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Although every student at Harding seeks his own personal goal and faces his own unique challenges, each of us has come to this University for the same reason.

We are here to prepare for the rest of our lives; whether it be in the form of a career, a marriage or a closer walk with God, we have all come to Harding to meet the future.

It is a daunting future, filled with difficult choices and disappointments. Yet Harding University's foundations of academic excellence and spiritual truth offer its students the power to meet these challenges successfully. Students find here an opportunity not only to establish ideals on which they can stand for the rest of their lives, but also to gain experience on which they can rely in their vocations.

In a world that values selfish ambition and material wealth, Harding provides students with examples of integrity, honesty and generosity.



Photo by Daniel Dubois

Dwanye McDonald and Dan Jeune, juniors, Armand Etame, freshman, Stephanie Davis, sophomore, and Jennifer Williams, junior, joke with each other in the parking lot after the fall All Sports Banquet. Many students grew close to one another through participation in athletics.

Dr. Dean Priest speaks during convocation, Aug. 24. The first day of chapel was a celebration of Harding's goals for the new school year.

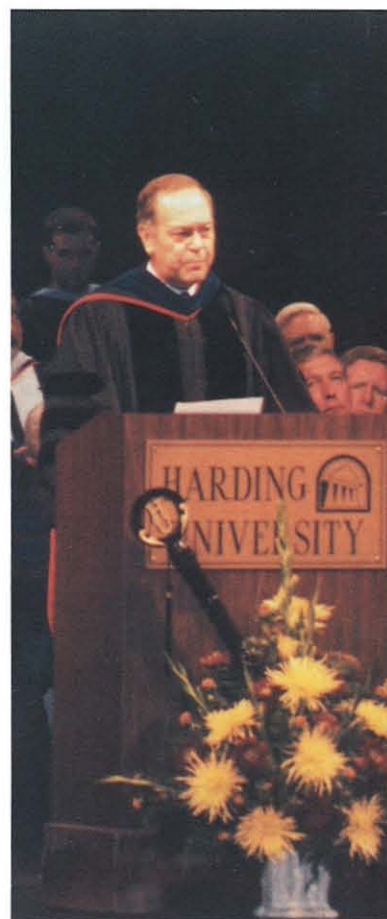






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Jimmy Teigen, senior, and other campaigners play basketball with young Italian children during Harding's summer campaign to Italy. Campaigns challenged students to move outside of their comfort zones and share their faith with others.

Students head into the Benson auditorium for chapel. Everyday chapel services allowed students time to fellowship with one another and focus their minds on God.



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Beth Prost, freshman, looks up from eating a watermelon slice at the SA watermelon party, Aug. 25. This mixer was one of the first opportunities freshmen had to get to know one another.



Tania Rojas, senior, chats with a friend while working behind the Starbucks counter in the Student Center.

Regena Bullard and Cherie Thompson, sophomores, take advantage of a beautiful day to visit with each other on the front lawn. Many students took breaks from their busy schedules to relax under trees or on swings around campus.



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A Student Impact energy group visits the home of Fred Presnall as part of a service project. The group did yardwork for Presnall.

Friends sit down to rest and mingle at the tables in the Student Center. The Student Center served as the central meeting place on campus.







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Teachers offer their time, their counsel and often their homes to students who need them. These men and women are not only pillars of the church but models of the Christian work ethic as well, teaching students how to develop a successful career while maintaining Christian ideals.

A good work ethic is only part of Harding's education. The faculty strives to teach the skills, training and experience students need to compete well in their fields. Harding has made the founding of successful careers an honor-bound priority in its methods of educating students.

Harding University is built on a clear vision of Christ's mission and a firm understanding of the world's demands.

It is this school's hope that, through teaching us to lean on God and look to the future, we might meet the challenge of the world and find our place in an eternal home.

— Sonya Sawyer, editor



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Heather Irwin, junior, delivers flowers and balloons for the Etc. Gift Shop. Students often found pleasant surprises waiting for them at the front desks of their dorms.



# 2000 Petit Jean Dedication: *Clara Carroll*

Harding maintains a standard of excellence and spirituality that pervades every aspect of this school. Nowhere are these qualities more evident than in the teachers on campus; they stimulate our minds and touch our hearts in their efforts to give students a solid academic and spiritual foundation.

Dr. Clara Carroll, assistant professor of education and director of professional field studies, is one of those teachers who has worked tirelessly to prepare students for their careers.

"She is concerned about preparing us as teachers, for having families and for knowing how to budget our time," Erin Elliott, senior, said. "She's shown that you can do it all."

Carroll came to Harding as a full-time professor in 1997 and was soon appointed head of the student teaching program. She is the wife of Charles Carroll and has two daughters. Before her employment at the University, Carroll worked as a kindergarten teacher as well as in several other teaching positions. Her extensive experience and enthusiasm for teaching are evident in her classes, according to Missy Suggs, senior.

"She's really practical," Suggs said. "She's had experience in the schools, so she knows what works."

A large part of Carroll's impact on her students comes from the sincerity she portrays. She motivates her students to succeed through her own honest effort.

"She works hard to make everybody happy," Christina Swindle, senior, said. "She inspires me to be a better teacher."

"She wants the best for her students," Elliott said. "It's not just a job for her."



Photo by Daniel Dubois

Dr. Clara Carroll and Dr. Betty Watson, professor of education, visit before chapel, Oct. 27. Carroll was one of the teachers who helped motivate students to come to chapel through her own attendance.

Dr. Clara Carroll talks with Jenny Behel, senior, during the School of Education seminar, Oct. 22. Carroll's duties extended beyond the classroom setting into evaluating student teachers and participating in seminars to help education students better understand their responsibilities.







Photo by Mark Kinonen

Dr. Clara Carroll and Jennifer Finefrock, senior, visit after the School of Education seminar, Oct 22. Part of Carroll's success as a teacher stemmed from her approachability and willingness to help her students.

Dr. Clara Carroll visits with her husband, Charles Carroll, on the front lawn. Carroll was devoted not only to her teaching, but her family as well.



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Dr. Clara Carroll and Kim Osborne, senior, laugh during a classroom exercise, Oct. 27. Many students expressed their appreciation for Carroll's enthusiasm and down to earth method of teaching.