encourage friends close around her. In typical Suzanne finesse, she takes absolutely no credit for accomplishing anything special.

Close associates, especially fellow employees at Brackett Library, disagree. They feel that her enthusiasm, her positive outlook and especially her unyielding devotion to God have been instrumental in her personal healing and also in helping many others cope with life.

Admittedly her emotions have run the gamut at times. That's understandable. What is attractive to observers is the ultimate faith she has manifested and the spiritual influence she has wielded.

A physical examination early last summer revealed the cancer. Surgery was scheduled immediately, with a complete hysterectomy and appendectomy performed. The tumors on the liver and pancreas could not be removed.

To get the news out, her first thought went to the faculty/staff e-mail distribution list. "I wanted everybody to pray, so I sent out mail immediately and asked them to join me in prayer about this," she says, and

thus began frequent e-mails from "Suz."

The elders from church came to her house prior to her surgery to pray and anoint her with oil. Her sister had a question about the kind of oil to be used. "I don't care if they pour motor oil over me," Spurrier told her sister. "That would be just fine, for I don't think the Lord cares about the oil, but I do think he cares about the prayers."

The love the elders showed through this action touched Spurrier deeply. "One of the elders gave me a handkerchief as we started, and now when I get to feeling low I just pull it out and remember that special time," she says.

Spurrier has also been joined in prayer by women on several continents through the Sisters Network, an e-mail network she developed quite by accident in cooperation with the University's marriage and family therapy program. One woman wrote, "I had never prayed before."

Following the surgery, chemo treatments have become a continuous part of Spurrier's activities. Her case is evaluated constantly, and treatment changes as test results indicate.

The diagnosis was especially harsh for the Zanesville, Ohio, native because her mother, Golda, had developed pancreatic cancer at age 55 and lived only two months after her diagnosis. "Much has been developed since that time," Spurrier says.

Also she had been the caregiver for her father, William, who had moved to Searcy and lived with her five years before his death from prostate cancer in 1993. "Getting to take care of him was such a blessing for me," she says.

Upon discovering her cancer, Spurrier

thought she should resign as library director, but President David Burks denied her request. "I was only thinking of the library, and I wanted to be about getting someone to take my place," she says.

"What I didn't realize was how much my work is my mission as well as my livelihood. I'd have been lost without this job, and I'm thankful every day that I can come to work," she says. Within a week after surgery, she was answering e-mail about library business as well as about her illness.

The Sisters Listserv, now with approximately 250 subscribers, developed as a result of her expertise with computers. She became involved with this ministry through Sherry Pollard, a counselor for the University's counseling center. Pollard, who heads the annual Women In God's Service conference, invited Spurrier to a planning session. Pollard knew nothing of computer networking, but wanted to create a forum for women to share ideas, prayers and struggles and assist each other spiritually. "Sherry was thinking telephoning and mailing; I translated as e-mail," she says.

Spurrier and Steve Baber, professor of math and computer science, set up the Sisters network. She continues to be involved in the program, although she has assistants who manage the responses and requests.

One reward of the program has been her friendship with Karin and Peter Turell in Rottne, Sweden. She and the Turell's friendship developed through the listserv, when Karin used the forum to post questions and weigh replies.

"Karin and Peter had been in touch with a sister in Alaska, and they were searching the scriptures to learn more about God," she said. "They are New Testament Christians as a result."

Spurrier visited the Turell family at their home in Sweden last fall. "I worshipped with them and their four children in their living room. It was phenomenal."

The Turells count themselves blessed to know Spurrier. In a recent e-mail, Karin wrote that the listserv inspired and encouraged her. But because she didn't have a

Bible written in the English language, she felt handicapped.

"I dared writing to Suzanne, who was the moderator back then," Karin writes. "I asked her if there was any possible way for Harding University to help me get an English Bible. Suzanne answered me almost instantly, and she thought it could be arranged. Within a few weeks I had a brand new NIV Bible with my name on it in silver print! It took a long time before I realized that this was in fact a gift from Suzanne herself ... to someone out there whom she had never met."

In the e-mail Karin marveled at the wonderful, Christian thing that Spurrier had done for them. "Reading and studying that very Bible led me to repentance and a life in Christ as well as my husband, Peter, and now our children with whom we study and have worship each Sunday in our home."

KARIN WENT ON to describe Spurrier's recent visit to their home. "We had a wonderful weekend with her, and we still feel the inspiration and Christian encouragement she brought to our home. We consider her as part of our family, and distances can in no way diminish her importance to us.

"Suzanne's example of faith, reverence and joy in her salvation, which truly shines though everything she does, makes anyone who meets her a blessed person. With all of our hearts we thank our Lord for the privilege of being among those."

When speaking of her illness, Spurrier says that it "continues to give me reason to increase my faith." She used an opportunity at an Arkansas meeting of library directors to prove the point. In making an awards presentation, she told the audience about her illness, saying, "That makes me terminal." Then she quickly added, "But you know what? We all are."

"That thought came to me at that moment, but now I find almost each day a new way to be aware of what a day means and how much God means to me."

Spurrier says that the support she re-



Always an encourager. A January e-mail to Suzanne Spurrier's prayer partners lists the subject as "Poem from Suz." "The Dash" is from the carcinoid listserv," she writes. "Thought you might enjoy it."

ceives has been beyond belief. "From the day of my surgery until more than three months later I had at least one card daily. My name has been in church bulletins around the world for prayer, and I just know that prayer is what sustained me and gave me strength every day. People have sent scriptures that have been the right verse for the right time. E-mail brings daily encouragement from somebody."

Her job gets full focus too, and one quickly understands how she feels about her duties. "This library is wonderful; I love this library," she says with a smile. "We have an excellent library for a university this size with over 440,000 volumes and a staff of 15. This is such a family with a focus on our mission, and I don't ever want that balance to shift."

Looking ahead to the future, Spurrier has many plans for the library. "We need to start collecting some archival things on campus, and we will soon have an e-mail

box on our Web page where people can ask reference questions via e-mail. And now Harding's talking about distance education, and I'm looking into how we're going to support students at a distance. That's a challenge, and the challenge never stops," she says. "There's something new everyday."

Recently she reflected with a friend about the precariousness of life. "My friend compared it with standing barefoot on the beach with waves washing up and feeling the sand leaving under your feet. That's just how unpredictable life is. I'm just thankful to know we have someplace permanent to go.

"I consciously try to focus on living instead of dying, living instead of being sick," she tells you. No one who meets Suzanne Spurrier would dare have a moment's doubt about that. ■

ALICE ANN KELLAR ('52) retired as assistant director of public relations at Harding in 1992. She and her husband, Wayne ('51), live in Searcy.

Spring Sing

25 years
in the making

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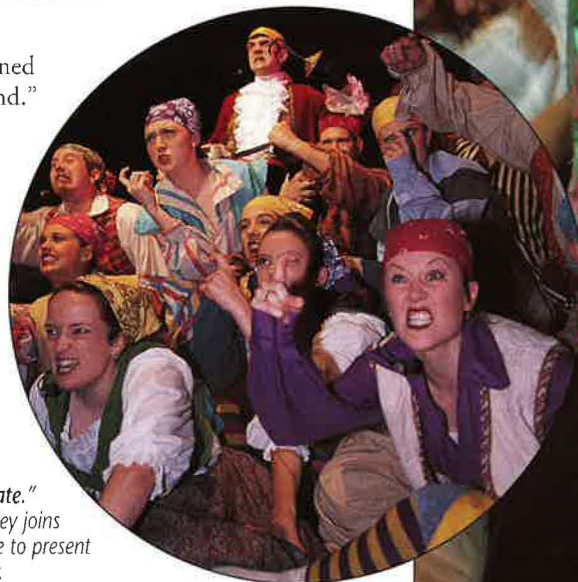
SINCE ITS INCEPTION in 1974 as entertainment for Youth Forum guests, Spring Sing has entertained crowds of people, adding new aspects each year as the show's professionalism grows. This spring the show celebrated its 25th anniversary, bringing a new look to the event. From the new stage design to innovative lighting techniques to flashy new musical numbers, the show crowned 25 years by mixing new acts with footage from the past.

