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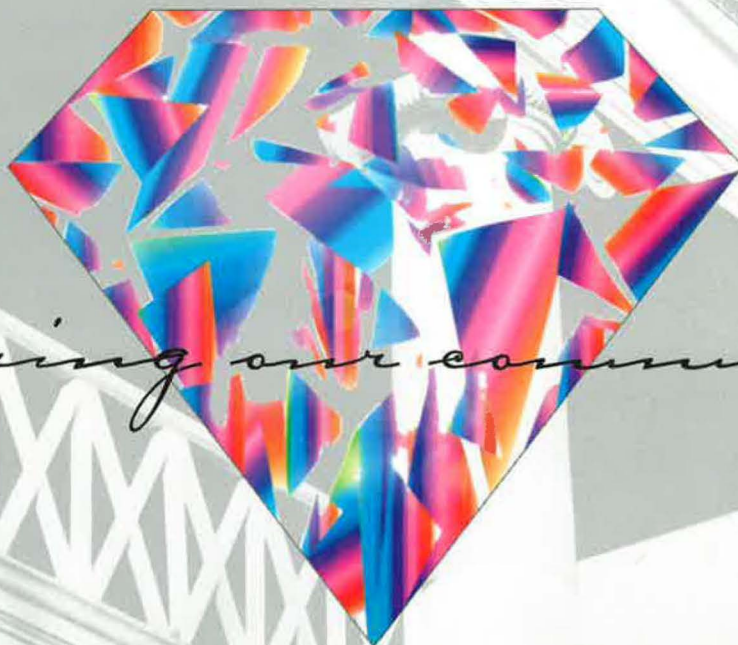
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BEGINNING THE DIAMOND CAMPAIGN



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



David B. Burks, President

The Diamond Campaign reflects our vision for the future

HARDING IS NOW 75 YEARS OLD, but its commitment to Christian education is enduring. As this anniversary year launches a new five-year plan, it's appropriate that we renew Harding's commitment to education with a spiritual focus.

The next five years will take Harding into a new millennium, establishing new standards in enrollment records and graduating class sizes. That a record financial campaign be subsequently announced should be no surprise.

The Diamond Campaign will seek to raise \$100 million, which looks almost as staggering on paper as it did the first time we let ourselves utter it, almost inquisitively, in administrative meetings. That's a lot of money. In fact, it's more money than I ever dreamed could be a goal for 10 years, much less five.

Yet as I write this, I realize now more than ever that this campaign, much like previous fund drives, is not about money. It's about a vision to take Harding into the 21st century. This vision uses our historic strengths – a quality higher education in a spiritually charged environment – and melds them to our competitive advantage. And it's about once again stepping out in faith – the faith of our Christian education forefathers.

This campaign will enable Harding to attract and educate the strongest student body ever through both merit- and need-based scholarships and effective, market-driven programs of study. We're reinforcing our strong faculty with sound professional development

support, and we're expanding into graduate and distance-learning programs to meet nontraditional student needs.

In launching this campaign – the bulk of which is devoted to either current or endowed scholarships – we are honoring our commitment to past generations of faculty, staff, students and donors of Harding. We intend to continue to invest heavily in our most prized resource – thousands of young people whose lives will be forever eternally changed because of the unique experience we call Harding.

Harding has posted 10 consecutive years of record enrollments. With each raising of the bar has come a compelling, growing need for more financial assistance for students, and this trend has been inversely proportionate to the availability of federal funds for college students.

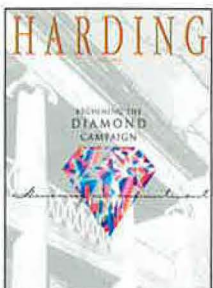
In the 21st century it will cost more to honor our commitment, but because it is still the cost of opportunity, it's worth our best effort and most sacrificial gifts. Approximately 80 percent of our new goal is earmarked to support student scholarships, both in currently spendable money and endowed funds.

Without a doubt the Diamond Campaign is an investment in the lives of students. It's about enhancing Harding's ability to engage the heart and mind of her students. It's about "Honoring Our Commitment." IH

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On the cover.

A symbol of our heritage, Pattie Cobb continues to serve thousands of students seeking excellence in Christian education. Turn to page 10 to learn more about our new campaign that seeks to not only honor, but build on that commitment. (Public Relations file photo)



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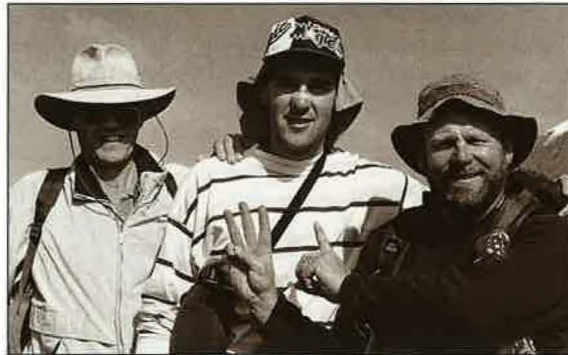
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Arick selected Graduate School's development director

Larry Arick began Aug. 1 as director of development at the Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tenn. A 1973 alumnus of the University of Memphis, he previously was a controller for Ideal Travel Concepts.

Terrill named to state library committee

Brackett librarians Ann Dixon, Suzanne Spurrier and Henry Terrill attended the state meeting of the Arkansas Library Association April 23-24 in Fayetteville, Ark. Terrill was appointed to an advisory committee to investigate the formation of a statewide library electronic data consortium.

Dawkins, Smith new members of admissions staff

Beau Dawkins and Jeff Smith have joined the Office of Admissions Services as admission counselors. Dawkins began work Sept. 28 as an adviser to prospective students from midwestern states. A 1997 alumnus, Dawkins was previously a broker for Edward Jones Investments in Little Rock, Ark. Smith, a 1993 alumnus, began work July 13 and previously worked as a youth minister and high school basketball coach before forming his own fishing lure company in Belington, W.Va.

"Against the Grain" hits the bookstore

DESCRIBING THE UNIVERSITY'S unique approach to education, the book "Against the Grain" is now available. A case study presenting Harding as a successful model for



Christian education, the book features a series of essays written by 24 authors with

varying educational backgrounds and connections to Harding.

Published in time for the 75th anniversary celebration, "Against the Grain" pays tribute to the mission and heritage of the University. A realized dream of President Burks, who serves as general editor, the book presents a renewed commitment to Harding's spiritual

mission and focus.

Included in the book are a 16-page color photo section and a compact disc, which capture the essence of the Harding experience through the years in sight and sound.

"Against the Grain," priced at \$19.95 plus tax, is available in Harding's bookstore. To order, send a check for \$26.97 (includes tax, shipping and handling) to: Harding University, Box 12266, Searcy, AR 72149-0001; or call (800) 477-4351.

Fall enrollment continues upward

FOR THE 11TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, enrollment has continued its record-setting climb. The 4,320 students represent all 50 states and 40 nations.

The record-setting figure includes 3,867 students on the Searcy campus as well as 230 students at the Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tenn. More than 100 members of the student body are studying overseas this se-

mester at the University's international campuses in Athens, Greece; Florence, Italy; and Brisbane, Australia.

Among the more than 1,100 new students accepted this year are 21 freshmen National Merit Scholars. With more than 60 Scholars on campus, Harding is among the top 100 universities in the nation for National Merit Scholar enrollment.

"We feel very honored to have these students here," said Mike Williams, assistant vice president of admissions. "They represent the top half of one percent of all high school students in the nation. That they have selected Harding is quite a compliment."

This year's enrollment growth, an increase of 185 from last fall, is due in large part to expanded graduate programs in nursing, business and education. Expanded graduate-level courses in the School of Education have enrolled 53 students.

More than 1,800 applications were received for this academic year, and more than 500 have already been received for next year.

75th Anniversary Lectureship scenes



Distinguished Christian Service Award. Recognized for nearly 40 years of service in campus ministry at Texas A&M University as well as founding "Aggies for Christ," Bob Davidson receives a certificate for he and his wife, Myrt, from Howard Norton.



Women's Lectureship Chorus. Led by Kay Gowen, a local group of women sings for Tuesday's Ladies Day program. The chorus sang twice during the activities that focused on the theme "Women in Focus: Lives that Mirror Jesus."

Church and Family Institute to begin publishing magazine

AS THE INSTITUTE FOR CHURCH and Family finishes its first year, it plans to start the second year with a new undertaking — *Church and Family* magazine.

The new publication, launching in November, has been in the planning stages for almost a year. Dr. Howard Norton, executive director of the Institute, will serve as editor while Kay Gowen, associate professor of communication and adviser of student publications, will serve as managing editor.

The magazine features articles by ministers, church leaders and church members. It will run many how-to stories, focusing on positive solutions to many of the concerns church members face daily.

"We're very excited about the debut of this magazine," Norton said. "It will be a first-class publication dealing with many situations affecting churches across the nation and will consider a wide range of issues Christians encounter."

The Institute's inaugural year brought many challenges, including administrative set-up and hosting conferences and workshops. The Institute's first undertaking, the Missions Conference, was held during its first month.

Throughout the year, seven workshops were held, many in cooperation with other churches, institutes or administrative departments.

Besides publishing their new magazine and developing seminars, Norton said that the Institute has more plans for the future. Currently the Institute has been researching distance learning, which will allow them to broadcast Bible classes to remote locations.

The Institute also plans to develop vacation Bible school and high school class curriculum for study.

Work has begun on one of the Institute's long-range goals — to provide a hospitalization and retirement plan for ministers. An advisory board has been assembled to research the fine points of developing this type of plan.

"The Institute was created to

use the talents here on campus to reach out to the churches beyond this community," Norton said. "We're continually looking for churches with needs, and we try to find ways to meet those needs, whether it be through workshops, classes or curriculum material."

President Burks joins summer campaigners

MANY STUDENTS CONTINUED THE tradition of giving their summer to spread the gospel to all nations.

This summer President David Burks joined the campaigners in their mission.

Along with Nathan Mellor, assistant director of the Institute for Church and Family, Burks led a group of 18 students on a campaign to Brisbane, Australia, in June. The group performed skits in local schools, sang in nursing homes and studied the Bible with local residents.

"The experience reminded me of why our forefathers believed in the power of Christian education and its influence on people's lives," Burks said. "I saw this influence firsthand on the other side of the world."

In addition to the Brisbane group, more than 300 students, faculty and staff participated in summer mission campaigns. Destinations included Africa, Belgium, Brazil, Czech Republic, England, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Russia, Scotland, Venezuela and the Northeastern United States.

While students from colleges across the nation headed for the beaches for spring break, many Harding students gave their break to campaigns. Almost 200 students participated in 1998 spring break campaigns to U.S. cities such as Chicago, Denver, Houston, New York, North Little Rock, Ark., and St. Louis, and to international destinations including Honduras and Jamaica.

Overall, 529 members of the Harding community participated in campaigns in 1998.

Newsmakers

Long appointed dean of new Honors College

Dr. Larry Long, distinguished professor of English, was appointed in August as dean of the Honors College. The Honors Program, in existence since 1989, was renamed after meeting criteria of the National Collegiate Honors Council. Long, previously director of the Honors Program, now serves as dean to the more than 500 students enrolled in the college this year.

Student publication editors chosen

Stacey Hopkins and April Mouser have been selected as the student publications editors for the 1998-99 academic year. Hopkins, a senior public relations major from Sorrento, Fla., is editing the 1999 *Petit Jean*, and Mouser, a senior print journalism major from Colorado Springs, Colo., serves as editor of *The Bison* newspaper.

Rine tours textile industry sites

Dr. Terri Rine, assistant professor of family and consumer sciences, participated in a textile technology tour in Alabama and Georgia June 9-12. Sponsored by the American Textile Manufacturing Institute, the tour highlighted technological advances of the industry and examined the impact of global economies.

Casey plays with Italian bands

Dr. Warren Casey, professor of music, performed with Florence's community concert and jazz bands this May while in Italy to direct the annual "Fabulous Florence" tour.



Celebrating Founder's Day. Leon Sanderson, whose father wrote the alma mater, board member Jim Bill McInteer, and Harding Paine, James A. Harding's grandson, are on stage to participate in the special chapel service that began Monday's Founder's Day activities honoring those from Harding's early years. Sanderson led the crowd in the alma mater. Other special activities during the day included a luncheon and dinner as well as Neale Pryor's Heritage Bus Tour.



Three join computer services staff

Three new employees are now serving on the staff of the computer information services office. Mike Hale began July 20 as a desktop support specialist. Jon Wrye, a 1978 alumnus, and Jonathan Picklesimer, a 1993 alumnus, joined the office in August. Wrye is serving as a systems analyst, and Picklesimer works as a systems support specialist.

Reed honored with Alpha Chi fellowship

May graduate Peter Reed of Hillsboro, Tenn., was named May 1 as a Benedict Fellow by Alpha Chi, the national collegiate honor society. The fellowship provides \$2,500, which Reed has applied to graduate studies at Florida State University. His winning paper in the national competition was titled "Bakhtinian Concepts and E.M. Forster's 'A Room With a View'."

Business team claims first at international competition

The University's business team took first place at the 34th annual International Collegiate Business Policy competition April 16-18 in San Jose, Calif. Team members included seniors Jason Burton of Little Rock, Ark.; Nick Kennedy of El Cajon, Calif.; John Massie of Memphis, Tenn.; and Julie Simmons of Malvern, Ark.

Two new master's programs are up and running

DESPITE THE FACT THAT NEITHER program has been aggressively advertised, the new MBA and master of science in nursing programs have started off with enrollments near capacity.

The MBA program enrolled 18 for its first semester. "We planned to take anywhere from 20-25, so we're satisfied with this response,"

said Dr. Steve Williams, professor of business and director of the program.

The degree offers four academic tracks suited to the student's academic background and career preparation needs. Depending on the student's academic and professional background, the degree generally requires 36 hours for completion.

The master of science in nursing program also started its first semester with an ideal number of students — six. "We wanted to

start off small and gradually build our program," said Dr. Cathleen Shultz, dean and professor in the School of Nursing. "We have students traveling from as far away as Alaska to be a part of the program, and we're very pleased with this beginning group of students."

The program offers two specific academic tracks designed to fit the student's professional goals. Many classes are held in the evenings, allowing students more flexibility in scheduling. The program requires 39 hours for completion.

