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College is a place where growth happens. We were warned that we would grow physically; we expected to grow academically and leave college prepared for the workplace, armed with new knowledge. Because we chose Harding as the place to spend our college years, we had the opportunity to also grow spiritually. Our characters grew and developed as we were put in new situations that forced us to make our own decisions.

Our everyday experiences at Harding made up our college life, causing us to grow. Student Impact forced new students to band together in the beginning of their time at Harding to form eternal friendships. Spring Sing helped participants to forge new friendships in the hours needed to put on a major production.

Time spent in chapel and lectureships caused spiritual growth as we listened to our fellow students and teachers share their faith. Prayer groups also developed our spirituality as we saw how God worked in our lives and in those of our friends. Domestic and international campaigns also brought us closer to God.

International programs in Athens, Florence, London and Brisbane helped some students open their eyes to new places and new points of view. The international students on the Searcy campus helped all of us grow in our knowledge of other cultures.

The world expects us to come into college as kids just out of high school and to leave as adults ready to interact in the "real world." In order for that to happen, a major transition must take place. We are expected to grow into mature adults through experiences that make up our "student life."

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**"I met a lot of really awesome people and created the base of a lot of really good friendships."**

*—Lindsey Hobgood, freshman*

**Freshman Derek Bullington** enjoys a cool mist of water during Student Impact's Silly Olympics. Most students who participated in the Silly Olympics were caked with mud from the tug of war and needed to be hosed off.



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# NEW STUDENTS SAY "HERE WE ARE"

Student Impact, HU's orientation program, allows freshmen and transfers to become acclimated to university life

The majority of Harding's student body spent the summer working or anticipating the big move as freshmen. However, seniors Rachael Harless and Jeremy Picker, the 2001 Student Impact Co-Directors, spent their summers dreaming up crazy ideas to make incoming freshmen comfortable at Harding.

Both leaders were the heart and soul of Student Impact, an experience that incoming freshmen found important and unifying.

"I knew when I signed up at Summer Experience that I was getting involved in something that would help me meet a lot of people," freshman Lindsey Hobgood said. "I guess that's what I enjoyed the most about Student Impact. I met a lot of really awesome people and created the base of a lot of really good friendships."

Student Impact activities included early morning devotionals,



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**Sophomore Amy White** explains the "moving in" procedures and dorm policies to an incoming freshman. White is a Residence Life Assistant in Sears Hall. The RA's came back to campus early to familiarize themselves with these procedures.

daily energy group meetings, activities like the Silly Olympics, and nightly entertainment like Bean and Bailey and a hypnotist, Chuck Milligan.

"I really enjoyed all the activi-

ties," freshman Jael Beamon said. "My brother was a freshman here a few years ago, so he told me all about the activities that go on at Student Impact. But the one thing that I wasn't expecting was how

many people were there. I don't think that we would have created the unity that we did if that many people weren't there."

To Picker and Harless, the record 923 Impacters wasn't an obstacle to overcome, but it was a blessing.

"Although we did set a goal to have more students than ever before at Impact—and we were really excited to meet that goal—our most important objective was to make sure that all the freshmen and transfers were met with the most welcoming environment possible," Harless said. "We wanted to exemplify Harding's Christian purpose and devotion, while having a lot of fun at the same time."

Entertaining that many freshmen for an entire five-day span was demanding, but Student Impact was a success that left the freshman class realizing one thing: "Here I Am."

—Kayla Firquain





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**Freshman Tabitha Rine** has fun on the slip-n-slide during Impact's Silly Olympics. The events took place in the quad between the East Married Apartments and gave new students a chance to meet people through lighthearted competition.

**Going over the** schedule, Impact Co-Directors Jeremy Picker and Rachael Harless take a break in the Benson Auditorium lobby. The senior co-directors spent the previous spring semester and the summer preparing for the week of Student Impact.



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**Making the most** of her luau experience, freshman Rebecca Jaquish participates in the bungee run. President David Burks welcomed the new students to his backyard for a Hawaiian luau on Friday night of Impact.

**Digging post holes** at an industrial park, junior Tim Yaeger leads his energy group in a service project during Student Impact. Parts of two days during the weekend were dedicated to participating in service projects.



**Speaking at the** All-School Retreat, Jim McGuiggen delivers a powerful message to students. The annual event took place at the White County fairgrounds and was a time when students could sing, pray and worship together.

**After a Bible study** in her home, Sarah Lincoln, a freshman from Searcy, talks with a friend. Many Harding students took advantage of home Bible studies on Wednesday nights and chose to spend mid-week worship there.



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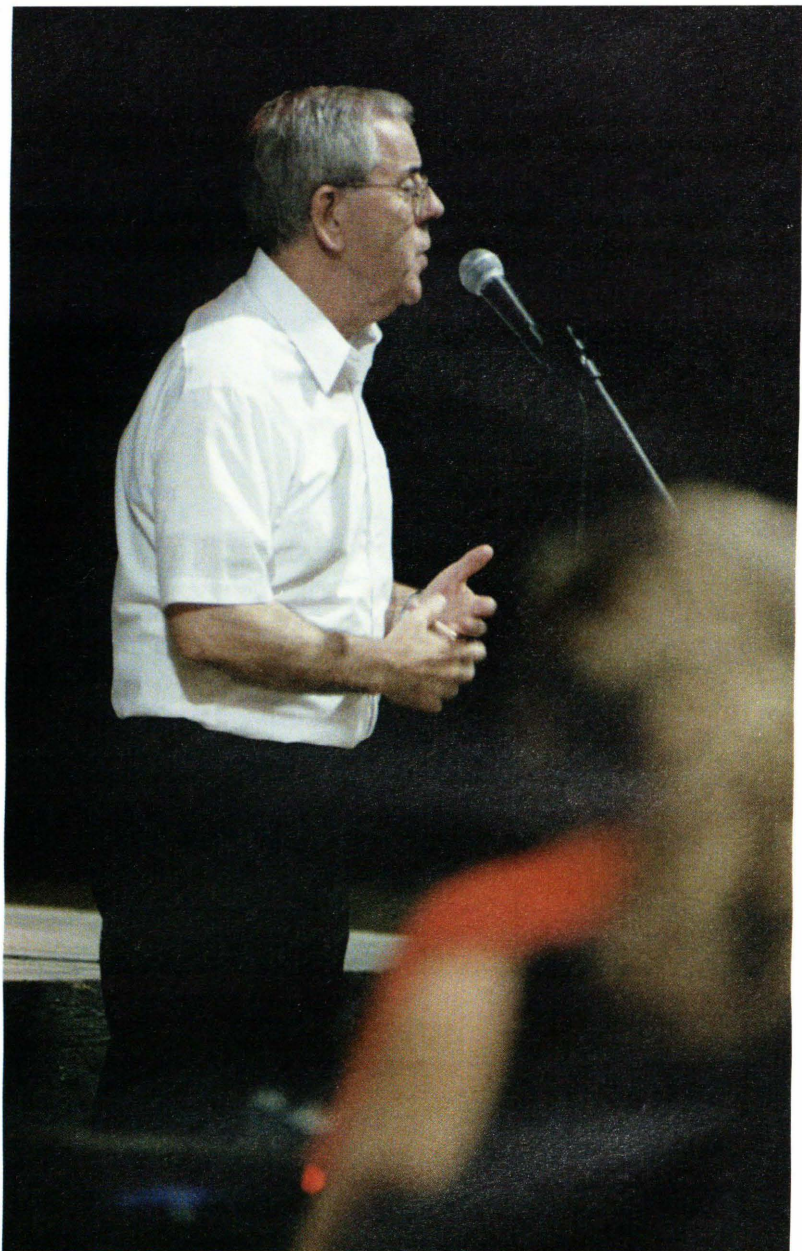


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**Taking advantage of** a morning prayer time, seniors Catherine Christopher, Jessicca and Marcus Moore and Jared Holton meet for "See You at the Benson." Many students participated in the monthly event, which provided an opportunity for students to meet and pray before 8 a.m. classes.

**With no chairs** available, freshman Tyler Withrow and many other students sit on the floor during the 8:30 p.m. worship service in the Downtown Church of Christ Family Life Center. The worship, which began later than traditional Sunday night services, concentrated mostly on singing and communion.



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Using the student publications office as a meeting place, seniors Ben Carrigan and Jared McCormick and sophomore Joe Chambers pray during chapel time. Every day a group of students was designated to pray together for the student body while the rest of the campus was in chapel.

“...The speakers had the capability of touching people in all walks of life. They allowed me to walk away with a greater understanding of God’s love ...”

—Brooks Parker,  
graduate student

# JUST THE MEDICINE WE NEEDED

## The 78<sup>th</sup> annual Lectureship identifies the practical applications of Proverbs as ‘Prescriptions for the Heart’

The 78<sup>th</sup> annual Lectureship, held on campus Sept. 30-Oct. 3, proved to be the remedy Harding students needed for living richer and fuller lives.

The Lectureship, a long-standing tradition that has been an essential part of Harding for almost eight decades, renewed and encouraged students.

This year’s theme was “Proverbs: Prescriptions for the Heart.”

It featured many speakers who discussed Proverbs and God’s concern for the way His people are living their lives.

The goal of each speaker was to apply practical remedies mentioned in the Proverbs to spiritual problems.

“It was such an honor to take part in Lectureship this year as a student lecturer, but it was also one of the more humbling experiences of my life,” said senior Bekah Cody, who gave a women’s lecture on “Wisdom: God vs. World.”

