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FALL 2000

Elements of EXCELLENCE



David B. Burks, President

FROM THE PRESIDENT

New year, students and facilities create limitless potential

ON AUG. 22, WE HAD THE PRIVILEGE of welcoming 1,204 new students to the University on Convocation Day for the official beginning of the fall semester. In total we have a record enrollment of 4,665 students at the college level coming from 49 states and an unprecedented number of 47 foreign nations. ■ The flag ceremony was impressive as we welcomed students from this country and from around the world. A freshman student, Dara Derbigny, sang *Climb Ev'ry Mountain*, which represents so well some of our dreams and aspirations for the new year. Included in our freshman class are 25 Governors' Scholars, 17 National Merit Scholars and more than 300 honor students — what a talented and committed group.

I mentioned at Convocation that we enjoyed a marvelous pre-session conference where faculty and staff prayed for a smooth beginning for this new year. Parents of three of our students spoke to us and reminded us of our unique opportunity to work with these new students. They talked about faith, missions, evangelism and excellence. Paul Carter spoke to us about "The Impossible Dream" and the fact that if we "imagine the impossible" we can succeed with God's help. A total of 27 new faculty and staff joined us this fall to help us achieve our mission.

We also welcomed some much-needed new space on campus. We opened Cone Hall, an apartment-style residence hall for men, located across from the Ganus Athletic Center. It was named in honor of James and Bonnie Cone. Brother Cone has given 28 years of service as a trustee, including 10 years as chairman of the board. We also opened Shores Hall, a residence hall for 200 women named in honor of Don and Lois Shores. Brother Shores has served 24 years as a trustee and is currently vice chairman of the board.

We began using the remodeled Hammon Student Center, which includes a new area for the post office and more than double the amount of room for student seat-

ing. This renovation was made possible largely because of a gift from Aramark.

The football field was remodeled, and it has been re-named First Security Stadium. This renovation was made possible largely because of a gift from Reynie Rutledge, bank president, and First Security Bank in Searcy.

We completed construction and major equipment projects this August totaling \$14 million. It was an almost overwhelming experience, but thanks to the outstanding work of many people, both on and off campus, we were able to complete these projects and begin classes on schedule without any serious complications. We are grateful for the efforts of so many people for this smooth beginning. We are certainly grateful for the generosity of many individuals who continue to make our work at Harding possible.

I would invite you to visit the campus whenever you possibly can. Homecoming would be a great opportunity, and we would love to see you face-to-face. We would ask that you continue to pray on behalf of our ministry with more than 4,600 wonderful young people who are part of our work this year. IH

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On the cover.

Academic achievement and accomplishment cause our students to shine. Take a closer look at three of their elements of excellence (research, writing and photography) beginning on page 8. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)



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Weaver earns doctoral degree

Beckie Weaver, associate professor of communication and coordinator of the Speech and Hearing Clinic, successfully defended her doctoral dissertation in May to receive her Ph.D. from the University of Memphis. The title of her dissertation was "Acoustic Features of /r/ Variations in African-American Vernacular English-Speaking Children and Adults of the Mid-South."

Free Enterprise Fellow Hall of Fame inducts Diffine

Dr. Don P. Diffine, professor of economics and director of the Belden Center for Private Enterprise, was inducted into the Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellow Hall of Fame at the International Exposition of Students in Free Enterprise in Kansas City, Mo., May 21-23.

Burks selected vice chair of North Central Commission

President David B. Burks has been elected to a one-year term as vice chairman of the board of trustees of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. His term began Sept. 1, 2000. Burks will become chair of the board in September 2001.

Oliver gives seminar on church leadership

George Oliver, associate professor of management, conducted a seminar on church leadership at Rochester College in June. Lectures included "Are You Leading or Managing?" and "Leadership and Your Teachable Servanthood."

Colin Powell featured fall ASI speaker

RETIRED GENERAL COLIN POWELL, a former chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, will speak Oct. 24 as part of the American Studies Institute's Distinguished Lecture Series.

Powell, who advised both Presidents Bush and Clinton, made a bold statement to the Republican party to kick off the 2000 National Convention in July. He told the convention, "We have much work to do and a long way to go to bring the promise of America to every American."



Colin Powell

The son of Jamaican immigrants, Powell was raised in the South Bronx, and he champions causes for minorities and the underprivileged. He is a strong proponent of affirmative action, calling Americans to help tear down the walls of cynicism that exist in the black community.

Equally outspoken on issues of family values and education, Powell would likely hold a place in George W. Bush's cabinet should Bush win the November election.

Powell accepts the political spotlight with reluctance. This year and in 1996, he dodged pressure to run for either president or vice president, telling those who ask why, "I'm not a professional politician. I was truly a soldier."

His planning in the 1991 Operation Desert Storm proved Powell's military prowess. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam and has been decorated with such prestigious honors as the Soldier's Medal and the Purple Heart.

Powell's time is now split between speaking at engagements around the country and fulfilling his duties as chairman of "America's Promise," a group aimed at improving the lives of the nation's youth.



Utilizing one of the computers at the new "cyber cafe" in the expanded Student Center, Donald DeLukie from West Monroe, La., checks his e-mail.

Hammon Student Center renovation gives students breathing space

RETURNING STUDENTS did a double-take when they walked into the newly remodeled Hammon Student Center completed in August.

"I'm really excited for the kids," says Dr. Dee Carson, dean of students, who helped plan the construction made possible in large part through a donation from Aramark.

The \$1 million remodeling doubled the Center's seating area. Now there is a clear line of sight from the southeast entrance of the building to the northwest corner. Cone Construction of Little Rock began in May by tearing out the Bison Lanes bowling alley and moving the federal and campus post offices.

The new section contains a sunken lounge area with a gas-burning fireplace and high, open ceilings.

Students can enjoy an expanded variety of vendors, includ-

ing specialty coffee, pizza and frozen yogurt. They can check e-mail at computer terminals surrounding the lounge area, or shoot pool in the game room in the west corner.

Carson says students had considerable voice in designing this new northwest section, noting last year's Student Association conducted opinion surveys and worked closely with planners. A committee of students, alumni and faculty selected the new decor.

The renovation has answered a serious overcrowding problem that had worsened with increased enrollment. "The Student Center was too small to be conducive to the fellowship we were trying to encourage there," Carson says.

"It's the hub of campus, and we feel like now it's a place where students can feel comfortable and welcome."

Marriage and Family Therapy Program receives accreditation

FOR THE 40-50 FAMILIES each week who pass through the Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) clinic on campus, it's business as usual. But news of the program's recent accreditation means much more to faculty and students. That's because the MFT Program is the first of its kind in the state to receive accreditation for its two-year master of science degree program.

Dr. Lew Moore, chairperson of the program and director of the University Counseling Center, says accreditation is very welcome news to the students. "People who have graduated from an accredited program have met rigorous standards," he says. "As a rule, Ph.D. programs won't take you unless you are from an accredited program."

Accreditation comes from the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT), a national organization based in Washington, D.C. "This is the governing body of our profession," Moore says. "Since there is such a small number of accredited programs, accreditation is an acknowledgement of the quality of our program."

Clients served by the program may not notice any difference because Moore says the faculty didn't have to change much about the program to satisfy accreditation requirements. The on-site clinic features state-of-the-art monitoring and recording equipment for supervision purposes as well as 10 therapy rooms. All 10 rooms are generally filled at any given time on Tuesdays and Thursdays as students work toward fulfilling the required 500 hours of face-to-face direct-client-contact therapy. Most students go well beyond the required 500 hours of practicum experience, and the required 60 semester hours of coursework also exceed the AAMFT's expectations.

Moore says the program's practicum experience underwent the most scrutiny because it is so different. About half of the stu-

dents' experience comes from off-site training at Dorcas House, Baptist Hospital, Pinnacle Point and Living Hope in Little Rock, Ark., and at public schools within White County. "It's unusual in the fact that so much is off-site," Moore says. "We wanted to diversify the settings and expose students to as many settings as possible. We're one of only a few programs in public schools."

The on-site clinic employs three full-time faculty members and four adjunct instructors.

The full-time clinical faculty also maintain private practices to stay abreast of current issues and trends. Moore says the top three areas for which they counsel individuals and families are marital conflict, physical and/or sexual abuse, and substance abuse. "We know that these are the representative groups in our culture right now based on our private practices," he says.

According to Moore, the clinic exists to serve such groups. "We're a community based outreach clinic," he says. "We serve all the counties surrounding White County. We especially want to help people who can't afford to go anywhere else." There is a \$10 processing fee per session, but in some cases the fee is waived.

Though Moore says marriage and family therapy is still "one of the younger kids on the block," he also says it is gaining credibility and acceptance as a specialty. Donald B. Kaveny, director of accreditation services for the AAMFT, told Moore that "as an accredited program, you are an essential part of the ongoing development of the field of marriage and family therapy."

Another development Moore is pleased to see is the national preoccupation with the role of spirituality in therapy. "Of course, the underlying component and foundation of our program is the spiritual emphasis," he says. "That's what makes it unique. We weave it into classes and practicum. We have signs that say, 'Please pray for our clients.' People are seeking something more substantive and solid, something to give them hope. That's what we strive to provide."

U.S. News ranks Harding among South's best universities

FOR THE SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE year, U.S. News and World Report magazine has ranked Harding as one of the South's best universities and as one of the best values. The rankings are in the magazine's 14th annual America's Best Colleges issue, which hit newsstands Sept. 4.

Harding was ranked 20th among regional universities of the South, behind such notable schools as The Citadel, Loyola University and the University of Richmond in Virginia. In terms of value, Harding ranked 10th among the same group of schools. The regional universities category includes schools that offer a full range of undergraduate programs and some master's degrees but few, if any, doctoral programs. The 12 states in the magazine's southern region include those from West Virginia to Florida and from Arkansas to the East Coast.

In determining the rankings, the magazine examined 1,400 schools on factors such as academic reputation, retention of students, graduation rates, student-to-faculty ratios, student selectivity and alumni giving. The magazine then compiled an overall score for each school.

The best value ranking considers the ratio of the school's quality ranking to its price, the percentage of all undergraduates receiving grants that met financial need during the 1999-2000 academic year, and the percentage of a school's total costs covered by the average need-based grant to undergraduates.

"We are again very happy to be included in America's Best Colleges," said Dr. David Burks, president. "We are certainly pleased that Harding's academic program compares very favorably with the best schools in the nation. Academic excellence is definitely one of our goals."

"National college rankings can measure statistical data, but they are unable to measure the unique spiritual mission that is another of our goals. It is this mission that for 76 years has set Harding apart from other schools and made the University very distinctive in higher education circles."

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Duke appointed to Coons Endowed Chair

Dr. Deborah G. Duke, associate professor of math, will hold the Robert Roy and Callie Mae Coons Endowed Chair for 2000-2005. She also chairs the Health Sciences Committee and serves as pre-medicine adviser. The endowment provides the salary and expenses for one faculty member in the allied health sciences area, making funds available for personal library acquisitions, research, professional development and teaching aids.

Tullos honored with fellowship

Dr. Daniel Tullos, professor of communication and director of the communication disorders program, has been elected a Fellow of the American Speech Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Tullos will be formally recognized with the presentation of a Fellow Certificate at the 2000 ASHA convention to be held in Washington, D.C., later this year.

McLeod named vice chair of disability organization

Teresa McLeod, disabilities specialist/counselor, was elected vice chair of the Arkansas Association on Higher Education and Disability June 1 for the 2000-2001 academic year.

Helms chosen researchers' vice president

Donna Helms, grant writer and assistant to the assistant vice president for university advancement, was elected vice president of the Association of Professional Researchers for Advancement in April. She also received a scholarship to the organization's international conference held in July in Anaheim, Calif.

Wilson named educator of the year

Dr. Beth Wilson, professor and chair of family and consumer sciences, received the Educator of the Year Award from the Arkansas Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAT-FACS) for outstanding service to family and consumer science teacher education and for leadership in the Coalition, FACS Summer Institute and FACS Teacher List-Serv. The award was presented by Vernell Berry at the annual conference of the Arkansas Association for Career and Technical Education in Little Rock, Ark., July 24.

Organ presents at state writers' conference

Sherry Organ, assistant professor of English, gave a presentation at the Arkansas Writers' Conference in Little Rock, Ark., June 3 titled "Using Surprise: 'Small Shocks' of Delight."

Warden's article appears in theological journal

Dr. Duane Warden, professor of Bible and associate dean of the College of Bible and Religion, published an article titled "The Rich and Poor in James: Implications for Institutionalized Partiality" in the June 2000 issue of *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*.

Vaughn joins admissions team

Stacey Vaughn ('95) began work July 3 in the Office of Admissions Services as an admissions adviser. She will be working with high school underclassmen - freshmen, sophomores and juniors - from all 50 states. Before returning to the University she taught at Harding Academy in Memphis, Tenn.

School of Business' accreditation reaffirmed

THE ASSOCIATION of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) recently announced that the School of Business was awarded reaffirmation of accreditation.

The School of Business is accredited by the ACBSP to offer the bachelor of business administration degree with majors in accounting, computer information systems, economics, health care management, information technology, international business, management, marketing and professional sales; and the bachelor of arts degree with majors in communication management and human resources. Dr. Randall McLeod is the dean.

Accreditation of business schools and programs certifies that the teaching and learning processes within the institution are ones of high quality and meet the rigorous educational standards established by ACBSP. The reaffirmation of accreditation covers an additional 10-year period.

Taking the lead



A veteran of the theater program, Marcus Neely returns as the playwright Cervantes and Don Quixote in "Man of La Mancha." The Homecoming musical also stars Abby Smith as Aldonza.