For more information, contact the School of Business at (501) 279-4240 or the School of Nursing at (501) 279-4682.



Violin Maker. Gene Drury carves out one of six violins he and Jack Rusk made and gave to the music department.

Gift of violins considered 'priceless'

TWO VIOLIN MAKERS FROM Arizona have graciously given the department of music six violins. The hand-made instruments, valued in excess of \$6,000, are considered by Dr. Patricia Cox to be a priceless asset to her music classes.

"This is quite a contribution to our department," said Cox, an associate professor of music. "I know there will be students for years to come who will benefit from the instruments."

Gene Drury, the maker of the violins, and Jack Rusk, the one who outfits the violins with strings and chin rests, are residents of Lake Havasu City, Ariz. Neither attended the University, although Rusk is a former Arkansas resident familiar with Harding and its programs.

"Neither of these gentlemen were solicited for these gifts. They both say they did this as an act of Christian giving," Cox said. "They wanted nothing in return except information on the students who will be using the violins."

Drury, the 79-year-old violin maker, retired from McDonnell Aircraft as a design engineer. His violin hobby has led him to membership in the Violin Makers Association of Arizona International.

"He should get most of the credit in this effort," Rusk said.

The violins, two of which are Stradivarius replicas, came equipped with bows made of Brazilian wood and storage cases.

Join us in a special week of prayer

THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY ARE asking alumni and friends of the University to join them in a special season of prayer for Harding. During the week of Nov. 15-21, members of the University community will be encouraged to spend time in prayer on behalf of the important work that Harding is seeking to accomplish. Area congregations as well as individuals will be asked to join in prayer that God will bless Harding.

Take time to thank God for the way he has blessed Harding in the past. Pray for the present administration and faculty, that they will continue to be faithful to the mission of Harding and the path that God leads the school to follow. Ask God to bless the students, present and future, that they will be adequately trained for faithful Christian service. Pray for God to raise up more and more individuals who will support the cause of Christian education at Harding. Pray that God will increase the boundaries of Harding's influence in the world.

More information about this week will be provided through the Alumni Digest. To access the Digest, contact alumni-list@harding.edu and ask to subscribe to the list. You may also learn more about the week of prayer by contacting our Web site at www.harding.edu.

See Alaska on 'Voyage of the Glaciers' cruise

AVOID THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER — SET SAIL TO Alaska with friends and alumni of Harding.

Departing Vancouver, Wash., on July 12, 1999, the seven-day "Voyage of the Glaciers" cruise will sail beyond the Inside Passage to explore the 18,000 peaks of the Southcentral Coast.

Ports on the itinerary include Juneau, Ketchikan and Skagway. The Hubbard Glacier, College Fjord and Prince William Sound are among the sights to be seen on the trip.

Friends and alumni will get a chance to encounter the Alaskan world together both on and off the ship. Activities such as devotionals and get-togethers will be planned for the participants, and many chances to travel independently will be offered. For more information call (501) 279-4276.



Florence tour dines with countess

THE SIXTH ANNUAL "FABULOUS FLORENCE" TOUR rolled out the red carpet for alumni and friends once again this spring, allowing the 21-member group to discover the art and beauty found in Florence, Italy.

Held in May, the tour included guided excursions to museums and historical sites, intellectually stimulating presentations focusing on art, music, history and Italian culture, an introduction to the Italian language and opportunities for shopping.

A highlight of the tour included a trip to an 11th century castle, where tour members dined with a present-day countess in the castle's ancient dining room.

Plans are underway for a seventh annual "Fabulous Florence" tour in May 1999. Call the International Studies Office at (501) 279-4529 for more details.



Sheldon promoted to finance director

Todd Sheldon was appointed July 1 to the newly created position of director of finance. A member of the University staff since 1990, the 1983 alumnus previously served as director of accounting. Sheldon is responsible for the University's accounting, budget and purchasing.

Manor participates in archaeological excavation

Dale Manor, associate professor of Bible, served as an archaeological supervisor June 12-Aug. 9 in Israel's Jordan Valley at the Beth Shean Valley Archaeological Project. He was involved with a six-week excavation project and spent weekends on regional study tours.

Cox, Fought new instructors at Brackett Library

Gerald Cox and Rick Fought have been hired as instructors of library science at Brackett Library. Cox serves as interlibrary loan, cataloging and reference librarian. He is a 1977 alumnus who received his master's in library science in 1998 from Indiana University. Fought manages the archives and special collections and maintains book preservation. He is a 1993 alumnus and holds his master's from the University of Oklahoma. He previously worked at the University of Central Arkansas' library.

TNT celebrates 65 years with reunion

CELEBRATING THE CLUB'S 65TH anniversary, more than 400 former TNT social club members returned to campus July 3-4 for a weekend reunion. Instead of totting books and backpacks across campus, this time many were instead carrying children.

members came to campus from California to Connecticut and many points in between. One alumnus even journeyed to the reunion from Tokyo.

The club's only surviving founding member, 1935 alumnus Carroll Trent of Morrilton, Ark., was also in attendance.

Activities for the weekend included a softball tournament, a mixer reminiscent of recruiting activities, campus tours, a banquet and lots of free time for old friends to catch up with one another's lives.

During the Saturday evening banquet, Dr. William Holloway, a recently retired professor of music, was inducted into the club as an honorary member.

"They roasted me real good first, though," laughed

Holloway, who served for 20 years as a faculty sponsor to the club.

"The real highlight for me was seeing all the different generations in attendance," said 1989 alumnus Brooks Davis of Searcy. "This club was built on strong bonds between classmates, and it was neat to have so many of us back together again."

Faculty adds 11 new faces to its number

ELEVEN NEW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN added to the faculty for the 1998-99 school year, bringing the total number of faculty to more than 225.

The new faculty members are Fielden Allison, M.A., visiting professor of missions; Scott Carrell, M.M., assistant professor of music; Kathy Dillion, M.Ed., instructor of English; Elaine Griffin, Ph.D., professor of business; Budd Hebert, Ph.D., associate professor of business; Chuck Hicks, M.S.E., assistant professor of music; Raymond "Donnie" Lee, Ed.D., associate professor of education; Jessica Moore, D.A., associate professor of kinesiology; Christine Pruitt, M.Ed., instructor of reading; Jon David Yingling, M.Ed., assistant professor of kinesiology; and Sally Zengaro, M.A., assistant professor of English.

Four faculty members have been promoted in academic rank. Dee Bost has been promoted to associate professor, Joe Brumfield to associate professor, Ellen Daniel to professor, and Ronnie Harlow to instructor.

Four faculty members have returned from educational leave, and two still remain on leave pursuing advanced degrees.



Reminiscing. Dr. William Holloway catches up on 1977 alumnus Phil McCormick and his son, Brad, at the softball tournament during TNT reunion activities.

Started in 1933, TNT is the University's second oldest social club. Founded upon the principles of trustworthiness, noble ideas and tact, the club has long been noted for its close-knit group of members who form lifelong bonds.

The group's dedication proved itself again in July when former



Sidelines

Lady Bison soccer team off to an impressive start

Coach Terry Edwards' Lady Bison soccer program is up and running, with a 16-game schedule in its first year of competition.

Playing all eight Lone Star Conference teams, they are 5-1-1 at press time with two wins over the University of Central Arkansas as well as defeating Louisiana College, LeTourneau and Lambuth University.

Sports medicine convention addressed by Turley

Dr. Ken Turley, assistant professor of kinesiology, gave a presentation titled "Ratio Scaling of Submaximal Cardiovascular Data: Is It Appropriate?" at the National American College of Sports Medicine convention June 3-6 in Orlando, Fla.

Phillips gives Arkansas coaches training tips

Dr. Bryan Phillips, assistant professor of kinesiology, conducted a session titled "Training Theory" at a coaches clinic sponsored by the Arkansas Activities Association in North Little Rock, Ark., July 29.

Bisons post three early season victories

MIDWAY THROUGH THE 1998 season the Bison football team has posted a 3-2 record, including two Lone Star Conference wins at Alumni Field.

In the season's home opener against Tarleton State University, the Bisons staged a fourth quarter rally to tie the game at 21-21 with 19 seconds remaining, forcing the game into overtime.

Much to the delight of the home fans, the Bisons scored first in overtime on a 12-yard run by freshman Jason Sneed. On Tarleton's first play in overtime, the Bison defense forced a fumble which was recovered by Harding's Greg Taylor to end the game. The final score was 28-21.

Harding picked up its second conference win at home with a 24-15 victory over Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Southeastern Oklahoma topped the Bisons in almost every statistical

category, however the "bend but don't break" Bison defense stopped the Savages when it counted.

Offensively the Bison attack was led by senior quarterback Luke Cullins who completed 17 of 28 pass attempts for 183 yards and three touchdowns.

On the road the team has had a more difficult time, posting a 1-2 record. The Bisons opened the season at the University of Arkansas-Monticello with a 17-10 win.

The other two road trips were less than pleasant experiences for the Bisons. Against the Southwest Missouri State Bears of the NCAA I-AA Gateway Conference, the team absorbed a 52-12 loss. During the losing effort, Sneed carried the ball 16 times for 136 yards.

Texas A&M University-Kingsville handed the Bisons their first Lone Star Conference loss of the season, 38-6. The Javelinas took advantage of early scoring opportunities to jump to a 21-0 lead and dominate the Bisons in most statistical categories.

At the halfway point of the season, The Bisons are led offensively by Sneed with 303 yards rushing and Cullins, who has completed 70 of 146 passing attempts for seven touchdowns. Defensively Brad Fortson and Taylor lead the team in tackles.

Trio leads volleyball team to early success

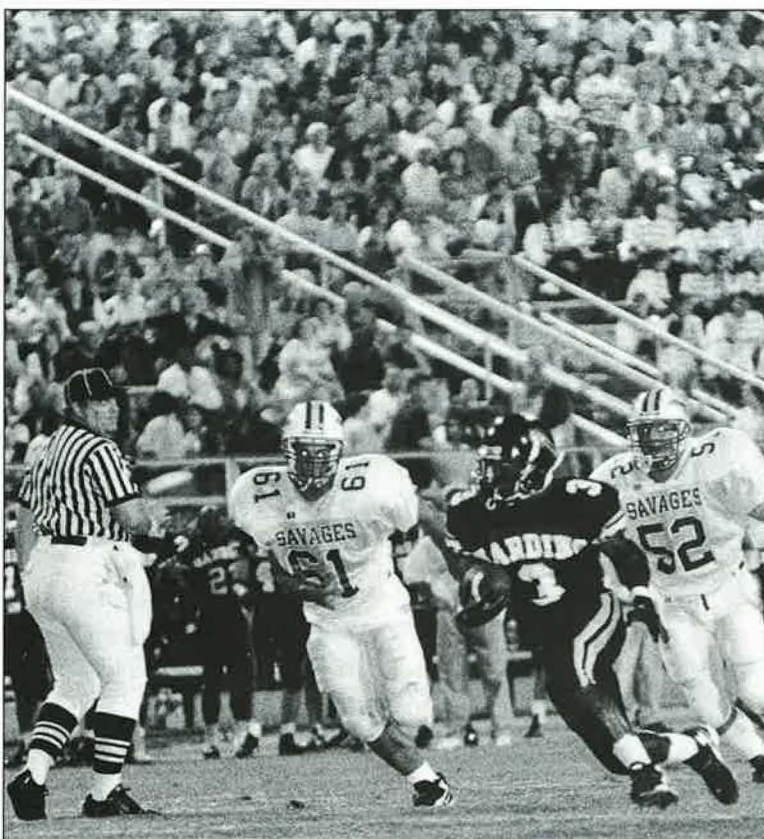
THE LADY BISON VOLLEYBALL team, led by senior Heather Gray and juniors Misty Fant and Laura Lejarzar, is in its 16th year of competition under coach Karyl Bailey.

Gray, Fant and Lejarzar are aggressive hitters with strong all-around skills, and Lejarzar is the team's top server. The defensive front-line players are impressive in ability. Sophomore Delana Keilers led the conference in blocks last year, and Erika Pierson, who missed the season with a knee injury, had a great spring. Newcomers Talia Wood and Summer Page are getting significant playing time.

The two setters are sophomore McKensy Kemmerer and freshman Kari Whitney. Whitney comes out of a top Junior Olympic program along with Page, and Kemmerer made her mark in spring play. Sophomore Rebecca Dahlstrom has moved to the defensive specialist role.

The Lone Star Conference produced the NCAA II national champion last year in West Texas A&M, and they will again be strong. Last year's LSC-North winner, Texas Woman's University, is rebuilding and fell to fourth in the preseason poll. Central Oklahoma and Texas A&M Commerce were picked for the top three spots with Harding, Ouachita and Southeastern rounding out the field.

With four weeks of their season played, the Lady Bisons have a 12-6 record overall and are 2-1 in LSC North play. Gray has been named to the all-tournament teams at the Harding Invitational and the Texas Woman's University Tournament.



JEFF MONTGOMERY

Frazier's football. Junior Fred Frazier races down the field against the Savages of Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Frazier scored the second touchdown of the game, which the Bisons won 24-15.

Cross country teams seeking higher rankings

ENTERING THEIR THIRD YEAR OF Lone Star Conference competition, both cross country teams are striving to improve on their third-place 1997 finishes.

The Lady Bisons are a young, yet experienced, team as the top five runners return. Juniors Katie Fant, Diane Grubbs, Kelly Lauterbach and Cheri Scharff (All-LSC in 1997), are joined by sophomore Tia Tarole as returning starters.

Incoming freshmen Britney Copeland and Elizabeth Lucas were both successful high school runners. Copeland won an Arkansas state championship, and Lucas is the reigning private school champion in Texas. Freshman Lindsay Snow completes the squad.

The Bisons are not without talent, but all are new to Harding cross country. Junior college transfer Jerry Maritim was the national junior college champion in 1996 and did not run last year. Junior Albert Tabut ran track last year but took the "red shirt" route for cross country. Both are talented runners with collegiate experience and All-Americans in track.

Twins David and Andrew Scharff, who ran two-three in the South Carolina championships, and Scott Penick and Carl Williamson, all freshmen, are competing for the next three spots.

The women's race should be between last year's top three teams, Abilene Christian, Angelo State and Harding, with Texas A&M Commerce as an outside threat.

