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David B. Burks, President

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### The freedom we enjoy is found in Jesus Christ

**M**IKHAIL GORBACHEV WAS an unlikely American Studies speaker viewed in the context of Harding's history.

In his opening remarks on Oct. 15, 1998, he said, "I like Americans because they feel that they are free citizens. They don't have to pretend — freedom is in their blood. This is something that I have been aiming for in Russia. It is difficult after centuries of slavery and then almost 100 years of the Communist regime, which suppressed the human spirit just like the system of slavery repressed human initiative."

Gorbachev went on to talk about his dream of changing the Russian system so that democracy could be established, along with free speech, elections, free press, free opinion and freedom of religion. He talked about establishing the freedom to leave and return to the country and promoting a step-by-step transition to market economics.

As I look back on my 37-year association with Harding, I have always been impressed with the University's commitment to help students better understand the freedom we enjoy as Christians and the freedom we enjoy as citizens in this nation.

Harding has always upheld basic moral values that have been important to our nation — honor, duty to God and country, service to others, loyalty, kindness, generosity, hard work and self-reliance. Harding has always believed in Benjamin Franklin's statement, "Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. Only people with a clear sense of proper ethics can enjoy freedom."

I am also impressed by Alexander Tyler's comment concerning the age of civilizations: "The average age of the world's civilizations has been 200 years. These nations have progressed through this sequence: from bondage to spiritual faith, from spiritual faith to great courage, from courage to liberty, from liberty to abundance, from abundance to selfishness, from selfishness to complacency, from complacency to apathy, from apathy to dependency, and from dependency

back again into bondage."


I believe Robert Bork was correct in his book, "Slouching Toward Gomorrah," when he said "A nation's moral life is the foundation of its culture." Harding has always done an admirable job in teaching both freedom and faith and helping individuals realize the connection between the two principles. I believe our basic problems are not economic or political; they are moral and spiritual.

Harding has taught for 75 years that freedom is found only in Jesus Christ. Repeated references have been made to Galatians 5 where we learn, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm then

and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Later in Galatians 5:13-15, we are all admonished, "You my brothers were called to be free, but do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: love your

neighbor as yourself. If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other."

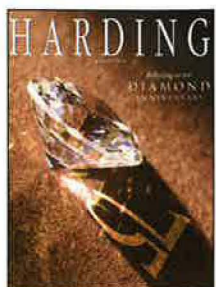
Because of my interest in economics, I have always been impressed with the connection between Adam Smith's book, "A Wealth of Nations," and his earlier publication, "A Theory of Moral Sentiments." The latter is predicated on an understanding of the former treatise of the importance of understanding moral values if a nation is to enjoy freedom.

For 75 years Harding has been developing faith in every student who enrolls. I know that as the next millennium unfolds, Harding will continue to teach about the faith and the freedom we find in Christ Jesus, which is open to all people in every nation in the world. My strongest memories of Harding have to do with faith and freedom — especially the freedom we enjoy in Christ Jesus. 

*David B. Burks*

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## Newsmakers

### Advancement staff adds Eudaly, Underwood

Don Eudaly and David Underwood have joined the advancement office as regional directors. Eudaly, a former State Farm Insurance agent in Amarillo, Texas, began work Sept. 3. Underwood previously worked at First Security Bank in Searcy as a credit manager, and he joined the office Aug. 10.

### Carroll president-elect of childhood association

Dr. Clara Carroll, assistant professor of education, began serving in October as president-elect of the Arkansas Early Childhood Association. She serves on the association's board and helps implement its programs and policies.

### Literature conference hears Williams' poetry

Dr. John Williams, associate professor of English, read original poems and prose selections in creative writing sessions at the Southwest regional meeting of the Conference on Christianity and Literature Oct. 2-3 in Arlington, Texas.

### Carson, Morgan represent state at learning disabilities conference

Dr. Delores Carson and Dr. Jan Morgan, associate professors of education, represented Arkansas at the International Conference on Learning Disabilities Nov. 5-7 in Albuquerque, N.M. Their joint presentation was titled "Achieving Inclusion Through Multiple Intelligences."



Bob and Sandy Brackett

## Multi-million gift to benefit library

A SURPRISE \$12 MILLION GIFT TO the University was announced Nov. 6 by President David Burks during the annual Homecoming Black and Gold Banquet. The largest single gift in the school's history will be used, as stipulated by the donors, to endow Brackett Library.

The gift, given by Bob and Sandy Brackett of Vero Beach, Fla., is not the first time the couple's

generosity has been showered upon Harding. In 1990 the couple gave \$1.6 million to rebuild Beaumont Memorial Library. At that time, the board of trustees decided to rename the new library in the Brackett's honor.

Bob Brackett made public his intentions concerning the gift only one day before Homecoming while he and his wife were on campus for a board of trustees meeting. In a Thursday night speech before trustees and administrators, Brackett spoke about his philosophy of giving and concluded his address with the gift announcement.

During his announcement, Brackett spoke of a time when he and his wife were young and heard a sermon one Sunday morning that challenged them to contribute \$5 a week.

"At the time we were only giving \$2.50. But on this particular Sunday we decided to begin making a \$5 contribution each week, even though we didn't have it.

When we returned on Sunday night, we had borrowed the additional \$2.50 to contribute," Brackett said. "The next day at work, I received a raise to more than offset the extra \$2.50 we had decided to give weekly."

"You just have faith that the Lord will provide. It's been demonstrated in my life so many times already," Brackett said.

The announcement of the endowment gift came as Burks was announcing the launch of a new fund-raising campaign, in which the University will attempt to raise \$100 million during the next five years. With the Brackett's gift, approximately \$26 million has already been raised or pledged toward the campaign's goal.

A majority of the campaign's focus is to increase endowment and scholarship funds. This gift endowing the library will continually update its technology and equipment and help maintain the equipment as well as the facility itself. Librari-

ans' salaries and book purchases will also be part of the endowment fund's use.

The library contains nearly 500,000 volumes and subscribes to 1,330 journals, many of which have yearly subscription rates of more than \$1,000. Such costs made an endowment for the library a much-needed fund.

"The spirit of giving demonstrated by the Bracketts shows their concern for students," said Burks. "During their entire association with Harding, it has been their desire to provide students with a top-notch academic library and to make it the heart of this academic institution."

The Bracketts have been self-employed in a credit reporting business and in real estate investments since 1960. Bob has served on the board of trustees since 1990. He was selected in 1986 as Florida's Outstanding Business Person by the Florida Business Leaders Association.

## University ranked among South's best by U.S. News

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT magazine named Harding as one of the nation's best universities in its 12th annual "America's Best Colleges" issue, released in August 1998.

Listed twice by the magazine, the University received eighth place in the category of best regional universities of the South, and also a sixth-place "best values" ranking in the South. This marks the fifth consecutive year that the University has been chosen by the magazine.

To determine its annual best colleges rankings, the magazine tallied the results of more than 1,400 questionnaires sent to four-year schools last year. They cross-referenced the data supplied by schools with information reported to other sources, including the U.S. Department of Education, the Council

for Aid to Education, and the NCAA.

The questionnaires dealt with measures of academic quality and included information on student selectivity, faculty resources, financial resources, academic reputation, student retention and alumni giving.

The "best values" rankings were devised to provide a realistic measure showing where students can obtain the best education for their money. The rankings relate the cost of attending an institution to its quality. The best values are calculated in relation to a school's discounted price, which is tuition, room, board, fees, books and estimated personal expenses minus the average need-based grants.

"Although we are honored to again be included in the magazine's list this year, these rankings don't even take into consideration our unique spiritual mission," said President David Burks. "There's nothing that can measure the value of that."

## Newsmakers

### Who's Who names 13 faculty

The 1998 edition of *Who's Who Among American Teachers* includes 13 faculty members. To be selected, a teacher must be nominated by a *Who's Who* student as the one teacher who "made a difference" in their education. Faculty named are Sandy Berryman, Dr. Dee Carson, Dr. Steven Frye, Dr. Cliff Ganus III, Kay Gowen, Kayla Haynie, Dr. Paul Haynie, Dr. Ken Hobby, Dr. Mike James, Dr. Dale Manor, Dr. Jan Morgan, Lisa Ritchie and Dr. Beth Wilson.

### Governor appoints Diffine, Tucker

Dr. Don Diffine, professor of economics, and Lott Tucker, senior vice president, have received appointments from Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee. Diffine was named in August as one of nine Arkansans to serve on the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors, and Tucker was chosen Oct. 9 to serve on the Student Loan Authority until July 1999.

### Weaver addresses speech association meetings

Beckie Weaver, associate professor of communication, delivered a presentation titled "Quantification of African American Vernacular English Usage" Nov. 19 in San Antonio, Texas, at the annual convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. At the state level of the organization, she presented a seminar Oct. 29 in Hot Springs, Ark., titled "Identification of Phonological Error in Young Pre-school Children."

# 75th Anniversary Homecoming scenes



photo feature by JEFF MONTGOMERY



Escorted by her father, sophomore Kerri Kae-gi is all smiles upon the announcement of her selection as 1998 Homecoming Queen.



Not willing to grow up, Peter Pan (sophomore Pete Vann) and the Lost Boys sing about their life in Neverland.



Dr. Erle Moore, chairman of the music department during its formative years, directs a choral reunion group in the Reynolds Center Recital Hall.



Elizabeth Mason (far right), chair of the art department for 32 years, receives congratulatory remarks from board members Harry Risinger and Deanna Smith as Jan Risinger looks on. The new addition to the Stevens Art and Design Center contains a gallery named for the "grand lady" of the department.

Following the Reynolds Center dedication, Jack Stephens talks with junior Ben Hill. Stephens, a Little Rock, Ark., investment banker, was awarded an honorary doctorate during the ceremony.



## Centering in on the Career Center

60

Percentage of freshmen unsure about a major

8

Average number of students counseled daily

4

Number of career fairs held each year (Business, industry and government; graduate school; nursing; and education)

450

Number of agencies recruiting students in 1997-98

24

Average number of credential packets prepared daily

15 to 1

Average number of interviews for one job offer

98

Percentage of seniors responding to a survey who report finding jobs or going on to graduate school within three months of graduation

2

Number of years the Career Center has posted job listings on the web (www.Harding.edu)

100

Percentage of alumni the Career Center is willing to serve; call (501) 279-4454

## Board member, former senator dies in August

OLEN C. HENDRIX, BOARD MEMBER and former Arkansas state senator, died Aug. 5 in Prescott, Ark., at the age of 89.

With only an eighth-grade education, Hendrix succeeded in many business activities, which included retail sales, lumber and oil production, and banking. A former president of the Bank of Prescott, he spent 40 years in banking and was chairman of the board of the Bank of Delight at the time of his death.

Hendrix shared his success with Harding, where he became a member of the board of trustees in 1964 and served until his death. The three-story building, which houses the School of Nursing and the department of family and consumer sciences, was named the Olen Hendrix Building in his honor after a 1975 renovation. The University bestowed an honorary doctor of laws degree upon him in 1989.

Hendrix's most recognizable accomplishment is his 25-year career as an Arkansas senator. He sponsored education-related legislation and official support of developmental efforts on behalf of the underprivileged. His tenure in the senate, which ended when he retired in 1983, included serving as president pro tempore in 1971-72.

Hendrix is survived by his wife, Carmen; two sons, James and Darwin (BA'74), both of Antoine, Ark.; and a daughter, Annette Baldwin (BS'58), of Marshall, Texas.

## Carter chosen to lead board of trustees

WAL-MART EXECUTIVE PAUL CARTER of Bentonville, Ark., was elected chairman of the board of trustees at the group's semi-annual meeting in November.

Carter, executive vice president of Wal-Mart and president of Wal-Mart Realty, will serve a two-year term as head of the 23-member

board. He served four years as vice chairman prior to the Nov. 6 election.

A 15-year member of the governing body, Carter succeeds Pat Bell of Little Rock, Ark., as board chairman. Bell had served four years in the position.

Other officers elected to the board's executive committee are Don Shores of Cave Springs, Ark., vice chairman; John Baldwin of Holyoke, Colo., treasurer; and Jim Bill McInteer of Nashville, Tenn., secretary. As immediate past chairman, Bell will continue to serve on the committee.

## Major, Dobson to appear on campus

BEGINNING ROUND TWO OF THE American Studies Distinguished Lecture Series for the Diamond Anniversary year, the University will welcome John Major, former prime minister of Britain, to campus March 25. The final lecturer of the series will be James Dobson, founder and president of Focus on the Family, speaking April 22.

Currently the Conservative member of Parliament for Huntingdon, Major was appointed prime minister of Britain in 1990, following his election as leader of the Conservative Party. He retained the post when the Conservative Party won an unprecedented fourth term in office at the general election of April 1992.

Major has been a leader in British parliament since 1979. Offices he has held include Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Minister of State for Social Security and the Disabled, and Lord Commissioner of the Treasury.

Dedicated to the preservation of the home, Focus on the Family was created by Dobson when he became alarmed by the societal, political and economic pressures that threaten the existence of the American family. The non-profit organization's internationally syndicated radio program broadcasts to more than 2,800 radio facilities in North America and can be heard in nine languages in more than 70 countries.

The author of 17 best-selling books, including "Dare to Disci-

pline" and "The Strong-Willed Child," Dobson previously served on the faculty of the University of Southern California and on the attending staff of Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

Both lectures will be held in Benson Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact the American Studies Institute at (501) 279-4497.

## Summer campers "Hunger for God"

WITH THE THEME "HUNGER FOR God," Uplift '99 will feature inspirational speakers, musical acts and plenty of entertainment.

Session I of the camp runs June 12-17, and Session II is scheduled for June 19-24. Jeff Walling will be the featured speaker for the first session, and Don McLaughlin will speak at the second. Musical acts such as Glorify Him and the Firemen will perform, and a carnival on the lawn will cap the action.

In addition to offering many fun activities, the camp maintains a spiritual focus. Last year more than 100 campers were baptized and many lasting friendships were established. The Uplift Council, made up of youth ministers, has designed the camp's activities to promote spirituality among participants.

"This camp is unique because it offers campers fun activities, but at the same time emphasizes a commitment to God," said Nate Mellor, assistant director of the Institute for Church and Family. "It's rare for teens to feel free to get together with other teens and talk about God."

For registration information contact the Institute for Church and Family at (501) 279-4660 or e-mail ICFR@harding.edu.

## HUB catalogs available

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## 75th year celebration heads to Memphis

THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC AND the Office of Alumni Relations are joining efforts to present a musical celebration April 25 in Memphis, Tenn. Part of the 75th anniversary year events, the celebration is designed as an outreach tool for alumni in western Tennessee.

