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The banners on Harding's campus allow students to remember the University's focus – to integrate faith, learning and living by engaging students' hearts and minds. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

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Students gather to worship and sing praises to God at the All-School Retreat, Aug. 25. The retreat provided a time for students to pray together with their friends. Photo by Ashlee Johnson.

Members of Living Stones, seniors Robert Sebesta and Brandon Bonneau, perform at a benefit concert for the Searcy Children's Home, Sept. 21. Many students on campus used their talents to raise money for others. Photo by Ashlee Johnson.



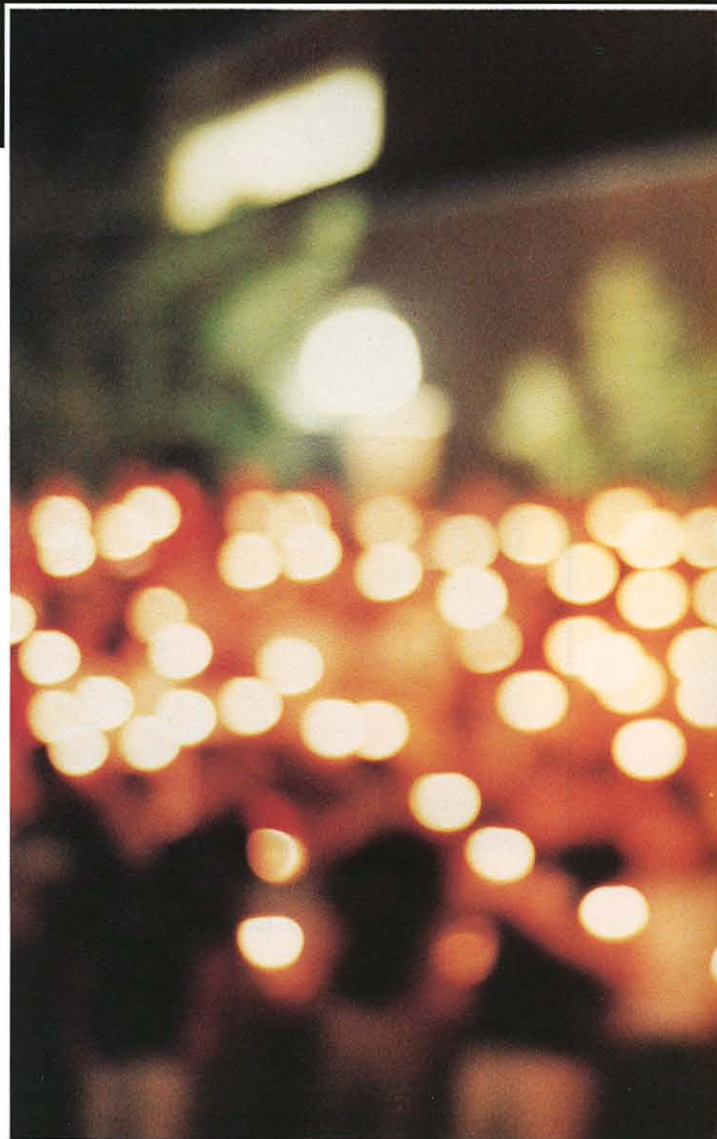
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Everyone has gone through different experiences in their life. Some experiences have been good, and some have been not so good. But it's in sharing those experiences that we develop our character and gain a new perspective in life.

Every day we are in contact with people, whether it be our teachers, peers or family, who can significantly contribute to our lives if we allow them.

At Harding, we are blessed to have such a diverse faculty and student body because we can learn so much from each other.

Harding serves its students by challenging them to enrich their lives both academically and spiritually.





Sophomores Rebecca Murray and A.J. Gordon stand among their personal items as they move into the dorm at the beginning of the year. When moving in, students found it difficult to find space to put their belongings. Photo by Ashlee Johnson.

With his face buried in a watermelon, freshman Rusty Brown participates in a contest to see who can eat a slice of watermelon the fastest. The Student Association held this event Aug. 23 to welcome students back to campus. Photo by Daniel Dubois.