“Lectureship provides a unique opportunity for Christians of all ages and backgrounds to share what they’ve learned about living the Christian life.”

The Lectureship, sponsored by the Institute for Church and Family, provided many different experiences for those who wanted to get involved and make a difference in their churches, including students and visitors to the campus.

“The 77 Harding Lectureships that have preceded this one have always had this purpose: to strengthen and encourage the Lord’s

people beyond our campus borders,” said Dr. Howard Norton, executive director of the Institute for Church & Family.

“This was still the purpose for 2001.”

Important parts of the Lectureship were the many classes in biblical preaching, missions, religious education, youth and family ministry and women’s ministry that were provided for students and visitors.

Classes, events and special chapel speakers motivated students to get involved.

“With their powerful speaking abilities, the speakers had the capability of touching people in all walks of life,” graduate student Brooks Parker said.

“They allowed me to walk away with a greater understanding of God’s love and his will for our lives.”

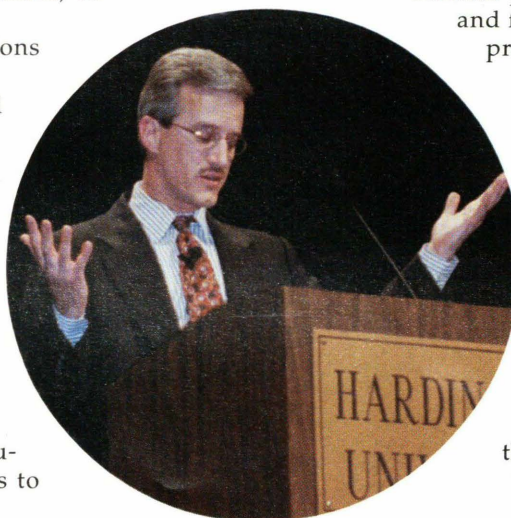
Lectureship was a time for those in attendance to explore and share ideas with one another. It was also a time to receive advice and words of wisdom they needed to help them through life.

The week of classes, lectures, luncheons and fellowship continued the tradition of providing leadership to churches and individual Christians as a part of the Harding University mission.

Lectureship week was a unique and special time for all of those who were a part of it. It created many memories, Norton said.

“This positive contribution to our fellow Christians will continue for as long as the school stands,” he said.

—Donda Burright



**Finishing the Lectureship** on Wednesday night, Don McLaughlin, from the North Atlanta Church of Christ in Atlanta, Ga., speaks on “Sexual Sanity.” The nightly keynote lectures were held in the Benson Auditorium to accommodate the large crowds.



**Sitting on a curb** in Edinburgh, Scotland, junior Hannah Alexander and senior Amy Sauls rest during a free travel time for the summer 2001 HUF group. Alexander and Sauls, who spent every free travel together, said the time allowed friendships to be forged quickly.

**Walking toward an** ancient marketplace, juniors Eric Mitchen and Josh Kirby pass the Colosseum in Rome, Italy. The summer 2001 HUF group visited many historic landmarks on a group trip to the capital city.



Photo by Courtney Fant



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**Eight members of the fall 2001 HUF group**, including sophomores Jeremy Mitchell, Michael Barger, Jonathan Porter, William Cavataio, Kristi Kell, Patricia Luethke, Erin Casey and senior Audrey Cole, enjoy the view from the villa at HUF. The view was one of the best features of villa life.

**While in a Florence piazza**, juniors Michelle Scobba and Stacey Troutman, sophomore Marilee Sutherlin and Dr. Duane Warden, faculty sponsor, eat gelato. The Italian ice cream was a favorite treat of the fall 2001 HUF group.





# HUF COPE WITH SEPT. 11<sup>TH</sup>

After overcoming homesickness because of the turmoil in the U.S., students in Italy enjoy eye-opening experiences around Europe

*"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime."*

—Mark Twain, "Innocents Abroad"

The fall 2001 Harding University in Florence program began with the horrible tragedy that touched our nation when airplanes flew into the World Trade Center, Pentagon and southern Pennsylvania. Flights were delayed almost two weeks, class schedules were condensed and free travel plans were rearranged, but the most difficult part of the tragedy for HUF students was facing the effects of disaster seven time zones away from families and friends.

With time, they managed to band together and make their Italian villa an oasis of friendship, familiarity and security. Their semester moved on, but thoughts of the nation's loss and



Photo by Patricia Luethke

**Visiting the city**, junior Jason Barnhart and sophomores Kristi Kell, Dorothy Zinn and Erin Casey take time to sight-see. HUF groups often took trips into Florence.

the longing they felt for home were never far from their minds.

During the semester, HUF students often felt like human sponges, doing their best to soak up and appreciate their new surroundings. They spent much of their time in Florence taking day trips into the

city to see the numerous churches, marveling over works by Michelangelo, or buying tasty gelato. They also took trips as a group to see parts of Greece, Cinque Terre, Rome and other cities in Italy.

During free travel, they had the opportunity to spend a few days on

their own and travel to places they've always wanted to go, such as Munich, Paris, Venice, Budapest, Zurich or Prague.

There was so much to see, to taste, to smell and to touch. With each new sensation, their walls crumbled, and prejudices died.

As any HUF student will boast, there is nothing like living in another country, even if only for three months.

The famous sites and sounds of Europe amazed them, but it is probably the small memories they will cherish most. A day spent picking olives, a sunset in Vernazza, tea-time and Sunday night devotionals in English were a few of their favorites.

While experiencing firsthand the creativity of God, they formed friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. Harding University in Florence is a blessing to all who attend.

—Patricia Luethke



Photo by Courtney Fant

**"Harding University in Florence is a blessing to all who attend."**

**—Patricia Luethke, sophomore**

**Bible stories come alive** for juniors Jonathan Jerkins, Scott Lybrand, Doug Richmond and Heather Gray as they visit Mars Hill in Athens, Greece as part of a summer 2001 HUF group trip. One of the advantages of participating in HUF is getting to visit places mentioned in the Bible.



# PROGRAMS PROVIDE WORLDVIEWS

## HUE students have opportunity to take in culture offered by the UK

While all of the international studies programs offer something special, none can quite compare to the experience of living in one of the largest cities of the world—London, England.

The city has its own distinct personality and charm. Whether eating a chicken escalope ciabatta at Eve's or going to Evensong at Westminster Abbey, the HUE student is entranced by London.

A typical day begins with morning classes. After a quick lunch in the flat or at a sandwich shop, it's off to Covent Garden to shop for souvenirs and to listen to the street performers. After putting on your theatre clothes, you can enjoy "Phantom of the Opera" in style. A café mocha at Don Quixote's is the perfect ending to any day.

Of course, any of these examples are interchangeable with playing rugby in Hyde Park, climbing on the lions in Trafalgar Square or simply watching people walk by as you sip a cappuccino.

London is not the only classroom available to HUE. The entire country provides ample opportunity to learn. Trips to Scotland, Oxford and Cambridge allow students to see the land and experience history.

Unique group meals sometimes gave a chance to experience customs from a different time and place, like a Tudor-era dinner. It's not every day that you can yell, "Ho wench! Bring me some roast boar!"

With the British Museum as a Bible classroom, it's impossible not to gain a new perspective on the stories taught to us in the past. When we learn about Westminster Abbey or St. Paul's Cathedral in class, we can just hop on the underground and see it for ourselves.

There is no place in the world like London, and no other program like HUE.

**Overlooking the Thames River**, sophomores Jared Gable and Robbie Thompson take in a view of the Royal Festival Hall. The venue is in south London, a short "tube" ride from the fall 2001 HUE group's flats near the West End theatre district.

—Robbie Thompson

## Greece group grows through crisis, leaning on God and each other

For those who live by schedules, this semester at HUG would definitely be a learning experience. We learned quickly that it was going to be a time to learn, grow and to let God be in control, because our plans were not His.

Dr. Terry Edwards accepted the new position as HUG director, arriving at the Porto Rafti resort outside Athens only two weeks before we did. We were blessed to have apartments and membership to a fitness club, as well as mountains that we admired from our terraces and a beach within walking distance.

When we got to Porto Rafti on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, we expected to spend our semester just as the students before us had. But our faith was tested on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> as we huddled around the TV and watched while the news of the plane crashes began to unfold.

Thankfully, God blessed us with peace as our schedule seemed to change daily. He revealed to us His glory as we cruised the Greek islands, set foot in Ephesus, sang in the catacombs and conquered Rome. We were blessed to have the Edwards, Manors and Burchams as faculty members, whose knowledge was a vital aspect of this experience. Their passion in class fueled our interest in learning as their passion for Christ challenged us to grow.

Throughout the semester our preconceptions about HUG were drastically changed. Trips to Italy and England were incorporated to replace canceled trips to Turkey and Egypt. We began to lean on one another and on God. Hebrews 12:2 became a meaningful verse to our group: "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." It's all about Jesus.

—HUG, Fall 2001



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—Robbie Thompson,  
sophomore



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**The toga-clad fall 2001 HUG group** takes time for a picture. Junior Tim Yaeger posted and maintained a HUG web site while in Europe so the friends and family members of the students could see digital pictures of the activities and sites they were visiting.





Photo by Tim Yaeger

**Waiting for their dinner,** Dr. Terry Edwards, his wife, Kim, and their two youngest children, Jordan and Christian, sit at the table at the Harding resort in Porto Rafti, Greece. Edwards became the full-time director of the HUG program this year.