An alumni steering committee organizing the event also plans to use the event to honor Dr. Neale Pryor, vice president of academic affairs, for his 36 years of service.

Set to participate in the musical

festivities at the Germantown Performing Arts Centre are all three of the music department's choral groups, plus the Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Belles and Beaux singing troupe, Good News Singers and this year's Spring Sing hosts and hostesses. Emceeding the event will be 1995 alumnus David Rubio, a former Spring Sing host.

"We hope to fill the Centre's 800-seat auditorium, giving all that attend a great show," said Dr. Arthur Shearin, chair of the music department. The event, set to begin at 8 p.m., will last approximately two hours and cost \$16.

The greater Memphis area was selected because it has the largest concentration of Harding alumni in the country.

"We have nearly 2,000 alumni in that area, plus the Graduate School of Religion," said Brett Watson, director of alumni relations. "We hope this will increase our presence among alumni in the area and show them how much we appreciate their support."

Proceeds will be applied to the University's scholarship fund. Ticket distribution is being handled by the Centre's box office, which can be reached at (901) 757-7256.

## "Prophetic Preaching" theme of forum

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF Religion in Memphis, Tenn., will present its annual Ministry Forum April 6 focusing on the theme "Prophetic Preaching."

Each year organizers of the forum attempt to promote a better understanding of a topic of concern to churches of Christ and conservative Protestantism. Since the early 70s, a transition has occurred in the way preachers perceive their function — whether the preaching event should be speaker oriented or listener oriented. The forum will address the pros and cons of each view.

The five speakers addressing the forum crowd will be Albert Acosta, outreach minister for the University Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas, on "Whatever Happened to Materialism?"; Jimmy Allen, professor emeritus of Bible at the University, on "Whatever Happened to Sexual Purity?"; Dr. Rodney Cloud, professor of Bible at David Lipscomb University, on "Jeremiah — A Contemporary Prophet"; Dr. Jack Evans, president of Southwestern Christian College, on "Whatever Happened to Integrity?"; and Dr. Richard Oster, professor of New Testament at the Graduate School, on "The Whole Counsel of God."

The school's annual Alumni Luncheon will also be held as part of the forum. For further information contact the Graduate School at (901) 761-1353.

## Newsmakers

### Nichols president-elect of education association

Dr. Jim Nichols, professor of education, was elected May 28 as president-elect of the Arkansas Association of College and Teacher Education. He will plan the association's annual meeting before beginning his term as president this summer.

### Economic institute given award by Heifer Project

Heifer Project International, an organization based in Little Rock, Ark., that aims to eliminate hunger in third-world countries, presented the University's Summer Economic Institute for Teachers with an organization leadership award Oct. 16. The award recognizes the institute for its efforts in familiarizing more than 200 school teachers with Heifer Project International's facilities.

### Carrell performs in Texas, Arkansas

Scott Carrell, assistant professor of music, performed Tchaikovsky's *Piano Concerto No. 1* Oct. 21 in Plainview, Texas, with the Plainview Symphony Orchestra. In a collaboration with soprano Colleen Mallette of Fort Worth, Texas, he also performed this fall for audiences in Clarksville and Fayetteville, Ark., and Amarillo, Texas.

### Yeakley co-hosts, conducts session at statisticians meeting

Dr. Flavil Yeakley, professor of Bible, served as co-host of the annual meeting of the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies Oct. 20-22 in Memphis, Tenn. He also conducted a training session titled "Survey Research."



Hosting this year's Spring Sing show are Pat and Deborah Bills, Marcus Neely and Erin Rembleski. Neely is in his second year as host.

## Spring Sing showcases a history of laughter

VISITING THE LIGHTER SIDE OF SHOW BUSINESS, Spring Sing '99 promises to make you laugh until you cry.

With the theme "Comedy Tonight," the show features acts ranging from early vaudeville to contemporary stand-up comedy.

According to Spring Sing Director Steven Frye, the show will emphasize club routines by maintaining a multi-level stage and designing the set to allow more room to present their shows.

"The club acts will be more visual," Frye explained. "With the added space, the clubs have more control over their presentation."

Coinciding with Youth Forum Weekend, which features inspirational messages for high school students and four musical performances by more than 600 University students, Spring Sing will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 8 and 9, and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 10.

The weekend's festivities also include a play, "The Glass Menagerie," written by Tennessee Williams. Show times for the play are 7 p.m. Friday, April 9, and 3 p.m. Saturday, April 10. Performances will also be held the following weekend at 7 p.m. on both Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17.

Spring Sing tickets are \$7 for Thursday evening's performance and \$10 for the remaining three performances, and play tickets are \$3. For information about purchasing tickets, call (501) 279-4255, or use the order form in this magazine.

## Sidelines

### Perez caps list of football honorees

Football linebacker Said Perez was chosen for the Lone Star All-Conference Team. Second team members include Skip Griffith, Jason Smith, Rob Stroud and Archie Walker. Honorable mentions went to Troy Berreth, Chris Cook, Aaron Evans, Jamael Harris, Mac Hurley, Jess Lanier and Andrew Patton. Clay Madar made the GTE Academic All-American Team for District VI.

### Sports medicine organization elects Turley state rep

Dr. Ken Turley, assistant professor of kinesiology, was elected Oct. 30 in Kansas City, Mo., to serve as Arkansas' state representative to the Central States chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine.

### Golfers complete fall invitational play

Bison golfers played a four-match fall schedule, which included three major invitationals. They opened the season with a win over Ouachita Baptist and Henderson State Universities, shooting a season best team round of 293. At the Abilene Christian University meet, Brent Powell led the Bisons to a 15th place finish with a 234. Sophomore Paul Sobotka registered top 10 finishes at the East Central and Drury invitationals. The Bisons came in 13th at East Central while posting their best team round (303) of all three major meets. At Drury, coach Nicky Boyd's team was 10th for their strongest finish of the fall.

## Coach Bailey ends 16-year coaching career with playoff appearance

TWO THINGS CAME TO AN END Nov. 10 in Portales, N.M., for the Lady Bisons volleyball team.

The first was an amazing turnaround season. After finishing last year with a 14-24 record, the team reversed the numbers this year to achieve a winning 24-14 season.

Second, coach Karyl Bailey's coaching career ended as he announced that this was his final year as the volleyball team's head coach. Bailey ended his 16-year career with a record of 369-273.



Karyl Bailey

The team finished the season with their first-ever Lone Star Conference playoff appearance. The Lady Bisons ended the regular season by winning their last four matches and securing third place in the Lone Star North Division. The team played the number two seeded team in the south division, Eastern New Mexico University, losing in four sets.

The team finished the regular season fourth in the conference in hitting percentage and third in blocking. In hitting, the team was led by freshman Erika Pierson with a .299 average for her 313 kills. Last year's conference leader in blocks, Delana Keilers finished fifth with 1.43 blocks per game. Newcomer Kari Whitney finished 10th in assists per game with 7.66.

The team loses only one senior, Heather Gray. Gray led the team in serving, in total digs, and finished fifth in hitting percentage.

Gray, Keilers and Pierson were all named to the LSC-North Second Team, and Pierson was selected as the Freshman of the Year. Misty Fant made the Honorable Mention list while McKensy Kemmerer and Rebecca Dahlstrom were named to the LSC Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll.



Freshman Britney Copeland from North Little Rock, Ark., is a top performer for the Lady Bisons, finishing fifth in the conference.

## Lady Bison runners achieve Top 25 ranking

COACH BRYAN PHILLIPS AND HIS Lady Bison cross country team came within an eyelash of winning Harding's first Lone Star Conference championship as they were edged 52-50 by Angelo State University. They avenged the loss two weeks later by finishing one place ahead of Angelo in the NCAA II regional meet, barely missing qualifying for the national meet.

Three runners made All-Lone Star Conference following the race held at Texas A&M-Kingsville on Oct. 24. Freshman Britney Copeland (5th) led the way followed by Tia Tarole (8th) and Cheri Scharff (9th).

Team scores at the regional meet saw Adams State University, the nation's top team, winning with 16 points. The Lady Bisons finished fourth out of the 16 teams from six states entered.

Cheri Scharff ran 22:58 for the six-kilometer race to lead the Lady Bisons. Tia Tarole (23:02), Britney Copeland (23:03), Kelly Lauterbach (23:10), and Diane Grubbs (23:11) followed to give the team a 13-second split from one to five. Elizabeth Lucas (24:43) and Katie Fant (25:44) completed the team scoring.

As a result of the near-qualifying race, the Lady Bisons cracked the National Coaches Top 25 Poll for the first time with an 18th place ranking.

The Bisons, with experience at the top two places and freshmen filling out the team, managed a fourth place in the LSC meet with 105 points.

Jerry Maritim in third and Albert Tabut in sixth place made All-LSC. Maritim, with an 11th place finish in the regional meet, quali-

fied for the Nationals held Nov. 23 at Lawrence, Kan., where he placed ninth. He thus became only the third Bison runner to achieve All-American status.

## Football team wins final four, finishes 7-4

THE BISON FOOTBALL TEAM PUT together a four-game winning streak to close out the season with an impressive 7-4 record and a third place finish in the Lone Star Conference North Division.

After compiling a 3-2 record to open the season, the Bisons had trouble with the top two teams in the LSC-North.

On the road against Northeastern State University, the Bisons were primed and gave a great effort before going down 19-14 on a last-minute Redmen score. NSU finished 8-2 — one place ahead of Harding in the LSC-North standings. The University of Central Oklahoma took a 31-3 win home from Searcy. The Broncos were 11-0 and top ranked in NCAA II.

At 3-4 in the standings, the Bisons began their four-game sweep toward a winning season.

A trip to East Central University in Ada, Okla., saw coach Randy Tribble's team score twice in the last three minutes of the game to take a 28-27 thriller. The very next week Langston University came to Searcy, and a great game plan produced a 42-0 "blow out" victory.

Quachita Baptist University was the Homecoming opponent for the Bisons. At stake was a winning season and a third-place conference finish. An early 12-3 Bison lead did not hold up as OBU took a 16-12 lead late in the fourth quarter. Quarterback Mac Hurley and tailback Aaron Evans hooked up on a 55-yard pass play to take an 18-16 lead with four minutes left for another come-from-behind win.

The final game against Southwestern Oklahoma State University, an 0-9 team, was closer than expected. The Bulldogs played hard, and only a strong defensive effort and an opportunistic Bison offense produced the 20-9 final score.

## Five seniors lead Lady Bison basketball

EXPERIENCE AND DEPTH ARE THE reasons coach Brad Francis believes his Lady Bison basketball team has a great chance to improve on last year's 16-12 record. Five seniors who have all started or played major roles are back for their final season, and several others are seeing playing time.

Missing from last year is Mandy Cox, who is now on the sidelines as a student assistant coach. Cox, Harding's all time three-point shooting record holder, twice tied the conference record with eight treys in a game. The All-LSC performer averaged 14.3 points a game.

The team is led by four-year players Molly McPherson inside and Emily Prysock outside. McPherson, an all-conference player, brings her 15.8 points and 7.2 re-

bounds per game, while Prysock boasts a league leading 6.3 assists per game and is the team's playmaker. Seniors Susan Reiss and Karie Fouts are key players inside, while Stephanie Barron gives the team some outside scoring threat.

Junior Rachel Raglin is a starter for her third year as well as a team floor leader, and junior Jamie Pate, who only played in 14 games, had a great spring and is seeing more playing time this year.

Second-year players Krista Anderson, Kelli Fager and Stephanie Davis are all counted on for important roles this year. Anderson, a point guard, is backing up Prysock while Davis and Fager have the ability to play inside.

Three newcomers are Mindy Napier, an all-stater from the Greenland, Ark., program that also produced McPherson and Anderson; Kristen Shewmake from Gra-

ham, Texas; and Louisa Duke from Harding Academy.

Coach Francis sees the Lone Star North as a toss up between Southeastern and Southwestern Oklahoma with his Lady Bisons and East Central Oklahoma a step back.

## Men's basketball team replaces seven

THE 1998-99 MEN'S BASKETBALL season follows a transitional year that saw the Bisons begin a new affiliation with the Lone Star Conference and move into a new playing facility. The Bisons finished in the middle of the LSC North, but were very competitive, staying in the play-off picture until the final two games.

With an excess of 2,900 seats, Rhodes Field House was near capacity for all home games last year, and stats found Harding among the top 15 in NCAA II attendance nationally.

The conference is strong again this year with Central and East Central Oklahoma being solid favorites in the LSC North. All the other schools appear to have more starters and lettermen returning than the Bisons, who are replacing seven seniors.

Outside player Lavern Floyd returns. Floyd, a part-time starter, scored 8.4 points per game and shot 38 percent from three-point range. Brent Adams is seeing more playing time inside and should add to last year's 4 points and 2.4 rebounds per game, and Steve Meadors should also surpass last season's 4 points and 2.7 rebounds per game. Guards Ryan Semanchik and Clint Spencer also return.

Newcomers expected to start or play major roles include three junior college transfers. They are Dwayne Elliott, who played at Louisiana College, and guards Lenny Bert from Rose State Junior College and Chris Hardaway from West Ark Community College. Three freshmen to watch are Lenard Blocker, Jason McGinty and Alan Webber.



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Battling Tarleton State University from the southern half of the Lone Star Conference, Stephanie Davis works the ball around their defense while Molly McPherson tries to get open. McPherson scored 15 points as the Lady Bisons won the home opener 63-51.

## Sidelines

### Young tennis teams fare well in fall meets

Coach David Elliott welcomed several new players to the tennis teams this fall with five of the top six women being freshmen.

The freshmen had an impact during the fall schedule for the women's team. Katherine Jayroe made it to the semifinals in the women's Lone Star Conference singles, and Karla Mueller, playing number one singles, lost in the quarterfinals. Beth Bonbrisco went out in the consolation semifinals.

Highlights for the men included a strong showing at the Rolex Regional with the doubles teams of Jeff Johnson and Darren Wade and Igor Tamindzija and Klaus Schmidt going to the semifinals.

In the LSC, Schmidt, Jeff Johnson and Thomas Alm all saw semifinal action as did the doubles team of Alm and Johnson. Tamindzija and Seth Bullington lost in the consolation finals.

### Gray tops awards for Lady Bison soccer

When the Lone Star Conference awards were handed out, the Lady Bison soccer team was well represented. Freshman midfielder Heather Gray was named to the Lone Star All-Conference Second Team, and sophomore goalkeeper Jodi Besenyei was named Honorable Mention. Sophomore Rachel Belcher and juniors Sheilah Dunham, Ashley Hodge, Sarah Randolph, Gena Rouse and Heather Shipman were named to the LSC Women's Soccer Commissioner's Honor Roll.