Measure of SUCCESS

- 10**
Percentage of growth in the Thundering Herd Marching Band for the fourth straight year
- 3**
National rank of Harding's Society for the Advancement of Management
- 3.54**
Average GPA of women on cross country team
- 992**
Average number of books checked out of Brackett Library in one week
- 375**
Approximate number of agencies recruiting on campus each year
- 97.3**
Percentage of School of Nursing graduates who pass the nursing licensure exam on the first try
- 60**
Number of National Merit Scholars on campus

Outback visitors hit Olympic sites

STUDENTS ON THE UNIVERSITY'S third trip Down Under didn't miss the chance to catch live Olympic

action, according to program director Rich Little.

The group of 38 claimed seats at the men's soccer quarter-finals Sept. 23 in Harding University in Australia's (HUA) hometown of Brisbane.

"That was the most competitive event we could see in Brisbane," Little says, adding the competition followed six preliminary matches and preceded the big semifinals in Sydney. The cost of \$26 was included in the price of the program.

Students toured the Olympic Stadium in Sydney and had great seats for the Torch Relay as it made its way through Canberra Aug. 25. The semester began Aug. 9, when students flew from Los Angeles.

Olympic events are just icing this year, according to Little, who says students were equally excited about a trip to Steve Irwin's Australia Zoo in Queensland. Irwin himself - the famed crocodile hunter from the Discovery Channel - showed them around.

Little's mother, Pam, is the on-site director who made arrangements for the group, trying to show a good mix of Australia's fascinating history and its amazing landscape.

The packed HUA schedule also includes a guided tour of Sydney's historical district, a four-night stay by the Great Barrier Reef, and a visit to Ayers Rock.

Faculty welcomes 18 new members

IN ADDITION to the many physical landscape changes on the campus this fall, there are several new faces on the faculty.

Fleming Bell is an instructor of foreign languages. Before accepting this position, he taught as an assistant in the Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics at Florida State University.

Dr. Karen Moore Coy is an associate professor of education. She served as an adjunct with Arkansas State University.

Marguerite Cronk is an assistant professor of information technology. Not new to the University, she previously taught in the School of Business as an adjunct.

Briana Cunningham is a counselor in the Counseling Center and an instructor for the Marriage and Family Therapy Program. She recently completed her master's degree in the program.

Carol Douglass, assistant professor of education, was a resource teacher at Riverview High School near Searcy.

Dr. Michael Hardy, formerly an assistant professor of curriculum and instruction at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, is an assistant professor of mathematics.

Dr. Julie Smith Harris, assistant professor of history and social science, also comes from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville where she was an instructor.

Tom Hook is the visiting professor of missions. He is teaching one year while on leave from Vina del Mar, Chile.

Larry Hunt, assistant professor of English, comes from the University of Georgia where he was a teaching assistant.

Dr. Michael Ireland, associate professor of Bible, served as pulpit minister at Pleasant Valley Church of Christ in Little Rock, Ark.

Randy Lambeth will continue as director of Camp Tahkodah while teaching half time as an assistant professor of kinesiology.

Dr. Dennis Matlock, assistant professor of chemistry, completed his Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology at St. Louis Univer-

sity this year.

Dr. Robert McCready, assistant professor of foreign languages, was serving on the mission field in Toulouse, France.

Becky McLain is an assistant professor of communication. She was teaching as an adjunct in the Communication Department.

Dr. Floyd "Marty" Spears, associate professor of mathematics, was assistant professor and chair of the mathematics department at the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Dana Steil, a former software developer for ALLTEL, brings his experience to the classroom as an instructor of computer science.

Jay Walls, previously the director of Avanti Italia, joins the Florence campus as assistant to the director

and assistant professor of humanities.

Dr. Randy Willingham is an associate professor of Bible. Prior to this position, he served as an adjunct instructor for Remington College and pulpit minister for the congregation in Cushing, Okla.

The following faculty have been promoted in academic rank: to professor emeritus - Dr. Bobby Coker, Dr. Bill Oldham, L.V. Pfeifer, Dr. Dorothy Wright and Dr. Winfred Wright; to professor - Dr. Tom Alexander; to associate professor - Harold Alexander, Dr. Jenene Alexander, Dr. Phil Brown and Dr. Jennifer Hurd; and to assistant professor - Beverly Austin, Elizabeth Dominski, Jan Fortner and Karen Kelley.



After receiving his master's in education, elementary administration major Brian Hollis from Minden, La., chats with Dr. Jan Morgan from the School of Education.

Second group from Class of 2000 graduates

SUMMER GRADUATES, family and friends gathered in the Benson Auditorium July 29 for commencement. Of the 124 degrees awarded, 17 were from the College of Arts and Humanities, 15 were from the College of Bible and Religion, 25 were from the College of Sciences, 31 were from the School of Business, 35 were from the School of Education, and one was from the School of Nursing.

These numbers include 10 master of science in marriage and family therapy degrees from the Col-

lege of Bible and Religion, and 29 master's degrees from the School of Education.

Commencement speaker Harold Smethills encouraged the July graduates to consider the legacies they leave behind.

Smethills, of Golden, Colo., is president and chief executive officer for American Business Products, a highly successful sales packaging and commercial printing company. He serves on the National Advisory Board for the University's American Studies Institute.

Warren given Distinguished Service Award

Will Ed Warren, a Bible professor who retired in 1999 after 25 years at the University, received a Distinguished Service Award at the 57th annual Bible Lectures held at Pepperdine University in May. Warren was recognized for his service in the areas of preaching, teaching and mission work.

Manor directs archaeological excavation

Dr. Dale W. Manor, associate professor of Bible and archaeology, served in Israel as the field director of the Tell Beth-she-mesh excavations this summer. He has received an open-ended appointment to that position. Several students and alumni went with him to work at the site. University students who accompanied him included Kelly Brown of East Hampton, Conn.; Ty Pope of Idaho Falls, Idaho; and Nathan Reynolds of Marietta, Ga. From the Graduate School of Religion were Jerry Culbertson of Jackson, Mo.; Robert Curry of Springdale, Ark.; and Garry Hill of Summerville, Ga.

Hoggatt tapes documentary in England

A video documentary shot on location in England by Dr. Dutch Hoggatt, associate professor of communication, was released in April. The video, "New Honors for His Name: The Timeless Legacy of Isaac Watts," is the first in a series of videos titled "English Hymns That Shaped Our Faith," that focuses on 17th-19th century hymns and hymn writers.



Stadium receives facelift, new designation

A NEW LOOK AND NAME greeted Bison football fans at the first game of the season. Following a significant donation from First Security Bank and its president, Reynie Rutledge, Alumni Field was renovated and renamed First Security Stadium.

Renovations to the stadium include wrought-iron and brick fences surrounding the perimeter, a new two-story, 90-foot-long press box, and an extra 30 feet of bleachers added to the visitor-side seating. The new press box includes three radio booths, two television booths, a hospitality room and a VIP box.

A fire to the existing press box on the evening of July 28 temporarily slowed construction, but most of the renova-

tions were complete before the first game with Tarleton State University.

When more funding is secured, the University plans to add two sections of bleachers to the home-side seating and enclose the underside of the home bleachers.

Bisons explode offensively in revamped stadium

OPENING the 2000 football season at the newly renovated and renamed First Security Stadium, Harding and Tarleton State combined to score a stadium record 90 points as the Bisons downed the Texans 52-38.

Searcy native Alex Behel made his starting debut for the Bisons, completing 19 of 30 passes for 241 yards and two touchdowns. The defense forced six Texan turnovers in the win.

The Herd jumped out to a 14-0 lead on a two-yard run by



Defensive back Dennis Cardoso makes a play on a Tarleton State runner. Head coach Randy Tribble felt Cardoso was exceptional on defense in the Bisons' first game, which they won on turnovers 52-38.

sophomore transfer Michad Holliday and a 35-yard interception return by Dennis Cardoso. The Bisons scored on two second-quarter touchdown passes to Gerald Payne and William Holloway to take a 28-10 halftime lead.

Tarleton fought back in the

third quarter and, with 6:19 left, took a 31-28 lead. The Bison offense then got untracked and outscored the Texans 24-7 in the last quarter and a half.

The first road game was a heartbreaker for the Bisons. The Herd traveled to Cookeville, Tenn., and for much of the game led the NCAA Division I-AA Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles. A fourth-quarter touchdown reception by Payne gave the Bisons a 23-21 lead.

In the game, Payne broke two school records by catching 13 passes for 224 yards and two touchdowns and earned Tri-Offensive National Player of the Week honors from the *Weekly Football Gazette*.

The Bisons could not hold the lead, however, as Eagle kicker David Collett kicked two field goals in the last five minutes of the game, including the game-winner with 15 seconds left.

Through two weeks the Bison offense proved to be one of the best in the nation, ranking 12th in scoring offense and 18th in passing offense. The team was also tied for sixth in turnover margin. Behel and Payne both ranked in the top 25 nationally in several offensive categories.

Blocking key for women's volleyball

PAST LADY BISON VOLLEYBALL teams have been characterized by blocking, height and hitting. But second-year coach Keith Giboney, who led his team to a 26-11 season and postseason play in the Lone Star Conference (LSC) tournament in 1999, is working to improve the squad's defense and quickness in 2000.

With the loss of key starters Misty Fant and Laura Lejarzar, the Lady Bisons are depending on a solid recruiting class of hard hitters and precision passers to take the team to the next level. Blocking will continue to be the team's strength, as the 1999 Lady Bisons were the top blocking team in NCAA Division II. Senior middle-blocker Delana Keilers led the nation with 1.80 blocks per game, and senior teammate Erika Pierson finished fourth with 1.56 per game. The additions of former Lady Bison basketball center Kelli Fager and freshman Keri Jo Camp are also bolstering the blocking corps.

Defensively, incoming freshman Shaila Farley and Veronica Piech are solidifying the back row and providing powerful hitting on the outside. Experienced senior Rebecca Dahlstrom leads the charge from the defensive specialist position.

Senior setter McKensy Kemmerer is paired with stand-out sophomore Heather Newman, an honorable mention All-LSC honoree in 1999, as the "point guards" of the Lady Bisons' 6-2 offense. Along with these two, Giboney brought in freshman Lydia Kelly to learn the ropes from the experienced upperclass setters.

Returning on the front line are Pierson and Keilers, both of whom were First Team All-LSC performers last season, and sophomore Leslie Hollingsworth.

If the team continues its blocking tradition and improves its passing game and de-

fense, the 2000 Lady Bisons will be one of the top teams in the Gulf South Conference (GSC) and could challenge for a spot in the top 25. Last season, the Lady Bisons performed well against their future GSC foes, winning nine of 13 matches.

Nine freshmen give women's soccer depth

IN ONLY ITS THIRD SEASON, the Lady Bison team under head soccer coach Terry Edwards has a luxury it has been unaccustomed to — depth. With nine highly touted freshmen joining a squad that lost only two starters from last year's 9-10-1 team, expectations are for the 2000 squad to finish above .500 for the first time and challenge for a spot in the Gulf South Conference (GSC) Tournament.

Offensively, the new faces offer added scoring punch. The midfield is extremely flexible this season, with all four starters returning plus the addition of several highly-skilled freshmen. The Lady Bison defense should be tough with three returning starters and two solid goalkeepers.

Junior Lauren Hensley's strong physical presence at forward makes her a threat to score from inside the 18-yard box. Freshman Megan Bills has a strong shot and plays well with her back to the goal. Freshman Courtney Saul is a scoring threat who can also play midfield.

Leah Cox-Rogers and Jennifer Riley both joined the squad after playing with Searcy club teams. Cox-Rogers is a

Alumnus offers free anniversary rugby patch

As the only organized group of rugby players in University history, the Harding Rugby Football Club existed from 1975-76. Timothy Swain, a co-founder of the club, is offering all former players a free 25th anniversary commemorative patch along with heraldic narrative and a copy of the club poem. Write him at 6809 West, 700 South, Coffax, IN 46035.

strong playmaker, and Riley creates opportunities to score with her passing instincts from the center forward position.

For the Lady Bisons, almost every scoring opportunity begins with center midfielders Heather Gray and Andrea Richmond. Gray is the leading scorer with 22 goals in the last two years, and she trails only Richmond with 13 assists. The two-time All-Lone Star Conference (LSC) honoree is an outstanding outside shooter. As evidenced by her 18 career assists, Richmond is a pinpoint passer. Meredith Simon was an asset in the middle last season and is filling the same role this year.

Tricky Tarole, who played defender her first two seasons, moved to the outside. Courtney Pierron, a starter on the outside last season, has an aggressive game both offensively and defensively. Amy Walker also offers support on the outside as the throw-in specialist.

Freshmen newcomers Brooke Cockrell and Lyndsey Garner contribute to the attack. Cockrell, who can also play defender, lends strength to the squad's transition game. Garner is a center midfielder who is seeing time as a replacement for Gray or Richmond.

Significant depth on defense allows Tarole to move to midfield without leaving the back line vulnerable. Elizabeth Caperton, a strong, physical player, replaces Justine Cokley on the left side. Michal Edwards, who plays on the right side, is the backbone of the Lady Bison defense. Carmen Sutton, the sweeper, is a solid defender, and Debbie Gulleddge provides an offensive mentality on the back line.

Freshmen Katie Ford, Kelly Nickell and Toni Edwards are all capable substitutes.

The Lady Bisons are blessed with two strong keepers this season. Jodi Besenyei has started 32 games during her first two years, and freshman Bianca Beck is a highly touted keeper with extensive club experience.



Kyle Hinckley provides front-line offensive support for the Bisons.

Men's soccer begins inaugural season

BISON ATHLETICS WELCOMED a new team to the landscape this year as the men's soccer program began its initial season.

While men's club soccer has been a fixture at Harding for more than 20 years, the 2000 season is soccer's first as a men's intercollegiate sport.