Coach Phillips sees Abilene and Texas A&M Kingsville as the top two challengers on the men's side.

With the first two meets completed, the Lady Bisons have a championship at the Ouachita Invitational and a third-place finish in the tough Missouri Southern meet. Sophomore Tia Tarole was named LSC runner of the week for her race at Ouachita and led the conference with 19:15 over the five kilometer course.

The Bisons also won the Ouachita race.



CARLOS VELASCO

Excitement. A high school team that attended one of the Bisons' three camps in El Salvador shares in the enthusiastic response the Bisons enjoy preceding an exhibition game.

El Salvador welcomes El Bisón

JEFF MORGAN, HEAD COACH OF THE MEN'S basketball team, took 11 members of his Bison team to Central America May 20-26 for what he thought would be a chance to help other basketball fans while "roughing it."

While Morgan says they were able to give helpful assistance to children that were eager to learn about basketball, he, the team members and assistant coach Tim Kirby were treated like royalty while playing exhibition games and conducting basketball camps in El Salvador.

"You would have thought we were a major NBA team," Morgan said of the press coverage and autograph seekers that followed them during their stay in the capitol city of San Salvador.

The trip was the result of senior management major Carlos Velasco's efforts last school year to bring to Searcy a Colgate-sponsored club team that he plays for in El Salvador. The company sent the team from El Salvador to Searcy last November.

"They spent a week with us observing our whole program — from the weight room to practices to our first game in Rhodes Memorial Field House," Morgan said.

That week of interaction started a relationship between the two teams and ultimately resulted in Colgate funding the Bisons' week-long stay in El Salvador.

A day at the beach, being housed in the country's finest hotel and playing an exhibition game in front of more than 12,000 cheering spectators was not the "roughing it" experience Morgan had anticipated.

"But we were able to see the real side of El Salvador as we traveled to different locations," Morgan said.

The country suffered a devastating earth-

quake in 1986 and its civil war ended a few years later. Morgan says the physical and emotional scars on the

country are still evident.

"Many people in the countryside live in little huts, and you can still see soldiers and armed guards throughout the city. We even had three security guards that escorted us everywhere we went," said Morgan. "It made us very thankful for what we have here back home."

For more than 600 children, though, the Bisons' trip was a highlight of their summer. Morgan said the three camps the team conducted proved to be personally rewarding to them as well.

"It was very gratifying to see the children soak up everything we taught them. They were very hungry to learn," he said.

Morgan said basketball is a popular sport in El Salvador, but that it has taken a back seat to soccer in the past six to eight years.

"This effort by Colgate's team is similar to other efforts in the country right now to keep El Salvador's citizens interested in basketball," Morgan said.

In addition to three camps and exhibition games, Morgan, Kirby and the Bison teammates conducted a one-day clinic for nearly 60 area coaches. The team was also invited to The American School, an exclusive private academy with American instructors, to participate in an awards ceremony for the school children.

"They really love basketball down there," Morgan said. "We really enjoyed ourselves and felt like it was a worthy cause, but now I guess we're back to being nobodys," he laughed.

Perhaps not, though. When the Bisons take to the court this month in Rhodes Memorial Field House, they'll remember they have plenty of rowdy, dedicated fans here too. *III — Scott Morris*



“My Big Ride” across America

by TAYLOR CARR



IT'S 5:30 A.M. ON JUNE 15. I'm looking up through fog at the Space Needle when it really hits me for the first time that Seattle to Washington, D.C., is a long, long way to drive a car, let alone ride a bicycle. ■ For some reason the

prospect of a coast-to-coast bike ride hadn't seemed intimidating until that moment. As I join 729 other volunteer riders

lining up to start our 3,254-mile journey, I wonder how many are awed by what we are undertaking.

The trip will be 48 days of biking through America's mountains, deserts, and prairies, through cities as small as Harold, S.D. (pop. 41), and as large as Cleveland (pop. 1.4 million). We were told to be prepared for the experience of a lifetime and a wide range of weather conditions, but I don't think any of us expected to be

battling hypothermia by the end of the first day.

I'd never even heard of the "Big Ride Across America" until a month earlier. After seeing an article in the Little Rock, Ark., paper about a local woman who was riding, I called the American Lung Association and learned there was still time to join the ride. But there was a catch — I had to raise \$6,000 for the Lung Association. Although that was quite a price, I



Broken bike. On his 3,200-mile ride, Taylor Carr makes a stop to repair a tire rim.

would have passed up a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity if I let the fund raising scare me away. The chance to see the country in such a unique way was very appealing, as was the physical challenge of a 3,200-mile bike ride, and meeting other people who were willing to put their lives on hold for a month and a half.

Plus, on the verge of 40, I'd been looking for something different, outrageous and age-defying to mark that milestone.

Climbing Mount Everest is way too dangerous and expensive. The "Big Ride" seemed perfect.

Generous donations from dozens of friends and a huge sponsorship from Sonic Drive-Ins brought in almost \$8,000. My faith had been rewarded.

Since I hadn't ridden a bike in four years, I tried to squeeze six months of training into one. I had faith that the conditioning of running 35 miles a week would help in cycling more than 80 miles a day.

I soon wished I could trade all my conditioning for some insulated rain gear. As we left the suburbs of Seattle and headed into the Cascades on day one, a light rain turned very cold. A 12-mile climb took us to the top of the 3,000 foot Snoqualmie Pass, where the cold rain turned to sleet. Still perspiring from the long climb, riders wrapped up in mylar blankets to stay warm. Many were treated for hypothermia, and a few were hospitalized.

I shivered all the way down the other side of the mountain and the 20 miles into camp. Later some veteran West Coast riders said it was the worst day of cycling they'd ever endured. I didn't get warm until the next day.

Fortunately, most of the trip was much better. By day three we rode in 95 degree heat crossing the Washington desert. The Southerners on the ride didn't mind that at all, but there were several more cold days. On June 26, crossing the Continental Divide near Helena, Mont., we rode through a snowstorm. The next day there were windchills in the 20s on a 6,000-foot mountain pass.

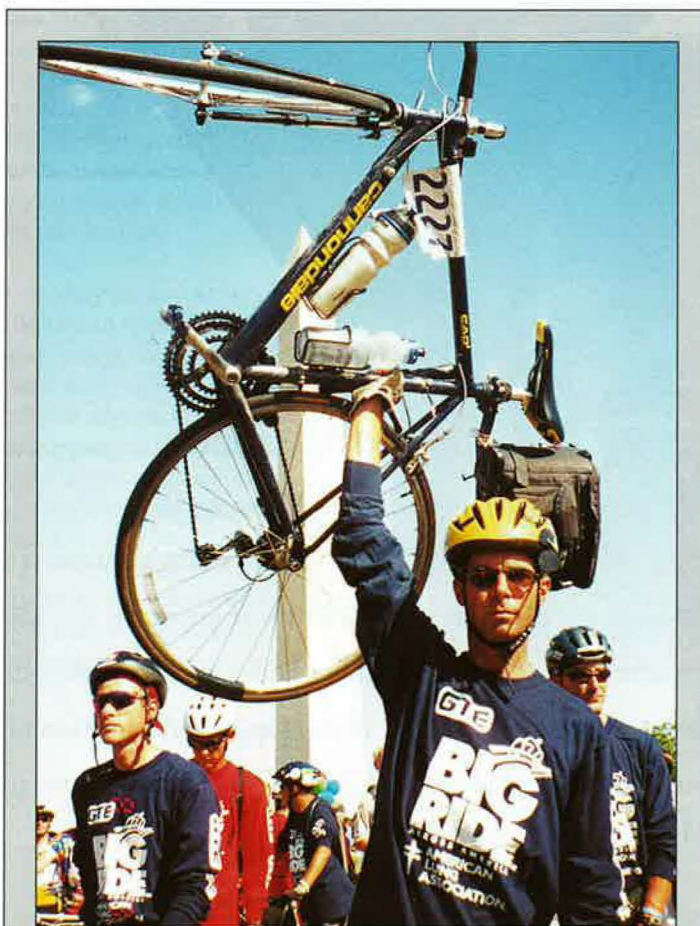
But more than the weather, I'll remember the people I met on the "Big Ride." Friendly, kind, caring people were in each of the 12 states we visited. In many small towns, the "Big Ride" passing through was the event of the year.

We were asked to autograph menus at the Alkali Flats Cafe in Touchey (pronounced Two-chee), Wash., and we participated in an Indian parade in Crow

Agency, Mont.

In Billings, Mont., a couple brought their daughters to the junior high where we camped, just to look at our "tent city." They returned home with five riders, including me, and treated us to pizza and a night sleeping on real beds.

When two riders had their bicycles stolen in Huron, S.D., townspeople



Proud finish. Arriving at the Washington Monument 48 days after leaving the Space Needle in Seattle, Taylor Carr triumphantly completes his ride.

loaned them bikes to finish the day's ride and helped recover the missing bicycles.

In Tyler, Minn., the mayor drove his four-wheeler to camp at 6 a.m. and spent two hours helping haul gear from our campsite to the transport vans.

I turned 40 in Kooskia, Idaho. The day was uneventful except for the card, balloons and Kooskia hat some of my fellow Arkansans on the ride gave me. People knew it was my birthday, but I didn't expect to find the card and balloons tied to my bicycle. It was a great treat!

While in Billings, I received some sad news. A close friend and mentor, broadcaster Jim Elder, had died. I flew to Little

Rock, Ark., for the funeral and then flew back to Billings to join the riders. His death was a low point for me, but also served as inspiration to complete the ride. Before the ride began, he had sent me two checks — one for the American Lung Association and one for me. He had believed in this cause and had supported my decision to participate in this month-and-a-half event.

The actual riding turned out to be very enjoyable. Since I hadn't trained much, I was careful to take it easy the first few weeks and that helped me get stronger along the way.

Camping for 48 days turned out to be one of the few drawbacks of the ride. Pitching and striking tents every day got old after about a month. But that's as close as I'll come to complaining about any part of the "Big Ride," because the experience of seeing the country up close was everything I expected and much more.

When we made it to our final destination, I was amazed to look at the Washington Monument and realize I had been at the Space Needle just a month-and-a-half before. It was a thrill to accomplish this feat — but I was ready to rejoin the real world.

The Lung Association raised more than \$7 million through the "Big Ride."

Maybe more importantly, it raised public awareness from coast to coast. Everywhere we went people asked us why we were riding. We'd cite the personal challenges of the trip and then we would talk about fighting the third leading killer in America.

Since returning to reality, many people have asked me if I would do this ride again. I tell them that 48 days is a long time, but I hear there's a ride from Mexico to Canada that only takes 18 days.

Maybe when I turn 50.

When he's not biking across America, 1982 alumnus Taylor Carr is a sports broadcaster with KARK-TV in Little Rock, Ark.

THE DIAMOND CAMPAIGN



Honoring our commitment

THE DIAMOND CAMPAIGN represents a bold initiative by the University and its alumni and friends to raise \$100 million over five years.

It is an ambitious campaign, one that honors the commitment Harding's ancestors made to excellence in Christian education. As the University stands poised on the brink of greatness, the Campaign will act as a catalyst, advancing the University's leadership position in teaching and scholarship. Resources devoted to the Campaign will fund scholarships across many disciplines and fields, support the creation of new facilities and programs, enhance the quality of student life, and allow the University to educate generations of Christian servants.

Honoring OUR COMMITMENT TO LEARNING

Our Commitment

OUR COMMITMENT must be to educate, to encourage and to enlist the next generation of leaders. The building block of an excellent education begins in the classroom. Recruiting and retaining bright and effective faculty remains a critical aspect to building a national reputation for academic success. Important to Harding's mission, the faculty are not only accomplished in their field, but equipped with the ability to guide a student's spiritual growth as well. Our teachers dedicate their best to the students, educating them for success in the workplace while encouraging them to develop a rock-solid faith.

The privilege of an education cannot be limited to those who can immediately afford it. Many of the nation's brightest, most dedicated students need financial help to meet their goals and

make their dreams come true. Harding would like to extend educational opportunities to these students, and in order to do so, scholarship funds must be committed to support these young leader's dreams.

For Harding's students to gain the competitive edge in their fields, they must have access to the latest technological advances. While Harding has made great strides in this area within the last five years, installing a campuswide fiber optic network allowing students, faculty and staff access to the Internet, more is needed to stay current in this rapidly changing area.

New technology not only changes the way we work, it can change the way we learn. Distance learning, which allows class lectures to be broadcast in many locations at once via satellite, is just one option the University is pursuing. Adding night classes

and establishing metropolitan extension campuses are more options that Harding will develop, making an education for traditional and non-traditional students easily available and less costly.

Our Goals

FACULTY: To attract the quality teaching that is so important to an excellent education, faculty salaries and resources will be increased over a five-year period. As new programs are added or existing programs revamped, new faculty positions will be created.

SCHOLARSHIPS: To continue to make Harding more affordable to students, scholarship funds must be significantly increased, leaving the doors open to bright, ambitious students. The ability to provide scholarships is important to fulfilling Harding's mission. Without those funds, many of today's leaders would not have received the education that propelled them to success. In addition to academic, athletic and departmental awards, funds must be increased to provide more need-based scholarships.

TECHNOLOGY: New techniques in learning are appearing on the horizon, and the University must be able to respond to the challenge each new technological advance brings. Training and development programs for faculty and staff working with distance learning and non-traditional educational approaches are critical to initiating change. Also critical to supporting technological initiatives is maintaining and attracting a knowledgeable information services staff, which can be accomplished through salary increases commensurate with the market.

CURRICULUM: As the job market identifies new career fields, the University will provide the education students need to be competitive. Programs in the areas of school administration, youth

and family ministry, teaching English as a second language, physical and occupational therapy, speech pathology and engineering are just a few additions that will be considered by Harding within the next five years. The University also evaluates existing programs to ensure the students are getting the education needed to be successful professionals in their fields.

GLOBAL EDUCATION: Important to an excellent education and a successful career, a global emphasis prepares students for the future. International programs must be allowed to grow, and cultural studies on campus must be strengthened.



Honoring OUR COMMITMENT TO STEWARDSHIP

Our Commitment

LIKE A DIAMOND, Harding's campus is a gem shining brightly, bringing pride to the University community. But as the diamond must be polished to shine, the campus' appearance must also be maintained.

