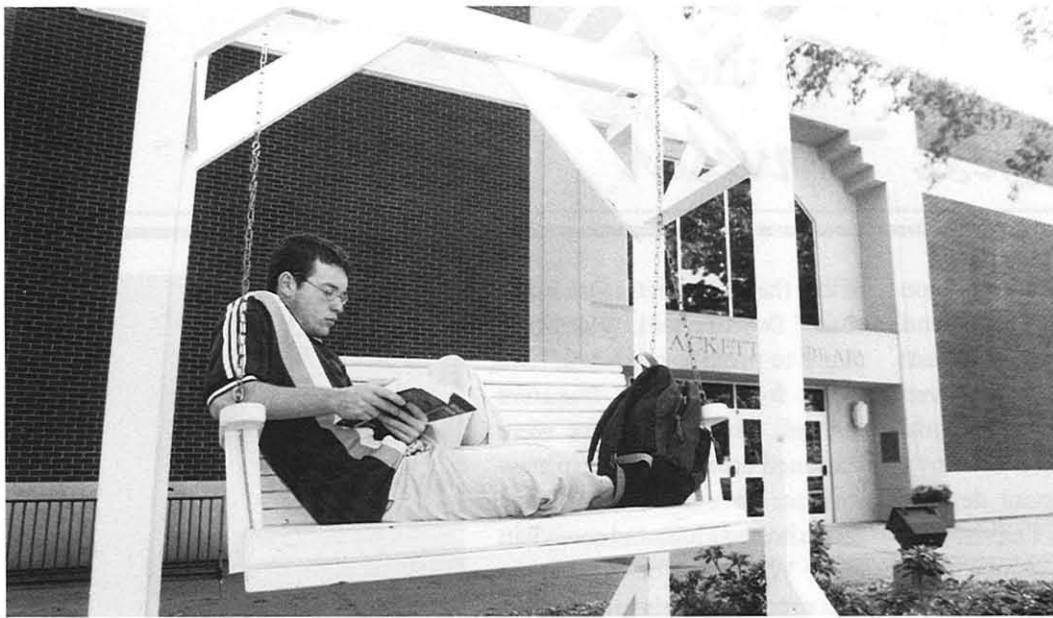




The side of the Hammon Student Center shows one of the often-used buildings on the Harding campus. As a gathering place, it reflects the diversity and togetherness of the Harding student body. Photo by Daniel Dubois.



Sophomore Ryan Crisler takes a few minutes to relax outside the Brackett Library. Students often took advantage of the swings and good weather to study, talk or nap. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

S tudent Life

HU family finds new outlook

At first glance it seems that college life can be one big routine. Chapel, classes, meetings, Bible studies, service projects, Spring Sing practice, a little time to relax — everything seems relatively the same. But somewhere in our years at Harding, we develop a new perspective on life. What exactly happened to make us look at life a little differently?

Most of us don't have one specific instance. Student Impact may have influenced the way we view our classmates; there's just no way you can look at someone in the same way after you've seen them be a drill sergeant and an artist in the same night. Spring Sing gave us a new spin on teamwork.

Nontraditional students helped the rest of us realize what's really important by often juggling family, career and schoolwork and somehow managing to do it all. International students brought a different perspective to American university life. Programs in Florence, Athens, London and Brisbane have given hundreds of students new ideas and focus after they spend three months in strange surroundings.

Campaigns allowed us to see how God works around the world and in our backyard while changing the viewpoints of thousands — those we minister to as well as ourselves. Here at school, each of us has affected someone by our example of Christ. Bible studies, prayer groups and devotionals help keep our focus where it should be and change it when it's not there. A group of friends can have a powerful influence on each other for life.

We tend to see the "big things" as changing us. But it's really the day-to-day living that molds each one of us. Speakers, events and ceremonies affect us, but it's the ever-present smile of the guy at Java City or the hug you always get from the girl down the hall that makes us who we become. We influence each other more than any of us ever realize, and it may not be until our "student lives" at Harding are done that we see how our perspective has changed.

— Jennifer Thompson, student life editor

2000 Impacters take the *Road Less Traveled*

In recent years, any mention of Impact would likely send students into choruses of "Great! Great!" But Impact 2000 proved Harding's orientation could survive the absence of Terry Davis, former assistant dean of students and Impact advisor.

While upperclassmen may have missed Davis' cheers, Khris Downey and Kendra Parker, the program's co-directors, conceded that Impact 2000 was more student driven than ever.

Preparations began in the fall of 1999 when Dr. Delores Carson, assistant vice president for student services, and Jim Miller, director of student activities, chose Downey and Parker as co-directors. The two leaders spent time in prayer, then chose a steering committee and energy group leaders in the spring.

This year's theme was "The Road Less Traveled," a poem by Robert Frost and a reference to Matthew 7:13-14. Drs. Monte Cox and Jeff Hopper encouraged students to live lives in service to God. "As freshmen leave their homes and enter a vital new phase

of life, they approach a fork in the road," Downey said. "Harding's aim is to provide guidance."

As freshmen and transfers arrived, Impact workers were stationed at dorms to help new students move in. President David Burks hosted a luau and comedian Mike Williams got big laughs and proclaimed his joy in being a child of God on Friday night.

Students served Searcy with projects like washing cars and visiting widows. Saturday brought a time travel dinner and hypnotist Chuck Mulligan, and the Silly Olympics Sunday afternoon gave participants time to play.

Impact closed with the traditional candlelight ceremony. The spiritual fervor exhibited clinched the success of Impact 2000.

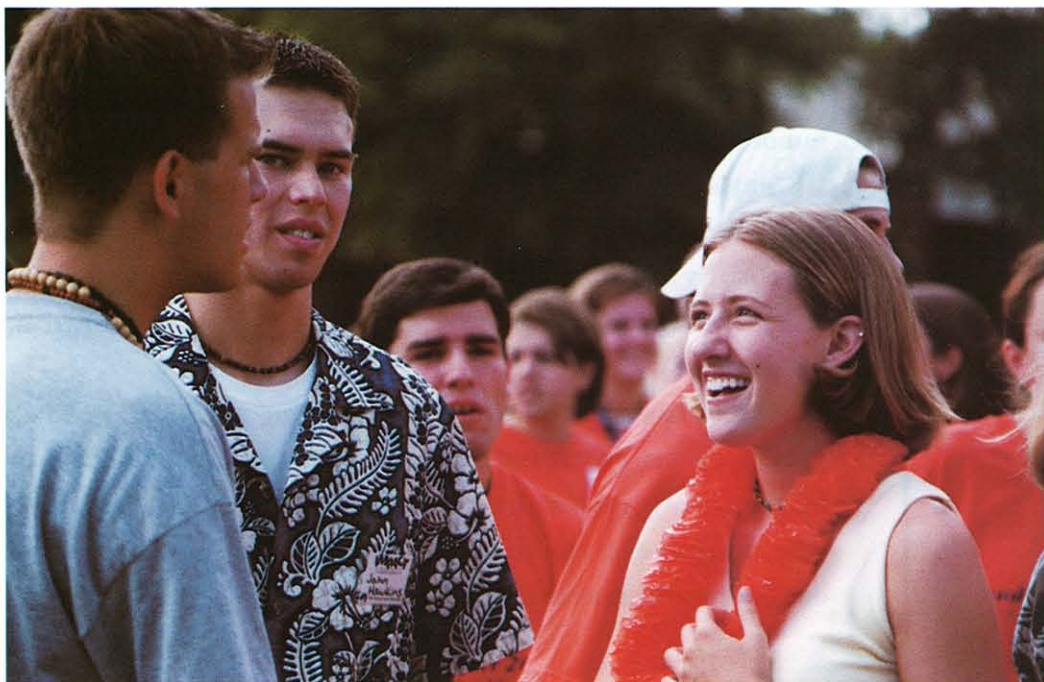
"It was mine and Kendra's prayer that even if the events of Impact did not go well, new students would see Christ on this campus," Downey said. "If that was the case, then Impact was a success."

— Hannah Rhodes



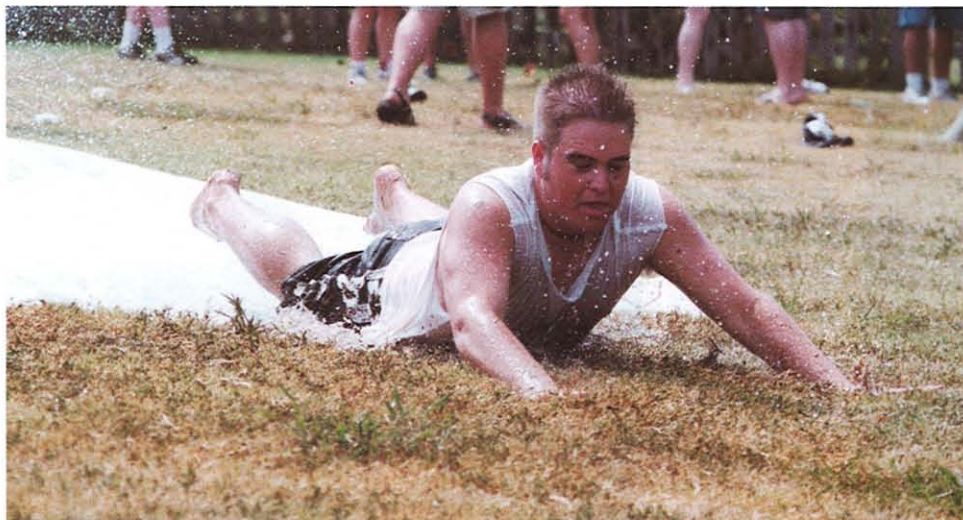
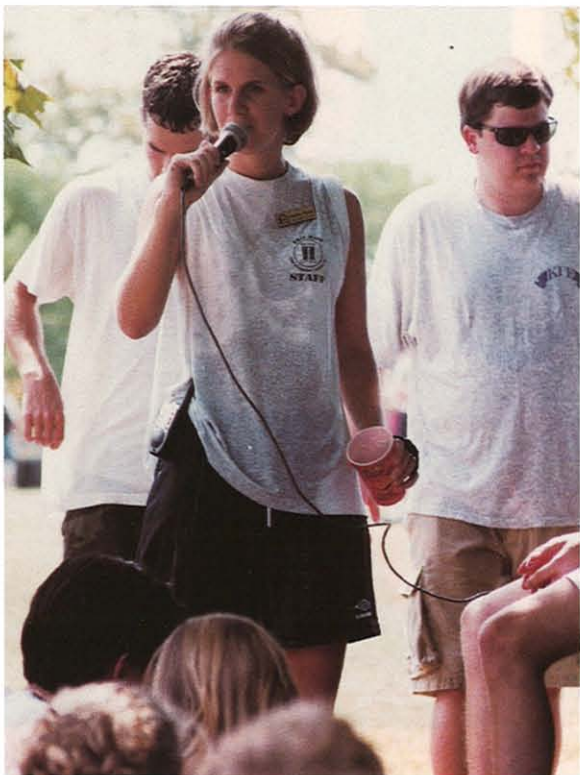
Moving in is only half the chore as junior Michael Parks helps freshman Ryan Lofgren move into Sears dorm. Thursday, several upperclassmen were stationed at the freshman dorms to assist new students and parents. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

Sophomores Nick Mayle and John Hawkins talk with freshman Tara DeSelms in President David Burks' backyard. Each year the president and his wife host a luau for Student Impact participants. Photo by Daniel Dubois.





