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Rinsing off after the Student Impact Silly Olympics, freshmen Christopher Schandavel, Garrett Webb and Phillip LeMar slide down the slip 'n slide Aug. 21. Eight hundred and seventy five new students participated in the events that were held the weekend before fall classes began.
•Jonathan Lindsay

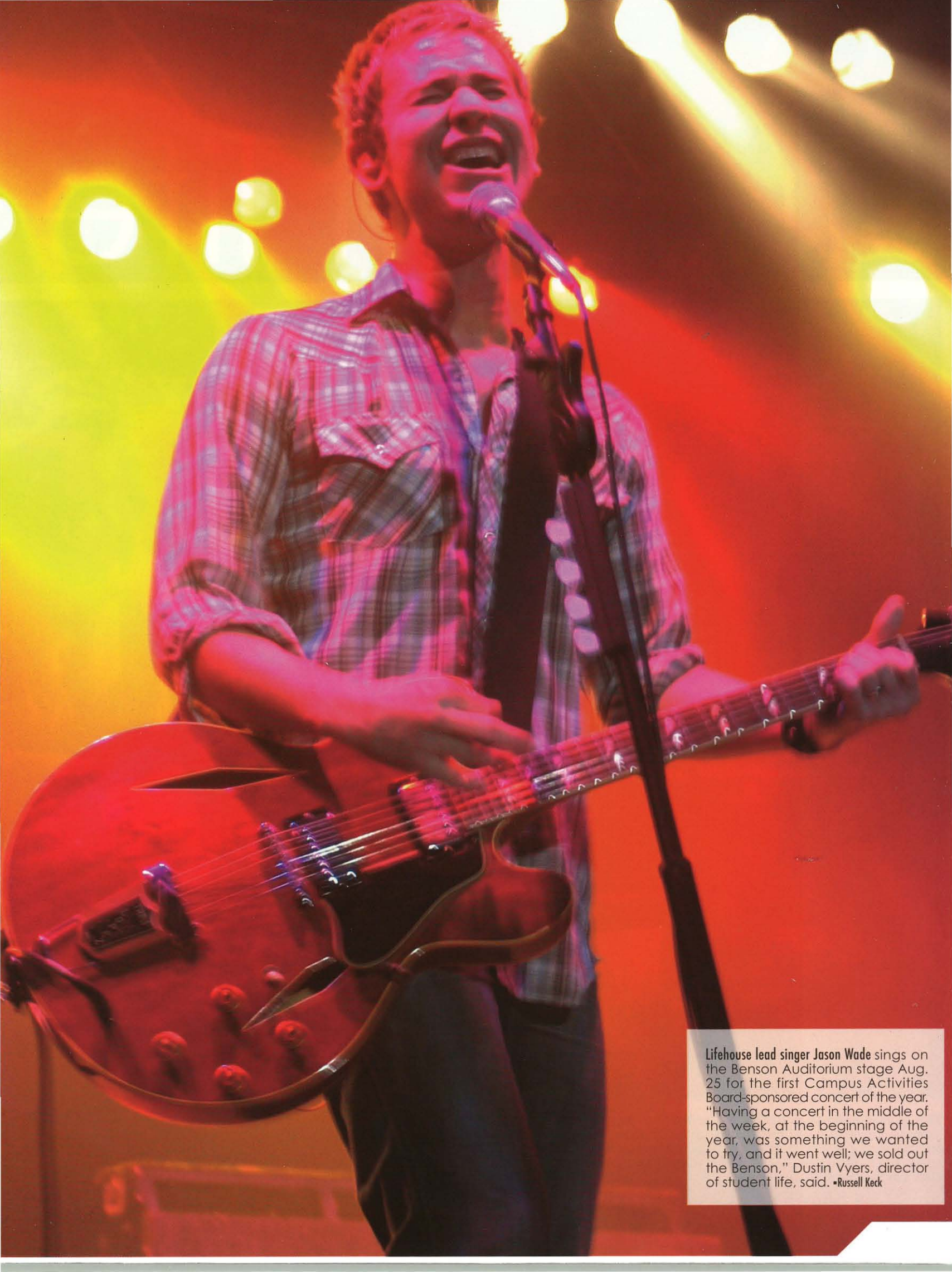
Supporting their team, members of the Stampede cheer for the Bisons at the football team's first home game Sept. 3. The Stampede was started by the Student Association School Spirit Committee in 2004.
•Chelsea Roberson



student life



While playing on an inflatable game on the front lawn Oct. 1, sophomore Mary Johnson hits sophomore Cara Helmuth at the Campus Activities Board-sponsored Inflatable Friday. "We wanted everyone to come out to relax and have a good time," junior Jessie Ellis, CAB co-director, said. —Jonathan Lindsay



Lifehouse lead singer Jason Wade sings on the Benson Auditorium stage Aug. 25 for the first Campus Activities Board-sponsored concert of the year. "Having a concert in the middle of the week, at the beginning of the year, was something we wanted to try, and it went well; we sold out the Benson," Dustin Vyders, director of student life, said. •Russell Keck

Holding the transmitter, junior Marissa Hallee, senior Emily Morris and sophomore Kelli Blank work together to answer a question during the "Thinkfast" game show sponsored by the Campus Activities Board Jan. 21 in the student center. To earn extra points, Blank impersonated Celine Dion and sang "My Heart Will Go On." •Amber Bazargani



think fast

students compete for cash

Fast-paced pop culture mixed with witty contestants and a captive audience was the scene at the "Thinkfast" game shows both semesters.

Sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, the "Thinkfast" game show was a time for students to show off their modern trivia knowledge and win some cash at the same time.

Contestants received wireless transmitters that allowed them to buzz in and answer questions that were lit up on a big screen television. Anyone who wanted to play was offered a transmitter. Contestants who wanted to increase their chances were allowed to play in groups.

During the first round, contestants received points for correctly answering pop culture-related questions. After each question, contestants' transmitters were ranked on the screen. As time increased, the questions were worth fewer points, and at the end of the first round, the four players with the most points went to the next round. The next two rounds took place like more conventional game shows, behind podiums and with buzzers. A prize of \$200 was awarded to the winner.

"I had a good time," freshman John Stewart said. "Even though I had no cash to show for second place, I would do it again."

Senior Phil Burrows won the November contest and the \$200.

"I did what any sensible college student would do," Burrows said. "I wasted it, and now I can't even remember where it all went; it left so quickly."

Burrows gave credit for his quick wit and buzzer finger to his family.

"I would like to thank my older brother," Burrows said. "He was always smarter than me and much better at trivial pursuit. I really just want to thank him for not being there to compete against me because then he would have won the \$200."

Dustin Vyders, director of student life, said the game show, questions and transmitters were rented from a Michigan-based company.

"They come and bring all their own stuff," Vyders said. "It's great; they would even let us write our own questions about Harding and slip them in there if we wanted to."

Vyders said that although there weren't enough transmitters for the entire school, usually there were more than enough for those attending that anyone who wanted to play was able to.

The CAB hosted the "Thinkfast" game show Nov. 5 and Jan. 21. Vyders said that at least 100 to 150 people crowded the student center to play or watch the game.

"We've been doing it for the last four semesters, and we always have a pretty good turn out," Vyders said.

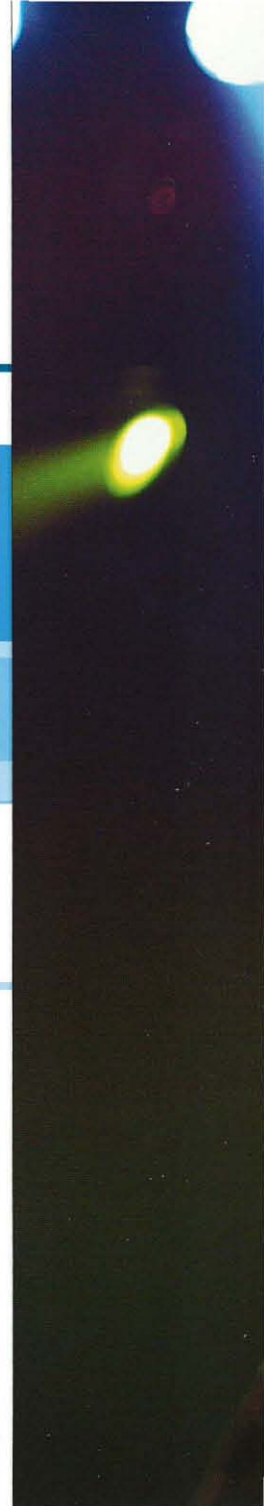
•Austin Light and Andrew Dorsey

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Slicing a watermelon, senior Derek Wilson, Student Association secretary, cuts a serving at the SA Watermelon Party on the front lawn Aug. 31. Members of the SA served students watermelon while introducing themselves and the SA's theme, "Share the Well." •Amber Bazargani

Junior Jake Beveridge and his teammate, sophomore Ryan Dement, attempt to spell a word correctly at the Campus Activities Board and Harding University Dorm Cup Spelling Bee Scramble Oct 21. "It was really hard; they had a lot of medical words," Dement said. •Jonathan Lindsay





Aaron Marsh, lead singer of Copeland, performs in the Benson Auditorium Jan. 27. Copeland performed with Cartel and The Rocket Summer for the Campus Activities Board concert.
 ■Chelsea Roberson



The Good News Singers perform at the All-School Retreat at the White County fairgrounds Aug. 26. "We have the All-School Retreat in the fall to start everyone off on a spiritual note and to get refocused after the summer," senior Josh Bundy, Student Association president, said. ■Jonathan Lindsay

Leaning together, the women of Ju Go Ju, Ko Jo Kai and friends perform as flight attendants in their show, "The Sky's the Limit," March 26, 2005. The two women's clubs won the John H. Ryan Sweepstakes trophy in 2005 for the second consecutive year. •Jeff Montgomery



Covered in face paint, junior Amanda Raibley performs as a tiger in Chi Omega Pi, Delta Gamma Rho and friends' show, "The Fellowship of the Ring," March 26, 2005. "The Fellowship of the Ring" received first runner-up for the John H. Ryan Sweepstakes trophy. •Jeff Montgomery

living legacy

Spring Sing's first director retires, leaves behind 32-year tradition

Every spring semester students spent countless hours working on costumes, choreography, music and developing teamwork to perform in front of crowds and judges as they competed for the Jack H. Ryan Sweepstakes trophy.

Since its inception in 1973, Spring Sing was under the direction of Dr. Jack Ryan and attracted thousands of Harding parents, alumni and friends from all over the country every Easter weekend. But after the 2005 show and years of dedication to the production and the people, Ryan, the trophy's namesake, retired from his position.

"I liked too much of what I was doing, but I just knew that it was time for me to leave," Ryan said.

Dr. Steve Frye, associate professor of communication, and Cindee Stockstill, director of musical productions, took over Ryan's position as the new Spring Sing directors beginning with the 2006 production.

"Dr. Ryan was a mentor to me," Frye said. "There is almost a father-son relationship with us."

Spring Sing was one of the most influential, involved, student productions in Harding's history, Stockstill said. Because of those reasons, Stockstill said she enjoyed working on the production.

"The beauty of this job is getting to work with the students — seeing the camaraderie, students working

together on a common goal," Stockstill said.

Stockstill said Ryan often stated the importance of spiritual attitudes in the Spring Sing process. He emphasized the Christ-like attitude that should be conveyed to the students in Spring Sing, to the backstage staff and to the audience, she said.

"We want to emphasize the spiritual lessons that can be learned," Stockstill said. "The foundation we set with the students is much more spiritual than the audience can see."

Stockstill and Frye said they wanted to use Spring Sing as a ministry.

"Spring Sing is a ministry," Stockstill said. "That spiritual undertone of Spring Sing is what it is all about."

Spring Sing's new directors, though keeping with tradition, said they made small changes to the structure and administration of the production.

"The audience should not notice the change," Stockstill said. "The mission of Spring Sing, developing Christian leadership and showcasing the students' talent, will stay the same."

Senior Jillian Shackelford, 2005 and 2006 Spring Sing hostess, said while she would miss working with Ryan, she looked forward to working with the new directors.

"Steve, Cindee and Dottie [Frye] are great to work

with," Shackelford said. "Steve always has awesome ideas rolling around in his head. It's amazing what he can come up with."

One of the changes for the Spring Sing process was the implementation of a Spring Sing Committee.