Husband and wife, Javier and Lora Beth Escalante, take time out of their day to sit on the Benson steps and share with each other. Married couples tried to find time to balance their studies and personal lives. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

Junior Amanda Cooper holds a candle as she sings with more than 1,000 other students during the Student Impact closing ceremonies. The candlelight ceremony was one of the highlights of the weekend. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

Making sure they have a good grip on the ropes, seniors Jamie Jennings and Andy Brazle enjoy rappelling. Some students continued their daring and adventuresome hobbies while at Harding. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

With books in front of her, sophomore Kristi Lowery talks to junior Allie Cornett about her day while sitting on the front lawn. Studying outside was a challenge to many students because they usually ended up talking instead of studying. Photo by Daniel Dubois.



President David Burks cuts the ribbon at the dedication ceremony of the newly renovated Hammon Student Center. Expanding the student center provided students with more room for their activities. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

Despite the usual hustle and bustle of daily life, freshman Jenn Mitchell finds a quiet time in the renovated student center to study her Bible. Photo by Daniel Dubois.





Freshmen Impact student Rachel Savage laughs as she mingles with Mark Swartz and Sara Goen at the activities on the front lawn. Student Impact provided many opportunities for new students to meet others. Photo by Daniel Dubois.



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As an educational institution, Harding provides plenty of occasions, from overseas studies to on-campus activities, for students to view things from a different perspective.

Teachers urge students to dig deep within themselves and focus on their goals and strengths in order to develop their full abilities.

This university also desires for students to come to an ultimate deeper relationship with the creator.

Just as Harding has made a difference in our lives, we must realize that we can make a difference in other's lives by accepting the responsibility to ignite a spirit of curiosity within those we meet and help them discover a new perspective.

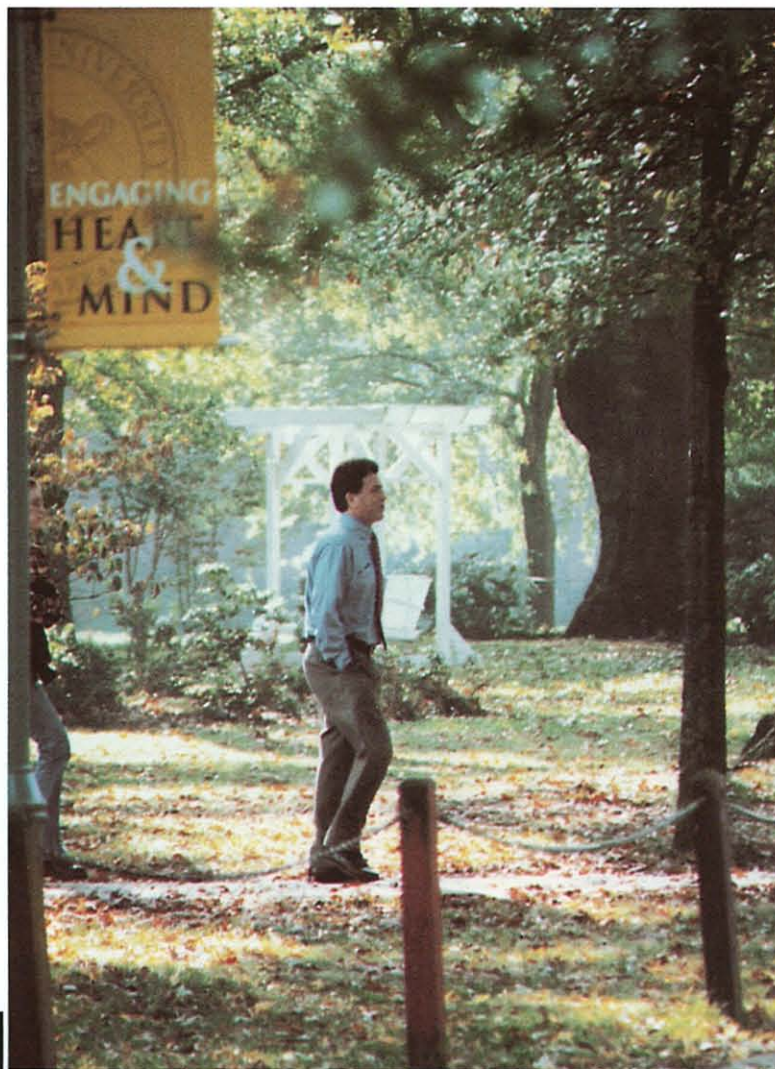
— Rachel McCuiston, editor



With her checklist in hand, sophomore resident assistant Rebecca Myers explains the dorm policies to freshman Jessica McCormick as she moves into Sears dorm. Checking into a dorm was one of the many things new students got to experience for the first time. Photo by Ashlee Johnson.