Fun abounds as freshmen Beth Wilson and Jake Munoz race down the bungee run during Friday's luau at President David Burks' house. The luau gave Student Impact participants and leaders a chance to relax with their new friends. Photo by Daniel Dubois.



Freshman James Stathopulo slides down the slip 'n' slide at the Silly Olympics Sunday afternoon at Harding Park. Student Impact ended Sunday night with a candlelight ceremony. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

Impact co-director Kendra Parker gives instructions during an Impact session. Parker and co-director Khri Downey stayed in Searcy during the summer to organize and promote Student Impact. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

Girls stick together to *Sing and Be Happy*

"If the skies above you are gray, and you're feeling so blue..."

To many, this song is an old, well-loved hymn, but to girls who lived on Sears' first floor during the fall of 1998, it was the signal to gather for fellowship and worship.

To have God in the center of the first relationships you make at school is important during your entire Harding career and beyond. One group of girls realized this and acted on the realization by starting a hall devo their freshman year, and it is still thriving.

The girls decided to get together Monday nights after curfew to start the week out right. The first devo was just a few girls singing, but a sign was always kept up announcing the devo, which a different girl led every week.

The girls talked about God's plan for them, the future, relationships and stress during finals week. They discussed looking forward to heaven and searched their favorite scriptures.

"One special thing we do is keep prayer journals," junior Elaine Keller said. "At the end of the year we go back and look at the requests. It is so

awesome to see how God has worked in our lives. Even if he didn't work it out the way we wanted, he always works the situation out for the best."

"The hall devo has helped me grow closer to the girls and God," junior Becky Whittington said. "It is great to know that I can trust the girls with my prayer requests and they will be prayer warriors on my behalf."

"This has increased my spiritual life," Keller said. "It is the highlight of my week. I never miss it, even though making it there is harder since we are all in different dorms."

"These girls have helped me be more open to spiritual matters," said junior Rachel Gunn. "I never said prayers out loud and now I lead them. It has made me more comfortable in discussing spiritual matters with others. The best part is the prayer time — knowing that those girls care about me and are praying for me."

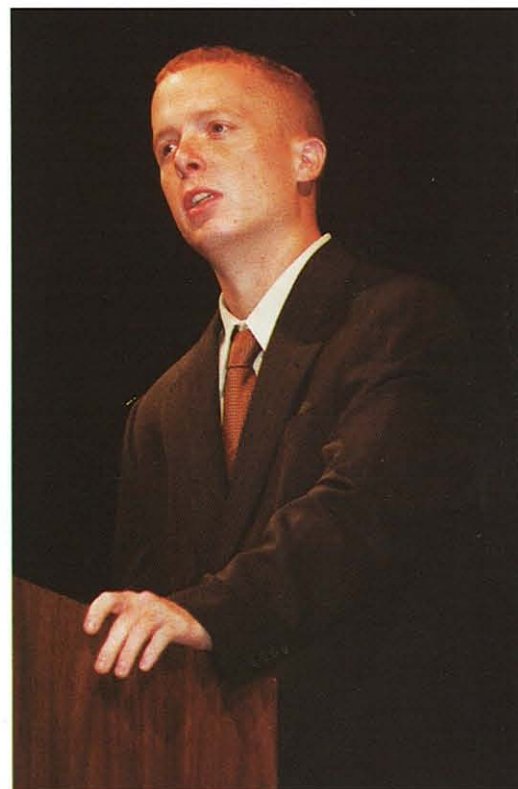
The girls still gather once a week to worship God and uplift each other. Even though it is harder to get together, they still say it is the most important part of their week.

— Jody Knight

John Barton, missionary in Jinja, Uganda, speaks at the All-School Retreat, Aug. 25. The annual retreat at the White County Fairgrounds kicked off the year with a time of praise, fellowship and prayer. Photo by Ashlee Johnson.

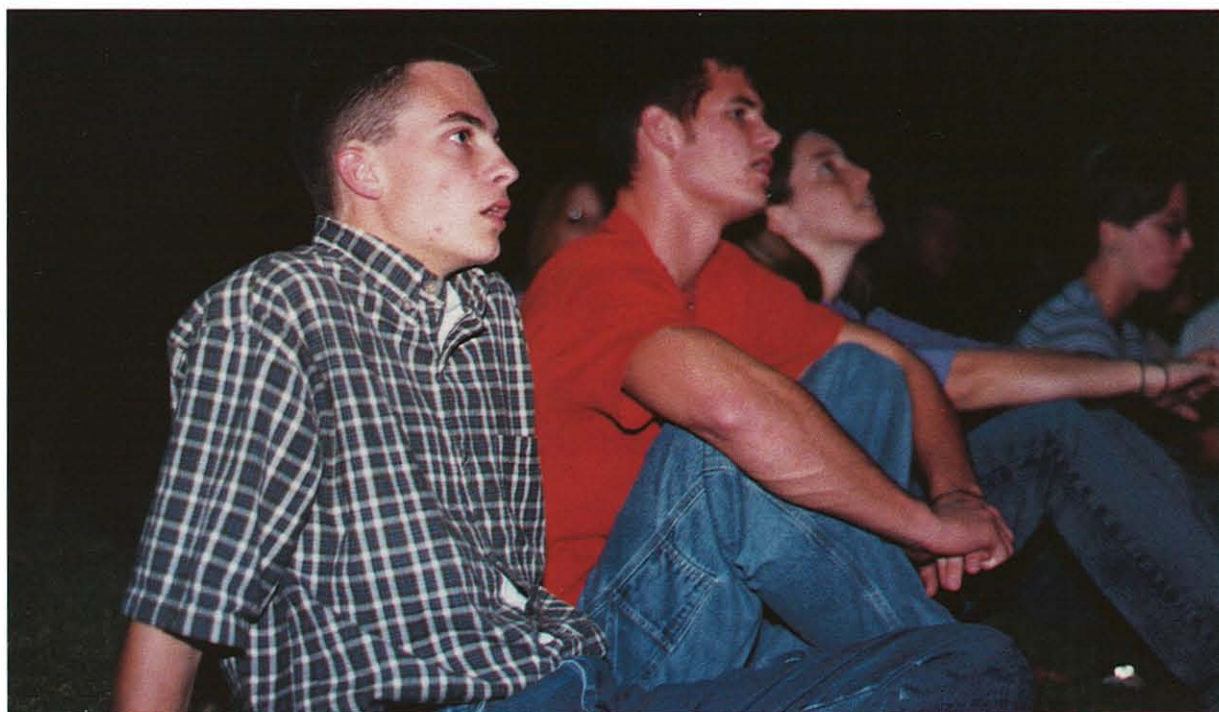


Student Association President Matt Milligan gives a charge to the student body during convocation chapel, Aug. 22. Chapel was a time of daily spiritual focus for students and faculty. Photo by Daniel Dubois.



Dr. Jimmy Allen, professor Emeritus of Bible, delivers a keynote lecture in the Benson Auditorium during lectureship, Sept. 24-27. One of the event's main attractions was its keynote lectures given by respected speakers, and Allen was a familiar face to many attendees. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

A group of girls spend time in prayer at a hall devo in Shores dorm. The girls lived on the same hall in Sears their freshman year and continued their tradition this year each Tuesday night. Photo by Ashlee Johnson.



Sophomores Clint Lercher, Clint Howard and Mica Timms sing at the "Harbin Devo" one Wednesday night. The devo began during the 1999-2000 school year but grew so large that it had to move to a bigger place—the Benson steps. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

Forza Fiorentina! The fall 2000 HUF group gathers to go to a Florentine soccer game. Experiencing Italian culture was a major attraction for many students. Photo supplied by Jill McDonald.



Junior Adam Cottingham buys some gelato, Italian ice cream, at a shop in Florence. Gelato was one of the favorite afternoon treats of both HUF students and faculty. Photo by Jill McDonald.



Junior Brett Emerson and seniors Rob and Molly Carris relax on a wall at the Castle Porciano. Students spent the day at the castle and had the opportunity to hear a harp concert and eat an authentic Italian meal. Photo by Jill McDonald.



For travelling students, HUF *Brings History to Life*



To say that the HUF program results in a change of perspective would be an extreme understatement. In fact, any former HUFer would agree that spending a semester in Italy changes one's entire world view. When not touring countless Florentine art museums, decorative Italian cathedrals, picturesque coastal towns or medieval fortresses and castles, each HUF student travels to numerous European countries, enjoys Florentine culture and cuisine and takes advantage of student life at the villa.

A typical class schedule at HUF is demanding during the short periods spent at the villa between tours and travelling, but students quickly adjust to the rigorous schedule. Free time in Florence is often spent watching the sun set from the dome of the Duomo, attending Florence soccer games and shopping for leather goods or jewelry in the enormous outdoor markets.

After just a short time, Florence develops a special significance for Harding students and begins to feel like their home away from home.

Perhaps the most significant and life-changing aspect of HUF is the way it brings history to life. From the first day in Florence, students are able to see firsthand what they have previously only seen in textbooks – the famous Ponte Vecchio, the homes of Michelangelo and Dante and the rolling Tuscan hillsides dotted with olive and cypress trees. Later in the semester, the Acropolis takes on new meaning as the students climb through the ruins, and Paul's speech in Acts 17 gains significance when read from the top of Mars Hill.

Walking through the maze of catacombs in Rome and singing in an early Christian house church are experiences that HUF students will never forget because they bring new meaning to their understanding of the sacrifices made by Christians long ago for the sake of their beliefs.

The fellowship that HUF students and faculty have allows students to grow spiritually with constant encouragement from each other. Harding University in Florence is an unforgettable experience that students will forever cherish.

– Katie Elliott



Junior Jill McDonald, senior Molly Carris, sophomore Shannon Humphrey, juniors Heather Golightly and Jenni Woodward, sophomores Claudia Stockstill and Kristen Barron play with the Leaning Tower of Pisa. HUF provided great opportunities for students to see famous sights of Europe while on weekend and day trips. Photo supplied by Jill McDonald.

Juniors Amy Baeder and Jill McDonald, sophomore Claudia Stockstill and juniors Jason Ashlock and Dawn Moses play in the surf at Cinque Terre, a popular Italian resort area. Cinque Terre was one of the favorite trips for many HUF students. Photo supplied by Jill McDonald.

Harding in Australia, Greece allows students to see *In a New Light*

My fan is humming, the humidity is so thick I can't escape my own breath, my entire collection of earthly possessions is either on or beside my bed, and I am intermittently sleeping and studying for finals. No, things are not so different here. Rich Little claims that if one were to dig a hole through the center of the earth starting at Harding, he would find himself on Ayers Rock in the Outback. Perhaps the theory is a ploy to curb our homesickness, but the Harding-HUA connection is real.