The face of Harding's campus has changed some in the past five years as buildings have been constructed and renovated. Among the buildings renovated were the Olen Hendrix Building, the Rhodes Memorial Field House, and most recently, the Mildred Taylor Stevens Art Center received an addition. Some of the new buildings gracing the campus include the McInteer World Missions Center, the Donald W. Reynolds Center for Music and Communication, and Searcy Hall. These renovations and additions strengthen the Harding experience, allowing students to utilize new, state-of-the-art facilities and comfortably grow in an excellent learning environment.

The commitment of the University to the beautification of the campus has allowed Harding's distinct gem to shine. However, to maintain the appearance of the campus, and to provide the stu-

dents with an optimal environment conducive to learning, improvement still must be made. A continued commitment to maintaining the campus will allow the University's distinct image to glisten, providing students with all the benefits of a Harding education.

Our Goal

DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, plans have been made to renovate and improve campus facilities. Because numerous improvements have occurred in the past 10 years, the need for significant expense has been lessened. Still, improvements will be needed for the Ganus Building, Ezell Building, physical plant facilities, the track, football field, and both the Harding-Brewer Apartments and the library on the Memphis campus. New facilities and additions needed within the next five years include a new science building and equipment, a student center addition, library expansions at both the Searcy and Memphis campuses, and two new residence halls to meet the needs of the growing enrollment.

Honoring OUR COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE

Our Commitment

AS THE UNIVERSITY community looks to the future of Christian education, the commitment to educating generations upon generations of servants to our Lord has been reaffirmed. To ensure that this envisioned future becomes a reality, a large endowment must be maintained, enabling Harding to take advantage of many new advances in the field of higher education. A growing endowment ensures a future benefitting students for decades to come.

The endowment not only provides the basis for a strong institution, including the curriculum, physical plant and technology needs, but also furnishes need-based scholarships, endowed faculty chairs and professorships, and stabilized tuition.

A strong endowment gives the University a distinct advantage,

allowing Harding to offer the best in education. The endowment, used to fund a variety of programs and educational opportunities, establishes a secure future for Harding. Contributions to the scholarship endowment cement a commitment to the University and its future as a leading Christian educator.

Our Goal

GIFTS TO THE FUND will be used for technology, new academic programs, and perhaps most important, to provide an excellent education at a cost students can afford. The ability to award scholarships will also be strengthened, allowing some of the brightest students the benefits of a Harding education.



Honoring OUR COMMITMENT

AS HARDING UNIVERSITY BRAVELY EMBRACES the new millennium, the school has remained true to the founder's purpose — educating Christian servants for eternity. The University has grown into a strong, solid institution, continuing a tradition of excellence in Christian, liberal arts education.

The University has many new opportunities for growth spiritually, academically and physically. The goals set forth by the Diamond Campaign ensure that Harding will be fully equipped to take advantage of these opportunities, continuing the University's

upward spiral of excellence.

Harding University truly makes a difference in others' lives. While providing an academically sound education is important to Harding's goals, preparing future church leaders for Christian service is of utmost importance. As a Christian liberal arts university, Harding's emphasis on life-changing activities broadens both the mind and the heart.

HARDING: A COMMITMENT WORTH HONORING. **III**

SUMMARY OF CAMPAIGN NEEDS

	TOTALS
Scholarship Fund giving (\$2.5, \$2.6, \$2.8, \$2.9, \$3.0 million per year)	\$13,800,000
Endowment needs (securing our future)	\$62,500,000
Capital Needs: *	\$16,200,000
1. Science Center	\$9,350,000
2. Purchase of new bus	\$250,000
3. Various remodeling projects	\$3,000,000
4. Student Center expansion (14,000 sq. ft.)	\$1,500,000
5. Library expansion (14,000 sq. ft.) — Searcy	\$1,500,000
6. Memphis library expansion	\$600,000
Restricted needs (Walton Scholarships, etc.)	\$7,500,000
Grand Total (over five years)	\$100 million

NOTE: The amount given or pledged during the 1993-98 "The Dream Continues" Campaign was \$63 million.

* Funding for two residence halls can be financed with a bond issue or the money can be secured through gifts.

DIAMOND CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP OF 75

IN ADDITION to the members of Harding's Board of Trustees and the American Studies Institute's National Advisory Board, the following 75 families have accepted leadership roles in the Diamond Campaign. Their leadership in this campaign reflects their commitment to the growth and development of Harding.

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Walking above the



*Assembling on the mountain.
All 15 climbers arrive at Gilman's Point where they are able to see
this view of Uhuru Peak and partake of the Lord's Supper.*

clouds

Dr. Ross Cochran, associate professor of Bible and ministry, takes us on a climb up Kilimanjaro with the Jinja, Uganda, mission team.

The only light pushing out the darkness in front of me is provided by a headlamp loaned by a friend back home. My legs are screaming their complaints about the relentless climbing and from receiving too little oxygen. The guide is going too fast for me. How much farther? We began this six-hour climb at midnight. Walking in complete darkness armed with short supplies of sleep and breathable air makes it difficult to estimate our progress.

This is the hardest thing I've ever done. What was I thinking when I agreed to do this? In our group of 15, there are at least two marathoners and one regular participant in iron man triathlons. Some people put themselves through this kind of agony on purpose!

We decided to stay together this morning hoping that the group synergy will boost waning individual morale. I am at the front of the line, I suspect, because my slowness yesterday advertised that I might have the most trouble summiting this morning. Discontinuing and descending back to the camp is always an option, and the blisters on my heels make that course even more attractive. But the thought of leaving the company of this group of men and missing out on a successful summit of Mount Kilimanjaro pushes me onward.

THE MOUNTAIN

Located in Tanzania, East Africa, Mount Kilimanjaro is legendary in its beauty and its height — 19,340 feet at Uhuru Peak, making it the highest point in Africa. Kilimanjaro consists of three extinct volcanoes, of which two, Kibo and Mowenzi, still retain their peaks. There are several trails up Kili. We have chosen the most popular one, the Mandara route. There are three camp sites on our route, consisting primarily of wooden A-framed huts. The first of these camps is called Mandara and is located at 9,500 feet. The second is Horombo at 12,500 feet, and the third is Kibo Hut at 15,500. Based on the statistics of past climbers, the chances of our entire group making it to the top are not good. We are determined to disappoint the odds.

Climbing Kili does not require technical expertise nor equipment, like one might associate with climbing Mount Everest. Climbing Kili is more like a hike — a long, uphill hike, encompassing a total of six days (four up and two down). Kilimanjaro is a national park, and consequently all entrants are required to be accompanied by hired guides. In addition, we opted to hire porters to transport the bulk of our gear and food and cook for us.

THE CLIMBERS

The impetus for this attempt on Kili originated with the men of a mission team serving in Jinja, Uganda: Brent Abney, John Barton, Clint Davis, Mark Moore, Deron Smith and Greg Taylor. They envisioned a retreat that would take the form of climbing Kilimanjaro. Rather than bringing in a resource speaker as more traditional retreats do, this one would bring in several persons with whom the team felt particularly connected. And rather than going to one location for two or three days, this retreat would be a mobile one, encompassing eight days of near constant fellowship and discussion.

The other climbers (all but one of whom are Harding alums) were invited based on their history and close relationship with this team and its members: Leon Blue, Robert Chambers, Mike Cope, Monte Cox, Mike Gist, Sam Shewmaker, John Thee, Greg Witkop and myself.

Now, here we are, our speed slowed to carefully placed single steps, our eyes fastened on the immediate few feet of trail before us, made visible by our flashlights and head lamps. This day culminates months of planning and the past week's journey, a journey that would take us to the highest point any of us had ever been, geographically or spiritually.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

For many years I have wanted to see Africa. Monte Cox, a colleague and good friend, and his wife, Beth, spent 10 years working for Christ on this continent. What a thrill to see the things and people they have described so often. We all gather in Nairobi and board our rented bus to travel six hours to Tanzania — the origin of our climb. As we bounce continuously on the primary

Walking above the clouds

road from Kenya to Tanzania, I am struck by how much better the worst road in the United States is than this one. Goats, cattle and their African shepherds of all ages line the road on both sides. Eight boys in ceremonial makeup run and sing their way to a circumcision ceremony. Women carry baskets on their heads. We see ostrich, gazelles and zebra.

I will never forget our first sight of Kilimanjaro. How majestic! How intimidating! We stop for photos, and our excitement builds. The dream gets closer to reality. Before dusk, a double rainbow will appear over Kili's peak, a welcome symbol of hope at the threshold of this adventure. We stay the night at the YMCA in the town of Moshi, located near the base of the mountain. Through the windows of our rooms, we can gaze at Kili's snow-capped peak and wonder.



The climbers. At 15,500 feet, Ross Cochran, Clint Davis, Mike Cope, Greg Witkop, Mark Moore, Mike Gist, Robert Chambers, Monte Cox, Sam Shewmaker, John Thee, John Barton, Greg Taylor, Brent Abney, Deron Smith and Leon Blue are ready to embark on the final leg of their ascent of Kilimanjaro.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

After readying our gear, we entered the national park which, at an altitude of 7,000 feet, serves as Kili's gateway, and checked in with the park authorities. Meanwhile, our guide hires porters from among the men who have gathered in hopes of gaining such employment. The chosen porters pack our gear bags in plastic to keep them dry, as today's trek will take us through a rain forest. It's a beautiful day, warm, but not oppressively hot. There is lots of jubilant talk mixed with a bit of nervousness. What will this be like?

At first the incline was gradual, nothing strenuous. Today's task is to get to the Mandara huts at 9,500 feet. Two hours into the hike, we came upon about two dozen monkeys playing together in the trees above us. They weren't nearly as interested in us as we were them. Our inspection of them was cut short, however, by a burst of heavy rain that changed our pleasant hike to a wild uphill scramble through a raging river of muddy rainwater the color of chocolate milk. Our group scatters along the trail, some able to climb faster than others. I found myself at the back of the pack listening to Greg Taylor tell perseverance stories such as "The Hare and the Tortoise," no doubt to distract me from the pain in my legs, the misery of our circumstances and the obvious scarcity of oxygen. The deluge would last for more than two hours and soak all of us and about half the gear our porters were carrying. We finally arrive at Mandara camp. If today was

rough, what will the next several be like?

Supper consisted of chicken soup, a pasta and meat sauce dish, and a small piece of thin beef with sliced oranges and small bananas for dessert. The research we had done to prepare for this trek led us to believe that the food would be horrible, but we were pleasantly surprised at its quality and good taste. Our cook is a young Tanzanian about 20, and as the days pass, we increasingly appreciate his abilities and efficiency. During supper we beam our wet gear and strategize for the difficult days ahead.

At about 12,000 feet people not accustomed to high altitude can begin to experience altitude sickness. To counter that each of us faithfully took an anti-altitude sickness medication called Diamox. Before leaving the supper table and heading to our bunks, Mike Cope tells a joke about an Irishman, the punch line of which will become our frequent refrain for the rest of the climb, "Walk proudly, laddies, walk proudly!"

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Breakfast this morning consisted of small portions of eggs, toast with jam, and slices of avocado and papaya. Afterward, we hurriedly sort and pack our gear, opting to pool our stateside purchased snacks in a purple bag that, due to a broken zipper, must be laced up each day. The snack bag will become a symbol of the community being built between us. Before departing, some of us give our packed sack lunches to the porters, suspecting they might not have as much to eat as we do. We depart while they distribute the gear for transporting. We'll need the head start.

Dressed in clothes that might not make it to the racks in U.S. thrift stores and laceless shoes that look like they belonged to a previous generation, the porters are amazing in their strength and speed. Able to travel at twice our speed, they quickly pass us. They are more accustomed to the altitude, but their strength and agility combined with their minimal outfitting creates a glaring contrast to our slower plodding with our extensive provisions and personal equipment. It was as if the gear bags sitting on their heads were filled not with our sleeping bags, clothes and equipment, but with helium, enabling the porters to float up the trail.

We advance to the uppermost edge of the tree line, and after rounding a bend in the trail, we can see the snow-covered peak of Kilimanjaro. Recalling the name of Cope's mid-week Bible study, someone quipped, "The peak of the week!"

Our guide's name is Mathias, a gentle, pleasant man in his late 40s or early 50s. He has climbed

Kili more than 100 times. We ask about the hole in his grin, the dwelling place his two upper front teeth no longer inhabit. "Lost them in an auto accident," he says. Given the road conditions in Tanzania, we need no further explanation. Mathias tells about his family, and in conjunction with the patience and gentleness he shows us, the tones with which he speaks of his loved ones leads us to appreciate him as a friend as well as a trail boss.

The trail to the Horombo huts takes about six hours. I get blisters after two hours, making the remaining four seem like days. I feel winded many times and suspect that my numerous stops are slowing down my companions. They never complain. John Barton, Mark Moore and Deron Smith each offer to carry my back pack, which makes me think of Galatians 6:2, "Carry

one another's burdens." My inability to do this combined with the pain of my blisters makes me reluctantly accept the assistance and teaches me new lessons in humility. Hot tea and cookies await us at our arrival at Horombo. We briefly rest, then dine on mushroom soup, rice and sauce, potatoes and chicken. Most of us were asleep by 8:30 or 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

I wake up feeling queasy and lightheaded. Brent Abney and Monte Cox are also feeling ill. Is it altitude sickness? Today's agenda is to rest here at Horombo with hopes that the additional day at 12,500 feet will help acclimatize us for the higher elevations. Most of our group will take a short hike up the trail to further aid in altitude adjustment. I stay at camp and concentrate on nursing my blisters and downing fluids. Staying hydrated becomes increasingly important at high altitudes. There is a clear, secluded stream of ice cold water flowing behind the cabins. Robert Chambers has brought a filtering system, and he assists us in refilling our water bottles.

At about 9 p.m. 18 of us squeeze into one of the huts for a devotional. We sing many songs, and the Jinja team teaches us some simple choruses in Swahili. Cope offers a message from Zechariah 2. A highlight of the time together, one of our group members reveals his recent struggles in faith. We bathe our concerns in prayer. A spirit of true community is evident, and we all receive an unforgettable spiritual uplift. Our bodies have been strengthened by today's rest, and our spirits have been renewed by this meaningful devotional. We strategize for the long day tomorrow, and depart for our bunks in high spirits.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

It's about 4 p.m. My heel blisters are hurting terribly. I am exhausted, slightly nauseous, homesick, and considerably anxious about my chances of summiting. The excruciating hike from Horombo to Kibo has made me seriously question whether or not I can continue. It's cold, barren and windy here. I sit alone on a rock and remember that Pike's Peak is 1,100 feet lower than this. I just opened two notes from my children. That helped me ... feel even more homesick. Nearby I can hear several conversations in either Swahili or Tanzanian. The conversation inside my head is equally confusing. How can I do this anymore? Will I make it? How embarrassed will I be if I fail?