**Taking advantage of** the many cheap souvenir stands, sophomore Kevin Davis considers buying a British flag shirt. These souvenir stands were found on virtually every corner in London.



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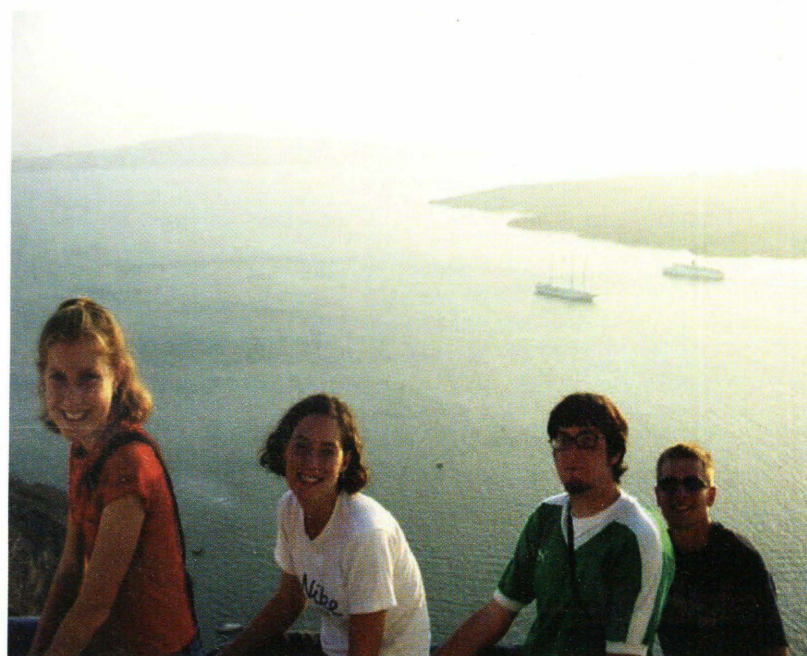


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**Trying to find** a better view, senior Tanya Grasham and juniors Lisa Metzger, Jeremy Stoneburner and Tim Yaeger climb further up a mountain. The fall 2001 HUG group chose to take a group trip to the Island of Santorini.

**Making a call,** sophomore Jared Gable uses a phone booth often seen on the streets of London. The booths looked old-fashioned but had modern telephones.



**"Homecoming is a time to see old friends and acquaintances I thought I would never see again. It is a really neat time for alumni."**

—Katie Burrigh  
Gaither, 1992  
graduate

**Joseph, played by senior Jared Holton,** displays his coat in the Homecoming musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." The musical was one of the main attractions of Homecoming weekend.



Photo by Andrea Waters



# A TIME FOR REUNIONS

Alumni from all over the world travel back to Searcy the first weekend in November to reunite and reminisce

Homecoming weekend Nov. 2-3 provided an opportunity for students, teachers, parents and alumni to return to Harding.

Former students met with old friends and caught up on news from years past. The weekend schedule was packed with activities for students, past and present, to get them into the spirit of the occasion.

"Homecoming weekend at Harding gives me the chance to see and speak with professors that really influenced me while at Harding," said Katie Burrigh Gaither, a 1992 graduate. "Homecoming is also a time to see old friends and acquaintances I thought I would never see again. It is really a neat time for the alumni."

The weekend began with the homecoming musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," staged by the music and communication departments.

Performances by other campus groups, the social club fair and a



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**Alumni from the class of 1981, Ann Reeves and Sharon Hall eat and visit with each other at the family picnic in the Ganus Athletic Center.** The tables at the picnic were labeled with years so that old friends could meet former classmates more easily.

young alumni mixer followed throughout the weekend.

A wide range of activities gave alumni the chance to renew friendships with classmates and professors by getting to meet with them at

club or class reunions, the musical or the football game.

The highlight of the weekend occurred Saturday afternoon as the Bisons pulled out a 44-10 victory over the University of West Alabama.

Saturday's football game demonstrated the homecoming pride of Harding as students and alumni gathered to celebrate the occasion.

For the alumni, Harding is the place and the reason lifetime memories were made.

"Homecoming was an exciting time because Harding made it special for us," said alumna Shana Weatherbee Wolfe. "The warm welcome reminded us of Harding's environment that we lived and grew in during the most important years of our lives."

As the weekend came to an end, those people departed with more special memories of Homecoming 2001.

"Leaving to go home was a pleasant experience because I felt as though I had gained many more relationships than I had before I went to Homecoming," Gaither said.

—Donda Burrigh





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**Gaining yards for the Bisons**, senior Robert Lolohea outruns a player from West Alabama. Lolohea contributed two touchdowns to the Bison's 44-10 victory.

**Participating in the social club fair**, junior Emily Combs greets May 2001 graduate Julie Sampley. The event was held in the Ganus Athletic Center and served as a central location for many club reunions.



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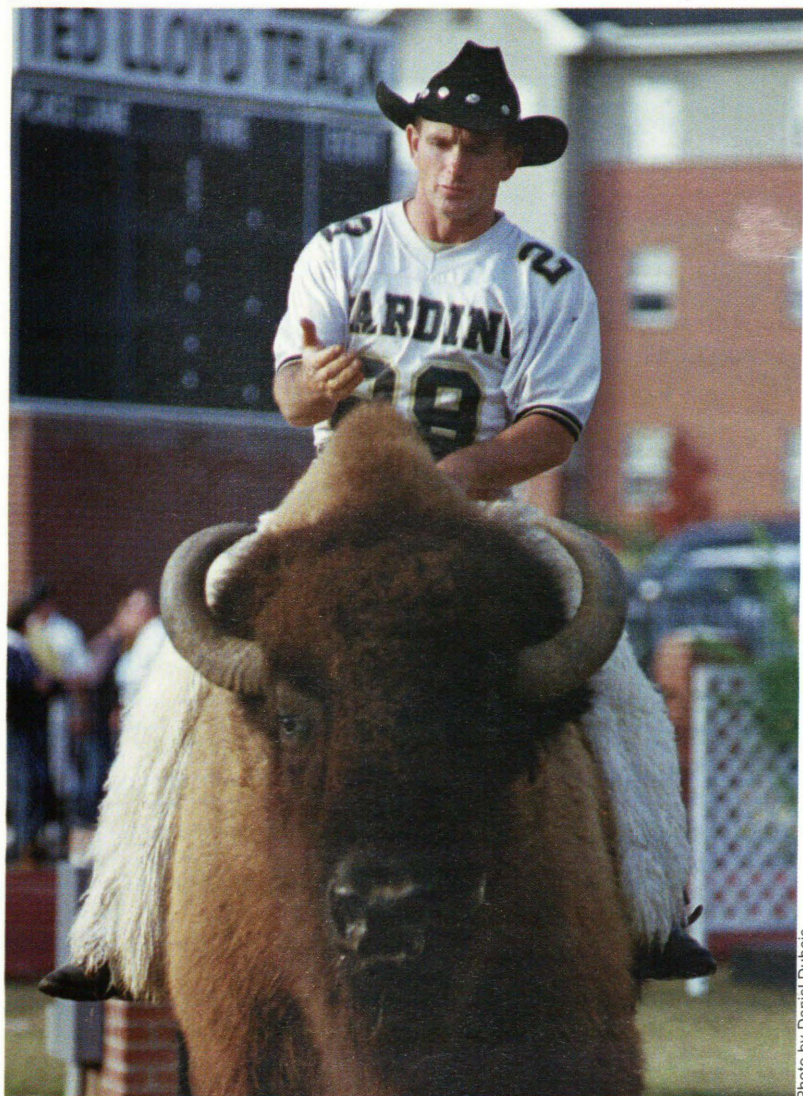


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**Ciara Gary**, the 2000 Homecoming queen, congratulates junior Kerri Biederman with a hug after she was crowned the 2001 queen. Beiderman is a transfer student from Boston University majoring in public relations.

**Providing pregame entertainment**, T.C. Thorstenson rides bison Harvey Walbanger Jr. across the football field. This was the third year for Thorstenson and Harvey to visit the Harding campus for Homecoming.



**Taking a break** from her busy day as a nursing student, junior Paige Ballard stops at Sonic for a drink. Sonic was a popular place to go in the afternoon because of its half-price drinks from 3-5 p.m.

**Talking over** a cup of coffee, seniors Maria Madriz and Esperanza Massana enjoy the atmosphere at Midnight Oil. Because of its Race Street location close to campus, the coffee house was a popular hangout for students to socialize and study.



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**Worshipping through song**, sophomores Katie Cornett and Ryan Bond sit on the Benson steps at the outdoor muffin chapel. Chapel was part of every student's daily life and was a way to start the day on a spiritual note.

**Taking advantage of** good weather, sophomore Lyndsey Garner and freshman Kristi DeSpain run around the track. Many students could be seen jogging around campus almost every day.



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**Relaxing on a swing** in the Shores Hall courtyard, senior Chrissy Thornton lets her toes feel the breeze. Toe rings were a popular accessory for girls, especially during the summer and early fall when they could be seen with flip-flops and sandals.

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*—Lindsey Davison,  
junior*

# DECIDING WHAT TO WEAR

While picking out clothes was not the most important decision facing students this year, fashion was a defining characteristic of the times

Low-rise, hipster or flare? Blue jean jacket or sweater jacket? Cargo pants or capri pants?

