

**President David Burks** speaks to the chapel audience at convocation Aug. 26. The administration, faculty and staff strove to be Christ-like examples to students. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)



Harding's administration in 1924 was focused on Christ. The administration in 2004 continued that commitment.

The founders of the university said no matter what equipment or academic leadership the school possessed, Harding would always be centered around Christ.

J.N. Armstrong, Harding's first president, said, "Remember that Harding College lives as the result of keen sacrifice; that every book in her library, and every piece of equipment in her laboratories are the result of the influence of Christ upon hearts."

Junior Tom Johnson said administrators presented an **established** faith to students throughout the year.

"They are concerned about how you are doing in your Christian walk," Johnson said. "You don't find that at every university."

As leaders of this university, Harding's administration, faculty and staff strove to keep the school centered on Christ.

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## Board of Trustees appoints two female members

**President David Burks** and Board of Trustees members Suzanne Waller and Bill Chism visit in Burks' office Oct. 17. This was Waller's first year to serve as a board member. (Photo by Renee Lewis)



Suzanne Waller, of Arlington, Texas, and Rebecca Tubb, of Sparta, Tenn., officially began their roles as Board of Trustees members at the fall board meeting Oct. 16-18.

The board appointed Waller, a 1971 Harding graduate, and Tubb, a 1970 Harding graduate, in May.

"I was surprised to say the least," Waller said. "I didn't feel qualified, but I wanted to do it."

Three board members have died since 2001, leaving open seats on the board.

Board member Deanna Smith, and her husband, Gaylan, were traveling on their private plane Nov. 3, 2002, when it disappeared from radar as it prepared to land in Memphis.

"I don't think you ever recover from losing someone who you're close to," Bill Chism, board vice chairman, said. "Deanna was a person who was very easy to get close to. She was a very likeable, easy-going person."

Also, James H. Cone, board member for 30 years, died in 2001 and Dr. Dan Russell, board member for 29 years, died in 2002.

A committee of board member chose Waller and Tubb as candidates in the spring of 2003.

The committee's sole purpose was to find qualified individuals for the positions.

"The purpose of that committee is to go out and find people who are Harding advocates and people who would be true to our mission here," Chism said.

Tubb, who majored in home economics and family life and earned a master's degree from Florida State University, works as a homemaker.

She has two children, Joseph, 18, and Daniel, 15.

Waller, who earned an accounting degree and is a certified public accountant, also works as a homemaker.

"Having three children graduate from Harding in recent years, I think I can give a mother's perspective on what it did for my children," Waller said. "I hope that same influence can be given to other students as they come through."

— Renee Lewis



**Board of Trustees:** First Row: Don Shores, Cave Springs, Ark.; Bob Diles, Little Rock, Ark.; John Baldwin, Holyoke, Colo.; Rebecca Tubb, Sparta, Tenn.; Harold Redd, Memphis, Tenn. Second Row: Mel Gardner, Ft. Worth, Texas; Suzanne Waller, Arlington, Texas; Roy Sawyer, Sardis, Miss.; Harry Risinger, Millington, Tenn.; Harrell Freeman, Metairie, La.; Jerry Morgan, Amarillo, Texas. Third Row: Russ Burcham, Kennett, Mo.; Jimmy Cone, Little Rock, Ark.; John Simmons, Columbia, Tenn.; Bill Chism, Springfield, Mo.; Paul Carter, Bentonville, Ark.; Fourth Row: Henry Farar, Lebanon, Tenn.; David Burks, Searcy, Ark.; Jim Bob Humphrey, Russellville, Ark.; Roosevelt Harris, Jacksonville, Fla. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)





**Tim Bruner, former assistant vice president for advancement,** talks to a University Builders Circle member at a major donors meeting April 12, 2002. More than 75 families were involved as members of the UBC this year, which acted as an advisory group and promoted growth in all areas at Harding. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)

**Student Association President Michael Campbell** discusses student issues with Roosevelt Harris, Board of Trustees member, sophomore Julie McCall, class representative, and Don Shores, board chairman, in the SA conference room Oct. 16. During Homecoming weekend, board members met to discuss campus events with student leaders. (Photo by Renee Lewis)