# Soccer

## comes home to Harding

by DAVID CROUCH

TO SAY THE LADY BISONS' inaugural soccer season was a learning experience would be an understatement. The 21-member team had no college experience, no senior leadership, 12 freshmen and a rookie coach.

Yet, despite being short on experience, the team posted a respectable 6-9-1 record, including a 5-2-1 mark in non-conference play.

Coach Terry Edwards quickly pointed out two of the losses came in overtime and in two more the difference between winning and losing was a single goal. "I think we had a very good season. With just a different bounce of the ball in two or three games, our record might have been 8-7-1 or even 9-6-1," he said. "Winning 40 percent of your games in your first year is a great way to start."

The team was led by freshman Heather Gray from Plano, Texas, named to the All-Lone Star Conference second team. Her learning experience began on day one. "We had to learn how to play with complete strangers," she commented.

"None of us knew the other team members, and we had to adjust to how each of us plays the game. We also had to adjust to the travel schedule that is required in college soccer. We didn't know much about our competition or what to expect from the other conference teams. We had a lot to learn, and I can assure you we'll be better next year."

Soccer is the fastest growing women's sport on the intercollegiate scene. The sport now has 560 teams in the NCAA and the NAIA. The Lone Star Conference is one of the NCAA Division II's strongest conferences, primarily because Texas and Oklahoma have longstanding experience at both the high school and private club levels.

That strength was apparent in Harding's schedule. Playing teams from states east of Arkansas, the Lady Bisons were victorious, but against conference schools



At the women's home soccer match against Angelo State University, coach Terry Edwards intensely instructs his team.

they were only 1-7. To be more competitive, Edwards realizes he needs to add two key ingredients — "speed and experience."

During the 1998 season Edwards had four full scholarships available. He chose to split them, providing 16 players with financial assistance. "This year I had only five or six months to recruit because we didn't add the program until November of 1997, and I was not selected to coach the team until January 1998," he explained. "Now with a full year to recruit, I'm hoping to add players with private club experience. I'll be much more selective because I know exactly what it is going to take to build a competitive team."

Edwards may have been a "rookie" college coach, but he certainly knows soccer. He grew up playing the sport in Europe, coached high school soccer in Indiana for four years, and later coached a Florida select team for three years while earning his doctorate at Florida State University.

One of the highlights of the season for

both the coach and the team members was a 2-1 loss at Northeastern Oklahoma University. "We played a very good team with very talented and experienced players. Even in a losing effort, it was a great game to watch," Edwards said. "We made up with heart what we lacked in experience."

Heather Shipman, a junior from Hancock, N.H., remembers the game because it was "so much fun to play in." She also remembers another 2-1 game where the team gave one of its best efforts.

"Texas A&M at Commerce beat us 2-1 in overtime. Their team ranked in the top four in the conference. I think that game gave us some confidence that we could compete with the other conference schools."

Soccer has quickly become a popular spectator sport on the Harding campus. More than 500 fans attended the opening game. Average attendance throughout the Lone Star Conference was approximately 150. Harding's lowest home attendance was 150, and those fans stood in the rain to view the game.

With the inaugural season history, sights now turn to the spring semester's preparations for next fall's schedule. Edwards will concentrate on building team speed among the returning players.

He also plans to have a tougher schedule, including a full 20-game schedule allowed by the NCAA. The schedule will include at least three Division I schools. "Our pre-conference schedule must get us ready for Lone Star competition," Edwards said. "I'm not worried about won-lost records. I'm interested in developing a very competitive program. That will come through experience and several good recruiting years."

The Lady Bisons are no longer rookies. With just one season behind them, they have already demonstrated that women's soccer has a home on the Harding campus. ■

# Faculty's secret lives

# out of the classroom

by JAMIE MARTIN, photography by JEFF MONTGOMERY

Are college professors only academic drones who spend every single moment researching, teaching, grading papers and earning even more letters after their names?

Recent discoveries have been made pointing to the truth — many professors do have secret lives out of the classroom.

Our five subjects — Larry Long, Dee Bost, Dan Tullos, Maribeth Downing and Andy Olree — are not the typical dull professors you hear about. We expose their "other side" for the first time.

**SUBJECT: Dr. Larry Long, distinguished professor of English and dean of the Honors College**

Our background investigation reveals that Long had bait fished since he was a boy in Ohio, but something changed in the summer of 1977, when Dr. Gary Elliott, professor of English, introduced a new aspect to the sport.

We spot Long near Pangburn, Ark., carrying a long fishing rod and dressed in chest waders. He enters the cold waters of the Little Red River. Several hours pass, yet Long continues casting the whip-like line at the water.

What could be going on?

Long explains that he is fly fishing. Fly fishing?

"You're not trying to overwhelm the fish with 12 hooks and one of those big bass baits that makes noise," he explains. "You have a little tiny hook with feathers tied to it, and you try to sneak up on the fish when it's feeding and hope it bites that instead of the live flies and aquatic creatures it's eating."

"You're in the river, sort of stalking the fish. You're trying to find where the fish are and present something similar to what they eat in a way that will trick them into biting the hook."

He says that the thrill of the chase is a large part of the excitement of fly fishing, citing an incident that happened while fishing at a bridge near Pangburn. As he fished, Long spotted a trout lying beside a moss pit. He waded away from it, biding his time until evening when the fish feed.

As the time drew near, he slowly waded back to the moss pit and cast over it.

As soon as the fly touched the water, the trout exploded out of the river and bit. The fish then took off downstream with the fly — and Long's fly rod. "I couldn't spool the line fast enough; it was so big that it



# out of the classroom

snapped my line and got away," he laments.

We discover that while Long does not always get the big catch when he fly fishes, he's hooked on the sport, which provides release from the demands of academia.



**SUBJECT: Dr. Dee Bost,**  
coordinator of the Learning  
Center and director of the  
Advance Program

Our investigation reveals that the subject has an undergraduate degree in art and became aware of a new medium when she attended a New Mexico art school during the summer of 1980 to study oil painting.

Noting that Bost has taught classes in stained glass for the University's continuing education program, we decided to explore further. At her office on campus, we were able to extract an explanation of her off-campus interest from the normally quiet profes-

sor. "Before that summer in New Mexico, I had always thought of stained glass work as purely commercial," she says. "But I saw many students who were just regular people like me doing some very fascinating, colorful designs."

Bost informs us that when she returned to Searcy, she saw an advertisement for a two-week stained glass workshop and quickly enrolled.

She tells us she's created several pieces including a portrait of a female student. That particular piece won her second prize in a regional stained glass competition.

Where does she get her inspiration? It comes from photographs or commercial designs, and sometimes friends ask her to create a piece that will match their home's interior.

According to Bost, creating a stained glass panel can be a tedious task because of the precision involved in making the cuts. An extremely detailed piece, the student portrait proved very difficult to complete. "You hope the glass breaks where

you want it to, then you must be careful to cut the glass precisely," she says.

We come to the conclusion that although there are many details that go into a stained glass piece, Bost most enjoys the creativity behind it. "The variety and textures available in glass are amazing," she says. "The finished product adds so much color and light to your environment, and that makes the effort worthwhile."

**SUBJECT: Dr. Dan Tullos, professor of  
communication and director of the  
communication disorder program**

Our informants disclose that Tullos is intrigued by his ancestral home's customs. He is affiliated with the Scottish clan Buchanan, from his mother's side of the family. His mother's ancestors came over from Scotland in 1750, and his father's side of the family made the journey more than 100 years before in 1640. Tullos has been involved with the Scottish community for almost 25 years.

This usually dignified professor has been observed dressed in the full Scottish regalia — kilt, cross-belt, silver plated purse and stockings — performing the Scottish country dance.

We corner Tullos and secure a confession from him concerning his extra-curricular activities.

Tullos explains that the dances aren't the line dances that many associate with the term "country dancing." They're an artistic form of storytelling, with many of the stories passed down from medieval-era Scottish battles.

"One of my favorite dances is the '13-14,' which tells about the Scots fighting King Edward's invasion," he says. "He wanted to do away with the Scottish monarchy and take Scotland as his own, but Robert the Bruce defeated him and re-established the Scottish rule of Scotland."

The first part of the dance starts out slow as the Scots face the invading English army. The last part is energetic and active to symbolize the Scots victory over England.

"By performing the dance, you participate in the history of the dance, keeping the story alive," he says.

Tullos and his wife, the former Kerri Thompson (BA'81), have performed the country dances in many places across America from the largest Scottish festival held at Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina, to yearly festivals held in Arlington, Texas, to local festivals held in Batesville, Ark. They've even performed on campus in the Benson Auditorium lobby preceding the 1989 Homecoming musical "Brigadoon."



We conclude that Tullos' outside interest brings him closer to his heritage — making him a more well-rounded teacher.

**SUBJECT: Dr. Maribeth Downing,**  
professor of education

Our sources reveal that Downing has visited England six times, most recently with the fall 1997 Harding University in England group.

We began wondering why Downing has spent so much time in England. Not only that, pictures of the country have been observed in her office, and the beginning of an English garden has been spotted at her residence. She also mysteriously vanishes at tea time. Could she secretly be working for the Brits?

We caught up with Downing and presented her with our findings. She confessed to having a deep interest in England and told us the following story of how it all began.

The professor traveled to the country for the first time in 1980 to see some friends, and that's when the English bug bit her.

Fascination with the country's traditions lies at the core of Downing's interest. As an example, she points to the Remembrance Day ceremonies she visited in which the country honors its veterans of war.

As tradition dictates, the English gather at Whitehall and place poppies on the war memorial. They have a somber parade as a part of the ceremony to remember those who fought for Britain. The Royal Family makes an appearance at the event, along with many who fought as far back as World War II. "Close to 10,000 people were gathered there, weeping and remembering the veterans," she says.

The English tradition of taking tea in the afternoon is one of Downing's favorite customs. In fact, some say she's developed a sixth sense for finding tea rooms in England. "My

friends always laugh, because no matter where we are, I can scope out a good tea room," she says. Her favorite tea room is Clarinda's in York, and she returns to the spot every time she visits the country.

"I like to be able to sit and talk with the local people," she says. "The highlight for me is doing the things that the

tourists don't usually do."

We conclude that



Downing has become an expert traveler who prefers to make her own arrangements and avoids tours like the black plague. We suspect that if pricked, Downing would bleed a drop of jolly old England.

**SUBJECT: Dr. Andy Olree,**  
assistant professor of  
political science

Digging through scrapbooks we find that Olree and his wife, 1989 graduate Kelly (Brown), took up scuba diving during a summer 1994 vacation in the Bahamas upon his completion of law school.

Questioning Olree uncovers a dangerous side to his hobby. When confronted with the evidence, he confesses to being involved in an incident where he almost became dinner for the underwater world's most fearsome creature — the shark.

Olree explains that he had dived with a group to observe sharks feed. The sharks mistook Olree, the last diver to descend, for their bucket of chum. "When I hit the water, there were a couple of them who went for me," he says.

Luckily for Olree, a lawyer wasn't the desired dish for the sharks' evening meal. "They figured out pretty quickly that I wasn't chum," he says. "They were close enough for me to reach out and touch them, and that was eerie."

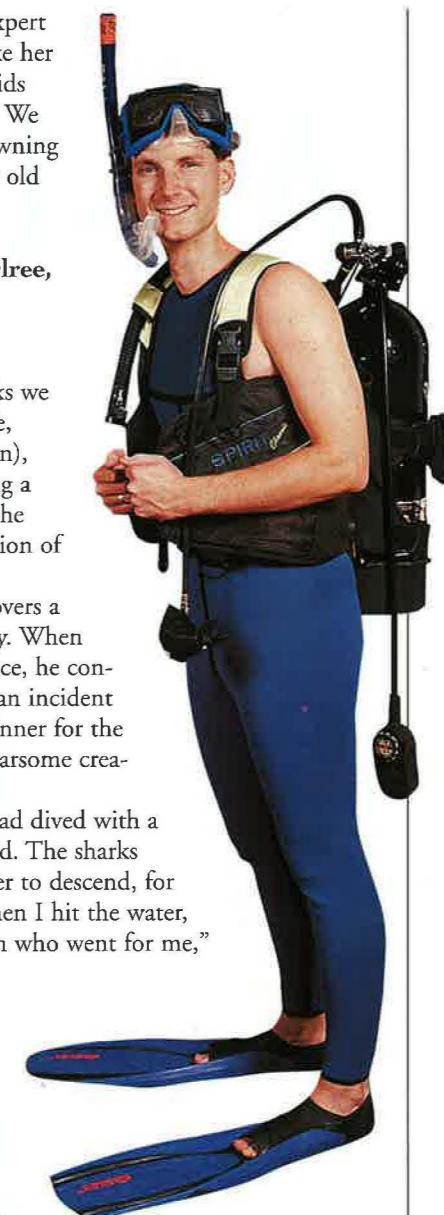
For their next adventure, the Olrees plan to visit the Grand Cayman Islands. Andy hopes to visit Sting Ray City — a location not found on any map. "It's a spot underwater that you can snorkel or dive to," he says. "The sting rays there are tame, and you can even pet and feed them."

The more Olree dives, the more enjoyable the activity becomes for him. "You become more relaxed with each dive," he explains. "You're not as worried about breathing or the equipment, so you can enjoy the dive."

"It's never the same thing twice — there's always something new to see."

Our search reveals that Olree thoroughly enjoys his time in the ocean, comparing the experience of scuba diving to being in the middle of an aquarium exhibit. "It's a feeling of being close to nature in an element that humans are not a part of," he says. "Yet you've been given a chance to take part in that world for a brief time."

THE FACTS ARE IN — faculty members do have secret lives, as proven by our exposé on these five representatives. And that's probably just the tip of the iceberg. ■





# Mary Ciccone brings literature to life as an All-USA Teacher

by DENNIS ORGAN

WHEN A MOTHER sees her all-boy 13-year-old wearing a skirt as part of a Shakespeare festival for his eighth-grade English class, she knows his teacher must be something special to inspire that kind of participation.

Such is the prevailing opinion about the teacher, alumna Mary Ciccone.

"To say Mary thinks out of the box for ways to challenge, stimulate and engage the minds of her students would be an understatement," said parent Vici French. "I found myself amazed that my novice-budding-macho-football-center would willingly dress in his sister's pleated kilt skirt to don a character from Macbeth."