During a sentimental moment, past hosts and hostesses joined the current performers to sing the traditional "United We Stand." After the Saturday night performance, it was announced that the Sweepstakes Award given annually to the highest scoring club was renamed the John H. Ryan Award, in honor of Spring Sing Producer Dr. John Ryan, who has worked with the show all 25 years.

This year Chi Omega Pi, TNT and Zeta Rho, performing "Is it Still in the Night?" won the John H. Ryan Award, the Music Award and the Originality Award. The Choreography Award and the Participation Award went to Chi Sigma



In the beginning. Jerry Palmer and Kathy McKinney are recognized by Dr. Ryan for the instrumental part they played in the development of Spring Sing in 1974.



"Professional Pirate." Host Marcus Neeley joins with the ensemble to present a rousing number.



Sporting days. Julie Lewis wears an award-winning costume as "It's All Fun and Games" reports on late-breaking news from the world of sports.

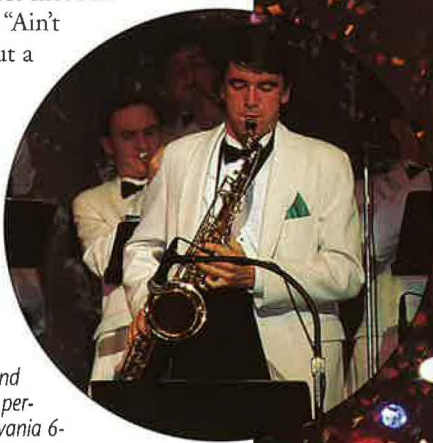
We are the champions. "Is it Still in the Night?" by Chi Omega Pi, TNT, Zeta Rho and friends takes the John H. Ryan Award, formerly known as the Sweepstakes Award. The show featured statues at the Metropolitan Museum who come to life after dark to chase thieves out of the museum.

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25th Anniversary Celebration

Alpha and Regina for "Ain't Nothing But a Groove, Baby"; and the Costume Award went to Knights, Shantih, Sub T-16, Theta Beta Kappa and Tri-Kappa for "It's All Fun and Games."

Third runner-up for the John H. Ryan Award was "It's All Fun and Games"; the second runner-up was "Anybody Wanna Play?," performed by Delta Chi Delta, Delta Gamma Rho and Kappa Gamma Epsilon; and the first runner-up was "Ain't Nothing But a Groove, Baby." ❏



Center stage. Jared Hodge and the Jazz Band perform "Pennsylvania 6-5000."

Closing out the show. Hosts and hostesses Marcus Neeley, Ashleigh Short, Justin Lawson, and Eve Clevenger take the lead during the finale.



"X Marks the Spot." Pirate Jeremy Hogg of Pi Kappa Epsilon joins with Ju Go Ju, Ko Jo Kai and friends to search for hidden treasure.



Finding COURAGE amidst CRISIS

March 24 was the day that challenged 1983 alumna Karen Curtner's leadership skills like they had never been challenged before.

by JAMIE MARTIN

IT'S 7:30 A.M. on March 24, and Karen Curtner has begun her day. It's a day like any other as she goes about her usual routine, performing her administrative duties as principal of Westside Middle School in Bono, Ark.

Her routine includes lunch with the students in the cafeteria. The students have just left, but she lingers behind to finish the rest of her meal. As she brings the tray up to the dishwashers, she hears the fire alarm go off.

Her life will never be the same.

On that day two Westside Middle School students allegedly went on a shooting spree that left five dead and ten wounded. The fire alarm was tripped, and the shooters picked off teachers and students as they streamed out of the building.

When Curtner heard the fire alarm, she knew something was wrong. "I knew I hadn't initiated a fire drill," she said, "but we've had problems with our electricity in the past, so I thought that triggered the alarm."

In fact, Curtner was positive that electrical problems set off the alarm. "There was no question in my mind, because that morning the lights had flickered," she explained. However, after examining the alarm system, she and a few maintenance workers discovered that it had been pulled. "I still wasn't worried; I just thought kids were being kids."

After they pinpointed two possible places where the alarm may have been pulled, Curtner and a custodian quickly checked the areas. When she walked out the front door of the school and looked to her right, she saw children screaming and running.

"I ran into the counselor, and she told me that kids were shot," Curtner said. She had her secretary call 911, then herded as many students as she could into her office. She ran back outside, looked to her left, and saw stu-

Finding courage amidst crisis

tion. They didn't yet know what was happening to their schoolmates.

Things moved fast for Curtner. She ran over to the group waiting by the gym and yelled to the teachers, "We have kids shot; get those kids into the gym and get them down now!"

Curtner ran back and forth between the gym and the wounded teachers and students several times. Luckily the school had scheduled a scoliosis screening for that day, and there were nurses on hand to administer first aid, along with all of the coaches, who also had first aid knowledge. "I guess God was really with us because every nurse and coach was here," Curtner said. "They knew C.P.R. and had more medical knowledge than most people."

As principal of the school, Curtner's mindset was different from most people. Many scrambled to do something for the wounded, but she had yet another concern plaguing her. "When I looked out and saw all the kids lying on the concrete and on the ground, and when I saw the pools of blood and the sizes of the wounds, I didn't think we could help them," she said. "I asked myself who did this, why did they do this, and what's coming next?"

Feeling responsible for the safety of the school, Curtner struggled to figure out what steps to take next. "My primary concern was how I could keep whoever was shooting from coming down and killing the rest of us," she said.

When she returned to the gym, frightened children clung to her and wouldn't let go. Many of the children were crying

"When such a tragedy happens, faith is the only way to deal with it."

dents waiting for her instruction.

and even fainting because they were so scared. A distraught student cried, "But Ms. Curtner, I just saw my best friend, and she was shot in the head."

Curtner described one little girl who kept begging her to call her mother. To ease the girl's anxiety, Curtner pulled out a pad of paper and told her to write down her name and number. "That seemed to satisfy her," Curtner said. "Pretty soon that notepad made the rounds in the gym and more than 500 kids signed it, some even signing twice."

Although the police and ambulances responded in four minutes, to Curtner it seemed like an eternity. "All I could do was pace the sidewalk," she said. Once they arrived, a burden was lifted from Curtner. She immediately announced to the children still huddled in the gym that the police were there, and the news had a calming effect. The children finally felt protected and safe.

Soon the police had the alleged shooters in custody. Curtner didn't know who could be behind the assault and never dreamed they could be students from her school. When the police finally told her who the suspects were, the news shocked her completely. "That's not right; that's not who it is!" Curtner told the police. "I never expected any kids to do something like this."

Investigators, emergency personnel and the media arrived at the scene. Curtner did not close the school, instead parents and relatives checked the students out through the gym to take them home.

The ambulances took away the wounded. At that point Curtner knew there was already one fatality, sixth-grader Stephanie Johnson, but she thought that the rest

would be okay. "If they left here alive with paramedics attending to them, then I assumed they would make it." However, the list of fatalities grew throughout the day, and by the evening she knew that three more sixth-graders, Natalie Brooks, Paige Ann Herring and Britthney Varner, and one teacher, Shannon Wright, had died.

Curtner was close to all who lost their lives that day. "Every one of those children were good, sweet children,"

she said. "And Shannon was more than just a colleague, she was a friend."

"It broke me when Shannon didn't make it. Not only was she a great friend, she was one of the most organized professionals. The kids loved her; she was a teacher they begged to have."

The day of the shootings, Curtner stayed at the school until 6 p.m., went home, changed clothes, and returned to the school until about 10 p.m., holding meetings with parents and attempting to answer their questions. When she left the school, she went straight to the hospital. "I couldn't rest until I saw them," she said. "But there were a couple I couldn't see because they were in such bad shape."