This committee was composed of former Spring Sing directors and social club sponsors.

They were responsible for helping the directors focus on spiritual guidance to the students, looking into new possibilities and features for Spring Sing, and involving more students.

"Dr. Ryan provided a great deal of leadership and a sense of authority; our goal is to make it as smooth a transition as possible," Frye said.

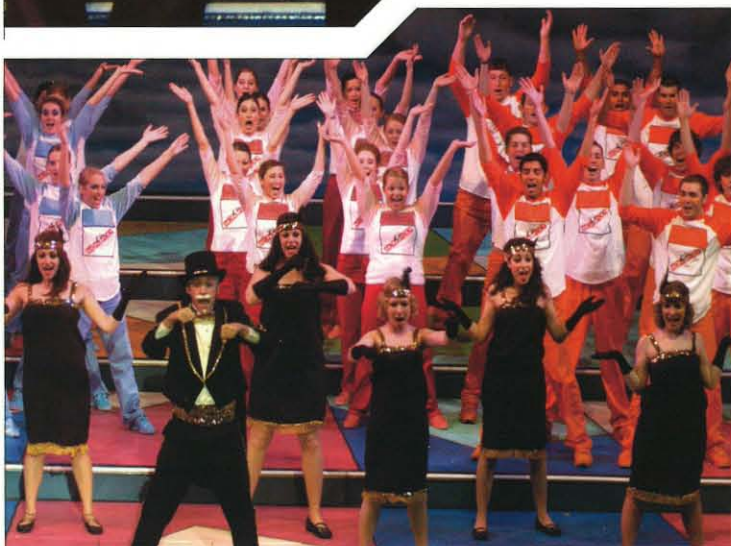
Ryan said leaving Spring Sing and the production side of the show was difficult.

"I will miss being a part of a musical extravaganza that benefited the students," Ryan said. "I will also miss working with such wonderful people."

Stockstill said more than 800 students participated in Spring Sing 2005, with 20 clubs creating six shows for presentation. Ju Go Ju, Ko Jo Kai and friends received the Jack H. Ryan Sweepstakes trophy for their show, "The Sky's the Limit."

•Andrew Dorsey

For all the audience to see, Dr. Jack Ryan, former director of Spring Sing, accepts tickets for a cruise at his final Spring Sing award ceremony as director March 26, 2005. Spring Sing administrators gave the cruise as a token of gratitude for his 32 years of service. • Jeff Montgomery



In their final song, members of TNT, Zeta Rho, Pi Theta Phi, Gamma Sigma Phi and friends sing "River Deep, Mountain High" by Celine Dion during their show "From Baltic to Boardwalk" March 26, 2005. Members dressed in different colors to resemble a Monopoly game board. • Jeff Montgomery



Junior Sean Rodgers searches the stage for germs while he sings in Alpha Tau Epsilon, GATA, Kappa Gamma Epsilon, Shantih, Tri Kappa and friends' show, "Checkin' Inn," March 26, 2005. Rodgers sang a parody of "I Believe in a Thing Called Love." • Jeff Montgomery

transform

Campaigners return home to give back, minister

For three students, spring break campaigns offered a chance to return home and work with local churches and residents.

Senior Caleb Borchers, sophomore Kyle Dismuke and junior Ashley Thompson traveled to their home congregations with other students from Harding to help their communities.

"It helped more that it was in my home state because I love it up there," Dismuke, a sophomore from Natick, Mass., said.

Borchers, who was from the Detroit, Mich., area, led a group of 14 who worked with the Lake Orion Church of Christ and focused on reaching the communities of Lake Orion, Pontiac and Detroit.

"It helped strengthen my interest in working in urban areas," Borchers said. "The suburban church has done a bad job about forgetting the city."

Specifically, the group worked with God's Helping Hands, a benevolence organization, and Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac, which renovated drug houses in dangerous neighborhoods for use as recovery centers and children's homes. Borchers said the small community that stands now used to be a street of drug houses five years ago.

Dismuke returned home to Massachusetts with a group of 15 students led by Mark Simmons to serve the Natick Church of Christ and surrounding towns. While in the area, the campaigners participated in events such as youth rallies and working at nursing homes. Dismuke said that the campaign's focus was primarily aimed toward the community.

In Orlando, Fla., Thompson participated in inner-city work with the Concord and Midtown churches of Christ. With her father serving as minister

for the Midtown church, that service was personal for Thompson.

"I've always been involved with inner-city work," Thompson said. "You get to offer the kids something they don't get at home."

Having been aware of inner-city mission work since she was 6 years old, Thompson had the opportunity to witness the effects of helping others over time in her home congregation.

"If you just help somebody, even if it's just a little bit, it can change their lives," Thompson said.

Furthermore, Dismuke was impressed by the immediate impact that the Natick campaigners had on his home congregation.

"The presence the church had there could be seen," Dismuke said. "I didn't really think people were going to be that receptive to what we had to offer."

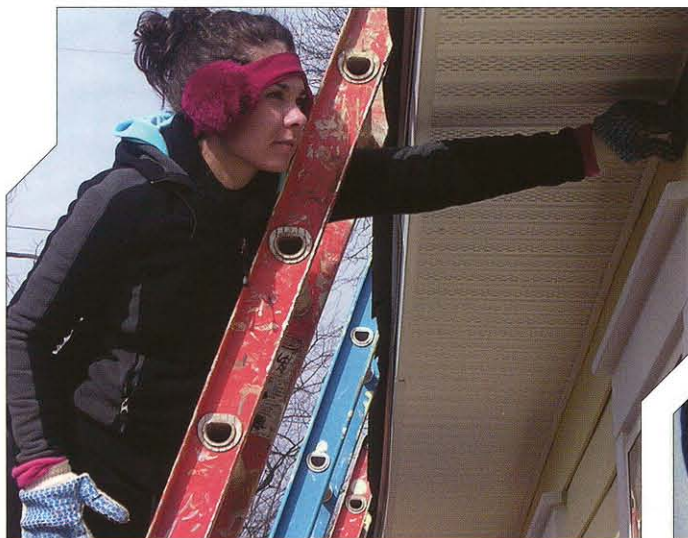
Despite the differences in location and types of work, all three campaigners said they benefitted from their campaigns.

"The gratification of your trip lasts so much longer when you do something that's mission oriented," Borchers said. "I would definitely say to do it. I believe you would have as much or more fun doing that as a vacation experience."

Thompson said she agreed that spring break campaigns were worth sacrificing a week of vacation from school.

"You feel like you've done something for God instead of putting Him behind," Thompson said.

•Jillian Hicks



Stretching to reach, junior Heather Wilson paints the trim of a community member's house in Snellville, Ga., March 9, 2005. The Snellville campaign spent two days priming and painting the house, Wilson said. •Daniel Caceres



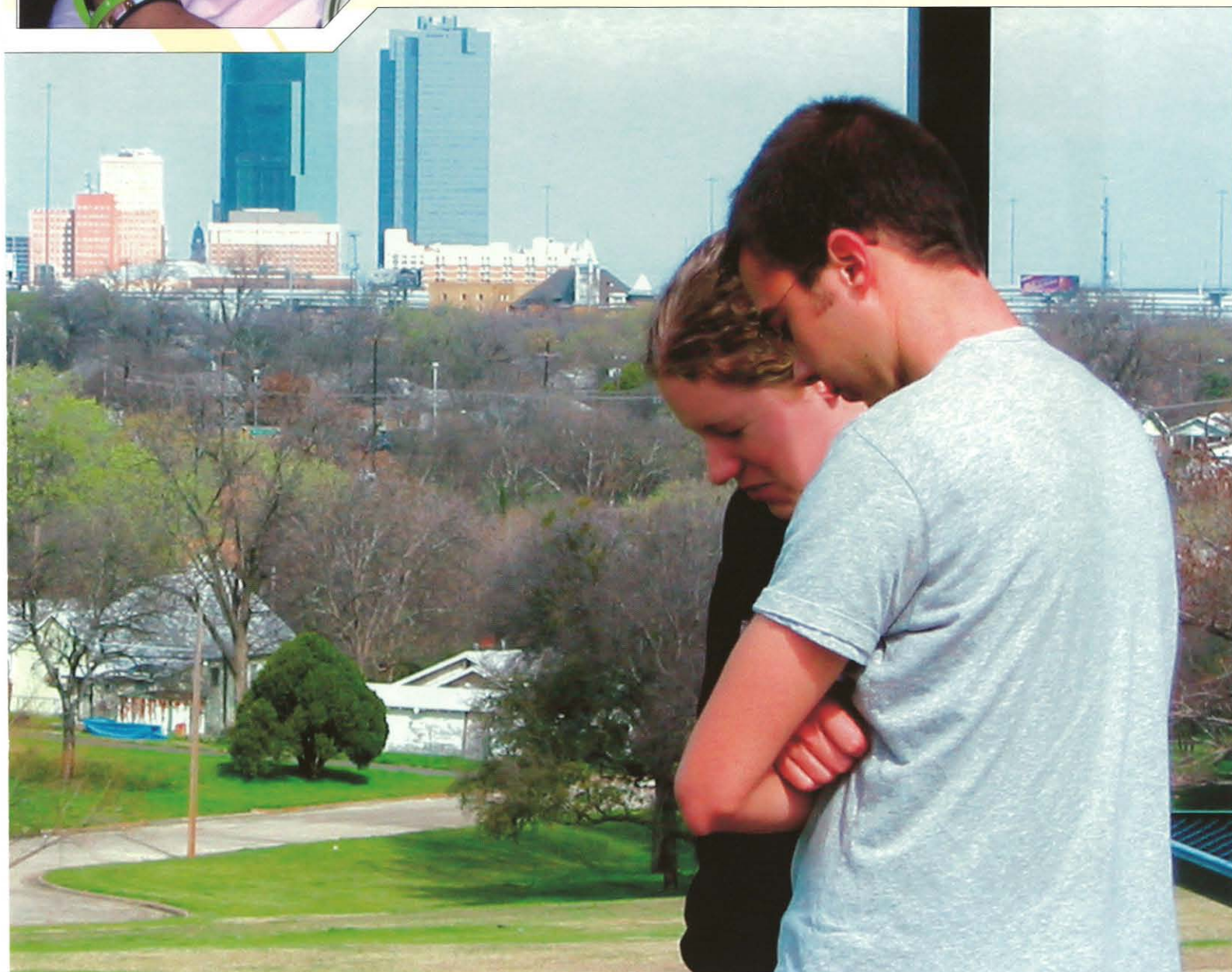
Hammer in hand, senior Caleb Borchers works to renovate a former drug house March 8, 2005, in Pontiac, Mich. The campaigners worked with Grace Centers of Hope to refurbish the house to be used as a children's home. •Cynthia Noah





Junior Ally Wilson enjoys a meal with her host parent's daughter, Arianna, March 11, 2005, in Orlando, Fla. Campaigners stayed at the houses of members of the Concord Street Church of Christ during their campaign. •Courtesy of Ally Wilson

Overlooking Fort Worth, Texas, senior Laura Kaiser and sophomore Greg DeMario pray for their spring break campaign March 7, 2005. Fort Worth campaign members spent the week working with inner-city children and hosting a garage sale, among other projects. •Courtesy of Greg DeMario



Humbling herself, sophomore Keely Alexander washes the feet of one of her campers July 10, 2005, at Gander Brook Christian Camp in Raymond, Maine. Alexander went with a group of 13 Harding students led by Shawn Daggett, assistant professor of Bible. •Courtesy of Shawn Daggett

In Athens, Greece, senior Kendal Glover and junior Betsy Glover play with a refugee at National Gardens May 26, 2005. The campaign worked with the organization Helping Hands while in Greece. •Courtesy of Jeremy Glover



Children stare at junior Brandon Khanna and sophomore Liz Pippins as they teach a vacation Bible school class June 2, 2005, in Singapore. Khanna and Pippins taught children about the conversion of the Philippian jailer from Acts 16. •Courtesy of Dwight Smith

Taking turns playing with a ball, graduate student Jeremy Glover entertains Fatima, an Iranian refugee, June 7, 2005. Glover and his campaign group focused on helping the refugees in Athens, Greece. •Courtesy of Jeremy Glover



Seniors Rachel Zetterburg and Lauren White, freshman Leigh Hutchinson and sophomore Abby Howard, from the New Zealand South campaign, mimic a road sign in June 2005 at Land's End. The group spent six weeks letterboxing in Dunedin and Invercargill. •Courtesy of Leigh Hutchinson



opportunity

Athens, Greece, campaign assists refugees, families

Imagine leaving home and moving 2,500 miles from family and culture.