Kibo Hut sits at 15,500 feet. "Hut" may be too generous a description. It is a tin-roofed, cinder-block building with about four dark, damp rooms. Twelve of us will bunk in one room. Cox, Chambers and I share a room with three Chinese Americans and four overly talkative Poles.

The procedure from here calls for us to go to bed at dusk, arise at midnight and begin our ascent to the summit. It is five to six hours to Gilman's point (18,600 feet), and another two to Uhuru Peak (19,340 feet). After peaking, we are to return to Kibo hut, rest for about an hour, gather our gear then descend to Horombo. Since other climbers are on their way to Kibo, there are not enough beds for us to stay here another night, and the altitude prohibits restful sleep anyway. Altogether we will hike between 12 and 15 hours tomorrow. Altitude sickness and the will to persevere are the important variables now.

We eat some soup together and try to talk positively about our chances of success. I sense some anxiety among us about how our bodies will respond to the challenges tomorrow will present. Afterwards, some of us join for a devotional. The

singing lifts our spirits.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

It must be around 4 a.m. At my request, we have stopped again to rest. Others say they welcome the stop. If any object to the delay they don't say so. Mike Gist feels nauseous, falls into the snow and declares, "I want my mommy."

We face a deadline. When we summit, we will be at Gilman's point, 18,600 feet. The ultimate peak of Kilimanjaro is Uhuru, on the far side of the crater which caps Kili. Uhuru is an additional 740 feet higher, and takes about an hour and a half more to reach. When sunrise comes, the sun will begin melting the snow on the trail making further progress slippery and treacherous. Mathias says that if any of us want to reach Uhuru, we should divide into two groups, so that the faster ones can reach it before the trail gets too slippery. Since Gist is at the back of our line and hidden by the darkness, I am unaware of his trouble. Wondering if I am delaying the group, I urge them to go ahead and assure them (though not at all sure myself) that I will make it behind them. The group confers, then someone announces to Mathias, "We want to stay together." Reflecting on that moment, I believe our success as a group was sealed with that decision. Not wanting to delay them further, I say, "Let's go," and determine to find a pace I can sustain, even if it is not as fast as the guide's.

Sunrise finally comes! A breathtaking view goes with our experience of climbing at breathtaking altitudes. Being able to see the summit and how much distance remains in our climb provides much-needed incentive to continue. I'll read those perseverance texts in Hebrews differently from now on.

I feel literally pushed up by the group, buoyed by their support. At one point Chambers comes alongside me and speaks confidently of our successful summit. I will later learn that he had tended to Gist in his misery at the back of the line.

Later John Thee comes up beside me. None of us have worried much about him summiting. Altitude sickness could take any of us out, of course, but Thee is an ironman, regularly participating in triathlons. I guess that either he observed my staggering or Chambers tipped him off. He speaks confidently about us making it, then places his hands on my back for support. We set goals together. That rock, then rest. That turn in the path, then rest. Soon, we all make it.

Leon Blue brought provisions for the Lord's Supper. We sing two songs, one of which has become our theme song: "We Shall Assemble on the Mountain." Even as I relive that moment in writing this, tears fill my eyes at the joy of a goal achieved and the sense of community built in the process.

There are different kinds of strength. The porters and some of us made it to the top based on physical conditioning. Others of us made it up on the backs of the community. I sense no competition between egos. All individual selves seem to exist and work for the group self. I am confident I would not have made it alone, and fairly certain I would not have made it had the group not stayed together.

It was an unforgettable journey, binding us together forever as friends and brothers in Christ. The spiritual benefits far exceeded any recreational dimensions climbing a mountain may provide. We are thankful for this taste of true community and the spiritual bond we share, made possible by Jesus Christ, and made more tangible through this experience.

Thanks for the stories, Greg. "Walk proudly, laddies." H



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'34 Joan Jones Coleman (BA) and her husband, Dale, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in January. (P.O. Box 1028, Dumas, TX 79029)

'51 Jack Lawyer (BA) is preaching at New Blaine Church of Christ following 15 years with the Dardanelle, Ark., congregation. (23 Northwood Drive, Conway, AR 72032)

Don Worten has retired. His wife, the former Virginia Terry ('50) is a secretary at Lubbock Christian University. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 9. (818 N. Elkhart Ave., Apt. A, Lubbock, TX 79416)

'57 Eugene Bailey (BS) is a retired professor from the University of Central Arkansas. (203 Sturgis Road, Conway, AR 72032)

'58 Leon Clymore (BA) is program director for the rehabilitation center at Atlanta Union Mission. He and his wife, the former Luella Cheney ('60), have three children. (973 Walker Ave., Atlanta, GA 30316)

'60 Jerry Jones (BA) was elected Teacher of the Year while at York College. He and his wife, Lynn, conduct marriage seminars across the country. (409 Katy Lane, St. Charles, MO 63303)

'61 Edgar Orman is a retired minister. He and his wife, Venora, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. (1743 Stinnet Road, Sevierville, TN 37876)

'67 Peter Christy (BA) is a chaplain in the United States Army. He is married to the former Annette Phillips (BA'66). (2309 Clark Road, Fort Lewis, WA 98433)

'68 Gil Clark (BA) is a freelance writer and an English teacher in Dorchester County Schools. He and his wife, Katie, have two children. (219 Savannah Round, Summerville, SC 29485)

'69 Nancy Ashley Lamb (BS) has received her master's of science in nursing and is a registered nurse at Baltimore Veterans Affairs Hospital. (6 Mill Pond Court, Owings Mills, MD 21117)

Janette Staton Rogers (BA) is a professor of education at Northeastern State University. She was elected president-elect of Kappa Delta Pi, an international education honor society. (225 Fowler Road, Tahlequah, OK 74464)



'70 Cecil Boothe (BA) is an instructor at the University of Central Arkansas. He and his wife, the former Millie Cannon ('66), have three children. (418 Western Ave., Conway, AR 72032)

Dale Simpson (BA) has been selected head of the English department at Missouri Southern State College. His wife, the former Leslie Thomasson (BA'72) serves as director of the Post Memorial Art Reference Library and has completed a three-part video series on the history of Joplin, Mo., which was shown on the local

PBS station. They have two daughters. (721 N. Sergeant, Joplin, MO 64801)

'75 Harry Leasure (BA) is a staff assistant. His wife, the former Dena Groover (BS'75), is an audit technician with State Farm. They have two children. (7 Birch Court, Normal, IL 61701)

Donald Morris (BA) has completed the National Counselors Exam and is working toward licensure as a professional counselor in Tennessee. He is an adjustment counselor for Senior Services Inc. His wife, the former Janie Giles (BS'91), works as an art therapist at the Alzheimer's Day Services. (729 N. Willett St., Memphis, TN 38107)

'76 Connie Clark Hall (BA) received her degree in pharmacy from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in May and is a pharmacist at Lowery Drug Mart in Searcy. Her husband, Jim (BS'78), is an engineer with Scroll

Technologies. They have three children. (1 Sherwood Loop, Searcy, AR 72143)

Deborah Cheatham Houston is a freelance writer and consultant. The May 1998 issue of *Reader's Digest* featured one of her pieces in "Tales Out of School." She has one daughter. (2519 Walnut Hill Circle, #929, Arlington, TX 76006-5137)

'77 Charles Pitts (BS) is a finance clerk for the United States Postal Service. He and his wife, Cicely, have a son. (1740 Inwood, Garland, TX 75042)

'78 Brenda Garner Paine (BA) was named Coach of the Year at Tulo-so-Midway Schools in Corpus Christi, Texas, where she is head tennis coach. She and her husband, Stephen, have three children. (4225 Petronila Creek, Corpus Christi, TX 78410)

'79 Karen Green Dunn (BA) is senior account executive for

Check out your Alumni Association

by MARKA BENNETT, alumni association president

SOME OF YOU may be wondering — exactly what does the Alumni Association do? And how can I become a member of the Alumni Council?

The Harding University Alumni Association is governed by the Alumni Council, a 17-member board serving staggered terms, with one-third of the members replaced each year. Council members are selected based on their expressed interest in being a member and/or prior involvement with the Alumni Association and Harding. The officers of the Alumni Association are elected by the council. The council works closely with the Alumni Relations Office and its director, Brett Watson, in determining the work to be done by the association each year.

Much of the Alumni Council's work is accomplished through its committees focusing on these areas: Homecoming, Student Relations, Affinity Programs, Off-Campus Events and Admissions. Each council member serves on at least two committees. Since they represent regions all over the country, their work is done primarily through conference calls, electronic mail, and regular mail, and they meet at Homecoming.

The Alumni council members as of Oct. 1 are:

Dane Altman '77 — Dallas, Texas

Stephen Beliech '80 — Boca Raton, Fla., Affinity Programs Committee Chair
Marka Cross Bennett '72 — Memphis, Tenn., President

Blair Bryan '84 — Charlotte, N.C.
Darrell Chitty '69 — Bossier City, La., At-Large Executive Committee Member
Brooks Davis '89 — Searcy, Ark., Student Relations Committee Chair

Lois Cooper Freeman '69 — Jonesboro, Ark.
Jonathon Frye '88 — Edmond, Okla., Off-Campus Events Committee Chair

Wayne Gaither '80 — Bedford, Ind.
Charles Ganus '76 — El Dorado, Ark., At-Large Executive Committee Member
Paula Obrecht Maple '62 — Ulysses, Kan., Admissions Committee Chair

Hugh Newcomb '51 — Boise, Idaho
Sharon Webb Pharr '70 — Brentwood, Tenn., Secretary

Steve Phillips '74 — Cedar Hill, Texas
Kay Antley Reiboldt '72 — Alpharetta, Ga., Homecoming Committee Chair
Robert Shock '74 — Spring, Texas, Vice President

Sue Nagel White '68 — Huntsville, Ala.

If you would like to be involved with this dynamic group of people who love Harding, call the Alumni Relations Office at (501) 279-4276. ☒

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Gordon Redd Jr. (BS'73)

Redd's business is a family tradition

ALUMNUS Gordon Redd Jr. says he didn't "get into" the pest control business. It got into him.

The second-generation co-owner of the family business, Redd Pest Control, began working with the company at a young age. "As soon as I was able to walk into the office, I was put to work at just about any task from cleaning to running errands," he says.

While earning a degree in business administration at Harding, Redd continued to work for the company during his school breaks, many times working

40-hour weeks.

But the days of being an employee are long gone for Redd. He and his brother, Kenny, bought the Gulfport, Miss., business from their father in 1988, and Redd serves as the company's president.

One of the largest pest control firms in the region, the business serves the southern Mississippi and southern Alabama markets.

The company has journeyed to the cutting edge of the pest control industry. Redd says the company has just implemented a new termite control

method and is one of the few companies authorized by Dow Chemical to use it.



When he talks about the achievement that has been the most important to him, he doesn't talk about doubling the company's revenue or even his 1987 appointment to Hancock Bank's board of directors.

He talks about his family. He has

been married to his wife, the former Donna Walpole ('74), for more than 26 years. "I saw her walking into the Heritage Center one day, and I just had to find out who she was," he says, recalling how he met his wife at Harding.

The Redds have a daughter, Bevin, and a son, Trey. They are both third-generation Redd Pest Control employees. "I'm very proud of my family," Redd says.

"Both of my children are Christians, which pleases me more than anything." *TH — Jamie Martin*

Duplication Center of America, on the board of Women in Business, and is a member of the International TV and Video Association. She is an award-winning video producer with seven Telly, five Vision, and four Communicator awards. She and her husband, Eldon, have a son. (14436 Hillendale Way, Poway, CA 92064)

'80 David Bedgood (BA) was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in May and is an associate attorney with Crumpton & Davis. He and his wife, Twila, have three sons. (638 Country Downs Road, Montgomery, AL 36109)

W. Bruce Cook (MEd) has been named co-recipient of the Grenzsbach Award for Outstanding Published Scholarship for 1998. His winning entry, "Surveying the Major Gifts Literature: Observations and Reflections,"

was published in the Spring 1997 issue of *Nonprofit Management and Leadership*. He is a special limited partner of Texas Breakout Ventures L.P. (7522 Glenhill Road, Austin, TX 78752-2038)

Daphne Brown Giles (BBA) is a library aide with Harvest School and recently earned her first degree black belt in Taekwondo. She and her husband, Kevin, have two daughters. (175 Mylo Road, Harvest, AL 35749)

Sue LaMunyon Pinch (BA) is a manager of Launch Integration Support at Kennedy Space Center. She has two daughters. (923 Yorktowne Drive, Rockledge, FL 32955)

'81 Damon Ijames (BS) is an operator at Sterling Direct. (3456 Ginger Drive, Maryland Heights, MO 63114)

Gail Porter Ingalls (BA) is a kindergarten teacher with Orange County Christian School. She and her husband, Ken, have two daughters. (3637 W. Park Central, Orange, CA 92868)

Mindy Erskin May (BA) is a speech pathology assistant with Mahomet-Seymour School District. She and her husband, Gary, have two children. (506 N. Division St., Mahomet, IL 61853)

'82 Timothy Tucker (BBA) is a senior manager with Andersen Consulting. He and his wife, Rebecca, have two children. (17 Nottingham Drive, West Grove, PA 19390)

'83 Susan Tate Harrington (BA) is a seamstress for C.C. McKay. She and her husband, Larry, have three children. (108 Belle Meade, Searcy, AR 72143)



Gary Wilson (BA) is an assistant professor at York College. He and his wife, the former **Cheryl Arnold** (BS'84), have two children. (3320 N. Lincoln, #5, York, NE 68467)

'84 Wesley Hamm (BSN) received his master's in nursing in 1997 and is a family nurse practitioner with County Corner Family Medical Center. He and his wife, the former **Cheryl Jinkerson** ('83), have two daughters. (714 Gibbs Ave., Mount Vernon, MO 65712).