THE DAY took an emotional and physical toll on Curtner. She tried to stay calm and think as rationally as she could, because everyone looked to her for their cue as to how to react. Not one to show a lot of emotion in public anyway, she described herself as one who would rather "go home and blubber in the bathtub."

But as soon as she had a chance to breathe, she felt hurt, confused and most of all angry. When she discovered who the suspected assailants were, she went to the bathroom and had a "screaming fit." "I just didn't know why," she said. "Why did they have to hurt so many people?"

She described the awful feeling that came over her as she realized there was nothing she could have done to prevent this tragedy. "There's a rush of adrenaline that turns into a sick feeling in the pit of your stomach," she said. "I felt so helpless that nobody could do anything."

In the week that followed, the school was overrun by investigators, counseling teams and the media. Investigators commandeered her office space, and counselors from across the nation set up camp to offer their services to students and parents around the clock.

The school board banned the media from the campus, but crews still waited on the edges of the grounds to interview anyone they could. "Good Morning America" called about 30 minutes after the shootings," Curtner said. She refused all interviews; she was still in shock and not ready to talk about the incident beyond relaying pertinent information to the community. "I didn't want to answer questions that

Healing



Memorial service. Karen Curtner tells the audience at the Arkansas State University Convocation Center that their hearts should have sorrow, compassion, forgiveness and hope.

Faith, hope, love and healing

WHEN I HAVE CLOSED MY eyes these past seven days, my heart has ached over the tragedy that happened in my school on Tuesday, March 24, 1998, at approximately 12:40 p.m. During the quiet moments when physical exhaustion has made my body try to rest, I hear the blood from my heart rush through my ears when

my mind once again flashes horrible pictures of terrorized students.

On the other hand, I see hearts everywhere in the middle school. Hearts are on posters, cards, banners, stickers, wreaths and on stuffed toys. These hearts are visible signs of the love that has been poured out by the world to support the families, students and staff of Westside Middle School. I believe it is only appropriate to invite each of you to think about your own heart tonight.

Scientists tell us that the human heart has four parts and that each of these parts must be working properly for us to be healthy. I believe to get over this event our emotional heart has four parts that must be working properly too.

The first part is sorrow. We feel sorrow for the immediate victims, Shannon Wright, Paige Ann Herring, Stephanie Johnson, Natalie Brooks and Britthney Varner — their

would bring back those memories," she said. "It hurt to think about all the terrible things that happened."

During the second week, however, Curtner tried to get things back to normal. Most of the counselors went home, and classes resumed their routine. There was still some fear. Many teachers reported every single behavior problem, and the students acted out some because of their anger.

At Westside they are not trying to forget the tragedy, but they are trying to move on. Curtner would like to think they could get back to normal, but there are constant reminders all around them. "There will always be a scar, no matter what," she said.

The outpourings of love and sympathy from all across the nation and around the

world have astounded her. They received gifts and letters from all 50 states and received mail from several nations. Along with the cards and gifts, many people sent the school money, which will be used for scholarships and to create a memorial garden on Westside's campus. "The outreach and support has been unbelievable," Curtner said.

One caller was especially helpful to Curtner — Bill Bond, the principal of Heath High School in West Paducah, Ky., who went through a similar tragedy four months prior. "He told me about his situation, and I told him about my situation," she said. "He was the one person throughout this ordeal who truly understood what I went through."

As she looks to the future, Curtner said

families and the precious young students who will have to deal with their own painful memories.

The second part of our emotional heart is compassion. Emergencies such as these require thousands of people who do their jobs well to work together. And even though most of the world was physically separated from helping, if we begin to feel compassion and act on it — acts of kindness resulting from these untimely deaths could start a chain of love, changing the world one helping hand at a time, whether it's helping a neighbor, reading an extra bedtime story to your child, or by simply saying "thank you" more often.

Forgiveness is the third part of our emotional heart. If we allow ourselves to express hate and anger, we continue a cycle of emotion that destroys relationships. Forgiveness allows the healing process to begin in each individual heart and mind.

The last part of our emotional heart is hope. The spirit of the Westside Warriors has and always will be one of our hopes for our children as we teach them the skills that will allow them to pursue their dreams. And now with the eyes and hearts of the world on us, we again show our Westside Warriors spirit by leading everyone in the recovery process. **H** — Karen Curtner

Copy from the March 31 Westside Memorial Service courtesy of KAIT-Channel 8, Jonesboro, Ark.

this incident made her realize how short life can be. "I look at things a lot differently now," she said. "You just have to go on and can't be scared all the time."

Curtner said her faith is the one thing that has carried her through all the hurt and anger. "When such a tragedy happens, faith is the only way to deal with it."

And through her faith, she tries to make sense of these senseless events, especially the death of her friend, and the deaths of the girls. Thinking about the events, she has tried to put a positive spin on the situation.

"Okay — I know why Shannon's gone," Curtner said.

"Shannon's in heaven taking care of those four kids. They were just too young to go without their mama." **H**



Principal duties. Karen Curtner's leadership and faith enables the students at Westside Middle School to return to a sense of normality.

75th Anniversary

Calendar

Make plans to take in some of the activities during our year-long celebration.

AUGUST 1998

25 Convocation — The annual academic convocation and parade of states and nations will begin the 75th anniversary year. The program begins at 9 a.m. in the Benson Auditorium.

SEPTEMBER

25-26 Congregational Ministry Seminar — Sponsored by the Harding University Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tenn., the featured speakers will be Ken Durham, Nokomis Yeldell and Evertt W. Huffard.

27-30 Lectureship — The theme for the 1998 Lectureship is "Celebrating 75 Years: Focusing on Things That Count."

28 Founder's Day — A day-long celebration has been planned commemorating Harding's beginning in Morrilton, Ark., in 1924, and its move to Searcy in 1934.

OCTOBER

2-3 Family Weekend — One of the highlights of the fall semester, the weekend's activities give parents and siblings of students the opportunity to visit the campus.

15 American Studies Distinguished Lecture with Mikhail Gorbachev — The former president of the U.S.S.R. and Nobel Peace Prize recipient will be the first ASI lecturer during the 75th anniversary year. The presentation will be held in the Benson Auditorium, and it will be a ticketed event.

16-17 Fall Fest — The largest student recruitment activity of the fall semester will feature speaker Don McLaughlin of Atlanta.

27 Coleman Distinguished Lecture Series — Dr. Stephen Brobeck, executive director of the Consumer Federation of America, will be the speaker. CFA is the nation's largest consumer advocacy organization with 50 million members.

30 Lyceum series presents the American Boy-choir — A musical concert will be given by one of the nation's most popular choirs.

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Mikhail Gorbachev



Stephanie Samaras



Dr. Stephen Brobeck

NOVEMBER

5 Communication Disorders Conference — The University's Communication Disorders Program will present a six-hour continuing education program with nationally known speakers. The conference will be held in the performance hall of the Reynolds Center.

Golden Circle Dinner — The induction ceremonies into the Golden Circle will be held for members of the class of 1948.

6 Mass Communication Career Day — Sponsored by the Communication Department, the day-long activity will feature a number of speakers discussing careers in mass communication areas. Many of the speakers will be alumni.

Dedication of the Stevens Art Center Addition — Afternoon ceremonies will officially dedicate the 12,000-square-foot addition to the art center.

Black and Gold Banquet — This banquet honors the 1998 recipients of the Distinguished and Outstanding Alumni Awards.

7 Homecoming — Day-long activities include class, social club and special reunions, plus the traditional football game.

Dedication of Reynolds Music and Communication Center — Morning ceremonies will officially dedicate the \$6.1 million structure, the second largest classroom facility on the campus.

12-14 Conference of the National Association of Teachers of Singing — More than 600 vocalists and vocal teachers will attend. The conference will feature a recital by Stephanie Samaras, internationally recognized for her work with pop singers.

15-21 Week of Prayer — Join the faculty, student body, alumni and friends of the University in a week of prayer, praise and thanksgiving for the school's first 75 years and for its future influence in the lives of students and alumni.

JANUARY 1999

8-9 Christian College Choral Festival — More than 500 singers representing seven Christian colleges will participate and perform during the two-day festival.