Ciccone's Shakespeare program at Lee Junior High School in Monroe, La., was a smash. The principal said it drew more people than any other event in the history of the school — even a football game. They begged her to stage another one the next year, which she did, drawing in two other junior high schools and featuring her students' mini-version of "Much Ado About Nothing."

So, early in 1998, French wrote a nominating letter that resulted in Ciccone being named on Oct. 15 to the *USA Today* All-USA Teacher Team, an elite group of 23 elementary and secondary teachers honored for "making a difference" as "outstanding teachers who daily unlock kids' minds and advance their knowledge."

Being chosen from among 649 nominees meant an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the awards ceremony, a \$2,500 check for her



A member of the first All-USA teaching team, Mary Ciccone receives her award from Tom Curley, USA Today president and publisher.

school, and a VIP tour of the newspaper's headquarters. Ciccone came back from the tour filled with ideas that she's already tried out on her journalism class, a new course for her this year.

Ciccone, who graduated in 1984 with her teaching certificate in English, returned in 1990 to work on her master's degree, which she completed in 1991. Between those degrees she taught in Indianapolis and Cleveland. Her Cleveland boss-

es were two principals who have lured her this year from Monroe to their new location in Lakewood, Wash., a suburb of Seattle.

One of them, Frank Walter, assistant superintendent in Lakewood, writing in the local paper about her award, said, "Ms. Ciccone has unbelievably high energy, she really knows how to write and how to teach writing, she is always super-prepared, and she has a heart for kids as big as Mount Rain-

ier." He added, "Her classroom is fun and exciting, but purposeful and focused at the same time. You always have the impression that she has more that she wants to teach you than time will allow."

Although Ciccone credits several of her teachers as role models, she believes her style most resembles that of Dr. Rod Brewer, professor of English, who teaches the "Methods of Teaching English" course and who she said has made the biggest impact on her as a professional. "Just about every idea that Dr. Brewer gave us I still use 14 years later," she said. "I still have novel packets, word games, writing activities, poetry, etc., that we used in our classes."

She continued, "And I think we're both alike in our teaching methods: organized chaos! I'm pretty hyper and super organized so sometimes it seems chaotic. My students laugh at me because I'll have tests, quizzes and assignments made up far in advance and then forget where I put them."

As Ciccone remembers Brewer's teaching, Brewer also remembers hers. When she came back for her graduate degree, she enrolled in the first offering of Brewer's "Literature for Adolescents" course. Her teaching experience and instincts produced a study guide for Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" that Brewer considers "a model of what a good

study guide should look like."

Brewer also recalls a class discussion of Cynthia Voigt's "Dicey's Song," in which he posed a question he'd not really answered for himself about the significance of the title. "Mary responded with an answer that I should have thought of, but had not. I wrote her answer down on the title page of the novel and have used her answer to guide me in understanding the novel better and to help my students understand it better also. I guess it's a classic case of the student teaching the teacher," he said.

IN THE CLASSROOM Ciccone sees herself as a facilitator, with lots of creative, hands-on activities designed to enhance students' critical thinking skills. Hence the Shakespeare festival and many other projects devised to make kids latch on to learning. One day she introduced a poetry unit by coming to class dressed as a Beatnik poet: "I had the lights off and the room lit only by candles. We sat around the floor on beanbag chairs. There was incense burning and music playing on the CD player. We read poetry all class as our introduction. They thought I had lost it! They loved it!"

Some of Ciccone's admirers insist that her greatest talent lies in the tough job of teaching writing. Frank Walter, she said, jokes that she can teach a freshman corpse to write an essay.

"My students come back and say they can do essays in their sleep and whip them out for other classes thanks to all the essays I made them do," she said. "I taught at the university level for a while, and truthfully, my seventh- and eighth-grade students could write better essays."

But her students also get to do a lot of creative writing, such as recasting the classics as children's stories (in complete book form with pictures), writ-

ing nursery rhymes using their vocabulary lessons, and creating parodies of classics and even homemade *Cliff's Notes*. At the end of the year, Ciccone publishes everything into a little book for a class collection.

Her creativity is contagious. One year, after studying "Much Ado About Nothing," her seventh graders wanted to read "Romeo and Juliet," but there wasn't time for a complete unit. So, for their semester exam, Ciccone divided the class into groups to perform a scene from the play. Each acting troupe placed their scene in a different setting, so there was a 60s version, a redneck version, a punk rock version, and a swinging 50s version. She said, "They did their own editing, rehearsing, character writing and performing. I sat back and kicked my feet up. I was, needless to say, ecstatic that the kids loved the Bard."

For teaching literature, Ciccone draws on her own experience as a youngster using books to discover the world. For five years, her family lived in what she calls the boondocks of Alaska, without television or even a telephone. So, she says, "I read. And read. The world was opened to me. So I try to expand my students' horizons through literature. I want them to be more tolerant and accepting of other peoples and their customs, and what better way but through literature."

One year her eighth graders' entire literature unit was "Reading Around the World." In addition to reading stories, poems and novels from a variety of cultures, they also created mock passports and learned about geography. Ciccone even cooked full African and Japanese meals to teach about customs and lifestyles, having the students get in the spirit by eating with fingers and chopsticks.

Just one encounter with Mary Ciccone acquaints you with the enthusiasm that drives

her success in the classroom. Her dark eyes sparkle with energy, her attention riveted on the subject at hand. She wants to see that excitement in her students: "I enjoy seeing kids learn — seeing the light come on with the twinkle in their eyes when that epiphany hits them." And not just kids — she's taught handicapped adults, college level, business college English, as well as middle school and high school. This year she has a new challenge in advising the yearbook staff.

Being open to new opportunities comes naturally for Ciccone. Her résumé is filled with workshops, government grants, papers at professional meetings and numerous activities such as repeat trips with student groups to New York to take in Broadway shows and other cultural mind-expanders. She regards participation in the Folger Shakespeare Library Teaching Institute in 1996, funded by the National Endowment for

*"I enjoy seeing kids learn — seeing the light come on with the twinkle in their eyes when that epiphany hits them."*

the Humanities, as a major turning point in her teaching career.

An episode that exemplifies Ciccone's character is her service to one of her students in Monroe. The girl's mother died from cancer, and her father's job took him out of state. So that the girl could stay at Neville High School, Ciccone agreed to move into the home and serve as her nanny for her three years of high school, an experience she says made her "a better teacher and hopefully mother someday."

Ciccone's drive is partly a result of her early college experience. She admits that she almost failed out of Harding her first semester, calling herself "naive and not prepared for the rigorous requirements." She

said, "I vowed to myself that no student of mine would be able to come back and say, 'You never prepared me for the next grade or for college.' I'm very demanding and have very high expectations and standards. But I make learning worth their while."

Those high expectations were put to a second test with Bryce French, whose mother nominated Ciccone for the All-USA Teacher Team. Two years after the Macbeth skit, the boy found himself in Ciccone's sophomore English class for gifted students.

Ms. French recalled: "It was a nightmare the first two months as I was constantly petitioned by my son to be moved to an easier class — 'Ms. Ciccone is too hard ... I'm not that smart ... She expects too much.' He was making a dismal grade and decided to go on a 'mental strike.' Through continued dialogue with Mary, untold patience on

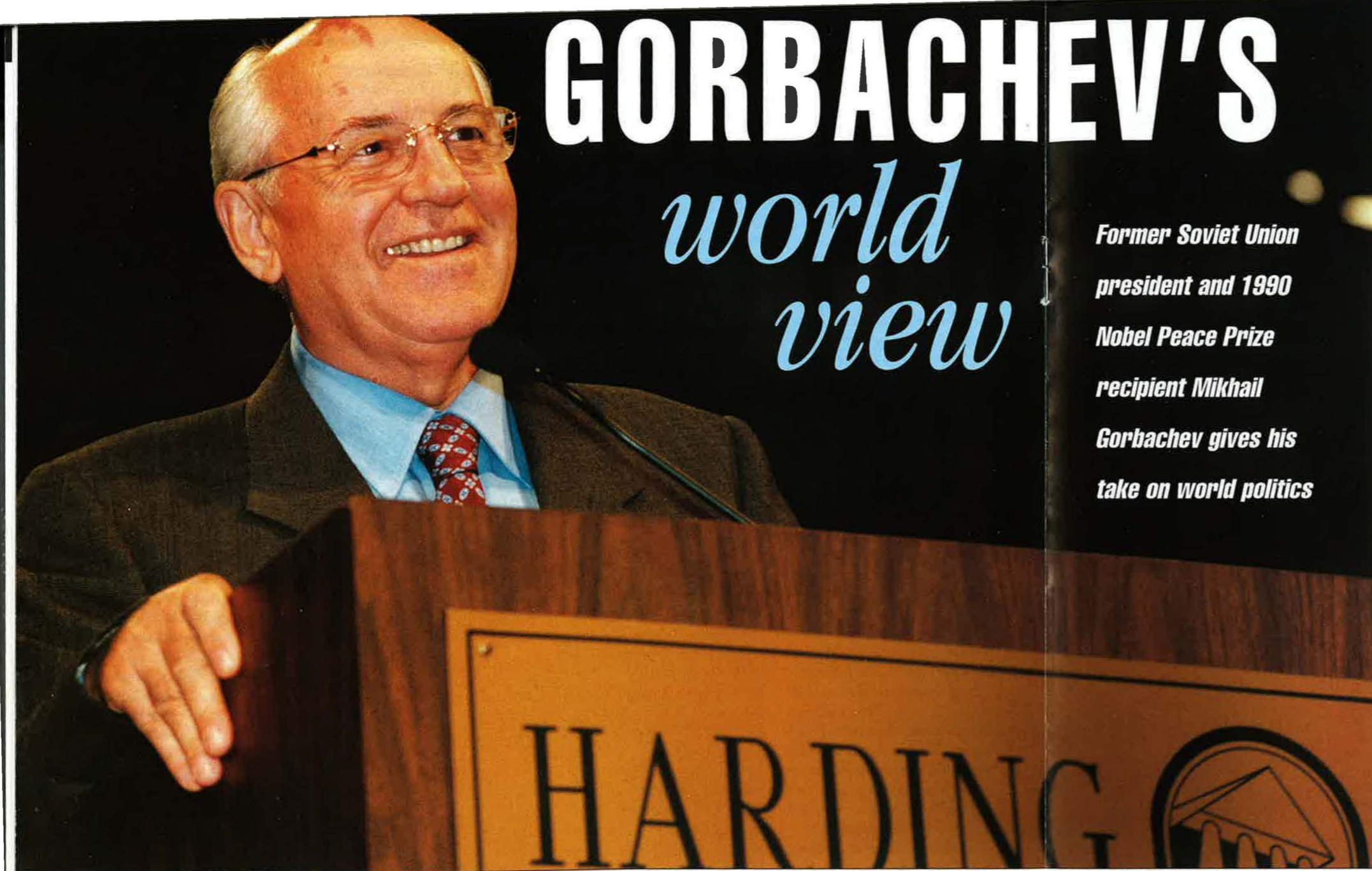
her part, and an unrelenting position on my part,

Mary touched the mind and heart of the surly, uncooperative, defensive, behavioral problem boy and morphed him into an A student whose essay on veterans was featured in the daily newspaper.

"Did Mary unlock a mind, advance a student's knowledge or make a difference in a life? I would have to say definitely yes ... I truly believe Mary's influence was instrumental in this being a pivotal year in the direction of my son."

The *USA Today* headline summed up the All-USA Teacher Team as "Resourceful and determined." Is it any wonder Mary Ciccone made the list? ■

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# GORBACHEV'S

## *world view*

**Former Soviet Union  
president and 1990  
Nobel Peace Prize  
recipient Mikhail  
Gorbachev gives his  
take on world politics**

by JAMIE MARTIN, photography by JEFF MONTGOMERY

**D**ECLARING that a “new world is in the making,” Mikhail Gorbachev, former president of the Soviet Union, told a packed Benson Auditorium his thoughts on the past, present and future of Russia.

The Oct. 16, 1998, American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series speech was attended by 4,300 people, at least half of whom were students. More than

300 watched the speech live on monitors set up in the American Heritage Auditorium and the McInteer Center's Carter Auditorium.

The world leader spoke of how each separate country's actions affect the others. He told of a reporter in Dallas who asked him why American taxpayers should be interested in Russia. “Does the United States need Russia?” Gorbachev asked. “Let me tell you very frankly, of course we need the United States, but equally the United States needs Russia.”

Explaining his answer, Gorbachev pointed to Russia's large nuclear capability, one that matches America's arsenal. “It is quite clear what could happen if nuclear

weapons are used,” Gorbachev said. “This is a reason for our two countries to interact, to work together, to be engaged in dialogue, and to understand each other.”

Another reason for America's interest is Russia's developing consumer markets, which are in the process of modernization. Gorbachev also illuminated Russia's tremendous potential in science and technology. “Today one-third of computer software programs are written by Russian scientists, and the U.S. Congress has enlarged the quota for Russian computer scientists and mathematicians to immigrate to the United States at a time when immigration is limited for others,” he said.

Highlighting Russia's history, Gorbachev explained how past events led to the crisis the country faces today. Because

Russia began as a monarchy and then changed into a communist regime as a result of the Bolshevik Revolution, the people leaned on their government for centuries. “People believed in a good czar, a good president,” he said. “Instead they should have relied on their own abilities and forces, especially in a democratic context, when they had the right to elect the right kind of people.”

Stalin's dictatorship set the stage for decades of terror. The Russian people became accustomed to a political system that used force to remove anyone who dared to disagree with the totalitarian government.

Because of this history of terror, Gorbachev says that the Russians have not yet learned to use democracy. “We are still paying the price of this imposition of one ideology — making our entire country speechless and freedomless,” he said.

According to Gorbachev, the crisis of the totalitarian regime in the face of new technology gave birth to perestroika. “Our systems were not able to adapt to new trends, making our economy extremely costly,” he said.

Gorbachev's perestroika meant a gradual step-by-step transition to market economics. It established democracy, free speech, elections, free press, free opinion and freedom of religion. The freedom to establish private banks, businesses and property were all a part of the package. Perestroika also meant that citizens finally obtained the privilege of entering and leaving the country at will.

However, the path to progress has not been smooth. Gorbachev mentioned that opposition to the changes democracy brought was at the root of an attempted coup d'état in August 1991. “They did not want a situation where power was granted as a result of election at all levels, therefore they tried to oust the president, first through legitimate means, then through a coup,” Gorbachev explained.

