



Studying on the front lawn, two students enjoy the beauty of nature surrounding them. Faculty encouraged students to be successful academically because success in academics led to an established lifestyle later in life. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



Years have passed. Departments have grown and educators have come and gone, but the dedication to Christian academics has never swayed at Harding University.

Upon **establishment** 80 years ago, the founders chose to build this institution with a focus on Christian education.

Sophomore James Hopper said the classes Harding helped him strengthen his relationship with Christ.

“[Harding helps spiritual growth] by providing Bible classes to strengthen your knowledge of scripture and perhaps more importantly working God into [academic] classes as well,” Hopper said.

Those who were at Harding in 1924 hoped future students would grow academically and spiritually while attending Harding.

“Do you wish the world were wise? Well, suppose you make a start, by accumulating wisdom in the scrapbook of your heart,” Ella Wheeler said in the 1924 *Petit Jean*.

“ Kelli Ohrenberger “ academics editor “

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ASIA TOUR //

chorus goes abroad

Preparing to take a four-week tour of Southeast Asia this summer, the 60 members of the chorus adjusted to two different directors this year.

While Dr. Cliff Ganus, director of the chorus, spent the spring semester at Harding University in Greece, Craig Jones, Harding Academy director, filled his shoes. Ganus, the director for the Asia tour, wanted the chorus to know the repertoire before he left in the spring.

"He's wanting us to learn everything for the summer tour before we leave for Christmas break," sophomore Brandon Grady said.

The tour, designed to promote and encourage local churches, was planned to kick off May 17 and last through June 16.

"[Dr. Ganus said] just our being there will do a lot of good in the communities," Grady said.

Ganus hoped students would gain insight about the church.

"[I hope they will] see the church worldwide — just not an American institution," Ganus said.

The group planned to tour China, Singapore and Thailand. Members hoped to see the Great Wall of China and Tiananmen Square, among other sites.

"I'm looking forward to seeing a culture I'm not familiar with," Grady said. "It's a place where there will be new Christians we'll have contact with."

The trip cost around \$2,000 per person. Chorus members raised the money through writing letters to congregations, family members and friends. In Singapore and Thailand, chorus members were to stay with host congregations. In China, they planned to stay at local universities.

"This was a wonderful arrangement in that it allowed Harding students to be in the homes of families and to influence them for Christ," Mike Dawidow, a member of an Asian church, said.

The Southeast Asia tour was the 12th campaign since 1979. The most recent campaign in the summer of 2003 took the chorus to Bulgaria, Greece, Albania and Italy.

— Renee Lewis and Jamie Higgins



Dr. Arthur Shearin, professor of music, directs the concert choir during a rehearsal in the Reynolds Center in October. Choir, which was comprised of both music and non-music majors, maintained an active touring schedule, including a performance with the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra spring semester. (Photo by Amy Beene)



time in MOTION

The Thundering Herd marching band plays the fight song at the Homecoming football game Oct. 18. The marching band, which began in 1951, has received steady leadership and direction over the 53 years of its existence. In fact, only three men have served as directors. Eddie Baggett led the program from its initiation until Dr. Warren Casey took over in 1982. Mike Chance, who started directing the group in 1996, led the Thundering Herd this year. (Photo by Russell Keck)



Junior Sheri Bently looks to find a perspective on her artwork in the Painting 1 class Oct. 21. Dr. Steve Choate, associate professor of art and design, taught the class, which was designed to give art students creative experience in oil painting. (Photo by Amy Beene)



Senior Natalie Cross concentrates on her sculpture in a ceramics class Oct. 15. The two-credit hour class gave students the opportunity to experiment with different mediums of pottery. (Photo by Amy Beene)

VIDEO WORKS //

new name, new year

A major upgrade in equipment and technology resulted in Harding's move toward the top six of the national technology list.

Video Works, formerly Video Services, located in the McInteer building, moved to the Reynolds Center along with its equipment and personnel over the summer.

Video Works held the abilities to edit video and film piece-by-piece and frame-by-frame on a computer. Also, a portable climate-controlled video production trailer was purchased, which was used to travel on site to Harding's athletic events for filming and editing.