Head coach Franco Zengaro whittled down more than 100 interested players to a final squad of 25 through a series of tryouts and skills tests.

Zengaro says his team, though young, has a thorough knowledge of soccer and is very disciplined.

At the forward position, the Bisons have several capable goal scorers, including Oak Ridge, Tenn., native Luke Boren. Zach Dameron, Odde Faraj, Nick Faris, Kevin Hearne, Kyle Hinckley and Tim Miller are the other front liners who provide the Bison offense with scoring potential.

At the midfield position the Bisons are led by sophomores Jon and Jeff Ireland and freshmen Chris Jackson, Mitch Jones, David Matamoro and Nathan Owens.

Defensively, Zengaro emphasizes intelligent play and the ability to play as a unit. Senior captain Mike Rainbolt directs the Bison back line with support from fellow senior Marcus Wagner. Other defenders include Mario Caceres, Tim Dawson, Michael Hovater, Zach Johnson and Wes Tindall.

The Bisons have four solid freshmen goal keepers: Michael Allen, Rees Jones, Kurt Morris and Luke Thorkildsen.

Cross country runners plan return to national championships

BOTH THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S cross country teams will aim for nothing short of the national meet this season.

The Lady Bisons have only two returning letter winners from last season's team that finished 12th at the NCAA Division II national meet, but the addition of three newcomers should put the team in position to capture the conference crown.

Senior Tia Tarole, a two-time All-Conference runner, returns to lead the Lady Bisons. Junior Britney Copeland ran well last season and is one of the top competitors in the conference.

Head coach Bryan Phillips signed three outstanding runners who should propel the Lady Bisons to the top of the Gulf South Conference (GSC). Sarah Reardon of Gilmer, Texas, and Kenyan Janet Kogo are freshmen. Hanna Ritakallio, from Finland, joins the squad after running one year at Tulane. One of her nation's best runners, Ritakallio competed in the Finnish national championships in August.

Amy Elliott, a Searcy native, was a true freshman last year and provides the Lady Bison team with another solid competitor.

Two Kenyans anchor the men's team that entered the season as the prohibitive favorite to

win the GSC championship. Three-time All-American Jerry Maritim and All-Lone Star Conference (LSC) performer Albert Tabut graduated, but fellow countrymen Jeff Langat and Linus Chepkwony are outstanding runners. Langat finished eighth in the LSC meet in 1999, while Chepkwony redshirted.

Three South Carolinians, Scott Penick and Andrew and David Scharff, return. Penick, an academic All-American, clocked a 14th-place finish in the 1999 LSC meet, while David Scharff finished 22nd.

Sophomore Dustin Knudsen of Fairfax, Va., returned and is joined by freshman Scott Witecha of Columbia, S.C.

Both teams face stiff competition in the new conference. On the men's side, the Bisons will have to unseat three-time defending champion West Georgia, while the women will attempt to top Alabama-Huntsville, who won their first conference title last year in Memphis, Tenn. The challenge only gets tougher from there as the South Region includes 43 men's and 50 women's teams. Only the first and second place teams in the South Regional Meet, to be held in Jacksonville, Fla., advance to the NCAA Division II Nationals.

Wilson's undergraduate research program fosters curiosity, provides forum for

Experiential Learning

THE SLATE OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS by Dr. Edmond Wilson's students reads like a list of "Who's Who Among Young Scholars." Wilson, a professor of chemistry who directs the undergraduate physical science research program, believes wholeheartedly in the "hands-on" method and spends weeks at a time writing research grants so he can then mentor students as they conduct

subsequent studies.

Amber Sawyer ('00) of Longmont, Colo., won first place in the chemistry division at the 84th annual meeting of the Arkansas Academy of Science in April for her research that measured how fast pollutant molecules are removed from the atmosphere. The same presentation, which focuses on pollutants that cause ozone formation, had already received first prize at the annual University of Memphis Undergraduate Research Conference held in March. Later that month — upon invitation — she presented her findings at the meeting of the American Chemical Society in San Francisco.

Amanda Isom ('00) of Covington, Ga., was one of 10 chemical science students selected to represent the U.S. mainland in the American Chemical Society's Pan American Conference this past summer in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

David Duke ('00) of Searcy spent the summer doing robotics research at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. Last summer he was one of 35 selected nationwide to attend the NASA Space Academy at Goddard Space Flight Center. After a year of mission work in Africa, he plans to pursue his studies and eventually work with NASA.

"The main thing students get from this is they learn how to apply things that they're learning," Wilson says. "They solve problems and really understand the principles involved. It's just a completely different ball game when you're doing as opposed to learning."

The research experience also gives students a jump on the competition in securing admission, scholarships and fellowships for graduate or medical schools. "This research gives the undergraduates a chance to communicate

their findings — in writing and orally — which gives them a big edge when applying to graduate and medical schools," Wilson says. "Even though everybody might have the good grades, by doing this research they're going to get chosen because they have experience. They show they're really interested in being a scholar and have been successful at it."

Seven of the 16 May graduates in physical science were accepted to medical school. Five planned to pursue their studies in science and engineering programs at graduate schools. Angela Cheng ('00), a math major from LaVergne, Tenn., who worked with Wilson on his bioregeneration chamber, received an additional \$3,000 fellowship from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville simply because of her research experience.

Back on campus, Wilson and three students spent the summer working on three

projects. Jeremy Post, a senior biochemistry major from Hendersonville, Tenn., is designing a spectrometer laser to discover what kind of rocket motors burn most efficiently while providing the most power and operating safely. Senior chemistry majors Nathan Scott of Nashville, Tenn., and Billie Evans III of Harleysville, Pa., are continuing the atmospheric chemical kinetics studies that Sawyer participated in, which Wilson has been working on for five years. Scott and Evans plan to present their results at the National American Chemical Society Meeting in San Diego in the spring.

Studies such as these come with a hefty price tag. An annual award from the National Space Grant Program alleviates some of the financial burden, but a big part of Wilson's job as a researcher is securing grants from other sources. His undergraduate research program has grown dramatically in the last few years because he has been able to do just that.

He attributes some of this to his work at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory the past two summers. "I'm now at a stage where I have enough of a



Senior biochemistry major Jeremy Post experiments with a spectrometer laser as part of his research on rocket motors.

"I've expanded myself by doing this. I never thought that I would be working on rockets."

— Jeremy Post

Billie Evans III, a senior chemistry major from Harleysville, Pa., will present the findings of his atmospheric chemical kinetics studies at the National American Chemical Society Meeting in San Diego in the spring.

track record that people will take me seriously when I submit a grant," he says. "I don't have to go from a nobody to a somebody." However, the first time he applied for the American Chemical Society grant, it was rejected. And he still says, "You always have to be asking [for money], because most of the time you're going to get turned down."

His most recent grant is titled Atmospheric Lifetimes of Hydrocarbons, and was

awarded by the American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund. It is a two-year, \$30,000 grant which extends through Aug. 31, 2002. More than \$13,000 goes directly to student researchers in the form of scholarships. The remainder pays for equipment, materials, travel and faculty salaries. Harding then offers a partial match to the grant, often in the form of housing or actual cash. This summer, for example, the

University provided housing for Evans and Scott. Evans has been working on the project since last spring, and will continue to do so until he graduates in May.

Post, who also plans to graduate in May and go to medical school, typifies many of the students who work with Wilson. "I thought I would come to school, study chemistry and go home during the summer." But for the past year Post has found him-

self involved in research on hybrid rocket motors.

"I've expanded myself by doing this," he says. "I never thought that I would be working on rockets. I'm focused on medicine and yet, I get to do this also. It's extremely exciting."

Post's mentor shares in the excitement. "I love doing this," Wilson says. "I can't wait to get to work every morning, and I stay late every night. This is what I live for." ■

Biografia

"I took my fiance home with me last Christmas, and I saw everything so differently. I've lived in the United States for six years, but when we came back from that trip, I was really homesick... I wanted to write about a different kind of wisdom those people have, about the simplicity of that little boy who gave us our tour. I wanted to write something beautiful about Brazil."

first-place fiction by CAROLINA BARRETO, Jennings, La.



BLEIN, BLEIN, BLEIN. BLEIN, BLEIN, BLEIN. When I hear that sound, I know that God is done with his first job. As soon as He is done with it, He tells the priest, Father Romero. Then Father Romero tells Pedro, then Pedro rings the bell. I usually wake up on the second blein, then I hurry up and go get Geraldo, my neighbor, because he never hears the bell. The bell is kind of like God's voice. That is how God tells us that He wants us to wake up, to have lunch, to stop working and to go to bed. Geraldo says he can't hear God's

voice. I think that is why he is always in trouble. He doesn't hear Father Romero's voice either, because he never does what the Father says. My mother tells me that Geraldo hears everybody, but his problem is that he does not listen to anyone. She says Geraldo doesn't listen because he doesn't have a father to teach him how to listen.

My father wakes up long before the first blein because he is over 18 years old. Mother says that when someone gets to be 18, he does not need to wake up or to go to bed with the bell, but she says that everybody needs to do what Father Romero says, always, even after 18 years old. Father wakes up before the bell because he needs to take the early bus to arrive in the capital before everybody else. If he gets there early, he finds a good spot to

spend the day. All day long he sits by a very great and rich hotel near the beach and makes things out of wood. He finds the wood behind the pharmacy that is not really far from our house.

Father is a very lucky man because the tall, blond people who come to the hotel always buy his wooden things. They even give him compliments. Father learned how to make those things by watching his Uncle Luis do it. I think what Father does is a fine thing to do with wood that nobody wants! I just don't understand why the tourists like those wooden things so much. My father doesn't carve modern things like computers or airplanes. All he takes to the capital are his statues of old men with large feet, smoking a pipe, and silly animals like cows and horses. Surely

they have cows, horses and old people in the place that the tourists come from. And I bet their animals are bigger and stronger, just like they are.

I always talk too much about what Father does. I think Father would sell more if he would carve things the tourists have, like computers and sports cars. Mother says I should only be thankful that I have a father who brings food home. She told me once that Father had the chance of getting a real job in a factory. He was to clean the offices and the bathrooms and the whole place. Mother said Father chose to do what his heart wanted. Geraldo does not have a father, but his mother brings food home.

When I am still trying to help Geraldo get out of bed, I hear Mother's voice calling my name: Bruno! Bruuuuuno! Her voice

always makes Geraldo hurry up and get dressed. I don't know why he always hears her voice but never hears the bell. Maybe it's because he listens to Mother, or maybe it's because he smells the coffee and toast in my kitchen. Geraldo eats breakfast in my house. We each have a cup of coffee, bread and butter. Then we go to work before school starts.

Our business is very important for this town. We catch the tourists who come through on the way to Itamaraca Island. We can tell that when they are driving slow, looking to the sides, they are looking for the Sao Estevao church. That is one of the oldest churches in the country and it is right here in our town of Igaracu. So, when the outside people are coming to visit the island, they always stop here to take pictures of the Sao Estevao church. Tourists come all year long because it is always summer here.

GERALDO AND I ARE VERY OLD in this business. As soon as we can tell that the car coming by is full of tourists (and we can tell pretty fast), we run up to them and ask if they are looking for the old church. Then we tell them that we will be their guides, and we run in front of the car, leading them to the church. There, we tell them all about the history of the church, and we do a very good job. I tell all about the Portuguese people who came over here to save the Indians and built the church in 1532. Then Geraldo tells about the old Portuguese priest who was killed by the Spanish soldier and thrown in the ocean, and his body was found 40 years later on the shore of Itamaraca Island still holding his Bible. After we tell them all about the history of the place, they pay us and go on to the island. We learned some of the history at school and some from the old blind man who lives behind the health center. We call him Pipe because all he does is smoke his pipe and tell stories.

The tourists always ask how old we are, and when we tell them we are almost 11 years old, they always open their eyes big. They can't believe we are so smart because their children are so dumb. Their children are always eating some kind of snack and complaining about something. Sometimes Geraldo goes on to tell more and more history to the tourists, and we end up late for school. We don't like school anyway. I used to like our teacher, Ms. Roseanne, very much. Her long hair and big eyes were both the color of Coca-Cola. I don't like her anymore because she is to be married to some man from the capital. I bet she is going to drive a car and get her

hair cut short, just like the other women from the capital. I don't do much in school other than listening to Ms. Roseanne, so I am going to skip that part.

After school is the best part of the day. Geraldo and I go fish crabs, and if the tides are low we swim until Itamaraca Island. The sea is very tricky; we never know if she will send our fish away. I remember when I was a kid, for more than one month, no men in all Igaracu got even one fish out of her. Geraldo and I fish for fun, but those men fish to bring money to their wives. It was in one of those times of madness, when the sea was mad at all of us, that she swallowed Geraldo's father. Mother told me that his fish business had been going well, so he bought a big boat and was about to hire a few more men to fish with him. That is when the fish stopped coming, and he could not pay off his big boat. One night he told Geraldo's mother he was going to Itamaraca Island, and when he got halfway down the bridge, he jumped off and disappeared. He was a good swimmer, so that is how I know the sea swallowed him, because nobody ever found him again.

It was on one of those afternoons after school when I decided that I wanted to work in Mr. Marcos' supermarket when I am older. I want to push the buttons in the machine and give people their change. I don't want to depend on the mood of the sea, and I don't want to be like Father and carve old men in wood for a living. I want to have some talent. The tourists that we see on the island are very talented people; they all have nice cars and bright new swimsuits. The mama tourists are always putting white cream on the children tourists. The white cream is sunblock.