Taking some responsibility for the situation, Gorbachev said that the coup plotters took advantage of the Russian people's dissatisfaction of the speed of change. “We acted too slowly on ethnic and economic transitional problems, which undermined the standard of living among the people,” Gorbachev said.

Speaking of the current situation in Russia, Gorbachev was critical of Boris Yeltsin's policies. He said that the constitution adopted in 1993 had caused a crisis of the system. “And that system needs to be changed,” he said.

According to Gorbachev, the struggling market economy Russia has in place is not

a true market economy. “It is a surrogate, immature market that is not civilized and only benefits a small group of people who have become obscenely rich,” he said.

Because of this weak market economy, the situation has become dire. Two-thirds of Russians live in poverty, the death rate has increased, the birth rate is down, and life expectancy has dropped seven years. “Most people live at a worse economic level now than at any time after World War II,” Gorbachev said.

MANY RUSSIANS have never experienced a true market economy, therefore some are speaking out against it and the institutions of democracy. Because the standard of living has dropped dramatically, many yearn for the old system. “People want to live rather than survive,” Gorbachev said.

To improve Russia's future, Gorbachev has a number of strategies that he believes will allow democracy to grow and flourish. He points to elections, which he said can help change the system.

He also believes that Russia needs to establish a socially responsible market economy — which will develop the country properly, cultivating an economy encouraging competition, and giving small and medium size businesses a chance to thrive.

New leaders in the Russian government cabinet have brought Gorbachev hope for Russia's future. “These leaders are committed to democracy, and if they succeed, then I think things will be on track for a successful reform,” he said.

Turning his thoughts to how America and Russia can work together to build relations, Gorbachev believes that the nations need to understand each other and find a harmony of interests. “Today's world is very interdependent,” he said. “Now that the world is moving toward a new millennium, we must face the challenges globalization brings.”

Charging that “big countries have big responsibilities,” he highlighted the importance of Russia and America uniting efforts, interests and joining forces to build a stable world economy.

Despite the current situation, Gorbachev has remained optimistic about his country's future. He predicted that Russia will survive this difficult period and establish new relationships consistent with the process of globalization.

He also remains optimistic about the future of the world.

“I believe that the world can become stable and will be able to address the problems of this new face in the development of civilization.” ■



# 75 YEARS AT A GLANCE

by SCOTT MORRIS

**T**HE HISTORY OF HARDING has been blessed throughout its 75 years with talented individuals God used to bring the school into existence and to successfully sustain it for three quarters of a century. As the University celebrates its 75th anniversary, it seems fitting to take a quick look back through the years at some of the significant milestones in her history. This brief glimpse back in time recounts some of the people, events and dates that have slowly woven a rich, colorful history.



Utilizing Wade Ozbirn's 1924 Model T, Dr. George Benson serves as Grand Marshal in the 50th Anniversary Homecoming parade in 1974.



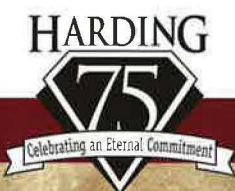
The Bison football teams of today have predecessors dating back to the Morrilton years.

James A. Harding



J.N. Armstrong burns the mortgage in 1939.

An aerial view of the campus in its early days shows the three main structures, two of which still exist today.



## 1924

Harper College and Arkansas Christian College merge to form Harding College in Morrilton, Ark. With J.N. Armstrong as its first president, the college opens with 288 students. Having only one dorm, which was allocated for girls, male students board in private homes or wherever they can find a place to stay. The uncompleted administration building, with its large, paneless windows, often means that during heavy rains faculty lecture in raincoats to a room full of students sitting under umbrellas.

## 1925

Florence Cathcart and L.O. Sanderson pen the alma mater. Students meet all school expenses, including tuition, room and board, for less than \$300 a year.

## 1928

Accreditation is obtained from the Arkansas State Board of Education.

## 1932

Salary for the college's faculty averages less than \$50 a month.

## 1934

Harding purchases the abandoned Galloway College campus and its 11 buildings for \$75,000 and moves from Morrilton, Ark., to its present location in Searcy, opening with 461 students.

## 1936

President J.N. Armstrong retires to serve as the dean of Bible, and Dr. George Benson returns from China to serve as the second president.

## 1939

On Thanksgiving Day, J.N. Armstrong ceremoniously burns the mortgage in a fire on the front lawn. The campus has never been mortgaged since.

## 1941

President Benson speaks in Washington, D.C., to the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee recommending the elimination of three government agencies, thus making available \$2 billion in funds for the Department of Defense to combat communism. The chairman of

## 1942

Benson begins a weekly syndicated newspaper column titled "Looking Ahead" that grows in popularity and is eventually carried by 3,600 weekly and daily newspapers across the country.

## 1944

In August, former president Armstrong dies in his sleep at age 74. More than 250 Harding students are called to duty during World War II, and 11 of them are killed in action.

## 1947

Harding's enrollment jumps to 728 at the close of World War II.

## 1948

A weekly radio program by President Benson titled "Land of the Free" is presented in 43 states

## 1950

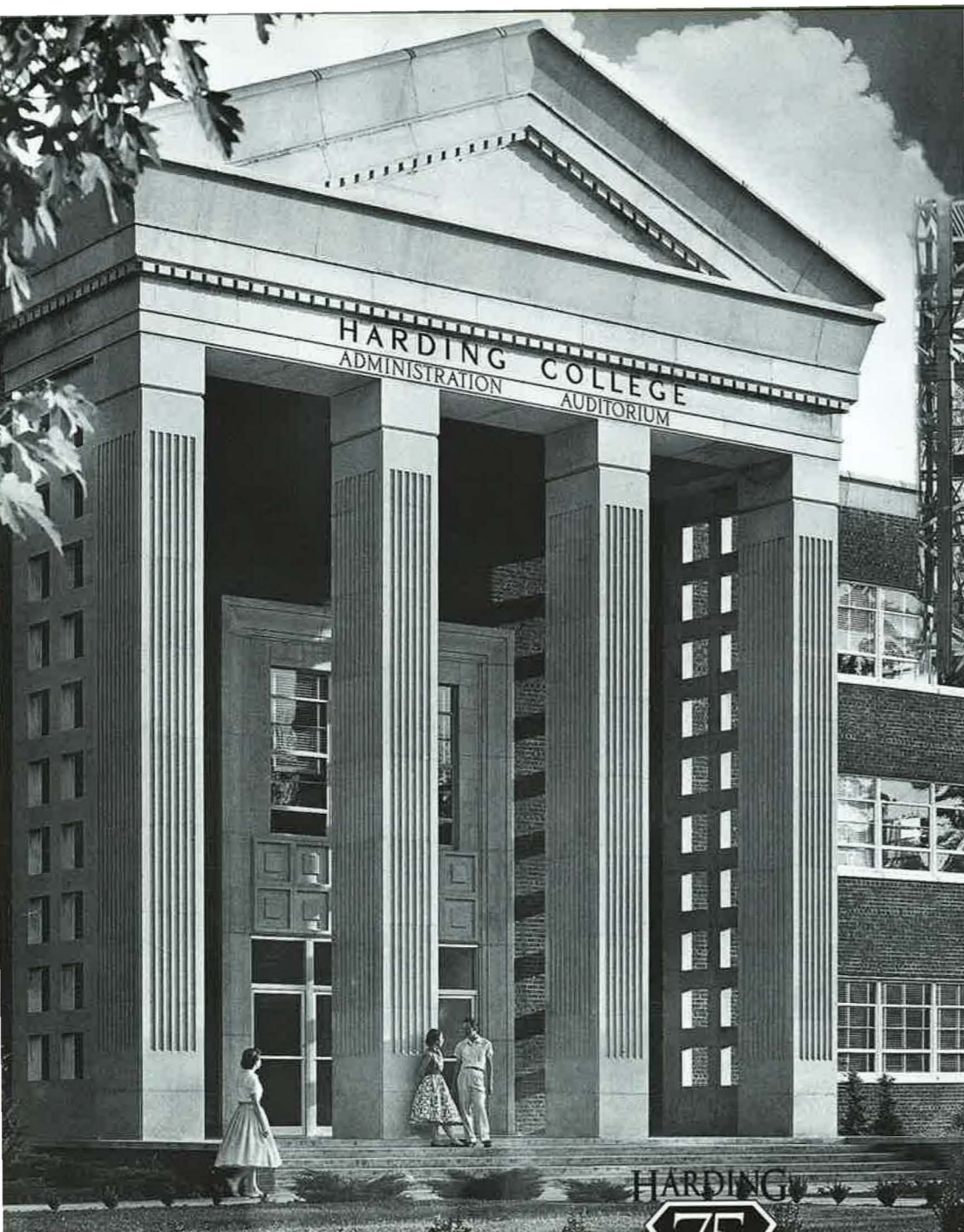
In contrast to most years, male enrollment outnumbers female enrollment 380 to 280, respectively. Construction begins on Rhodes Memorial Field House and Armstrong Hall.

## 1952

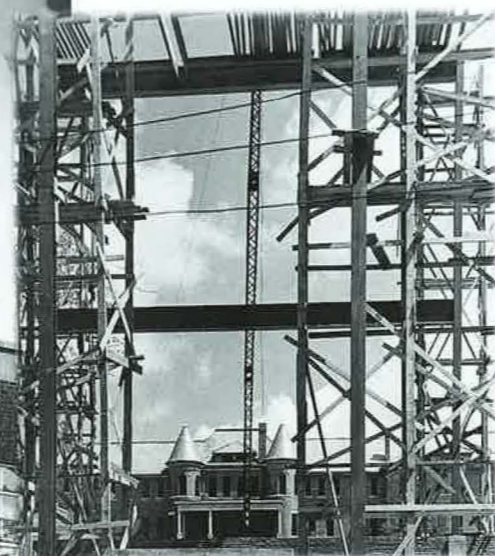
Graduate work in Bible is added to the curriculum. A massive tornado destroys nearby Judsonia, Ark., and students respond en masse and organize relief efforts before the Red Cross can even respond.

## 1953

The American Studies Building is completed, becoming "the first all air-conditioned classroom building of its kind in Arkansas." On Feb. 27 at 9:55 p.m., the newly completed Bell Tower rings for the first time.



The Administration Building, constructed in 1952, remains a focal point on campus.



Soon-to-be razed Godden Hall is viewed through the construction of the Administration Building.



TNT and Zeta Rho participate in Spring Sing 1975.



The Old Mansion is the main structure on the campus of the Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tenn.

In the late 40s, students gather around the lily pool.



Armstrong Hall, constructed in 1949, has served as a male residence hall for nearly 50 years.

Dr. and Mrs. Clifton Ganus and Dr. and Mrs. Joe Pryor receive guests at a reception at the Governor's Mansion in 1968.



Benson is named "1953 Arkansan of the Year."

**1954**

Harding is approved for national accreditation by the North Central Association on March 14. In June, a "Day of Celebration" is held as several new buildings are dedicated during 30th anniversary events.

**1958**

The graduate Bible program moves to Memphis, Tenn., and becomes the Graduate School of Religion.

**1959**

Harding is admitted to membership in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference for athletic competition.

**1962**

The Graduate School campus in Memphis, Tenn., integrates.

**1963**

The Searcy campus becomes racially integrated, and Harding becomes the first private college in Arkansas to do so. The event occurred without fanfare or

publicity, but was noted in the *Arkansas Gazette* as a "model for other schools to follow." The school thus lived up to a statement in her alma mater that states, "Harding opens wide her portals, thus inviting all."

**1964**

KHCA campus radio station begins regular broadcasts.

**1965**

President George Benson retires and Dr. Clifton L. Ganus Jr. becomes the third president of Harding. Associated Women for

Harding and the President's Development Council are founded. Enrollment reaches 1,472, the college begins a partnership with NASA performing physical fitness research for astronauts, and the weekly class schedule changes from a Tuesday through Saturday setup to the more common Monday to Friday arrangement.

**1967**

A new science building complex is completed for just over \$1 million.

**1973**

The Christian Communications Program (now called School of Biblical Studies) is established in order to train ministers, missionaries and personal workers in evangelism.

**1974**

During the 50th anniversary year, the School of Nursing is begun. Spring Sing also makes its debut as part of the annual Youth Forum.

**1979**

With five schools or colleges comprising its academic offerings, Harding College becomes Harding University.

**1981**

Enrollment tops 3,000 students and new facilities include Benson Auditorium, still the largest auditorium in the state, and the Mabee Business Building.

**1984**

Harding purchases a villa in Florence, Italy, to enhance the new HUF program.

**1985**

Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton begins the Walton Scholarship Program for Central American students.

**1987**

Dr. Ganus retires from the University presidency, and Dr. David Burks begins serving as Harding's fourth president.

**1990**

Major renovations are undertaken on Armstrong, Cathcart, Graduate and Kendall Halls. The library is rebuilt and re-

named Brackett Library. The University's American Studies Institute National Advisory Board is formed with Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton and Little Rock, Ark., investment banker Jack Stephens co-chairing the 20-member board of national business leaders.

**1991**

Former president Benson dies in Searcy at the age of 93.

**1994**

The Jim Bill McInteer Bible and World Missions Center is com-



One of four international campuses the University offers, the villa in Florence, Italy, purchased in 1984, is an ideal setting for foreign studies.



David Burks gives his inaugural address in 1987.



Completed in 1998, an electronic sign greets visitors at the new campus entrance from the Beebe-Capps Expressway.



pleted and the C.L. Kay Plaza is developed.

**1995**

Lady Margaret Thatcher, former prime minister of Great Britain, speaks at Harding as part of the American Studies Institute Lecture Series, and in December, membership is granted in the NCAA Division II Lone Star Conference.

**1996**

Searcy Hall, an apartment-style dormitory, and Harding Place, a retirement center, open.

**1997**

Enrollment tops 4,000, and Rhodes Memorial Field House undergoes major renovations for intercollegiate basketball and volleyball play.

**1998**

During Harding's 75th anniversary year, the \$5.9 million Reynolds Center for Music and Communication is completed, and the Stevens Art and Design Center is expanded to include new galleries, offices and classrooms.

**H**ARDING'S HISTORY book will hopefully not end when the 75th anniversary chapter draws to a close. The University has been and continues to be in good hands — the hands of God and those whom He uses.