## 24WORDS Jim Bill McInteer

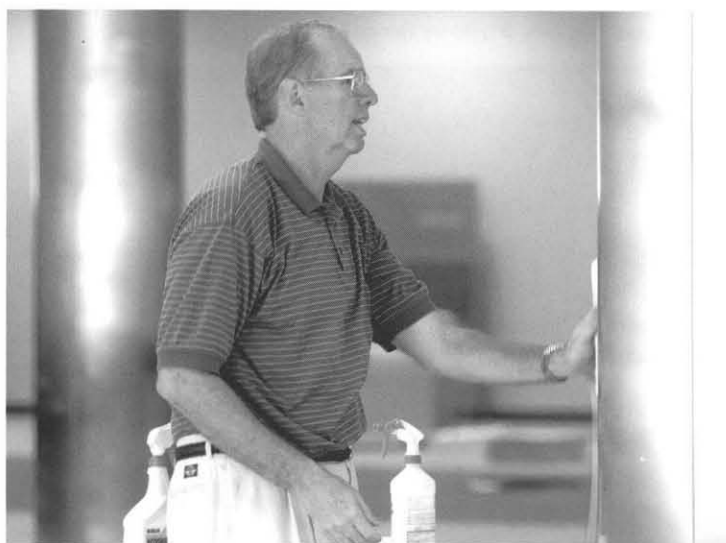
**McInteer**, who served as secretary of the board this year, was honored when the university dedicated the McInteer Bible building to him in 1994.

**Board of Trustees member Jim Bill McInteer** addresses the chapel audience in 1998. McInteer has played a key role in the long-term development of Harding University. (Photo from 1998 *Petit Jean*)

**The family of Kirk and Melissa Davidson** receives a certificate of membership from the President's Council in 2003. Donations from members of the President's Council helped fund the university in building projects, scholarships and other areas. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)

## President Burks helps cafeteria dream

**President David Burks** helps to prepare the renovated cafeteria Aug. 21 for Student Impact. After workers labored around the clock for several days, they were able to finish the cafeteria renovations in time for the new school year. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)



When students returned to Harding this fall, they were greeted by friends, the chance to make new memories and the opportunity to experience a new dining environment on campus.

During the summer break, the campus cafeteria underwent a makeover.

Students returning to campus early lent a hand to the remodeling process. Even President David Burks helped with the finishing touches of the \$2.2 million project.

"It was a real challenge, but at the last minute I helped clean," Burks said. "I commend the contractor. For the last few weeks, the workers worked 24-seven."

Steve Ritter, director of food services, said Burks played a major role in the completion of the renovations.

"[Burks] was very influential in the process of establishing a new dining service on campus," Ritter said.

The renovation committee decided the changes would occur during summer break in order to

have it ready for the school year. Burks said the toughest part of the renovation process was trying to have it completed in less than three months.

Ritter was appreciative of Burks' cooperation during the renovation.

"I don't think we would have been able to obtain approval from the consensus of our constituents without Dr. Burks," Ritter said. "We also would not have been able to build it in the tight time frame that we had."

Burks said the new cafeteria was needed for the Harding campus, and the reaction to the new cafeteria was positive.

"Alumni, parents and board members are amazed at the difference," Burks said.

Burks said the new facility is one of the best in the country.

"[The new cafeteria] is absolutely on the cutting edge of residential dining service," he said. "It's right there with the best in the whole country."