Mother never scrubbed sunblock on me. Geraldo never had sunblock scrubbed on him either. I can't understand why they spend money on sunblock. If they don't want the sun on their backs, they should stay home lying on their big pillows and watching their movies. Mother once went to clean somebody's house in the capital. The lady who cleaned their house got run over by a bike, and they needed somebody to do the work until she got better, so they came to Igaracu and started asking around who was interested in working for a few days. Mother said she was interested, and she woke up before father for a whole week to get in the capital in time to prepare the mister's breakfast. She would prepare a lot of food, but he would not eat anything. Mother said he would just sit at the table reading the newspaper and sipping a cup of coffee. His wife would get all dressed up in the morning and not go anywhere. I can't

understand that.

When I have talent, I am still going to eat my breakfast. And I am not going to use my good clothes to stay home. Mother said the mister's kid would stay home, too. He would play video games and eat snacks. I would like to have a video game too, but I think I'd rather have Geraldo. The kid does not get to swim every day and doesn't fish crabs. The priest told us one Sunday that God wants us to help people in need. I told Mother to bring the mister's kid home with her, so I could take him around and let him have some good times. Mother never said anything. Poor kid. Mother needs to have more compassion. Compassion is another church word. I am going to teach her that!

In the evening, we always go home and clean up. Geraldo sometimes forgets to clean up, so I remind him. Father comes home in time to eat supper with us, but Geraldo eats supper with his mother. Father always has funny stories to tell us about some tourist who got lost or about some lady who lost her balance and fell in the bus. Father asks about school. He asks about that every day. He wants me to read well and know my numbers. He says the world does not have room anymore for people who don't read and don't know their numbers. I think Father wants me to work in the supermarket too. Father sometimes gets confused with his numbers. That is why Mother is the one who pays the bills and buys groceries. Father gets confused with money too. I told him that I will work in Mr. Marcos' store and give everybody their correct change and punch in all the right numbers in the machine. He didn't say anything.

AFTER SUPPER we all go to the square, even Geraldo's mother. Everybody goes there. They have a public TV so everybody who is over 18 years old watches the soap opera. Even people who have their own TVs go to the square. Mother really likes the story going on. It is about twin sisters. One is as good as a nun, and the other is evil and scary. The evil one has married the good one's boyfriend. While the families watch TV, Geraldo and I hunt frogs. We always catch a bunch of them. Usually Geraldo buys popcorn with the money we get from the tourists. I never buy popcorn because I am saving my money. Father said that if I learn my numbers well, he will take me to the shopping mall at the end of the year. The big shopping mall is in the capital. I have been there once. I don't like to remember, though, because it was very sad. Father

took some of his statues to the mall to show the stores and to ask them to sell the carvings for him. Nobody even asked to see the statues; they just said they were not interested. They did not even give a quick look at the statues. On the ride back, the bus was pretty much empty, so Father told me to sit on the bench in front of him instead of sitting at his side. Then he told me to go to sleep. I told him I was not tired, but he told me to go to sleep anyway, so I closed my eyes. I closed my eyes, but I did not close my ears, and I heard Father crying.

All that was before he found his good spot by the hotel where the tourists buy his statues. That was also before we got some money for keeping our house nice. I know that sounds like a lie, but the governor of the state pays us not to change anything in our house. Our house belonged to Father's great-grandfather. One day some people from the capital came over, offering Father a great deal of money for our house. Father said he could not sell it because that house had to stay in our family. The people explained to us that our street was going to become a historical area, and we were not to break any wall or make any change in the outside of our house. They even sent people to paint the outside of our house every year. Just the outside. Father said they do that for the tourists. Tourists like to see old houses. Mother said that the people from the capital were the answer to her prayers. The money they give us is not much, but it brings us food home when Father has trouble selling his statues. So that is why I don't eat popcorn, because I want to buy something in the mall at the end of the year.

WHEN THE SOAP OPERA is over, Mother hollers after us and we all go home. She is excited because Mr. Marcos' wife read in the newspaper that the evil twin will have an accident and die in the next episode. Before I go to bed, I eat a banana. Mother says it will help me to have good dreams, and will help to keep the Papa-Figo away. The Papa-Figo does not like the smell of banana. The Papa-Figo goes by the house of people who have been bad to the ocean. People who trash it, or who fish more than they are supposed to. I never do those things, but I still eat a banana.

There was one morning when Geraldo was sick, and I had to go to work without him. I went to our spot and waited for the tourists, but it was rainy and there were not many. I don't like rainy days, but Mother says there are bad things that come for good. I think rain is a bad thing that comes

for good. Just one car stopped that day. It was a tourist from another country, but he did not have yellow hair. He said he was from Belgium, but I still don't know where that is. He spoke Portuguese well, but funny. He said he had lived in Portugal for many years. I told him all about the Portuguese coming here and about Sao Estevao church, but he seemed not to listen to me. He looked at me just like Geraldo looks at his mother when she is telling him what to do. He asked if I knew where Vila Velha was, and of course I did. Vila Velha is a little village in the mountains on Itamaraca Island. The tourist wanted to go there. I told him it was kind of far for me to run in front to show the way, so he let me ride in his car. I wanted to know if he was one of those tourists full of talent who spent his vacation on the island, but soon I found out he was just a poet.

He had rented a house in the village because he wanted to write a book. I did not understand that either. If all he wanted was to write a book, he could have done that in his house. He looked at me as if I was a medicine prescription, something very hard to understand, but he seemed to be an honest man. The tourist told me his name was Gustavo and he asked lots of questions about the island and about Igaracu. He asked about me, too. He told me that he needed a few people to help him while he writes his book. He needed somebody to clean his house and to cook, and somebody smart to show him places, tell all about them and answer his questions. He said he would pay well, too. I wanted very much to say that I could be his guide and answer all his questions, but I thought that Father would be mad at me if I said that. Father thinks that pride is what made the Devil become the Devil, so I didn't.

He asked me how long I had been guiding tourists in Igaracu and I told him the truth; I said I have been in that business for as long as I can remember. He asked if I had a mother and if she worked. I told him I had a mother but she only works when somebody really needs her. Then he said he would take me home. I was hoping Geraldo was feeling better so that he could see me arriving in a real car. Geraldo wasn't there, but my mother was, with eyes as big as mangos. Gustavo's voice turned her eyes into little olives because he sounded like the radio men. He told mother that he was going to live in Vila Velha for a while and asked if she knew anybody who could do the work in his house. Mother said she could do that herself. Then he asked if I could come with her and help him in his research. She said I could if I did not have

to miss school again. I had completely forgotten about school that day!

In the evening, when Father came home, he liked the idea, too. He said he was having a hard time carving for a few weeks because his hands were hurting him so much. He said some more money wouldn't hurt. I told them all about the poet. Mother said he seemed like a good man. I thought so too. I had so many questions to ask the poet that I fell asleep far after the last bell. Mother still does not know that.

THE NEXT DAY we crossed the bridge to Vila Velha. It took us about an hour, but I walked fast because I wanted to be with the poet. When we got there, he was still sleeping. I could tell the door was unlocked, but Mother would not let me in. She said it is not the right thing to do. We called his name a few times, and the poet hollered something in some other language. We kept knocking until he said for us to come in, in Portuguese. He told Mother she could clean and organize things as she pleased. He told her where he would put money for groceries, and he said she could decide the menu. We did not know what a menu was, but the poet explained it to us. Every day the poet and I got in his car and drove around the island. I showed him all the places I knew. He told me not to call him Poet because he was not a poet. He said he was here to write, but he was not a writer. He really looked like a poet though, so I could not call him anything else. He told me he was writing the story of his life. He called it an autobiography. I told him that only famous singers and TV stars had books about themselves. I don't think he ever was famous.

Poet was quiet. I talked most of the time when we were together, and we were together a lot. I took him swimming many times. He liked the ocean too. I told him about Geraldo's father. I told him how we never know what mood the ocean is in. He asked me if I was going to have my own boat and travel through all the other oceans. I told him he was not a very smart man. How could he think I was going to do all that when I knew what happened to Geraldo's father and to all the fishermen's families who depended on this moody old woman. I told him I was going to be a cashier in the supermarket and punch the right numbers and give the right change. He told me I was afraid of drowning inside my heart. He talked funny sometimes.

One night we were out by the beach and I was telling him about Geraldo and how I was worried about him. Geraldo was

not doing well in school, and he was not carrying on with our business. I was very sad. Poet looked at me. He said he could see the change of tides in my eyes.

Father did not meet Poet until much later. One day, Poet was taking me home about the time Father was coming back from the capital. Poet asked Father to see his statues, and he drooled over them just like the other tourists do. Later, he told me my father was a very talented man. I said he wasn't. If he was, all the stores in the shopping mall would want to sell his statues, and Mother and I would live in the capital where there is no bell. Poet said that when people don't recognize our talent, it does not mean we don't have it. It just means some people have a different liking language, just as he has a different speaking language. I thought that maybe Father and Poet have the same liking language.

One day Poet asked me to take him to a good spot to watch the sunrise. I had only done that once. I spent the night at Poet's house, because from there we cannot hear any bells, and we went to a good spot while it was still dark. To watch the sunrise over the ocean is better than to watch a movie in a movie theater. It is hard to explain how it happens. First, everything is dark, black; then the black gets a little lighter, almost a dark blue, almost the color of a bruise. Slowly, we can see the very top of an orange, far away. The orange goes up, up, then a golden circle forms around the orange. By this time, the water starts getting lighter, lighter, until it gets to be like lemonade. Then the circle spills golden and silver glitter all through the lemonade. That is my favorite part, but sometimes I have to close my eyes because the bright glitter hurts them. Then the orange disappears and becomes this huge light golden plate. Father Romero serves communion on a golden plate. Poet doesn't go to church.

I don't know if Poet wrote about the sunrise. I never saw him writing anything. I never saw him holding a pencil. I asked him again why he came to the island. He said he was going to write a book. I told him I was no fool and that I knew he had not been writing anything. He told me he had to live first and then write. It did not make sense to me. I don't know much about Poet's life before I met him. I only know that his father was German, his mother was Belgian, and that he lived in many different places and knew many languages. I liked to spend time with Poet. I liked it very much. For a long time, I did not do much with Geraldo because I was always with Poet. I had thought Geraldo

would be mad, but he never said anything about it. Nobody knows what Geraldo feels. Poet explained to me that when we are young feeling is everything. That is not true with Geraldo, but I am not sure what he means by everything.

When Mother told Poet that the money he had put up for her to buy groceries was getting low, Poet said he would not need anything more than what he had in the house because he was going to leave soon. I had forgotten that Poet was here for just one month. He had gotten to be a part of the island just like coconut trees. I was sad. Poet told me I could not let the tides get low. I think that I understood. I helped Poet get his belongings together, and we watched the sunset. He said he needed a final sunset to bury what he came to work on. I thought he had come to work on a book. Then he talked. Poet talked more on that evening than during the whole month he was here. He said the people he watched (I think he was referring to the coconut seller; he would watch him a lot.) did not know half of what there is in this world, but their simplicity and contentment gave them a Godlike wisdom. Poet said that the simple people's competence is comparable to the most successful men from where he lives (I still think he was talking about the coconut seller, because he is a very hard worker. He climbs the trees himself, he carves the coconuts in different shapes, and he always goes after the tourists to sell his pretty coconuts.). Poet talked in other languages, too. He was not talking to me; he was talking to the sunset or maybe to himself. I didn't say anything, I just listened. Being with the poet made me think of so many things, things that I didn't really know how to feel about. Poet said he needed a good night's sleep, and I asked him to stop by my house in the morning before he left for the capital.

ALL THE WAY WALKING BACK to my house I was thinking of what I could give Poet. I wanted to give him something that would remind him of the island, of the sunrises, of the ocean, and of me, too. I wanted to give him something good. On the way home, I stopped by Mr. Marcos' store. I looked and looked until the store closed, but nothing was good enough. Poet was a sophisticated man, but not like the people from the capital. Poet is sophisticated on the inside. Poet has a different kind of talent. I think Father is like that too. He carved so many little details into his statues. He worked very hard on each one. He is like the coconut seller. I decided Poet would like one of Fa-


ther's statues.

Mother was mad because I got home late. She could tell I was sad because of Poet. After supper Father was asking Mother to count how much money he had in the little box he takes to the capital. Mother counted. He asked her to count again. Mother was getting worried that Father had lost some of his money and was embarrassed to tell her. But he said there was more money there than when he left from the capital. I did not want Father to think he was going crazy, so I told him that I had put the money there. I told him that I needed to give something to Poet before he left, and that I decided to give him one of the statues. Father said that I didn't have to pay him for his statue. His voice was shaky. It was all my savings, he said. I told him that he ought to get paid more than the coconut seller. Father got a funny look on his face when I said that.

I went to sleep, and I woke up not with the bell but with Poet's car horn. It was still kind of dark, and Father had already left to the capital. When I gave Poet his gift, he was surprised and happy. He said I could not give him a better thing. I think he meant that. I hugged him. I think it was the first time I hugged him, and he left without saying anything else. I watched his car disappear down the brick road. Then I heard the bell.

I have been spending lots of time with Geraldo lately. I want him to learn what Poet taught me. But Poet did not teach me with his mouth, so I can't teach Geraldo with words either. It is a mighty hard job.

I am still studying my numbers really hard, but I am studying geography, too. I want to know more about all the other oceans and all the places Poet has been. Maybe I will get to visit him some day. I also started going with Father to the capital during the weekends and helping him to sell his statues. Not too long ago the owner of the house in Vila Velha came. He said that my poet had left a small, empty suitcase, and he was wondering if I would like to have it. There was a crumpled up paper inside, with some words written in another language. I hoped those strange words were an address.

I felt bad that Poet did not have a chance to fill his suitcase with words while he was here. That is why I decided to write. I decided I would write for him. I wanted to write the biography that he came here to do, but I did not know much about him. I decided then that I would write the biography of this place, and the biography of us. The biography of the time we spent together. 