FEBRUARY

13 Lyceum series presents Bill Cosby — One of America's best known entertainers will be featured in two performances in Benson Auditorium. Each performance requires a ticket.

16 Lyceum series presents the Arkansas Symphony — The Arkansas Symphony together with more than 250 Harding singers will perform Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, the choral symphony.



Bill Cosby



Dr. David Myers

Arkansas Symphony

25 W.B. West Jr., Lectures — Sponsored by the Harding University Graduate School of Religion, this annual lecture series will explore the topic of "Prophetic Ministry."

MARCH

25 American Studies Distinguished Lecture with John Major — The former prime minister of Great Britain will present his views on world diplomacy. The presentation will be held in the Benson Auditorium, and it will be a ticketed event.

APRIL

6 Ministry Forum — The Harding University Graduate School of Religion will present this second discussion on the topic of "Prophetic Ministry."



James Dobson



John Major

8-10 Spring Sing/Youth Forum — The most well known of all Harding student recruitment activities, the weekend will feature inspirational messages for high school students and four musical performances by more than 600 students.

16 Arkansas Symposium of Psychology Students — Hosted by the Department of Behavioral Sciences, the symposium is expected to draw more than 100 students and faculty from Arkansas colleges and universities. The keynote speaker will be Dr. David Myers, nationally recognized researcher and social psychologist from Hope College.

Science and Nursing Convocation — Outstanding students in the sciences and nursing will be recognized, and scholarships will be awarded.

WINGS and Men of God Conferences — Two of the most popular and inspirational programs held on the campus each year are expected to draw participants from six states.

22 American Studies Distinguished Lecture with James Dobson — The founder of Focus on the Family will present his views on the future of American families. His presentation will be held in the Benson Auditorium, and it will be a ticketed event.

25 A 75th Anniversary Musical Extravaganza in Memphis, Tenn. — The Germantown Performing Arts Center will be the site of a musical concert featuring the Concert Choir, the Harding Chorus, the University Singers, the Belles & Beaux, the Good News Singers and various instrumental groups.

MAY

15 Commencement — Graduation ceremonies for more than 400 students will officially bring the 75th anniversary year to a conclusion.

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'47 Carl Tate (BS) recently completed 36 years at Boeing Co. as a chemist. (278 S. Gleneagles Road, Wichita, KS 67209)

'62 Don Berryhill is executive director of the Research Center of Excellence in Physiology and Biological Sciences at Azusa Pacific University. He has received recognition from the International Federation of Sports Medicine for his contributions to the advancement of sports medicine and space physical fitness research. (374 S. Prospectors Road, #129, Diamond Bar, CA 91765)



'65 Jim Stanley (BA) is minister of involvement for the Madison Church of Christ. He and his wife,

the former Linda Risinger (BA), have two children. (109 Kingswood Drive, Huntsville, AL 35806)

'71 Dana Zartman (BA) recently completed 25 years of service in secondary education, 23 of those as an athletic director at Great Lakes Christian College in Beamsville, Ontario. He is pursuing a master's degree in missions and evangelism. (898-18th St., #4, Ambridge, PA 15003-1859)

'72 Phillip Johnson (BA) is the minister of St. Paul Lutheran Church and associate editor of the *Lutheran Forum*. He and his wife, the former Janet Richardson (BA), have four children. (61 Cambridge Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07307)

'73 Lee Daniel is a teacher and football coach for Sulphur Springs High School. His wife, the former Mona Prock (BA'75),

is a teacher and volleyball coach for Commerce High School. They also own Good Sports, a gymnastics, cheerleading and sports gym. (333 Merrell Drive, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482)

Judy Holt Warren (BA) is a financial specialist for the U.S. Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center. She and her husband, Dennis, have two children. (72121 Juanita Drive, Twenty-nine Palms, CA 92277)

'74 Beth Tucker Jinkerson is director of information systems for Oak Ridge Associated Universities. She has two sons. (11 Jade Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37830)

'77 Kenny Harris is a senior vice president commercial loan officer with the Bank of Bartlett. He is president of the board of directors for the National Association of Credit Managers Mid-South

Unit. He and his wife, the former Donna Humphreys ('80), have two children. (2891 Collierville Arlington Road, P.O. Box 189, Eads, TN 38028)

'80 David Bedgood (BA) received his J.D. degree magna cum laude from Faulkner University and is a legal intern with Crumpton & Davis. He and his wife, Twila, have three children. (638 County Downs Road, Montgomery, AL 36109)

Boyd Jones (BA) is coordinator of student activities for Winthrop University. He was inducted into the Campus Entertainment Industry Hall of Fame. (1812 Fairlawn Court, Rock Hills, SC 29732)

Steven Russell (BA) has been promoted to system administrator for Electronic Data Systems. His wife, the former Annette Pitney (AA '79), is a part-time secretary for Living Presence Ministries. They have three children. (335 E. Broad St., Newton Falls, OH 44444)

Gary Selby (BA) was appointed assistant professor of communication at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and is completing his 12th year as minister for the Columbia Church of Christ. His wife, the former Tammy Rogers (BA'80), is completing a master's degree in counseling from Loyola College. They have two children. (6220 Parallel Lane, Columbia, MD 21045)

'81 Joe Pawlowski (CCP) is a database administrator with Williams Gas Pipelines. He is a reserve deputy with the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office, where he was awarded the Distinguished Service Ribbon. His wife, the former Jennifer Lee (BA'80), is an information research specialist for the Tulsa City-County Library. They have two sons. (P.O. Box 1811, Tulsa, OK 74101)



'82 Patty Miller (BA) is a fourth-grade teacher and attends the Barrow Road Church of Christ. (701 Green Mountain Drive, #207, Little Rock, AR 72211)

'84 Melissa Gay Fischman (BA) is a flight attendant for Delta Airlines. She and her husband, Steven, have twin daughters. (1378 Brentwood Lane, Marietta, GA 30062)

Robin Starck (BA) has been se-

lected for the 1998 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. He teaches eighth grade math for the Sheboygan Area Schools, and his wife, the former Shawn Waters (BSW'85), teaches kindergarten there. (1517 N. Seventh St., Sheboygan, WI 53801)

John Ward (BA) is president of Exoview Corporation, a computer consulting firm. His wife, the former Debbie Pollard (AA'83), homeschools their three children. (421 Iowa Ave., Berthoud, CO 80513)

'88 Susan Clark (BA) is a sales representative for Janssen Pharmaceutica, a division of Johnson & Johnson. (4890 Hamilton Ave., #10, San Jose, CA 95130)

'89 Jeff Johnson (BA) is audio engineer for Fairview AFX. He and his wife, Andrea, have a daughter. (3000 Lazy Lane, Del City, OK 73115)

Melisa Kimble McPherson (BA) is a country music staff writer for Sony Tree. She was recently selected from ten "up and coming" Nashville writers to be spotlighted in a German magazine. (110 Lee Road, Cottontown, TN 37048)

Randy Woodall (BBA'91) is a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation after graduating from the FBI Academy in December 1997. He and his wife, the former Nancy Cope (BA), have two children. (3204 Eagle Drive, Herrin, IL 62948)

'90 Ashley Humphreys (BA) recently started a meeting management, consulting and communication company, Meeting Advantage. She attained the designation of Certified Meeting Professional in January. (249 Glenstone Circle, Brentwood, TN 37027)

'91 Wendy Simpkins (BFA) is an account manager for Xerox. (2517 Mentor Place, St. Louis, MO 63144)

Rick Trujillo (BA) is a photographer for Video Information News and KAKE-TV. He was ranked as one of the top five photographers in the National Press Photographers Association Region 7 for 1997 and has received four NPPA awards. (TT-218 Brittany Place, Lawrence KS, 66049)

'92 Andrew Mawdsley (BA) is youth and family minister for the Gateway Church of Christ and an adjunct professor for Rochester College. He is married to the former Jill Jordan. (13590 Cambridge St., #8C-102, Southgate, MI 48195)

Barbara Barnes (BA'64, MA'71)

Retiring at the top of her game

BARBARA BARNES may be the individual who has affected the lives of more female students than any other faculty member or administrator at Harding. With more than 1,000 participants each year in the women's intramural program, Barnes has had the opportunity to touch many lives during her 32-year tenure.