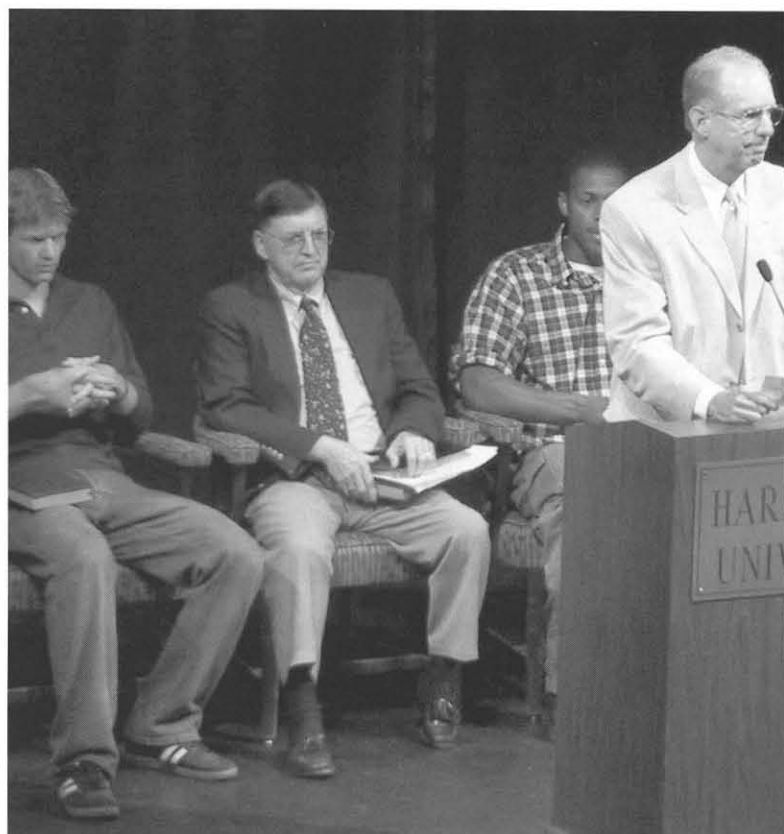
— Matt Price



**President David Burks** speaks to freshman Lee Mitchell after chapel Aug. 27. Burks spoke on "Why Harding," as part of the "Why" series in the fall semester. (Photo by Amy Beene)

**President David Burks** gives the chapel announcements in the Benson Auditorium in September. Because there were two simultaneous chapel services in the fall, Burks split his time equally presiding in both the Benson and Administration Auditorium chapel services.

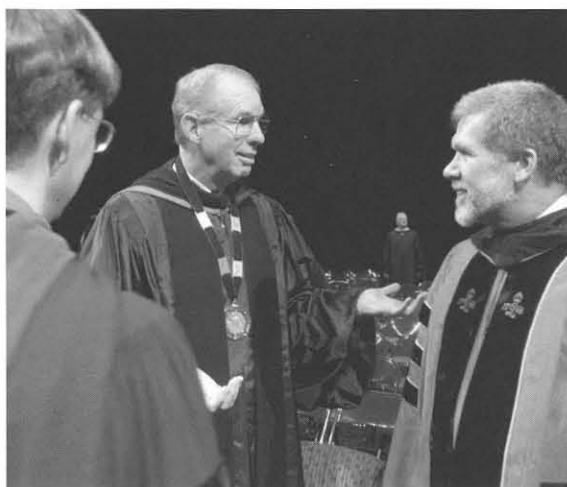
(Photo by Russell Keck)





**President David Burks** laughs with Hank Bingham, assistant director of admissions, at the cafeteria grand opening Sept. 25. Burks attended the event where he spent time socializing with faculty and staff members, community members and students. (Photo by Renee Lewis)

**President David Burks** presents Asa Hutchinson, undersecretary of Homeland Security, with a patriotic gift from the university in appreciation of Hutchinson's service to America. Hutchinson spoke in the Benson Auditorium Sept. 25, and was the year's first speaker in the American Studies Lecture Series. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



**President David Burks** visits with Dr. Kevin Klein, chairman of the history department, and Dr. Jeff Hopper, dean of the Honors College and international programs, after convocation Aug. 26. Burks referred to Bob Briner's book, "Roaring Lambs," to challenge students and faculty to commit their lives to Christ every day this year. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)

## 24WORDS Dr. David Burks

**Burks has served as Harding president for 16 years.** His leadership extended to the College church of Christ, where he worked as an elder.

## Chancellor Ganus endures the test of time

Throughout Harding's 80-year history, not many have been around to see the school grow and change as much as Chancellor Clifton Ganus.

Ganus came to Harding as a student in 1939. He began teaching history and Bible in 1946 and has been at the university ever since.

"There is not a better place than Harding," Ganus said. "We have a great group of people [here]."

Ganus varied his roles over the course of 58 years at Harding. After teaching for five years, he became the Department of History chairman in 1951. In 1956, he became vice president of Harding. Later, in 1965, he began serving as the university's third president. After retiring as president in 1987, Ganus assumed the role of chancellor.

"Were else would I go? If I am not at Harding, I will be in heaven," Ganus said.

Ganus described his position at Harding as an encourager because he did a lot of fund raising and public relations for the school.

"I will do whatever is needed," Ganus said. "I will even pick up trash off the sidewalk."

Among things of change, the moral values of the world have shuffled since Harding was founded, Ganus said.

"Today's world says, 'If it feels good, do it,'" Ganus said. "Music and television have changed the world. However, Harding holds to the same moral and spiritual values it has always had. I hope that will never change."

Ganus said one of his greatest highlights was seeing students at Harding from across the world. He hoped Harding would grow in numbers and influence.