Tracy Yates Hunter (BA) is in sales with Recognition Plus. She and her husband, Roger, have a son. (2717 Tiergarten Lane, Charlotte, NC 28210)

Etta Madden (BA) is assistant

professor of English at Southwest Missouri State University. (810 S. Pickwick Ave., Springfield, MO 65804-0129)

'85 Laura Stancliff Lawrence (BA) is a homemaker. She and her husband, John, have two children. (834 Countrywood Drive, Franklin, TN 37064)

Etta Lloyd (BA) is a fifth grade science teacher with the Forrest City School District. (505 Roleson Drive, Forrest City, AR 72335)

David Partlow (BS) is a desktop server and support analyst for Pacificorp. He and his wife, the former **Jeanie Stevens** ('87), have a son. (P.O. Box 5448, Oregon City, OR 97045)

'86 Cary Gilbert (BS) is working in Los Angeles. (7985 Santa Monica Blvd., #268, West Hollywood, CA 90046)

Gregg Lawrence (BBA) is the state marketing director-small group operations for CNA. He and his wife, Sondra, have a son. (4100 Clover Meadows Drive, Franklin, TN 37067)

Kevin Nutt (BS) is assistant principal and baseball coach at Bible Baptist School. His wife, the former **Debby Burkett** (BSN'85), is a clinical nurse specialist with Memorial Hospital. (40 Compass Circle, Savannah, GA 31410)

'87 Lonnie Byrd (BBA) and his wife, the former **Sarah Butler** (BBA'88), have opened a new business, A-Z Computers. They have two children. (312 Mint Leaf Court, Fountain Inn, SC 29644)

Terri Lowe (BSW) is a social worker in the health care center of Lakewood Village Christian Care Centers. (7524 Damascus Drive, #1516, Fort Worth, TX 76112)

Mitzi Pyland (BS) was given the Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year Award for 1998. She is a nutritionist with the Arkansas Department of Health. Her husband, **Marc** (BBA'86), is an accountant with Dillards. They have a daughter. (905 Eastern Ave., Cabot, AR 72023-3107)

Kevin Roberson (BBA) is employed with Fina Oil and Chemical Co. He and his wife, Alice,



Former Walton Scholar driven to succeed

IN THE FALL OF 1985, a shy girl from Costa Rica joined 12 other individuals from Central America to become the first group of Walton Scholars to enroll at the University.

After a semester of adjustments, Maricell Sibaja Lizano's drive to succeed developed her rather quickly into a typical Harding student, and her inner motivation has not slowed at all since that time.

She can now look back with amusement at the difficult adjustments she had to make during her first semester. Lizano's enrollment was before the Walton Program, started by the late Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton, provided an orientation session for the international students selected for the scholarship program.

"I remember having such a hard time

with all the different accents of the English language, as well as many phrases you don't learn from a book," she says. The hardest "words" for her to understand were the slangs "what-cha" and "don'tcha."



"When people would say 'Where ya headed?' I would think something was wrong with my head, and when they would pass on the sidewalk and say 'Whatcha up to?' I just looked up into the sky with bewilderment," she said.

But Lizano didn't let homesickness and other obstacles ruin her opportunity for a college education. She went daily to the

dorm rooms of fellow classmates who allowed her to copy their class notes. She also watched lots of television in an attempt to better understand spoken English.

Lizano's confidence grew by her second semester, and she obtained a job in the library. By her sophomore year she had even bolstered enough courage to audition for the Concert Choir — and was accepted. The first Walton student to join a social club (she's still proud of her "orange crush" days in Shantih), she even won roles in drama productions, including a Homecoming musical.

"I wanted to experience as much as I could while at Harding," she says. "Looking back, though, I realize that I also met the Lord there, and that's more important to me than those ac-

tivities or even my diploma."

In May of 1989 Lizano received that diploma after she completed requirements for a degree in elementary education. She then returned to her home country to obtain a job, as is required by the Walton Program.

She soon found herself teaching Spanish and, ironically, English, at Country Day School, an American school where foreign ambassadors enroll their children.

It was a job she held for five years. Then, two years ago, a friend saw a newspaper ad soliciting Spanish teachers for a grant program at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Lizano dismissed the ad at first, but later responded. Even though she had missed the application deadline, she was contacted by two

university representatives who flew to Costa Rica and interviewed her. Out of 180 applicants less than 40 were interviewed, and Lizano was one of only six people selected by the university.

She is now entering her third and final year as a visiting faculty member. She has enjoyed the experience and has been able to teach Spanish to more than 500 students.

"My family and I have thoroughly enjoyed living in the United States," she says. "I think my husband and two children secretly desire for the grant to be renewed so that we could stay longer. Our relatives in Costa Rica miss us, though, so it may be best to head home."

She reaches down and softly pats the head of her curious six-year old son, "Don'tcha agree?" III
— Scott Morris

have two children. (58 Lamson Drive, Merrimack, NH 03054)

Allen Wagner (BBA) is vice president for Wells Construction Co. Inc. He and his wife, the former **Lisa Morton** (BBA'87), have three children. (4049 Pine Hill Cove S., Lakeland, TN 38002)

'88 Laura Clark Nodine (BA) is a sub-agent/office manager for John Clark Shelter Insurance. She and her husband, Ronnie, have a son. (P.O. Box 700, Newport, AR 72112)

Tracey Cook Western (BS) has returned from teaching in Mongolia for a year. (100 Lakeshore Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

'89 Lance Riddick (BA) is minister for Eastchester Drive Church of Christ. He and his

wife, Robin, have three children. (1914 Middlewood Court, High Point, NC 27265)

Kenneth Rabon Sr. (BA) retired in 1997 from the State of Missouri Department of Corrections where he was the chief psychologist for the Missouri Eastern Correctional Center. He and his wife, the former **Sharon McMeen** ('91), have two children. (205 S. Kansas St., Fort Stockton, TX 79735-6509)

Marvin Tapp (BBA) was appointed assistant vice president for branch campus operations with Tri-State University in May. He and his wife, the former **Tammy Carter** ('84), have three children. (8423 Asher Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46815-8773)

'90 Jon Finley (BA) is a territory manager for Blue Bell

Creameries. He and his wife, the former **Lynna Hayes** (BA'91), have a daughter. (7730 Falcon, Corpus Christi, TX 78414)

David Freeman Jr. (BBA) is a manufacturers representative with Marketing & Promotions Inc. He and his wife, Annette, married March 21. (2009 Cedarwood Cove, Bryant, AR 72022)

Susan Richardson Locke (BBA) is starting an alumni chapter in the Hampton Roads, Va., area. She and her husband, Bob, are active with the Portsmouth Republican Party. They have a son. (1915 Ann Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704)

Darren Mathews (BA) is a science teacher and coach with Harding Academy. He recently received his master's in secondary administration from Harding. His wife, the

former **Kim Barnes** (BSN), is a nurse at White County Memorial. They have two children. (47 White Oak Circle, Searcy, AR 72143)

Shawn Morgan (BA) is a proposal coordinator at Quintiles Laboratories. (1869 Clay Drive, Marietta, GA 30064)

Hyatt Sutton (BS) is an internal medicine physician at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, Tenn. He and his wife, the former **Jodi Heinselman** (BA), have two children. (377 Sandcastle Road, Franklin, TN 37069)

'91 Ken Kyle (BBA) is the box office assistant and coordinator of volunteers for the City of Germantown Performing Arts Centre. (3733 Vernon Ave., Memphis, TN 38122-1446)

Dennis Mann (BS) is a systems administrator with IBM Global Services. He received his master's from Texas A&M. (2132 Flordawn Drive, #8, Florissant, MO 63031)

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'92 Greg Downum (BA) is supervisor of gas revenue for Murphy Oil Corp. He and his wife, the former **Tammy Spoerl** (BS'90), have a son. (31 Carol Ave., El Dorado, AR 71730)

Dale Gilliland (BA) is a claim specialist for State Farm Insurance. He and his wife, the former **Lesla Duffey** ('90), have two children. (920 Ihler, Jefferson City, MO 65109)

Karalyn Christy Kerby (BSN) is a registered nurse at Arkansas Children's Hospital. Her husband, **Kevin**, is a newspaper writer. (5009 N. Lookout St., Little Rock, AR 72143)

Berney Waite is an account manager for Connectware Solutions. He and his wife, the former **Cindy Jones** (BA), have a son. (387 Ariel Drive, Harvest, AL 35749)

Virgil Walker is working as a recruiter for the United States Air Force. (12401 MacArthur Blvd., #2801, Oklahoma City, OK 73142)

'93 Mark Burt (BA) is a cost analyst for Nutter Engineering. His wife, the former **Darla Miller** (BA), is a child development specialist at Children's Medical Center. (711 S. Elm St., #50, Jenks, OK 74037)

Rebecca Farrar Dawdy (BS) is a homemaker after teaching for four years. She and her husband, Benjamin, have a daughter and son. (17718 Robinson Road, Fayetteville, AR 72704)

Kathy Samuel-Eady received her bachelor's in elementary education in May from Evangel College. (3731 S. Glenstone, Lot 102, Springfield, MO 65804).

Dagoberto Martinez (BA) is the hispanic minister at Parkview Church of Christ. He is married to the former **Maria Coto** (BBA '95). (814 N. Harrison, Sherman, TX 75090)

Franklin Merritt (BS) is a resident physician in internal medicine at Carraway Methodist Medical

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David Stevenson (BSN) is cardiothoracic transplant coordinator for Medical City Hospital. (2808 Laclede St., #478, Dallas, TX 75204)

Mark Taylor (BA) is a department head at Hobby Lobby. He and his wife, the former **Jan Gentry** (BA '83), have a son. (408 Rim Rock, Fort Worth, TX 76108)

'94 Glenn Dallmann (BA) serves as youth minister at Woodbury Church of Christ. (4920 Woodbury Drive, Woodbury, MN 55129)

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Michelle Marshall Trotter (BA) teaches social studies and is a high school track and junior high basketball coach. (6407 Moriah Lane, #206, Memphis, TN 38115)

Tawnya Widel (BS) completed her master's in art therapy in 1997. She is an art therapist and

director of Expressive Therapies with Prairie View Behavioral Mental Health Systems. (205 E. 4th St., Newton, KS 67114)

'95 Derek Hampton (BSW), a U.S. Navy ensign, has accepted a commission to serve in the JAG Corps. (2102 W. Loop 289, Apt. 76, Lubbock, TX 79407)

Kathi Purdom Nel (BA) is an auditor with Phillips 66. (2547 S.E. Evergreen Drive, Bartlesville, OK 74006)

Chris Page (BS) is an adult education teacher with Hamilton-Wentworth Board of Education. His wife, the former **Cheryl Hoover** (BSN'94), is working at Chedoke-McMaster Hospital. They have a son, Levi Christopher, born July 18, 1997. (P.O. Box 323, 5 Hewitt Drive, Hagersville, Ontario N0A 1H0)

Anna Clements Pavlicek (BS) is teaching seventh grade life science and math at Amherst County Public Schools. (395 The Hollow Lane, Lovingson, VA 22949)

'96 Randy Alexander (BA) is an assistant manager at Wal-Mart Supercenter. He is married to the former **Kymm Hudson** (BBA'95). (5386 Clevenger Drive, #17, Fayetteville, AR 72701)

Jennifer Bledsoe is a youth worker and missionary helper at Hyvots Bank Church of Christ in Edinburgh, Scotland. (54/1 Southhouse Ave., Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom)

Roger Duke (MAR) is an instructor in communication and religion at Baptist College of Health Sciences while working on his doctorate in communication at the University of Memphis. He and his wife, Linda, have three children. (2458 Stratfield Drive, Germantown, TN 38139-6620)

Sarah Hicks Gonzales (BS) is in her second year of a master's program as a physician assistant at the University of Florida. (3684 B Donovan Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308)

Angie Mong (BA) graduated in May from Ole Miss with a master's degree. She is a speech-language pathologist with Arkansas Easter Seal Society Rehabilitation Hospital for Children. (2709 Millbrook Road, Little Rock, AR 72227)

Joe Moore (BA) is

working at the University of Tennessee in Memphis. (2086 Northport Road, #1, Cordova, TN 38018)

Beth Spurlock (BA), a third grade teacher, was honored as Teacher of the Month at Birdville Schools. (5101 Springlake Parkway, #228, Haltom City, TX 76117)

'97 Stephanie Cooke Dagen (BBA) is a marketing specialist with Property Automation Software. (4750 Pear Ridge Drive, #2202, Dallas, TX 75287)

Jeff Jackson (BA) is a human resources administrator with American Staff Resources. His wife, the former **Melissa Gray**, is an assistant editor for Stevens Publishing. (1800 Fuller Wiser Road, #804, Euless, TX 76039)

Traci Busby Johnston (BA) is employed with the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Office as assistant specialist-child care. Her husband, Evan, is employed by Hendrix Aqua Kids as head swim coach and is assistant swim coach at Hendrix College. (1607-G Independence, Conway, AR 72032)

Tiffany King (BA) works in accounting at Crossmann Communities Inc. (2631 Northview Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46220)

Dawn Prince (BSW) serves as family life educator for Maryville Academy. (5526 N. Winthrop, Chicago, IL 60640)

Kenny Robertson graduated from Texas A&M with a bachelor's in mechanical engineering. He is a second lieutenant in the Marines. (1111 Dobbins Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

Haohao Wang (MEd) is a doctoral student and teaching assistant in the math department at Louisiana State University. (3550 Nicholson Drive, #2076, Baton Rouge, LA 70802)

Marriages

Kim Heffington (BBA'93) to Joel Parsons, April 26, 1997. Kim is the operations manager for Exacta Precision. (3006 Lincoya Bay Drive, Nashville, TN 37214)

Steven Swan Jr. (BA'97) to **Alla Casey** (BA'96), May 31, 1997. Steve is a photo journalist for the CBS affiliate in Richmond, Va., and Alla is a features reporter for *The Progress-Index* newspaper in Petersburg, Va. (14205 Bermuda Point Court, Chester, VA 23836)

Cheryl Crawford (BA'96) to Michael Smith, July 5, 1997. Cheryl is a fifth grade teacher at

Music department anecdotes wanted

A Cappella alumni are compiling a book of anecdotes — humorous, sad, touching or inspirational — about the Harding choruses, band, orchestra, or music department. Any stories, whether they be about recitals, weddings, funerals, music students, faculty and staff, relating in any way to the music department, are needed as soon as possible. Mail stories to A Cappella, 1283 Summerville Road-A4, Jasper, AL 35501; fax 205-384-1920; e-mail: Ablogg1995@aol.com.