Those were the questions of 2001-2002 as the vicious fashion cycle found many students modeling looks of the early 70’s and 80’s. Despite the unspoken pressure to follow the latest look, most students stayed true to their sense of style while incorporating a few accessories.

When students left home to come to school, they brought with them different fashion styles based on the environment in which they grew up.

Consequently, the word “fashion” meant something different to each person.

“Fashion is expressing your personality through what you wear,” junior Lindsey Davison said. “It’s letting people know how you feel that day—what kind of mood you’re in.”

“Fashion is the clothes and jewelry that are popular at that point in time,” sophomore Jenna LaCaze said.

Defining a person’s sense of style can be easy if they tend to stick to certain brands and colors. For others, their sense of style is always changing and evolving.

“I would define my fashion style as parliament...funkadelic, if you will,” said sophomore Clint Smith.

“If you don’t understand what this means, you must be a scud dud.”

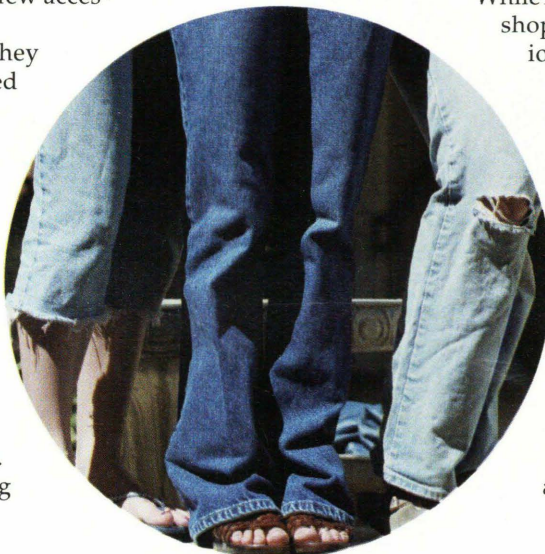
There were major influences outside of campus that influenced what people wore, especially from the music industry.

“I look to Mick Jagger because he wears whatever he wants to wear.

He doesn’t worry about what others think,” Smith said.

“I also like the Prime Minister of Great Britain because he wears fantastic suits.”

What students chose to wear usually evoked a reaction from parents and friends.



**Denim blue jeans** seemed to be a staple in the Harding student’s wardrobe. Whether light, dark, long, or capri-length, just about everyone wore jeans because they went with everything.

While most parents were comfortable with their children’s shopping habits, a few students knew that their “fashion creativity” made their parents uneasy.

“My parents tell me I need to get out of the hippie era, but my friends are cool with it,” junior Jennifer Burnley said.

“Perhaps for now I’m just trying to get out of the T-shirt phase that I’m known for and limit myself to two a week.”

Fashion styles play a big role when it comes to first impressions. This is important to consider not only in school, but in the professional world as well.

“Fashion is a big deal, even if you don’t want it to be,” LaCaze said.

“If you want to be successful in the business world, you have to dress successfully. It’s all about self-confidence.”

The trends of 2001-2002 quickly passed to make way for new styles.

Students found, however, that the most popular clothes were the ones that were comfortable, familiar and that made them feel good.

“The only time I feel pressured to wear something different is my favorite football team’s shirt on game day,” junior Justin Gambill said.

—Tiffany Johnston



Showing his guitar-playing skills, Ben Hammitt accompanies his girlfriend, junior Julie Wright, in the fall talent show Oct. 20. The Student Activities Committee sponsored two talent shows this year for students to showcase their talent.

Senior Aaron Brooks and junior Sam Jones act in "The Good Doctor," a Neil Simon play directed by senior Adam Sullivan. The theater department often held plays in the Little Theater for students to enjoy and for theater majors to earn class credit.



Photo by Adam Sullivan

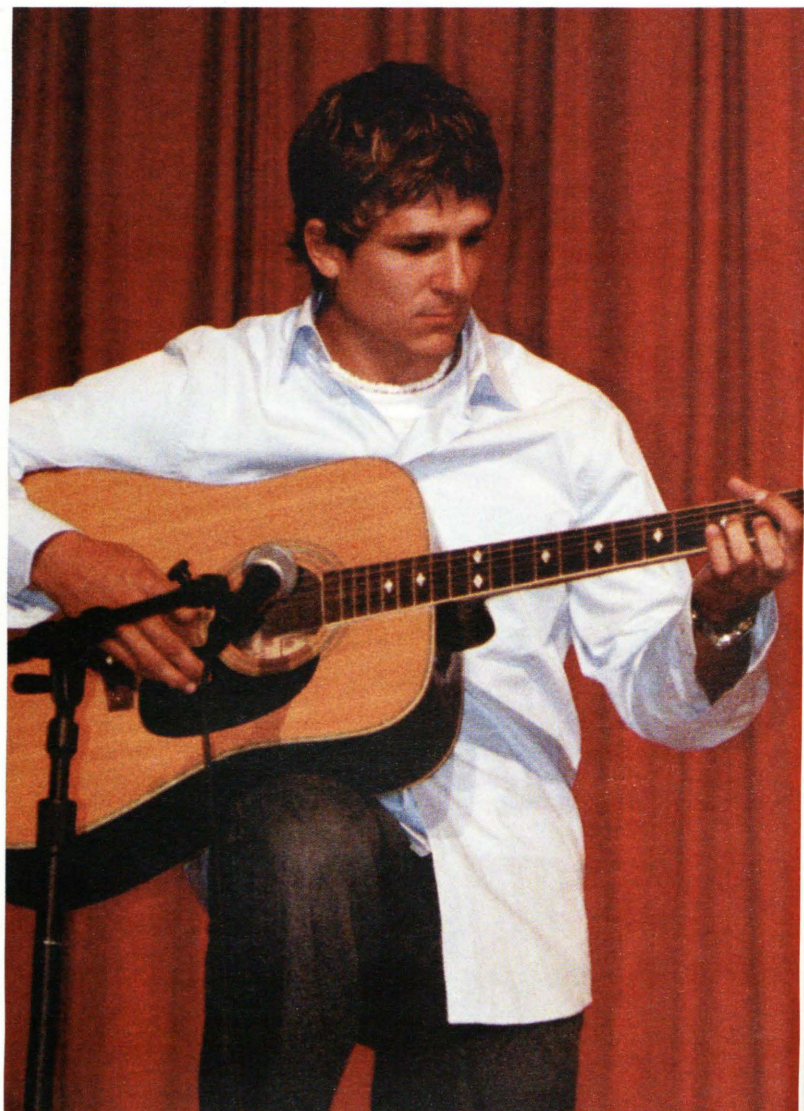


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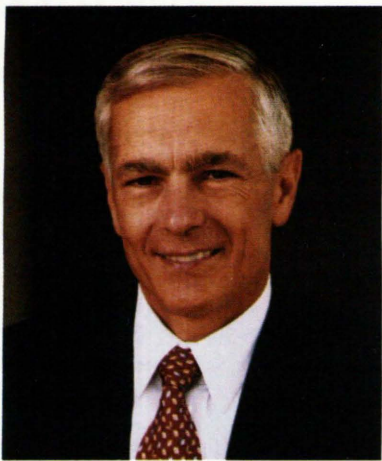


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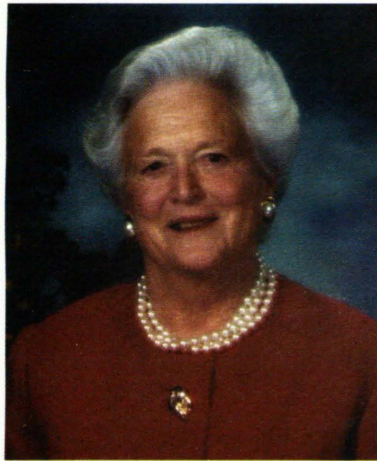


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The American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series brought Gen. Wesley Clark, former NATO supreme allied commander, to speak Jan. 22. Former First Lady Barbara Bush came to campus April 21 as part of the series, which also sponsored Dell CIO Randy Mott's Oct. 30 presentation.

Reaching down to grab the hand of a fan, Bryan White entertains the students lucky enough to sit in the orchestra pit in the Benson Auditorium during his concert. White performed with Patty Loveless Sept. 22 as part of the concert sponsored by the Student Activities Committee.

Photo by Kelly Carter





# ENTERTAINMENT FOR EVERYONE

Student Activities Committee tries to satisfy the diverse tastes of Harding's student body by bringing a variety of events to campus

With students from all 50 states and several foreign countries attending Harding, the idea of providing entertainment for such a varied population might appear to be a daunting task.

"We try to make everybody happy," said junior Bobby Hartzog, who served as a Student Activities Committee co-chair. "It's a pretty nice job because you get to rub shoulders with all the important people. But it's also a great responsibility. We want everyone at Harding to be entertained."

Hartzog, from Peachtree City, Ga., served with senior Kelly R. Carter to work with some of the high-profile acts that visited Harding during the year.

Country stars Patty Loveless and Bryan White made their way to campus in the fall to perform the year's first big concert.

And, while some students complained that country acts were more prevalent on the Benson Auditorium



Photo by Kelly Carter

**Entertaining the crowd** in the Benson Auditorium, Patty Loveless belts out one of her hit country songs. The Student Activities Committee recruits a variety of musical acts to campus each year so that students will not have to leave Searcy to see concerts.

stage during the year, those in charge maintained that they tried to strike a meaningful balance between musical styles.