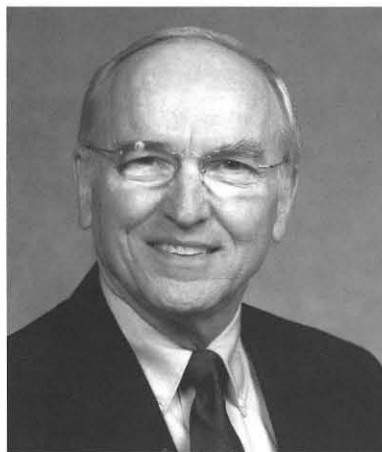
He quoted Luke 2:52, "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."

By this reference, Ganus hoped all students would be examples of this scripture. In 58 years at Harding, that was one wish he never wanted to change.

— Jamie Higgins



**Clifton Ganus, Ph.D.**  
Chancellor



**Floyd Daniel, B.S.**  
Senior Vice President



**Lott Tucker, L.L.D.**  
Senior Vice President



**Chancellor Clifton Ganus** introduces himself to junior Teague Houseman in front of the Administration Building. In his 58 years at Harding, Ganus served as teacher, president and chancellor. (Photo by Amy Beene)

**Floyd Daniel, senior vice president**, talks with sophomore Cassandra Withrow in front of the student center. Daniel traveled around the country during the year communicating the goals of Harding University. (Photo by Amy Beene)



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### Lott Tucker

**Lott Tucker, senior vice president**, has served at Harding for 52 years. Tucker was one of the spokespeople for the university and her students.

**Lott Tucker, senior vice president**, and Brad Crosson, Aramark's district manager for Arkansas, enjoy the festivities at Aramark's grand opening of the cafeteria Sept. 25. In addition to food samples, Aramark gave away door prizes at the event, including an X-Box game system. (Photo by Renee Lewis)

## Mike Williams helps Eagle's Wings fly

**Mike Williams, vice president for Advancement,** talks to a prospective donor in September. Williams, who was named to the position this year, worked to raise more than \$135 million for the Eagle's Wings campaign, which helped provide scholarship money for students. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



Called Harding University's most ambitious fund-raising effort, the Eagle's Wings Campaign will supply funds for student scholarships, new buildings and long-term security for the university, Mike Williams, vice president for Advancement, said.

Williams, who served as assistant vice president for admissions and student financial services for more than five years, was named to the new vice president position this summer.

The goal for the Eagle's Wings campaign was \$135 million over five years. The plan called for \$16 million for scholarship funding, \$22 million for capital projects and \$12 million for restricted needs. The largest portion, \$85 million, will be used to increase the endowment.

The campaign, launched July 1 by Williams, President David Burks and Dr. Jim Carr, executive vice president, was in the quiet stage of planning during the fall.

During the quiet stage, the advancement team met privately with prospective donors.

"Many colleges launch a quiet phase and talk to best contributors to let them in on what their plans are, [and] let them get behind projects they are passionate about," Williams said.

The campaign approached donors of several kinds, Burks said.

"One of the first things we do is go to faculty and staff members to [ask for financial] commitments over five years," Burks said.

Along with soliciting faculty and staff, the advancement team approached donors in private and corporate sectors.

"We're going to the four corners – alumni, committed Christians, corporate entities and foundations," Williams said. "[We are] basically going to anyone."

Once completed, the quiet phase gave way to the implementation phase. This phase incorporated techniques including personal visits, direct mail, aggressive phone marketing and the Internet to reach donors.

"[It can] broaden the outreach to organizations that don't come from the church of Christ but applaud what Harding stands for," Williams said.

Williams said even though he has changed job titles this summer he has kept the same focus.

"I continue to try to make our school affordable to more people," he said. "I hope I can create scholarships that allow others to experience Harding."

— Andrea Martin



**Dr. Dean Priest, vice president for Academic Affairs,** and seniors Ashley Gargis and Sarah Backus chat in front of the Administration Building in September. Priest graduated from Harding College in 1961 with a degree in mathematics. (Photo by Amy Beene)

**Mel Sansom, vice president for finance,** speaks with sophomore Rebecca DeRamus in front of Keller Hall Sept. 10. Sansom, who began serving as vice president in 2002, oversaw the university's finances. (Photo by Amy Beene)