Imagine living in Greece, a foreigner, selling sunglasses on the street to pay for living expenses.

Imagine graduating from a Bible school as a Christian three years later and wanting to go home and share the good news. Now, imagine knowing it could never happen.

This was the story of Simon and Nadesh, a couple from Cameroon, Greece, who moved to Athens to go to school to be missionaries and ended up teaching 14 Harding campaigners a lesson in faith.

Graduate student Jeremy Glover led Harding's first summer campaign to Athens, Greece, May 19-June 19, where he and fellow students spent four weeks of their summer serving refugees and encouraging the church. Many of the campaigners had visited Greece before and some had even attended Harding's campus in Porto Rafti, but this trip was created for a different purpose.

"When Harding students go to the Harding campus [in Porto Rafti], their primary focus is school and travel,"

graduate student Amanda Lemmons said. "We wanted to go back and work with the refugees and help the churches."

The campaigners spent most of the trip working with people they met through the Athens International Bible Institute, located at the church, and Helping Hands, a non-denominational ministry located in the United States that provided food and recreation to refugees in Athens.

When the group was not serving and talking to the 500 people, who visited Helping Hands daily, or spending time with Simon and Nadesh, they stayed busy in other ways.

Some campaigners spent time in the Plaka, a market place in Athens, passing out bottles of water to men working.

Sophomore Eric Aherin said this was his most memorable experience from the trip.

"The first day we went, we were only able to give away maybe four bottles of water," Aherin said. "By the time we left, we were handing out [more than] 80 bottles of water, and they all knew who we were."

The female campaigners spent time with women from the church. While they were there, Nadesh found out she was pregnant and the campaigners threw her a baby shower.

The group also visited Isaac, a local man who graduated from the Institute while the campaign was there. He was sick and unable to leave his home so the group cleaned his apartment and sat with him.

Senior Kristi Compton said she really enjoyed the time they got to spend with the locals.

"Most of the people we were with weren't Greek, but we got the chance to go visit a Greek youth group," Compton said. "Everyone is Greek Orthodox there; so it's really odd to find Christians in the Greek culture."

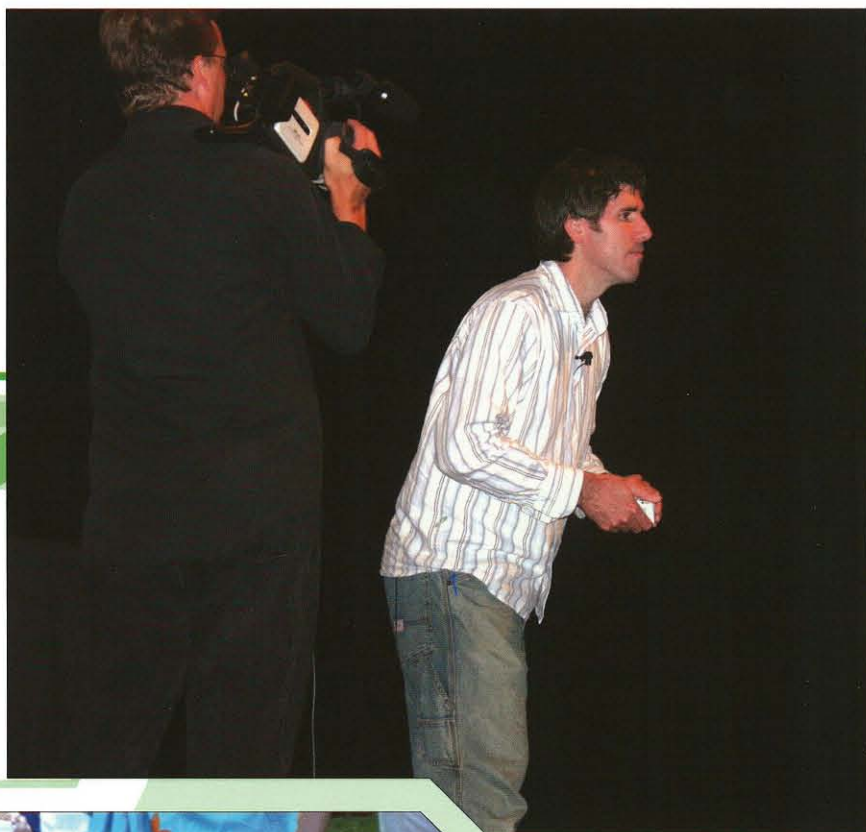
The youth group took the campaigners to the beach and they all visited with one another and sang together.

"It was so amazing in the short time we were there that we were able to get so close to people and really form good relationships," Aherin said. "When we left, it was like leaving a family behind."

•Maranda Abercrombie

Illusionist Danny Ray scans the audience as he looks for a volunteer to help him with a trick Aug. 19 during the Student Impact entertainment. Ray used a unique blend of clever card tricks, humor and faith to convey a Christian message, senior Randi Tribble, SI co-director, said. •Jonathan Lindsay

Trying not to fall, freshman Kari Izard participates in a limbo contest at the Student Impact Luau at President David Burks' house Aug. 19. The luau gave new students the chance to meet freshmen outside of their energy groups. •Russell Keck



Dressed as the Incredible Hulk, Butch Gardner, director of First Year Experience, stops to flex his "muscles" at the Student Impact theme dinner Aug. 20. Students, faculty and staff came dressed as their favorite super heroes and ate foods such as "Spider-man's Webs" spaghetti.

•Jonathan Lindsay



illusion

Entertainer alludes to Christ through card tricks

Illusionist Danny Ray went beyond his job as an entertainer and took on his duty as a Christian by helping to spread the gospel message Aug. 19 at Student Impact, the freshman and transfer orientation program that attracted around 800 new students.

Ray dazzled the audience with many different illusions, while at the same time always redirecting the focus back to God.

Some of Ray's tricks included card tricks, pushing coins through a table and blowing up a balloon with a deck of cards appearing in it.

Another trick involved a ring that was special and valuable to freshman Sarah Goy.

Goy's ring was put into a light bulb on a filament.

"I knew he wasn't going to steal or damage my ring," Goy said.

"But when he took out a hammer to break the

light bulb, I just started to think what I would do if he chipped my ring."

Goy said she was not only grateful for Ray returning her ring undamaged, but was also thankful for his Christian message.

"I really appreciated [his Christian message] a lot because you don't see a lot of shows where people are willing to put the emphasis back on God," Goy said.

Senior Nate Copeland, SI co-director, said he knew that Ray had a Christian background, but did not know to what extent until the performance.

"I just think it is awesome that he chose illusions and was still able to get the message out," Copeland said.

Agreeing with Copeland, senior Randi Tribble, SI co-director, said she enjoyed the performance.

"It was encouraging to see someone have such a unique skill, be able to do it in a Christian manner, and still be entertaining," senior Randi Tribble, co-director, said.

Copeland and Tribble said they were grateful to Ray

and his show because he helped emphasize the chosen SI theme "Who Am I?"

"[Ray] showed that no matter what you are, who you are, or where you are, you can still always tell people about God," Copeland said.

Tribble said Ray was a great example of how any talent could be used to glorify God.

"All of us have different, rare talents, and it is sometimes hard to see how you can use that," Tribble said.

"[Ray] showed that we can take any aspect of our own personality and use it for God's kingdom."

Copeland said this was the illusionist's first year at SI, following in the footsteps of other acts including a professional juggler and a pantomime act.

"I think the illusionist this year just fit really well," Copeland said. "Even though I'm not going to be involved with Impact in the coming years, I am strongly suggesting they bring Danny Ray back."


•Emily Burrows



Flinging off mud, sophomore Jake Wood shakes his head after participating in the Student Impact Silly Olympics in front of the East Married Apartments Aug. 21. After the mud fights, signs on the doors of men's dorms told students to shower in their own dorms to avoid clogging the men's community showers. •Russell Keck



Freshman Ellen Mendenhall plants a tree as part of an energy group service project Aug. 20. Butch Gardner, director of First Year Experience, said there were 40 energy groups during Student Impact this year. •Jonathan Lindsay



Giving away his magic mirror, the Beast, played by graduate student Sam Peters, talks to Belle, played by junior Lindsay Hoggatt, in the Homecoming musical "Beauty and the Beast" Oct. 25. "Beauty and the Beast" was the first musical to sell out in the Benson Auditorium. •Jeff Montgomery

Looking over a note, sophomore Bethany Smith and freshman Melinda Birdwell wear mismatched clothes in the student center Oct. 27. Homecoming week offered students the opportunity to dress as their majors, wear mismatched clothes, and dress in black and gold. •Jonathan Lindsay



bison bash

No bison brings new tradition

The Student Association added new excitement to traditional activities during Homecoming weekend, Oct. 28-29, with the Bison Bash, a group of activities held Friday night to prepare the crowd for the football game Saturday night.

The new activities included the traditional bonfire, a band, a beat-boxing competition and a car bash, the reason behind the Bison Bash name.

Senior Josh Bundy, Student Association president, said Homecoming weekend was changed this year because of a price increase of an old tradition.

"In the past several years, the school had always hired a [live] bison to do tricks and entertain the Homecoming crowd," Bundy said. "This year, though, because of a raise in cost, we just thought it would be more beneficial to think of some new ideas to make into new traditions."

Sophomore Ryan Davenport, a member of the SA's Homecoming committee, said the SA strived to plan a weekend where students would support the football team.

"We wanted an idea that would really stick and catch on with students," Davenport said. "I think we did it because we were expecting around 200-500 students, and we had more than 1,000 show up [for the Bison Bash]."

The band Ol-Right, composed of graduate student Chris Casey, freshman Brandon Burcham, junior Seth Daggett and senior Matt Pruitt, provided musical entertainment for the Bison Bash.

"I really loved the band," freshman Samantha Cheatham said. "It was a nice touch because you could just mill around and listen to music."

The Bison Bash also offered a beat-boxing competition, which included a chapel announcement with President David Burks rapping, "Sit down, boy, and let me drop a beat, I'm Dr. Bizzle."

Senior Scott Dutile and junior Parker Goats tied for the beat-boxing competition champion, and each won an iTunes gift certificate.

Bison Bash attendees enjoyed complimentary hot chocolate and marshmallows to roast.

"My favorite part was roasting marshmallows because I love the taste of a good, crisp, burnt marshmallow," Cheatham said. "It was a really nice change from cafeteria food."

Although Bundy said the Bison Bash was a success because of the large turnout, some students wished some of the traditions could have stayed the same.

"It made me sad the live bison wasn't there to do his tricks," junior Laura Riley said. "I just really liked seeing the live animal, and plus, it was so exciting to see him run back and forth across the football field."

Regardless of the loss of the live bison making an appearance during Homecoming weekend, Bundy said the feedback for the new activities was positive.

"One of the SA's goals for this entire year is to serve the students in several areas," Bundy said. "I think we were able to do that, along with making it fun and worthwhile for all who attended."

•Emily Burrows

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Roasting marshmallows, freshmen Bekky Robbins and Catherine McMenemy prepare to make s'mores at the bonfire during the Bison Bash Oct. 28. "I just liked how everyone came out to show school spirit; it was a lot of fun," McMenemy said. •Russell Keck

Students fill their plates at the Homecoming picnic in front of the Ganus Athletic Center Oct. 29. The picnic included food provided by Aramark, blow up games and pony rides for children. •Jeff Montgomery





Congratulating the new Homecoming queen, President David Burks hands flowers to senior Erin Reese, Ko Jo Kai's representative, with her father, Joe Reese, watching Oct. 29. "I felt very honored to be Homecoming queen for Harding because I love this university, and the people mean so much to me," Reese said. •Jeff Montgomery



Beat-boxing contest co-winner senior Scott Dutile beat-boxes at the Bison Bash Oct. 28. Instead of having a live Bison, the Student Association hosted the first Bison Bash, which included a bonfire, a car bash, s'mores, the band Ol-Right and a beat-boxing competition. •Russell Keck

Junior Josh Lee leaps to catch a disc in the East Married Apartments' courtyard Aug. 21. Passion for disc games such as Ultimate Frisbee helped spur the creation of Harding's own Ultimate Players Association registered team in 2003. •Russell Keck



Taking a break after class Sept. 16, sophomore Jill Shackelford and juniors Ashley Wiegand and Ian Thomas read the *Bison*. The *Bison*, Harding's student newspaper, was distributed nine times a semester on Fridays. •Russell Keck



Looking for breakfast, sophomore Brad Lawing grabs a chicken biscuit after chapel Sept. 16 in the student center. With the addition of the 10 a.m. chapel in the fall semester, student center workers had to facilitate two after-chapel rushes. •Russell Keck

Worshipping with other students, junior David Easter sings during a stairwell devotional Sept. 19. Students met for the devotional every Monday night in the west stairwell of the McInteer building. •Russell Keck



Sitting in the shade, sophomore Jenna Roosevelt plays her guitar on the front lawn Nov. 5. Roosevelt was enrolled in guitar class where she learned chords and how to read music. •Jonathan Lindsay



excess

Additional chapel means extra 'free' time

For the first time since the 1980s, students received the option to start their day with either a 9 a.m. or a 10 a.m. chapel.