We are stationed in Cleveland, a docile town similar to Searcy. Cleveland natives respond to the Harding herd similarly to Searcy natives; Australian accents say "You must be part of that uni group." Like at home, we double the size of any congregation we attend. The Redlands church will hear a few echoes in their building when we leave, but we will feel just as empty in their absence.

The HUA group has also found niches in Cleveland to substitute for those in Searcy. We take our Wal-Mart needs to Coles and our

Midnight Oil cravings to Sugar & Spice. When we get "Cleveland fever," we have Brisbane as a Little Rock-like refuge. Stradbroke Island is a soul-healing retreat, much like Heber but with more sharks and fewer rednecks.

The internal structure of campus and social life is uniquely Harding as well. Classes provide for Little's fervent enthusiasms about anything from Old Testament euphemisms to flying buttresses, as well as Bob Reely's opinions on inflation and his Vietnam experience. We have a common house where men and women may convene indoors without scandal.

We may not have squirrels, but we have koalas. We may not have functions, but we have bush dances. But of course, the components that make Harding what it is is her people and the Christian support we provide each other with. I'll be glad to be home again at Mother Harding, but I've been able to feel at home all along because of the people I have shared this great adventure with.

— Lynn Teague



Sophomore David Gallo preaches like Paul during a visit to the ruins of an Ephesian amphitheater. Besides spending time in Athens, HUG students traveled the country, learning the biblical significance of places like Ephesus, Corinth and Philippi. Photo by Emily Short.

Juniors Chad Hughes, Kim Hobbs, Emily Short, Josh Eacret and Chris Minich enjoy a view. HUG allowed for many opportunities to travel to tourist attractions. Photo supplied by Emily Short.





HUA 2000 students watch an Aborigine man demonstrate how to play a didgeridoo. The students then took part in an aboriginal dance accompanied by the instrument. Part of HUA's attraction was being able to see ancient cultures and practices come alive. Photo by Rich Little.



A group of HUG students listen to a tour guide while visiting an ancient amphitheater at Ephesus. Along with trips within the country of Greece, students visited the Seven Churches of Asia and heard Paul's Acts 17 speech read on Mars Hill. Photo by Emily Short.

Steve Irwin, host of Animal Planet's "Crocodile Hunter," treats the HUA students to a display of his reptile wizardry. Tours in the Outback and trips to the Great Barrier Reef showed HUA students the unique inhabitants of the Land Down Under. Photo by Rich Little.

Homecoming 2000 challenges students, alumni to

Reach for the Stars

Football, musical, family alumni, live bison, food, social clubs, friends and fun. Can you guess what Harding event is being described? Of course, it is Homecoming.

This year's Homecoming was a great time for alumni, faculty and students at Harding. The weekend was full of activities for everyone to enjoy.

The weekend began with fire and excitement when a live bison jumped through a blazing ring of fire at the pep rally Friday night. There was also hot chocolate and cider available for everyone.

"Watching the bison jump through the ring of fire definitely reminded me of how unique Harding University is," junior Adam Halford said.

The social club fair was held Saturday morning and was an opportunity for alumni to visit with old and new club members.

"It was a good idea to have the social club fair in the Ganus [Athletic Center] because alumni not only had the opportunity to see people from their club, but also from other clubs," senior Amanda Shores said.

Each academic department hosted a reunion for alumni to be able to visit with old friends and learn about changes and developments in the various departments.

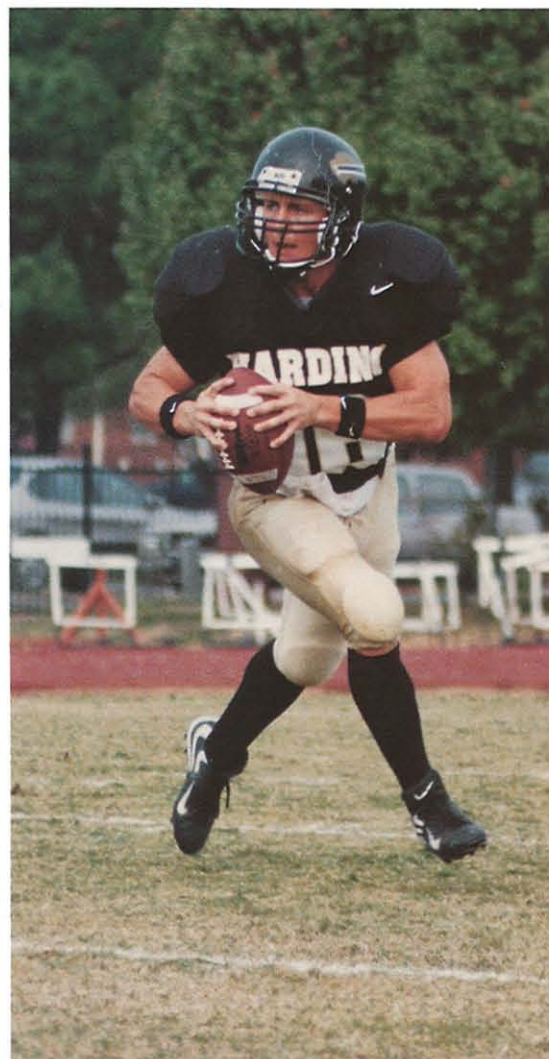
After the social club fair, food was available for families and students to enjoy before the Harding Bison football team defeated the University of North Alabama by one point. During halftime of the game, senior Ciara Gary was crowned Homecoming queen.

"It was an exciting game and it was so awesome when we actually won our Homecoming game by one point," senior Tiffany Johnston said.

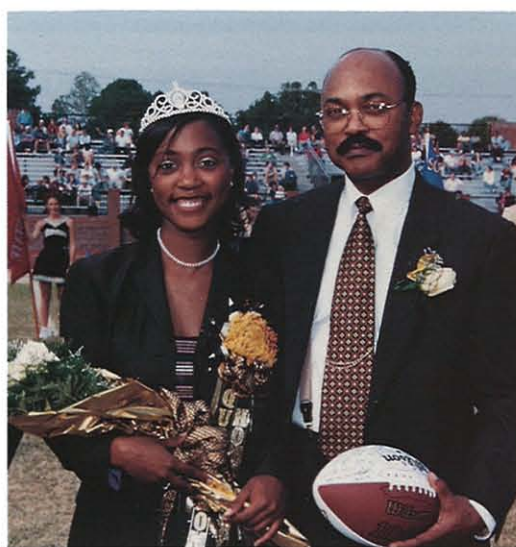
It might have been difficult to experience this year's Homecoming at Harding without knowledge of the musical production *Man of La Mancha*.

"Once again, Harding University's theater department presented a spectacular musical," senior Jaren Page said. "*Man of La Mancha* is one of my favorite musicals. Marcus Neely [graduate student] did a great job playing the part of Don Quixote."

— Meredith Garrity

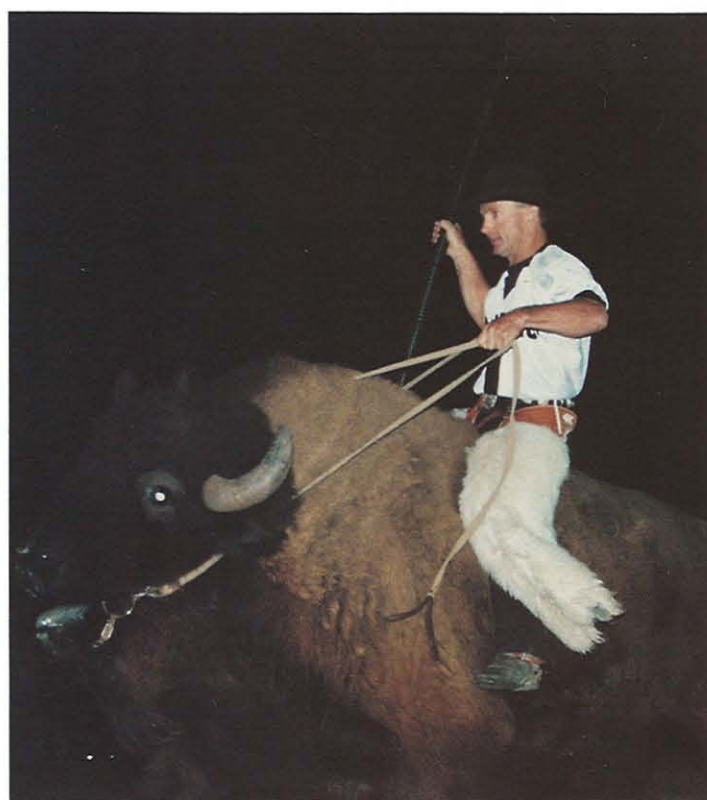


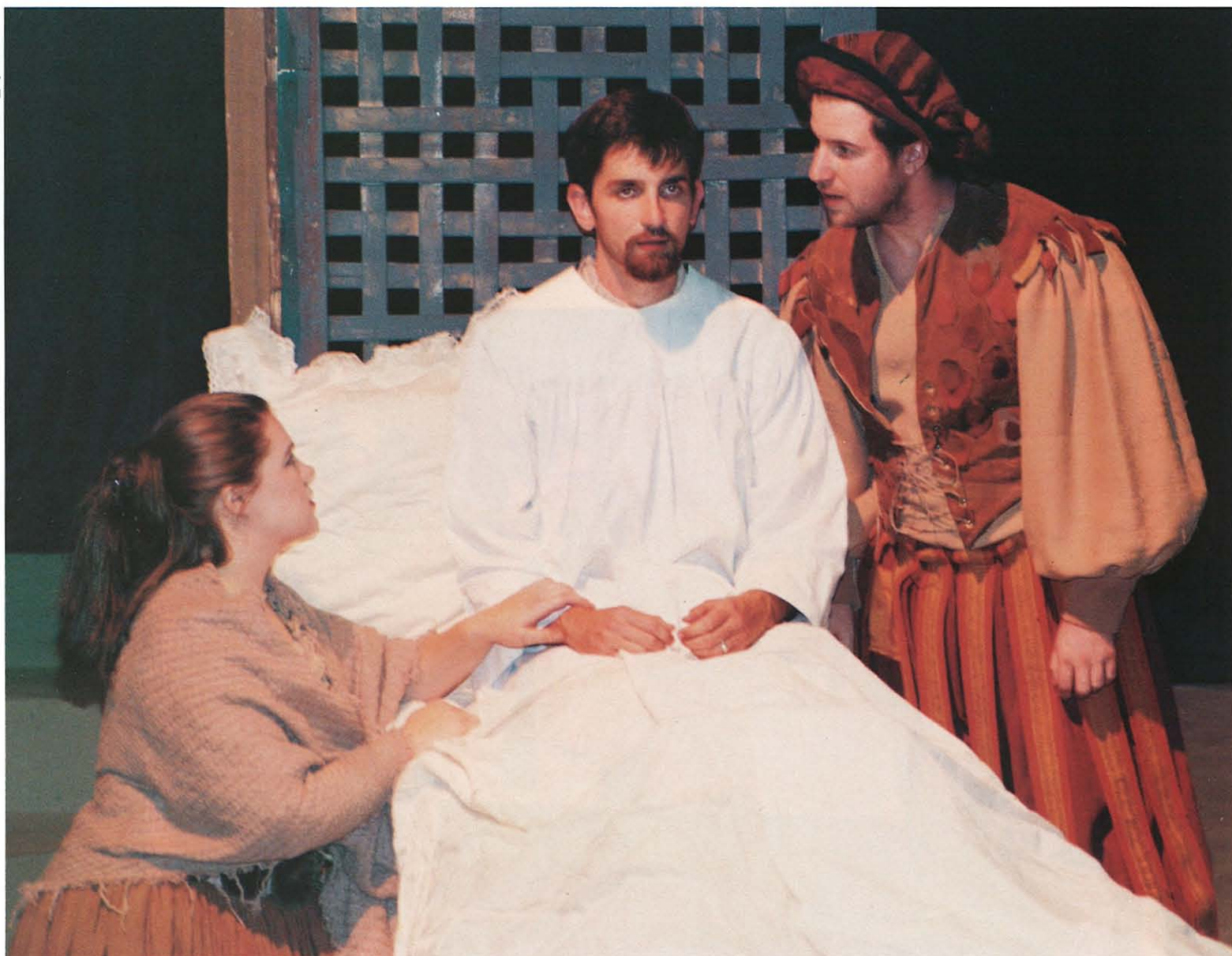
Bison quarterback Freddie Langston prepares to pass on the way to the Bison's exciting 37-36 victory over the University of North Alabama Saturday afternoon. Photo by Daniel Dubois.