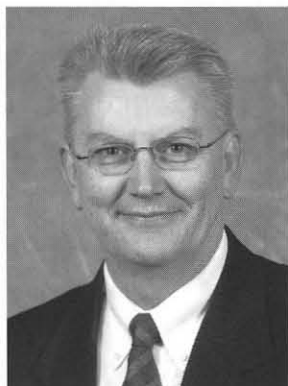




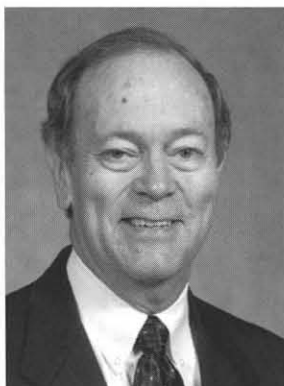
**Dr. Jim Carr, executive vice president,** visits with senior Jonathan Bryan in front of the Heritage Inn. Because there were two simultaneous chapels this fall, Carr assisted President David Burks in presiding over the daily worship services. (Photo by Amy Beene)



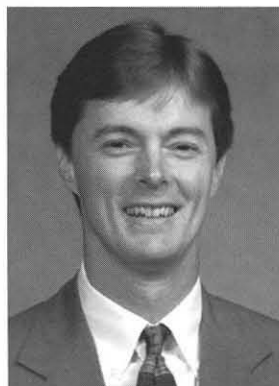
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**Keith Cronk, vice president for Information Technology,** and Dr. Reet Cronk, associate professor of business, celebrate Reet Cronk's dissertation completion at her celebration party Sept. 9. Keith Cronk served as the chief information officer at the University. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)

## 24WORDS Keith Cronk

**Keith Cronk, vice president for Information Technology,** began working at Harding in 1999. Cronk and his wife, Reet, and three children hail from Australia.

## Greg Harnden rides through the breeze

**Greg Harnden, athletics director**, models his motorcycle near First Security Stadium in September. Harnden, a motorcycle enthusiast, has been riding and collecting motorcycles for 34 years. (Photo by Amy Beene)



The smell of the fresh outdoors, the scenery and the relaxation were just three reasons why Greg Harnden, athletic director, said he owned motorcycles.

Harnden started his motorcycle collection in 1969 with a 175 Kawasaki, but he didn't stop with just one.

In the first years of his hobby, Harnden purchased five bikes. He and a friend eventually opened up their own bike shop as a side job.

Even though the shop only lasted four months Harnden's love for motorcycles lasted much longer. He has been on several cross-country road trips since owning the shop.

"I go on two major trips a year," Harnden said. "I have been coast to coast and border to border."

While Harnden admitted his hobby was dangerous, he said riding motorcycles was gratifying.

"It's a completely different way

to enjoy your surroundings. Just getting out by yourself—stress free," he said. "You can see, smell and experience things that you can't in a car."

While enjoying the ride, it was a biker's duty to look the part. Although Harnden admitted to owning the traditional black leather jacket and chaps, he didn't always dress in the typical biker garb.

"I wear a helmet more often than I don't," he said. "I do have a black leather jacket. I do have chaps, but I'm pretty conservative in my dress attire."

A safer aspect of Harnden's hobby was the restoration of bikes. Among his favorite to restore were the BMW motorcycles.

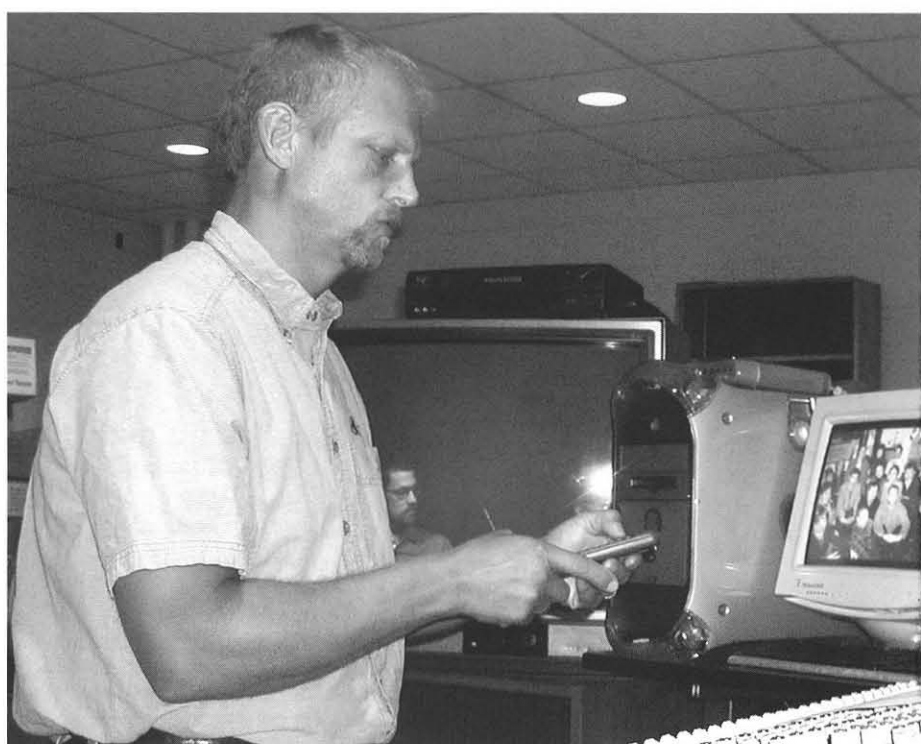
Harnden was a member of the BMW Motorcyclists of America and Harley Owners Group, the main Harley Davidson organization.