As President Burks states in the book "Against the Grain," "God has blessed Harding in the past, and He has a great future for institutions like Harding that are making a difference in the lives of people." Another chapter of Harding's history is written, but, if it's the Lord's will, more chapters are yet to be penned. ■

**'48** Morgan Buffington (BA) is in a nursing home. His wife, Evelyn, said that Morgan would enjoy receiving letters. (101 Prince, Apt. E2, Rogersville, AL 35630)

**'50** Thomas Dillinger is retired. (2919 Melmar Park St., Commerce, TX 75428)

T. Carter Geer (BS) and his wife, the former Ruth Summitt ('47), are missionaries. (P.O. Box 15346, Nakuru, Kenya)

**'53** Robert Turnbow (BA) owns Turnbow and Associates, CPAs. His wife, the former Peggy Crutcher, is a homemaker. (6040 Cedar Knot Court, Mobile, AL 36609)

**'54** Cecil May Jr. (BA) retired as president of Magnolia Bible College July 31, 1997. He is now dean of the V.P. Black School of Biblical Studies at Faulkner University. He and his wife, Winnie, have three children. (265 Blue Ridge Road, Wetumpka, AL 36093)

**'56** Guy Vanderpool (BA) retired from the U.S. National Security Agency and now teaches history and political science at Lipscomb University. He and his wife, Joanne, have two children. (219 Bramerton Court, Franklin, TN 37609)

**'58** Pat Teague (BA) is vice president and senior trust officer at First Arkansas Bank and Trust. (4318 Amy Lane, Jacksonville, AR 72076)

**'65** Thomas Martin (BA) recently returned from Kiev, Ukraine, and is preaching for the church of Christ in Alpena, Mich. (510 Saginaw, Alpena, MI 49707)

James Penrod (BA) is vice president for information systems and chief information officer at the University of Memphis. He has been chosen for the 1999 class of Leadership Memphis. He and his wife, Ann, have two children. (3130 Dee Ann Drive, Memphis, TN 38119-9129)

**'66** Linda Sue Studebaker Benthall (BA) is a child care facility specialist II with the Missouri Department of Health. She has three daughters who all graduated from Harding. (219 N. Rollins St., #1, Macon, MO 63552)

**'67** Suzanne Learned Bennett (BA) is an assistant professor at Mississippi University for Women. Named 1997 Outstanding Nurse Educator by the Mississippi Organization of Associate De-



gree Nursing, she also received an Excellence in Education Award from Sigma Theta Tau International. She and her husband, Sherrill (HUGSR), have three sons. (4466 Ridge Road, Columbus, MS 39701)

Joel White (BS) is working for United Airlines. (17853 E. Berry Ave., Aurora, CO 80015)

**'71** Linda Gillett Albritton is director of the kindergarten, preschool and daycare program at Highland Oaks Church of Christ in Dallas. She and her husband, Robert, have two children. (1812 Morningside, Garland, TX 75042)

Robert Teel (BA) is a team process consultant for Illinois Power Co. and minister for Parkway Church of Christ in Springfield, Ill. He and his wife, the former Linda Rue ('72), have two children. (1153 Buckeye Lane, Decatur, IL 62521)

**'74** Patricia Lowrey Baker

(BA) is working for Exxon Family Stop. (304 Rector, Rm. #3, Hot Springs, AR 71913)

Jon Parham (BA) is assistant professor for the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine and pre-doctoral director for the Department of Family Medicine. He and his wife, Dianna, have a son. (723 Concord Farms Lane, Knoxville, TN 37922)

Julia Moon Pettyjohn is attending the Medical College of Georgia, working on a degree in health information management. (MCG Box #1474, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA 30912)

Peggy Bennett Smith (BA) is a pre-kindergarten teacher at All Saints Episcopal School. She and her husband, David (BS), have two children. (9265 Meadowbend Drive, Beaumont, TX 77706)

Michael Westerfield (BA) is

provost at Rochester College. He and his wife, Sharon, have two children. (1003 River Mist Drive, Rochester, MI 48307)

**'75** Mike Adams (BA) was selected Teacher of the Year at Eagle's Landing Middle School, his third time to win the award. He was the recipient of the Quest for Excellence in Education grant for creative curriculum development in classroom instructional technology. He and his wife, Cay, have three children. (224 Hunting Court, Jonesboro, GA 30236)

Mauri Bussey Peaco (BS) is hospice director at Del Mar Gardens. She and her husband, David, have two children. (12185 Oakwilde, Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

**'76** Penny Nichols Burks (BA) is an adapted physical education teacher for 3-year-olds to fifth grade. She also evaluates children from 3 months through high

*Ida Hazlet Horton (Harper College)*

**Witness to a century**

**A**DDRESSING chapel in the Benson Auditorium is not the usual way to celebrate a birthday. But for Ida (Hazlet) Horton, it was the ideal celebration for her 100th birthday.

Horton, born Sept. 23, 1898, amazed the audience with her presentation, which included poetry, limericks and words of wisdom.

One in a family of nine children, Horton was born near Leon, Iowa. The family moved to Brighton, Colo., in 1916. Horton attended Colorado State Teachers College, then enrolled in 1923 at Harper College, Harding's predecessor institution in Harper, Kan.

At Harper Hor-

ton was both a student and a teacher. She remembers those years fondly.

Times were hard, but she recalls that President and Mrs. Armstrong "managed wonderfully."

She describes the school as small, with only one main building. Despite the hard times and the tiny campus, the students found many ways to have fun. "Sometimes the faculty would serve us homemade ice cream, which was a special treat in those days," she said.

Students singing around a pond was a familiar sight on the campus. With the help of Mrs. Armstrong, they also frequently put on plays and had many speaking contests.

Horton didn't

move to Morrilton, Ark., when the school merged with Arkansas Christian College to become Harding College, but her ties have remained strong



to the University throughout the years. She met her husband, Brady Horton ('25), at Harper, and her children, Don (BA '49) and Valle (Horton) Richmond ('52), both attended. Her brother, Raymond Hazlet (BA'27), sang in one of Harding's first musical groups, a barbershop quartet, along with Vice-President A.S. Croom, Roy Harris and

L.O. Sanderson.

Horton's grandchildren, Beth (Richmond) Hendrix (BA'74) and Melanie (Richmond) Roseberry ('79), also attended Harding. Her great-granddaughter, Carmen (Hendrix) Clark is a junior.

In her 100 years, she has learned that the qualities of kindness and compassion are the most honorable and make a lasting impression on others. She remembers Harding's first president clearly, and the example he set for her stands out in her memory.

"J.N. Armstrong set a remarkable example of kindness," Horton said. "That stays with young people for a long time." ■

— Jamie Martin

**ALUMNI PROFILE**



school age for motor deficits. She and her husband, Billy, have a son. (117 Edwards, Benton, LA 71006)

**Walter Lewis** (BA) took medical retirement in January 1996, after spending nine years as a GED instructor in the Job Corps program. He and his wife, **Anna** ('75), have two children. (3637 Alvina, Warren, MI 48091)

**Richard Paine** (BA) has been promoted to full professor of speech communication/theater at North Central College. He coached the college's first individual national forensics champion. The team has consistently placed among the top 20 schools in national competition. (25 N. Eagle, Naperville, IL 60540)

**Donald Pennington** (BS) is senior vice president and CIO of GerAssist Inc. He and his wife, **Lynda** ('79), have a daughter. (7228 River

Bend Road, Nashville, TN 37221)

**'77 Janice Sanders Crawford** (BS) is an operations manager for Inquiry Intelligence System Inc. She and her husband, **David**, have two sons. (15 Congressional Way, O'Fallon, MO 63366)

**Phillip Goad** (BS) is part owner and president of the Center for Toxicology and Environmental Health, a consulting firm. He and his wife, the former **Starla Jarrell** (BA'76), have three children. (14010 Wimbledon Loop, Little Rock, AR 72209)

**David Hamilton** (BA) is a Spanish teacher at Augusta Public Schools and is working on his master's in secondary administration at Harding. His wife, the former **Amy Parks**, is working on her bachelor's in political science. (68 Mohawk Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

**Joe Tomlinson Jr.** (MTh) is a minister and chaplain at Washington Street Church of Christ. He and his wife, **Eva**, have four sons. (408 2nd Ave., Fayetteville, TN 37334)

**David Ward** is president of American Rehabilitation Services. He and his wife, the former **Bonnie Roper** ('74), have two children. (9144 Saddlebow Drive, Brentwood, TN 37027)

**'78 Wendell Glass** (BA) is a marketing manager at Lucent Technologies. He and his wife, the former **Rhonda Smythe** ('79), have two children. (255 Hanging Moss Trail, Shreveport, LA 71106)

**Joe Hodges** (BA) is vice president in charge of internal audit at the Bank of the Ozarks in Little Rock, Ark. His wife, the former **Laura Cowan** (BA'77), is working at the Arkansas Center for Math Education at the University of Central

Arkansas. They have two children. (18 Ross Drive, Vilonia, AR 72173)

**Norm Morgan** (CCP) is a minister at Columbus Church of Christ. He and his wife, **Patricia**, have a daughter. (319 S. Florida, Columbus, KS 66725)

**Larry Oehlerts** (BA) is a loan servicing assistant with the U.S. Small Business Administration. He received his master's of business administration in financial management from Southern California University for Professional Studies on June 14, 1998. (1114 S. Chaucer St., Anaheim, CA 92806)

**'79 Anita Olbricht Bourdeau** (BA) recently joined Pass & Seymour/Legrand as the advertising and promotions manager for the company's consumer products division. She and her husband,



**Robert**, have two children. (3 Pine St., Baldwinsville, NY 13027-2605)

**Vicky Clark Bowden** (BSN) is assistant chair of undergraduate nursing at Azusa Pacific University School of Nursing. She co-authored a nursing textbook, "Children and Their Families: The Continuum of Care." She and her husband, **Greg**, have two children. (2421 Denise, Orange, CA 92867)

**Rhonda Bates Broadwater** (BA) is a school psychologist. (365 Providence Square Drive, Charlotte, NC 28270)

**Nick Lee** (BS) is manager of human resources with Whirlpool Corp. He and his wife, the former **Elizabeth Davis** (BSN '77), have three children. (3414 W. Valleyview Drive, Saint Joseph, MI 49085)

**Jamie Baites Stewart** (BS) is director of academic services in the Office of Academic Affairs and an instructor in the areas of developmental studies and critical thinking at Cumberland University. She has four children. (611 Fairgrounds Court, Lebanon, TN 37087)

**'80 Phillip Baker** (BBA) is responsible for all financial matters of Farm Bureau Federation and its subordinate companies in Arkansas. He and his wife, the former **Trudy Baldwin** (BS'81), have two children. (4209 Golden Oaks, Little Rock, AR 72210)

**Leonard Bryan** (BBA) is senior vice president and chief financial officer for SYSCO Food Services of Houston Inc. He and his wife, the former **Susan Sanders** ('79), have nine children and three foster children. (2014 Cypress Run

## ALMA MATTERS Alumni chapters help keep you connected

by MARKA BENNETT, alumni association president

**H**OME COMING 1998 has come and gone — now it's time to begin planning Homecoming 1999. In addition to numerous other activities, there will be class, club and departmental reunions. The Alumni Association needs your help in planning. If you would be willing to assist in the coordination of a reunion for your class or social club, contact Paula Kirby in the Alumni Association Office at (501) 279-4276 or pkirby@harding.edu. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

### Chapter Activities

**Chattanooga, Tenn.** — Alumni and friends from southeast Tennessee and northwest Georgia met Aug. 31 to discuss the possibility of starting a chapter. Contacts: **Ryan** ('96) and **Carla Tipton** ('93) Sumner at (423) 614-5847 or rcsumner@juno.com.

**Cincinnati** — After an initial meeting and Cincinnati Reds baseball game Aug. 29, 32 alumni and friends from southwest Ohio and northern Kentucky met for a "Homecoming" potluck Nov. 7. The group decided to consider setting up a scholarship fund from the chapter. The next activity is scheduled for Feb. 27. Contacts: **Stephen** ('85) and **Dianne Mason** ('89) Clemens at (513) 755-9945 or clem.clem@mci2000.com.

**Cleveland** — An event is being planned in northeast Ohio for the spring of 1999. Contacts: **Shawn** ('91) and **Lisa Gootee** ('92) Pittman at (513) 755-9945 or shawnp4@juno.com.

**Denver** — Alumni held their first meeting

Aug. 15 to discuss possible chapter activities and then headed to a Colorado Rockies baseball game. Forty individuals from the Denver and Colorado Springs areas also enjoyed a cookout in Parker at the home of **Allen** and **Nancy Osburn** ('65) Banta Oct. 24. A winter banquet is planned for February to be held at the Colorado Springs Broadmoor Hotel. Contacts: **Mark Story** ('88) at (303) 804-9646 or mxstory@uswest.com, or **Robin Pruitt Klein** ('89) at (303) 470-1161 or xap-knight@aol.com.

**Jonesboro, Ark.** — Approximately 20 alumni got together in Jonesboro, Sept. 26, for an evening of food and entertainment featuring **Craig Jones** ('77) performing impersonations of some of Harding's favorite faculty. Contact: **Ray Winters** ('77) at (870) 972-1883 or r winters@crow.astate.edu.

**Oklahoma City** — The Central Oklahoma Chapter followed an Aug. 22 meeting and Oklahoma Redhaws baseball game with a Dec. 12 Christmas party at the home of **Jonathan** ('88) and **Phylis Watson** ('87) Frye in Edmond. Contacts: **The Fryes** at (405) 330-2550 or jonathan.frye@attws.com, or **Brenda Pressler** ('98) at (405) 478-2533 or ccsok@juno.com.

**Shreveport, La.** — Chapter officers were selected at a Sept. 10 meeting. Chapter members also participated in the Red River Rake with high school students Nov. 8. Contacts: **Reggie Reynolds** ('65) at (318) 631-0939 or cpsboard@iamerica.net, or **Gerald Burrow** ('72) at (318) 798-3387. ❏

### Alumni Association offers travel incentives

The Alumni Association is now offering a travel incentive program for "Friends of Harding" who book individual vacation packages (cruises, escorted and independent tours, ski packages and other vacation packages) through the Association's certified travel representative.

The incentive agreement includes a donation to the University's scholarship program for every individual vacation package booked. The incentive program is being coordinated by a travel representative who handles arrangements for all of Harding's international studies programs in Italy, England, Greece and Australia.