Somerset Schools. (P.O. Box 33386, San Antonio, TX 78265)

Sandy Cash (BA'93) to Misty Rollins, Aug. 9, 1997. (500 W. Walnut Lawn St., #29, Springfield, MO 65807-2816)

David Alan Evans (BS'91) to Jenelle Durrance, Aug. 16, 1997. David is a staff assistant with Regions Financial Corp. (1307 Jackson Blvd., Tarrant, AL 35217)

Marcie McClung (BSN'94) to Timothy Jacobson, Aug. 23, 1997. Marcie is a charge nurse in the trauma/burn unit at Via Christi St. Francis Regional Medical Center. (7611 W. Jennie, Wichita, KS 67212)

Kristi Myrick (BSN'96) to Brian Short, Dec. 13, 1997. Kristi is a registered nurse at East Texas Medical Center. (16771 Farm Market Road, #344, Flint, TX 74762)

Reid Landes ('93) to **Angela Peters** ('95), Jan. 3. Reid is a graduate student, and Angela is a medical technologist. (1201 Berkshire Court, Lincoln, NE 68505)

Laura Dale ('92) to Douglass Larimore, Feb. 2. Laura is a graduate student at Harding. (609 Alta Lane, Jacksonville, AR 72076)

Leah Hughes (BA'94) to Eric Smith, Feb. 14. Leah is a registered nurse at Clarendon Memorial Hospital. (155 Cherry Lane, Saint George, SC 29477)

Jennifer Strunk (BS'97) to Jason Charlton, March 21. Jennifer is a staff designer with Interior Design Services. (101 Shady Cove, Old Hickory, TN 37138)

Lee Hankins (BA'96) to **Kendra Cheri** (BS'97), April 4. Lee is a copy editor for Howard Publishing. (1912 N. 7th St., #20, West Monroe, LA 71219)

Marianne Sassi (BA'92) to Heath Matthias, April 4. Marianne works in marketing for International Masters Publishers. (46 Martin St., #3, Stamford, CT 06902)

Bruce Hankins (BBA'83) to Sherry Taylor, April 18. Bruce is a controller with the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville, Ark. (P.O. Box 107, Oil Trough, AR 72564)

Allison Rector (BA'97) to Jason Isbell, April 18. (4129 University Blvd., Dallas, TX 75205)

Sandra Espinosa (BBA'93) to Jose Martinez, May 2. (1006 S.W. 118 Court, Miami, FL 33184)

Anna Fisher (BSN'97) to Matt Luther, May 9. Anna is a nurse at Southern Hills Medical Center.

(4311 Granny White Pike, Nashville, TN 37204)

LeAnn Hauge (BA'98) to Jon Logsdon, May 23. LeAnn is a preschool teacher at First United Methodist Church. (HC 80, Box 13, Roe, AR 72134)

Andrew Shadel (BA'96) to **Dera Perry** (BA'97), June 6. Andrew is an assistant manager at Sherwin-Williams. (2835 N. Shore Court, #204, Cordova, TN 38018)

Denise Price (BME'88) to Steven Walden, June 10. Denise is an elementary music teacher with Washington Community Schools. (1608 Grand Ave., Washington, IN 47501)

John Land (BBA'96) to **Stephanie Clary** (BBA'98), June 13. (7269 Peppertree Lane, Montgomery, AL 36117)

Randall Price (BBA'98) to **LaRae Crawford** (BA'98), June 13. Randall is a financial analyst with The Associates. (7916 N. MacArthur Blvd., #2050, Irving, TX 75063)

Wendy Case (BA'96) to Ryan Campbell, June 20. Wendy is a special education teacher with Cabot Public Schools, and Ryan is a student at Harding and part-time programmer for Axcion. (205 1/2 W. Market, Searcy, AR 72143)

Bert Parker (BBA'94) to **Franca Aragon** (BBA'96), June 20. (3A Calle Poniente, #5261, Colonia Escalon, San Salvador, Republic of El Salvador)

Suzan Henson (BA'98) to Randy Levins, June 27. Suzan is project coordinator for BT Office Products International. (623 Thrush Ave., Duncanville, TX 75116)

Michael Morris (BA'97) to **Lauri English** (BA'96), June 27. Lauri is a fourth grade teacher at Harding Academy of Memphis, Tenn. (8299 Sturbridge Way, #201, Cordova, TN 38018)

Heather Oliver (BA'93) to Stephen Stewart, June 27. Heather is a special education teacher with Bryant Public Schools. (1410 Mesquite, Little Rock, AR 72211)

Cheryl Rainey (BA'86) to Mark Billante, June 27. Cheryl is assistant professor of otolaryngology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. (2116 Hobbs Road, E6, Nashville, TN 37215)

Charlene Cvelbar (BA'92) to Juan Grajales Jr., July 4. (Cond. Villas de Parkville I Ave. Lopategui, Box 31, Guaynabo, PR 00969)

Stuart Hill (BS'97) to **Mary Kay Lemons** (BA'97), July 11. Stuart is the junior high football coach at

Bald Knob Schools, and Mary Kay is a high school English teacher with Riverview Schools in Searcy. (903 Upchurch St., #1, Bald Knob, AR 72010)

William Russell Belue (BA'96) to **Jennifer Frye** (BSW'96), July 18. (18 Timberwood Drive, Cabot, AR 72023)

Births

To **Doug** (BBA'93) and **Michelle Brady** ('90) **Keeth**, a son, Dillon Robert, Feb. 13, 1997. (310 Valley Drive, Lowell, AR 72745)

To **Michael** and **Deborah Chain** (BBA'85) **Fulghum**, a son, Alexander, Feb. 16, 1997. (4327 246th Place S.E., Issaquah, WA 98029)

To **Chris** (BME'93) and **Sue Spencer Cash** (BA'93), a son, Tyler Christopher, March 21, 1997. (1003 Lehr St., West Memphis, AR 72301-2511)

To **Steve** ('89) and **Karis Dunkin** (BS'90) **Mullins**, a son, Jordan Carl, April 7, 1997. (8934 Milbanke Drive S.E., Olympia, WA 98513)

To **Chuck** (BBA'89) and **Rhonda** ('92) **Brazell**, a son, Christian, May 10, 1997. (1654 Waterford Drive, Lewisville, TX 75077)

To **Steve** (BBA'85) and **Dedra Oliver** (BA'86) **Hunter**, a son, Chase Kyle, May 11, 1997. Steve works for the Wal-Mart home office in corporate finance. (5 Stonebridge Way, Bentonville, AR 72712-9365.)

To **Todd** and **Sarah Fletcher** (BA'84) **Van Etten**, a daughter, Leah Nicole, May 13, 1997. (1566 Tudor Court, Macon, GA 31210)

To **Bob** (BA'77) and **Sonja Helton**, two daughters by adoption in May 1997, Lena, 15, and Val, 13. (7425 Avalon Drive, Plano, TX 75025)

To **Jeff** (BA'92) and **Jennifer Gatlin** (BA'91) **Phillips**, a son, Austin Sherald, Aug. 19, 1997. (7258 Mount Carmel Road, Covington, TN 38019)

To **Kevin** (BS'91) and **Lisa Tucker** (BA'89) **Kelly**, a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, Sept. 29, 1997. Kevin is a consultant with Technical Resources Group, and Lisa is a homemaker. (2442 Kimberly, Garland, TX 75040)

To **Terry** (BS'92) and **Amy Joyner** (BA'92) **Clay**, a daughter, Lydia, Nov. 28, 1997. Terry is a rehab service manager with Life Care Center of Tullahoma, and Amy is a homemaker. (92 Maple Ave., Tullahoma, TN 37388)

To **Brad** (BBA'94) and **Melissa Willis**, a daughter, Lauren Caroline, Dec. 4, 1997. (3028 Windfield Circle, Tucker, GA 30084)

To **Winston** (BBA'91) and **Bonnie Harland** (BS'91) **Chandler III**, a daughter, Madeline Elizabeth, Jan. 1. (56 Park Ridge Drive, Maumelle, AR 72113)

To **Jeff** (BS'91) and **Sheryl Hertzter** (BME'91) **Hawkins**, a daughter, Christina Ann, Jan. 2. (1105 W. 10th Ave., Marion, IA 52302)

To **Rick** and **Caye Stickland** (BBA'85) **Zivney**, a son, Tyler Gibson, Jan. 22. (817 Windlake Circle, Rockwall, TX 75087)

To **Sonny** (BA'95) and **Donna McMahan** (BME'96) **Bradley**, a daughter, Shelby Louise, Jan 25. (1912 Arrowhead Lane, Conway, AR 72032)

To **Kevin** (BA'79) and **Carolyn Dalafave**, a daughter, Katherine Grace, Jan. 28. (5834 Winvelly Drive, Columbus, GA 31909)

To **Kerry** (BBA'90) and **Dena Harrell** (BA'94) **Jenkins**, a daughter, Abbey Marie, Jan. 30. (8113 Valley Forge Road, Fort Smith, AR 72903)

To **Shawn** (BS'93) and **Arlene Gibson** (BA'92) **Mayes**, a son, Riley Wilson, Feb. 12. (4404 Stonebrook Drive, Jonesboro, AR 72404)

To **Matt** (BME'95) and **Amy Grant** (BME'94) **Mellor**, a daughter, Emily Rose, Feb. 12. Matt is the education minister at Pleasant Valley Church of Christ, and Amy is a piano and voice teacher. (14008 Sweet Bay Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211)

To **Allan** and **Sharon Gordon** (BS'89) **Myers**, twin sons, Noah Gordon and Jedidiah Allan, March 2. (1125 S. County Line Road, Vilonia, AR 72173)

To **Hugh** (BA'92) and **India Medders** (BA'90) **Galyean**, a daughter, Ava Carmene, March 3. (254 W. 98th St., #6C, New York, NY 10025)

To **Bob** (BA'93) and **Laura Degnan** (BA'90) **Lawrence**, a son, Degnan William, March 14. (3611 Crowberry Loop, Anchorage, AK 99507)

To **Nathan** (BA'96) and **Jennifer Lee** (BSW'96) **Wolfe**, a son, Harrison Carter, March 22. Nathan is a residential treatment counselor for Alaska Children's Services, and Jennifer is a homemaker. (8023-A Sand Lake Road, Anchorage, AK 99502)

To **Steve** and **Jeanne Brewer** (BBA'89) **Sentell**, a daughter, Kayla



Marie, March 26. (565 Melody Lane, Memphis, TN 38120)

To **Randall** (BA'89) and **Shelli Hula**, a daughter, Margaret "Molly" Christine, March 27. Randall is an account manager for Savitz Research. (1861 Meyerwood Lane, Flower Mound, TX 75028)

To **Lee** (BBA'91) and **Lisa Jackson** (BA'91) **Bell**, a daughter, Andrea Morgan, March 29. (1227 East Drive, Bartlesville, OK 74006)

To **Jamie** (BBA'95) and **Christy Roberts** (BA'94) **Banks**, a son, Carson Gray, March 31. (12019 Cherry Laurel Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211)

To Gary and **Barbara Williams** (BA'81) **Hopkins**, a son, William David, March 31. (28 Calle Bella, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688-2628)

To **Jerry** (BA'94) and **Paula Peebles** (BBA'93) **Laird**, a son, Easton Seth, March 31. Jerry is a teacher/coach with Central Arkansas Christian, and Paula is a recruiter for NationsBank. (121 Prospect Trail, North Little Rock, AR 72118)

To Kris and **Kerry Duncan** (BA '86) **Rhodes**, a daughter, Elizabeth Donaly, March 31. (8212 Isaac Pryor Drive, Austin, TX 78749)

To **David** (BBA'93) and **Karen Petrich** (BA'92) **Christian**, a daughter, Ashley Nicole, April 5. (5625 Parview, #208, Clarkston, MI 48346)

To Steve and **Lora Hale** (BSN '90) **Leahart**, a daughter, Whitney Layne, April 10. (4401 Carolyn Court, Crestwood, KY 40014)

To **Samuel** (BS'91) and **Anlaura Leek** (BA'91) **Clark**, a daughter, Callan Elora, April 12. Samuel is associate minister at Lafayette Church of Christ. (307 Galen Road, LaFayette, TN 37083)

To **Tom Ed** (BBA'93) and **Amy Ferguson** (BA'95) **Simmons**, a son, Thomas Austin, April 13. (1921 Foxglove Drive, Bryant, AR 72022)

To Matt and **Julie Hall** (BA'97) **Swain**, a son, Jackson Allen, April 16. Julie is a teacher at Kids Kare Christian Daycare. (504 A E. Madison Street, Broken Arrow, OK 74012)

To **Roger** (BA'96) and **Liz Canter** (BA'94) **McCown**, a son, Corbin Fletcher, April 18. (1112 Hunter Ave., #2, Columbus, OH 43201)

To **David** (BA'92) and **Lisa DeWitt** (BA'92) **Cunningham**, twin daughters, Allison Marie and Jessica LeeAnn, April 19. Lisa is a professional counselor with Positive Resources. (2815 W. Lakeview, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901)

To **Robert** (BA'93) and **Jennifer Provost**, a daughter, Kaitlyn Paige, April 21. Robert is a credit analyst for Chase Manhattan Bank. (178 E. Squire Drive, #5, Rochester, NY 14623)

To **Donald** (BA'85) and **Lisa Philpot** (BA'86) **Watson**, a daughter, Tatum Leigh, April 23. Donald is president of Watson Moving and Storage, and Lisa is a kindergarten teacher with Middle Tennessee Christian. (403 W. Clark Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37129)

To **Jason** (BS'97) and **Kelly McBride** (BS'93) **Ward** a daughter, Emma Grace, April 25. Jason is in the physical therapy master's program at the University of Ten-

nessee at Memphis. (175 N. 28th St., Humboldt, TN 38343)

To **Damon** and **Mary Pat Miller** (BA'91) **Palmer**, a son, Hayden Miller, April 27. Mary Pat is employed with the Tupelo Public schools as a second grade teacher. (3536 Woodland Drive, Belden, MS 38826)