— Sara Van Winkle



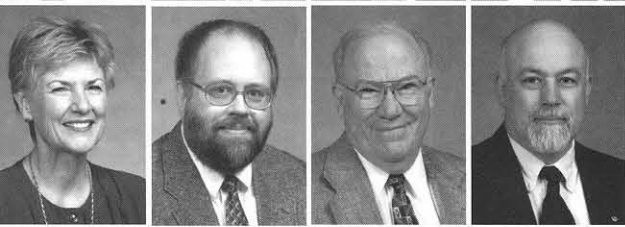
**William Bridges, Harding University Bookstore manager**, restocks shelves in the renovated facility Sept. 12. Bridges oversaw the summer renovation of the HUB, which cost more than \$100,000. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)

**David Woodroof, director of media services**, works in the Benson Auditorium sound booth during chapel. One of Woodroof's daily responsibilities included controlling the sound system in the Benson during chapel. (Photo by Amy Beene)





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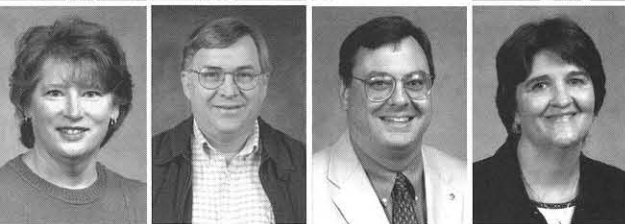
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**Dr. Delores Carson, assistant vice president for Student Services,** listens to Board of Trustees members interact with student leaders at a meeting Oct. 16. Carson oversaw a number of activities on campus, including residential life and spiritual wellness activities. (Photo by Renee Lewis)

## 24WORDS Dr. Delores Carson

In addition to her position at Harding, Carson valued her family and her husband of 43 years. She also enjoyed speaking at ladies' events.

**Lora Fleener, director of student technology services,** Ann Dixon, director of the Library, and Keith Cronk, vice president for Information Technology Services, laugh during an ITS staff meeting March 5. ITS helped lead the University to an online registration system this year, eliminating the traditional arena registration in the Ganus Athletic Center. (Photo by Jim Miller)



## Information technology leads university through changes

**F**or the first time in more than 15 years, students did not have to attend the traditional arena registration in the Ganus Athletic Center when they arrived on campus for the spring semester, which officially began Jan. 14.

Thanks to Banner, the new information management software implemented University-wide this year, students were able to register online using Campus Pipeline.

Keith Cronk, vice president for Information Technology, said the new system made it easier for students to register, but it placed the responsibility of registering on the students' shoulders.

"This registration process is a new way of thinking," Cronk said. "This new system is much simpler for the students because they can do it all online, hopefully without having to stand in a line. But the students need to understand it is now more their responsibility."

Beginning in December, Cronk said students were able to view their accounts under the School Services tab in Campus Pipeline.

By viewing their accounts, students could see what business they needed to complete in order to be fully registered for the spring semester — business that was previously explained to them and taken care of on registration day in the GAC. Because there was no arena registration this year, students went to individual offices to take care of unfinished business.

Some of the items students saw on their checklist of requirements included paying the

required \$2,300 down payment to the business office, signing student services paper work or reserving a chapel seat.

Molly Noble, director of the business office, said it was in the best interest of all students to complete these requirements before they left for Christmas break; that way they could avoid standing in lines in January.

In addition, students were able to register financially during the break online, over the phone or by mail. If students did not complete these requirements by Jan. 20, the University threatened to drop their classes and charge them a \$100 fee to have a schedule re-entered.

In addition to the new technological changes, the Office of Student Life is organized a Welcome Center Jan. 13, the traditional arena registration day, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in the student center.

According to Dustin Vyers, student activities coordinator, the event included music, free hot chocolate and cookies, door prizes and an information desk where students who had not completed the registration process could ask questions.