For more information about the "Friends of Harding" travel program, call the Alumni Association office at (501) 279-4276.

manager of the eye clinic at Arkansas Children's Hospital. She has three daughters. (4824 Hillcrest Ave., Little Rock, AR 72205)

**'85 Dawn McKamey Gentry** (BA) is self-employed as a branch adviser with the Longaberger Company. She and her husband, **Harold** (BA), have two children. (11316 Whistler Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46229-2207)

**Mark Hughes** (BBA) is working for Electronic Data Systems. His wife, the former **Mary Giddens** (BBA), graduated from Oakland University with a bachelor's in education. They have two children. (6586 Waldon Glens Court, Clarkston, MI 48346)

**Chad Morse** (CCP) is a clinical assistant professor at the University of Alaska. His wife, the former **JuLee Redden** ('87), is teaching at East Anchorage High School. They have two children. (3705 Arctic Blvd., #106, Anchorage, AK 99503)

**E. Alan Rogers** (BBA) is a CDM manager with Cap Gemini America, Ohio. His wife, the former **Cara Dudley** (BBA'85), is an accounts payable bookkeeper with Willow Brook Christian Communities. (5267 Spring Beauty Court, Columbus, OH 43230)

**John Tate** is a controller for International Paper. He and his wife, the former **Debbie Kellum** (BA '83), have two children. (1610 Greenwood Lane, Fordyce, AR 71742)

**'86 Sue Eichenberger** (BA) is principal at Dardanelle Primary School. (1006 N. 2nd St., Dardanelle, AR 72834-3244)

**Kirk McCrary** (BA) is the minister at Mission Viejo Church of Christ. (26992 Pueblo Nuevo Drive, Mission Viejo, CA 92691)

**'87 Rodney Ashlock** (BA) is an instructor of Bible at Abilene Christian University. He and his wife, the former **Laura Thibodeaux** ('90), have two children. (625 E.N. 20th, Abilene, TX 79601)

**Cliff Hays** is a self-employed dentist. His wife, the former **Leslie Freeman** (BBA'90), is an accounting major at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. They have

a son. (110 Indian Valley Cove, Benton, AR 72015)

**Brad Hounsel** (BBA) is a trust officer at Banc One Trust Corp. (8200 Southwestern Blvd., Dallas, TX 75206)

**Tim Weatherspoon** (BBA) is a cardiovascular specialty representative for Roche Labs Inc. He is married to the former **Karla Hampton** ('88). (6806 Danbers Court, Oak Ridge, NC 27310)

**'88 Allen Fitzgerald** (BBA) was promoted to information systems manager with the Arkansas State Police and was selected to serve on the board for the Printrak User Executive Committee. He and his wife, the former **Fonda Holloway** (BA'87), have a daughter. (19 Red Oak Place, Maumelle, AR 72113)

**'89 A. Darin Combs** is an aircraft maintenance officer in the U.S. Air Force. He and his wife, **Mila**, have a son. (PSC 9 Box 3441, APO AE, 09123-3441)

**Alex Fagen** (BS) is a director at BSI Consulting. (8300 Young Court, Plano, TX 75025)

**Janell Laughary** (BS) is the library media specialist at Glenwood School. She is working on her master's of library science at Emporia State University. (1019 N. College St., West Plains, MO 65775-3119)

**Steve Mullins** (BS) is employed with Puget Sound Systems Group. He and his wife, the former **Karis Dunkin** (BS'90), have two sons. (8934 Milbanke Drive S.E., Olympia, WA 98513)

**'90 Connie Allen** (BSW) is a social worker for the Youth and Family Association. (P.O. Box 8114, Searcy, AR 72145)

**Craig Cheatham** (BA) became the executive vice president of the Association of Real Estate License Law Officials in September 1998. He is also an adjunct instructor at Faulkner University. He is married to the former **Carylee Parker** (BA'91). (3244 Fairfax Road, Montgomery, AL 36109)



**Martha Garrett** (BA) is a sales quality analyst with Conesco Inc. (6310-C Hanks Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46224)

**Andrew Hammitt** (BA) is the minister at Richmond Hill Church of Christ and principal at the Christian School located at the church building. (707 Beech St., Apt. 4, Helena, AR 72342)

**Jeff Moore** (BA) joined Temerlin McClain as senior copywriter. (1240 Enclave Circle, #101, Arlington, TX 76011)

**Laura Nickerson Owens** (BA) is a first-grade reading recovery teacher for Connally Schools. She and her husband, Clint, have three children. (118 Darden, Waco, TX 76706)

**Becky Boaz Shoemaker** (BA) is partner and co-manager for Express. (5840 Ironwood St., Tucson, AZ 85708)

**Josiah Tilton** (BS) is a physician/anesthesiologist in the U.S. Air Force. He and his wife, the former **Rebecca Kreh** ('92), have a daughter. (203 Fechet, Biloxi, MS 39531)

**'91 Paula Agnew** is teaching at Palos Verdes Peninsula High. (1518 Stanford St., #3, Santa Monica, CA 90404)

**Mark Blue** (BA) is a manager for Quiktrip. He and his wife, the former **Beth Battles** (BA), have three children. (8968 E. 57th St., Tulsa, OK 74145)

**Reid Hayward** (BA) is an assistant professor at the University of Northern Colorado. He is married to the former **Carrie Crider** (BFA). (819 19th St., #33, Greeley, CO 80631)

**Bert Hollis** is the youth minister at Elm Street Church of Christ. He and his wife, Sarah, have a daughter. (200 S. Nueces, Coleman, TX 76834)

**Sarah Osgood Hyde** is self-employed as an independent kitchen consultant for Pampered Chef. (1216 Hyde Park Drive, McKinney, TX 75069)

**'92 Randall Carlton** (BS) is a physician with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences AHEC-Northeast Family Practice Residency Program. He is married to the former **Jennifer Beverly** (BA). (305 Savannah Drive, Jonesboro, AR 72404)

**Sean Hilliard** (BBA) is senior sales consultant at Provident Life and Accident. He and his wife, the former **Angella Dawson** (BSN), have a son. (1950 Geyser Trace, Lawrenceville, GA 30044)

**Melanie Hobbs** (BME) works at

## Dr. and Mrs. Burks named 1998 Distinguished Alumni

THE UNIVERSITY PRESENTED its Distinguished and Outstanding alumni awards Nov. 7, 1998, at the Black and Gold Banquet during Homecoming weekend. Two alumni jointly received the Distinguished Alumnus Award, and six achieved Outstanding Alumni honors.

### Distinguished Alumni

**David Burks (BA'65) and Leah Gentry Burks (BA'65)**

Arriving in 1967, David served as director of placement and then taught in the School of



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Business until his departure in 1971 to attend Florida State University. He earned a Ph.D. in 1972, and returned to Harding. A two-time recipient of the University's Distinguished Teacher Award, he was named dean of the School of Business in 1979. He was appointed president of the University in 1987. Leah previously taught English and art at Harding Academy. She serves as a sponsor to Zeta Rho women's social club and works with Associated Women for Harding.

### Outstanding Alumni

**College of Arts and Sciences**

**Jeffrey W. Davies** (BA'71) - Olney, Md.; employed by the United States Army Medical Research and Materiel Command; former Secretary to the General Staff of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command; former executive officer for Walter Reed Army Medical Research

Norquay School as an elementary music and second-grade teacher. (26 Julien Place, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3V 1T8)

**Anna Conley Mayo** (BBA) is senior vice president and chief financial officer for First Guaranty Companies. (3312 Elam Court, Plano, TX 75093)

**Priscilla Stone** (BA) was appointed a steering committee member by the Governor's Developmental Disability Council. She teaches special education. (1876 Stacy Springs Road S., Quitman, AR 72131)

**Luis Tiffer** (BS) graduated in August 1998 with a master's in education from Framingham State College. (Apartado Postal #5975, Managua, NICA)

**W. Stephen Smith** (BA'72) - Friendswood, Texas; member of the voice faculty at the University of Houston; director of vocal studies for the Houston Grand Opera; former chairman of the voice department for St. Louis Conservatory of Music

**College of Bible and Religion**

**E. Keith Stotts** (BA'55, MA'56) - Danville, Va.; former president of Ohio Valley College in Parkersburg, W.Va.; present chancellor of OVC; former president of the West Virginia Association of College and University Presidents

**School of Business**

**Charles Robert "Bob" Neal** (BS'71) - Cleveland, Miss.; awarded posthumously after his death on Feb. 9, 1998; member of the American Institute of CPAs, Mississippi Society of CPAs, Advisory to the State Board of Public Accountancy; city alderman

**School of Education**

**Robert A. Abney** (BA'52, MA'53, MAT'56) - Albany, Ga.; taught American history, world history, American government, and sociology; after retiring from teaching in 1987, moved to Australia where he traveled to New Zealand and various regions throughout the continent visiting churches and local schools

**School of Nursing**

**Kathy S. Davenport** (BS'77) - Monroe, La.; instructor for Harding from 1987 to 1989; serves as assistant professor for Northeast Louisiana University; member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and the American Association of Critical Care Nurses

**'93 Lori Majors Hunt** (BA) is the manager of logistics/retail for National Spirit Group. (8117 Spinnaker Cove, Rowlett, TX 75089)

**Richard Proctor** (BA) does physical therapy. His wife, the former **Angie Smith** (BA'96), is in her second year of the Marriage and Family Therapy program at Harding. (1406 E. Moore, Searcy, AR 72143)

**Hoyt Slade** (BS) is a pharmacy technician with King's Drug Store. He was accepted to Pharmacy School at Mercer University. (3275 Flowers Road S., Apt. P, Atlanta, GA 30341)

**Tricia Spradling** is a first-grade teacher at Tom Landry Elementary School. (9812 N. MacArthur Blvd., #605, Irving, TX 75063)

**'94 Lance Boyd** (BA) is working for National Healthcare. His wife, the former **Toria Touchton** (BA), is an administrator in training at a nursing home. They have a son. (5800 Central Ave. Pike, #5005, Knoxville, TN 37912)

**Joan Chandler** (BSN) is working at Metroplex Surgicare. (10837 Gable Drive, Dallas, TX 75229)

**Jeffery Demuth** (BS) is a doctoral student in biology at Indiana University. His wife, the former **Kathleen Bassham** (BBA), is an internal auditor for Indiana University Foundation. (802-B E. Dillman Road, Bloomington, IN 47401)

**Diadra McGregor Harnden** (BS) is a clinical dietitian and diabetes educator for Poudre Valley Health System. (1500 W. Plum, #12-J,

Fort Collins, CO 80521)

**Brent Murphy** (BA) and his wife, the former **Lana Leach** (BA'95), are houseparents at Turley Children's Home. They have two children. (P.O. Box 1047, Claremore, OK 74018)

**Brian Parker** (BBA) is the development accounting manager for Daniel Corp. His wife, the former **Jennifer Land** (BA), is with Principal Financial Group. (213 Dixon Ave., Birmingham, AL 35209)

**Allan White** (BFA) is an art director for White Horse Studios. His wife, the former **Kristi Cash** (BA), is working on her master's degree in counseling at George Fox University. (5411 S.E. Pardee St., Portland, OR 97206)

**'95 Brian Birmingham** (BSN) is working on a master's degree in nursing anesthesia at Texas Wesleyan University. His wife, the former **Melanie Holloway** (BA'94), completed a master's in statistics at Baylor University and is employed as a statistician at Digital Marketing Systems in Dallas. (8515 Grapevine Highway, #212, North Richland Hills, TX 76180)

**Jon Ewing** (BS) is director of environmental studies with Medi-Dyn. He is married to the former **Tisha Martin** (BBA). (688 Russell Road, Jackson, TN 38301)

**Timothy Jenkins** (BA), a Marine first lieutenant, was recently designated a naval aviator. (10822 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78418)

**Sharon King** (BA) is a foreign military sales analyst for ACS Services. (7864 Avenida Navidad, #197, San Diego, CA 92122)

**Aaron Kite** (BA) is an attorney with Foulston and Siefkin. (7627 E. 37th St. N., #802, Wichita, KS 67226)

**Britton Lynn** (BA) and his wife, the former **Lynn Hickerson** (BA '97), are contracting to professional theaters. (5800 Central Ave. Pike, #5603, Knoxville, TN 37912)

**Nathan Mills** (BS) is working on his doctorate in biological sciences at the University of Missouri. His wife, the former **Jennifer Edmondson** (BA), is the membership manager at the Conservation Federation of Missouri and is working on her master's degree in communications. (1115-103 Kennesaw Ridge Road, Columbia, MO 65202)

**Christopher Phillips** (BA) received his master's in domestic missions. He is attending Abilene Christian University finishing his master's in clinical psychology. (3119 Columbia Drive, Abilene, TX 79605)

**Joshua Polk** (BBA) is attending Cumberland School of Law, Samford University. (1220 Weatherby Cove, Birmingham, AL 35242)

**Scott Selvidge** graduated from Logan Chiropractic College. His wife, the former **Jacqueline Rowden** (BS'95), is senior medical/clinical researcher with Washington University School of Medicine. (526 Gillham, #1, Troy, IL 62294)

**Scott Warmack** earned a doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Arkansas College of Pharmacy in May 1998. Awarded the SmithKline Beecham Patient Care Award for superior achievement in clinical pharmacy, he has accepted a pharmacy practice residency position at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. (3914 N. Cypress, North Little Rock, AR 72116)

**'96 Dena Ailes** (BBA) is a self-employed Mary Kay beauty consultant and team manager. (513 S. Smoke Road, Valparaiso, IN 46383)

**Barry Birmingham** (BS) is completing administrative residency requirements at Scott-White Hospital for a master's in health care administration from Southwest Texas State University. His wife, the former **Sheri Livingston** (BA), is a speech therapist assistant in the Temple School District while completing a master's degree in speech pathology from Texas Woman's University. (702 Filly Lane, Temple, TX 76504)

**Joey Boyle** (BS) is in law school at the University of Houston Law Center. He finished his master's in communication at Fort Hays State University where he was director of forensics. (3601 Allen Parkway, #1408, Houston, TX 77019)

**Amy Scoggins Brown** (BA) is a secondary Spanish teacher with the Bald Knob School District. (1000 B Carson St., Beebe, AR 72012)

**Jodie Daniels** (BFA), a staff designer with Stone & Ward, won a 1997 American Corporate Identity Award and a 1996 Optima Design Award for illustration and was featured in the 1998 "HOW Magazine Design Annual."