To **Tim** and **Debbi Miller** (BA'89) **Smith**, a son, Garrett Lee, April 27. Debbi is a speech pathologist for Beebe Public Schools. (124 Ryan Ave., Beebe, AR 72012)

To **Trey** (BBA'91) and **Ann Gill** (BA'91) **Judd**, a daughter, Meghan Elyse, April 29. (1515 Stewart Lane, Russellville, AR 72802)

To **Doug** and **Pam Hendrix** (BA '86) **Treadway**, a son, Brandon Douglas, May 2. Pam is an underwriting manager with First Tennessee Bank-Gulf Pacific Mortgage. (9540 Grove Road, Cordova, TN 38018)

To **Darrell** (BS'93) and **Heidi Truitt**, a daughter, Kara Noel, May 6. Darrell is a designer/conceptor for Promo Edge. (W177 N5056 Roseway Ave., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051)

To **Allen** (BA'96) and **Kathy Pipes** (BA'97) **McKinney**, a son, Ryan Reece, May 11. (106 Leah Lane, Bald Knob, AR 72010)

To **Duane** and **Amy Hawkins** (BA'93) **Jones**, a son, Dalton Samuel, May 12. Amy is a business teacher in the Greenfield School District. (118 Canterbury St., Bethalto, IL 62010)

To **David** ('93) and **Gayle Shidiskis**, a daughter, Madison Claire, May 20. David is assistant manager for Central Bank. (42 S. Thurman, Haughton, LA 71037)

To **Mark** (BA'97) and **Sharon Anderson** (BA'91) **Young**, a daughter, Catherine Rebecca, May 23. (3406 41st St., Lubbock, TX 79413)

To **Mitch** and **Shannon Armstrong** (BS'91) **Menefee**, a daughter, Clarissa Catherine, May 24. (Route 2, Box 316, Tenaha, TX 75974)

To **Harold** (BA'92) and **Staci Baker** (BA'92) **Bradley**, a son, Alec Cole, May 28. Harold is the owner/chiropractor at Agape Chiropractic Center. (518 Hughes Drive, Irving, TX 75062)

To **Chad** ('91) and **Shannon Ellis**, a daughter, Madie Ellis, May 28. (11300 N.E. 150th St., Jones, OK 73049)

To **Trent** (BA'92) and **Robin Bendickson** (BA'92) **Baker**, a daughter, Lydia Ann, June 1. Trent is a

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by ROWAN MCLEOD, director of planned gifts

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speech-language pathologist for Rehab Visions, and Robin is a homemaker. (1142 N. 44th St., Lincoln, NE 68503)

To **Daniel** (BS'81) and **Tamara Hafner** (BA'82) **Dawson**, a daughter, Julie, June 3. (2164 Holmes Road, Searcy, AR 72143)

To Jeff and **Mary Linda Thurmond** (BBA'84) **Beall**, a son, Jackson Jeffery Lee, June 8. (2210 Lawnmeadow, Richardson, TX 75080)

To **Wade** (BA'93) and **Julie Owen** (BA'91) **Osburn**, a daughter, Ellis Ann, June 8. Wade is a theological librarian for Institute for Christian Studies, and Julie is a counselor for Resources for Living. (4404 Garnett St., Austin, TX 78745)

To **Kenny** and **Laura Gillett** (BA'89) **Light**, a daughter, Rebecca Anne, June 12. She joins Jenna and Clarissa. (10839 Madison Ave., Kansas City, MO 64114)

To **Gary** and **Ann Porter** (BBA'84) **Stone**, a daughter, Hannah Renae, June 22. (4735 Autumn Lakes, Missouri City, TX 77459)

To **Trey** and **Jennifer Weeks** (BA'85) **Crain**, a daughter, Natalie Rachel, June 29. (1136 Dawnwood Drive, Old Hickory, TN 37138)

To **Jurgen** and **Angel Israel** (BS'94) **Achterbosch**, a son, Cairo Stephen, June 30. (15806 S.E. 12th St., Vancouver, WA 98683)

To **J. Robert** (BFA'86) and **Michal Caudle** (BA'86) **Swain**, a son, James Robert Jr., July 3. James is the campus minister for the Robinson and Center Church of Christ, and Michal is elementary librarian for the Mayflower Public Schools. (22 Woodbridge Drive, Conway, AR 72032)

To **Caleb** and **Shelia Pate** (BA'94) **Mitchell**, a son, Josiah Gabriel, July 6. (497 Elysian Fields Road, #E9, Nashville, TN 37211-4236)

To **Billy** (BBA'90) and **Angie Stipp** ('91) **Shelton**, a daughter, Audrey Lea, July 6. (28 Chicot Drive, Maumelle, AR 72113)

To **Robert** (BBA'91) and **Shelley Shafer** (BSN'93) **McCain**, a daughter, Taylor Michelle, July 10. (419 Del Circle, Lowell, AR 72745)

To **Earl** and **Lisa Howell** ('89) **Rogers**, a daughter, Keeley Rae, July 10. (401 Beatrice St., Thayer, MO 65791)

To **Jon** (BA'94) and **Lori Griffin** (BA'92) **Newby**, a daughter, Allyson Rae, July 20. Jon is an assistant football coach at Harding

Academy, and Lori is a kindergarten teacher with Searcy Public Schools. (934 Skyline Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

Deaths

Charles Jones (BS'62), 57, died Oct. 5, 1997. He is survived by his wife, Theresa, son, **Morgan** (BA'87), and daughter, Melinda.

William Walston (BA'56), 95, died Feb. 12. He is survived by two daughters, **Martha Bauer** (BA'50) and **Edna** (BA'57).

Gus Meuli Sr. ('35), 91, died March 8. He is survived by his wife, Vada, and four children.

Patsy Ann Prevett Berna (BA'56), 64, died April 12. She is survived by her husband, Bill. (10740 E. 28th St., Tulsa, OK 74129)

Vance Greenway ('39), 81, died April 16. He is survived by his wife, the former **Bernelle Anderson** (BA'38). (515 W. Hunt St., Paragould, AR 72450)

Kevan Jeffords (BSN'79), 42, died May 6 from a brain aneurism. He was a pharmaceutical sales representative.

William (Bill) Earnhart (BS'59), 66, died May 9. He is survived by

his wife, Beverly, two daughters, **Diane Inman** (BA'77) and **Susan Warren**, and three sons, **Jeffery** (BS'79), **David** (BBA'91), and **Jonathon**. (701 Marquette Drive, Cahokia, IL 62206)

Lane Whitaker (BBA'97), 23, died May 15 from injuries sustained in a car wreck.

Cheryl Bednosky ('89), 31, died May 29.

Wilbur Banks ('41), 80, died June 30. He is survived by two daughters, **Phyllis Green** (BA'69) and **Becky Bullough** (BA'73).

Nancy Starr Yoder (BA'57), 63, died July 21 from pancreatic cancer. She is survived by her husband, **Dale** (BA'61). (9068 Arrowhead Court, Cincinnati, OH 45231)

Kerry McEuen Trotter (BA'76), 44, died July 24. She is survived by her husband, **Mark** (BS'76), and eight children. (902 Jackson, Raymore, MO 64083)

James L. Davis (BFA'89), 31, died July 28 from neck cancer. Jim was a logistics analyst for Silicon Graphics in Hunstville, Ala. He is survived by his parents, **Bedford** and **Edna Davis**, brother, **Mike** (BS'77), and sisters, **Rita Watson**, **Karen** (BA'79) and **Kay**.



EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 5 **Communication Disorders Conference**, Communication Disorders Program; (501) 279-4445
- 5-7 **Homecoming**, Office of Alumni Relations; (501) 279-4276
- 6 **Mass Communication Career Day**, Department of Communication; (501) 279-4445
- Dedication of the Donald W. Reynolds Center for Music and Communication**, Departments of Communication and Music; (501) 279-4445 or 4343
- 7 **Dedication of the Stevens Art Center Addition**, Department of Art; (501) 279-4426
- 15-21 **Week of Prayer**
- 22-28 **Thanksgiving Recess**

DECEMBER

- 14-18 **Final Examinations**
- 19 **Fall Graduation Exercises**, Main Campus, 10 a.m., Benson Auditorium
- 20-1/11 **Christmas recess**

JANUARY

- 8-9 **Christian College Choral Festival**, Department of Music; (501) 279-4343
- 12 **Registration for spring classes**, Main Campus; (501) 279-4403
- 13 **Spring classes begin**, Main Campus; (501) 279-4403

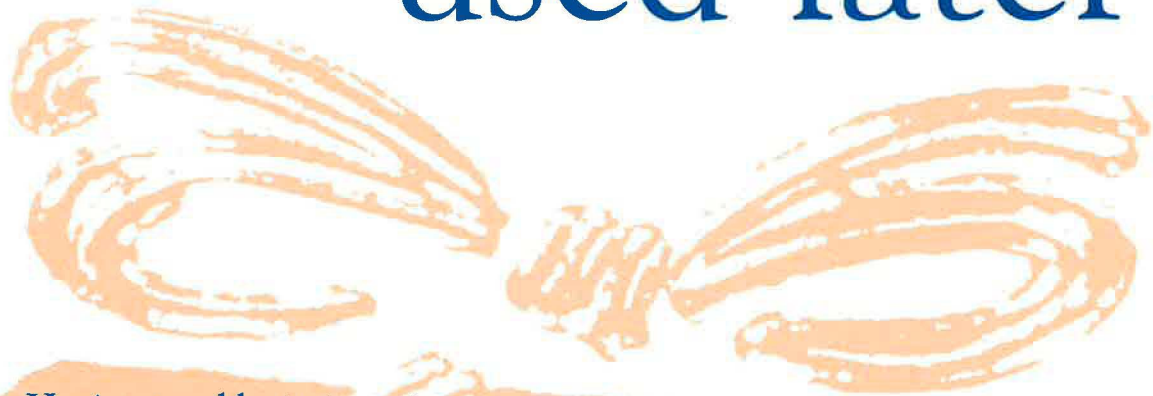
FEBRUARY

- 13 **Bill Cosby**, actor and comedian; Lyceum Series, Benson Auditorium; (501) 279-4255
- 16 **Arkansas Symphony**; Lyceum Series, Benson Auditorium; (501) 279-4343
- 25 **W.B. West Jr. Lectures in Prophetic Ministry**, Graduate School of Religion, Memphis; (901) 761-1352

MARCH

- 14-20 **Spring Recess**, Main Campus
- 25 **John Major**, former prime minister of Great Britain; American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series, 7:30 p.m., Benson Auditorium; (501) 279-4497

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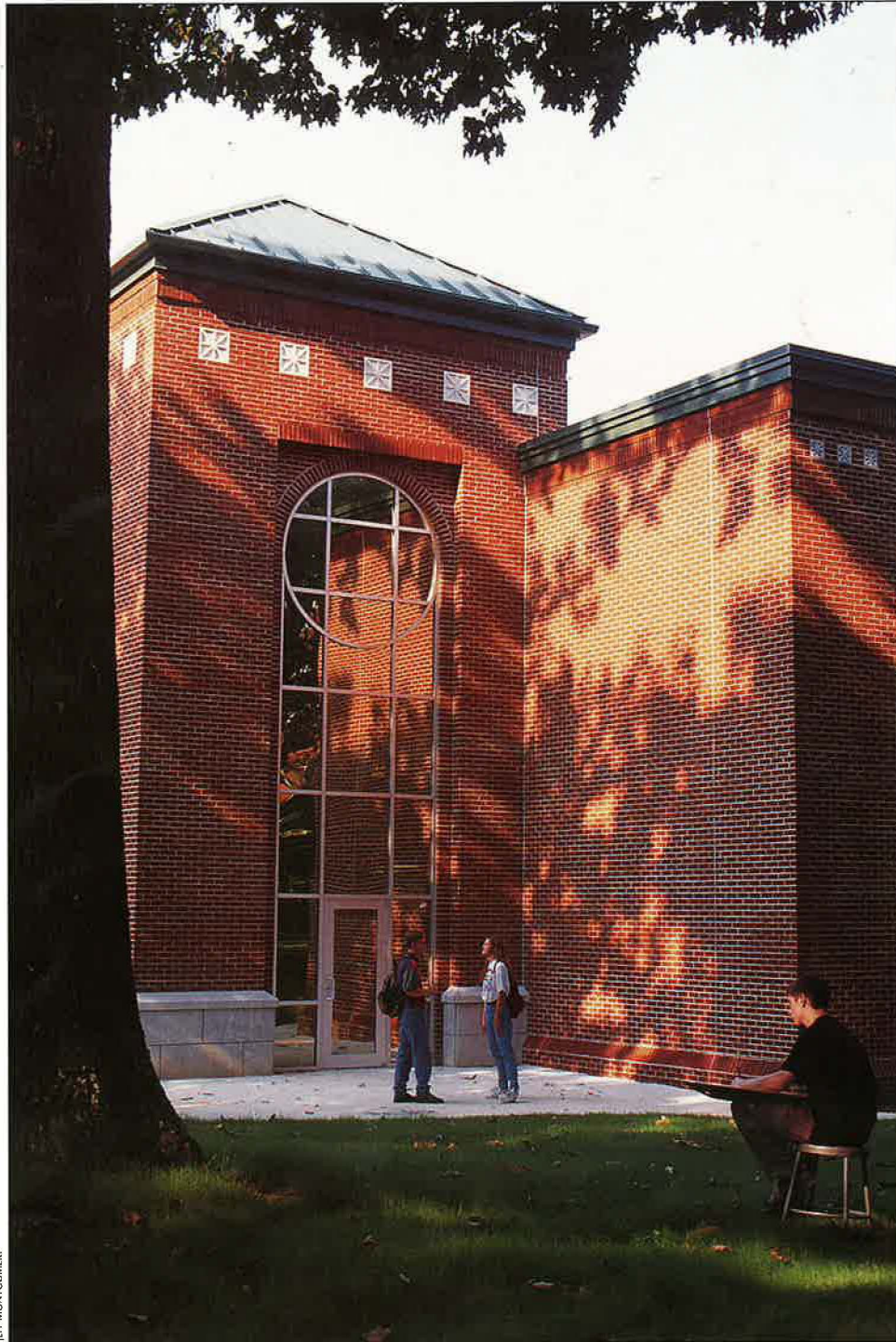
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