Ken Stamatis walks to class after chapel. Stamatis, a reading specialist who many students respected, was a friendly face on campus. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

During Homecoming weekend, Ken Stamatis relaxes with friends in the Heritage lobby. Like many teachers, Stamatis was involved in the weekend's activities. Photo by Daniel Dubois.



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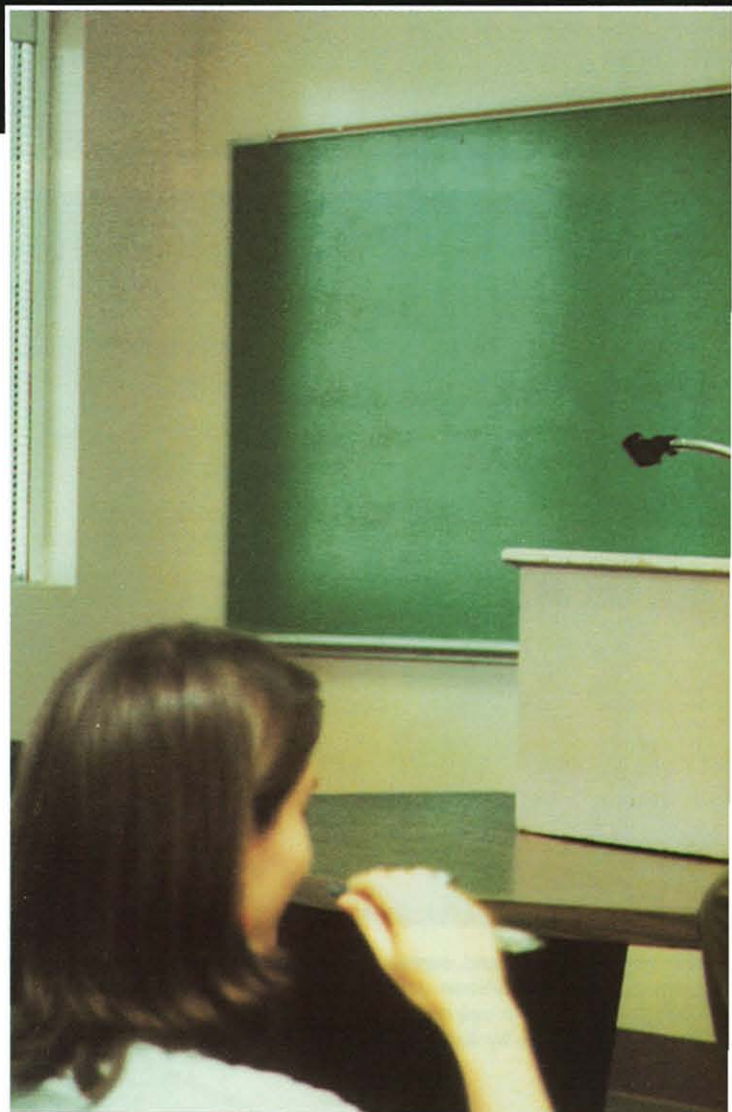
Nearly everyone has had a teacher who has greatly influenced their life in some way, and Ken Stamatis, assistant professor of education, has been that teacher to many students.