Faith

first-place poetry by

MICHAEL MORRISON,

New Caney, Texas

A deviant assassin,
an enraged psychopath
craving Reason's blood.
A sniper hidden;
camouflaged in the trees.
A wolf — a ravenous,
yellow-eyed beast
roaming vacant shadows.
Elusive, ever patient,
hoping for the perfect
moment
to leap from the mist
and tear out my throat.

With reason, my weapon,
I fight ...
hoping for victory.
I hurl my well-honed
argument, defiantly,
like Ahab's last harpoon,
into the undefiled dark.
But the oppressive void
of faith's domain
devours with impunity
all my fruitless efforts.

Better to submit and leave
faith to its appetite. III

"I was reflecting back on a specific
struggle with my faith. I don't
know if everyone else sees it in
this context, but I was writing for
myself, as someone who sees faith
as a daily struggle."

Thank You, Jedediah Purdy

first-place essay by ERICA D. LEE, Aurora, Colo.

"Even months later, I'm still learning from my

semester in Greece. In everyday life I'm trying

not to take the little things for granted."

AMERICA, YOU ARE FASCINATED WITH NEWNESS — you covet discovery, you lust after invention, you crave the unknown. The scope of your imagination hurtles you around planets and invites you to rub shoulders with DNA molecules, and so you have slathered yourself with mysteries, with the dusty glitter of stars, and slimy tinsel of genes. In fact,

you are so obsessed, newness has become marketable: magazines host talent searches for "fresh faces" and advertisers spurt NEW! across product labels as if it were the primary ingredient. You gloat inwardly that you have reached the "New Millennium." For all your achievements, however, your search for the unfamiliar has led you so far from yourselves, and so far into yourselves, that you have forgotten the glory of common things.

I understand why you cuddle newness as if it were a baby. It is rare; it is precious. I remember my own despair when I realized that man's movements are predictable, that war and science and arts and culture are ultimately regurgitations. I was near Bergamum, Turkey, touring an ancient Askleion which is regarded as one of the first mental hospitals in the Western world. Yeshim, our tour guide, led us through the ruins. She waved with her sunglasses at the remains of marble baths, when B.C. patients soaked in mud to soothe wrinkled skin and wrinkled minds. One of the professors in our group chuckled to the girls: "And you thought *modern society* invented mud facials." A flippant reply reflected my own hidden discomfort. "Nope," one lady laughed. "I don't think *anything* is new anymore ..."

THROUGHOUT MY STUDY ABROAD, my experiences confirmed the woman's statement. At each ancient site, I imagined the Nomads, the Etruscans, the Barbarians, the Greeks, the Romans, the Germanic tribes, and my own Americans marching to an ominous drumbeat: NOTHING IS NEW. At Meggido in Northern Israel, the tour guide boasted that 27 layers of civilization existed in one mound of dirt. Thereafter I pictured the site as mankind's gigantic birthday cake, graced with reused candles and the best-wished message in black frosting: NOTHING IS NEW. Many times I stood in restored Greek theaters and quoted clichéd lines from Homer and Shakespeare, my voice echoing NOTHING IS NEW NOTHING IS NEW NOTHING IS NEW NOTHING.

Ridiculous, isn't it, my mourning for originality? I often asked myself, "So what if nothing is new? Newness is not happiness." Yet the compression of societies into indiscernible layers frightens me, and perhaps it frightens you. We worry that if time reuses communities, more important things (such as our thoughts, our beliefs and our faith) are as flat and void as carbon copies. This unspoken horror propels us to finger greedily at newness. If we can explore new places and find new cures and engineer new ways of living, then maybe, just maybe, our insides are really ours. We want to know the soul is a cause rather than an effect.

Fortunately, the profound and the mundane often mingle. On my return flight from Paris to the States, I found a hopeful response to my gloom in — of all places — a *Sky-View*

Magazine. This issue's book review introduced *For Common Things*, which was written by an aspiring lawyer named Jedediah Purdy. In the excerpt, Purdy puts my very fears into words. He says:

"The ironist expresses a perception that the world has grown old, flat, sterile, and that we are rightly weary of it. There is nothing to delight, move, inspire or horrify us. Nothing will ever surprise us. Everything we encounter is a remake, a re-release, a ripoff or a rerun. So we sense an unreal quality in our words and even in our thoughts. They are superficial, they belong to other people and other purposes; they are not ours, and it may be that nothing is properly ours."

Purdy accurately verbalizes our loathing for a world worn thin. But he denies that humanity has so long walked the carpet of civilization that it is colorless, frayed, thread-bare or ready to be discarded. Instead, he goes on to challenge America to reaffirm the good paths of the past for the reason "that some [things] must be common, if they are to be at all."

What are these needed common things that Purdy holds dear? I do not know. The excerpt in *Sky-View* ended there. However, I do know what they are for me. They are the residue of my past. They include national holidays, which are relived each year without losing their initial festiveness; family traditions which bring joy for generations; times of story-telling when friends say, "Remember when ...?"; great novels and poems that explore life's greatest questions; and especially my Christian heritage.

Nothing — not even our fascination with newness — should take away from the glory of our shared experiences. This means that, once in a while, we must watch the night sky with the awe of the ancients, forgetting that the stars are "mere" balls of nebulous gas. Once in a while, we must sit beneath an apple tree and enjoy nature, without waiting for discoveries of Newtonian proportion. We can enjoy these simple moments with that same wonder which we have reserved for discovery.

To reclaim this wonder for common things, America, you must be poets. Poets are the people who draw connections, who retell old stories, who spin similes and metaphors around everyday subjects. As the authors of *Writing Poems* remind us, "New poets sometimes despair that everything has already been written, that there's nothing new to write about. Love, loss, death, birth — the great universal themes of humanity have been written many times over. But the poets of each succeeding age must write them anew, explore them from their own unique perspective in their own idiom and voice."

America, if you will accept that most experiences belong to all mankind, that life is indeed relived through the generations, then you can rejoice that you are able to share in it. And then you will discover the glory of common things. III

Reciprocity Failure

second-place poetry by

INDIE PEREIRA DAVIS,

Pendleton, Ore.

He wants her in pigtails
Until he descends
Slow slick fire on her
salamandrine skin.

He wants her black silky
Until he demands
Half-carat clean crystal
with a meal for a man.

He wants her to mother
Until he degrades
Her bee busy bossing and
matronly way.

He wants her and wants her
Until they divide
The car and the house,
the kids and their lives. III

"My roommate came in one day
wearing pigtails, and that's the
first image I had.

"... Then when I started writing, it
turned into a poem about the
expectations we have of people,
and how those expectations
cause the very things we dislike
the most."



SHAE SISCO, "Honor"



CHEREE VOYLES,
"Coca Cola — A Source of Life"

Top Pics

Over the years, Dr. Mike James has transformed the hallway outside his office into a photo gallery. Most of the artists — students from his two photography classes — have only a few months of experience with the camera. But as you can see from his spring semester classes, each artist has spent years refining a unique way of viewing the world.



PETE VANN, "One Careless Move"



CARA HOPPER, "Barn"



HEATHER RACINE, "Ducks"

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'29 J. Basil Hall recently appeared in a television documentary concerning his experiences with Charles Lindbergh during World War II. (601 McDonald St., #205, Mount Dora, FL 32757)

'40 Platinum Circle Reunion at Homecoming 2000

'50 Golden Circle Reunion at Homecoming 2000

'55 Reunion at Homecoming 2000

'58 Robert C. Ford is retired from IBM. He and his wife, Gloria, were honored by having an outdoor pavilion named for them after building it for the dementia unit of the Vestal Nursing Center. (9811 Chirtsey Way, Bakersfield, CA 93312)

'60 Reunion at Homecoming 2000

'63 Pat Casey is minister for the Central church in West Plains, Mo., after serving 33 years as minister for the church at Millington, Tenn. He and his wife, Shirley, have two children. (3003 Ridgewood Drive, West Plains, MO 65775)

'65 Reunion at Homecoming 2000

'66 Donna Weselius retired in 1999 after teaching for 23 years, the last 12 at Jefferson Christian Academy. She and her husband, David, have two children. (5067 Applecross Road, Birmingham, AL 35242)

'67 Robert Holloway has been selected for inclusion in the 2001 edition of *Who's Who in America*. He is owner of Nevada Technical Associates Inc., a consulting firm that specializes in training and consulting to the nuclear industry. He and his wife, Mary Etta, have two children. (311 E. Desert Rose Drive, Henderson, NV 89015)

'69 David Hyde is a field engineer for MCI Worldcom. (820 S. MacArthur Blvd., #105-164, Coppell, TX 75019)

Julia Moon Pettyjohn received her bachelor's in health information administration, graduating magna cum laude from Medical College of Georgia in May. (2563 Blackmon Drive, Decatur, GA 30033)

'70 Reunion at Homecoming 2000

Diann Williamson Huston is the senior training development instructor with Nationwide. She and her husband, Paul, have two children. (3434 Park Ridge Drive, Grove City, OH 43123)

'71 Brenda Davis Stewart teaches at Lewisville schools. She and her husband, Bruce, have three daughters. (5912 Fox Drive, The Colony, TX 75056)

'72 Gerald Burrow received his Ed.D. from Nova Southeastern University Dec. 31, 1999. He is married to the former Linda Wilson ('70). (316 Hidden Hollow Drive, Shreveport, LA 71106)

'73 Vicki Ann Blackwood, who teaches second grade, was chosen by her co-workers as "Teacher of the Year" for 2000-01 at Madison Cross Roads School. (6616 Steeplechase Drive, Huntsville, AL 35806)

Linda Blankenship Bartram is a distribution clerk for the postal service. (P.O. Box 97, Beatty, OR 97621)

Max Reiboldt is managing partner/CEO for The Coker Group. His wife, the former Kay Antley ('72), is director of finance and fundraising for Georgia's Republican Party. They have two sons. (220 Kirkton Knoll, Alpharetta, GA 30022)

'74 David Guthery and his wife, Dessie, are relief houseparents at Children's Homes Inc. David is an educational social worker. (5515 Old Walcott Road, #5, Paragould, AR 72450)

Doug Killgore and his wife, Sheila, are the owners of Light House Inn, a bed and breakfast in Searcy. (605 E. Race St., Searcy, AR 72143)

Teresa Mooneyham McCown received her master's in social work from Case Western Reserve University in May. She and her husband, Layton ('72), have two children, both students at Harding. (239 Brentwood Drive, Hudson, OH 44236)

ALUMNI PROFILE

Neal Organ ('76)

No hard feelings for blighted "Millionaire" hopeful

FOR SOME reason, you ever need to know what countrymen practice the martial art form Krav Maga, ask Neal Organ.

It's that question that halted Organ's speedy advance toward \$1 million on ABC's hit game show "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" He and his wife, Ruth ('75), flew from Texas to the Big Apple for his 15 minutes of fame on the July 11 airing.

"The first questions were all things I knew, but then I hit that last one, and it might as well have been written in Swahili," Organ recalls, shaking his head.

"If I'd thought about it, I would have known those words were Hebrew," and the answer, therefore, Israel. He still winces a little about the one that got away, then adds with a shrug, "But it's not like I lost anything."

In fact, Organ came out \$32,000 ahead, correctly answering 11 trivia questions without using a single "lifeline."

His initial \$32,000 safe, Organ took a chance by going for the \$125,000 question that finally tripped him up after two "lifeline" attempts.

His win came right on the heels of a million-dollar play by the



youngest winner thus far, 24-year-old David Goodman. Despite the fanfare and the mounds of confetti money set afloat for his fellow contestant, Organ says he didn't feel overshadowed. "I wanted him to do well, but I was much more concerned about winning the next 'fastest fingers,'" he recalls.

That win — the one that got him into the hot seat — was the biggest adrenaline rush. He worried aloud to his wife after the show, asking her if he looked silly reacting to his win. "She said, 'I don't know, I was too busy screaming.'"

Yes, the whole business was wildly exciting, says Organ. But to those who wonder how he kept his calm facade, he insists, "It's just not that scary. Their studio is much smaller than it looks." That ominous music and those glaring blue lights are far less daunting before they make it to your living room.

And as for that tension-building flow: it is born only through the hard labor of some crafty editors, Organ says.

In real time, he and a group of very disgruntled contestants spent more than four hours in that recording studio.

"There were many, many technical glitches that day," he says. "Computers went down, things didn't show up. You could tell Regis was weary of the whole thing."

"But he's a really nice guy," Organ says. During one of the many stalls in taping, Regis ran down to address an item that came up during Organ's pre-show interview.

"I had told them one of the things I wanted to do in New York was to buy a hot dog from a vendor." So Regis tipped him off to the best hot dog stand in town, and suggested he get it with sauerkraut.

This bread truck driver from Texas had visited New York only once before, and then only to drive through on a Harding chorus tour. So while many of the other contestants stewed and complained to producers about the laborious taping, Organ savored his free vacation.

"It would have been a fantastic experience if I'd not even gotten in the chair," he says with certainty. "We went to see 'Les Miserables' that night — it was almost as good as being on the show!"

Organ says he's still a huge "Millionaire" enthusiast. "Now when I watch it, we notice all the little things we didn't know before," he says.

"And I spend a lot of time saying, 'Why didn't I get that question?'"