"Of course, there are those students who say they hate country, but we have had three years straight with

non-country acts, so it was time to bring a bigger country act to Harding this fall," said Jim Miller, director of student activities. "We had a great crowd for Patty and Bryan. Patty especially put on an incredible show that seemed to be enjoyed by

students and by the community."

Miller said that providing a consistent source of on-campus entertainment for the Harding community alleviated the stress on many students' pocket books.

"Everything we do in the area of student activities is centered around providing quality entertainment at an inexpensive cost," Miller said. "We know most students don't have \$30 or \$40 to spend on entertainment every weekend, so we do our best to keep all our events as affordable as possible."

Many students also looked to forms of entertainment other than movies and concerts.

"I really enjoy the student-produced plays and the concerts by local bands," senior English major Dawn McCann said. "There is so much student talent on campus that there are plenty of sources of entertainment."

—Chad Lawson



Photo by Jeff Montgomery

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—Jim Miller,  
director of student activities

**Dell CIO Randy Mott** explains the need for more than just computer skills to succeed in the world of information technology during his Oct. 30 presentation. Mott was the first speaker for this year's ASI Distinguished Lecture Series.



# CAMPAIGNS CHANGE LIVES

Through spring break and summer mission trips, Harding students take every opportunity to "go into all the world"

Spring and summer breaks are a time for relaxation and catch-up for many college students. But for the campaigners of 2001, a break from school was a time to recruit for Christ.

Spring break and summer campaigns, small or large, created a spark and influenced people around the country. Senior Nathan Knappier led a campaign to Idabel, Okla., where 16 people became our brothers and sisters in Christ.

"To make the trip successful, it took an active church giving support and prayers," Knappier said.

Knappier attributes much of the success to his father Mike.

With his leadership skills, the campaigners were prepared to begin spiritual conversations in a natural way.

He also credits the success to the extraordinary group of campaigners; they had attitudes for Christ and the perseverance to spread the gospel, he said.

The effects of the trip resulted in four more baptisms shortly after the campaigners left Idabel.

"You're a success when you try and a failure when you don't," said Knappier, when looking back at the trip.

He knew the trip was a success because they were trying, whether the door was slammed in their faces or if their words were heard.

In St. Louis, Mo., senior Charles Kiser led a group to the inner city to perform more than \$30,000 of renovations and labor to a two-story brick house.

Campaigners gutted and cleaned the house, preparing the inside to be remodeled.

Not only did Harding campaigners create excitement for Christ

all over the country, but their footprints could be seen throughout the world through international summer campaigns.

Gordon and Cynthia Sutherlin led a group of students to New Zealand, where campaigners were blessed to meet David Hewitt.

Hewitt is one of the newest international students at Harding.

The New Zealand campaigners immediately saw the need for Hewitt to be with other Christians, and they raised enough money for him to spend the summer in Arkansas while he attended the Missouri Street Church of Christ in West Memphis with senior Todd Goode.

"We saw a need and wanted to meet it," said Goode, as he described the experiences that led Hewitt to Harding.

Goode brought Hewitt to visit Harding's campus, where Mike Williams, assistant vice president for admissions and financial services, handled the financial details.

This combined effort provided Hewitt with the opportunity to attend Harding.

"It was a fleeting thought that came true at a moment's notice—and a week later I was on a plane," Hewitt said.

Hewitt had thought about coming to Harding since he was 14 years old, but he always considered the possibility wishful thinking.

Harding campaigners made that wish come true, and Hewitt knew that this was his chance.

Hewitt said he feels blessed to be surrounded by the Christian atmosphere and overwhelmed with the phenomenal relationships he has already made at Harding.

—Cheryl Brand



Freshman April Winebarger paints a child's face in King of Prussia, Pa. during a spring break campaign.

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**"To make the trip successful, it took an active church giving support and prayers."**

*—Nathan Knappier,  
senior campaign leader to  
Idabel, Okla.*

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Dr. Terry Edwards, associate professor of Italian and humanities, plays his guitar in a Roman park for a group of people who stayed after church to fellowship on a Sunday. Edwards led a group of ten students on campaign in Italy for four weeks during the summer.





Photo by Jim Miller

**Seniors Kandice Coleman** and Jason Spivey, juniors Haley Stiles and Reagan Patterson, and sponsor Sara Miller canvas a neighborhood and knock doors in Toowoomba, Australia. The Australia campaigners spent three weeks in Brisbane before arriving in Toowoomba.

**Seniors Rachel Campbell**, Marcus Wagner, Rocky Wyatt and Max Kelley and junior Kim Merrit help organize clothes for unemployed people to wear during job interviews. Wyatt led a group of students to Los Angeles to help homeless and needy people.



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**Senior Matt Shaner** teaches kids at a Vacation Bible School in Natick, Mass. during spring break 2001. Many campaign groups worked with the youth at various congregations during the week.

**Sophomore Richard Amy** repairs a light fixture at the Bible school in Florence, Italy. Amy did electrical repairs for the school while on campaign in the summer of 2001.



**"We really tried to give this year's Spring Sing a real dreams-come-true kind of performance."**

—Dr. Steve Frye, Spring Sing director

Sophomores Stacey Black, Holly Henderson and Shelly Kung and freshmen Natalie Wade and Mollie Harper celebrate their first place finish. The girls participated in the Ko Jo Kai and Ju Go Ju show "There's No Place Like Home."



Photo by Daniel Dubois



# ODYSSEY COMES TO CAMPUS

"Magic and mystery turn to reality" during Spring Sing's annual spectacle of music and choreography

Imagine an advanced show with special effects and pyrotechnics that led you on an enchanted odyssey. The 28th annual Spring Sing was just that: an *Odyssey*.

Spring Sing 2001 brought a "Merlinesque" quality to the Benson Auditorium, even if it was just for a weekend.

*Odyssey*, led by hosts Joey Kincheloe, Shelley Faulkner, Kimberly Hodges and Joe Yale, realized Spring Sing director Dr. Steve Frye's goals for a high level of professionalism, theme-park quality and energy.

"Not only do Harding students value this show, but so does the Searcy community," Frye said. "I really think that this year we exceeded their expectations, and it was a great feeling to see that the administration loved it."

Last year's production started in September with music selection and theme design. Actual club prac-



Photo by Daniel Dubois

**Spring Sing hosts** Kim Hodges, senior, and Joey Kincheloe, sophomore, entertain with songs of myth and legend. Hosts and hostesses began practicing together before Christmas and rehearsed more than 30 hours each week after spring break.

tice began in the spring.

"Going to Spring Sing practice day after day wasn't that hard, because I got to spend time with some of my closest friends on campus," sophomore Heather Freeman said.

Freeman participated in Shantih's "Step Aside, Here Comes the Bride." "It was a hard and long process, but finally performing the show with all of the final touches was worth the sweat."

In spring 2000, Frye created the Spirit Award; for their performance of "Sand Dunes and Don'ts," Alpha Tau Epsilon, Tri Kappa and GATA received the 2001 award because they showed the most Christ-like spirit in performance.

Spring Sing was about working together in choreography and idea input. The competition was not the goal, even though the John H. Ryan award was at stake.

With their performance of "There's No Place Like Home," Ko Jo Kai, Ju Go Ju and friends found that the capture of the ultimate award was a great ending to their enchanted evening.

"We really tried to give this year's Spring Sing a real dreams-come-true kind of performance," Frye said. "We wanted something that needed a little imagination but still took you on an Odyssey journey."

—Kayla Firquain





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**Sophomore Jennie Sifford** and freshman Colleen Angus look happy even though they have just been shipwrecked in Kappa Gamma Epsilon, Delta Gamma Rho and Delta Chi Delta's show "Okay...Who's Driving the Boat?" Learning how to have dramatic facial expressions was an important part of performing in a Spring Sing show.

**Senior Tiffany Yecke** growls at a postal worker in Regina and Chi Sigma Alpha's Spring Sing show "Goin' Postal." The theme of the show took a sympathetic look at a day in the lives of U.S. postal workers.