One issue, however, stood between the two chapel sessions and the students in each of them: a 30-minute break period.

Because class times were altered to begin on the hour — compared to the former 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. schedule — students in either chapel had an extra 30 minutes before classes began.

"Every day I come to chapel and wait for those three words: 'You are dismissed.' Then I sit and watch the girl a few seats down from me jump up and rush out of the Benson," junior Matt Niehoff said. "I always see her a few minutes later in the front of the coffee line, I guess she sprints out the door to beat everyone else to Java City."

Some students preferred the change and took advantage of the time.

"Students get to do pretty much whatever they want for a whole half hour. What more could they ask for?"

junior Mike Beck said. "Before class I can check my mail — sometimes I even check it twice just for fun."

Not everyone thought that the lengthened period was necessary. Students like Niehoff preferred to begin classes immediately after chapel.

"We don't need the break, and I'd rather just go straight into classes and get done earlier. You can socialize in between classes," Niehoff said.

Senior Whitney Degge said the change benefitted students. She said she did not mind that there were a few more people in the student center in the mornings.

"It's important to have some time after chapel to become alert before your next class," Degge said. "There is also plenty of time to run back to your room in case you forgot something. The student center might be a little crowded, but we'll live."

As for students with majors that required daily projects, the prolonged break gave them more time to complete their assignments.

"Art majors always have so many projects throughout the year, and sometimes we just don't have enough hours

in a day to complete them," senior Ivy Crosby, a graphic design major, said. "I see it as more time to [make] some improvements on projects that may help me get closer to an A."

Daniel Cherry, assistant to the president, said the chapel change was to accommodate all the students as Harding's enrollment continued to increase.

"At this point, we could fit everyone in the Benson with folding chairs and by seating people in the pit," Cherry said. "But as we [Harding] grow, it's getting worse and worse."

Cherry said the only two problems with the adjustment were fitting another class period into the day and getting people to sign up for the 10 a.m. chapel.

"I see it as a welcomed change," Cherry said. "It gives the students extra time to get some things done and to socialize."

Cherry said the 10 a.m. chapel would be removed spring semester; however, classes would continued to be scheduled at the top of the hour.

•Julie Pye

bullseye

Hunters target their marks, enjoy success stories

It was early in the morning and the smell of dew rose from the grass and caressed the air. The sun appeared in the east, and life began for all who had slept during the night. The camouflage was on; the gun was cocked and loaded — ready for action as the wind whispered the sound of a day that had the possibility of producing a successful hunt.

For three roommates, this was one scene that became a frequent part of their lifestyles. Juniors Justin Sanders and David Saunders and senior Ryan Conn spent as much time as they could hunting. The three looked forward every year to hunting season. Whether it be for deer, turkey, duck, squirrel, rabbit, goose or dove, they would rise with the sun looking for their next big kill.

"It is just something that you are raised on, and once you catch the hunting bug, it is all you seem to think about," Conn said.

Hunting became a way of thinking for the three men, they said. Classes, football and social lives often took a back seat to the love of hunting that the men possessed.

For Sanders, turkey hunting was the type of hunting he enjoyed the most, and all three agreed that turkey hunting was the most difficult type of hunting due to the unique aspects of the hunt.

"Turkey is the smartest animal that lives in my opinion," Sanders said. "It is like a big game of chess. If you move wrong, you lose, and if the turkey

moves wrong, he loses."

For hunting duck, pheasant and dove, the three men used hunting dogs. Labradors and retrievers were the types of dogs used in bird hunting because of their ability to retrieve the wounded game. Saunders was responsible for training the dogs and researching the topic to better achieve success. He read several books about dog training and talked to dog-training enthusiasts about various techniques.

"The number one thing to do when training a dog for hunting is to be consistent," Saunders said. "You have to teach obedience from the start, and everything else will be built upon that."

Along with dogs, they also used an array of equipment to ensure a successful hunt. Four-wheelers, guns, ammunition, bows, arrows, various game calls and camouflage were some of the items used. The equipment that was used depended on what the men were hunting and weather conditions, they said.

Another key element in a hunting excursion was eating what was killed, Conn said. The men ate what they killed in either a duck stew or deer chili.

"It is just not hunting for love of the sport if you do not eat what you kill," Conn said. "C'mon what can possibly taste better than a big bowl of deer chili on a cold day?"

—Barkley Terry

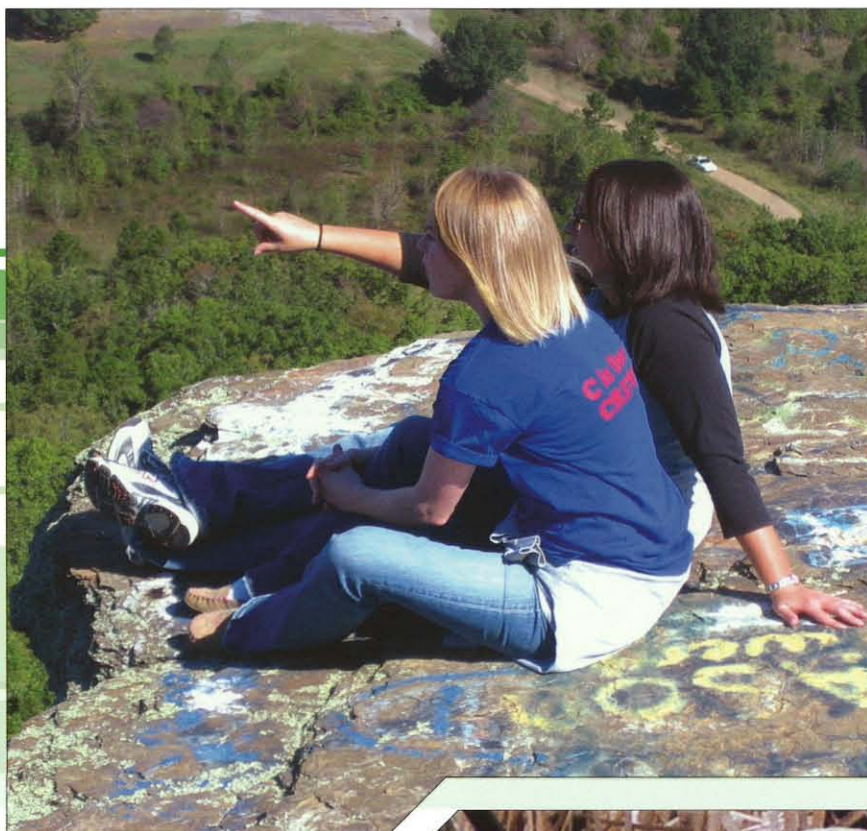


Spraying down a vehicle, sophomore Daniel Conniff and freshmen Jonathan Williams help wash a car to raise money for Hurricane Katrina victims Sept. 17. Men on the third floor of Keller hosted the car wash and donated the proceeds to evacuees staying at Camp Wyldewood in Searcy. —Amber Bazargani



Talking over their meal, junior Molly Truax and sophomore Brittany Baranovic eat at Shorty Smalls in North Little Rock Oct. 22. "We go to Little Rock because there are more restaurant options and more to do," Baranovic said. —Courtesy of Brooke Light





Sitting on the edge of Sugar Loaf Mountain, sophomore Janice Yates and senior Krista Wells take in the view from the top Oct. 9. Wells and Yates were among 46 other students who participated in a Sunday morning church service held once a semester on the mountain top. •Rosa Colon

Stalking their prey, juniors Justin Sanders and David Saunders hunt for duck with their dog Oct. 22 in West Memphis, Ark. The men said that one of the best parts about hunting was eating what they killed. •Brittani Evans



Looking through the dugout fence, junior Amanda Weaver watches her teammates bat at the all-star softball game Oct. 12. "All the teams were pretty equal; there was good competition," Weaver said.
 ■Jonathan Lindsay

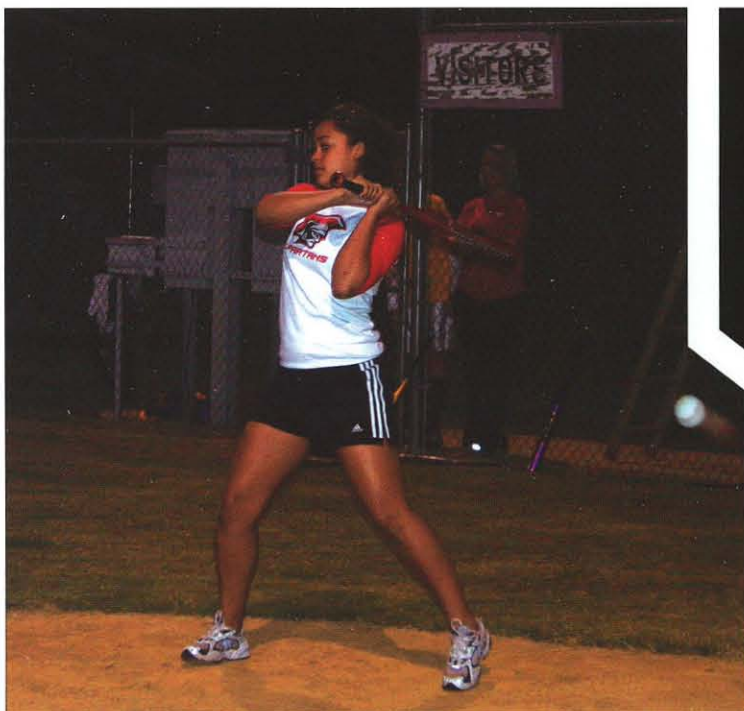


Running down the field, senior Philip Booker tries to weave through the defense at the all-star flag football game Oct. 5. Each year's schedule ensured every team and season was different from the last. ■Jonathan Lindsay



Returning a volley, graduate student Shathar Langston jumps to the net at an intramural volleyball game Nov. 2. Volleyball was the last team sport played during the fall semester. ■Russell Keck

Director of Men's Intramurals Jim Gowen speaks during the intramural award ceremony in chapel April 26, 2005. Gowen said more than 17 students worked toward earning their second jackets for the 2005-2006 school year. •Jeff Montgomery



Tipping the ball for a foul, freshman Ashton Long plays in the women's all-star softball game Oct. 12. "I had a lot of fun and met a lot of good girls," Long said. •Jonathan Lindsay



repeat

Jackets, points, awards motivate competitors

In the fall of 2005, among the students who signed up to compete for an intramural jacket, 17 students returned for a second time to contend for one more jacket.

By earning points through participation, students were able to win various awards at the end of the year.

Despite the large number of returning jacket-holders, Harding intramural sports were accessible to both casual and dedicated players.

Some players participated for recreational enjoyment, entering only the sports they liked, while more serious players, by participating in every activity offered, were able to contest for awards such as a letter jacket in intramurals or even the Intramural Athlete of the Year Award.

Intramurals at Harding consisted of a wide range of activities, including team sports such as volleyball, football, softball and basketball; individual sports like tennis, racquetball and an annual cross country run; as well as skill activities, which were recreational sports like archery, jump rope, and the football pass and punt competition.

Team sports played an important role as they held the possibility of earning an intramural jacket in a single sport.

The number of points earned by a player in each event depended on how well the individual placed. At the end of the year, all the accumulated points of a player were tallied and ranked from highest to lowest.

Those with the highest point totals received an intramural letter jacket, and the participant who obtained the most points received the Athlete of the Year Award in the categories of male and female. The intramural department also recognized the athlete with the highest point total in the skill competitions as the Skill Sports Champion of the Year.