— Judie Kinonen

'75 Reunion at Homecoming 2000 Bob Hubbard was selected as the Outstanding Adult Educator of 1999-00 by the East Tennessee College Alliance. The award is in recognition of his work with adult students seeking to complete degrees through LAMP, a degree completion program at Johnson Bible College, where he is a professor of marriage and family therapy. He and his wife, Linda, have four children. (2319 Bell Drive, Knoxville, TN 37998)

'76 Ruth McHaney Danner has written a book of inspirational stories for quilters, titled *What I Learned from God While Quilting*, released this fall. She is a tutor and free-lance writer with nearly 100 articles in print. (2838 W. Hoffman Ave., Spokane, WA 99205)

Paul Kee is the missionary-in-residence at Freed-Hardeman University for the 2000-01 academic year. He and his wife, the former Janet Winter, are missionaries to Cameroon. They have two children. (1136 Pallwood Road, Memphis, TN 38122)

'77 Rosalinda Tipton Walker and her husband, Wimon, left Botswana, Africa, after 15 years of mission work. They have three children. (ACU Box 29428, Abilene, TX 79699)



'78 Rudy Schellekens is technology services manager for the Davenport School District. He and his wife, Pamela, have two sons. (311 W. Seventh St., Muscatine, IA 52761)

Debra Bolton Walker is a nurse in the cardiovascular intensive care unit at St. John Hospital. She and her husband, Gary, have five children. (256 S. Main, Romeo, MI 48065)

'79 Rory Messick owns and operates two McDonald's restaurants. He and his wife, Linda, have a daughter. (4402 Rebel Lane, Marshall, TX 75670)

'80 Reunion at Homecoming 2000 Garry Baccus was selected as commander with the Ninth Operations Support Squadron at Beale Air Force Base. He and his wife, Kim, have two children. (3240 Ridge Drive, Beale AFB, CA 95903)

Melinda Davis Barnett received her master's in counseling and development in 1999. A middle school counselor, she and her husband, Del ('75), have two children. (785 Brandywine St., Beaumont, TX 77706)

ALMA MATTERS

The value of the Harding experience

by LIZ HOWELL, director of alumni relations

CAN YOU PUT A PRICE on family? As a member of the Harding family, I am reminded almost daily that we are a part of something extremely unique in today's world. The Harding experience is more than an education — it is membership in a family of Christians who share a common love for the University where we shared our lives.

As I travel around the country, I realize our common bond through the instant rapport with other alumni. Admissions advisers often depend on alumni to project a positive image of the University and share with others the wonderful memories of their experience here. Many times, successful young professionals are working with the youth in their congregations, providing example and leadership that influence young people to come to Harding. Many of you are dedicated to bringing students to campus for special events such as Homecoming, Spring Sing, Youth Forum and Bison Daze. Our Admissions Services Office appreciates your endorsement in recruiting prospective students. Because of who you are and how you live, you are our best recruiter.

As a family, we invite you to come home often, and keep in touch. We want to know about you and your family. If you haven't visited campus lately, you would enjoy seeing the many improvements that have been made. With the continued explosion of technological advancements, you can take a virtual

tour of campus, communicate immediately with nearly 4,000 alumni through e-mail, and listen to Bison athletic events via the computer. Check out the Harding Web site at www.harding.edu, and visit the departments.

We would love to bring the Harding Connection Celebration to you. We enlist alumni and friends to create a special event specifically for your area and for recruiting prospective students. Call (800) 477-4312, and we will get started.

Each year, students and parents must choose a college or university. Realizing that an education from a state institution costs only a portion of the cost of a private, Christian university, choices are sometimes made because of money. However, if you compare the value of each, you will find there is a distinctive character in Christian education that makes the deciding difference. Periodicals ranking universities, such as *U.S. News and World Report*, rank the University high in categories that matter to the world. But I think most of our alumni would agree that Harding scores the highest in lasting relationships — a category not included in college guide rankings. Because we are family, we are willing to make the necessary sacrifices to ensure students a premier Christian education that impacts their lives for eternity. For those of us who received this blessing, we know it is worth every penny. JHI

Nancy Rainey Bridgman is an advertising sales representative for *The Birmingham News*. She and her husband, Johnny, have two sons. (1605 Mountain Trail, Warrior, AL 35180)

Phil Jones is a sales manager with Kingston Mortgage. He has a son. (890 Creek Trail, Kennesaw, GA 30144)

'81 Paul Reding is the pulpit minister for Heritage Church of Christ. His wife, the former Debbie Reed ('83), is an international flight attendant with American Airlines. They have three children. (6013 Covington Drive, Rowlett, TX 75089)

'82 Gary James is principal at Cavanaugh Elementary. He is married to Nancy. (1001 Third Terrace, Barling, AR 72923)

Susan Drinnen Kehl completed her master of science in nursing from Abilene Intercollegiate School of Nursing in May 2000. She and her husband, Kevin, have two children. (1226 Washington Blvd., Abilene, TX 79601)

'85 Reunion at Homecoming 2000 Jeff Smith joined Texas Instru-

ments Inc., where he is responsible for leading media relations for their digital signal processing group. He and his wife, the former Jennifer Faulkner ('86), have two children. (3302 Greenridge Drive, Missouri City, TX 77459)

'86 Jim Doederlein is the director of strategic planning and business development with Toys 'R' Us Inc. He and his wife, Vicki, have three children. (1 Wild Dunes Court, Skillman, NJ 08558)

Les Maloney is minister at Troy Church of Christ. He is also a chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserve and a doctoral student at Baylor University. Les and his wife, Margaret, have three children. (6 W. Austin St., Troy, TX 76579)

Lynn Bohannon Rowland is a financial analyst with First Tennessee Bank. She and her husband, Randy, have two daughters. (8431 Riverwood Farms, Cordova, TN 38018)

'87 April Wilson is a teacher

with Valley Christian Heritage School. (Bentsen Palm Drive, Lot 189, Mission, TX 78572)

'88 Kevin Blume, a physical therapist with In Home Therapy, was chosen "Therapist of the Year" by his company. He and his wife, the former Benay Waite ('86), have four children. (1534 Wooded Drive, Grenada, MS 38901)

Leslie Williams received his master of divinity degree from Harding Graduate School of Religion in May. He plans to leave in January to do mission work in New Guinea. Leslie and his wife, La-Vonna, have four sons. (750 Highway 51 S., Hernando, MS 38632)

'89 Jodie Baker-Strother teaches preschool at West End Kindergarten. She and her husband, Thomas ('85), have two daughters. (1128 Edenbridge Way, Knoxville, TN 37923)

Tracey Turner Dannels teaches third grade at Romeo Elementary. (13890 S.E. 73rd Lane, Morriston, FL 32668)

Shelley Clark Gatlin is self-employed as an attorney. She and her husband, Mitch, have a son. (101



Sunset Park, Bertram, TX 78605)

Riley Gill is a sales representative for Roche Pharmaceutical. He and his wife, Debra, have a son. (2409 W. End Row, Cordova, TN 38018)

'90 Reunion at Homecoming 2000
Alan Berger is an aircraft dispatcher with Air Transport International. (4817 Hickory Ave., North Little Rock, AR 72116)

Carol Coffey is head of reference services for the Central Arkansas Library System. (124 Point West Circle, Little Rock, AR 72211)

Amy Tanner LeeBurton works in cardiovascular surgery and heart/lung transplant intensive care at the Mayo Clinic. She and her husband, Tim, have three children. (3740 Manorwoods Drive, Rochester, MN 55901)

Chad Massie is minister for the New Braunfels Church of Christ. He and his wife, the former **Cassandra Jackson**, have two sons. (1452 Devin Drive, New Braunfels, TX 78130)

Sean Neill owns Steel Detailing of Louisiana. His wife, the former **Cherie Poynot**, is an aerobics instructor. They have two daughters. (5430 Port Hudson, Baton Rouge, LA 70817)

Mike Tankersley is a controller with MECI. (4900 Joe Ramsey Blvd., Greenville, TX 75401)

Floyd Williamson is the minister at Oxon Hill Church of Christ. He and his wife, Isabelle, have two sons. (4005 Beachcraft Court, Temple Hills, MO 20748)

'91 Kelly Willingham Hestand is assistant principal for the Mansfield Independent School District. She is married to Jimmy. (5703 Bramblewood Court, Arlington, TX 76017)

Patrick McGaha received his doctorate in teacher education from Florida State University on Aug. 5. He is an assistant professor at Pepperdine University. His wife, the former **Sarah Folkerts** ('93), is supervising senior at Roth, Bookstein and Zaslow. (442 Cresthill Drive, Oak Park, CA 91377)

Gary Parnell is a sales manager for Staples. He and his wife, the former **Jennifer Byrnes** ('92), have a son. (1105 Verna Lane, Nixa, MO 65714)

Rick Trujillo is a freelance TV cameraman traveling the United States shooting stories for Home and Garden Television and The Food Network. In 1999 he was a member of the 9News/KUSA TV photography staff in Denver that

was named the National Press Photographers Association National Photography Station of the Year for an unprecedented ninth time. (11295 E. Alameda Ave., #21, Aurora, CO 80012)

Doug Vogel is a special education teacher. His wife, the former **Ann Rawe**, teaches preschool and piano. They have two children. (406 McCarver Drive, Ballinger, TX 76821)

'92 Tom Koller is the community development coordinator for Arkansas Children's Hospital. His wife, the former **Susan Jouett** ('89), is a counselor at Central Arkansas Christian. They have one child. (11 Sonata Trail, Little Rock, AR 72205)

Mike Millard teaches English as a second language for Liberal Schools. (1185 S. Sycamore, Liberal, KS 67901)

David Rose is a computer analyst with Ashland Chemical. He and his wife, Melinda, have two children. (5408 Davidson Road, Hilliard, OH 43026)

Yvonne Williams teaches English as a second language for the Widefield School District. (203-6 Beaver Court, Colorado Springs, CO 80906)

'93 Craig Clark is a special education teacher with Mansfield Schools. He and his wife, the former **Diane Davis** ('90), worked in Mito, Japan, this past summer with the "Let's Start Talking" campaign. They have two children. (1604 Southwood Blvd., Arlington, TX 76013)

Lori Majors Hunt is a homemaker. She and her husband, Danny, have a son. (3411 Jonquil, Rowlett, TX 75089)

Mike Matlock is the co-owner of TLC Healthcare, a home medical supply company. His wife, the former **Cheryl Chandler** ('91), teaches first grade for Pocahontas Public Schools. They have two children. (2005 Blisswood St., Pocahontas, AR 72455)

David White is a video production specialist for Memorial Medical Center. His wife, the former **Dawn Wallis** ('96), is a broker's assistant with Merrill Lynch. (1325 S. Fifth St., #5, Springfield, IL 62703)

'94 Chris Carter was promoted in July to store manager with Wal-Mart. He and his wife, the former **Lisa Cowan** ('93), have two children. (220 Oldbrook Lane, Port Huron, MI 48060)

Jeff Harris is in his third year of optometry school. His wife, the

former **Kari Young** ('95), teaches fourth grade at The Joy School. (1954 Winrock, #21, Houston, TX 77057)

Michele Middlebrook Harris is a teacher with Galena Park Schools. She and her husband, **Adrian** ('93), have two daughters. (13105 Halifax Street, Houston, TX 77015)

Stacy Harris received a multiple intelligence grant and a Fulbright Memorial Educational Grant to Japan. (1731 Saddle Creek Circle, #2537, Arlington, TX 76015-4422)

Ryan Richardson is a campus minister at Purdue University with the Elmwood Church of Christ. His wife, the former **Beth Carroll** ('96), teaches at Covenant Kids Alive Preschool. (2560 N. River Road, West Lafayette, IN 47906)

'95 Reunion at Homecoming 2000
Judd Adams is an optometric physician. He is married to the former **Amy Deuel**. (35 Rogers Drive, Morrilton, AR 72110)

Gregory Brumley is program director with Abilene Christian University. He and his wife, Heather, have a son. (ACU Box 28170, Abilene, TX 79699)

Jason Davis is pricing coordinator for Carba-Tec Pty Ltd. He and his wife, the former **Sarah Lowe** ('97), have two children. (10 Beresford Terrace, Coorparoo, QLD 4151, Australia)

Brett Roberson is attending the nurse anesthesia program at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. His wife, the former **Jenny Cranford** ('97), is a speech-language pathologist at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital. (817 Braehill Terrace Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27164)

'96 Kelly Averitt is a teacher for Collier County, Fla. (861 Reef Point Circle, Naples, FL 34108)

Stephanie Balch is a resource teacher with Alief schools. (10950 Briar Forest, #603, Houston, TX 77042)

Stephanie Brill-Bechiom works for BellSouth. She and her husband, William, have a son. (7901 Baymeadows Circle E., #564, Jacksonville, FL 32256)

Robin Corner is a graduate student in physical therapy at New York Medical College. His wife, the former **Meleah Carter** ('97), is a private music instructor for young children. (95 Puritan Drive, Port Chester, NY 10573)

Christopher Evans is a neuro-health specialist with Glaxo Wellcome Pharmaceuticals. He is married to the former **Leana Watson**

('95). (766 Hudson St., Denver, CO 80220)

Bryan Forney is a youth minister and counselor for the Levy Church of Christ. His wife, the former **Keri Cottrill**, is a senior human resources generalist with Alltel. (5201 Wood St., North Little Rock, AR 72118)

Ginger Franklin is the implementation architect for Smallworld Systems Inc. (1297 Carlyle Park Circle, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126)

Christy Glass Harrison is an advanced practical nurse for the Bald Knob Medical Center. (307 Meadow Lake Circle, #9, Searcy, AR 72143)

John Land is a CPA who was recently promoted to supervisor at Warren, Averett, Kimbrough and Marino. His wife, the former **Stephanie Clary** ('98), is a staff accountant with PJ America. (617 N. Lake Circle, Birmingham, AL 35242)

Robert Seesengood is the associate minister with the Chatham Church of Christ and a research fellow with Drew University. He and his wife, Amanda, have a daughter. (38 Southern Blvd., Chatham, NJ 07928)