"It's to the point now that I'm in the second generation of students. Former students call and tell me their daughters are now enrolled," Barnes said.

Barnes stated that many former students keep in touch once they've graduated, sending pictures of their children and other mementos. It's these lasting relationships with the girls that Barnes has liked most about her job.

But Barnes has completed her last intramural season. Her retirement at the close of the spring semester also ended 34 years of teaching in the department of kinesiology. Her association with women's intramurals is almost as much of a tradition as the intramural program itself.

"It's just time for new blood," she said. "I had fun building the program all these years, and now I feel that I'm finished. But the tradition of this great program will continue."

Barnes, a recipient of the University's Distinguished Teacher Award in 1983, noted that the intramural program now has a new outdoor complex with tennis courts and football, soccer and softball fields. The

renovated Rhodes Field House is also a new facility she boasts about.

"I've traveled to other schools, and I know that our intramural program and facilities are second to none. I'm glad that God used me in this program when He did," she said.

Barnes said the long days and nights were not a deterrent to her job. She admitted, though, that her kids practically grew up on the intramural fields.

"To have a top-notch program, you have to be there with it," Barnes said. "I'm appreciative that people feel I've done a good job, because it always came second to my family."

Barnes said it'll be difficult for her when school resumes in the fall. "Come September, I'll probably be out

on the fields out of habit," Barnes laughed.

But she turns more serious when reflecting on what she'll miss most about her job.

Barnes said the most touching part of her job is seeing rival teams end a game, then huddle together in prayer afterwards.

"It's been a consistent occurrence during all 32 years — no matter how competitive the game might have been," she said. "Seeing actions like that makes it all worthwhile."

Even though her three children are having trouble accepting the fact that their mother is at retirement age, Barnes feels the time is right.

"I've always wanted to quit at the top of my game — and I think I have." *— Scott Morris*

ALUMNI PROFILE



Dedicating ourselves to Harding's cause

by MARKA BENNETT, alumni association president

IT IS ONE of those moments that I'll never forget, the kind of occasion where you remember where you were and what you were doing when it happened. It was a hot day in early August 1977. Brooke Alyson Bennett, the first of our two daughters, was two weeks old, and Norman and I brought her to see her grandparents in Searcy.

While visiting Norman's parents, we walked over to campus. We had graduated just a few years before; I in 1972 and Norman in 1973. We sat in a swing, walked through the American Studies Building where we first noticed each other in "Principles of Accounting," and strolled around the Lily Pool. Norman carried the baby. And then, it happened.

Right there in the middle of the campus, Norman held Brooke up and proclaimed, "Look around, little Brookie. This is *your* college!" It was at that precise moment that Norman and I became com-

pletely dedicated to Harding. We vowed right then and there that we would do all within our power to assure that Harding would not only be there but would be the kind of Christian educational institution in which we could entrust our precious little baby girl. It was a moment to remember, one that gave us direction and motivation for the years to come.

The moment was repeated just five years later when Brooke's sister, Emily Kate, was born and raised up to the heavens for the same proclamation.

Eighteen years flew by somehow, and in August of 1995, we found ourselves walking over to the Harding campus. We sat in a swing, walked through the American Studies Building, the "new" Student Center, and strolled around the Lily Pool. We then unloaded Brooke's boxes and luggage at Kendall Hall for her freshman year.

In just one more year, we'll celebrate Brooke's grad-

uation. And one year after that, we'll have the great pleasure of unloading those boxes and luggage again, this time for Emily's freshman year at the University.

Sharing some of the same college experiences with your child — and even having some of the same teachers — is a pleasure in life that is deeply joyful to heart and soul. Norman and I are so thankful that we've been a part of Harding's continuance through our support during the last 25 years since we left with our diplomas. We pledge to keep up that support in every possible way for the Bennett/Cross generations to come.

If, in a few years, you happen to see a couple of older people with a baby sitting in a swing, walking through the new and renovated buildings, and strolling around the Lily Pool, watch. There'll probably be another private dedication ceremony for the next generation of our family. *— Marka Bennett*

ALMA MATTERS

Richmond Aug. 17, 1996. (14 Marian Cove, Cabot, AR 72023)

Thommy Scott (BBA) is a youth and family minister for the Lake-wood Church of Christ. His wife, the former **Ashley Key** ('95), is a financial analyst for Columbia Bayshore Hospital. (109 N. Burnet, Baytown, TX 77520)

Denise Walton (BBA) is the payroll supervisor for Pagemart Wireless Inc. (9696 Forest Lane, #2201, Dallas, TX 75243)

'96 Roberto Batres (BS) is a network administrator for Pacific Telecom Corp. (11 Calle A 11-19, Zona 17, El Maestro Guatemala, Guatemala)

Jesus Carias (BBA) is a graduate student at Texas A&M University. (4907 University Blvd., #437, Laredo, TX 78041)

Jeremy Downie (BS) works in inventory management for Borders Group Inc. in Nashville, Tenn. His wife, the former **Lisa Grove** (BA'97), is a graduate teaching assistant in the health, physical edu-

cation and recreation department at Middle Tennessee State University while completing a master's degree. (425 Warrior Drive, #F-223, Murfreesboro, TN 37128)

Danny Freeman (BA) is the youth minister for the Longshoot Church of Christ. (4 Bewerley Close, Poolstock, Wigan WN3 5ES, England)

Jay Hall (BA) was promoted to resource coordinator for the Gilmer County Department of Family Services, where he trains foster and adoptive parents for the state of Georgia. His wife, the former **Lydia Painter** (BA), is a special education teacher for Murray County Schools. (P.O. Box 2322, Ellijay, GA 30540)

Mary Rachel Heineke Jones (BS) works at Austin's Furniture in sales and interior design. (P.O. Box 494, Athens, GA 30603)

Randy Rankin (BMin) is pulpit minister for the Palm Street Church of Christ. (1018-A N. Center, Lonoke, AR 72086)

Suzanne Sellers (BSW) is an adoption caseworker for the Church of Christ Homes for Children. (32919 19th Place S., #F-204, Federal Way, WA 98003)

'97 Katherine Barnes (BA) is a teacher for North Atlanta Christian School. (2004 Tree Trail Parkway, Norcross, GA 30093)

Frank Harris Jr. (BA) is a teacher and coach for Blevins High School. (309 S. Edgewood, Hope, AR 71801)

Michael Taylor (BBA) teaches special education and coaches baseball for the Mesquite School District. (2413 Whippoorwill, Mesquite, TX 75149)

Nicole Ulrich (BA) is a substitute teacher for the Garland School District. (5405 Hidalgo Court, Garland, TX 75043)

Marriages

Jodie Daniels (BFA'96) & **Scarlett Williams** ('97) Jan. 4, 1997. Jodie is the art director for Thoma &

Thoma Creative, and **Scarlett** is a student at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. (309 S. Martin, Little Rock, AR 72005)

Teki Moore (BA'91) to **Eric Groff**, April 12, 1997. Teki is a payroll specialist for Psychex Inc. (1612 Katherine Kiker Road, Charlotte, NC 28213)

Marsha Burkett (BA'97) to **Jeremy Duncan** (BA'97), May 31, 1997. Jeremy works for Bell South, and Marsha is attending law school at Columbia School of Law. (1807-A Arboretum, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216)

Sheri Johnson ('94) to **Brad Daniel**, July 12, 1997. (7875 Racquetball Lane, #293, Cordova, TN 38018)

Shelly Davis (BA'96) to **Brandon George**, July 26, 1997. Shelly is supervisor of the gift department at the Texas A&M Bookstore. (1201-H Westridge Court, Bryan, TX 77801)