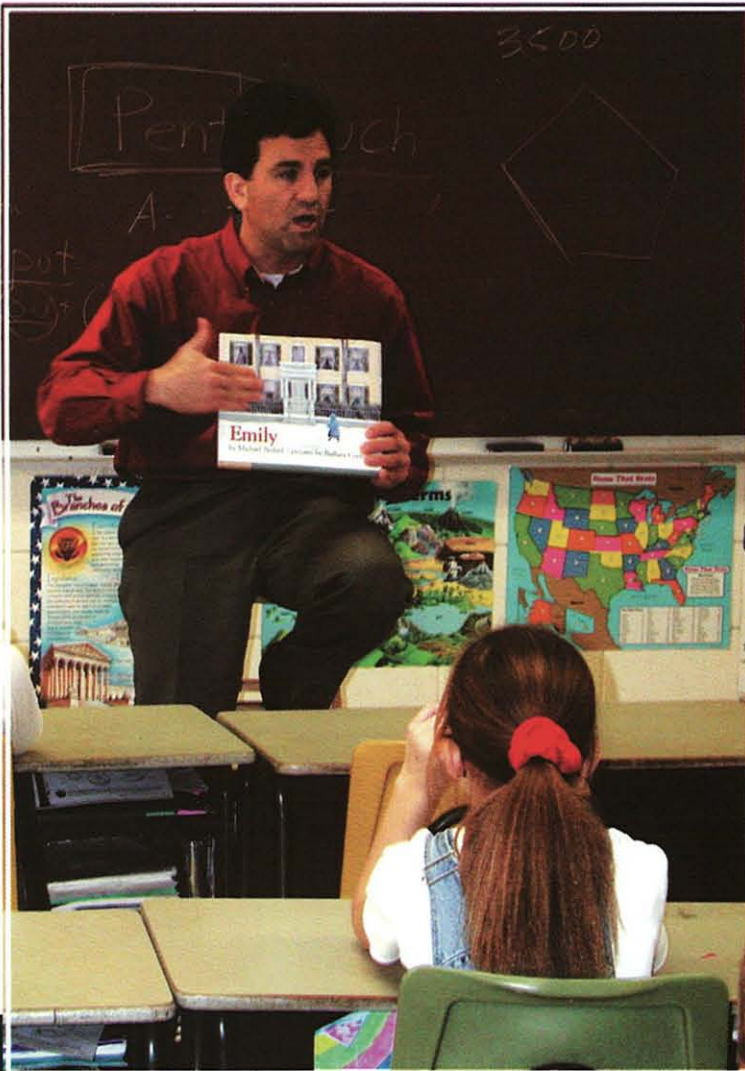
"Mr. Stamatis inspires me to help children read more," senior Melissa Williamson said. "He's enthusiastic and has the children's interest at heart."

Stamatis, a reading specialist who is currently working on his doctorate in education, graduated from Harding in 1980 with a psychology degree and went back to receive his masters in education in 1988. Before coming to teach at Harding in 1998, Stamatis taught several middle school reading classes and received various honors for his teaching efforts. Perhaps the most honorable award was given in 1996 – the Milken Family Foundation National Educator of the Year award.

Most students agree that Stamatis is an encouraging and dedicated teacher. Senior Fawnda Elliott said, "His classes make me want to instill in children that same love and joy of reading books that I had when I was younger."