Homecoming Queen Ciara Gary stands with her father Gerry after her coronation, a major point of interest for students and alumni. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

T.C. Thorstenson rides bison Harvey Wallbanger, Jr. at Friday's pep rally. This was the second year for both Harvey and the pep rally. Photo by Daniel Dubois.





Aldonza, played by sophomore Abby Smith, and Sancho (right), played by graduate student Jimmy Mitchell, learn the value of Don Quixote's (graduate student Marcus Neely) idealism by the side of Quixote's deathbed in *Man of La Mancha*. The Homecoming musical was one of the weekend's biggest attractions for students and alumni. Photo by Lauren Brubaker.

Senior Ciara Gary, freshman Melanie Glass and sophomore Kristin Knight were the 2000 Homecoming Queen nominees. Each year the football team chooses three women for the student body to vote on; Gary was crowned at halftime of the football game. Photo by Ed Wilson.



Class Homecoming representatives (clockwise from top left) senior Kendra Parker, junior Jamie Kulild, sophomore Allison Alexander, and freshman Elizabeth Abercrombie were chosen by their classmates to represent them on the 2000 Court. Photos by Ed Wilson.

Country crooner Mark Wills performs in the Benson Auditorium Sept. 29. Wills, known for his hits "I Do (Cherish You)" and "Back at One," provided entertainment for many students as well as members of the Searcy community. Photo by Ric Helms.

Steve Maxwell, Barry Wilson, Kevin Schaffer and Ken McAlpin of Acappella harmonize during their concert in the Administration Auditorium. Acappella, a Christian vocal group well-known to many Harding students and faculty, made their first appearance in three years at Harding Oct. 12. Photo by Lauren Brubaker.



Joe Mansfield from the Searcy Magic Society performs an escape trick with senior Joe Wells' assistance. The society came to campus Oct. 28 as part of the large variety of entertainment provided by the Student Activities Committee. Photo by Daniel Dubois.





Student Activities Committee brings a *Little Country, a Little Rock 'n' Roll*

Imagine that there were no entertainment offered on campus for an entire semester. What would the students do? This year the students would have missed out on country music singer Mark Wills; Christian group Acappella; rock group Sister Hazel and, of course, the campus movies.

The first big entertainment act for this year was a concert by Wills performed in the Benson Auditorium Sept. 29. Wills won the American Country Music Award for top Male Vocalist in 1999. Wills' hit "I Do (Cherish You)" was later remade by the pop group 98 Degrees and was familiar to many students on campus.

"It was really neat to have such a well-known country singer on campus where some of his songs were familiar to both country fans and non-country fans," Jaren Page, SAC co-chairman, said.

"I feel that the SAC has done a dynamic job this year with the selection of music groups on campus. I especially enjoyed the Mark Wills concert," senior Amanda Shores said.

The Christian music group

Acappella performed Oct. 12 in the Administration Auditorium. This was the first time in three years that Acappella has performed on campus.

Students had the opportunity to hear the new members of Acappella and some of their new songs. "They were really good," senior Mac Bell said. "I did miss a lot of the older songs that the former members of the group performed, but it was exciting to see a new group with the same style of music and a lot of great harmony."

Rock group Sister Hazel performed in the Benson Auditorium Nov. 11.

"It is so awesome that a music group that is not country is allowed to perform at Harding," junior Tiffany Johnston said. "I was really excited."

"The SAC thought it would be a good idea to add some variety to the music groups that usually perform on campus," Page said, "We thought that Sister Hazel would be a success because they are so well-known on campus."

— Meredith Garrity



Ryan Newell and Ken Block of the rock group Sister Hazel perform their hit "All For You." The group performed on campus Nov. 11, satisfying students' desire for a non-country act brought by the Student Activities Committee. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

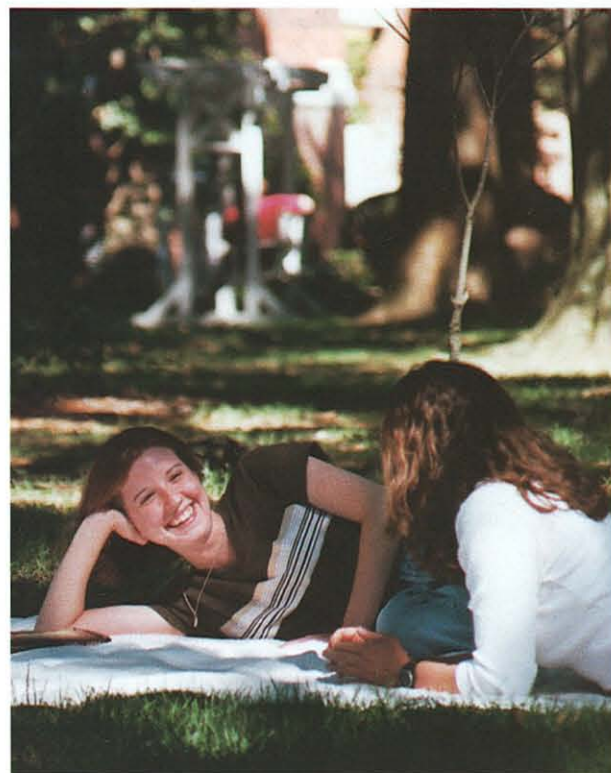
Freshmen Tim O'Neill and Randy Gagnon check their e-mail in the cybercafe section of the student center. The many changes on campus during the summer included major renovations in the student center, with a new coffee shop, post office and pizza and yogurt eatery. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

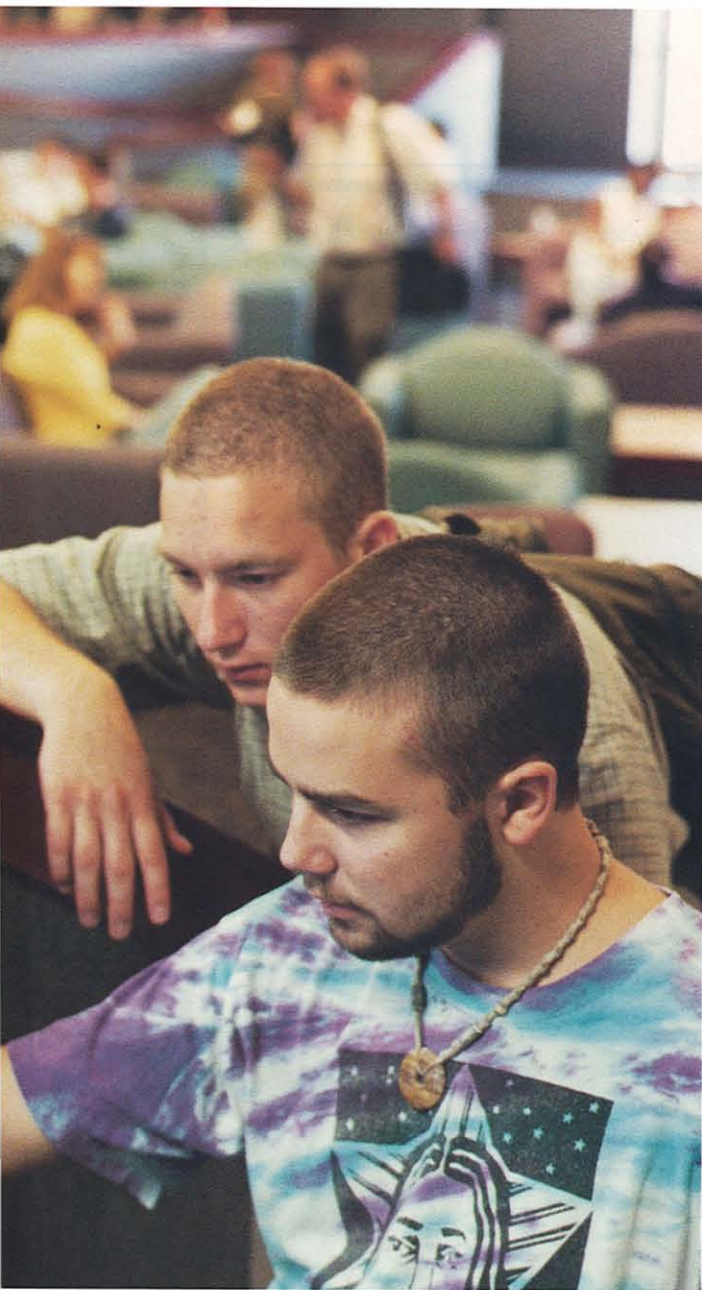
Jam sessions in Cone Hall are a popular pastime for senior Nathan Knappier and junior Jared Holton. The new men's dorm — the first apartment-style men's residence hall — was completed just in time for the fall semester. Photo by Daniel Dubois.



Junior Rachael Goad, sophomore Rebekah Chandler and junior Natalie Carbonaro enjoy a day at the lake. Greers Ferry Lake at Heber Springs was a popular weekend hangout for many Harding students. Photo supplied by Rebekah Chandler.

Junior Maria Easter relaxes with a friend on the front lawn one sunny afternoon. The lawn has traditionally been a relaxing social spot for the student body. Photo by Daniel Dubois.





Changes in student center, curfew bring *A Different Look*

Some students think they have no role in the changes that occur on Harding's campus. However, changes to the student center and curfew policy occurred largely because of input from students, President David Burks said.