Caleb Dixon ('98) to **April Keener** (BA'96), Aug. 2, 1997. Caleb is an assistant sales manager for Select Comfort and a student at Middle Tennessee State University, and April is an assistant manager for Pier 1 Imports. (179 Royal Oaks Blvd., #I-2, Franklin, TN 37067)

April Green ('97) to **Jeff Flasschoen**, Aug. 2, 1997. (5370 W. 80th Ave., #304B, Arvada, CO 80003)

Mark Crafton (BA'95) to **Tiffany Calhoun**, Sept. 13, 1997. (21 Hunters Cove, Cabot, AR 72023)

Rachael Blankenship (BA'97) to **Craig Rossiter**, Sept. 27, 1997. Rachael is an assistant human resource manager for Westpac Bank in Sydney, Australia. (1/12 Sinclair Ave., Blacktown, NSW 2148, Australia)

Joe Brigance (BS'91) to **Shawna Eaton**, Nov. 1, 1997. (6894 La-Grange Hill Road, Cordova, TN 38018)

Matthew Shinn (BBA'97) to **Dawn Michaelson**, Dec. 27, 1997. Matthew is a credit analyst for Firststar Bank Iowa. (1009 N.E. Grant St., Ankeny, IA 50021)

Jon Raley (BS'90) to **Holley Martin** (BS'92), Jan. 2. Jon is a computer programmer for the C.D. Group in Atlanta, and Holley is studying chiropractic at Life University. (1698 Cedar Bluff Way, Marietta, GA 30062)

Shawn Cutts (BA'97) to **Cindy Cheatham** (BSN'97), Jan. 3. Cindy is a registered nurse and Shawn is employed with Cutts Brothers. (154B Carranza Road, Tabernacle, NJ 08088)

Houston Chapter up and running.

The Greater Houston Harding Chapter held a successful kickoff event on Feb. 21 with over 40 alumni and friends attending the dinner. Dr. Cliff Ganus Jr., chancellor and former president of Harding, and other faculty and staff spoke and visited with alumni.

The executive committee of the chapter consists of **Robert Shock** ('74) from Spring, Texas, and **Steve** ('72) and **Carol Mannen** ('72) Smith from Friendswood, Texas.

If you are interested in helping with the Greater Houston Harding Chapter, you can reach **Robert** at (281) 363-0930 or ark.razorback@juno.com, or you can reach **Steve** and **Carol** at (281) 992-3921 or carolcma@aol.com.

Matthew Smith (BBA'90) to **Glenna Amos**, Jan. 10. Matthew is a systems engineer with EDS. (8615 Rockwood Lane, #203, Austin, TX 78757)

Angela Poliquin (BBA'97) to **Michael Blanton**, Jan. 31. Angela is a marketing assistant with Arkansas Environmental Federation. (11 Hula Drive, Sherwood, AR 72120)

Jennie Overman (BBA'93) to **Aveek Datta**, Jan. 31. Jennie is a software engineer for Computer Task Group. (6350 Forward Ave., #4, Pittsburgh, PA 15217)

Ann Ulrey (BA'76) to **John Pondel**, Feb. 22. Ann is a singer and actress. (6 Oak Ave., Tuckahoe, NY 10707)

Jennifer Johnson (BSN'95) to **Mark Curtis**, Feb. 28. Jennifer is a nurse at Parkland Hospital. (4900 Pear Ridge Drive, #2306, Dallas, TX 75287)

Toni Thorson (BA'93) to **Jim Hollingsworth**, March 7. (3516 E. Furlong, Flower Mound, TX 75028)

Births

To **Joseph** ('78) and **Deborah Shepherd**, a son, Jerred Arthur, April 12, 1997. (15080 Glendive Drive, Horizon City, TX 79927)

To **Jason** (BA'96) and **Angela Beck** (BA'96) **Thomas**, a son, Micah Allen, April 23, 1997. The Thomas' are turkey farmers. (Route 1, Box 14, Combs, AR 72721)

To **Greg** (BBA'92) and **Tamara Reeves**, a son, Derrick Brody, May 8, 1997. (202 S. Hill Drive, Versailles, KY 40383)

To **Jamie** (BSW'89) and **Holly Lock** (BA'91) **James**, a son, Caleb Elijah, June 14, 1997. (P.O. Box 87, Chignik Bay, AK 99564)

To **Richard** and **Jennifer Grose** (BSN'93) **Graham**, a daughter, Grace Katherine, June 22, 1997. (Rt. 3, Box 180-A, Prescott, AR 71857)

To **Mark** (BA'90) and **Tamara Shaddox** (BA'90) **Hodges**, a son,

Harrison William, June 30, 1997. (1516 War Eagle, North Little Rock, AR 72116)

To **Robert** (BA'85) and **Carla Williams**, a son, Caleb Hampton, Aug. 22, 1997. (755 Watson, Memphis, TN 38111)

To **Roger** (BBA'85) and **Dawn Boone** ('88) **Beck**, a son,

Jesse Watson, Aug. 30, 1997. (103 Glenhaven Court, Harvest, AL 35749)

To **David** and **Tonya Honaker** (BA'90) **Bendigo**, a daughter, Madeline, Aug. 30, 1997. (8034 Water-view Court, Frederick, MD 21701)

To **Kelly** ('86) and **Regina Duwe** (BA'90) **McCoy**, a daughter, Hannah Ruth, Sept. 7, 1997. Kelly is minister of the College Hill Church of Christ. (104 Elm St., Alva, OK 73717)

To **Alan** (BS'89) and **Tami Hollingsworth** ('90) **Buchanan**, a son, Jesse Andrew, Sept. 17, 1997. (409 Hathaway, El Dorado, AR 71730)

To **Greg** and **Tracy Goostree** (BA'83) **Jones**, a daughter, Ashley Claire, Sept. 22, 1997. (2920 Dublin Drive, Helena, AL 35080)

To **Terry** and **Glenda Brooks** ('84) **Mitchell**, a daughter, Catherine Marie Lee, Oct. 5, 1997. (Route 3, Box 312, Ennis, TX 75119)

To **John** (BBA'93) and **Amy Mitchusson** (BA'93) **Bacon**, a son, Mitchell Grant, Oct. 22, 1997. (15-B Hull Cove, Jackson, TN 38305)

To **Craig** (BS'94) and **Tamara Brack** (BA'93) **Copeland**, a daughter, Charity Elizabeth, Oct. 30, 1997. Craig is a programmer for Federal Express, and Tamara is a homemaker. (1611 Wheaton, Memphis, TN 38117)

To **Ronald** and **Amy Hooper** (BA'93) **Clarkson**, a daughter, Reagan Michelle, Nov. 15, 1997. (3003 Beelava, Missouri City, TX 77459)

To **Kevin** (BA'92) and **Leanne Anderson** (BSN'93) **Snell**, a son, Mason Jamison, Nov. 15, 1997. Kevin received his master's in counseling from Trevecca in August 1997. (607 Windsor Green, Goodlettsville, TN 37072)

To **Darin** (BA'94) and **Jill Cushman** (BA'94) **Martin**, a daughter by adoption, Amelia Ann, Nov. 18, 1997. (128 S.E. Morningside, Bartlesville, OK 74006)

To **David** (BBA'84) and **Jane**

Powell (BA'82) **Watley**, a daughter, Danielle Marie, Nov. 28, 1997. (709 White Oak, Allen, TX 75002)

To **Troy** (BA'93) and **Deidre Scott** ('95) **Hunton**, a daughter, Calli Kay-Lynn, Dec. 23, 1997. (113 Lelia Lane, Searcy, AR 72143)

To **Tom** (BBA'92) and **Leigh Anne Luttrell** (BBA'92) **Watson**, a son, Parker Thomas, Dec. 23, 1997. (908 Cedar Ridge Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211)

To **Luigi** and **Julie Ann Weibel** (BME'91) **Giordano**, a daughter, Michela Ordell, Dec. 29, 1997. (Via Rialdoli 92, Scandicci, Italy 50018)