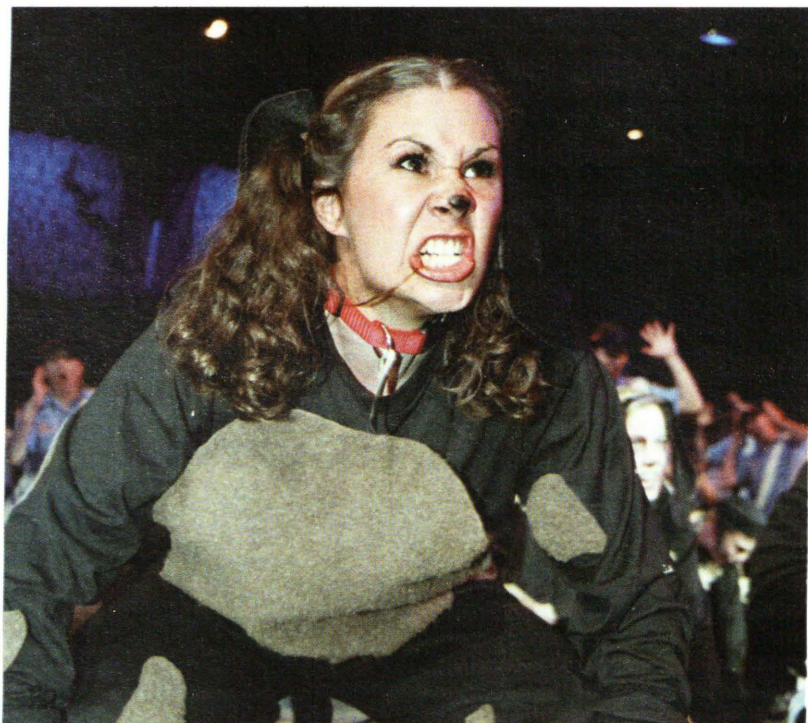


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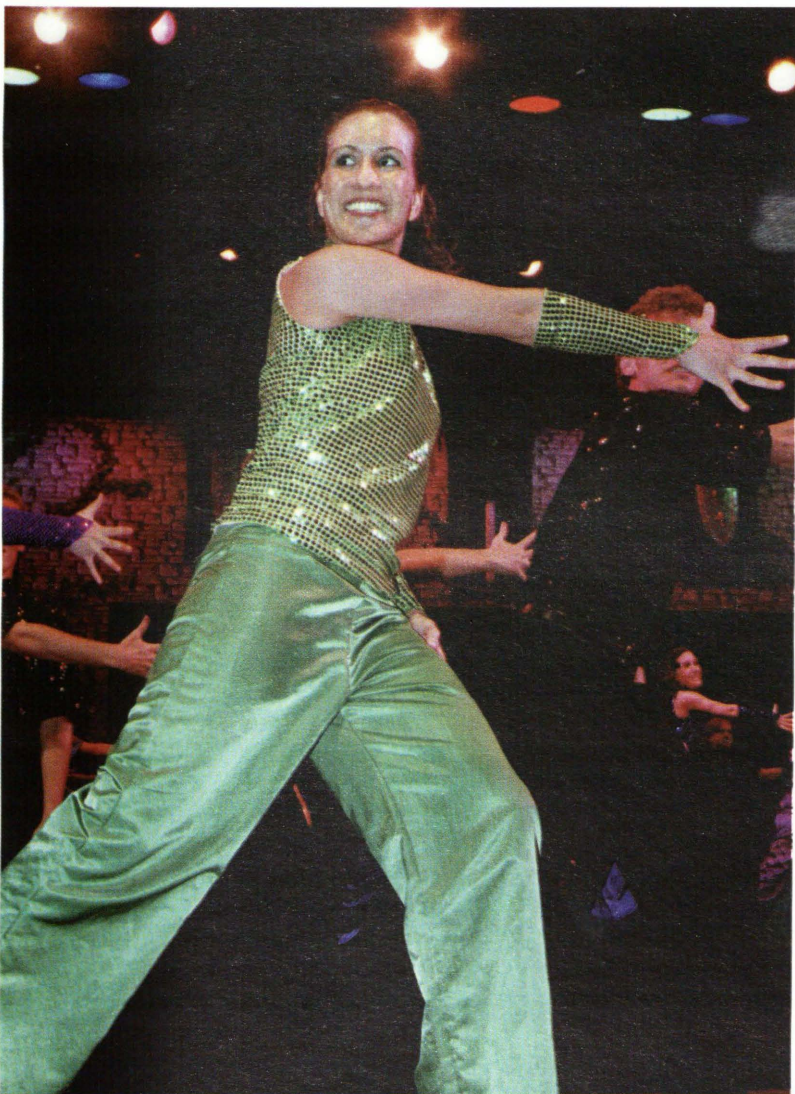


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**Junior Melanie Harkabus** points to the cowboys in the King's Men, OEGE and Omega Lambda Chi show "Rough Riders." The choreography in "Rough Riders" included a country dance to "Dueling Banjos" from the movie "Deliverance".

**Senior Erin Rembleski** hams it up as a member of the Spring Sing ensemble. The ensemble members started rehearsing for the show as soon as the spring semester began.



**Trying her best** to study, senior Donda Burright balances her baby, Carson, while completing a homework assignment. Many married students were also parents and had the challenging job of dividing time between school and children.

**Waiting for class** to begin, freshman Sam Shoultz and his mother, freshman Pat Shoultz, share notes. Even though the mother and son had different majors, they made time to take Dr. Eddie Cloer's New Testament class together.



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**Junior Kelly Killough** instructs an aerobics class at HealthCorp. In addition to going to school, Killough, a mother of three, is working towards getting her degree in general studies.

**Waiting for a** computer science seminar to begin, senior David Baird reads through some informational material given to him by the computer science department. Baird came to Harding in 1999 and graduated in May 2002.

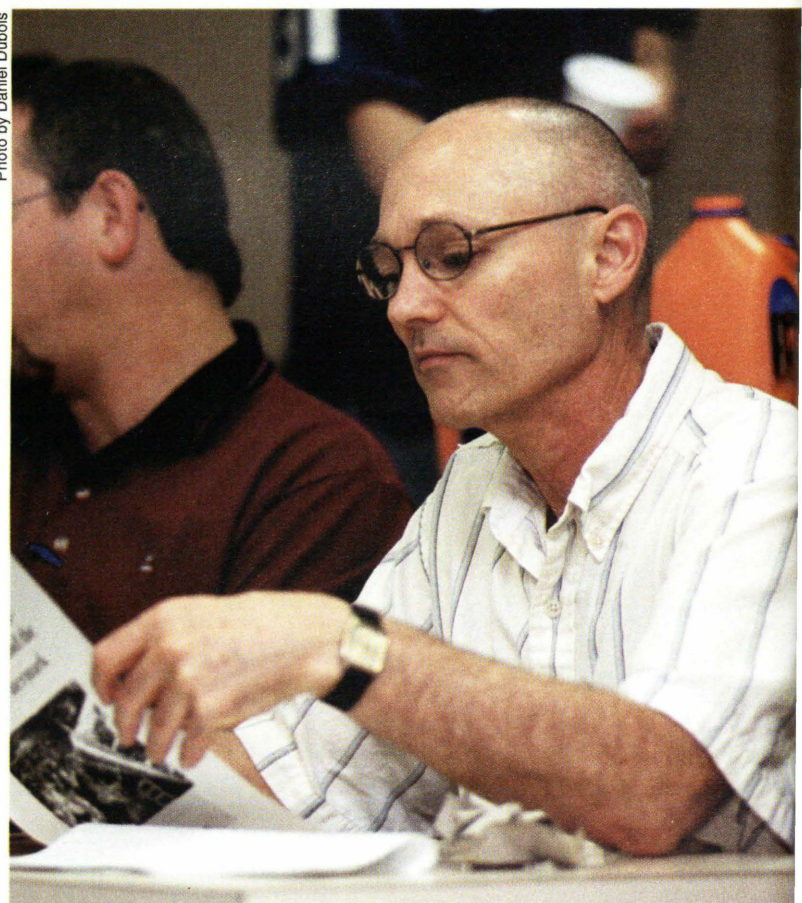


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After directing a play for a class in the Little Theater, senior Melinda Hollis talks with sophomore Justin Cox and freshman Bethany Billings. Hollis is a theater major who came back to school after a break to finish her degree.

**"It seems that when students come back after some delay, they come back with a higher sense of mission—they're much more focused."**

*—Dr. Mike James,  
chairman of the  
communication department*

# COLLEAGUES RETURN TO CLASS

Assistant to the dean and resource coordinator for the College of Nursing decide to pursue higher degrees together

When Debbie Kemper enrolled in college in 1972, she didn't know she'd soon be meeting her future husband, Greg. "I got married and quit going," she said. "I wasn't as focused back then."

A marriage, three children and a couple of careers later, Kemper decided to pursue a master's degree in education at Harding, where she worked as assistant to the dean of the College of Nursing.

Kemper became a nontraditional student—one who returns to college after the usual window of time that people "traditionally" attend school expires.

She received her bachelor's degree in biology on Lyon College at Batesville in 1995, and, after teaching high school biology in Strawberry, Ark., accepted the position at Harding.

It wasn't long after working at the university that she started mulling over the idea of becoming a college professor herself.

"At first, I wasn't sure if I wanted another bachelor's degree or if I wanted a master's degree," said Kemper, who lives in Batesville. "But I decided that I really wanted to teach at the college level."

As Kemper pursued her degree, she said she tried not to intrude upon her children's academic pursuits.

Her son, Daniel, a senior marketing major, and her daughter, Jill, a freshman pre-law major, both attend Harding.

"I did take chemistry with my son, but it was in a different section — we shared a book," Kemper said. "But I try not to bother them ... I don't

see them that often — they both live on campus and I drive back and forth to Batesville, which is a 50-minute drive."

Her son, however, said he enjoyed sharing his college experience with his mother.

"It gave us something to relate to," he said. "It's nice to see her and run into her every now and then. I see her at least once a week, which is more than I would have if she didn't go to Harding. It's great to share something with your parents to overstep the age difference."

Last summer, Kemper enrolled in Dr. Mike James' cyberspace communication class with Beverly Rose, her colleague from the College of Nursing.

Rose, who served as resource coordinator for the college, began pursuing her bachelor's degree in 1977.

After receiving an associate's degree in computer systems technology at Arkansas State University at Beebe, Rose decided to pursue a degree in interactive media.

"I wanted to get a bachelor's degree all along, but I never had the time to do it," Rose said. "I was a computer science major, but when I found out about the interactive media major, I switched."

James, who served as chairman of the communication department, said Kemper and Rose were ideal students.

"It seems that when students come back after some delay, they come back with a higher sense of mission—they're much more focused," James said. "Both of them are excellent students, and they're receiving the benefit of the new information and technologies that have surfaced in this field."