He said Harding did look at other options besides renovation, but then a committee of students, staff and faculty members came up with the idea of reclaiming already existing space.

"The bowling alley was not being used and was losing money," Burks said.

In fact, some students were not using the student center itself much in the last couple of years because it was so crowded.

The main suggestion the committee received was to open the student center up. To do this they would have to move the restrooms.

People wanted to be able to see across the student center to visually connect with other students.

This move was expensive but was the only way to utilize the space well, Burks said.

Students also suggested the addition of fireplaces and thought couches and an open ceiling would help make a more comfortable atmosphere.

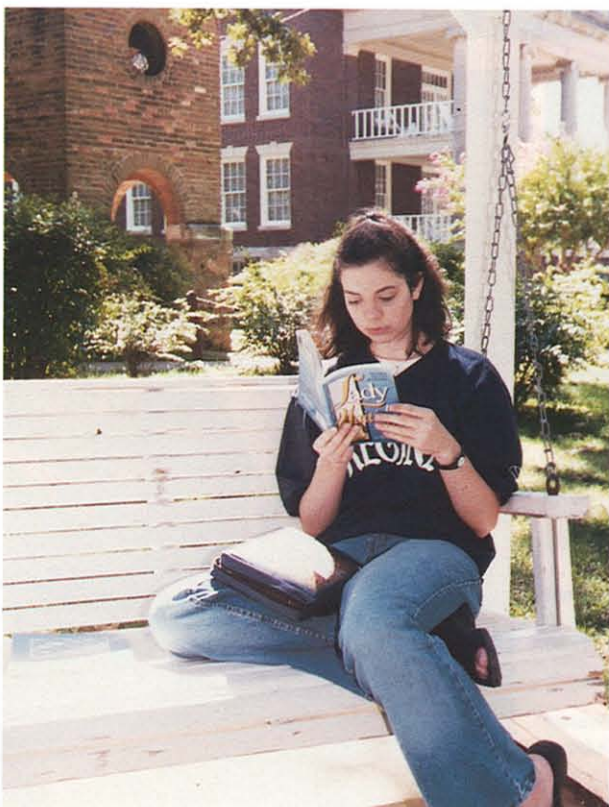
"I had my doubts about the open ceiling, but I was wrong," Burks said. "It looks great."

Students also suggested computer terminals in the student center. "At first I didn't know how well the computers would be received," Burks said, "but every time I am in there, students are using them."

The Student Services office also made some changes to the curfew policy this year. The policy states that instead of having late minutes, students received a 15 minute "grace period" after curfew each night.

Also, students got an allotted number of "special events," or free passes to stay out one hour after curfew. Freshmen and sophomores got seven special events and juniors and seniors got 15. Students used these special events whenever they chose. They also did not have to get permission in advance to use their extra hour, which gave the students more choices and responsibility.

— Jody Knight



Junior Melissa Lee walks across the courtyard in Shores Hall, the new women's dorm. Shores included full kitchens, dishwashers and living rooms inside the apartments as well as balconies and a courtyard in the building's center. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

A sunny afternoon provides relaxation time for sophomore Larissa Smith. The University's swings have become a symbol of Harding life to students, faculty and alumni. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

Retired General Colin Powell emphasizes a point during his American Studies lecture Oct. 24. Powell spoke about his passion for helping young people through the organization America's Promise; he also answered audience questions on subjects ranging from national security and his political aspirations to his work with children and volunteer organizations. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

General Powell accepts a Harding running jacket from President David Burks as a sign of appreciation for his lecture and visit to the school. Powell's lecture proved to have the highest ticket demand in American Studies history; besides the lecture in the Benson, tickets were also given for seats in the Carter Auditorium in the McInteer Center and the Heritage Auditorium, allowing those without Benson tickets to see Powell's speech via closed-circuit television. Photo by Daniel Dubois.



General Powell and American Studies Institute Advisory Board chairman Buddy Wray laugh at a comment during Powell's introduction. The board is one part of ASI, which brings speakers to campus and organizes other activities to increase awareness of our American heritage. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

General Powell answers questions at a press conference. Media from around the state covered Powell's last public appearance before the 2000 presidential elections. Photo by Daniel Dubois.



American Studies
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American Studies speakers lend *Insights into Democracy*



Harding's American Studies Institute and its Distinguished Lectureship Series continue to put Harding on the map, offering insight into issues that affect the American way of life. This year the ASI brought to campus such well-known figures as General Colin Powell, University of Arkansas head football coach Houston Nutt, political activist Bay Buchanan and former independent counsel Kenneth Starr.

Powell, who spoke on Harding's campus Oct. 24, served as chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff under President George Bush, advised America's past three presidents, served in the military for 35 years and oversaw Operation Desert Storm. Powell trumpeted mentoring programs for youth, emphasizing adult involvement in the lives of America's children.

Arkansas Razorback football coach Houston Nutt spoke Feb. 13. Nutt revitalized interest in the university's football program by leading his team to nine victories, a Citrus Bowl bid and a top 20 finish in his first season as head coach.

Former United States treasurer

Bay Buchanan addressed students and members of the Arkansas community March 8. Buchanan, 32, became the youngest person to become treasurer, then went on to chair her brother Pat's presidential campaigns in 1992, 1996 and 2000. She has been recognized as one of the top political women in the nation.

Former Harding student Kenneth Starr spoke April 17. Starr served as independent counsel from August 1994 to October 1999 and received national exposure during his prosecution of President Bill Clinton in the Monica Lewinsky case.

Harding University and ASI continue to gain recognition.

"American Studies is an important program for both the students and the speakers," said senior Tiffany Yecke, who served as this year's ASI president. "It gives us the opportunity to meet with world leaders and to hear their insights and wisdom. But it also gives them the opportunity to see that despite what they may hear on the news, moral, scholastic and political apathy have not taken over our generation."

— Hannah Rhodes



Political activist Bay Buchanan, University of Arkansas head football coach Houston Nutt and former independent counsel and Harding student Kenneth Starr spoke at the University through the American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series in the spring semester of 2001. Courtesy of publicity photos.

Junior Jennifer Thompson, ASI Distinguished Students Program vice-president for programs, and ASI President senior Tiffany Yecke discuss plans for the ASI trip to St. Louis in February. The trip was one of several activities designed to increase awareness of American heritage and business. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

Global campaigners try to *Change the World*

Most students look forward to spring break as a time to relax and get away from all the hustle and bustle of school. But 581 students chose to spend spring break 2000 on campaigns. A record number also went on summer campaigns, bringing the total number of participants to 940 — 355 more than in 1999.

Due to the high interest in Alaska campaigns, three were taken to Anchorage, Juneau and Ketchikan. Junior Kelli Fager said the best part of the Juneau campaign was working with a local homeless shelter. "Working with Gloryhole Homeless Shelter was awesome," Fager said. "We served them food and listened to them share their stories."

The spring break campaign to Venezuela was designed to prepare for the one going in the summer. Ten students traveled to Valaria and focused the week on door-knocking. So many people responded that the group decided to have spontaneous nightly meetings; they also

introduced the preacher to reassure the people that someone would be there for them after the campaign. Nine people were baptized that week.

Students returned June 28, bringing lesson books to use in the studies that had been set up. During this trip, 26 more people were baptized.

"The most exciting part was that the converts were so excited about teaching others," leader Ava Conley said.

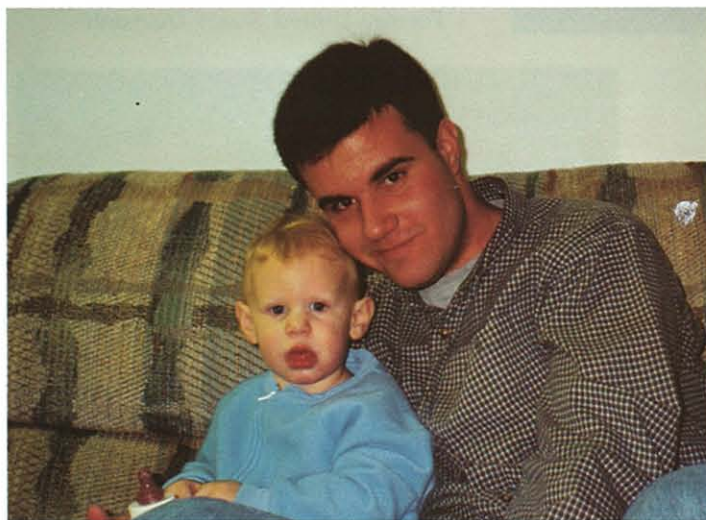
Senior Jenny Ruhl was an intern in Togo, Africa. The interns shadowed missionaries in different villages, held Togo's first youth conference and learned Ewe, the local language.

"The most amazing part was when my host dad asked me to pray in English even though they couldn't understand me," Ruhl said. "Just knowing that the God who understands my prayers in English is also the same God who understands their prayers in Ewe was awesome."

— Jody Knight



Juniors Hope Huckeba and Amy Frank and seniors Kyle Johnson and Matt Shanersing in the Piazza di Jesu in Naples, Italy. Singing was an integral part of many campaigns, evangelizing as well as advertising for meetings and Bible studies. Photo by Tommy Nix.



Sophomore Matt Speer hugs Shawn, a child he met while door-knocking in Seattle. Speer and the other campaigners met Shawn while ministering to his mother over spring break. Photo by Andrea Soule.

Michelle Hammond, criminal justice instructor, plays with a Navajo child she became close to over a spring break campaign to Crownpoint, NM. Faculty sponsors were essential to accomplishing the campaigns' purposes. Photo by Mary Edmundson.



Campaigns
Student Life



Senior Amy Dozier and junior Adam Harrell conduct a Bible study with Venezuelan Javier Villarreal. The campaigners met Villarreal at the beginning of the month-long campaign, studied with him and were able to see him baptized before they returned home. Photo supplied by Adam Harrell.

Aramark workers have nothing on juniors Mary Edmundson and Chrissy Thornton, Harding alumnus Nathan King and senior Marcus Wagner, serving lunch at a Navajo elementary school in Crownpoint, NM. Campaigns brought eye-opening experiences to many Harding students. Photo supplied by Chrissy Thornton.

Sophomore Jessica Long hugs Gunther and Estefania Hoffman, whose family comprised almost half of the Stuttgart, Germany church. International campaigns offered opportunities to meet Christians from many parts of the world. Photo supplied by Jessica Long.

Spring Sing 2000 was truly *Once in a Lifetime*

Some things only happen once in a lifetime — like the first Spring Sing production of the new millennium. Spring Sing 2000, entitled *Once in a Lifetime*, marked the 27th anniversary of the event on Harding's campus. From an amateur production to a professional exhibition of dazzling talent, Spring Sing 2000 marked the start of a new era.

Once in a Lifetime displayed the talents of hosts Ben Howe, Jolene Dennis, Joe Yale and Shelley Lawson, as well as eight club acts competing for the John H. Ryan Award.

Chi Omega Pi, TNT and Zeta Rho roared away with this year's award, thundering through the Benson Auditorium in their heart-thumping act, "A Rumble in the Jungle."