To **Paul** and **Marcia Noell** (BSN'82) **Dahlgren**, a son, Luke Andrew, Jan. 5. Marcia is a part-time nurse with Colorado Heart Institute. (3329 W. 109th Court, Westminster, CO 80030)

To **David** and **Jena Conrad** (BBA'84) **Coffey**, a daughter, Laura Catherine, Jan. 3. (9709 Mueck Terrace, St. Louis, MO 63119)

To **Steve** (BA'88) and **Beebe Estes** ('91) **Miller**, a daughter, Mary Hannah, Jan. 5. (5002 Trent Cove, Arlington, TN 38002)

To **Rich** and **Tami Keplar** ('93) **Perrine**, a daughter, Ann Alexis, Jan. 10. (242 Canby Court, Gahanna, OH 43230)

To **Kyle** (BBA'96) and **Leslie Stegall** (BA'96) **Klein**, a daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth, Jan. 14. (Route 2, Box 201, Spearsville, LA 71277)

To **Danny** and **Lori Majors** (BA'93) **Hunt**, a son, Dillon Lee, Jan. 27. (8117 Spinnaker Cove, Rowlett, TX 75088)

To **Daniel** (BA'93) and **Mikki Hagood** (BA'93) **Jacobs**, a daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, Feb. 3. Daniel is an account executive with Ackermann Public Relations

and Marketing, and **Mikki** is a marketing coordinator for Team Health. (5925 Katrina Lane, Knoxville, TN 37912)

To **Duke** and **Karen McCartney** (BA'92) **Lippincott**, a daughter, Abbie Elizabeth, Feb. 3. (1445 S. Morning Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70611)

To **Kevin** (BBA'94) and **Heather Johnson** (BA'94) **Curtis**, a son, Austin Scott, Feb. 9. (7819 Yorktown Road, Fort Smith, AR 72903)

To **Bob** and **Maria Haynes** (BBA'87) **Winfree**, a son, Grant Robert, Feb. 9, 1998. (193 Sanders Drive, LaVergne, TN 37086)

To **Griff** and **Rhonda Chappell** (BS'89) **Miller**, a daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, Feb. 12. (19202 Delta Queen Drive, Katy, TX 77449)

To **Ken** (BBA'91) and **Jackie Nichols** (BBA'93) **Edwards**, a son, Dalton David, Feb. 13. Ken is sales manager for the Miller Co., and Jackie is a sales representative for Financial Envelope. (4001 Saddle-creek Court, Louisville, KY 40245)

To **David** and **Angela Blackburn** (BBA'92) **Hunt**, a son, Jonah Carter, Feb. 14. (4851 Encanto Creek Drive, San Antonio, TX 78247)

To **Eric** ('95) and **Traci Penne** (BSN'94) **Greer**, a daughter, Rachel Nicole, Feb. 17. Eric is a marriage and family therapist at The Bridge, and Traci is a labor and delivery nurse at Gadsden Regional Medical Center. (5023 Big Oak Drive, Southside, AL 35907)

To **Matt** (BS'94) and **Tami White** (BA'93) **Ogren**, a daughter, Talia Grace, Feb. 20. (522 Josephine, Dallas, TX 75246)

To **David** and **Shaun Hayes** (BA'85) **Talaber**, a daughter, Kerri Ann, Feb. 23. (5066 Spendthrift Way, Mason, OH 45040)

E-mail publication keeps alumni informed and in touch.

The technology of the Internet is making our world smaller, increasing the speed and frequency of communication. Harding utilizes this technology in many areas to benefit students, but alumni can also take advantage of the technology through the *Alumni Digest*.

The *Alumni Digest* is an e-mail listserv prepared and distributed by the Office of Alumni Relations. The *Digest* is distributed once a week to approximately 1,500 alumni, a number that grows daily. Containing information about events on campus and activities of the Alumni Association, the main focus of the *Digest* is the many updates alumni provide each week. Prayer requests have been answered, jobs have been discovered, and lost friends have been found.

"I enjoy receiving the *Alumni Digest* because it gives me the opportunity not only to find people with whom I have lost contact, but also to reestablish my friendship with them," said **Melissa** (Truman) **Houghton** (BA'95) of Calokas, Calif. **Barbara Johnson-Beurmann** ('65) of Howell, Mich., said, "I am now connected again with my cousin because of the *Alumni Digest*."

If you are interested in subscribing to the *Alumni Digest*, send an e-mail to alumni-list@harding.edu with your name, class year, and e-mail address. Be sure to include the words "subscribe alumni-list" in your message.

Rick Adkins (BS'75)

Financial planner ranked with the best

"**W**OULD we send our parents to this professional?" *Worth* magazine editors asked when compiling their annual 1997 America's Best Financial Planners list.

They said "yes" to 1975 alumnus

Rick Adkins. Adkins, CEO and financial planner for the

Arkansas Financial Group Inc., was included in the magazine's annual list of the 250 best financial planners in their October 1997 issue.

Adkins began his

Harding career as a physics/math major. A self-proclaimed "late bloomer," he became more interested in math during a summer calculus class he took from Dr. Dean Priest. Adkins was Priest's only student, so he received a one-on-one education in the subject. "I received one of the best educations in math," Adkins said. "When I went to grad school, I had a stronger math background than many of my classmates."

Later switching his major to business, Adkins was encouraged by Dr. Burks, his academic adviser, to earn an MBA. Attending the University of Missis-

sippi, he received the degree in 1976. Additionally he holds the Certified Financial Planner, Chartered Financial Consultant and Chartered Life Underwriter designations.

Besides his position with the Arkansas Financial Group Inc., Adkins serves as adjunct professor of finance at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Adkins created The Risk Capacity IndexSM, which is featured in the text and software versions of Practitioners Publishing Company's *Guide to Investment Advisory Services*. He is listed in *Who's Who in Finance and Industry*, *Who's Who in Ameri-*

ca and *Who's Who in the World*.

Serving on the President's Council since the late '70s, Adkins also serves on the advisory board of the Jones Eye Institute at the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences Campus and the Whitbeck-Beyer Chair of Insurance and Financial Services at UALR.

Adkins met his wife, the former **Maureen Blackburn** (BA'75), while at Harding. "My grades skyrocketed after we started dating," Adkins said. They have two daughters, Sarah, a junior at Harding, and Laura, a senior at Central High in Little Rock, Ark. III

— *Jamie Martin*

ALUMNI PROFILE

Five reasons to advance a bequest

by PHIL DIXON, director of planned gifts

THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD of trustees are always encouraged to learn that Harding University has been named in a will or other estate transfer document. Even to know that a person *intends* to include Harding is uplifting.

Whether your will includes Harding or not, we want you to know some of the advantages of moving your bequest forward and giving all or part of it now. Please consider some of the current benefits of accelerating your bequest with a charitable gift annuity.

1. Increase your income now.

One of the more important benefits of a gift annuity is the attractive rates we offer, especially for our older donors. For example, an 80-year-old person qualifies for an annuity rate of 9.4 percent. Thus, establishing an annuity with \$100,000 would provide \$9,400 a year for the duration of life. A 90-year-old annuitant would fare even better with a rate of 12 percent, or \$1,000 per month.

While you may be able to obtain a higher rate with a commercial annuity, it's important to remember that we're talking about money that has already been "earmarked" for Harding as a bequest.

2. Reduce your income taxes now.

The IRS provides an income tax charitable deduction for gifts made to Harding during your life. For itemizers, this deduction may be used to reduce income taxes, and fewer taxes mean more money for you to spend or give.

Since a portion of a Harding gift annuity qualifies for an income tax charitable deduction, making that gift now, with assets you already plan to give later, may be a tax-wise

idea worth considering.

3. Stabilize your retirement now.

Gift annuity payments are fixed. Once the monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual payment dates are established, you will receive the identical amount with each check. There is no need to worry about the ups and downs of the financial markets. Your annuity will be backed not only by the reserves set aside for the purpose, but also by the entire capital assets of Harding University.