"The Welcome Center was a place where students could hang out and reunite with friends they hadn't seen in a few weeks," Vyers said. "The event was not required for registration; the students registered on their own. It was just a place where we could welcome the students back to campus and provide an information desk in case anyone had questions about how to complete their registration."

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**Pat Rice, director of Student Health Services**, measures a student's blood pressure in the campus clinic. Rice, who has been at Harding for more than 20 years, didn't know what to expect on a typical clinic day. (Photo by Amy Beene)



## A day in the life: more than just medicine

**F**or Pat Rice, registered nurse and director of Student Health Services, there was no ordinary day at the campus clinic.

"I can't tell you what a typical day here might be because I don't know what to expect," Rice said.

The nurses' clinic, open from 7 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, served Harding students in need of medical care. Many of the cases Rice saw in a typical day were related to colds, sinuses, allergies and upset stomachs.

"We see the most students in October and between March and April," she said. "The change in temperature and the flowers blooming cause allergy, sinus and cold problems."

Despite the common occurrence of these problems, students still came to the clinic for help.

"Most students aren't sure what to take to treat these illnesses," Rice said. "We ask them what medicine they normally use, and most reply, 'Whatever my mom gives me.' We try to teach them what decongestives and antihistamines are, so they learn how to treat themselves."

However, Rice and her staff treated more than just physical ailments, dispensing love and advice as needed. Some students weren't physically sick, but homesick, coming to the clinic struggling with "broken hearts or grief over the loss of a parent or friend," Rice said.

"We love our students," Rice said. "We love the opportunity to serve them toward total wellness — mentally, physically and spiritually."

In 1982, Rice became a nurse at the Harding clinic, and the director of Student Health Services in 1984. Rice said her role at Harding involved more than just medicine.

More than once, she and her husband, Guilford, transportation officer, opened their homes to students in need. She remembered Aiichiro, a former Harding Academy student and patient at the clinic, was not able to return home to Japan one Christmas, so the Rices took him in.

"A family Christmas decision [was] made because there was no room in the 'inn' for him. We decided to be inn keepers."

Aiichiro stayed with the Rices for another 12 Christmases and two summers. A doctor of biochemistry, he worked for a biotech firm this year that researched drugs for cystic fibrosis. Aiichiro still keeps in touch with the Rices.

Full of many more anecdotes from her life and her patients' lives, Pat Rice said everyone had a story to tell.

"Mine is a 23-year story in the making," she said. "You can't tell it in just one day."

— Meghan Michaelson



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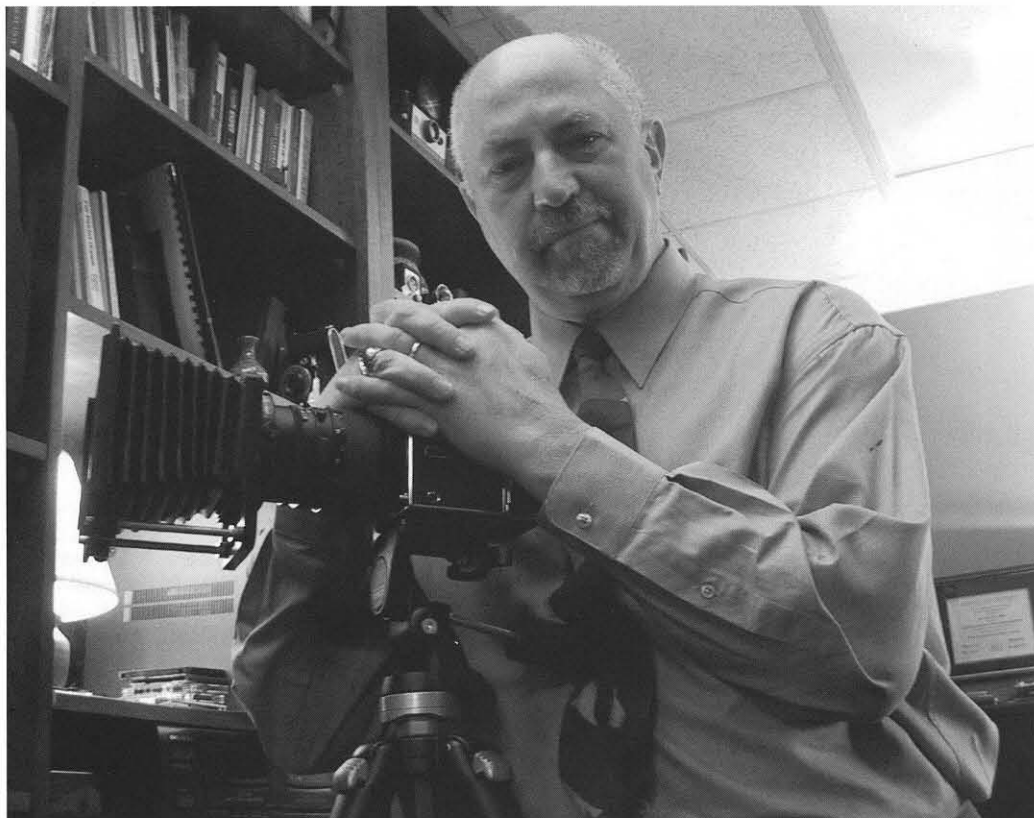
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**Dr. Mike James**, chairman of the communication department and professional wedding photographer, poses with a camera in his office. James has been shooting weddings since he was a student at Harding. (Photo by Russell Keck)