"The thing that impressed us the most was seeing how a group of people working together toward a common goal can be so successful while having such a good time," junior Kristen Burnet said.

This year's production marked the debut of the Spirit Award,

bestowed upon the act that best reflected a Christlike spirit in the months leading up to the final performance. Shantih and friends became the award's first recipients, commended for having a spiritual focus in the production of, "Sleep Tight...Yeah Right!"

"We have been wanting to institute a spirit award for the last few years," Dr. Steve Frye, spring sing director, said. "It seemed important to reward those that kept a Christlike attitude in all they did."

Each act also relished its own victories. "This past year was incredible because we had 100 percent participation for the girls of Sig Phi Mu and GATA," said "Over the Hill" director Kelly Swain.

But the greatest thing about Spring Sing was the atmosphere. "It's always good for a rush of adrenaline," said "Doin' Hard Time" participant Charles Kiser. "There's nothing like a screaming crowd of 4,000 people."

Feelings like that come once in a lifetime.

— Hannah Rhodes

Chi Omega Pi member Britni Howard hugs a fellow Spring Sing participant as they celebrate winning the Jack H. Ryan Award. Chi Omega Pi, TNT and Zeta Rho captured the sweepstakes award for their show "A Rumble in the Jungle." Photo by Mark Kinonen.



The Zone has finally defeated the "Uns", as freshman Elizabeth Stephens joyfully sings in Kappa Gamma Epsilon, Delta Chi Delta and Delta Gamma Rho's show "Imagine This!" Photo by Mark Kinonen.





Chi Omega Pi member Gena Davis shows she is ready to defend the village in the Chi Omega Pi, TNT and Zeta Rho show "A Rumble in the Jungle." The winning show portrayed jungle villagers being invaded. Photo by Mark Kinonen.

Ensemble members perform the beginning of their act "Forbidden Broadway." The ensemble auditioned in the fall semester and practiced to accompany the hosts and hostesses in the musical numbers between club acts. Photo by Mark Kinonen.



"A Book Report on Peter Rabbit" is the topic for hosts and hostesses Joe Yale, Jolene Dennis, Shelley Lawson and Ben Howe. The four were chosen after auditions in the fall semester and put hundreds of hours into preparation for the show. Photo by Mark Kinonen.

Shantih Spring Sing directors Julie Dennis and Jill McDonald and members Sandi Hendrix, Nikki Koontz and Mandy Isom accept the inaugural Spirit Award. The award was instituted to recognize the act that showed the most Christlike spirit. Photo by Mark Kinonen.

Proudly displaying her cultural heritage, junior Walton Scholar Esperanza Massana performs a traditional dance at the 2000 Latin Fair. The Walton program allows Latin American students to attend an American university, then return to their home country to work. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

Juniors Eva-Lena and Pernilla Axelsson chat on their way to class. The twins from Sweden are management majors and also play on Harding's tennis team. Photo by Ric Helms.



Siblings Ledys and Carlos Antunez, natives of Honduras, perform during this year's Latin Fair. The annual event is an opportunity for Harding's Latin American students to display their native culture and for the rest of the student body to learn more about other countries. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

Freshman Janet Kogo builds up endurance at a cross-country practice. Kogo, who is from Kenya, had never run on a paved track before arriving in the United States but has found a home on Harding's team. Photo by Daniel Dubois.





Walton Scholars bring to campus *A Diverse Worldview*

Three years ago, Rita Toledo was planning to stay at home in Guatemala City, Guatemala. But when her father urged her to fill out a Walton International Scholarship Program application, she reluctantly complied.

"I wasn't looking for a scholarship to Harding," Toledo said. "But, my dad was like, 'Yes, you should go.' I didn't even know where Arkansas was."

Today, Toledo is a junior human resources major and is truly glad she made the decision to come to Harding. She said that friends, faculty and campus life have all been part of what makes her experience at Harding enjoyable. But for Toledo, the best aspects of Harding are the Christian values evident in so many students.

She plans to return to Guatemala upon graduation and work in consulting or training. Most importantly, she hopes to have a Christian influence on those she comes in contact with.

The goal of the Walton International Scholarship Program is to promote democracy and free enterprise in eight Latin American countries. The program's promoters hope that Walton Scholars, like Toledo, will return to their home

countries and have a positive influence.

The program was started by the late Sam Walton, founder of the Wal-Mart Corporation. Three universities in Arkansas have Walton programs — Harding, John Brown and University of the Ozarks. Harding has been a participant since 1985. "What he (Walton) really liked about Harding was our emphasis on democracy and free enterprise," Dr. Nicky Boyd, director of Harding's Walton program, said.

Each year Harding accepts approximately 15 new Walton Scholars who receive tuition, room and board, fees and travel as well as a personal spending allowance. The program is a blessing to its student participants, and Boyd believes it is an even greater blessing to Harding. He said the presence of the Walton Scholars "helps our worldwide vision" and that the University now sponsors campaigns to El Salvador and Guatemala as a direct result of interaction with students from those countries.

"The program has brought about a lot of cultural diversity on campus," Boyd said. "Many of our students become friends with Walton Scholars and even visit them in their homes."

— Casey Neese



Junior BJ Bi listens closely to a lecture in Scott Ragsdale's operating systems class. Bi is a computer science major from China. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

Housing office provides students a *Home Away from Home*

Some of the most memorable moments of college life come from experiences in the dorm room with your roommate and your friends on the hall. Many students have met their best friend simply because the office of residence life chose to put them together.

Patty Barrett, director of residence life for more than 20 years, took on the responsibility again this year of finding housing for every student on campus.

Not only did she find them housing, she also tried to place them where they wanted to live.

She tried to work out the best possible situation for each student to live with the roommate of their choice on the hall of their choice.

"Every year we have worked it out that each pair that wanted to be together has been able to do so," Barrett said. "There may come a time when that will not be the case but we always want to help the kids get where they want."

Barrett's job is no easy task, and it has not gotten any easier

considering Harding has almost doubled in size in the years she has worked here.

"Fairness is a huge issue," Barrett said. "I try my best to do things in a fair order. I try to be consistent to give the kids the best situation that I can."

Barrett has worked in many different positions at Harding. In addition to her role as director of residence life, she was also the director of social club activities from 1981-1990.

Barrett also served as cheerleader sponsor for 10 years. In fact, she loves Harding athletics so much that her family has joked that when she dies they are going to have her cremated and spread her ashes over the football field.

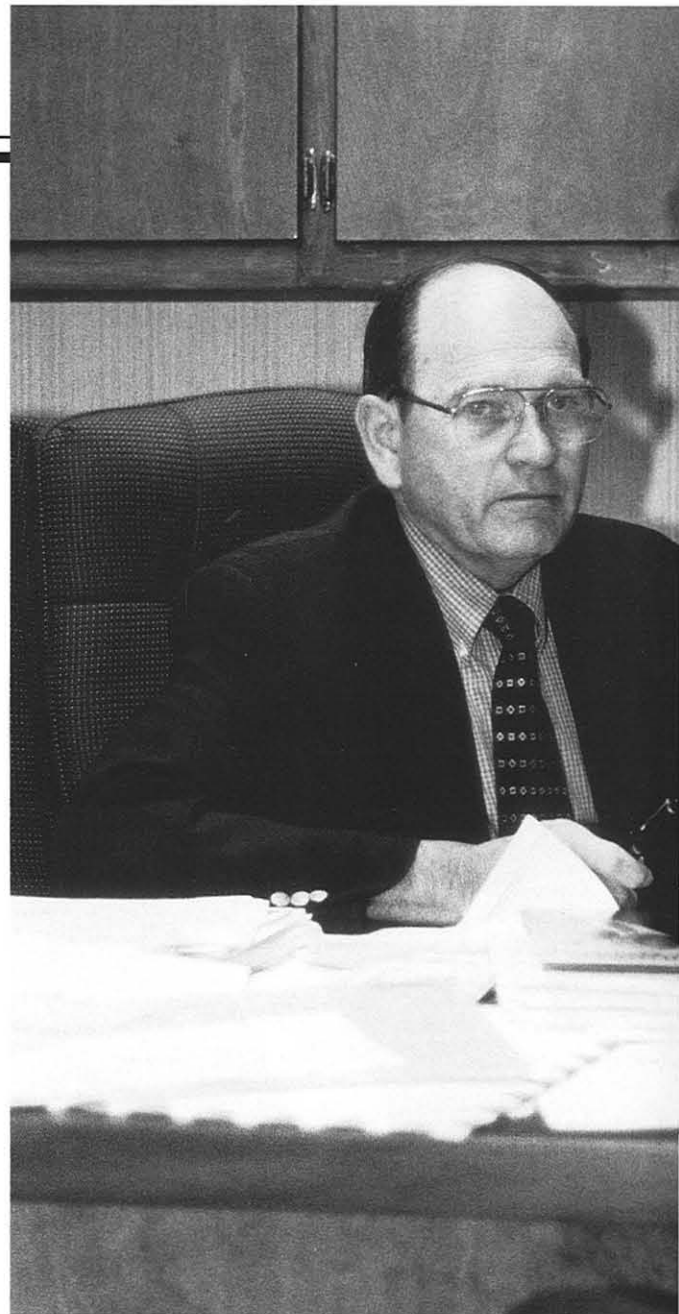
Due to the busy nature of the office of residence life, Barrett said she has not been able to spend as much time with the students as she would like.

"There's just not a lot of time for sitting and visiting," she said. "I miss that. But we still do interact with the students, that is why we are here."

— Mac Bell

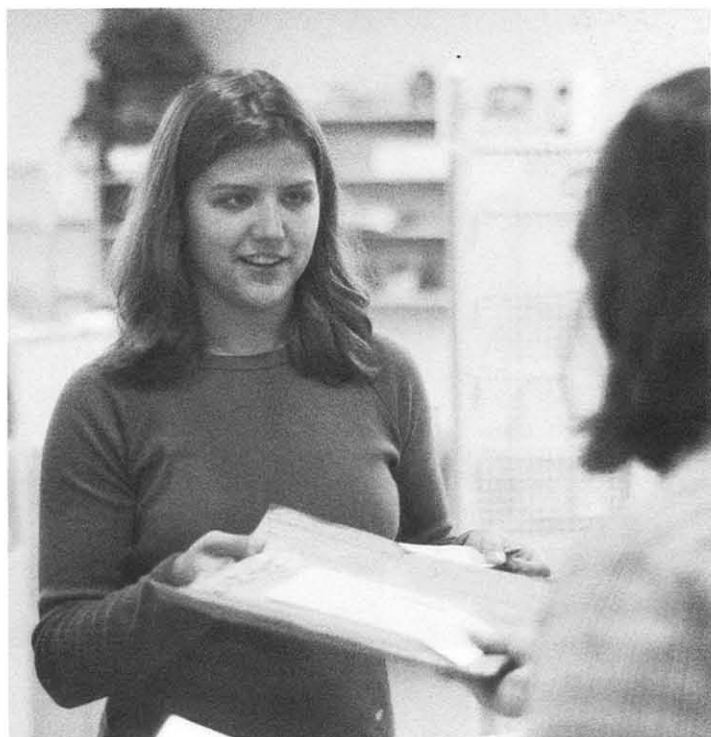
Zearl Watson, director of student financial services, assists a student in forming a financial plan. Zearl, who announced his retirement this year, and the financial aid office was invaluable to students needing help paying for college through loans or grants. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

Nurse Ann McClarty checks a student's blood pressure in the nurse's building behind Kendall Hall. The office provided everything from bandages to flu shots for ailing students. Photo by Daniel Dubois.