Greg Waide is a relocation assistance specialist with the Family Support Center at Elmendorf Air Force Base. His wife, the former **Jennifer Bull**, is a secretary with First National Bank. (9070 Ashley Circle, Anchorage, AK 99502)

Mike White is the campus spiritual life minister and basketball coach at Westbury Christian School. His wife, the former **Jennifer Smith** ('97), teaches fourth grade at Cummings Elementary. (11100 Braesridge, #2321, Houston, TX 77071)

'97 Jason Brubaker is a football coach and science teacher at Greater Atlanta Christian School. His wife, the former **Emily Sampley**, teaches fifth grade at Riverside Elementary. (510 Tavern Circle, Atlanta, GA 30350)

Heather Wilson Carroll is a high-risk counselor with South Plains Community Action. (4918 39th, Lubbock, TX 79414)

McKenzie Cutshall received his bachelor's in mechanical engineering technology from Oklahoma State University in 1999 and is a design engineer for Tulsa Power LLC. (1324 S. 123rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74128)

Christian Howald graduated in May from the University of Houston Law Center as a doctor of jurisprudence. He is currently pursuing an MBA at the University of

Houston. (7402 Summer Trail, Sugar Land, TX 77479)

Kim Reed is a counselor with Greater Atlanta Christian Schools. (2910 Buford Drive N.E., #321, Buford, GA 30518)

Scott Shearin is the marketing director at Flavor Burst. He and his wife, the former **Michele Gerber** ('96), have two sons. (438 Raintree Drive, Danville, IN 46122)

Jeremy Jay Tallman is a lab technician for Diagnos-Techs Inc. (2409 S. 273rd St., #168, Federal Way, WA 98003)

'98 Jonathan Albright is a client/server developer for Alltel. His wife, the former **Corrie Brown** ('00), is an auditor with Ernst & Young. (1311 W. Markham, #106, Little Rock, AR 72211)

Kevin Box is the morning disc jockey and assistant program director for Cumulus Broadcasting. His wife, the former **Jenny Parrott**, works at The Storehouse. (3607 Lakewood Drive, #E4, Jonesboro, AR 72404)

Mike Christie is pursuing a doctorate of veterinary medicine at Purdue University. (7387 Yorkshire Blvd., Cumberland, IN 46229)

Brandon Harp is a sales analyst for Provident Music Group. (996 Clifton Lane, Nashville, TN 37204)

Jessica Henderson teaches sixth-grade language arts for Lamar Consolidated public schools. (2400 Old South Drive, #608, Richmond, TX 77469)

Juan Carlos Hernandez is an assistant manager for Galerie International. (8980 S.W. 122 Place, #207, Miami, FL 33186)

Catherine Mullican is employed with Tristaff Consulting. (4459 Clairemont Drive, #D, San Diego, CA 92117)

Wade Ramer is a sales representative with Innovex Pharmaceuticals. His wife, the former **Michael Ann Scott** ('99), is a graduate student at the University of Arkansas. (106 N. Platinum Drive, #7, Fayetteville, AR 72701)

Jason Rinehart is a specialist in the 502nd Infantry Regiment at Fort Campbell, Ky. (HHC 3/502 inf, Fort Campbell, KY)

'99 Russell Brown is field coordinator with Strategic Consulting Group. His wife, the former **Emily Haas** ('00), is an English instructor with Taylor Schools. (923 N. McCann St., Kokomo, IN 46901)

Chris Cook is an account executive for Lexmark International. (512 Santa Fe Trail, #114, Irving, TX 75063)

Sarah Rawding is a nurse in the step-down unit of cardiac care at Queen of the Valley Hospital. (2550 Darroch Court, Napa, CA 94558)

Regina Rose is an administrative specialist with Newark Electronics. (5526 N. Winthrop, #1, Chicago, IL 60640)

Tracy Sewell is a case manager with Integrity Inc. (3478 E. Kiehl, #7807, Sherwood, AR 72120)

Davina White is a staff nurse at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas. (5301 W. Spring Creek Parkway, #2136, Plano, TX 75024)

'00 Mandy Snyder is an accountant with Jeffrey, Phillips, Mosley and Scott. (2200 Riverfront Drive, #4106, Little Rock, AR 72202)

Marriages

Eric Schwieter ('00) to **Stephanie City** ('99), June 5, 1999. (2125-B Dugan Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37412)

Justin Harrold ('00) to **Donna Chaffin** ('00), Aug. 6, 1999. (4310 Cheryl Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18017)

Matt Risinger ('94) to **Julie Simmons** ('98), Sept. 25, 1999. (12101 Cherryside Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211)

Tony Gentry ('89) to **Johnna Burnett** ('95), Oct. 9, 1999. (1531 S. Hwy. 121, #1227, Lewisville, TX 75067)

Angie Gray ('90) to David Fann, Dec. 18, 1999. (2339 E. Dunwoody Crossing, Atlanta, GA 30338)

Tim Coyle ('96) to **Jennifer Clary** ('98), Jan. 22. (4201 Monterey Oaks Blvd., #911, Austin, TX 78749)

Scott Bradford ('99) to **Lezlie Russell** ('99), Feb. 26. (1601 Hogan Lane, #1009, Conway, AR 72032)

Dusty Crawford ('98) to **Claudia Navarro** ('97), March 3. (2301 S. Millbend Drive, #2214, The Woodlands, TX 77380)

Ryan Blue ('95) to Amy Bailey, March 18. (1115 Southedge, Little Rock, AR 72227)

Adam Knott ('98) to **Jennifer Short** ('99), March 18. (607 Windsor Green Blvd., Goodlettsville, TN 37072)

Amy Webring ('98) to Jason Lytle, March 18. (430 Buckingham Road, #1417, Richardson, TX 75081)

Christie Mangrum ('96) to Tony Campbell, March 25. (33 Erin Lane, Nashville, TN 37221)

Kirk Bowman ('91) to Liesl Poetschke, April 1. (2025 Vista Crest Drive, Carrollton, TX 75007)

Todd McCullough ('84) to Jana Hall, April 29. (2848 N. Burling St., #2, Chicago, IL 60657)

Kerri Kaegi ('00) to Alex Behel, May 13. (HU Box 11138, Searcy, AR 72149)

Shawn Kell ('92) to **Britney Ann Singletary**, May 13. (9024 Northgate Blvd., #2362, Austin, TX 78728)

Jennifer Mitchell ('98) to Phillip Rackley, May 19. (3094 N. Gregg St., #4, Fayetteville, AR 72703)

Meg Finch ('83) to **Anthony Jones**, May 27. (100 Howard Road, Westbury Park, Bristol BS6 7UY, United Kingdom)

Clay Madar ('00) to **Emily Prysock** ('99), May 27. (206 Oakhurst, #105, El Dorado, AR 71730)

Lewis Short ('94) to **Tammy Reese** ('00), May 27. (Via R. Galli, 1, 20148 Milano, Italy)

Jeffrey Wieneke ('97) to Dawn Meadows, June 3. (P.O. Box 604, Livingston, TN 38570)

Ana Kulild ('96) to Jerrod Crawford, June 10. (821 Allen St., #831, Dallas, TX 75204)

FOCUS on the FUTURE

Four reasons to put off creating your will

by ROWAN MCLEOD, director of planned gifts

Looking for a good excuse? Here are four. Estate is too small.

This is a popular reason for not preparing a last will and testament. But be careful! It's easy to forget how quickly the value of a home can escalate. Combine this escalation with even minimal inflation, and what was once a modest estate may have enjoyed significant growth.

A will is too costly.

Sure ... it will cost something to have a qualified professional prepare your will; but too costly? Consider what an investment of \$200 or \$300 today will save when it comes to estate taxes and probate costs ... not to mention the time and stress you'll save family and friends.

A distaste for legal documents.

This reason is easy to understand. After all, who wants to go to school just to be able to understand what is a statement of your will in the first place? But

it's just as easily dealt with. Your attorney should happily answer questions and alleviate any misgivings.

Too busy living.

The truth is, when you're busy dealing with the realities of living each day — with family and work, friends and play — taking time to think about dying is easy to put off. But your will is your lasting voice — and professionals in our office will be happy to answer any questions about the creation of a valid will.

Thanks to provisions in our tax laws, every adult American has the chance to actually give voice to his or her legacy. Cost, estate size, even the tendency to avoid the discussion of death should not rob you of your lasting voice.

For information on what constitutes a valid will, you're invited to contact our office. Please call (800) 477-4312, or write Harding University, Box 12238, Searcy, AR 72149. Of course, there is no cost or obligation. **HL**

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Jason Kuepker ('00) to Alison Bryan ('00), June 17. (2255 Braeswood Park Drive, Houston, TX 77030)

Robert Lester ('99) to Jill Stanley ('00), June 17. (34895 County Road, #2, Shorter, AL 36075)

Dob Waites ('82) to Korly Osbourn, June 17. (6627 Bendera Ave., Dallas, TX 75225)

Jason Smith ('99) to Kimberley McKinnis ('99), June 24. (2008 Fairfield Court N., League City, TX 77573)

Jay Segadi ('00) to April Travis ('99), July 1. (432 Belle Valley Drive, Nashville, TN 37209)

Matthew Hodges ('97) to Brooke Gore, July 8. (801 Starnes, Kennett, MO 63857)

Mindy Schackmann ('96) to Jes Shearer, July 8. (5842 S. Maplewood Ave., Tulsa, OK 74135)

Births

To John ('93) and Tracey Boles, a son, Hayden John, March 30, 1999. (223 Oakwood Circle, Shadyshores, TX 76208)

To Scott and Cindy Canada ('91) Kuck, a daughter, Darci, May 27, 1999. (2608 Stoneleigh Drive, Benton, AR 72015)

To Jade ('96) and Rebecca Lackey ('96) West, a daughter, Amber Grace, June 8, 1999. (1417 Ridgecrest Drive, Plano, TX 75074)

To Alex ('86) and Holly Reed, a son, Jacob Tyler, July 7, 1999. (2700 Windamere Lane, Russellville, AR 72801)

To Michael ('91) and Dina Cox ('92) Valentine, a daughter, Molly Michelle, July 18, 1999. Michael is a physician assistant in cardiac surgery at White County Medical Center, and Dina is a homemaker. (16 Cottonwood Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

To Denny and Leigh Bassett ('88) Lemaster, a daughter, Brooke Suzanne, Sept. 3, 1999. (2560 Buchanan Road, Waverly, OH 45690)

To David and Carrie Tallant ('92) Kearney, a daughter, Sarah Madelyn, Oct. 22, 1999. (5242 Texas Ave., Abilene, TX 79605)

To Richie ('96) and CeCe Crump ('96) Ray, a daughter, Rylie Hope, Nov. 22, 1999. The Rays own and operate Richie's Pharmacy and Medical Supply. (159 April Waters N., Montgomery, TX 77356)

To Mark ('96) and Jessica Beltzer ('96) Henman, a daughter, Emily

Rose, Dec. 27, 1999. (2 Greendale Drive, St. Louis, MO 63121)

To Josh ('96) and Rhonda Norman ('96) Davis, a son, Thomas Michael, Feb. 8. (1063 Pickens Chapel Road, Searcy, AR 72143)

To Benjamin ('96) and Sarah McJunkins ('94) Katon, a son, William Daniel, Feb. 11. (808 Putting Green, Blytheville, AR 72315)

To Bob and Carol Wood ('89) Pearcy, a son, William Jay Bennett, March 1. He joins a sister. Carol is a speech-language pathologist with Texarkana, Ark., schools. (3507 Robin Lane, Texarkana, AR 75503)

To Bryan ('96) and Tracey McCormick ('96) Ries, a son, Graham Terrell, March 1. (50 rue des Galibouds, 73200 Albertville, France)

To Paul and Lynn Garrett ('85) Bridges, a son, Patrick Alan, March 8. (607 Myatt Street, Smyrna, TN 37167)

To Greg ('95) and Jennifer Helms ('95) Fulk, a son, Christian, March 13. (5524 Wesley Drive, Milton, FL 32570-8208)

To Paul and Kristi Spears ('94) Dunn, a son, Jerry Parker, March 19. (116 Miramar Drive, Maumelle, AR 72113)

To Jeff and Claire Seratt ('89) Turner, a daughter, Catherine Shelby, March 19. (1621 Sea Isle, Memphis, TN 38117)

To Jeffery and Lani Abbott ('77) Guill, twin sons, Joseph and Jonathon, March 24. (353 Pin Oak Drive, Lexington, SC 29073)

To Mike and Eva Cofer ('96) Gibbs, a daughter, Bailey Michelle, March 25. (3477 Highway 36 W., Searcy, AR 72143)

To Chris and Carla Barnett ('88) Weber, a daughter, Sydney Alesa, March 25. (1529 S. Bright Oak, Springfield, MO 65809)

To Troy ('97) and Kayla Lightfoot ('98) Wallis, a son, Ty Jonathan, April 8. (511 Des Moines St., Des Moines, IA 50309)

To Brett and Terrah Eldridge ('93) Hartley, a daughter, Erin Lyn, April 11. (4017 Alby Street, Alton, IL 62002)

To Scott ('86) and Kathy LaFerney, a son, Mason Vaughn, April 14. (10620 Icarus Court, Austin, TX 78726)

To Braden ('92) and Jennifer Ash, a son, Liam Ellis, April 17. (149 Ockley Drive, Shreveport, LA 71105)

To Kevin ('85) and Karen Thom-

son ('85) Withem, a son, Colin Lee, April 24. Kevin is the minister of the newly-planted Northern Hills Church of Christ. (10960 Avenida De Los Lobos, San Diego, CA 92127-5806)

To Scott ('91) and Andrea Felkner ('92) Mazo, a daughter, Emily Faith, April 27. Scott is human resources manager at Rosenbluth International. (26653 Colt Drive, Corona, CA 92883)