# Wedding bliss

## Professor makes hobby out of photography

**F**rom curtains catching on fire to people dropping the ring off the side of a cliff, Dr. Mike James, communication department chairman and professional wedding photographer, has caught it all over the years.

"I got started because I was a poor Harding student," James said. "Some students were having a wedding and couldn't afford photos, so I decided to help them out by offering less expensive photos."

James said one of the reasons he loved weddings so much was because they were some of the happiest days in people's lives.

He also enjoyed the variety in wedding ceremonies; from the different vows to the different places people chose to get married.

"It keeps me younger and excited about life," James said.

After word spread of James' talent, he began shooting weddings throughout the country, from Missouri to California. He shot weddings in huge cathedrals and some in tiny churches, some ceremonies with fancy dresses and some

with overalls and bare feet.

As time went by, James developed a technique for shooting weddings and discovered the type of shots he like taking.

When the bride and groom were comfortable the posed shots look more natural. However, candid shots were the best because they captured the action of a special moment, James said.

"The secret to good wedding pictures is to get a couple to relax and trust me," he said.

Besides shooting weddings, James found the simple art of photography intrigued him because of the physics involved.

He also appreciated the simplicity and mystery of photography and found it fascinating how an image could appear on paper by mixing chemicals and film.

To anyone wanting to develop his or her inner photographer, James had this to say, "Always consider yourself a learner and realize you've never achieved perfection. You can find great images wherever you are. Look for God in everything you see."

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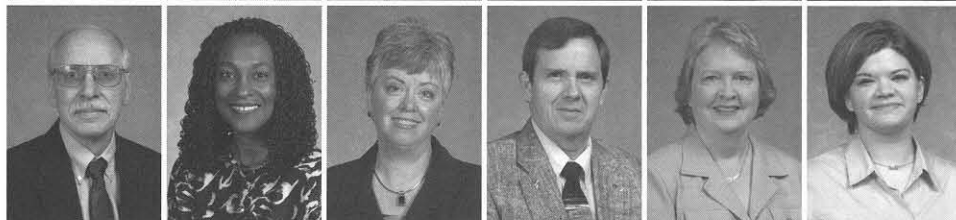
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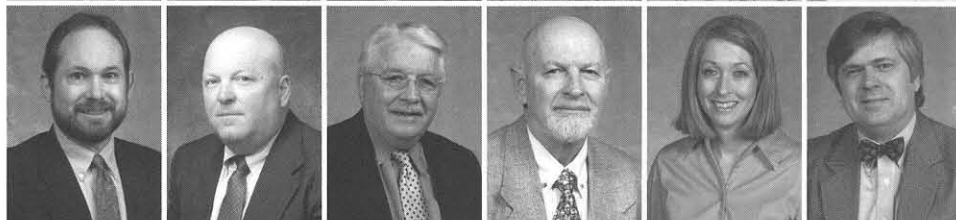
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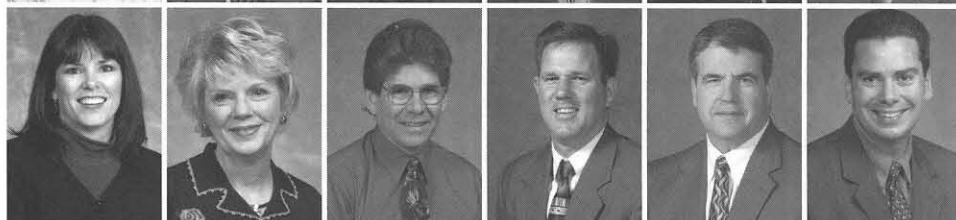
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