Lieutenant Adam Blake patrols campus in one of the security patrol vehicles. Harding security provided services ranging from safety escorts to unlocking car doors. Photo by Daniel Dubois.



Freshman Anna Lee Livingston prepares induction week items in the Etc. Gift Shop. The shop, expanded as part of the student center renovation, provided gifts for special occasions and everyday encouragement. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

Freshman Catie Mann delivers a package while working in the post office. The campus mail room gave hope and excitement to many students anxiously awaiting letters and other mail. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

Married students deal with *Unique Lifestyles*

Each day Harding's campus is busy with the interaction between its 4,000 students, the majority of whom are single. However, Harding has a married population that would rival any college in the country.

Seniors Jaime and Eric Williamson were a couple in a particularly unique situation. When the couple had only been married ten months, Jaime was eight months pregnant. "God has really blessed us with so many things," Eric said.

Eric works about 30 hours a week between his jobs at campus security and the Bible House. "Living in the campus ministry house is very cheap, but things like car, life and health insurance become very important when you realize you are having a child."

Jaime handled her situation with amazing efficiency. "I had already finished all of my projects and talked to my teachers so that when the baby came all I needed to do was take the final."

The Williamson's baby,

Andrew Christian, was born on Nov. 18.

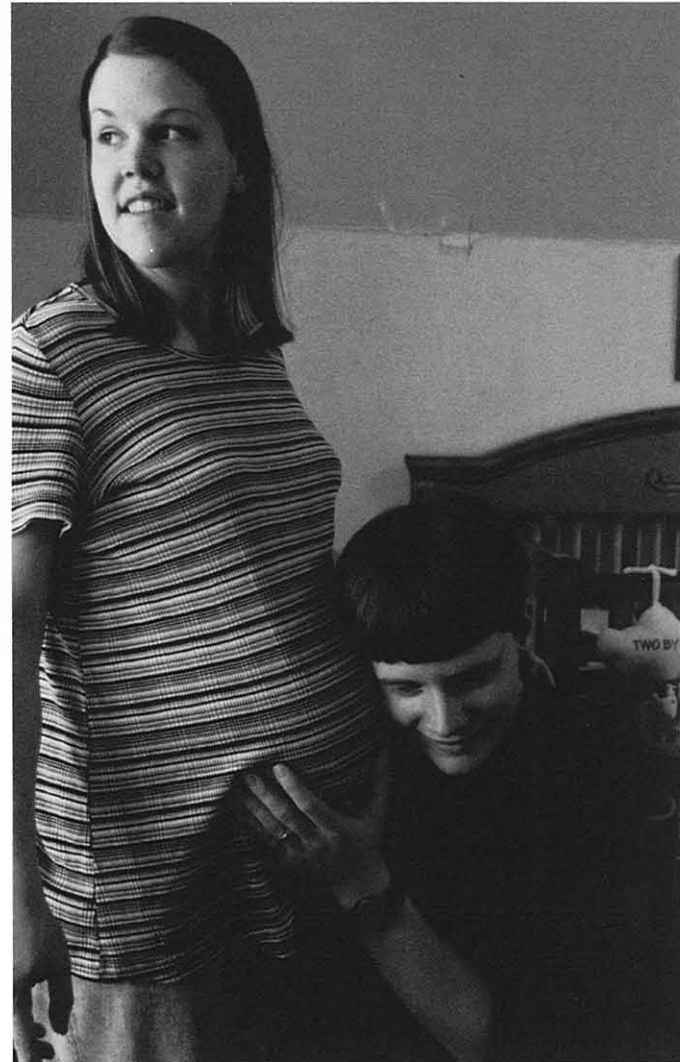
Sam and Shauna Sanders also married last summer after dating almost five years, beginning their junior year of high school in Dalton, Ga.

Both the Sanders are full time students and will graduate in May. They are active in social clubs and have friends who are not shy about dropping by. "Sam's friends stop by all the time," Shauna said. "Mine call first because they don't want to intrude on our new married situation."

Sam also frequents his old hall to keep up the friendships he has built. "I am almost more active than I was before because I go out of my way to stay in the circle," Sam said.

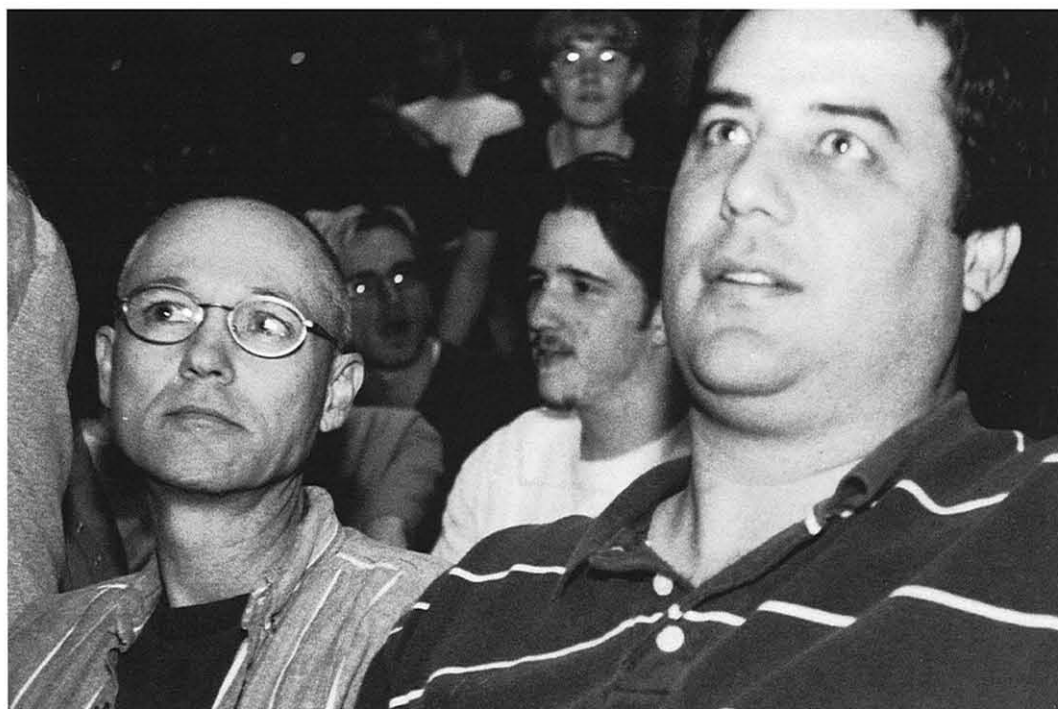
Sam and Shauna pay for school and expenses through savings and grants. "The only financial thing our parents help with is tuition," Sam said. The Sanders plan to move to Georgia next year, where Sam will attend law school.

— Mac Bell



Seniors Jaime and Eric Williamson share time together in their apartment above the campus ministry house. The couple had a baby boy, Andrew Christian, in November. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

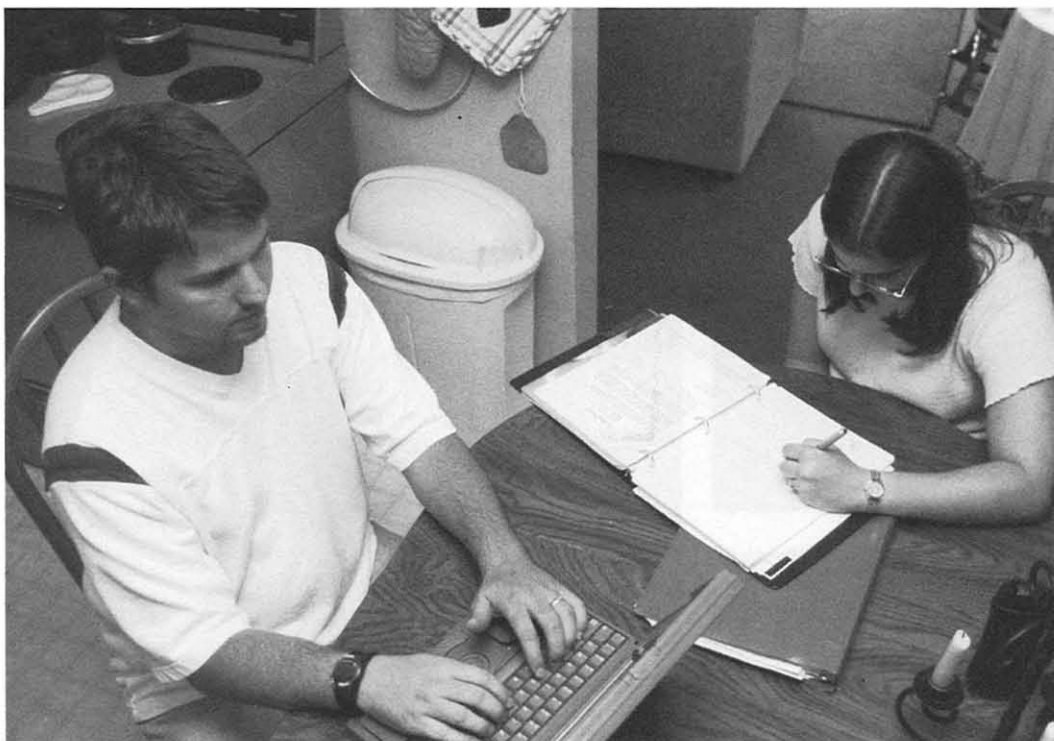
Seniors David Baird and Curtis Tillotson listen to chapel announcements. Nontraditional students have quite a bit of interaction with the rest of the student body during chapel and classes. Photo by Ashlee Johnson.