Jim Gowen, director of men's intramurals, said a great aspect of earning a jacket in intramurals was that players did not have to win every game, but simply had to show up ready to compete.

Few people earned more than one jacket because of the dedication, devotion and time required to actively participate in all of the intramural activities.

On average, five to 10 men earned a jacket from the intramural department each year, Gowen said.

Athletes wanting to earn jackets had to earn a total of 3,000 points throughout the nine-month academic calendar.

Scheduling time for the activities was a difficult task,

sophomore Casey McDonald said. McDonald, who earned a jacket in the 2004-2005 intramural season, said that athletes sometimes had to play up to five events each week, depending on the season.

"Every week is very busy, and you must be very organized to be able to accomplish the feat of earning a jacket," McDonald said.

Graduate student Cade Smith acquired numerous honors due to his dedication to Harding intramurals. Smith played intramurals since he was a freshman in 2001, earning three jackets in four years.

Smith received the award of Intramural Athlete of the Year twice, as well as the Skill Sports Champion of the Year three times.

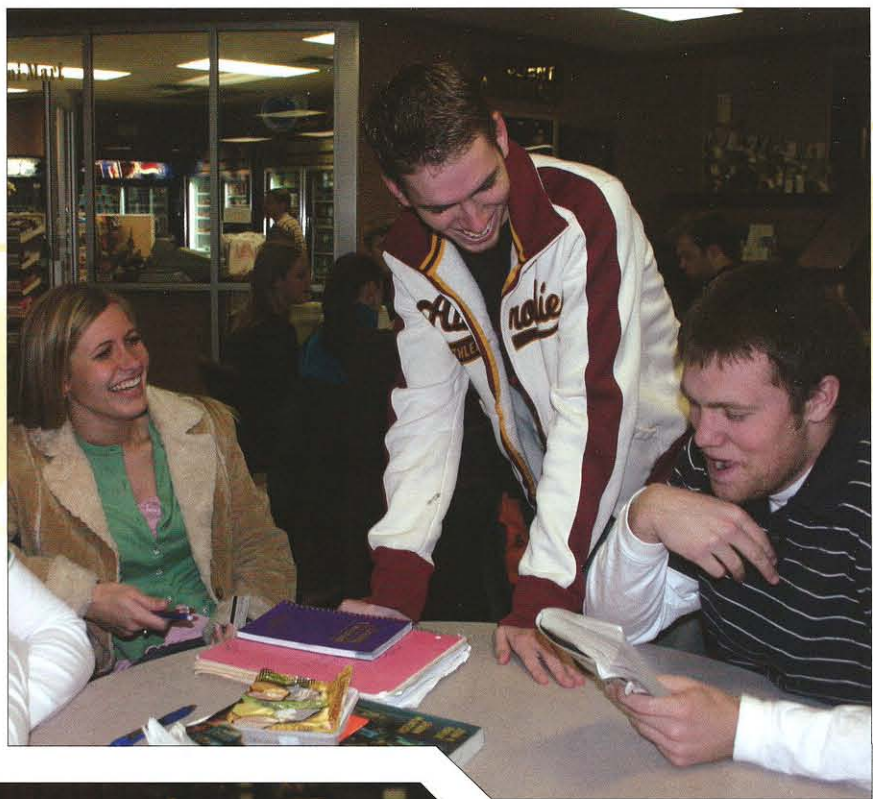
"The great thing about intramural sports is that you do not have to be a great athlete to take part in the activities; you just have to show up and give it your all," Smith said.

Smith said intramurals led him to find many new friends. Intramurals were popular among students as 80 percent of men and 70 percent of women participated in at least one sport offered by the intramural department.

•Barkley Terry and Russell Keck

Taking a break, junior Erin Neal, senior Tim Pruitt and sophomore Eric Young talk in the student center Nov. 16. Pruitt suffered from a heart condition called tachyarrhythmia. ■Amber Bazargani

Enjoying lunch with her dog Lakota, freshman Molly Rummel eats in the cafeteria Oct. 12. Rummel waited for two years to receive Lakota who she said helped her cope with her juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. ■Amber Bazargani



Standing on the front lawn, junior Don Gaines and sophomore Sean Callihan discuss the construction Nov 17. During high school, Callihan battled and overcame chondrosarcoma, a type of bone cancer. •Jonathan Lindsay



overcoming

Disabilities strengthen relationships for some

Freshman Molly Rummel, her mom and her dog Lakota made their way through the student center to the mailboxes. They waited as students swarmed around them, making it difficult to maneuver. Rummel dropped her mail, and Lakota picked it up and gave it to her.

Rummel and sophomore Sean Callihan had much more to worry about than getting up in time for chapel each morning. Despite the pain and difficulties they faced daily, these Harding students looked to the future with support from their friends, families and pets.

Rummel was diagnosed when she was 2 years old with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, which affected her entire body, she said.

"It has gotten progressively worse over the years, but I'm still able to do a lot of things," Rummel said. "I have medication that I take to help with [pain], and I've kind of [become] tolerant of the pain over the years."

Rummel also had osteoporosis which made her bones brittle and prone to breaking.

"I'll just be getting started to walking on my own again, and I'll break something," she said. "There was a time where every six or eight weeks, right as I was recovering from one broken bone, I'd [break] another one."

About five years ago, Rummel broke her hip and was in rehabilitation at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock.

While she was there, a woman told Rummel about an

organization that trained dogs to help people in wheelchairs. Rummel signed up to receive a dog and was on the waiting list for two years. Then, three years ago, Lakota came into Rummel's life.

"She's trained to pick up things for me [and] go get things for me around the house," Rummel said. "Sometimes she can pull my chair. She helps me in everyday life."

More than just helping around the house, Lakota was a conversation starter, which made a difference in Rummel's life, she said.

"She helps people warm up to the fact that I'm in a wheelchair," Rummel said. "She's gotten the focus off the fact that I'm different than other people and made it easier for them to talk to me because of her."

Sean Callihan played baseball all through high school and planned to continue playing in college. After a running practice his junior year, his leg was sore and he noticed that his hip was swollen.

His father took him to the hospital where his leg was X-rayed. The doctor said the injury looked severe, so he sent Callihan to see a specialist.

Callihan visited several doctors, even traveling from Atlanta to Nashville, Tenn., to get a second opinion. They found out it was a chondrosarcoma, a type of bone cancer. A tumor the size of a softball had grown into his hip socket.

"When they cut it out they had to take the bottom half of my pelvis off and they did reconstructive surgery

in the joint," Callihan said.

A year later, his hip got infected with E. coli, so they had to perform a second surgery to take the screws out.

"Now there's no cartilage in the joint, and it's like permanent arthritis every day, every step," Callihan said. "It's really painful. I have a bunch of pain medicine but I try not to take it because I don't want to get dependent on it."

Callihan said it was difficult not being able to play sports, but his friends and family were a constant encouragement and support to him.

"It's hard because you have to go back and be dependent on your parents for pretty much everything again when you have something like that," Callihan said. "So my parents being there is nice to have."

Losing his dream of playing college baseball was a difficult reality to face, but his friends have helped him through, Callihan said.

"I have a ton of friends here, and I love it, and I wouldn't leave them for anything," Callihan said. "They've really been there for me; they've been really supportive of me."

With the help and support of the people around them, these students persevered through pain, everyday difficulties and differences to persist through daily life at school.

"Friends have been amazing here at Harding," Callihan said. "They've helped me get through the times when it really hurt."

•Jennifer Allen

Sharing a laptop, senior Christian Contreras and sophomore Elisa García, Walton Scholars, work in the student center Sept. 12. Harding University was one of three schools in the United States that offered the Walton International Scholars Program to international students. ■Russell Keck



Talking over lunch, Chinese freshmen Yiqun Jia and Xiaohua Chen eat in the cafeteria Sept. 20. Jia, from Hunan Province, China, was an exchange student from the Chang Shan University of Science and Technology. ■Jonathan Lindsay

fútbol

Soccer brings kickers from several nations together

One challenge of going to college was overcoming homesickness. For students living in the United States, it was rather easy, but for international students who did not go home every break, it was much more difficult.

One group of students from the Walton International Scholars Program found that playing a sport they have always loved, soccer or fútbol, was a way to reconnect to their home countries.

Junior Keylor Campos, from Costa Rica, said when playing, he and his friends sometimes used shoes and other items to mark goal posts, to make it feel more like home since this was how they played in their countries.

Senior Jaime Castro, from El Salvador, said from the first day he arrived at Harding as a freshman in 2002, he had played with his fellow international students. He said soccer was how he got to know people.

"Soccer is something I have loved all my life," Castro said. "By getting together and playing, it makes me feel more at home, more comfortable and less homesick. Soccer is a big thing in Costa Rica. It is tradition. By getting to play here and having fun with my friends, it

just makes me feel like I'm at home."

Castro said the international students started gathering to play soccer about five years ago and played either on the front lawn or the soccer practice fields almost every afternoon of the week, regardless of the weather.

"We try to play every day no matter the temperature, depending on our schedules," Campos said. "Sometimes we've even gotten frozen from playing too long. It is just fun."

With added humidity, Castro said the temperature added a weather challenge to the front lawn version of the sport.

"El Salvador has the same hot temperatures, but not as much humidity," Castro said. "I've never experienced this type of weather before."

Castro said that he could see people from different countries and how they played the game.

Even though the majority of the people who regularly came out to play were from other countries, Campos and Castro said that the games were not exclusively for international students.

"I think I'd enjoy it even more if more people would

come out and play," Campos said. "In [intercollegiate soccer's] off season, some [members] of the Harding soccer team come out and play, but everyone should at least give it a try."

Sophomore Jake Wood, though not an intercollegiate soccer team member, took advantage of the open call to play.

"I really missed playing soccer," Wood said. "The international students were the only people on campus who played soccer on a regular basis for fun."

From playing soccer, Wood was able to learn a few things from the international students.

"I've actually learned a little Spanish and some awesome soccer skills from these guys," Wood said. "Even though we come from completely different cultures, we can all bond through playing a game we all love."

Wood said he saw the real reason that everyone came together to play soccer.

"I've gained new brothers in Christ," Wood said. "We have different backgrounds, but we're really all the same."

■Emily Burrows

Cultures collide as sophomore Carlos Bautista, freshmen Ed Bolivar and Rodolfo Hernandez, and junior Tony Haas play soccer Aug. 30 on the front lawn with a group of international students. "Even though we come from completely different cultures, we can all bond through playing a game we all love," sophomore Jake Wood said. •Russell Keck



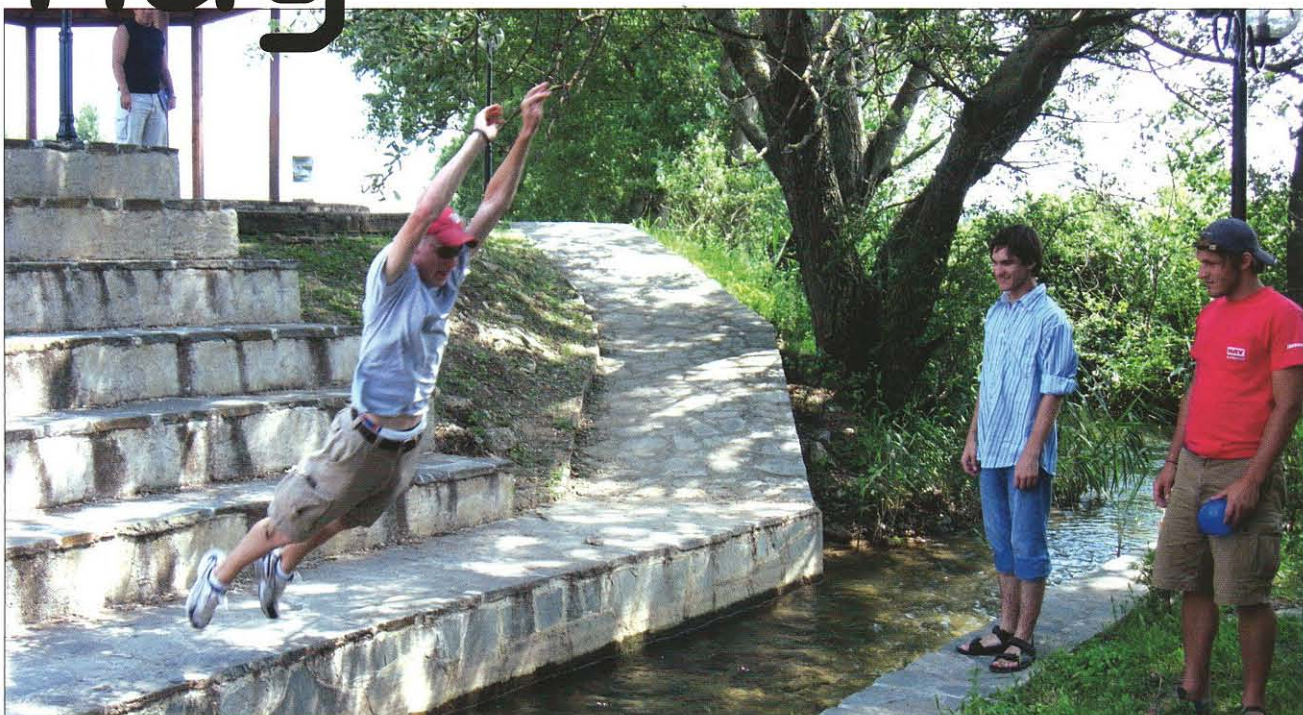
In close quarters, senior Cinthia Murillo and graduate student Carolina Adams work in the Office of International Student Services Sept. 12. The office was home to the Walton Scholars Program, which required students participating in the program to return to their home countries to work a minimum of four years after graduation. •Russell Keck