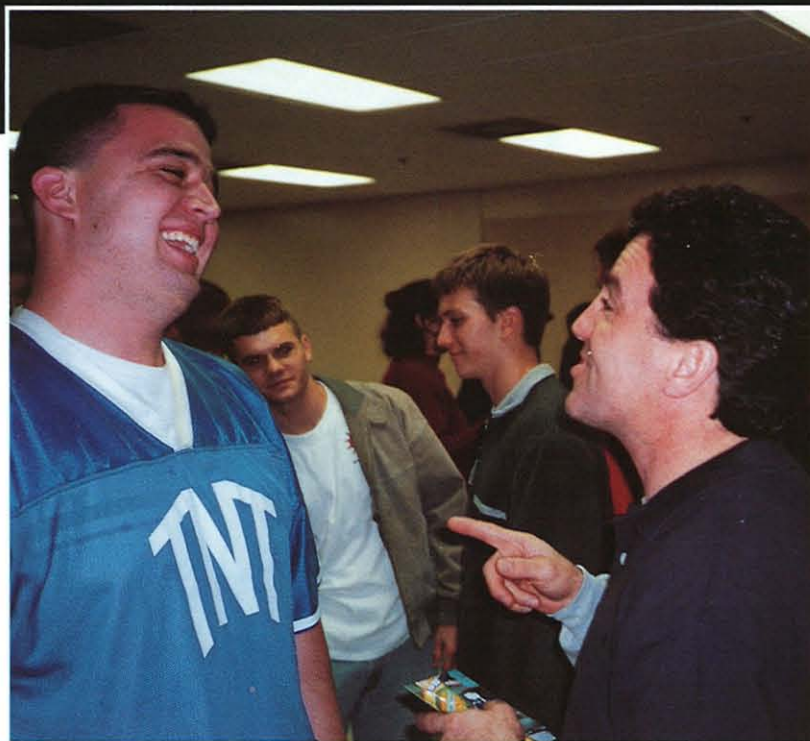
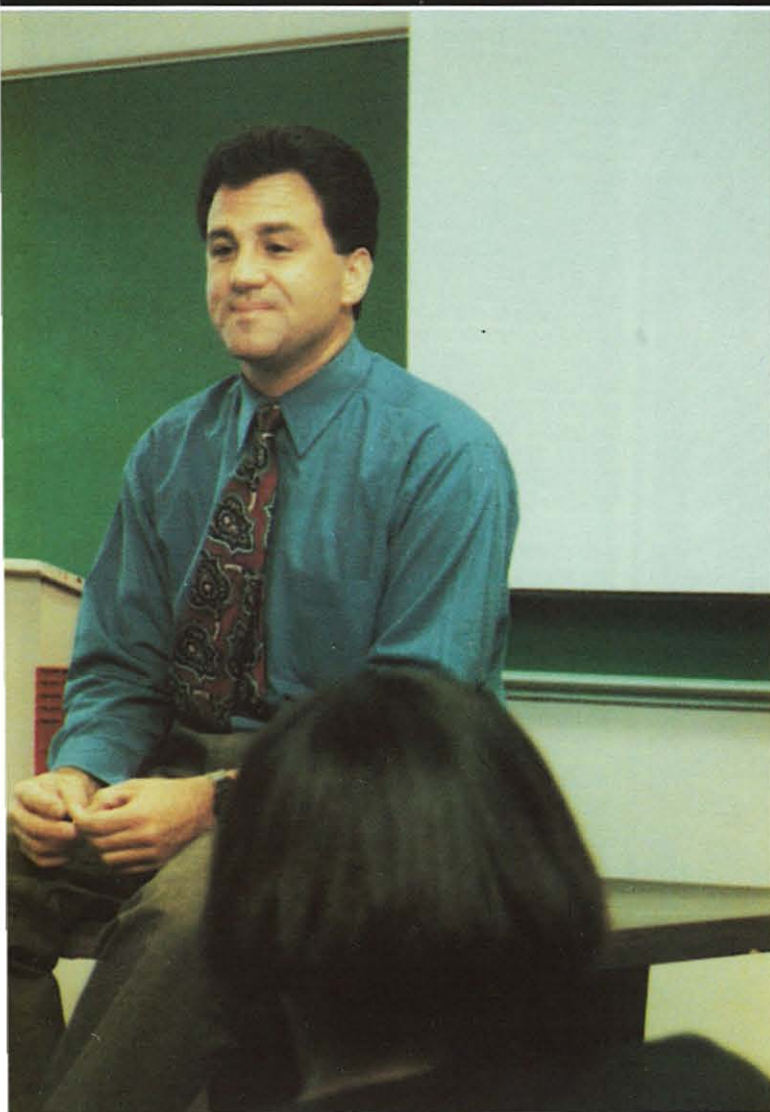
Although Stamatis has been at Harding for only a short time, the example he has led has not gone unnoticed. "Mr. Stamatis is an all-around great person, teacher and Christian leader," Elliott said. "I respect what he does, what he aspires to do and what he tries to do for his students."





Ken Stamatis reads a children's book to a class at Harding Academy. Stamatis was awarded the Milken Family Foundation National Educator of the Year award in 1996 for his outstanding teaching methods. Photo by Jeff Montgomery.

At a TNT club meeting, Ken Stamatis shows seniors Mindy Napier and Jeremy Picker a picture of interest to them. Stamatis has been a sponsor of the club for nearly 10 years. Photo by Jim Miller.



Ken Stamatis, a TNT sponsor, laughs with junior Greg Goodale at a club meeting. Stamatis was involved in students' lives on many levels, and they considered him an example. Photo by Jim Miller.

Being a dedicated teacher, Ken Stamatis listens to his students' comments during his reading class. Students felt comfortable with Stamatis because he was encouraging and had an open door policy. Photo by Daniel Dubois.