While we would not suggest that people place all of their assets in a Harding gift annuity, we do think a gift annuity can help our donors diversify and stabilize their retirement income.

4. Enjoy your giving now.


When you establish a gift annuity, you will experience the satisfaction of giving a gift by actually transferring assets to Harding. Furthermore, you will give us the opportunity to express our gratitude and include you in our recognition programs.

Why miss out on the joy of giving? Give while you live.

5. Assure your gift now.

It's nice to know money may be coming through a bequest someday in the future. With a gift annuity, however, we know these assets are assured.

A gift annuity allows us to show these assets positively in our financial statements, and we can make future plans and decisions with greater confidence.

To find out more about our gift annuity program, please call (800) 477-4312 or write me at Box 12238, Searcy, AR 72149-0001. 

Michael, March 24. (185 Rolling Hills Dr., Jackson, TN 38305)

To Anthony and Adana Harris ('92) Buttrum, a daughter, Aubrey Kaitlyn, April 3. (55 Jamar Lane, Henderson, TN 38340)

To James "Te" (BA'89) and Christi Miller ('89) Howard, a son, Jonathan Taylor, April 9. (31 Skinner Ave., Wellington Point, QLD 4160, Australia)

To Craig ('93) and Vicky Johnson (BA'90) Mashburn, a son, Stephen, April 14. (14631 Englebrook, Houston, TX 77095)

Deaths

Ralph O. Underwood ('37), died Jan. 18. He is survived by his wife, the former Leila Shappley ('59). (715 Lawrence Street E., #106, Russellville, AL 35653)

Jack Rhodes (BA'61), 58, died Jan. 31, from cancer. He is survived by his wife, the former Glenda Ganus ('62), two daughters, his mother Cleo Warbritton Rhodes ('49), and brother Keith ('74). (1418 Holloman, Port Lavaca, TX 77979)

Robert "Bob" Neal (BS'71), 48, died Feb. 9. He is survived by his wife, the former Vail Geer (BA'72), and four children. (604 Holman Ave., Cleveland, MS 38732)

Jess Anderson (BA'37) died Feb. 18. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy. (P.O. Box 667, Wilburton, OK 74578-0667)

Lois Epperly Butler ('37), 84, died March 1. She is survived by her husband, Cue. (1567 S. Farm Road 205, Springfield, MO 65809)

Vicki Durrington Dell (BA'80), 39, died March 15, from cancer. She is survived by her husband, Chris (BA'81), and three children. (16206 Maple Crossing Court, Wildwood, MO 63011)

Elsie Hoppe Minor (BA'38), 81, died March 23.

James Ganus (BA'47), 71, died April 17. He is survived by his wife, the former Doris Johnson (BA'47), his sons, James Jr. (BS'74) and Robert ('76), and his brother Cliff Ganus Jr. (BA'43). (715 Topaz Street, New Orleans, LA 70124)

David Ransom (BA'73), 50, died from a heart attack April 26 in Dallas.

Robert Yingling Sr. ('42), 80, died April 27. He is survived by his wife, Maxine, and children, Marian (BA'67), Robert Jr. ('68), and Joyce (BS'76).

To Eric (BA'89) and Kelly Conolty (BA'89) Lee, a daughter by adoption, MaKenna, March 3. MaKenna was born Feb. 7. (P.O. Box 711, Hartsville, OH 44632)

To Lee and Janet Reed (BBA'91) Godbold, a son, Mitchell Lee, March 4. (7433 Amber Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76148)

To John (BA'94) and Tammy Neal (BA'92) Burnside, a son, Brenton Neal, March 7. John is manager of Financial Services of Copy Products Inc. (Route 1, Box 137, Dike, TX 75437)

To Bob (BA'93) and Laura Stan-

cliff (BA'92) Lawrence, a son, Degnan William, March 14. (3611 Crowberry Loop, Anchorage, AK 99507)

To Patrick (BA'91) and Laura Blount (BS'90) Odum, a son, Joshua Donnell, March 16. Patrick is minister at Northwest Church of Christ in Chicago, and Laura is an optometrist. (4507 W. Wilson Ave., Chicago, IL 60630)

To Glenn (BBA'84) and Susan Wright (BA'86) Dillard, a daughter, Julia Ann, March 19. Glenn is associate director of admissions for Harding, and Susan teaches

part-time at Wilbur D. Mills Education Service Cooperative and is working on a master's in early childhood special education. (132 Pinon Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

To Daniel and Lisa Newlin (BA'86) Hall, twin daughters, Kathryn Hope and Kimberly Joy, March 20. (936 Spring Court S.W., Decatur, AL 35603)

To Bobby (BBA'92) and Amy Rasche (BA'90) Gunn, a son, Travis Wayne, March 23. (260 Old Knight Road, Replap, AL 35133)

To Mike (BBA'81) and Robin Gill (BA'80) Philpot, a son, Dalton

Trivia Time

Just how well do you know Harding? With the University beginning its 75th year anniversary celebration, we thought you might enjoy the chance to test your Harding knowledge.

- What two institutions merged to create Harding College?
 - Harper College and Nashville Bible College
 - Armstrong College and Arkansas Christian College
 - Harper College and Galloway College
 - Arkansas Christian College and Harper College
- Who was the first president of Harding College?
 - J.C. Harbin
 - J.N. Armstrong
 - L.C. Sears
 - James A. Harding
- What town did Harding College first call home?
 - Morrilton, Ark.
 - Searcy, Ark.
 - Harper, Kansas
 - Mountain Home, Ark.
- Harding College was named after
 - President Warren G. Harding
 - John Wesley Harding
 - James A. Harding
 - Woodson Harding
- What happened after the College paid off the mortgage in 1939?
 - J.N. Armstrong nailed it to Godden Hall's chapel door
 - Dr. Benson ripped it into tiny pieces
 - J.N. Armstrong burned it in a ceremonious bonfire
 - Dr. Sears framed it and hung it in the Olen Hendrix Building
- Dr. George Benson was a member of what school's first graduating class?
 - Arkansas Christian College
 - Harper College
 - Harding College
 - Oklahoma A&M
- Dr. Benson was called from what country to become Harding's second president?
 - Korea
 - Japan
 - France
 - China
- In the early years, Harding had a co-ed dorm (with a solid divider between the sexes, of course). What was the name of this building?
 - Godden Hall
 - Galloway Hall
 - Harbin Hall
 - Pattie Cobb Hall
- L.O. Sanderson and one other person wrote the alma mater. Who was the co-author?
 - Pattie Cobb
 - Florence Cathcart
 - Sallie Benson
 - Woodson Harding Armstrong
- What year did Harding College achieve North Central accreditation?
 - 1936
 - 1947
 - 1954
 - 1964
- Throughout the years, a ghost from Galloway College has been rumored to be haunting Harding. What is the ghost's name?
 - Pattie
 - Cindy
 - Gertie
 - Debbie
- What was the first women's social club on campus?
 - Ju Go Ju
 - WHC (Woodson-Harding Comrades)
 - GATA
 - The QQ Club
- What was the first men's social club on campus?
 - Sub T-16
 - TNT
 - Mohicans
 - Pioneers
- Where was the dining hall located before the American Heritage Center was built?
 - Administration Building
 - Ezell Building
 - American Studies Building
 - Pattie Cobb Hall
- As a student, Dr. Clifton Ganus Jr., Harding's third president, was an active participant. What activity listed below did he not participate in?
 - Wrestling
 - Yearbook
 - Choir
 - Lacrosse
- What social club was President Burks a member of when he was a student?
 - Beta Phi Kappa
 - Knights
 - TNT
 - Mohicans

Answers: 1. D, 2. B, 3. A, 4. C, 5. C, 6. C, 7. D, 8. A, 9. B, 10. C, 11. C, 12. B, 13. D, 14. D, 15. D, 16. A

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Let the games begin. Lighting the torch at the opening ceremonies of the Arkansas State Special Olympics held on campus May 28-30, Kaz McEuen from Mayflower helps kick off the games. Sally Paine, a 1978 alumna, is the state director.