Freshmen Fei Ren and Ho Yin Wong and graduate students Jin Pan, Zhengzheng Gu and Qiong Zhong talk in the Mabey building Sept. 1 during the College of Business Administration cookout. Sixteen Chinese students attended Harding through the Sino-American Studies Institute Program. •Jonathan Lindsay

hug

Taking a leap, junior Dale Coley jumps over a stream as junior Joseph Tubb and sophomore Sean Boehrig watch while touring ancient Philippi, Greece, June 19, 2005. The stream was considered to be where Lydia was baptized in Acts 16. •Courtesy of Chris Taliaferro



foreign fumble

Junior lands in Egyptian emergency room

Junior Chris Kirk, who attended the Harding University Greece program in the spring of 2005, said he never would have imagined the injury he fell into.

"I was expecting to go overseas and get to see ancient sites, learn more about historical Christianity and learn more about Greek culture," Kirk said. "I knew there were a couple of people who had minor injuries before me, but I never dreamed that what happened to me would have happened."

Kirk sprained two ligaments in his ankle in Aswan, Egypt, in early February and was in a cast for several weeks during his semester abroad.

"I was walking along on a rock ledge talking to some friends, when I realized that I had stepped off of the two-foot high ledge and landed sideways on my ankle," Kirk said.

Kirk and the rest of the HUG group were about to take a trip on a felucca sailboat when Kirk stumbled and hurt his ankle.

"I didn't know it was sprained at the time; I just knew it hurt like nothing else," Kirk said. "I didn't want to be left out, so I still went on the felucca ride and kept ice on it the whole time."

After his ankle swelled on the felucca ride,

Kirk and three other students headed to an area hospital.

"I thought it was a great idea to take me to the hospital to see if my ankle was broken," Kirk said. "But I was kind of scared to go because I only knew the three people I was with, I didn't speak the native language, and I wasn't sure of the severity of my injury."

Senior Daniel Hoeck went with Kirk to the hospital.

"I went with him because they said it would be nice if a friend went with him," Hoeck said. "So I was there for comfort."

Kirk said the group had to stop at two hospitals before he could receive treatment.

"The first place we stopped was in this back alley, and the door had a red Germanic cross on it," Kirk said. "I was a little hesitant, but at this point, I just wanted my foot to stop hurting."

When they tried to check in, Kirk said the group was rejected and told to go to a different hospital.

After the first hospital, Kirk's tour guide suggested they try the hospital on the military base in Aswan.

"I was a little frustrated, but we went to Mubarak Military Hospital," Kirk said. "We went

in and waited for about 20 minutes, and finally a doctor came in to take some X-rays."

Kirk had to go in the X-ray room alone and said it was not the most pleasant experience.

"I was pretty scared," Kirk said. "Sitting on a cold X-ray table in the middle of Egypt by yourself is not my idea of a good time."

After the doctor diagnosed Kirk's ankle and put his leg in a plaster cast, Kirk said the rest of his trip was affected by his injury.

"We bought a cane to help me get around, but it didn't help me out completely," Kirk said. "I wasn't able to climb to the top of the Acrocorinth because I was walking with my cane, and it just wore me out to even get halfway up."

Although Kirk had a difficult time in experiencing some of the sights on the trip, Hoeck said that he and other students were there to help Kirk with whatever he needed.

Even with his injury hindering some exploration, Kirk said it was an unforgettable experience.

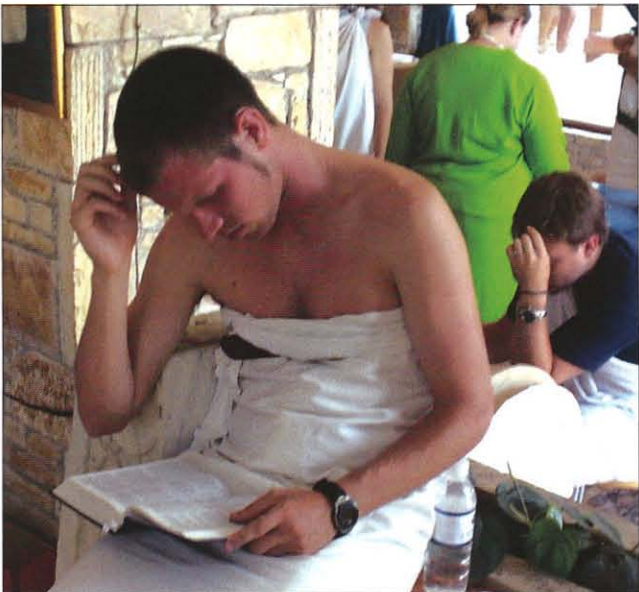
"I'll never forget it," Kirk said. "I can still remember everything that happened that night. There weren't any definite positives of the situation, but it is an unforgettable memory."

•Emily Burrows

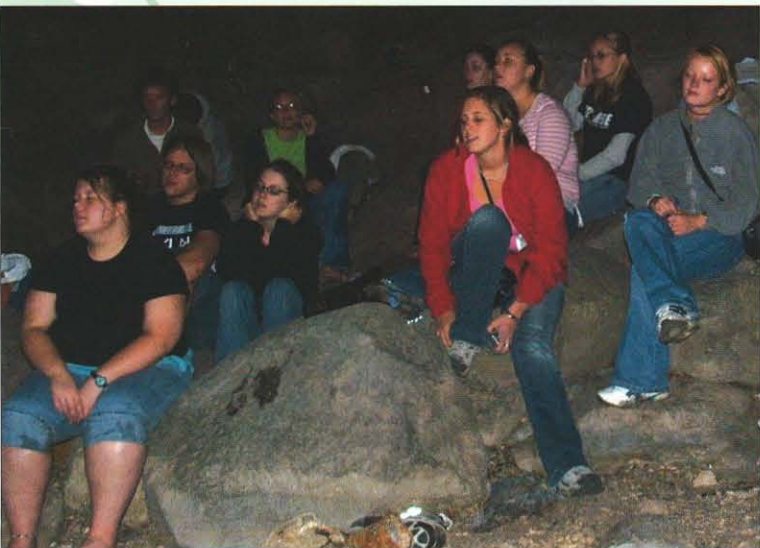


Dr. Ken Neller, professor of Bible, teaches his students at a devotional in ancient Corinth, Greece, Feb. 25, 2005. The students sat in the same place Paul preached at in Acts 18.
 •Courtesy of Daniel Hoeck

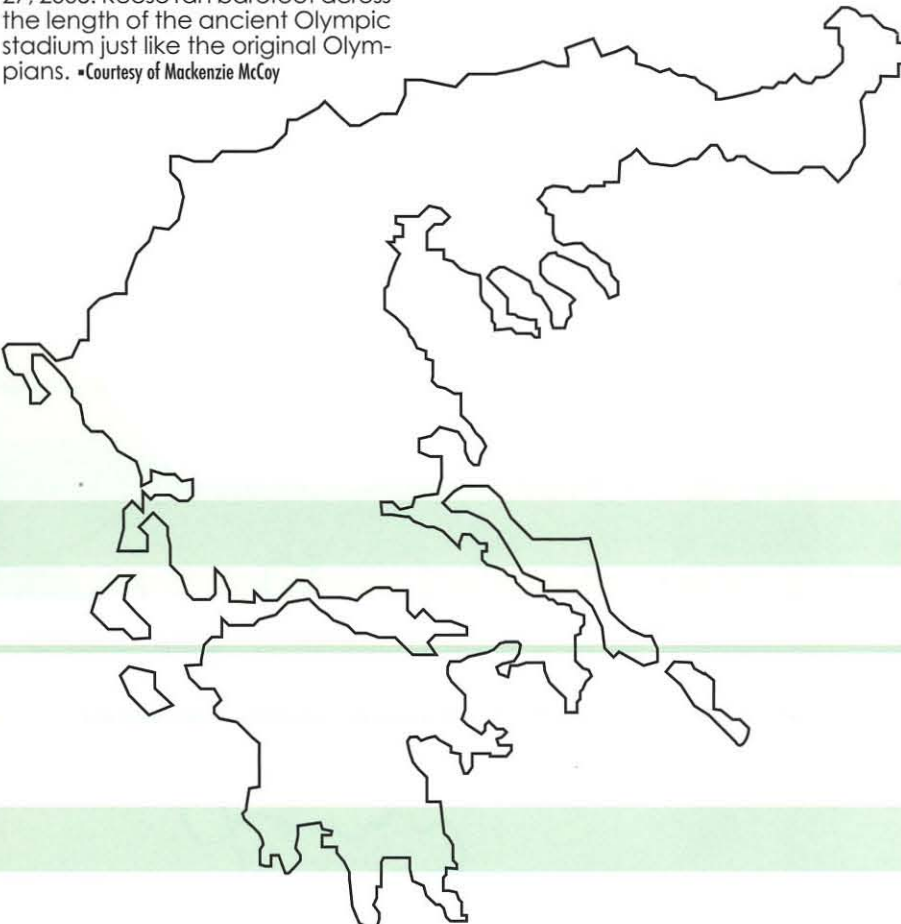
Sitting in his toga, junior TJ Davidson reads his Bible in Porto Rafti, Greece, July 26, 2005. Davidson and other HUG students dressed in togas for the final banquet at the end of the semester. •Courtesy of Chris Taliaferro



Barbara Neller, Dr. Ken Neller's wife, crowns sophomore David Reese in Olympia, Greece, after winning a race Feb. 27, 2005. Reese ran barefoot across the length of the ancient Olympic stadium just like the original Olympians. •Courtesy of Mackenzie McCoy