To Douglas ('88) and Tanya Leckie, a daughter, Scarlett Clementine, by adoption in May. (11611 S. 98 East Ave., Bixby, OK 74008)

To Jeff ('93) and Charlotte Drulman ('94) Connally, a son, Elliott John, May 6. (6667 Country View, San Antonio, TX 78240)

To Thomas ('87) and Felicia Voyles ('89) Cox, a daughter, Elaina, May 14. (1112 Creek Haven Drive, Holly Springs, NC 27540)

To Phillip ('96) and Laura Rice ('94) Shero, a son, Malachi John, May 18. (Box 99, Mbale, Uganda)

To Cody ('93) and Jenny Judd ('94) Sipe, a daughter, Cassie Lynn, by adoption May 19. She was born Aug. 27, 1998. Her brother, Carter Addison, was born May 26, 1999. Cody is finishing a doctorate in exercise physiology. (80 Vicksburg Lane, West Lafayette, IN 47906)

To Ryan ('97) and Stephanie Davis ('96) Howard, a son, Asa Ryan Hardy, May 21. (101 Lakeland Drive, West Monroe, LA 71291)

To Mark and Tracy Jennings ('92) Solomon, a daughter, Sadie Greer, May 23. (5632 S. Cedar St., Littleton, CO 80120)

To David ('91) and Malea Davis ('95) Oliver, a daughter, McKenna Neely, May 25. (189 Deer Trail, Searcy, AR 72143)

To Kelley and Lisa Kirkbride ('91) Peace, a daughter, Krista Michele, June 21. (10811 Shell Creek Court, Houston, TX 77064)

To Jim Mark ('98) and Haley Nichols, a daughter, Kathryn Grace, June 23. (2250 LaFayette Road, Rocky Face, GA 30740)

To Coby ('87) and Kim Mathis ('87) Cathey, a daughter, Eliza Claire, July 4. Coby is principal at McLaughlin Elementary. (5820 Poole Drive, The Colony, TX 75056)

To Greg and Beth Rickett ('91) Brown, a daughter, Madison Nicole, July 10. (37 Hackler Circle, Conway, AR 72032)

To Craig and Dorothy Carter ('82)

Marcus, a daughter, Selah Elizabeth, July 10. (794 N. Walnut Bend, Cordova, TN 38018)

To Kent ('96) and Cara Wilson ('97) Jobe, a son, Derek Michael, July 11. (3017 Cottage Grove Drive, Mobile, AL 36695)

To Alex ('96) and Kari Keesling ('92) Aziamov, a son, Jakob, July 12. (12401 Melrose Lane, Frisco, TX 75035)

To Thomas ('82) and Sherry Smith Bryant, a son, Blake Thomas, July 14. (3201 Topaz Way, Plano, TX 75023)

To Rafael ('99) and Karen Railey ('96) Ruiz, a daughter, Katherine Michelle, July 14. (22626 Indian Ridge Drive, Katy, TX 77450)

Deaths

Donald L. Healy ('42), 80, died at home May 21, 1999, after a lengthy illness. He taught in the social science department at Harding from 1948-1951. He retired in 1981 from Shawnee Mission North High School after 23 years of teaching. He is survived by his wife, the former Maryann Hazlet ('47); daughters, Suzanne New and Doris Beth ('73); and sons, David, Dale and Charles. (11928 W. 69th St., Shawnee Mission, KS 66216)

Mildred Morgan Tester ('36), 85, died Oct. 5, 1999.

Bruce B. Brown Sr. ('50), 70, died at home Dec. 2, 1999, from a heart attack. He was a retired salesman for A.L. Brown Office Machines. He is survived by his wife, the former Robbe McCaleb ('51), a retired elementary teacher, and two daughters, Kerry Sugg ('76) and Kelly Tabor ('81). He was preceded in death by his son, Bruce Jr., and three grandsons, all killed in an airplane crash Jan. 16, 1999. (#7 Vista Blvd., Fort Smith, AR 72901)

Betty Ely Bawcom ('66), 56, died May 2, after complications from surgery. She is survived by her husband, Dwight ('66). (P.O. Box 693, Palestine, TX 75802)

Terry Tramel ('72), 49, died June 2. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie, and two children, Timothy and Elizabeth. (15732 Wilson Road, Sarasota, FL 34240)

E.E. "Gene" Hayes ('34), 88, died June 8. He is survived by his wife, the former Martha Benson ('31); a son, Don ('60); and a daughter, Sandra Johnson ('69). (Route 1, Box 98, Canton, OK 73724)

Margaret Ridley Trousdale ('44), 77, died at home June 18 after a

Jule Miller ('49) Devoted his life to personal evangelism

JULE LEGROSE MILLER, 75, of Pasadena, Texas, died July 4. He was born Jan. 15, 1925, in Okolona, Jefferson County, Ky., to Otto Klostomer and Elizabeth Belle Miller.

Best known for the "Jule Miller Film Strips," this personal evangelist, who said he "wasn't cut out to preach," helped lead literally hundreds of thousands of people from all over the world to Christ. *The Gospel Advocate* named him one of the 20th century's most influential men in the growth of the Lord's church. Miller found that his success in spreading the Gospel came from teaching individuals and small groups. Since its introduction in 1956, the *Visualized Bible Study* series has been standard material for "house-to-house" evangelism

throughout the world. The popularity of the film strips led Miller to begin a production company called Gospel Services Inc., which he served as president. Miller later added a companion series, *Now That I'm a Christian*, as well as several other teaching programs. Today these series are also produced on video cassettes.

Miller's interest in audio-visuals began in high school. By the time he was 16, he had a complete set of filmstrips on the life of Christ. As a freshman at Harding, Miller helped establish a congregation at Lewis, Ark., where he experimented with "visualized sermons." Upon graduation in 1949, Miller began serving as education director for the Ayers Street Church in Corpus Christi,

Texas. In 1951, the Millers moved to Houston, and Jule served in the same capacity for the Central congregation. There he taught home Bible studies and a Sunday class for non-members with such success that the elders asked him to commit full time to that work, as the minister of personal evangelism. Miller also served at Downtown Church of Christ in Searcy and with Houston area churches, including the Shaw Street Church of Christ and Southeast Church of Christ. He was a member of the Southeast congregation for 32 years, serving a portion of those years as a deacon, then an elder. From 1984 to 1998, Jule and his wife, Judy, conducted more than 250 soul-winning workshops throughout the country.



Jule Miller, 1925-2000

Miller is survived by his wife, the former Judy Hogan ('50); six daughters, Julia Wright ('78), Laura Grady ('80), Patty ('82), Susan Powers ('90), Tammy McGee, and Wendy Stork; four sons, Mark ('72), Robin ('77), Scott ('86), and Todd ('88); 29 grandchildren and one foster grandchild.

Donations may be made to Bible Share, a non-profit organization that provides free Bible-teaching resources to mission points around the world, in care of the Southeast Church of Christ, 9020 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX 77017-3737.

lengthy illness. She was retired from the Metropolitan Nashville School System after 30 years. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, George Hilmon; sons, Jerry and David; two grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. (4503 Glendale Place, Murfreesboro, TN 37215)

Richard Adams ('41), 80, died June 24. He is survived by a daughter, Sarah Laughton.

Ida Hazlett Horton ('25), 101, died July 24. She is survived by a son, Don ('49); and a daughter, Valle Richmond ('52).

Alejandro Orozco, 19, drowned July 28 in an undertow in the Pacific Ocean outside San Salvador, El Salvador, while on a mission trip. A Walton Program scholar from Puebla, Mexico, he had completed his freshman year as a computer science major.

Gary Ward, 40, died Aug. 19 from Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Gary was a paint supervisor for Physical Resources. He is survived by his wife, Tammy, and a son, Gary Jr.

Because of space limitations, only alumni, faculty and staff deaths are reported.

EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 19-20 **Board of Trustees Meeting**, President's Office
- 19-21 **Homecoming**, Office of Alumni Relations; (501) 279-4276
- 20-21 **President's Council Meeting**, Advancement Office; (501) 279-4312
- 24 **Retired General Colin Powell**; American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecturer, 7:30 p.m., Benson Auditorium; (501) 279-4497
- 22-27 **Discovery University**, Office of Alumni Relations; (501) 279-4276

NOVEMBER

- 9-10 **Governor's Junior High Youth Conference**, American Studies Institute; (501) 279-4497
- 19-25 **Thanksgiving recess**

DECEMBER

- 11-15 **Final Exams**
- 16 **Fall graduation**, main campus, Benson Auditorium, 10 a.m.
- 17-18 **Christmas recess**

JANUARY

- 8 **Registration week**, spring classes begin, Graduate School of Religion; (901) 761-1353
- 9 **Registration for spring classes**, main campus; (501) 279-4403
- 10 **Spring classes begin**, main campus
- 26-27 **Seminar with Everett Ferguson**, "The Eye of the Storm; Critical Issues Today"; Institute for Church and Family; (501) 279-4660

FEBRUARY

- 13 **Houston Nutt**; American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecturer, 7:30 p.m., Benson Auditorium; (501) 279-4497
- 21 **ASI Student Trip**; American Studies Institute; (501) 279-4497

MARCH

- 8 **Bay Buchanan**; American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecturer, 7:30 p.m., Benson Auditorium; (501) 279-4497
- 9-10 **Fifteen-in-One Workshop**, Institute for Church and Family; (501) 279-4660
- 18-24 **Spring recess**
- 25-31 **Elderhostel**, Office of Alumni Relations; (501) 279-4276

NASA partnership was one small step for mankind, One giant leap for Harding

IN 1967 THE UNIVERSITY BEGAN a partnership with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) that would last 12 years, bringing national recognition to the school and charting the course on how exercise science would develop as a field of study at the University and throughout the world. ■ Dr. Robert T. ("R.T.") Clark ('39), a world-

renowned physiological researcher for whom the Wellness Center in the Pryor Science Center is named, returned to his alma mater in 1963, bringing with him a grant from the National Institute of Health. According to Bob Corbin, professor of kinesiology and research associate, "Dr. Benson persuaded Dr. Clark to come back, to get out of the rat race." He became track and cross country coach and vice president of research. Corbin, who had met Clark at church in Norman, Okla., where Corbin was attending graduate school and Clark was conducting space medicine research, soon joined Clark at Harding. With the grant money, the two men — along with Dr. Harry Olree ('53), then professor and chair of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation — began using a treadmill to evaluate physical fitness levels of school children within different age brackets. They wanted to learn about conditioning levels, endurance and potential capabilities at different ages. According to Corbin, such a

study had never been attempted.

In 1966 Olree was named director of research for Harding, and the three men began working on a grant proposal for NASA. "Dr. Clark had always wanted to do something with NASA," Corbin says. "He had a vision of where the future led in the area of physiological science, and he said there was no reason why a school Harding's size couldn't do some of the groundwork."

Clark also had the connections. He had worked at Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, with the original astronaut applicants, evaluating their fitness levels. "He knew the people at NASA, and they respected him," Corbin says.

After six months of crafting the proposal, Clark and Olree delivered it to NASA in Houston in 1966. A short time later, at only 49, Clark died suddenly while running. "Everything was resting on his shoulders," Corbin says. "When Clark died, we thought it was ending."

"But no, it was just beginning."

A few months later, Corbin and Olree met with the director of physiological research at NASA. The proposal was completely approved just days before a major NASA accident froze all new projects, including those that had not yet been signed off. The men soon began a partnership with NASA that would last until 1979.

The initial two-year study consisted of a series of four experiments. Twenty male students volunteered for each 14-week exercise program — either walking on a treadmill, jogging, riding a

stationary bicycle or doing nothing — to determine which type of exercise was best, how intense the training should be, how long each exercise period should last, and how often training should occur. The ultimate goal was to discover how to develop and maintain physical fitness, especially as applied to astronauts.

Says Olree, "We found that if a person would exercise at 140-180 heartbeats per minute, 28-30 minutes per day, three days a week, he wouldn't be ready for the Olympics, but he could survive in space for a short time."

NASA was pleased with their results, and continued to fund their studies after the initial two-year experiment. Olree says, "After awhile we didn't have to submit proposals every year. We developed a working relationship. And, we were doing it cheaper than anywhere else." Dr. Story Musgrave — the astronaut who has logged more hours in space than anyone else — made several trips to campus to serve as a consultant.

AN EXPERIMENT that still stands out in Olree's mind is one of sleep deprivation. Twenty students went without sleep for 50 hours so that the researchers could study the effect on their ability to function physically. In an effort to keep the subjects awake, "we spent the last few hours at the pool," he says. "Some of them rode a stationary bike with a bucket of water beside it."

In 1979 the government began focusing on the shorter space shuttle flights, and the long-term space flight idea came to an end, along with Harding's year-to-year alliance with NASA.

In addition to the national recognition they brought to the University, the NASA studies led to the institution of Kinesiology 101 - Intro to Wellness courses, now a part of the general education curriculum. Dr. Ken Turley, assistant professor of kinesiology and director of the Wellness Lab, has taken over the exercise science research, and in May 1999, the University graduated its first class of students with bachelor's degrees in exercise science.

To this day there has been no more research on long-term space flight. But Corbin and Olree were just grateful for the time it lasted and are encouraged by the progress the Department of Kinesiology continues to make. "It was a great time for Harding. We were known throughout the sports medicine world," Corbin says. "And now Dr. Turley is continuing research, working with children. There's no end to it." ■ — April Mouser



Dr. Harry Olree (left) and Bob Corbin use a portable treadmill to evaluate campers' physical fitness levels at Camp Tahkodah in 1965. The results from this first project would eventually help lead to a research partnership with NASA from 1967-1979.

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