—Chad Lawson



Waiting for her 8<sup>th</sup> century prophets class to begin, senior Flo Stephens reads her Bible. Stephens plans to graduate with a degree in communication disorders and work in a school system.



**Senior Tracy Vidal** enjoys a hot dog at the Searcy Carnival Sept. 29. Vidal, a native of the Philippines, used the carnival as an opportunity to reach out to the children in the Searcy community.

**Tongtong Gong**, a junior from the Republic of China, walks to the science building on her way to class. Gong was a member of Phi Eta Sigma and the Computer Science Club.



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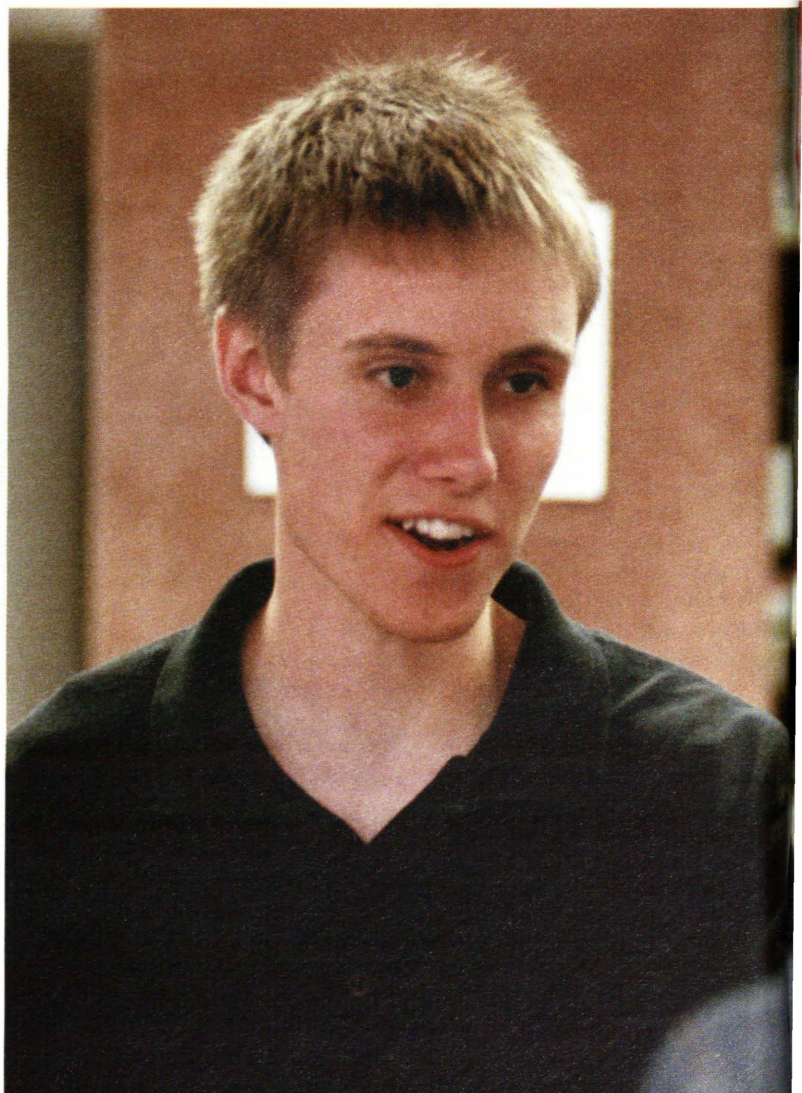
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**Sophomore Ina Xhani** checks her mail in the student center. Xhani, a native of Albania, was one of approximately 170 international students from more than 50 countries at Harding this year.

**Senior Mark Knutson**, a native of Ontario, Canada, helps a student while working in the Brackett Library. Many international students worked on campus because they did not have cars in the States.





# CANADIANS ENJOY HARDING LIFE

Roommates from Ontario become friends through social club, spend free time climbing, fishing in America's outdoors

With more than 50 countries represented at Harding this year, many people asked why so many international students attended such a small school so far away from home.

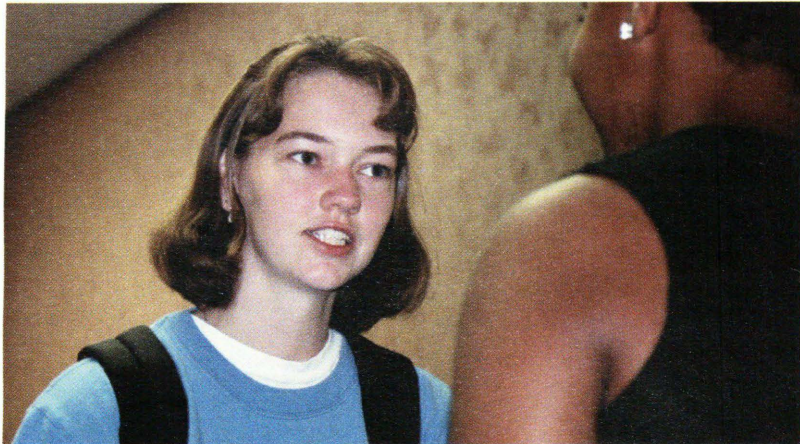
Each student brought a unique story about how he or she learned of Harding and why he or she decided to come to school here.

Proudly displayed on the wall of a third floor dorm room in Keller Hall this year was a Canadian flag owned by two Canucks who decided a few years ago to make the long haul to Searcy, Ark.

Senior Chris Courson and his roommate, sophomore Matt Pickard, grew up and went to school together in the town of Beamsville, Ontario.

Courson, an accounting major and member of Pi Kappa Epsilon social club, jokingly said it was the "good-looking American women" that brought him here.

But the real reason he chose



Marina Zhuravelva, a sophomore from Russia, talks with a friend in the Hammon Student Center. Zhuravelva was a member of Delta Gamma Rho social club.

Photo by Curtis Seright

Harding was the Christian atmosphere.

"The people here are really nice, and I like the guys in my club," Courson said.

When not studying for the accounting classes he took this year, Courson said he enjoyed spending

his free time at the cliffs of Heber Springs or by taking trips to Memphis, Dallas or Nashville on the weekends.

He plans to graduate, become a certified public accountant and work somewhere in the southern United States.

Pickard crammed all his belong-

ings into his '91 Honda Civic before making the 20-hour trip to Harding.

And if you asked Pickard what the most valuable item in his car was, he would most likely tell you it was his fly rod.

Pickard, a sophomore double majoring in Bible and psychology, spent much of his free time at the Little Red River perfecting his cast and reeling in prized trout.

Pickard is also a member of Pi Kappa Epsilon and enjoys "hanging out with the boys."

Having made many friends in the club, Pickard said being a member has been his favorite aspect of Harding.

"The friendships made at Harding are strong because everyone wants to have a better relationship with our Creator," he said.

Pickard plans to graduate from Harding and continue his education, hoping to be a Christian family therapist.

—Aaron Snow



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**"The friendships made at Harding are strong because everyone wants to have a better relationship with our Creator."**

*—Matt Pickard, sophomore from Canada*

**Freshman Mayouyou Nongo-Nongo** donates her time to the Searcy Carnival Sept. 29. Nongo-Nongo, a native of France, participated in the carnival in an effort to make new friends and serve the city of Searcy.



# GRADUATION GROWS AGAIN

Congressman Asa Hutchinson speaks at spring ceremony;  
Ganus Athletic Center just big enough to hold annual event

As many students enter Harding University and begin to dream about graduation, they hope and pray that within the next four or five years they will be able to walk across the stage with a degree in hand and their heads held high.

This dream becomes a reality for many seniors every spring, summer, and fall.

Graduation is the culmination of hours of hard work, close friendships and extra-curricular activities.

As graduation time approaches, seniors suddenly realize that their time at Harding University will not last forever.

"It was at graduation that I realized college was really over, and I realized how much I was going to miss the friends that I had made here," said spring 2001 graduate Melanie Cagle. "However, graduating from college is one of my biggest accomplishments. I felt extremely proud."

May 2001 marked the third consecutive year that spring graduation was held in the Ganus Athletic Center because of the growing number of graduates.

The audience for the spring graduation became so large that it could no longer fit in the Benson Auditorium.

Apparently, even the Ganus Athletic Center was a tight fit last spring.

Junior Clint Lercher said, "I was really cramped for space."

Although the spring graduation ceremony was held in the Athletic Center, the Benson was still used for the summer and fall graduations.

Congressman Asa Hutchinson, who represented Arkansas' third district in the U.S. House of Representatives until August 2001, spoke at the May 2001 graduation ceremony.

Hutchinson was elected in 1996 to his position in Congress and began service as the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration in August 2001 after his nomination by President George W. Bush in June.

He had previously served on the Speaker's Task Force for a Drug-Free America.

Speaking at spring graduation was a special opportunity for Hutchinson because it marked his son John's graduation from Harding with a Bachelor of Arts in history.

At the July 2001 graduation, Harding was fortunate to have Daryl E. Basset, a Harding alumnus and former varsity track team member, speak.

Basset currently serves as an economic development and higher education liaison for Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee.

Basset is striving to improve student retention and graduation rates of Arkansas colleges and universities.

His work and persistence led to the approval of a \$13 million fund reinforcement for the Arkansas Challenge scholarship.

The scholarship assists Arkansas residents who plan to attend a college or university in the state and are in need of financial help.