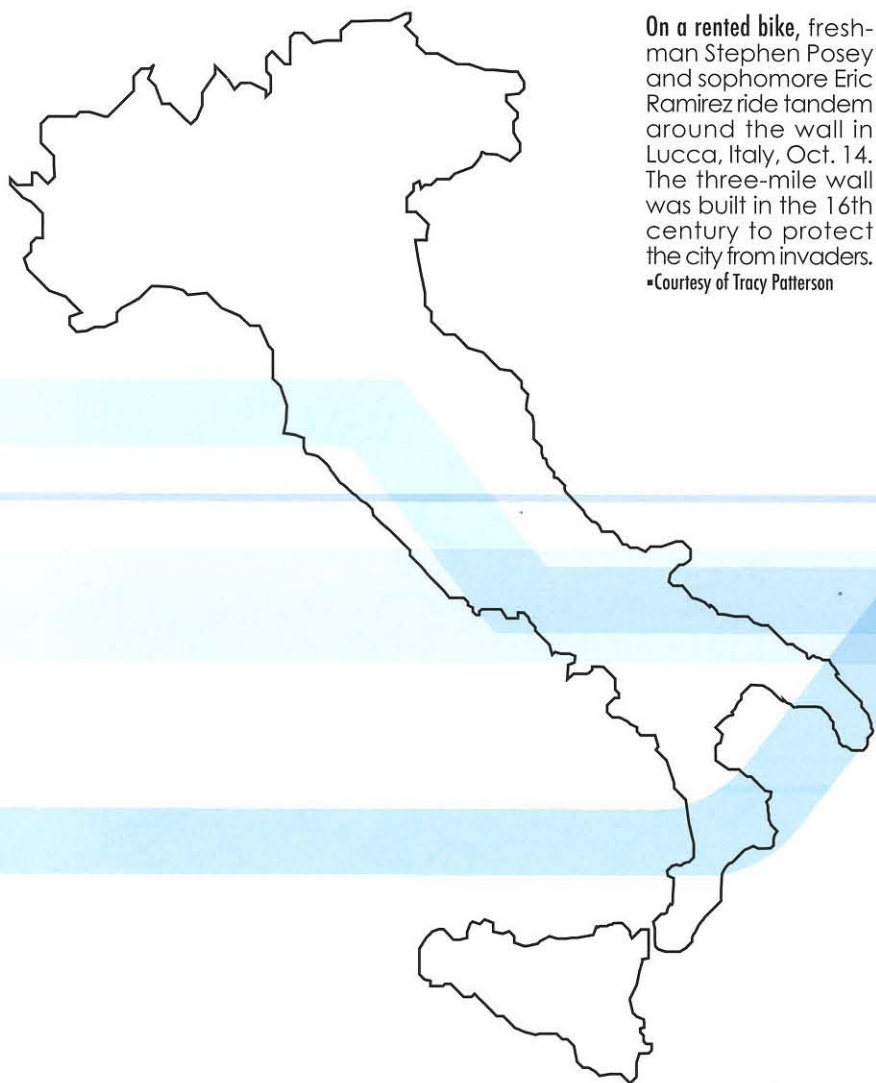
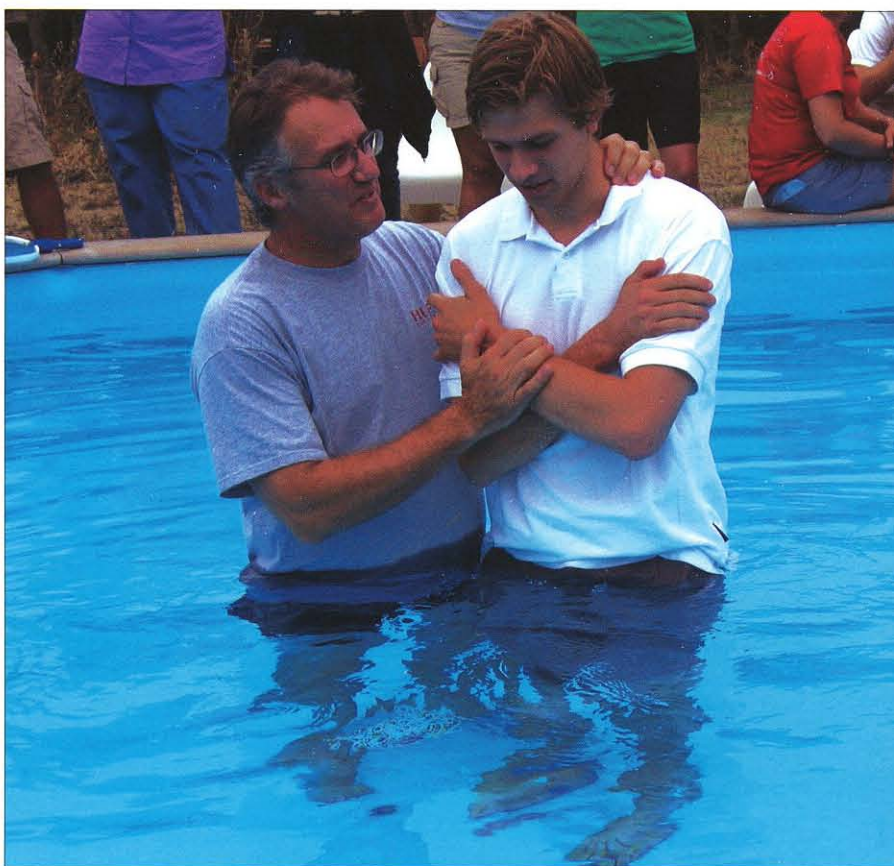


A group of Harding University in Greece students worship on the rocks of the Sea of Galilee in Israel Nov. 1. "It was an amazing experience looking out on the water where Jesus calmed the storm and walked on the water," sophomore Jessica Moore said. •Courtesy of Jessica Moore

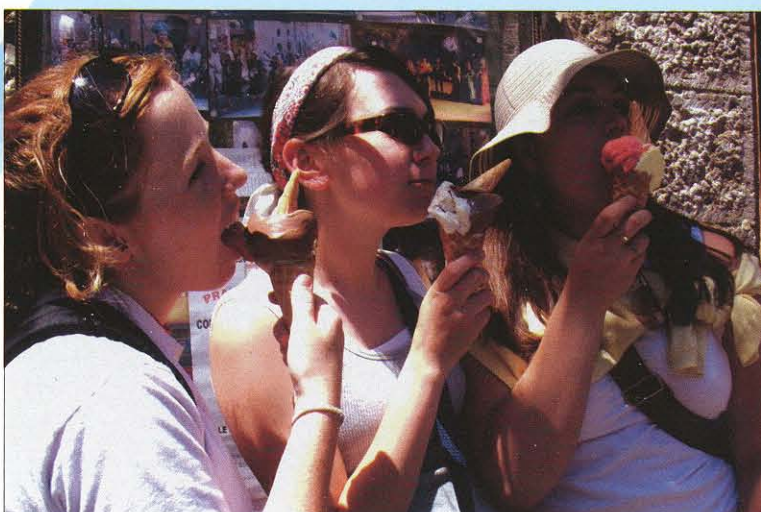


Searcy citizen Evernus Williams prepares to be baptized by Harding University at Florence Director Robbie Shackelford in Florence, Italy, Aug. 1, 2005. Williams visited Shackelford, a family friend, while on vacation in Italy. •Courtesy of Ivy Crosby

Pretending to faint from the smell of chocolate, senior Stacy Faith catches junior Jordan Crow in Monsummano, Italy, Jan. 28, 2005. Some HUF students attended a chocolate festival called the "Three Days of Chocolate" where they sampled more than 100 kinds of chocolate. •Jackie Thrapp



On a rented bike, freshman Stephen Posey and sophomore Eric Ramirez ride tandem around the wall in Lucca, Italy, Oct. 14. The three-mile wall was built in the 16th century to protect the city from invaders. •Courtesy of Tracy Patterson



Seniors Ivy Crosby, Celeste Rose and Christine Guirard eat gelato in San Gimignano, Italy, May 26, 2005. "It was cool because Robbie [Shackelford, director of HUF] would always treat us to gelato when we went on trips," Crosby said. •Courtesy of Ivy Crosby

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Junior Jennifer Cox smells a fresh tulip during her free travel to Edinburgh, Scotland, April 11, 2005. "We planned our free travel to be able to see the most countries in the least amount of time," Cox said. •Courtesy of Emily Anne Dumas



living history

Travelers attend pope's funeral in Rome

People around the world said he offered his entire life to God and his people. President George W. Bush called him a champion of freedom.

Pope John Paul II, the leader of the Roman Catholic Church for 26 years, died April 2, 2005, and the effects of his death were apparent all over the world, especially in Europe.

Harding University students who studied abroad in Florence, Italy, during the spring 2005 semester had the opportunity to see many of the emotions and the impact the pope's death left in Italy.

"I definitely have a deeper appreciation for Catholicism and the people who follow it," senior David Ashley said. "They were so unified through the entire situation."

The pope died after suffering from heart and kidney problems and unstable blood pressure.

Ashley and senior Emily Anne Dumas visited the Vatican City the day the pope died.

"We took one of our finals that morning and then hopped on a train," Dumas said. "I just thought it was such a monumental thing, and

I really wanted to be a part of history."

Dumas and Ashley said before the death was announced, St. Peter's Square was filled with mourning people who were singing and praying, but as soon as the official Vatican statement was given, the crowd erupted in applause.

"I think it is a sign of respect," Ashley said. "They were clapping to show their appreciation for the pope and all he had done."

Dumas said that although they were not Catholic and were outsiders in St. Peter's Square, she did not feel any animosity directed toward her.

"We had some people ask us why, as members of the church of Christ, we cared," Dumas said. "But overall, they just appreciated us showing honor and respect to their leader."

Ashley did not return to the Vatican after the pope's death was announced, but Dumas returned and said she had mixed reactions.

"I went back the next day, the day they moved the pope from St. Peter's," Dumas said. "There was such a calming atmosphere in the square. The people were just so unified; [the

experience] was amazing."

Senior Seth Massengill also attended HUF, but did not go to the Vatican with Dumas and Ashley.

"You didn't have to go to the actual Vatican to see how the people were feeling after the pope's death," Massengill said. "He was obviously a great leader and made an impact on a lot of people."

Massengill said he saw the effects internationally when he went on his last free travel after the pope's death.

"In every church I walked past, in every single country, there was some type of memorial for him," Massengill said. "It was obvious he meant a lot to a lot of people all over the world."

Ashley said he thought the experience was invaluable.

"I just think it all put a cap on the whole HUF experience," Ashley said. "We were exposed to Catholicism in a hands-on way, and it really put it into perspective how religion can totally shape the world."

•Emily Burrows

After stepping off the British Airways London Eye, sophomore Kristen Martin takes a picture of Big Ben, Oct. 25. The British Airways London Eye, which was constructed in 2000, resembled a Ferris wheel and carried 15,000 visitors a day. •Courtesy of Jessica Reed



big city livin'

London's hustle collides with Arkansas pace

What would it be like if Harding had a campus in New York City? Students would be surrounded by millions of people every day. They would fight through foot traffic on the sidewalk just to get to class. They would have subway passes to get around town, and there would never be a shortage of things to do.

While a campus in the Big Apple was not likely, students searching for college life in a big city did not have to look any further than Harding University in England during the fall semester.

"One of the things about the London program that is so different from the others is that we are in this huge metropolis," Dr. Dennis Organ, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities and fall HUE sponsor, said. "It's very crowded, busy and alive. Yes, there are beautiful parts, but you never forget that you are surrounded by millions."

Organ, who taught classes in England during the fall, said that students had plenty of options when it came to recreation.

"There were always 15 to 20 plays or musicals

going on at once," Organ said. "We were right in the middle of the theater district."

Sophomore Erin Younger said that life in a busy city was distracting at times, but the frequent trips to the theater were worth it.

"We got to see great shows like 'The Phantom of the Opera' and 'The Lion King,'" Younger said. "We even got to see 'Beauty and the Beast' on the same weekend it played at Harding."

Students were given subway passes to get around and were permitted to go anywhere in London as long as they didn't leave the city overnight without permission.

Unfortunately, just like sitting in the student center after chapel dismissed each day, staying in a crowded environment could be stressful and taxing on students, Organ said.

"While being in London is stimulating, and I love that part of the program, our students really enjoyed the trips out of London as times to rest," Organ said.

Some of the more scenic trips gave students a chance to escape from the busy city life.

"We went up to the Lake District and it

was so beautiful," junior Krystle Boise said. "It looked just like a postcard."

Another trip to the Lake District gave students a chance to see the birth place of famous writers like William Shakespeare.

"It was so peaceful and calm," Younger said. "You could tell where those writers got their inspiration."

Other trips included time in Dover, where students enjoyed a beach view of the beautiful white cliffs, and Edinburgh, where students climbed up the mountain Arthur's Seat to watch the sun rise.

While Harding's campuses in Greece and Italy were in big cities, the London campus was still larger in comparison.

"I wouldn't even call it a campus," Organ said. "It was more like a row of buildings, located off two busy streets."

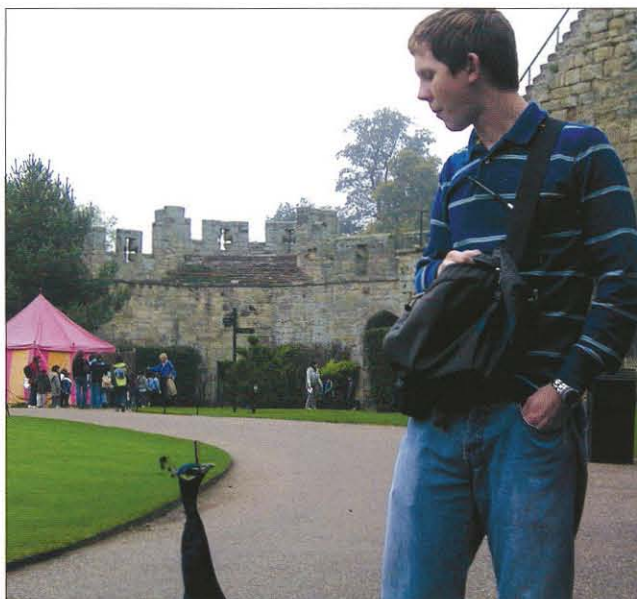
The hectic streets of an over-crowded London were tiring for students, but it made the relaxing excursions to the less-populated towns that much more meaningful, some said.

•Austin Light



Carefully holding the bowl, sophomore Lauren McLaughlin etches a design into a piece of Waterford crystal while junior Andrea Orr watches at the Waterford Crystal factory in Waterford, Ireland, Sept. 16. Students participated in a tour of the factory that was built in 1947. •Courtesy of Lauren McLaughlin

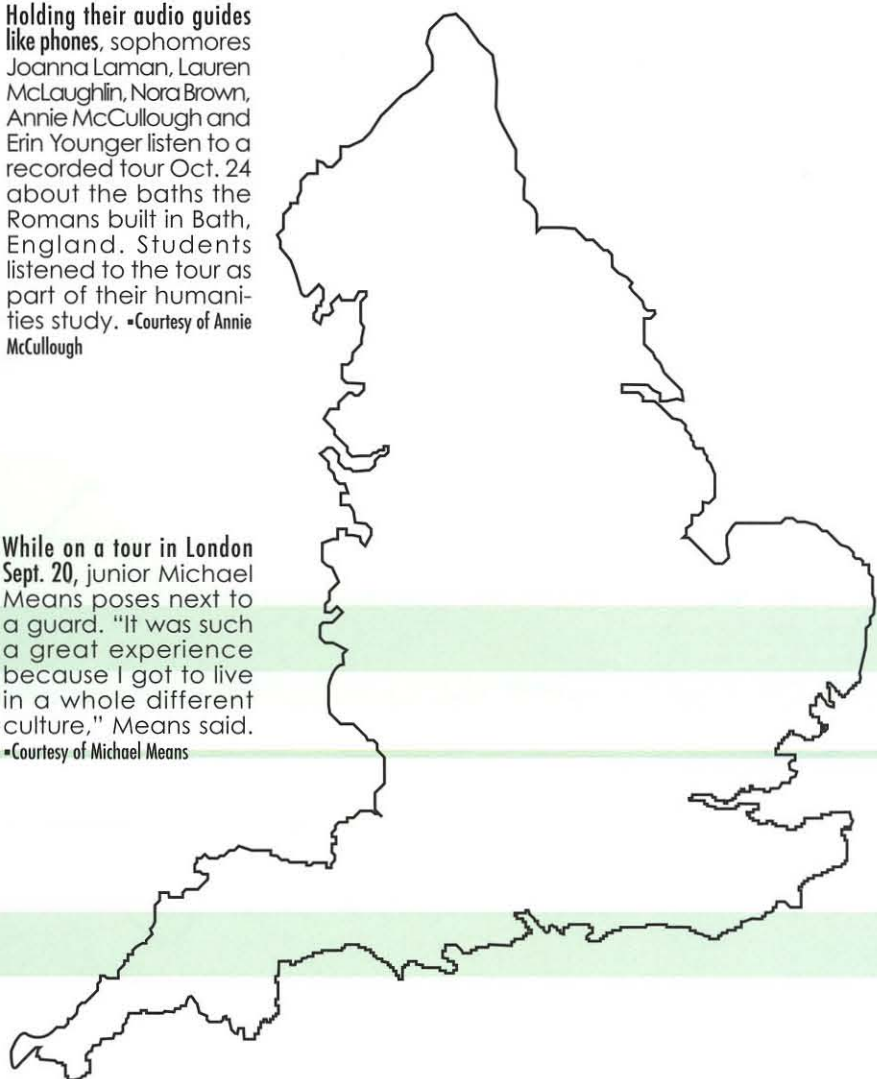
Eyeing a stray peacock, junior Allan Meeks guards his lunch in Warwick Castle, England, in the fall. The HUE group stopped for a bag lunch when the bird came for food. •Courtesy of Krystle Boise



Holding their audio guides like phones, sophomores Joanna Laman, Lauren McLaughlin, Nora Brown, Annie McCullough and Erin Younger listen to a recorded tour Oct. 24 about the baths the Romans built in Bath, England. Students listened to the tour as part of their humanities study. •Courtesy of Annie McCullough

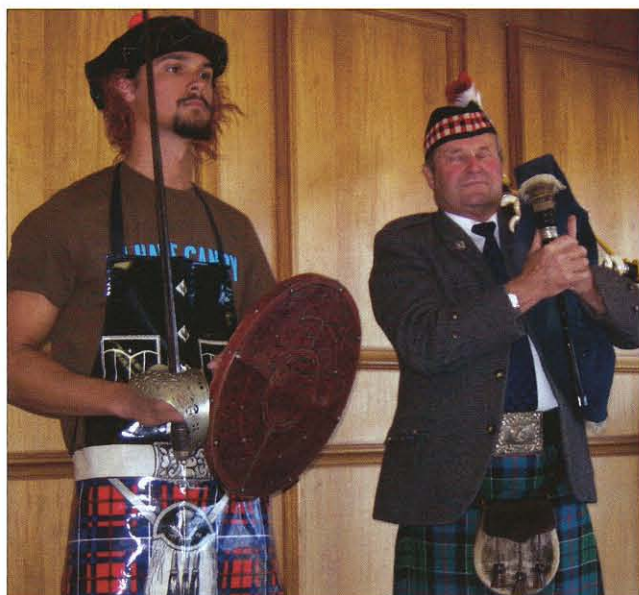


While on a tour in London Sept. 20, junior Michael Means poses next to a guard. "It was such a great experience because I got to live in a whole different culture," Means said. •Courtesy of Michael Means

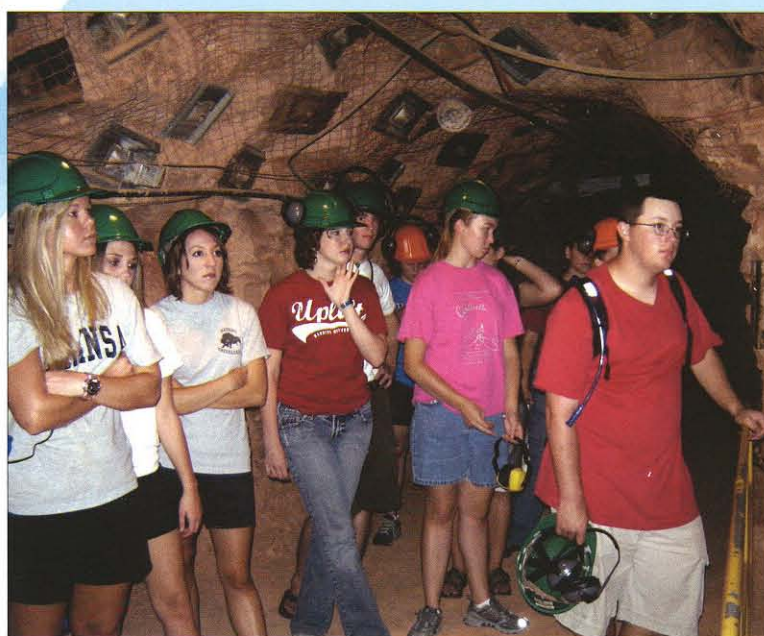
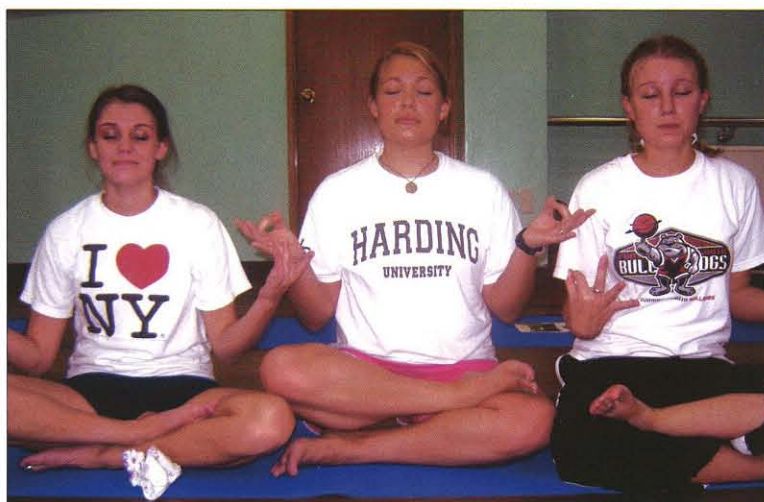


Feeding a joey, sophomore Jes Ellis plays with kangaroos Sept. 23 in Brisbane, Australia. While in Australia, the HUA group learned to crack whips, shear sheep and live life in the outback. •Courtesy of Laura Gilbert

Dressed in a kilt, junior Tyler Stafford participates in a Scottish presentation of haggis Nov. 27 in Davenport, New Zealand. Along with the haggis ceremony, students also enjoyed a bag pipe recital. •Courtesy of Laura Gilbert



Meditating in Gulgalsa temple, sophomores Dacia Roper and Jes Ellis and junior Laura Gilbert practice the martial art Seonmudo Sept. 1 in Gyeongju, South Korea. "I thought it was really fun, but really uncomfortable; I wouldn't want to do that for hours every day," Gilbert said. •Courtesy of Laura Gilbert



Wearing hard hats for protection, HUA students tour the Battery Hill Mine Oct. 14 in Tennant Creek, Australia. While touring the 1930s mine, students had to wear earplugs because of the noise coming from the ore-crushing plant. •Courtesy of Laura Gilbert

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Sophomore Glenn Bush feeds seagulls during a harbor cruise Sept. 5 while in Sydney, Australia. The cruise took students around the Sydney Harbor and near famous landmarks like the Sydney Opera House. •Courtesy of Laura Gilbert



blunder down under

Airline delays cause Australian dismay

Overseas campuses offered students some advantages over life in Searcy. Free travel to exotic locations, smaller classes and shorter semesters were just a few of the benefits of studying at another campus, provided the students got there.

In the fall of 2005, the Harding University in Australia students were scheduled to meet in Atlanta to fly together out of the country.

A group of HUA students met at the Little Rock National Airport to fly to Atlanta to meet the rest of the group. Because of mechanical problems, the plane was delayed for 13 hours, and the uncertainty of getting a new flight meant the group stayed in Little Rock for the duration of the delay.

"It was a very long and very boring wait," junior Danny Bateman said. "Some people who had family in Little Rock went to stay with them, and some of us just stayed in the airport."

To pass the time during their wait, the airport presented the with students vouchers for meals

from the airport's various restaurants.

"It was nice to have the vouchers," sophomore Brooke Hayes said. "But it wasn't a very big airport."

After arriving in Atlanta half a day later, the group was scheduled to fly to San Francisco, Calif., but they were delayed by mechanical problems again and had to wait several more hours before departing.

"We got on the plane, and everyone started saying that their ears were hurting," Bateman said. "Then they announced there was something wrong with the pressure in the plane and we had to get off and wait for another one."

When they arrived in San Francisco around 4 a.m., the airport reserved a hotel for the students so they could rest.

"It was a nice hotel," sophomore Alex Smith said. "We all got our own rooms, and one girl even got the presidential suite."

After more than a day of traveling, the group was tired and relieved to be in the hotel.

"Most of us were not expecting to have to sleep on a plane," Bateman said. "We got to the hotel and just crashed."

Smith said the sleep was much-needed.

"It had to be the best five hours of sleep I've ever had in my life," Smith said.

After a few hours rest, the group left for Korea where they met their fellow HUA students, who had already been there for more than a day.

"We missed the first day of events in Korea," Bateman said. "So we had to have a mini orientation the next day."

Despite the constant delays, Bateman said there was a bright side to the journey.

"The group that was in Little Rock had a chance to get really close," Bateman said.

Hayes said the overall trip was tiring, but beneficial in the end.

"We got to know each other well," Hayes said. "It was an inconvenience, but it was still really fun."

•Austin Light