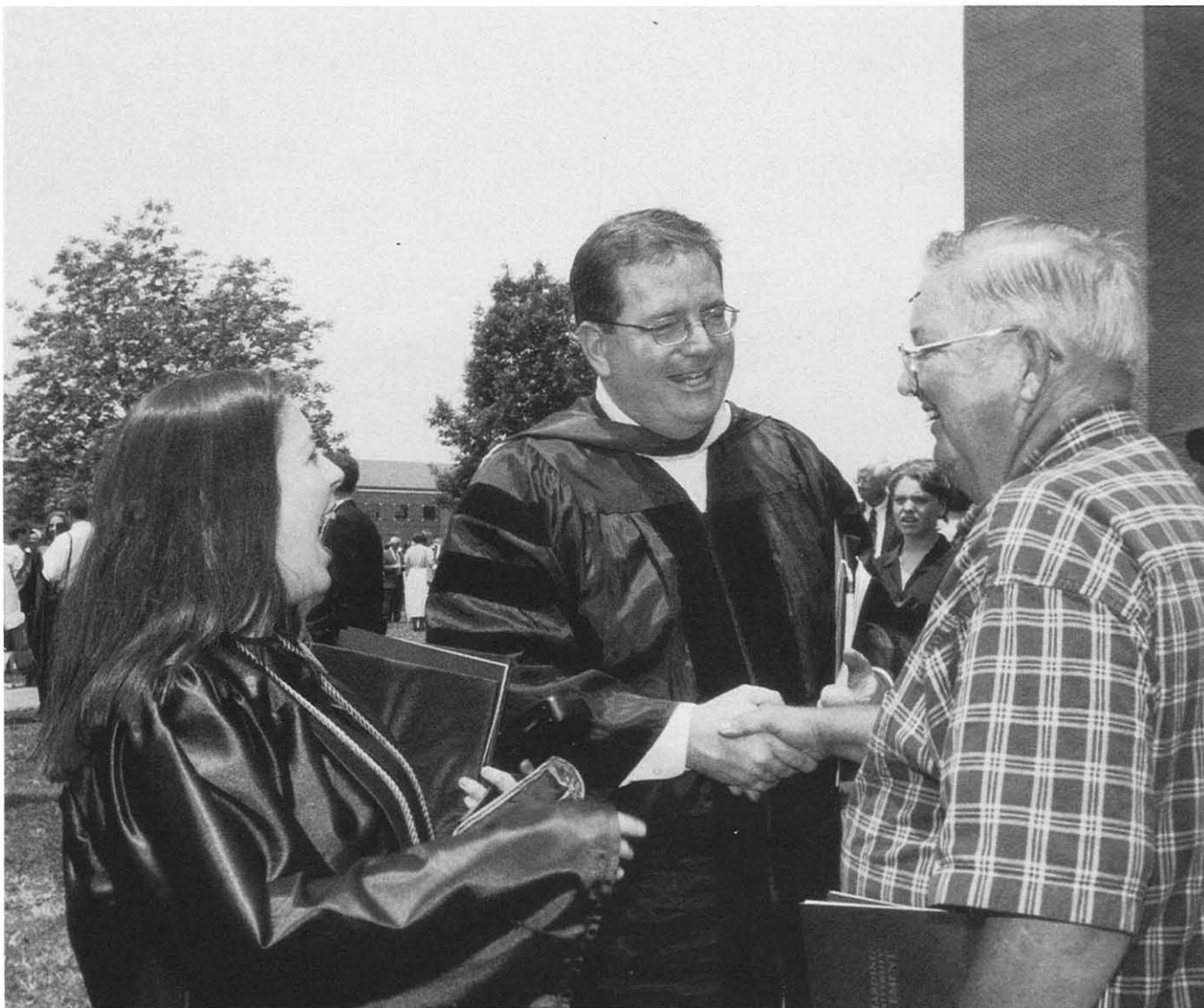
non-traditional students



Juniors Mike and Angelina Byron, who met their freshman year and married in December of 1999, relax in the student center. Married couples often make more effort to continue friendships because they do not live in the dorms. Photo by Daniel Dubois.



Jeremy and Leslie Kemp finish homework together after classes. The two met in a computer science class and dated two years before marrying last summer. Photo by Daniel Dubois.

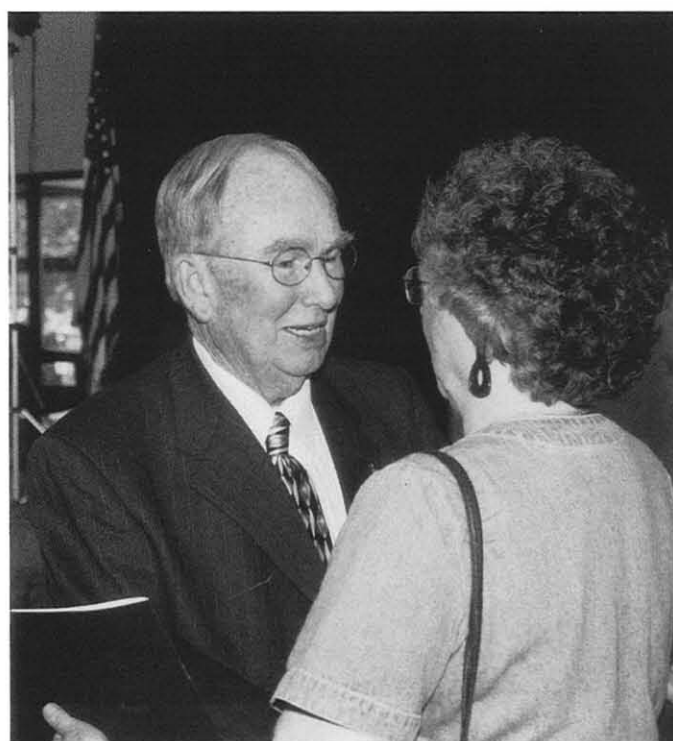


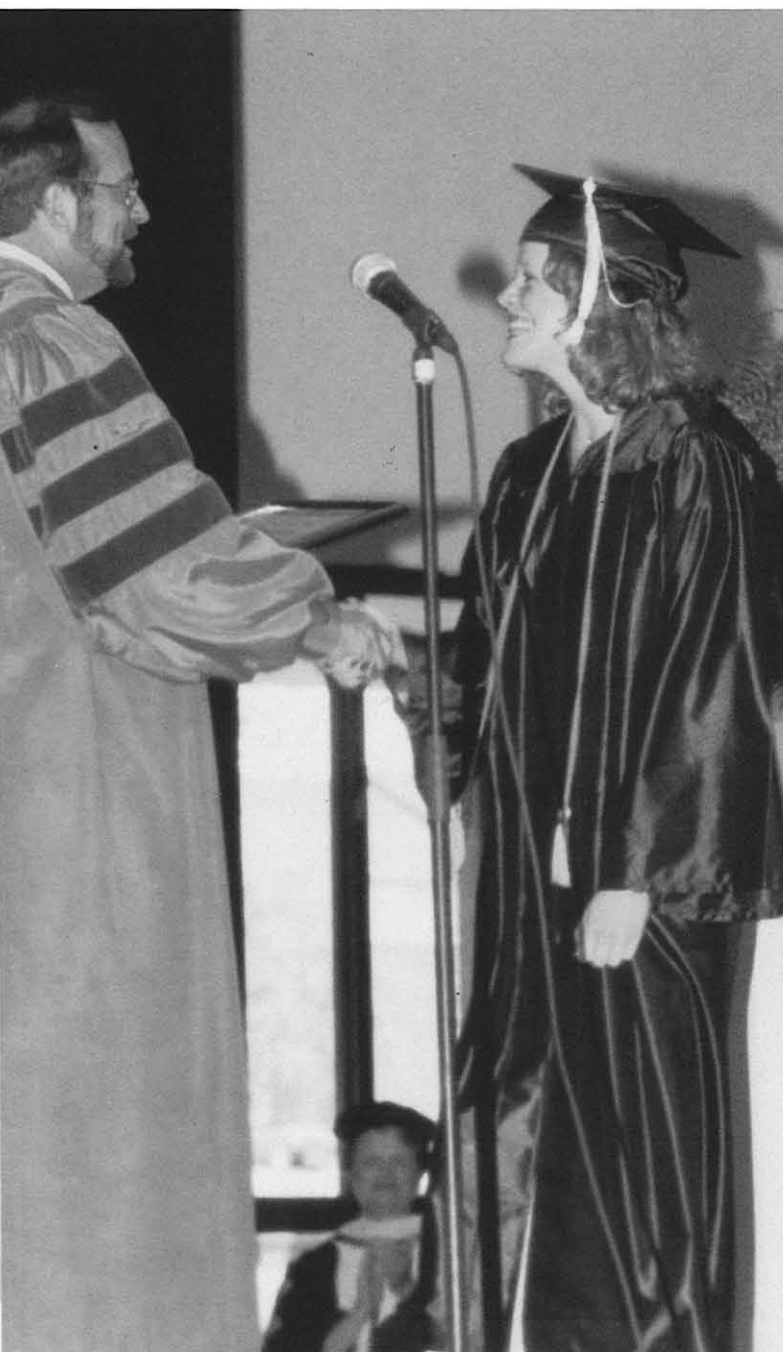
Spring graduation provides a time to reminisce for senior Yavonda Fletcher, Dr. Jack Shock, professor of communication, and Fletcher's father. The ceremony was a time to celebrate with family and friends. Photo by Jeff Montgomery.



Senior Susan Shirel sings "Climb Every Mountain" during the spring graduation ceremony. The song has become a Harding tradition during every convocation and graduation ceremony. Photo by Jeff Montgomery.

Jim Bill McInteer talks with his wife Betty after May graduation. McInteer, the keynote speaker, praised his wife in his speech. Photo by Jeff Montgomery.





Plans change, but graduation *Remains the Same*

Graduation — it's something that takes place at Harding at the same time and place every year. This year's ceremony was held May 13, 2000, in the Ganus Athletic Center with guest speaker Jim Bill McInter.

While the graduation ceremony does not change, students' plans often do. Graduate student Anna Fink has changed her plans significantly since her freshman year. She began her college career wanting to be an accountant, but instead will obtain a master's degree in secondary school administration in December 2001.

"I never thought I would go to graduate school," Fink said. "I did not want to teach. I really wanted to be an accountant." Fink's current plans are to teach high school math and be a curriculum director. She said that graduation came too fast.

"Senior year came and I thought, 'Wait, I need another year,'" Fink said. "Now that I have graduated I appreciate Harding more. It taught me lessons I never knew I needed to learn."

Graduate student Becky Pratt always knew she wanted to teach,

but she did not plan on going to graduate school. "I figured I would be engaged or married by now," Pratt said. "My future plans are all up in the air. I could go teach, do more graduate work or do mission work. I really like that I have so many options."

Instructor James Benge graduated in May and began teaching English at Harding in August. Teaching never crossed his mind, but when the position came open, he took it. Benge said he enjoys teaching. "I felt ready to graduate, but now I feel more responsibility," he said.

Alumna Sarah Dennis decided to go to physical therapy school at Belmont University. She hopes to work with pediatrics in missions.

Dennis believes Harding has prepared her for life educationally and spiritually. "I am ready to apply the things I learned to life. I feel more grounded than a lot of people I know,"

Our plans never stay the same. New doors open, and some shut. But while plans change, thankfully graduation will stay the same.

- Jody Knight

Senior Leah Romine receives an award from Dr. Tom Alexander, dean of the College of Bible and Religion, during the May graduation ceremony. Along with the awarding of diplomas, special awards were given during the commencement ceremony. Photo by Mark Kinonen.

Dr. Larry Long, dean of the Honors College, presents senior Jennifer Burton with her plaque for graduating with distinction from the Honors College. Students must take several hours of honors and contract courses as well as present an honors capstone project to earn the distinction. Photo by Jeff Montgomery.