He is married to the former **Scarlett Williams** ('97). (309 S. Martin, Little Rock, AR 72205)

**Jay Hall** (BA) is attending Harding to complete his certification in kinesiology. His wife, the former **Lydia Painter** (BA), is teaching special education at Cabot High School while attending Harding to obtain a master's in reading. (1500

E. Moore Ave., Searcy, AR 72143)

**John Harris** (BA) and his wife, the former **Kimberly Vickers** (BA'95), are missionaries in Cuenca, Ecuador. (c/o Ron McClung, Casilla 01-03-193, Cuenca, Ecuador, South America)

**Erron Huey** (BA) is a graduate research assistant at Oklahoma State University. (421 S. Lincoln, Stillwater, OK 74074)

**Jason Huff** (BS) is a research and development technician for Louisiana Pacific Corp. He is married to the former **Melinda Hunter** (BS'95). (49 E. 4th St., Apt. 3, Superior, WI 54880)

**Myra Heineke Jones** (BS) is a commercial designer for Office Warehouse. (1100 Melissa Drive, Watkinsville, GA 30677)

**Kristopher Keim** (BBA) is the youth minister at Redlands Church of Christ and assistant to the business administration manager at Redlands College. (25 Finucane Road, Capalaba, QLD 4157, Australia)

**Michael Ledbetter** (BA) is the program coordinator for Sunrise Community of Tennessee. (323 Rural Hill Road, Nashville, TN 37217)

**Shanna Lumpkins** (BA) is working for Priority One International. (1301 Custer Road, #202, Box 141, Plano, TX 75075)

**Brett Neely** (BS) graduated from Vanderbilt University with a master's in chemical engineering. He is a plant engineer with Central Soya and is married to the former **Holly Nichols** (BA). (110 N. Lott Blvd., #1, Gibson City, IL 60936)

**David Reeves** (BA) is attending Harding Graduate School of Religion. His wife, the former **Becky Henniger** (BA'97), is a second-grade teacher. (4499 Forrestal, Millington, TN 38053)

**Jessica Bryant Sarno** (BA) is the human resource director at Lakeview Christian Home. (1006 N. 6th., Carlsbad, NM 88220)

**Joseph Walker** (BA) is a teaching assistant/direct-to-Ph.D. candidate at the University of Arkansas. His wife, the former **Tasha Moss** (MED'93), is an administrative assistant at Mercy Health Clinic. (3215 Jewell Road, #7, Fayetteville, AR 72704)

**Michael White** (BA) is a teacher and coach at Westbury Christian Schools. He is married to the former **Jennifer Smith** (BA'97). (3950 Ashburnham Drive, #149, Houston, TX 77082)

**'97 Jeana Cornell Blatt** (BSN)

is a nurse at King's Daughters Medical Center where she was awarded a Critical Care Fellowship. (4613 Auburn Road, Huntington, WV, 25707)

**Chad Bogle** (BBA) is an assistant manager with Sherwin Williams. His wife, the former **Shelly Hesselrode**, is an assistant manager at Bath and Body Works. (1465 Malibu Circle, Palm Bay, FL 32905)

**Ben Briscoe** (BBA) is in sales with Peerless Engraving. (223 N. Taylor, #4B, Little Rock, AR 72205)

**Cody Campbell** is attending graduate school at Stanford University. His wife, the former **Becky Black** (BA'97), is teaching elementary music with Palo Alto School District. (Abrams 8-G Escondido Village, Stanford, CA 94305)

**David Daugherty** (BBA) is a property accountant with Walden Residential Properties Inc. He is married to the former **Natalie Sullivan** ('98). (6000 Ohio Drive, #2114, Plano, TX 75093)

**Katherine Wright Fromm** (BSW) graduated in August 1998 from Our Lady of the Lake University with a master's in social work. (6951 Wright Way, San Antonio, TX 78240)

**Drew Hill** (BA) is a physical education teacher and minister at Fairfield Church of Christ. (227 Great Jones, Fairfield, CA 94533)

**Jeffery Kernodle** (BBA) is an investment broker with Edward Jones. He is married to the former **Sara Jones** (BA'96). (807 Craighead Road, Jonesboro, AR 72401)

**Jeffrey Martin** (BBA) is president of Martin Appliance Family Inc. (8690 Greatpine Lane W., Jacksonville, FL 32244)

**Scott Russell** (BA) is a TSS agent for the State of Pennsylvania Child and Family Support Services. His wife, the former **Jennifer Dubach** (BS'98), is a freelance interior designer. (206 J. Mansion Drive, Shillington, PA 19607)

**Christian Scudder** (BA) is a clinical exercise specialist at East Texas Medical Center. (527 Pam Drive, Tyler, TX 75703)

**Chris Shelby** is a coach. His wife, the former **Jill Shirey** (BA), is a marketing specialist with American Oncology Resources. (13333 Northborough, #1004, Houston, TX 77067)

**Autumn Sutherlin** (BS) is a graduate student at Purdue University. (2601 Soldiers Home Road, #60, West Lafayette, IN 47906)

**Jeffrey Wieneke** (BA) is a youth





Houston, TX 77098)

To **Tony** ('94) and **Roxanne Watts** (BA'91) **Langley**, a daughter, Victoria Lauren, July 27, 1998. (14703 Hamstead Park Drive, Houston, TX 77084)

To **Shane** (BS'97) and **Lisa Huff**, a daughter, Olivia MacBelle, Aug. 1, 1998. (617 S. Walnut, Harrison, AR 72601)

To **Phillip** ('95) and **Carrie Jones** ('96) **Shivel**, a daughter, Sara Elizabeth, Aug. 1, 1998. (3790 Sedgewick St., Concord, NC 28027)

To **Joe** and **Shari Bennett** (BS'91) **Owen**, a daughter, Lauren Ashley, Aug. 3, 1998. (3214 N. 8th St., West Monroe, LA 71291)

To **Matthew** (BS'94) and **Kendra Adams** (BA'94) **Lawyer**, a son, Jacob Ryan, Aug. 4, 1998. Matthew is a dentist, and Kendra is a homemaker. (4640-A W. Gaylord Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73162)

To **Brett** (BBA'87) and **Amy Williams** ('88) **Curtis**, a daughter, Abigail Ellen, Aug. 7, 1998. (11811 Scottsdale Drive, Stafford, TX 77477)

To **Heath** (BBA'91) and **Melanie Dorroh** ('93) **Drulman**, a son, Jack Dalton, Aug. 10, 1998.

(13318 Huntsman Road, San Antonio, TX 78249)

To **Steve** (BME'94) and **Laura Richardson** (BA'94) **Bennett**, a son, Joshua Steven, Aug. 13, 1998. (6791 Canter Trail, Montgomery, AL 36117)

To **Craig** (BA'93) and **Diane Davis** (BA'90) **Clark**, a son, Elliott Charles, Aug. 15, 1998. He joins a sister. (1604 Southwood Blvd., Arlington, TX 76013)

To **Scott** ('97) and **Tacy Dubach** ('97) **Rutherford**, a son, Dawson William Lee, Aug. 17, 1998. (120-K Colonial Drive, Shillington, PA 19607)

To **Alan** (BME'94) and **Debra Daughety** (BA'97) **Nesbitt**, a son, Johnathan Wade, Aug. 26, 1998. (2602 N. Midkiff, Midland, TX 79705)

To **Shane** (BA'97) and **Catherine Castleman** (BA'97) **Prince**, a daughter, Mary Hannah, Aug. 30, 1998. (431 McCain Blvd., #106, North Little Rock, AR 72116)

To **Kelly** ('86) and **Regina Duwe** (BA'90) **McCoy**, a daughter, Deborah Rebekah, Sept. 11, 1998. (104 Elm St., Alva, OK 73717)

To **Neil** ('97) and **Jill Anderson**

(BA'95) **Ford**, a son, Westin Dycus, Sept. 16, 1998. (4013 Brookside Drive, Columbia, TN 38401)

To **Wade** (BA'91) and **Leann Hogan** (BBA'88) **Percival**, a daughter, Katherine Mae, Sept. 30, 1998. (13510 Leedwick, Houston, TX 77041)

To **Jorge** and **Celeste Sasser** ('89) **Ortega**, a son, Jorge Enrique, Oct. 6, 1998. (2524 Park Green Lane, Old Hickory, TN 37138)

To **Jason** (BBA'93) and **Shannon Miller** (BA'93) **Atkins**, a daughter, Nicole Paige, Oct. 8, 1998. (6483 Bristol Glen Drive, Bartlett, TN 38135)

To **Doug** (BBA'93) and **Carrie Gansner** ('96) **Davis**, a son, Alexander Ray, Oct. 19, 1998. (341-K Village Crossing Lane, Winston Salem, NC 27104)

### Deaths

**Jewel Blackburn Oden** (BA'40), 83, died May 23, 1998. She is survived by her husband, Olen. (1503 Ben Drive, Irving, TX 75061)

**Jean Gibbons Garner** ('53), 66, died May 27, 1998. She is survived by her husband, **Howard** (BA'50), and son **Jeffrey** (BS'80).

(309 Boucher, Dexter, MO 63841)

**James Merrick** ('33), 88, died May 28, 1998. He is survived by three sons, John Merrick, Charles Bruce and Richard Bruce, and a daughter, Lynn Mason (BS'60).

**Patrick Pennington** ('91), 35, died May 30, 1998. He is survived by his parents, James and Bertha Pennington, and a sister, Sherry Holt.

**James Lester Davis** (BFA'89), 31, died from cancer on July 28, 1998.

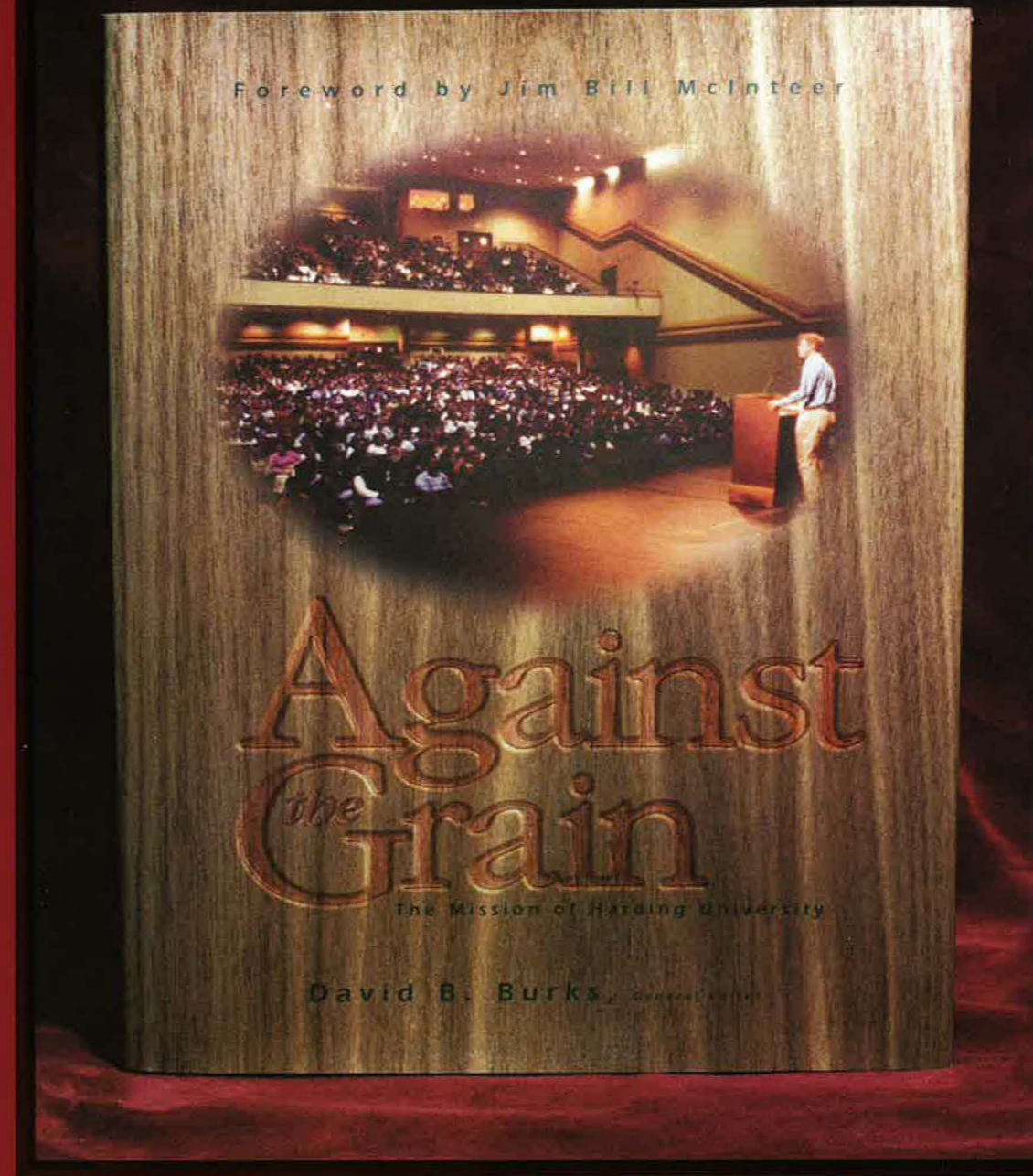
**John William Sheets** (BS'63), 60, died July 30, 1998, from a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Carla, and a son, **Scott** ('97).

**Carl Roach** ('39), 81, died Aug. 11, 1998.

**Carl Kitzmiller** (BA'48), 74, died Aug. 22, 1998. He was a retired minister, having served congregations in Texas, Alabama, Louisiana and Georgia before retiring from Locust Street Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, son, **Paul Kitzmiller** (BA'74), and daughter, Susan Valdetero.

**Virginia Scott Farish** ('37), 82, died Oct. 8, 1998. She was preceded in death by her husband **Robert** ('36), and is survived by four sons.

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## EVENTS

### 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
- 26-27 **8-in-1 Seminar**, Institute for Church and Family; (501) 279-4660

### 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

### APRIL

- 6 **Ministry Forum**, Graduate School of Religion, Memphis; (901) 761-1352
- 8-10 **Youth Forum and Spring Sing**, Office of Admissions Services; (800) 477-4407

- 16 **Dr. David Myers**, researcher and social psychologist; Arkansas Symposium of Psychology Students, Department of Behavioral Sciences; (501) 279-4425
- Science and Nursing Convocation**, School of Nursing; (501) 279-4475
- 16-17 **Men of God Conference**, Institute for Church and Family; (501) 279-4660
- WINGS Conference**, Marriage and Family Therapy Program; (501) 279-4347
- 22 **James Dobson**, founder of Focus on the Family; American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series, 7:30 p.m., Benson Auditorium; (501) 279-4497
- 25 **75th Anniversary Musical Extravaganza** in Memphis, Tenn.; Office of Alumni Relations; (501) 279-4276
- 30-5/1 **Church Leadership Seminar**, Institute for Church and Family; (501) 279-4660

### MAY

- 8 **Spring Graduation Exercises**, Graduate School of Religion, Memphis
- 15 **Spring Graduation Exercises**, Main Campus; 10 a.m., Benson Auditorium

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