Basset's goals resemble the challenge that was presented to the faculty at convocation: to get the percentage of students that enter Harding as freshmen and eventually receive their degree at 100%.

Because each class at Harding is growing in size, an even larger class of graduating seniors will be able to walk across the stage this spring with their heads held high and one of their major goals in life behind them.

—Sarah Lair



Dr. Larry Long, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, hands graduate Lauren Moze an award.

**"Graduating from college is one of my biggest accomplishments. I felt extremely proud."**

*—Melanie Cagle,  
spring 2001 graduate*



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Dr. J.D. Yingling, professor of kinesiology, speaks to Philip and Sara Matheny after the spring 2001 graduation ceremony. The outside perimeter of the Ganus Athletic Center was filled with graduates talking with their friends, family and professors, making the most of their last few moments at Harding.



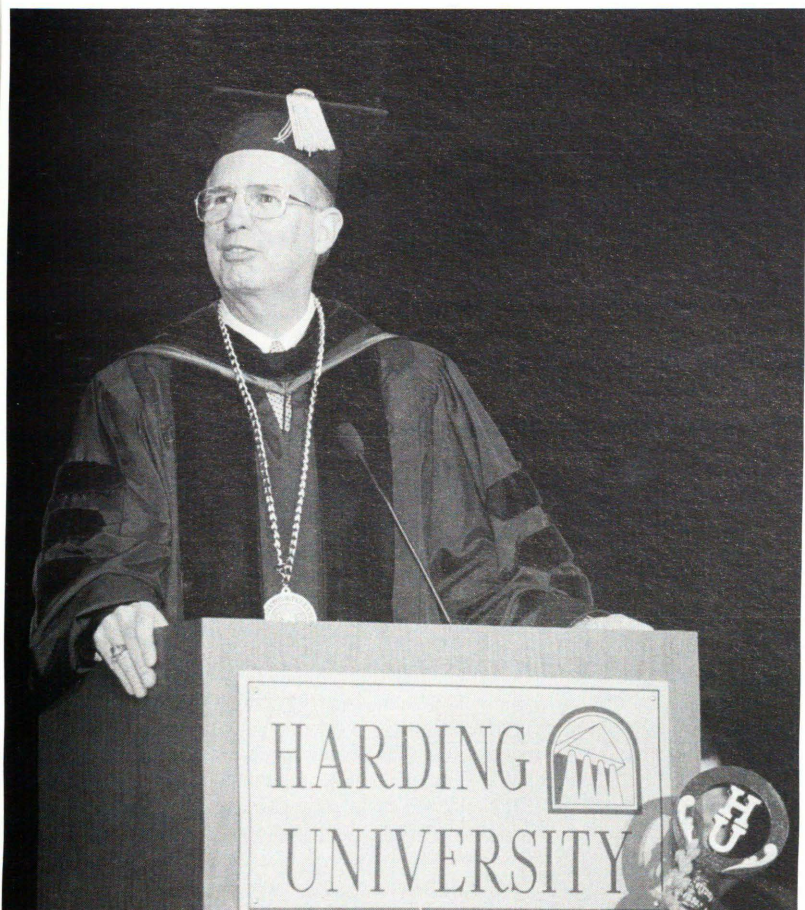


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**President David Burks** welcomes graduates, along with their friends and family, to the spring 2001 graduation ceremony in the Ganus Athletic Center. Burks served as master of ceremonies, introducing the guests and facilitating the program.

**Joe Yale**, a spring 2001 graduate, leads singing at the beginning of the graduation ceremony. Yale also exhibited his vocal ability as a Spring Sing host his junior and senior years.

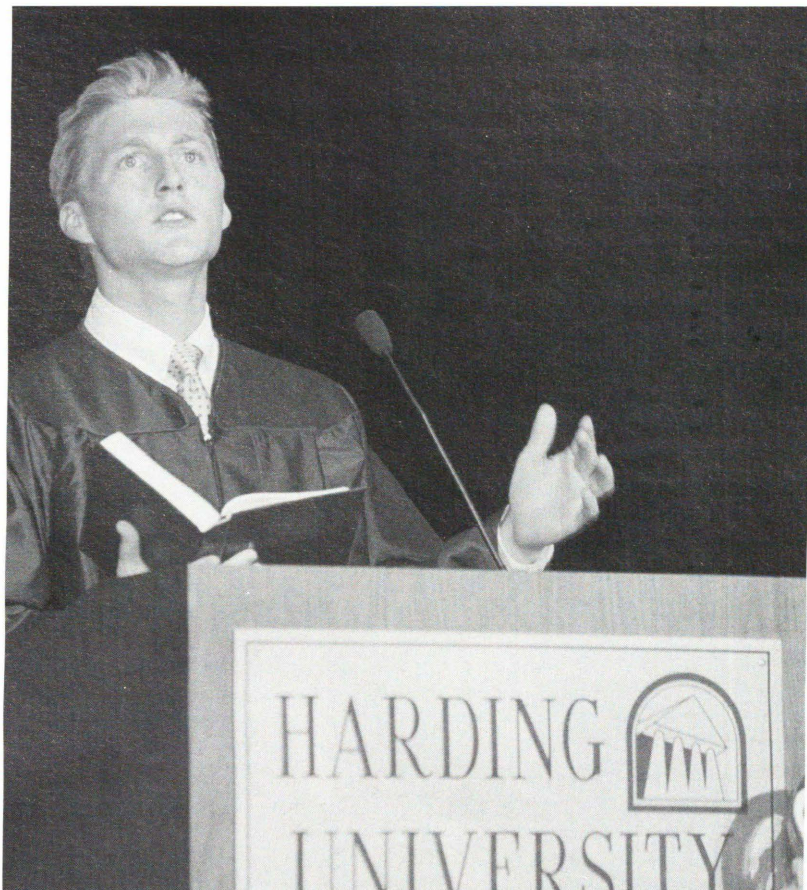


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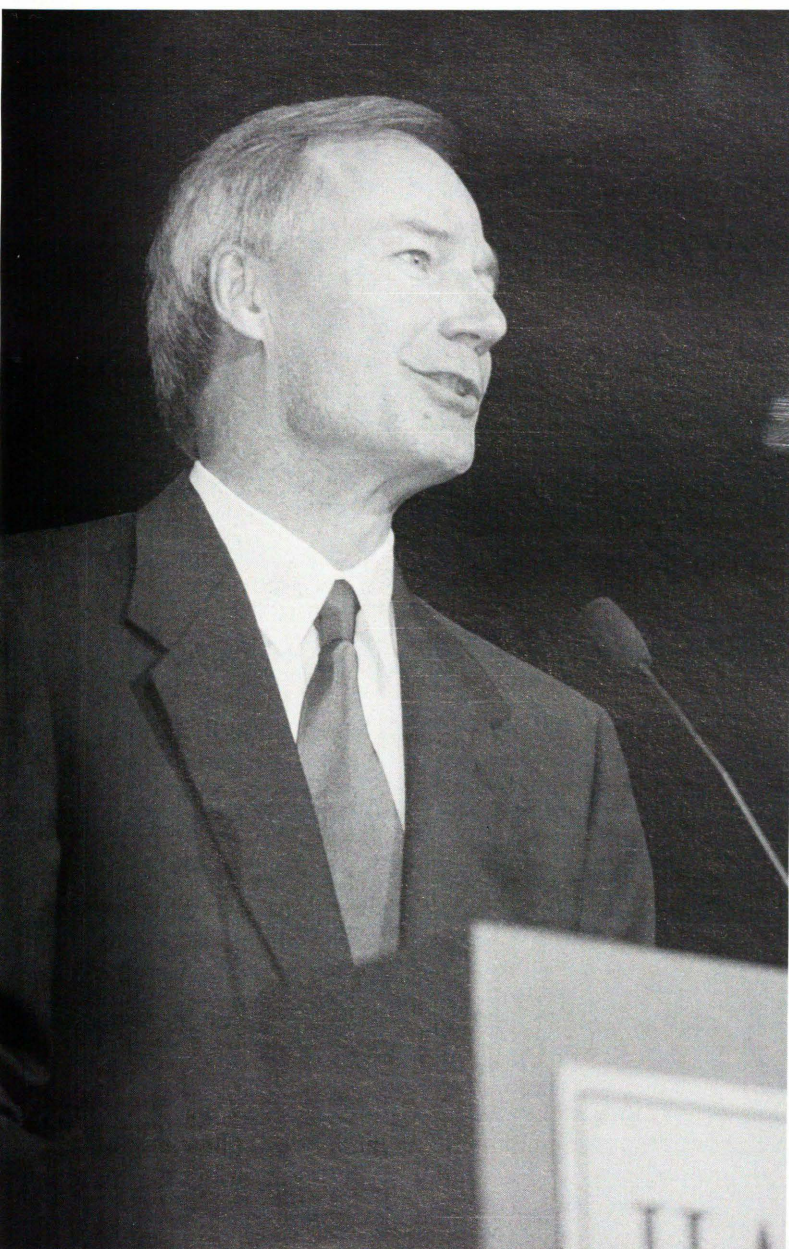


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**Spring 2001 graduate** Matt Milligan takes a moment to talk with Dr. Beckie Weaver, professor of communication. Milligan, a native of Searcy, served as the Student Association President for the 2000-2001 school year.

**Congressman Asa Hutchinson** speaks to the graduating class of 2001, which included his son, John. Hutchinson now serves as administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration.