

leaders

[Throughout our lives, we are led by those whose guidance helps to create whom we are and whom we will become. They help form the person that God wants us to be, which is an **exquisite piece of creation**, a masterpiece in His eyes. Here at Harding, as we make lifelong goals, prepare our hearts to live the lifestyle of Christ and preserve towards becoming the person He intended us to become, there is a significant number of the Lord's servants dedicated to leading us through this journey. **God creates masterpieces** like them to assist in creating masterpieces like us.]

Hannah Beall-
Leadership Editor

[Jeff Montgomery]



hip



135

Thankful student makes huge ADDITION to President's Council

College students were never known for their wealth. Between paying for tuition, books, lab fees and room and board, there was very little money left in their bank accounts. However, despite this shortage of money, one college student reached into his wallet to give from his heart.

During a 2005 chapel devotional talk, Vice President of Advancement Mike Williams spoke to the students about giving to others, speaking mainly about financial gifts given to Harding. Junior Michael Crouch was one of those students and took the message to heart. From this devo, Crouch began to ask himself how he might give back to the university. His determination to "give back to Harding" only grew after that day and eventually turned into action. Because of his generous act, Crouch became the first student inducted into the President's Council on November 4, 2007.

Right before homecoming, Crouch approached the Regional Director of Admissions, Dirk Smith. "He just came in, told me he was thrilled to be at Harding and that he wanted to give back," Smith simply stated. He was quite surprised that a student had come in wanting to know more about opportunities to contribute to Harding. "Typically they do this after they get out," Smith said. "He had all of the qualities for being a council member, so I did the paper work, and now he's on the council."

Crouch is part of the Young Alumni portion of the council, which is made up of Harding graduates 1-5 years out of school. But Crouch is the first to be in his own category.

The President's Council consisted of people who supported Harding by donating

money. That money turned into the scholarships that the university gave. The council met twice a year: once during Homecoming and once during Spring Sing. The members met with Assistant Professor and Dean of Business Dr. Bryan Burks to discuss different aspects of programs and departments that members were affiliated with. The council was made up of around 750 to 1,000 Harding alumni who showed their dedication by giving their input, encouragement and money.

Crouch was an economics and vocational ministry major from Fort Worth, Texas, who planned on going to law school. His passion for giving back to Harding stemmed from his view of the university.

"Harding has served as a spiritual and social platform," Crouch said.

Crouch was appreciative of the aspects that made Harding different. The individual student attention and personal relationships along with the high quality of education and Honors College opportunities provided Crouch with a unique and fulfilling college experience. He decided to give back to show his gratitude. Many students with scholarships do not even realize that those funds are coming from dedicated and appreciative people like Crouch on the President's Council.

By recognizing his ability to give, Crouch was able to help others receive the same benefits of attending Harding that he was given. When asked what he would say to encourage other students to do the same, he was very humble.

"If you love Harding and you want to give back, then this is the thing for you," Crouch said. "Plan now on giving later."

[Hannah Beall and Jennifer Harris]



At the 2007 Lectureship in the Benson Auditorium, Board of Trustees member Harold Redd and wife Joyce were presented with the Christian Service Award on Oct. 3 by Harold Norton at the 2007 Lectureship. This award was given by Dr. David Burks and is awarded to people that live exemplary lives as Christian men and women. [Jeff Montgomery]



Board Member Henry Farrar greets members of the President's Council at the Black and Gold Banquet on Nov. 2 in the cafeteria. This event was emceed by Dr. Cliff Ganus Jr. and honored distinguished alumni.
[Jeff Montgomery]



2007-2008 Board Of Trustees: **Row 1:** Paul Carter (Treasurer), Bentonville, Ark.; Jim Bill McInteer (Secretary), Nashville Tenn.; James Burcham (Senior Status), Kennett, Mo.; Harrell Freeman, Metairie, La.; **Row 2:** Jimmy Cone, Little Rock, Ark.; Harold Redd, Memphis, Tenn.; W. Melvin Gardner, Fort Worth, Texas.; Jim Holsombake, Panama City, Fla.; **Row 3:** Robert Brackett, Vero Beach, Fla.; Rebecca Tubb, Sparta, Tenn.; Henry Farrar, Lebanon, Tenn.; **Row 4:** Harry Risinger Jr. (Chairman), Millington, Texas.; Suzanne Waller, Arlington, Texas.; Roy Sawyer (Senior Status), Sardis, Miss.; John Simmons (Vice Chairman), Columbia, Tenn.; **Row 5:** Pat Bell, Little Rock, Ark.; Richard Gibson, Longview, Texas.; Don Shores (Past Chairman), Cave Springs, Ark.; Danny Hawk, Richardson, Texas.; Mark Wallis, Littleton, Colo.; Steve Clary, Little Rock, Ark.; William Chism, Springfield, Mo.; **Row 5:** Gerald Morgan Jr., Amarillo, Texas.; Roosevelt Harris, Jacksonville, Fla.; David Burks (Ex-Officio), Seacry, Ark.

During chapel on Nov. 2, President Burks gives the day's announcements while flying through the air on Glinda's bubble from the "Wizard of Oz". "I liked flying — it was a lot of fun," Burks said. "Balancing with one hand while I was making announcements at chapel was a little scary." [Chris Hamilton]



President Dr. David Burks crowns senior Kelli Estepp as the 2007 homecoming queen at the homecoming game against Arkansas Tech on Nov. 3. "I am blessed to attend a school like Harding that is filled with incredible people," Estepp said. "It is an honor as well as a humbling experience to be crowned homecoming queen for such an admirable school." [Chris Hamilton]



President Burks expresses

MEMORIES

of homecomings past

As I enjoyed all of the homecoming activities this fall of 2007, I could not help but think back on some of my memories of homecomings when I began in 1961 as a student at Harding University. While we were much smaller at the time, with an enrollment of 1,000 students, the same kind of feelings were expressed then as I heard expressed this fall even though our enrollment was over 6,300 students. People were grateful for their time at Harding and the faith-developing activities that had always been a part of our work at Harding.

I was amazed at the "Wizard of Oz" production and with all of the work done behind the scenes, in the orchestra, the lighting booth and on stage. It seemed like a symphony to me as I thought about all of the different activities that had to come together in a unified fashion for the show to be such a great success. I loved the flying parts.

Then I thought of the Black and Gold Banquet on Friday night where we honored so many alumni who made outstanding contributions to the church and to society. I also thought of all of the alumni we could not recognize but who were making such a great difference in our world. It was hard to even picture

the contributions being made by Harding alumni all over the world. I believed only God could know the extent of this contribution.

I marveled at the football game and the talent of our players, their determination and the great victory we enjoyed. I thought back to victories when I was a student years ago. I was amazed at the success of our students in football, in volleyball and in so many other competitive aspects of life.

I felt a great sense of camaraderie as I talked to board members, alumni, President's Council members, faculty and students over the homecoming weekend. I loved homecoming because I thought it was the epitome of family and what Harding was all about. Harding was about building relationships, forming a family and focusing on God.

[Dr. David B. Burks]



On April 2, 2007

President David Burks visits and talks to the residents of Harding Place. Burks spoke in honor of the 10th anniversary celebration of Harding Place, which was an assisted living facility owned by Harding.

[Chelsea Roberson]

Vice President of Finance initiates BUILDING of new programs

Very few people would do a job outside of what would be required of them, but for Mel Sansom, he divided his time among many different boards, school and his family.

Mel Sansom, Vice President of Finance, had a wide range of responsibilities including finance, human resources, food services, the business office, public safety, the Heritage Inn, the bookstore, the post office, maintenance, construction projects, the print shop, Harding Place and Camp Tahkodah.

In addition to this large role at Harding, Sansom also served on the boards for the United Way, the Searcy Board of Public Utilities and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Sansom and his wife had been involved with this program for several years as volunteers.

Despite his work load, Sansom always found time for his family. Sansom and his wife, Lori, had two daughters whom he considered to be two of his greatest accomplishments. Emily, a senior, and Sydni, an eighth grader, attended Harding Academy.

In regards to renovations, Sansom was involved in the addition of Taco Bell in the student center, the relocation of the drama department, a new dining hall at Camp Tahkodah and the construction of the pharmacy building.

The new pharmacy building would also house the engineering students.

In addition to those two departments, plans for a small dining hall in the building were made for students who could not make it across campus to the cafeteria.

"It will be a grab-and-go type of place," Sansom said. "Students can get a sandwich, soup or salad. It will help out since the cafeteria is on the opposite side of campus."

Having all of these jobs could give one an inflated ego, but Sansom gave credit to those he worked with.

"I have tremendous managers that run the operations," Sansom said. "I just try my best to lead and monitor the progress and stress Christian excellence in the service we provide."

According to Sansom's administrative assistant Brook Light, he was one of the most dedicated and considerate people she knew.

"It is such a blessing to come to work every day and work with him," Light said. "He knows that I don't come with a background in finance, and he still asks my opinions and really seems to appreciate them."

Light also remarked on Sansom's whole-hearted nature.

"When he's at work, he gives 100 percent, and when he is with his family, he gives 100 percent," Light said. "He is dedicated to each job that he does."

[Michelle Greer]

Vice President of Finance Mel Sansom sits at his desk working in his office on Sept. 20. Sansom held 12 other responsibilities around Searcy and for Harding.
[Chris Hamilton]



Students congregate in the student center Sept. 28 to participate in the events of the grand opening of Taco Bell and Grille Works. One event included a game of guessing how many pickles the jar contained, won by junior Aubrey Laroche, with a grand prize of \$50 in DCB. [Jonathan Lindsay]



Jim Carr, Ph.D., Executive V.P.; **Keith Cronk, M.A.**, V.P./Information Technology Services; **Floyd Daniel, B.S.**, Senior V.P.; **Cliff Ganus, Ph.D.**, Chancellor; **Larry R. Long, Ph.D.**, V.P./Academic Affairs; **Bruce McLarty, M.Th.**, V.P./Spiritual Life/Dean/College Church of Bible and Religion; **Mike Williams, M.B.A.**, V.P./Advancement.



Construction workers continue their work Sept. 26 on the new Center for Health and Science which is slated to be complete by fall of 2008. The \$7.7 million facility would be the home of the Physician Assistant program as well as the new College of Pharmacy. [Jonathan Lindsay]



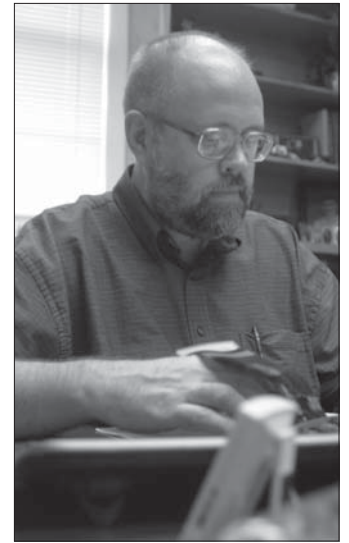
Assistant V.P. and Dean of Student Life
David Collins catches up with senior Bonnie Thrasher before Bisons for Christ Sept. 19. "He's more than just a Dean, he's a friend," Thrasher said. "To me, he's just David." [Jonathan Lindsay]



Registrar Janice Hurd trains her staff in the new degree auditing system in the Ganus Athletic Center computer lab Sept. 19. The Registrar's Office streamlined this year's degree request system, making the application available online. [Chris Hamilton]



Director of Brackett Library Ann Dixon checks the contents of a book as she shelves it Sept. 26 in the library. Dixon had been working in the Harding Library system for 14 years, becoming director after eight years of work. [Jonathan Lindsay]



Mike Chalenburg, Assistant V.P. IS&T, reads a magazine in his office during his spare time Sept. 26. Also in his spare time, Chalenburg devoted time into working with the Highway Church of Christ. [Jonathan Lindsay]

Harold Alexander, M.S.E., Director/Academic Advising Center
Jim Baird, B.A., Mgr/Client Support Consulting
Mark Benton, M.Ed., Academy Headmaster
Nicky Boyd, Ed.D., Director/Walton Scholars, Career Center International Students
William Bridges, B.S., Manager/Bookstore
Mike Chalenburg, B.A., Assistant V.P. IS&T



David Collins, Ed.D., Assistant V.P./Dean of Students
David Crouch, B.S., Director/Public Relations
Danny DeRamus, B.A., Director/Physical Resources
Glenn Dillard, B.B.A., Assistant V.P./Enrollment Management
Ann Dixon, M.L.S., Director/Brackett Library
Lora Fleener, B.B.A., Mgr/Student Support and Communication



Tammy Hall, M.B.A., Assistant V.P./Finance
Greg Harnden, M.A., Director/Athletics
Janice Hurd, M.P.A., Registrar
Donald Kee, J.D., General Counsel
Paula Kirby, B.S., Director/E-Learning and Multimedia Services
Scott Lloyd, M.S.E., Mgr/Media Center A/V



Tobey Nickels, Director/Postal Services
John Nunnally, M.S., Mgr/IS and T Network Services
Craig Russell, M.A., Chief of Public Safety
Marty Spears, Ph.D., Assistant V.P./Academic Affairs
Vickie Walton, Mgr/Heritage Inn



Academic Advising Center offers

AID to all incoming freshmen

Freshmen arrived at Harding to begin their college education with countless different backgrounds, skills and levels of maturity. Few counselors would dare to say the one-program-fits-all was the correct approach.

Each year, advisors met with incoming freshmen to discuss their four years at Harding, and together they would plan a schedule that would try to meet major requirements and demand a logical amount of stress for that student. This was a difficult task for both the advisor and the student when they were trying to communicate important issues with someone they had never seen.

The Financial Aid department learned about the College Student Inventory (CSI) and began urging the Academic Advising Center to incorporate this inventory to their advising program. Acknowledging their desire for a better advisor-student relationship, the Academic Advising Center began using the inventory two years ago.

The CSI was an inventory created after a student answered a 100 question booklet. The test was divided into three sections using a rating scale, according to Director of Multicultural Service and First Year Experience Butch Gardner. When the report was graded, advisors were able to see the student's strengths, weaknesses and areas of risk.

"Each of us learns in a different way," Michael L. Stratil, the creator of the test said. "We focus attention on somewhat different dimensions of the world around us, we have somewhat different understandings of the world, and we strive for quite different kinds of personal growth. We can only achieve our full potential when these forces of individuality are meshed

smoothly with the learning process."

Many students enrolled in college with a high risk of withdrawal or failure.

"Once we get the report back, we have all the information on a server, and it lists students in categories," Gardner said. "What we're trying to do is catch the problem before it develops."

This inventory acted as a useful instrument for advisors and counselors as it showed them an analysis of the student's capabilities and problem areas.

The results were divided into three main areas: academic motivation, general coping and receptivity to support services.

"The results are great indicators of how well they'll do," Academic Advising Counselor Jennifer Allen said. "It's a great tool. Teachers need to be educated about it."

Gardner agreed by saying teachers needed to know more about the inventory so they would use the CSI to its full potential, and they were able to help the student more than before. Harding planned to instruct teachers about the student analysis with the appropriate training.

"Our goal is to help them understand more about themselves," Harold Alexander, director of the Academic Advising Center said. "It gives us the opportunity to help the student find resources to overcome their weaknesses and use their strengths."

The CSI was another step Harding took to help students have a fruitful college education under the help of advisors geared with a powerful instrument that provided specific analysis of strengths and weaknesses.

[Karol Figueroa]

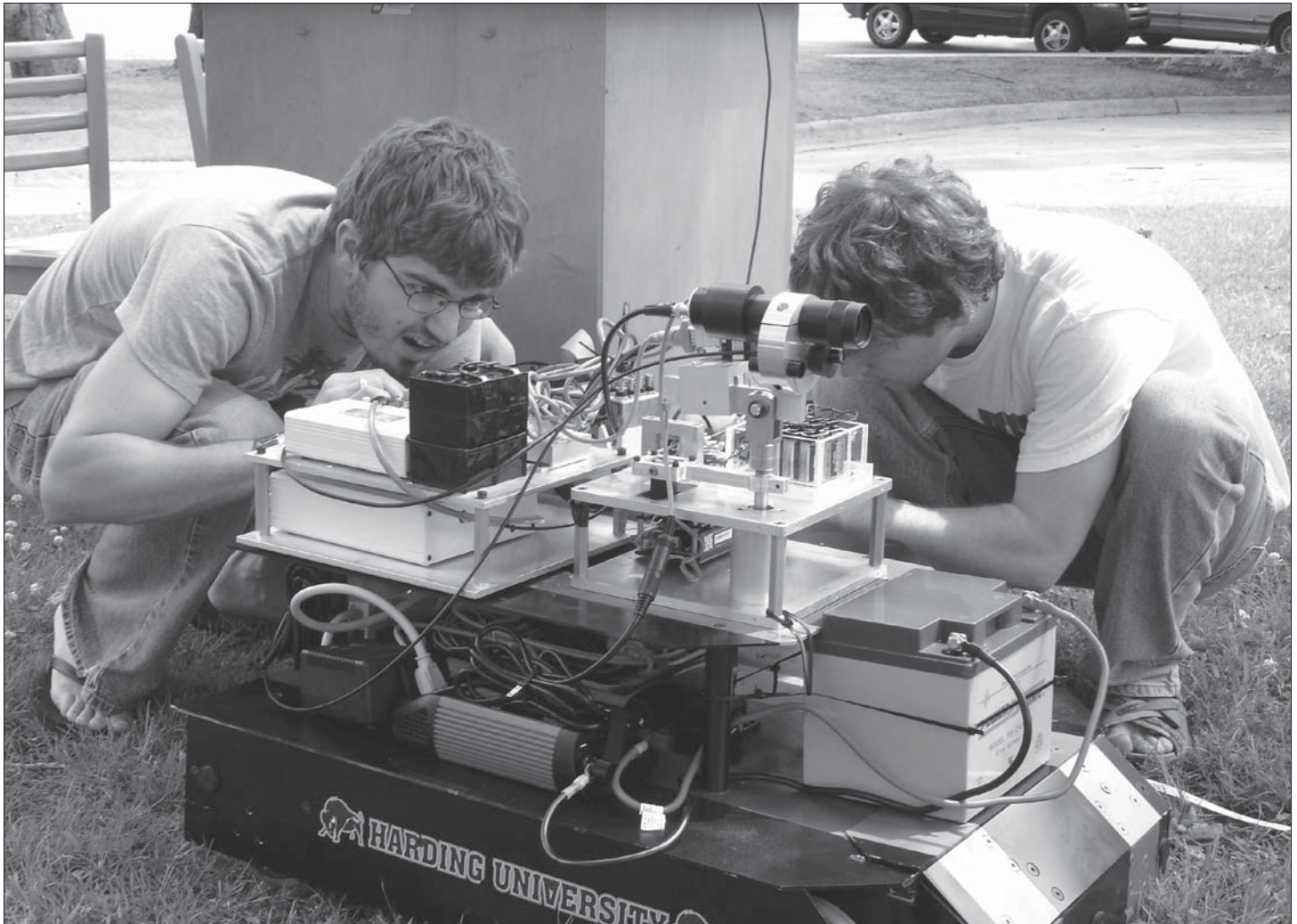


Director of the Academic Advising Center

Harold Alexander advises freshman Jami Kelley in the Center on Sept. 25. The Center provided advising for students who were struggling in certain areas such as time management and/or study skills.
[Chris Hamilton]



Bryan Burks, D.B.A., C.P.A., Dean/College of Business Administration; **Tony Finley, Ed.D.**, Dean/College of Education; **Jeff Hopper, Ph.D.**, Dean/Honors College & International Programs; **Everett Huffard, Ph.D.**, V.P. & Dean/HUGSR; **Dennis Organ, Ph.D.**, Dean/College of Arts and Humanities; **Bob Reely, Ed.D.**, Prof Mgmt/Assoc Exec Dir. ASI; **Cathleen Shultz, Ph.D.**, Dean/College of Nursing.



Seniors Charles Rivenbark and Chris Smeal analyze the Mars Robot Project on the Harding University campus in July 2007. Rivenbark and Smeal were part of a team of student scientists who assisted Dr. Ed Wilson, professor of chemistry, with research funded by a grant from NASA. [Courtesy of Dr. Ed Wilson]

Dean takes on

ALTER EGO

for campus radio station

Listeners to Harding University's FM radio station KVHU may have been familiar with the voice of Larry Parks coming through their speakers, but those listening may not have been aware of Parks's true identity. Parks was really the alter ego of Dr. Travis Thompson, dean of the college of sciences. Thompson came to Harding University in 1985 as a professor of computer science and mathematics, and in 1986 became involved with the University's campus station, then KHCA. So when KVHU went on the air during the 2006-2007 school year, Thompson made it known that he was interested in working for the station.

With his past radio experience, Thompson took on the name Larry Parks and began hosting his own show on the new station.

"I had always wanted to do radio work, ever since I had been in high school," Thompson said. "I had always had the show 'Nightflight' on Friday nights from 7 p.m. until 1 a.m. from the beginning, and the Sunday morning show 'Glorify Him' had been there almost from the beginning."

Even though the station utilized student workers, Thompson said that he volunteered in order to help the new station get on an even footing.

"I let the station know that I wanted to help," Thompson said.

At the end of the spring of 2007, KVHU needed more helping hands with students leaving for the summer. Thompson said that this led to the creation of his third show entitled "Drive Time."

"'Drive Time' in the morning really kicked in during the summer because Dr. [Dutch] Hoggatt and myself were the only ones here," Thompson said.

While Thompson's show "Glorify Him" only aired on Sunday mornings, "Drive Time" was a weekday morning show airing from 5 a.m. until 8 a.m. Thompson said that he most enjoyed his show "Nightflight" which aired on Friday nights and consisted of his own personal music collection of

Americana music from the 50's and 60's.

"Friday's 'Nightflight' was my music, and only on Friday night was my music played," Thompson said. "It was mainly 50's and early to mid 60's, up to, but not including, the 'British Invasion'. It was all pure Americana up to 1965."

Thompson's contributions to the station did not end with his work as a disc jockey. Dr. Linda Thompson, director of the McNair Scholarship program and Thompson's wife, said her husband contributed his knowledge about music from the 50's and 60's to the station along with his expansive album collection.

"When it came to the music of that era, he could not only tell the audience what the song was, what year it came out, what label it came out on, and who recorded it...but also who else may have recorded it," Thompson said. "He had all this music that he could take, and I really think he has helped their offerings a great deal."

Thompson said that the station boasted over 16,000 different titles in their collection, after Dr. Hoggatt, associate professor of communication, and his students transferred vinyl albums to digital format.

After working at the station for over a year, Thompson continued to spend his evenings working at KVHU as Larry Parks, but his colleagues knew who was really speaking on the airwaves.

"A lot of the teachers and staff listened to the station because it was older music, and almost all of them knew it was me on the air. I couldn't disguise my voice very well," Thompson said.

From mild-mannered Dean of the College of Science by day, to radio personality Larry Parks by night, Thompson showed that one could engage in every one of their passions.

[Jared Abelson]



Professor of Math and Dean of Science Travis Thompson eats lunch with fellow deans Sept. 20 in the Founders Room. Each Thursday deans from all colleges met for lunch and interdepartmental fellowship. [Chris Hamilton]



Dr. Travis Thompson hosts his morning radio show on KVHU Nov 2. Along with his weekly morning program, Thompson also hosted the "Nightflight" on Friday evenings and "Glorify Him" on Sunday mornings. [Jonathan Lindsay]

Firefighters of the Searcy Fire Department open encouragement letters sent to them by Harding Academy students on Sept. 12, The Day of Encouragement. Students of Harding Academy took the time during school to do what they could to simply encourage. [Jeff Montgomery]



Andrew Baker, director of the Institute of Church and Family, speaks about the importance of the Day of Encouragement to American Studies Institute members Sept. 11. The idea of The Day of Encouragement started on the Harding campus and made its way to the desk of the President of the United States. [Jonathan Lindsay]



Day of ENCOURAGEMENT

enriches lives and softens hearts

September 11, 2001, was a day that was forever engraved into the minds of Americans. The day terrorists attacked the World Trade Centers in New York and the Pentagon in Washington D.C. affected everyone in some way. The students and members of the National Leadership Forum realized this fact and began looking for a way to counteract the haunting images associated with that day. As a result, September 12 became known as the Day of Encouragement. The day was created for people all over to lift someone's spirit and to let them know they were appreciated.

The Day of Encouragement started with a group of high school students from all over the nation who attended the National Leadership Forum (NLF) held on Harding's campus in June of 2007. Students were challenged to name obstacles that faced high school students today. One group of students decided that the lack of encouragement on a daily basis hugely impacted their lives.

As a way of changing this, a day of encouragement was established on September 12. The day was chosen by Andrew Baker, co-director of NLF, and the students in light of the attacks of September 11.

Senator Mark Pryor of Arkansas read the bill before Congress in hopes of getting more support so that the day might become nationally recognized. The goal of the bill, according to the Day of Encouragement website, was to "challenge people not to just think about the idea of encouragement but to do something that will encourage someone else."

In 2007, 42 out of 50 states and even Australia participated in some way for the very first Day of Encouragement. Harding received a letter from President George W. Bush in support of this effort. Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York City signed a National Proclamation for the city of Manhattan. Many mayors from around the nation, members of Congress and presidents of schools and corporations signed proclamations in support of the Day of Encouragement.

Four thousand encouragement boxes were put together and distributed to the local fire departments, Searcy Police Department and Harding Security along with a large portion taken and distributed to the New York City Fire Departments of Manhattan.

Brandon Tittle, assistant director of the Institute of Church and Family, and his wife, Joy, flew to New York City and presented the boxes to the fire departments of Manhattan along with the Timothy Hill Boys Ranch on the Today Show.

"My favorite memory was watching the boys pass out boxes and seeing the reaction on the New Yorkers faces," Tittle said.

Tittle was also responsible for the web site, www.letsencourage.com, and communication efforts with this event.

The committee hoped of the Day of Encouragement would get more and more people involved and that eventually people from around the nation and even the world would encourage one another.

[Marissa Shepard]



On the Day of Encouragement, residents of the Timothy Hills Boy's Ranch in Long Island, New York, hold a sign supporting the event on The Today Show Sept. 12. The Timothy Hills Boy's Ranch was a place for underprivileged male youth; they also helped hand out 4,000 encouragement boxes to the policemen of Manhattan. [Courtesy of Brandon Tittle]

Music professors apply professional EXPERIENCES in the classroom

For professors, teaching was just one facet of their lives. Many had families, church groups and hobbies to tend to as well. One group of faculty members chose to hone their musical skills by participating in bands and symphonies around the area. By allowing themselves this musical outlet, the professors found satisfaction and enjoyment.

"Participation in the making music process at this level is very fulfilling and personally satisfying," Assistant Professor and Director of bands and orchestra Mike Chance said.

Professor of Music Patricia Cox also felt the desire to maintain her musical side.

"I am first and foremost a musician," Cox said. "I can't remember when I could not play or sing. Teaching is a professional role that I assumed much later in life. I can't imagine life without some professional playing. Yes, it is more demanding and takes up about half of my weekends, but it is fulfilling."

Most people did not know how many hours professional musicians put into their work everyday. For instance, Cox's schedule dealt a lot with her music career and teaching. On a symphony weekend, she put in 16 hours of practice towards playing a concert. The quartet rehearsed one to one

and a half hours per week, and it took about three hours to do a gig. If she did an opera, it would take a solid week of night rehearsals, working from 7 until 10:30 p.m. Most of the time, she drove back to Searcy after the rehearsal or performance. She also played with Little Rock and Hot Springs musicians. Cox usually rehearsed for about two hours, performing the show on the same evening. When the quartet performed Handel's Messiah at the University of Arkansas Pine Bluff, they began rehearsing at about 10 a.m., playing through each piece. After that, they performed the piece that night. The whole process took about six hours.

For these musicians, striking a balance between their professional lives and their passion for music could be trying. However, it was their desire to become a better musician that made them better teachers.

"I believe that I can teach only to the level that I have achieved myself," Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Cindy Carrell said. "If I had never achieved a high level of musicianship myself, how would I know how to get someone else to that level?"

Though they kept a rigorous schedule, the professors felt that their love of music and teaching blended perfectly together and that the outcome proved to be successful.

[Cesia Martinez]



Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Cindy Carrell practices in the Reynolds Recital Hall on Oct. 25. Carrell practiced Monday through Thursday around 9 a.m. and throughout the day between her classes. [Jonathan Lindsay]



Assistant Professor of Music Mike Chance, supervises the Harding University Band outside the Reynolds on Oct. 25. Chance moved around the field providing examples and direction when needed to all of the band members.
[Jonathan Lindsay]



Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Cindy Carrell reviews the scale of music notes for a test in her Music Theory class on Oct. 24. Carrell said she felt as though the theory test, although not difficult, was an important aspect of a good musical foundation.
[Jonathan Lindsay]

Senior Lauren Greek paints a scene from Professor Dr. John Keller's pond on Friday, Oct. 19 while receiving helpful advice. Keller occasionally held class at his pond in order to give his students experience painting different scenery. [Jonathan Lindsay]



Dr. John Keller's painting of the court house hangs in the lobby of Searcy City Hall. The painting was given to former mayor David Evans, elected in 1991, and had been hanging ever since. [Jonathan Lindsay]

Art professor's

PASSION

leads to national success

For over 37 years, the Mid-Southern Watercolorists held an annual juried exhibition of their members' works. Dr. John Keller, chair of the art department, along with Associate Professor of Art Beverly Austin submitted their artwork multiple times and were privileged to have their pieces accepted into the exhibition a total of four times each.

"I started out in the organization when it first began but only submitted work to the exhibition about 20 years ago," Austin said.

Keller, on the other hand, said the competition had been going on about as long as his career in art had, but he had never entered the competition.

"I'd known about Mid-Southern Watercolorists for years, but I was so swamped with teaching and chair responsibilities that preparing works for a juried show was almost always pushed to the back burner," Keller said. "I needed a little bit of nudging from Beverly Austin."

Both Keller and Austin's works were displayed at the Arkansas Arts Center in Little Rock in the first few years that they participated in the exhibition. However, the show location was moved from the Arkansas Arts Center to the riverfront at the Cox Center. The works were on display for over a month, and the opening of the exhibition was marked by a reception where the artists, friends and members of the Mid-Southern Watercolorists gathered for a viewing of the work and the presentation of awards.

"I had won two awards over the past four shows my work was accepted in, and both awards were the Bronze award," Keller said.

Even though entering the show was a challenge, Keller said that there were many particulars that had to be met in order to have his entries displayed.

"There were several parameters [such as] the work had to be no more than

two years old," Keller said. "That meant an artist had to be producing. They could not have produced in the past and then just sat out submitting works. Entries had to be a water-based medium, and most of the time they were transparent watercolor. The pieces also had to be matted and framed with a neutral mate and a plane frame, and there were no size restrictions."

While Austin and Keller had accomplished a great deal by being accepted to the show four times, both hoped to have works accepted a fifth time in order to receive special recognition from the society. Members who had works selected for five exhibitions were given the title of a Signature Member and could sign their works with Mid-Southern Watercolorist at the end of their name.

However, the professors agreed that they were able to gain much more from being involved in the organization than the prestige the recognition of their art brought.

"Competing with your art hones skills, and if you don't put your art out there in a competitive way, sometimes you miss what's happening," Austin said. "Setting up for several competitions a year makes one work toward that goal and gets oneself in touch with other artists to see what's happening."

Keller said that the organization gave him the goal of producing at least two works of art per year that he would enter into the competition. He felt that everyone involved in the organization benefited from the exhibition.

"The show helped me professionally, and I think my work was able to help other members of the organization," Keller said.

[Jared Abelson]



Professor John Keller and junior Jessica Smith exchange thoughts and ideas for improvement Oct. 17 on the piece Smith painted. Keller gave his honest opinion to improve his students' abilities and skills. [Jonathan Lindsay]

Professor recognized for RESEARCH in Information Technology

Few students were aware that many of the professors on Harding's campus were more than just the teachers that stood before them every day in class and tried to get them to listen to well-planned lectures. These professors were also noted experts in their field.

Dr. Marguerite Cronk was an example of one of these professors who achieved much academic praise outside of Harding's campus.

Cronk was the associate professor and director of Harding University's Information Technology (IT) program. Along with the responsibilities that her job in IT entailed, Cronk was also invited to be the keynote speaker at the European Conference on Information Management and Evaluation (ECIME) during the fall 2007 semester.

This international conference was held at the University of Montpellier in Montpellier, France, on September 20 and 21. Cronk left for the overseas lecture well prepared.

Cronk presented a historical overview of Information Technology business value research. According to Cronk, IT was a transitioning field which was the basis of her lecture during the conference.

"IT is transitioning from 'does the machine work and is it accurate?' to 'what is the outcome of the machines operation and how can we better the outcome?'" Cronk said.

Cronk had been involved in IT evaluation research for 10 years with publications in journals such as the Journal of Information Management and Logistics, the South African Business Review and the Electronic Journal of Business Research Methods. She had been part of the ECIME conference committee for the past 10 years and had even served as their chair person for a time while still working as a professor at Harding.

Cronk had many requests for her paper when she finished her lecture and said she received a great deal of interest from the professionals who attended the conference. Although that was not the reason for her attendance in France, Cronk still said she was honored by the requests made of her.

"[I] thought it was pretty cool," Cronk said.

Dr. Bryan Burks, dean of the college of business, said it was an honor to have Cronk recognized in her expertise.

"She is the top of her field," Burks said. "Dr. Cronk is one of the more impressive scholars in our building. She is a multitasking individual."

Even though Cronk had an already full plate with her responsibilities at Harding and within her department, she still decided that she should share the new information and her own personal thoughts with other experts in the IT field.

[Steven Davis]



Associate Professor of Business Marguerite Cronk sits in her office working on her computer Oct. 25. Cronk was recognized as one of the world's international leaders for research in Information Technology. [Jonathan Lindsay]



SCOTT ADAIR, M.Div. Asst. Prof./Bible
 DANIEL ADAMS, M.F.A. Prof./Art
 GLEN ADAMS, Psy.D. Assoc. Prof./Psychology
 USEN AKAPANUDO, Ed.D. Asst. Prof./Education
 JENENE ALEXANDER, Ed.D. Assoc. Prof./Education & Director/ Grad. Counseling
 TOM ALEXANDER, Ph.D. Prof./Bible

DAVID ALLEN, M.B.A. Assoc. Prof./Accounting
 JIMMY ALLEN, H.H.D. Prof. Emeritus/Bible
 BEVERLY AUSTIN, M.A. Asst. Prof./Art
 STEVE BABER, Ph.D. Prof./Math & Computer Science
 TIM BAIRD, Ph.D. Prof. & Chair/Computer Science
 KIM BAKER-ABRAMS, M.S.W. Assoc. Prof./Social Work

KLAY BARTEE, M.F.T. Asst. Prof./MFT
 PAT BASHAW, M.Ed. Asst. Prof./Education & Chair/Graduate Studies
 CLAY BEASON, Ed.D. Asst. Prof./Kinesiology & Asst. Coach/Football
 JEREMY BEAUCHAMP, M.S.E. Dir. Student Publications/Instr.
 JIMMY BEHEL, Ph.D. Dir./Graduate Academic Affairs, Business/Prof.
 FLEMING BELL, Ph.D. Asst. Prof./Spanish

RHONDA BELL, D.B.A. Asst. Prof./Business
 JANICE BINGHAM, M.S.N. Assoc. Prof./Nursing
 CECIL BOOTHE, Ed.S. Assoc. Prof./Director NW
 JERRY BOWLING, Ph.D. Assoc. Prof./Bible & Director/Youth & Family Education Lab
 STEVEN BREEZEEL, Ph.D. Asst. Prof./Political Science & History
 ROD BREWER, Ph.D. Prof./English

HARMON BROWN, Ph.D. Prof./Math
 PHIL BROWN, Ph.D. Assoc. Prof./Accounting & Director/Accounting Program
 JOE BRUMFIELD, Ed.D. Assoc. Prof./Bible & MFT
 STEPHEN BURKS, Ed.D. Assoc. Prof./Kinesiology & Wellness Program Coordinator
 JEANIE BURT, M.S.N. Asst. Prof./Nursing
 JAMES BURY, M.R.E. Asst. Prof./Bible

LOU BUTTERFIELD, Ed.D. Prof./Communication
 KEN CAMERON, Ph.D. Prof./Psychology
 TAYLOR CARR, M.A. Asst. Prof./Communication
 CINDY CARRELL, D.M.A. Asst. Prof./Music
 SCOTT CARRELL, D.M.A. Assoc. Prof./Music
 CLARA CARROLL, Ed.D. Assoc. Prof./Education & Chair/Professional Field Experiences

WARREN CASEY, Ph.D. Prof./Music
 MIKE CHANCE, M.M. Asst. Prof./Music & Dir./Bands & Orchestra & Instr. Studies Coordinator
 TERESA CHANCE, M.B.A. Asst. Prof./Business
 STEVEN CHOATE, Ph.D. Asst. Prof./Art
 BOB CHURCHMAN, M.B.A. Asst. Prof./Accounting
 MICHAEL CLAXTON, Ph.D. Asst. Prof./English

DA'LYNN CLAYTON, Ph.D. Assoc. Prof./Nursing & Assoc. Dean
 GREG CLAYTON, M.F.A. Assoc. Prof./Art
 EDDIE CLOER, D.Min. Prof./Bible & Preaching
 ROSS COCHRAN, Ph.D. Assoc. Prof./Bible
 MICHELLE COIZMAN, M.Ed. Instr./Spanish
 BARBARA COLE, Ed.D. Asst. Dir./McNair Program

DAVID COLE, Ph.D. Prof. & Chair/Chemistry
 AVA CONLEY, M.A. Prof./Spanish & Chair/Foreign Language & International Studies
 BOB CORBIN, M.Ed. Prof./Kinesiology & Research Associate

AMY COX, M.B.A. Asst. Prof./Art
 GERALD COX, M.L.S. Asst. Prof./Library Science & Interlibrary Services Librarian
 MONTE COX, PH.D. Assoc. Dean/Bible & Dir./Center for World Missions
 PATRICIA COX, PH.D. Prof./Music
 SCOT CRENSHAW, PH.D. Assoc. Prof./Preaching & Church Missions
 SHAREN CROCKETT, M.S. Prof./Family & Consumer Sciences



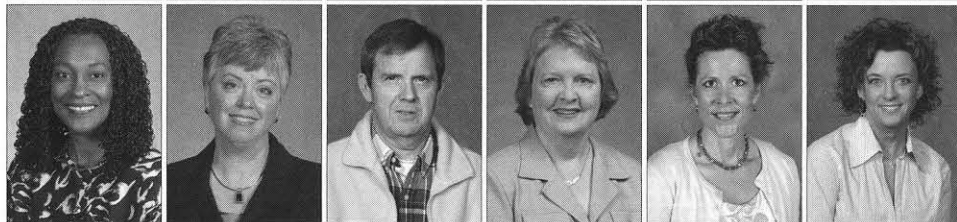
REET CRONK, PH.D. Assoc. Prof./Business
 MARVIN CROWSON, B.A. Domestic Missionary-in-Residence
 SHAWN DAGGETT, TH.D. Assoc. Prof./Bible
 JILL DAVIS, M.S. Instr./Mathematics
 MARK DAVIS, D.B.A. Assoc. Prof./Business & Assoc. Dean/Business
 DON DIFFINE, PH.D. Prof./Economics & Dir./Belden Center



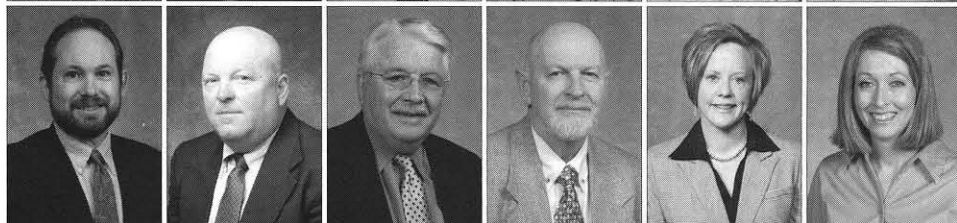
ALLEN DILES, TH.D. Asst. Prof./Bible
 KATHY DILLON, PH.D. Asst. Prof./English
 ANN DIXON, M.L.S. Asst. Prof./Library Science & Dir./Brackett Library
 ELIZABETH DOMINSKI, M.S.N. Asst. Prof./Nursing
 FAYE DORAN, ED.D. Prof./Art
 RON DORAN, M.S. Prof./Biology



CAROL DOUGLASS, ED.D. Assoc. Prof./Education
 MARIBETH DOWNING, PH.D. Prof./Education
 GENE DUGGER, M.S. Prof./Computer Science & Mathematics
 DEBBIE DUKE, ED.D. Prof./Mathematics
 STEPHANIE EDDLEMAN, M.ED. Instr./English
 SKIPPER EICHHORN, PHARM.D. Asst. Prof./Nursing & Mathematics



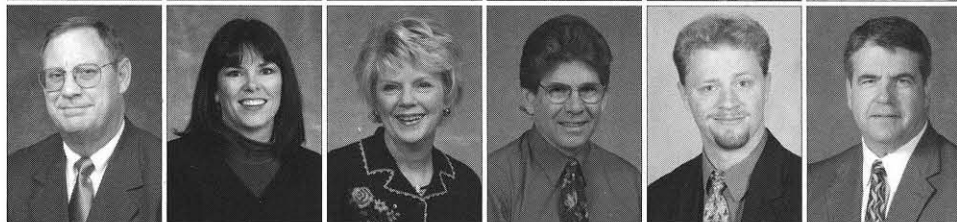
KELLY ELANDER, M.A. Asst. Prof./Communication
 DAVID ELLIOTT, M.A.T. Prof./Kinesiology & Coach/Tennis
 GARY ELLIOTT, PH.D. Prof. & Chair/English
 MORRIS ELLIS, PH.D. Prof./Communication
 WENDY ELLIS, M.A. Asst. Prof./Education
 CONNIE ELROD, M.ED. Asst. Prof./Education & Dir./North Little Rock Professional Center



MARK ELROD, PH.D. Prof./Political Science
 MIKE EMERSON, M.S. Assoc. Prof./Accounting
 LISA ENGEL, M.S.N. Asst. Prof./Nursing
 TERRY ENGEL, PH.D. Asst. Prof. English
 ALLEN FIGLEY, M.B.A. Asst. Prof./Business & Dir./MBA
 DENISE FISHER, M.ED. Instr./Family & Consumer Sciences



CHANEY FLOYD, ED.D. Assoc. Prof./Education
 DEBBIE FORD, M.S.W. Assoc. Prof./Social Work
 JANET FORTNER, M.A. Asst. Prof./History
 JOHN FORTNER, PH.D. Prof./Hebrew Bible & Ancient Near East
 GABRIEL FOUST, M.S. Instr./Computer Science
 JAMES FRANK, M.ED. Asst. Prof./Kinesiology



ALLEN FRAZIER, PH.D. Asst. Prof. & Chair/Management
 GAIL FRY, M.A. Asst. Prof./English
 DOTIE FRYE, M.A. Instr./Communication & Dir./Pied Pipers & Spring Sing
 STEVE FRYE, ED.D. Prof./Communication & Prod./Spring Sing & SSDT
 SHANE FULLERTON, M.ED. Instr./Kinesiology & Asst. Coach/Women's Basketball
 CLIFF GANUS, D.M.A. Prof./Music & Dir./Choral Activities



PAT GARNER, PH.D. Prof./Speech
 ZANE GASTINEAU, PH.D. Assoc. Prof. & Chair/Engineering
 KEITH GIBONEY, M.S. Instr./Kinesiology & Coach/Volleyball





NOBLE GOSS, PH.D. Assoc. Prof./Spanish & German
 JIM GOWEN, M.A.T. Asst. Prof./Kinesiology & Dir./Men's Intramurals
 KAY GOWEN, M.S. Assoc. Prof./Communication
 JO GOY, M.S. Asst. Prof./Biology
 JOE GOY, PH.D. Assoc. Prof./Biology
 ERIC GROSS, PH.D. Assoc. Prof./History

NATHAN GUY, M. PHIL. Instr./Bible
 STEVE GUYMON, M.S.E. Asst. Prof./Kinesiology & Coach/Track & Cross Country
 KEN HAMMES, PH.D. Prof./English
 RONNIE HARLOW, M.S.E. Asst. Prof./Kinesiology & Head Athletic Trainer
 GREG HARRIS, PH.D. Instr./Kinesiology & Coach/Soccer
 JACKIE HARRIS, M.N.S.C. Asst. Prof./Nursing

JULIE HARRIS, PH.D. Asst. Prof./History
 KAYLA HAYNIE, M.A. Asst. Prof./English
 PAUL HAYNIE, PH.D. Prof./History
 ALLEN HENDERSON, M.ED. Asst. Prof./Education
 BUDD HERBERT, PH.D. Prof./Business
 ADRIAN HICKMON, PH.D. Assoc. Prof./MFT

CHUCK HICKS, M.S.E. Asst. Prof./Music
 GARY HILL, M.P.A.S. Assoc. Prof./Physician Assistant Studies & Clinical Coordinator/PA Program
 JULIE HIXSON-WALLAE, PHARM.D. Dean/College of Pharmacy
 ANNY HOBBY, M.L.I.S. Asst. Prof./Library Sciences & Dir./Reference & Instruction Services
 KEN HOBBY, PH.D. Prof./Psychology
 DUTCH HOGGATT, PH.D. Assoc. Prof./Communication

KAREN HORTON, M.ED. Asst. Prof./Education & Dir./Education Resource Center
 BJ HOUSTON, J.D. Assoc. Prof. & Dir./Criminal Justice
 KATHY HOWARD, ED.D. Prof. & Dir./Psychology
 RONNIE HUCKEBA, M.ED. Assoc. Prof./Kinesiology
 AMBER HUG, B.A. Adjunct & Lab Tech/Biology
 LARRY HUNT, PH.D. Assoc. Prof./English

HEATHER HUTSON, M.S.E. Instr./Kinesiology
 DWIGHT IRELAND, ED.D. Prof./Psychology & Counseling Center
 MIKE IRELAND, D.MIN. Assoc. Prof./Bible
 MIKE JAMES, PH.D. Dist. Prof. & Chair/Communication
 ALICE JEWELL, PH.D. Prof./English
 FRED JEWELL, ED.D. Prof./History

JIM JOHNSTON, ED.D. Prof. & Dir./TRIO Student Support Serv.
 LIS JONES, M.M. Instr./Music
 JOHN KELLER, PH.D. Prof. & Chair/Art
 KAREN KELLEY, M.S.N. Asst. Prof./Nursing
 JOHNNETTA KELLY, MN.S.C. Asst. Prof./Nursing
 RAYMOND KELLY Asst. Coach/Tennis

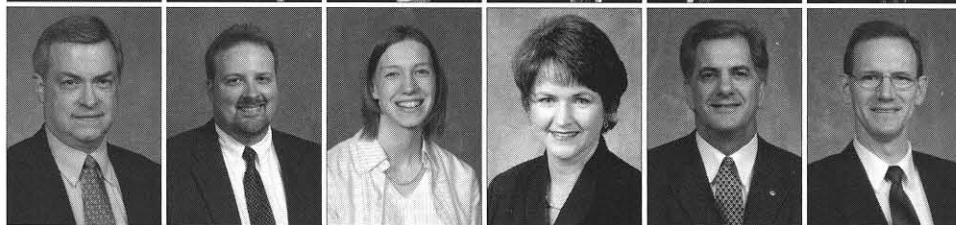
TIM KIRBY, M.ED. Asst. Prof./Kinesiology & Coach/Women's Basketball
 KEVIN KLEIN, PH.D. Assoc. Prof. & Chair/History
 LORI KLEIN, M.P.A. Instr./Political Science & Public Administration
 RANDY LAMBETH, ED.D. Assoc. Prof./Kinesiology
 JULI LANE, B.S.N. Instr./Nursing
 CHERYL LEE, M.N.S.C. Asst. Prof./Nursing

DONNY LEE, ED. D. Assoc. Prof. & Asst. Dean/Education
 ELIZABETH LEE, M.S.N. Asst. Prof./Nursing
 JOLI LOVE, PH.D. Assoc. Prof./Foreign Languages

BRITT LYNN, M.F.A. Asst. Prof./Communication
 JAMES MACKKEY, PH.D. Prof./Physical Science
 DALE MANOR, PH.D. Prof./Bible & Archaeology
 ERIC MARTIN, PH.D. Asst. Prof./Kinesiology
 WILT MARTIN, ED.D. Prof. & Chair/Kinesiology
 DENNIS MATLOCK, PH.D. Assoc. Prof./Biochemistry & Molecular Biology



ROBERT MCCREADY, PH.D. Assoc. Prof./French
 PATRICK MCGAHA, PH.D. Assoc. Prof./Kinesiology & Coach/Baseball
 PENNY MCGLAWN, M.ED. Instr./Education
 BECKY MCLAIN, M.S. Asst. Prof./Comm. Sciences Disorders
 RANDY MCLEOD, J.D. Prof./Business
 ROBIN MILLER, M.F.A. Prof./Communication



NATHAN MILLS, PH.D. Asst. Prof./Biology
 CARL MITCHELL, PH.D. Prof./Bible & Special Assistant to President
 JOHN MOON, PH.D. Prof. & Chair/Biology
 JESSICA MOORE, D.A. Assoc. Prof./Kinesiology & Dir./Women's Intramurals
 JUSTIN MOORE, PH.D. Asst. Prof./MFT
 LEW MOORE, PH.D. Prof. & Chair/MFT & Dir./Counseling Center



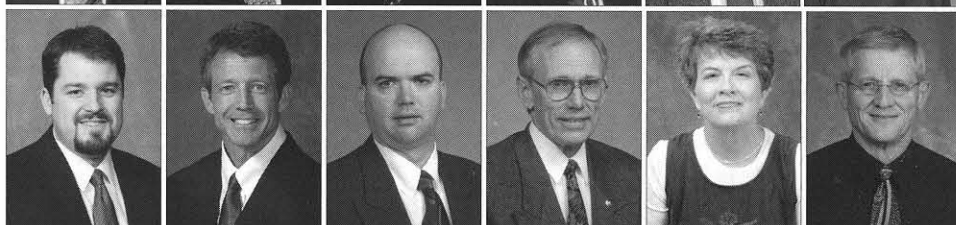
STEVE MOORE, PH.D. Assoc. Prof./Biology
 JAN MORGAN, ED.D. Prof./Edu., Dir./Mid.Child, Early Adoles. & Special Edu. & Chair Teacher Edu.
 JEFF MORGAN, M.S. Asst. Prof. & Coach/Men's Basketball & NCAA Compliance Coord.
 MIKE MURPHY, M.D. Prof. & Dir./Physical Assistant Program
 LAMBERT MURRAY, PH.D. Prof./Physics
 ED MYERS, PH.D. Prof./Bible



JERRY MYHAN, M.S.N. Dir./HUG
 KELLY NEILL, M.M. Asst. Prof./Music
 KEN NELLER, PH.D. Prof./Bible
 GEORGE OLIVER, M.S.A. Prof./Management
 KEN OLREE, PH.D. Asst. Prof./Engineering
 SHERRY ORGAN, M.ED. Asst. Prof./English



TODD PATTEN, M.S. Asst. Prof./Education
 BRYAN PHILLIPS, PH.D. Assoc. Prof./Kinesiology
 JONATHAN PICKLESIMER, M.S. Asst. Prof./Business
 PAUL PITT, M.F.A. Prof./Art
 SHARON PITT, M.ED. Asst. Prof./Communication
 MIKE PIUMMER, PH.D. Prof./Biology



PAUL POLLARD, PH.D. Prof./Bible & Greek
 DEAN PRIEST, PH.D. Dist. Prof./Math
 DENNIS PROVINCE, PH.D. Assoc. Prof./Chemistry
 CHRIS PRUITT, M.ED. Asst. Prof./Education & Dir./Advance
 MIKE PRUITT, D.A. Prof./Kinesiology
 NEALE PRYOR, TH.D. Prof./Bible



VANN RACKLEY, PH.D. Assoc. Prof./MFT
 SCOTT RAGSDALE, M.S.E. Asst. Prof./Computer Science & Asst. Coach/Football
 REBEKAH RAMPEY, PH.D. Asst. Prof./Biology
 BILL RICHARDSON, D.MIN. Prof./Bible & Dir./Master of Ministry
 BOB RITCHIE, M.ED. Instr./Communication & Dir./TV16 Video Works
 LISA RITCHIE, ED.D. Assoc. Prof. & Dir./Didactic Prog. Dietetics



MARVIN ROBERTSON, J.D. Prof./Business
 GARY ROSS, M.S. Asst. Prof./Accounting

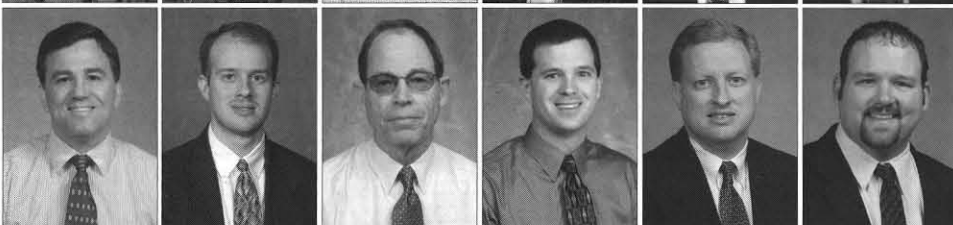




STACY SCHOEN, M.F.A. Asst. Prof./Art
KEITH SCHRAMM, PH.D. Assoc. Prof./Physical Science
ARTHUR SHEARIN, D.M.A. Prof. & Chair/Music
JIM SHELTON, PH.D. Assoc. Prof./Business
JACK SHOCK, ED.D. Prof./Communication
ELLIS SLOAN, M.B.A. Asst. Prof./Business



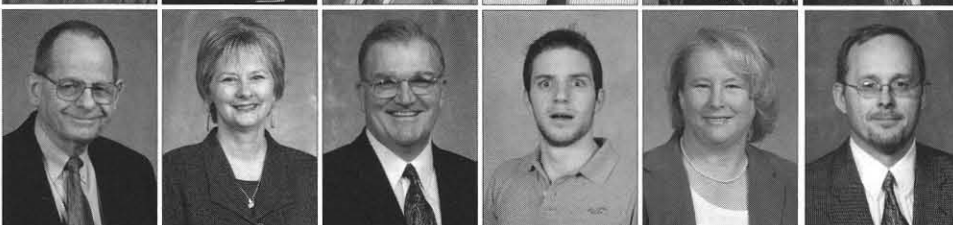
LORI SLOAN, M.B.A. Asst. Prof./Marketing
CHERI SMITH, M.ED. Instr./Education
MELINDA SMITH Admin. Asst. Teacher Education/Prof. Fld.
RON SMITH, M.ED. Asst. Prof./Mathematics
STEVE SMITH, PH.D. Prof. & Chair/Mathematics
TERRY SMITH, ED.D. Prof. & Chair/Behavioral Sciences



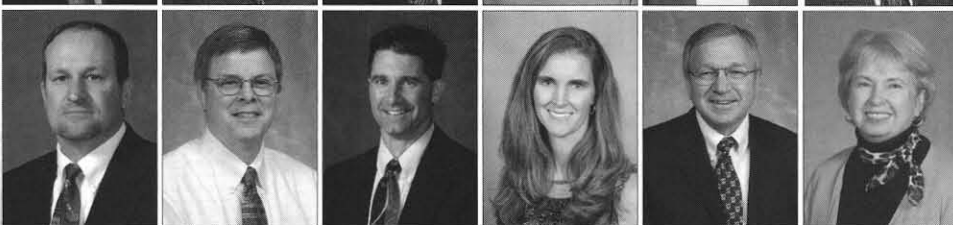
KEN STAMATIS, M.ED. Asst. Prof./Education
KEITH STANGLIN, PH.D. Asst. Prof./Historical Theology
TOM STATOM, PH.D. Prof./History
DANA STEIL, M.S.E. Instr./Computer Science
JAKE STEWART, M.B.A. Asst. Prof./Business
KEVIN STEWART, PH.D. Asst. Prof./Chemistry



DAN STOCKSTILL, PH.D. Assoc. Prof. & Asst. Dean/Bible
SHEILA SULLIVAN, PH.D. Assoc. Prof./Nursing
GORDON SUTHERLIN, ED.D. Prof./Education
ONEAL TANKERSLEY, B.A. Missionary-in-Residence
REBECCA TEAGUE, M.S.E. Instr./Family & Consumer Sciences
HENRY TERRILL, M.S.L.S. Prof./Library Science & Librarian/Serials, Govt. Doc. & Archives



JACK THOMAS, PH.D. Prof./Psychology & Behavioral Sciences
LINDA THOMPSON, ED.D. Prof. & Dir./McNair Project
PHIL THOMPSON, D.MIN. Assoc. Prof./Bible
BRAD THORNTON, B.A. Adj. Instr./Kinesiology
LINDA THORNTON, ED.D. Assoc. Prof./Education & Admin. Asst. to Dean
PHIL TOBIN, M.P.A.S. Asst. Prof. & Asst. Clinic Dir./Physician Assistant



RANDY TRIBBLE, M.ED. Assoc. Prof./Kinesiology & Coach/Football
DAN TULLOS, PH.D. Prof./Communication
KEN TURLEY, PH.D. Assoc. Prof./Kinesiology & Dir./Human Performance Lab
LAURIE WALKER, M.S. Instr./Mathematics
DUANE WARDEN, PH.D. Prof./Bible
BETTY WATSON, ED.D. Dist. Prof./Education & Dir./Early Childhood Education



BECKIE WEAVER, PH.D. Prof./Communication
JON WHITE, M.S. Instr./Computer Science & Engineering
JOHN WILLIAMS, PH.D. Prof. & Chair/English
KIETH WILLIAMS, ED.D. Assoc. Prof. & Dir./Education Leadership
SHIRLEY WILLIAMS, M.S.L.S. Prof./Library Science & Librarian/Technical Services
STEVE WILLIAMS, D.B.A. Prof./Marketing & Management



RANDY WILLINGHAM, D.MIN. Assoc. Prof./Bible
BETH WILSON, ED.D. Prof. & Chair/Family & Consumer Sciences
ED WILSON, PH.D. Prof./Chemistry
MIKE WOOD, M.ED. Asst. Prof./Education
RAY WOODS, M.A. Instr./Kinesiology & Asst. Coach/Men's Basketball
BILL YATES, V.M.D. Prof. & Chair/Pharm. Sciences



FLAVIL YEAKLEY, PH.D. Prof./Bible & Dir./Center for Church Growth Studies
J.D. YINGLING, ED.D. Assoc. Prof./Kinesiology & Aquatics

Austin Light, an adjunct in the communication department, talks to his class on Nov. 30 about informative speeches. "Being in school is much more fun being on this side of the desk than the other," Light said. [Jonathan Lindsay]

Checking out the story board on Nov. 13, senior editor Austin Light spends some time working on Teen Christian Magazine. Light had been on the TC Magazine staff for two years. [Jonathan Lindsay]



Former Harding student EPI TOMIZES success on the other side

Almost every wide-eyed freshman entered college with grand post-graduation dreams. But after four long years of studying and several majors had passed, students found something scarier than 20 page term papers on the other side of their cap and gown: the real world. However, some students, such as 2007 graduate Austin Light, found unexpected success and enjoyment when his tassel was turned.

Light, who graduated from Harding with a master of science in education, had already accomplished much in the short time he had been out of school. Light was the senior editor of TC (Teen Christian) Magazine, the recruiter for Harding's Distance Delivery Bible program and an adjunct instructor in the communication department. But his journey to success actually started much earlier, when he was a junior at Harding.

"In the summer after my junior year, I worked as the editorial intern for Arkansas Business Publishing Group in Little Rock," Light said. "The drive to and from Little Rock every day wasn't fun, but I learned a lot about the publication world, and I got to write for several well-known Little Rock publications like Arkansas Business, Little Rock Soiree, Arkansas Next Career Edition and more."

During his junior and senior year, Light served as the student life editor and copy editor for the Petit Jean. His job on the yearbook staff helped open the door for another job with TC Magazine.

"As we were finishing up the yearbook, Renee Lewis, who was the student publications adviser at the time, was given the opportunity through the Institute for Church and Family to work on TC magazine,"

Light said. "Tasked with coming up with a magazine staff in a matter of days, Renee recruited a handful of Petit Jean editors, myself included. The friendly writing style of TC was right up my alley, [and] from that moment on, I was hooked on magazines."

The newness of TC made for interesting times. The staff, having never worked on a magazine, had to figure it out as they went along.

"The best thing about TC was that none of us knew what were doing," Light said. "We had shiny new degrees and tons of ambition but little practical experience. We relied on the support of the excellent faculty and staff at Harding to help us along. Though it was tough at times, we often had to 'learn by doing.'"

Aside from his job at TC Magazine, Austin also used his talents in creating Web comics.

"I have a web comic called 'Learning to Swim,'" Light said. "The comic stars Parker White, a young college professor and his best friend Jack Owens, a Navy SEAL in training/office temp."

For Light, it did not matter if he was successful, but he did wish to have a creative outlet in whatever he did.

"I wouldn't say that my life after college is amazing, but I am richly blessed," Light said. "I would go crazy if I didn't do something creative for a living and my job gives me plenty of opportunities to let my creativity shine. Whether it's writing, teaching, designing a magazine page or coming up with new ways to spread the word about Church & Family, I'm always doing something creative."

[Jodi Jordan and Jennifer Harris]



Senior editor for TC Magazine Austin Light sits at his desk Nov. 13 working on what may soon become the new mascot for The Day of Encouragement. Light was also the creator of the cartoon "Learning to Swim," a comic he produced in his spare time. [Jonathan Lindsay]

JOSIE ALLEN Chapel Secretary
ALLYSON BAKER Graduate Financial Aid Counselor
PATTY BARRETT Director of Residence Life
DEB BASHAW Director Of Career Services
MIKE BAUR Director of Application Development
LYN BLANSETT Database Administrator
PHILIP BOOKER Advancement Functional Technology



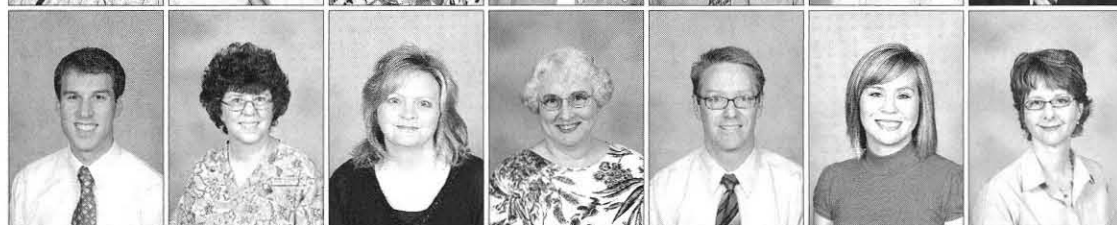
JOHN BOONE Heritage Inn Desk Clerk
DEE BOST Coordinator Academic Resources Center
NICKY BOYD International Student Services
VIRGINIA BRADLEY Post Office
CLAUDETTE BRATCHER Secretary to the President
MELISSA BRAZILE Assistant Director of Educational Leadership
TIM BRISTER Secondary Math Specialist



SONYA BURCHETT Registrar Assistant
TOM BUTERBAUGH Assistant Director, Public Relations
JANE CAVITT Assistant Registrar
PAM CELSOR Admin. Secretary, Admissions/Student Affairs Pharmacy
MIKE CHALENBURG Assistant VP- IS&T
ROBIN COKER Advancement Secretary
DAVID COLLINS Assistant VP, Dean of Students



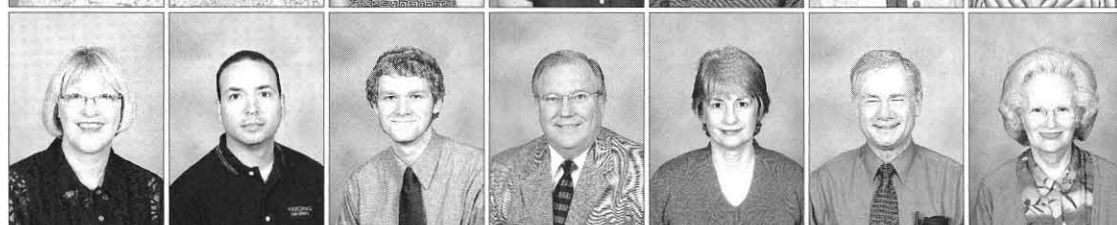
JAKE CONLEY Assistant Director of Admissions
MARCY COX Student Health Services
ANNETTE DAVIS Student Life Office Manager
RUTHANN DAWSON Counseling CTR, MFT
GLENN DILLARD Assistant VP for Enrollment Management
VANESSA DOWDY Upward Bound Assistant to Director
SUSIE DUBOSE Administrative Assistant for Center for World Missions



FRAN DUGGER Inventory Control for Bookstore
ANGELA ENGLISH Administrative Assistant to Dean of Pharmacy
APRIL FATULA Director of News Services
TERRY FIGLEY Director of Off Campus Program/Graduate Education
LORA FLEENER Student Support and Communications
BEVERLY FORD Assistant ASTL
ERIN FRAZIER Registrar's Assistant



BILLIE GIBBINS Post Office Supervisor
SCOTT GOODE Sports Information Director
NATHAN GREEN Assistant Director Of Admissions
GARY GREGG Associate Director of CAMT
KAREN HADWIN McNair Scholars Program Secretary
MILO HADWIN Chinese Student Life Administrator
MARTHA HODGES Lectureship Coordinator



DUSTIN HOWELL Assistant Director of Compliance Office
LIZ HOWELL Alumni and Parent's Relations
CINDY HUNTER President's Office Secretary
BETTY JOHNSON Health Sciences Secretary
MELINDA JOHNSON Office Manager Public Safety
CASSIE JONES Administrative Assistant Executive Vice President
PAM JONES Administrative Assistant Music



PETER KIRBY Programmer Analyst
PAULA LANGSTON Admissions Secretary
TERRI LEE Assistant to Director of Sports Information
RENEE LEWIS Admissions Marketing Coordinator
LOGAN LIGHT Assistant Director of Admissions
HARRY LISLE Director Of Literary Lab
JOETTA MARTIN Resident Life Coordinator

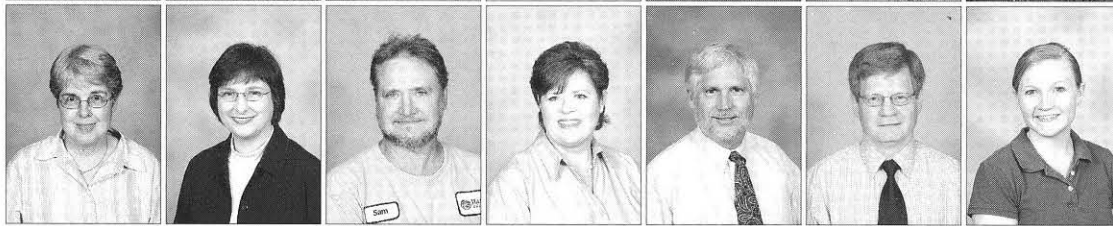


EMILY MARTINEZ Assistant-Smart Step
KAREN MAYES Assistant to Director of Telecommunications
COREY MCENTYRE Director of Campus Life
CECELIA MCLEOD Admin. Assist. to Asst. VP Center for Adult/Extended Education
J. ROWAN MCLEOD Advancement





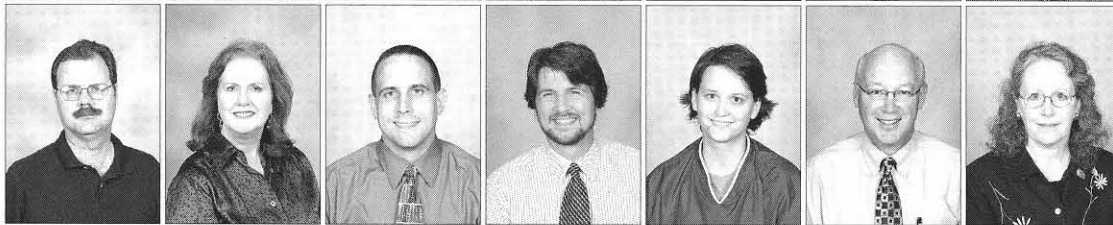
DANA MCMILLION Director of Maintenance
KIM MEEKER Assist. to Director of Center of Math & Science Center
AMANDA MILLER Assistant Director of Admissions
REBECCA MILLS Admissions Secretary
JEFF MONTGOMERY Director of Photo Services for Public Relations
KAYE MORGAN Director for Conference Center
ZACH NEAL Assistant Dean of Students



ANNETTE NESBITT Heritage Inn Desk Clerk
BARBARA NEWSOM General Counsel/Director of Center for Estate Planning Secretary
SAM NOBLE GM Carpenter
SANDRA OGBURN Office Manager Education
TOM PARSONS Advancement Regional Director
WES PLYBON Sr. Staff Director of Admissions
SHANNON POYNOT Public Relations Secretary



SCOTT PRITCHETT Client Support Technician
MARK PRUITT Assistant Director of Admissions
JENNA REESE Chapel Secretary
CAMILLE REEVES Assistant to Director of Alumni Relations
DONNA REEVES Heritage Inn Desk Clerk
THOMAS RITCHIE, JR. Assistant Director of Admissions
JONATHAN ROBERTS Director of Financial Aid



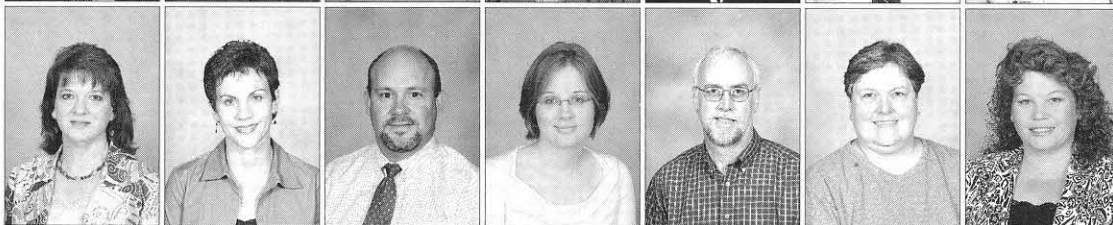
DAVID ROBINSON Events Specialist
RITA ROGER Mail Order Supervisor for Bookstore
DAVID ROSS Director of Human Resources
MAC SANDLIN Bible Assistant
ROBYN SANDLIN Network Specialist
MORRIS SEAWEL Associate Director of Admissions
GAIL SEXSON Program Coordinator for Alumni



SHERI SHEARIN Assistant Dean of Students
DEBRA SHELTON Admin. Assistant Dean Sciences
KAY SHERMAN Assistant to Director of Career Center
JANIE SHIPMAN Secretary Student Life
JAY SIMPSON Assistant Director Financial Aid
KATRINA SMELTZER Director Upward Bound
LYNN SMELTZER Academy Coordinator Upward Bound



BILL SPEAR Director Travel Services
SHAWN SPEARMAN Web Design Specialist
LANELLE STAMPS Technical/ Services Coordinator
RITA STILWELL Secretary College of Arts/Humanities & English
SUSAN STONE Administrator Assistant of Academic Advising Center
JOHN SULLIVAN Assistant Director of Admissions
ANDREA TOWLER Walton Program



LISA VALENTINE Administrator Assistant of Academic Affairs
VANESSA VALIER Administrator Assistant of ASI
STU VARNER Associate Dean of Students
ASHLEY VEATCH Financial Aid Systems Manager
JOHN VINES Accounts Manager
PAULA VINES Secretary Counseling Center
CINDY WAINWRIGHT Secretary Advancement



CARL WALKER Instructional Designer/Blackboard Support
CHERYL WALKER Receptionist Business
VICKIE WALTON Heritage Inn Manager
DALE WARREN Lead Technician Desktop Services
AMBER WHITE Institutional Research Analyst
PATTI JO WHITE Info Assistant Registrar
MELINDA WYLIE Nurse



KATHY WYNN Secretary Student Life
TAUNYA YAEGER Switchboard Operator
STEVE YOUNGER Assistant Director Admissions