On average, eight to 10 workers assisted with student-based production. Students enrolled in the television practicum course worked with the new equipment and helped anchor the games.

"I think it's a great opportunity for Harding and its students. It's a showcase for how advanced Hard-

ing is," junior John Dowdy, TV 16 producer, said. "Students learn more about their chosen trade while helping other students and departments such as the athletic department."

Dr. Mike James, chairman of the communication department, was excited about the new technology.

"This is the top of the line," James said. "You can count all the schools in the nation with this technology on two hands."

James remained confident these technology changes would benefit students when looking for a job.

"When a student graduates, they will be ready for a job knowing the most advanced video production tools," James said.

James said the technology made Harding's communication graduates prepared for the workforce.

"This makes students able and ready for a job," he said. "We want them to hit the ground running."

— Gary Luna

Dr. Pat Garner, professor of speech, sings an interpretation of "Impossible Dream" at the communication department mixer Aug. 28.

The department welcomed communication majors at the beginning of the semester with a cookout and informational meeting. (Photo by Amy Beene)

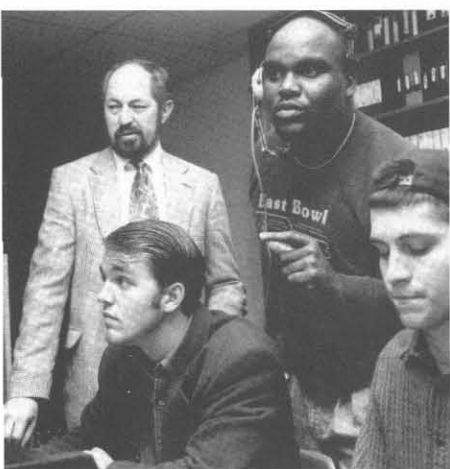


Senior Melissa Pitts, speech pathology major, works with Searcy resident Houston Brooks Sept. 16 in the speech pathology office in the Reynolds Center. On Tuesdays and Thursdays children from the community came to the Reynolds Center to work with speech pathology majors. (Photo by Amy Beene)

Senior Josh Davidson looks through the camera as the TV 16 news anchors prepare for their broadcast. TV 16 aired a half-hour broadcast each weeknight, giving communication students the opportunity to get hands-on experience in the broadcasting field. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



Senior Andy Robinson, freshman Bridget Clarke, sophomores Kayanne Jones and Cynthia Noah, junior Brandon Sublette and sophomore Kim Frizzell enjoy a barbecue dinner on the steps of the Reynolds Center at the communication department meeting Aug. 28. Students and faculty members gathered to open up the year with announcements, fellowship and door prizes. (Photo by Amy Beene)



time in MOTION

Dr. Mike James, communication department chairman, assists students in a TV production class in 1993. James graduated with a bachelor's degree from Harding in 1973 and completed his graduate studies program at Florida State University in 1993. (Photo from the 1993 *Petit Jean*)

SPANISH CRAZE //

department grows in number

The foreign language department's Spanish section saw immense growth in the past several years, especially this year.

The Spanish department was started in 1973 by Ava Conley, who was appointed chairman of the foreign language department this year. She saw the department grow from three students when it began, to 300 this year.

"We have had growth over the last several years, around 50 students a year," Flemming Bell, assistant professor of Spanish, said. "That's two more classes every year."

Because of the influx of students, the department needed to add two new sections of classes. Also, the department hired a new Spanish instructor, Michelle Coizman, to help ease the teaching responsibilities.

To help with the overload, two graduate assistants were hired to grade papers and run labs.

Esparanza Massana and Alex Quinterro took on these responsibilities

as part of their graduate work.

The Spanish department's popularity could be attributed to a number of factors.

"The growth is due to rise in the Hispanic population and its influence, especially in the southwestern part of the country," Dr. Robert McCready, associate professor of French, said.

Another factor contributing to the rapid departmental growth was the requirement of a second language in many other academic majors.

"There is an ever-increasing need for Spanish in all professions today," Conley said.

Conley said the quality of education that Spanish students received at Harding was strong.

"We have a strong emphasis on practical use of the language," Conley said. "Our goal is to maintain a high level of competency that will enable our students to compete at a top level in the job market."

— Justin Bronson

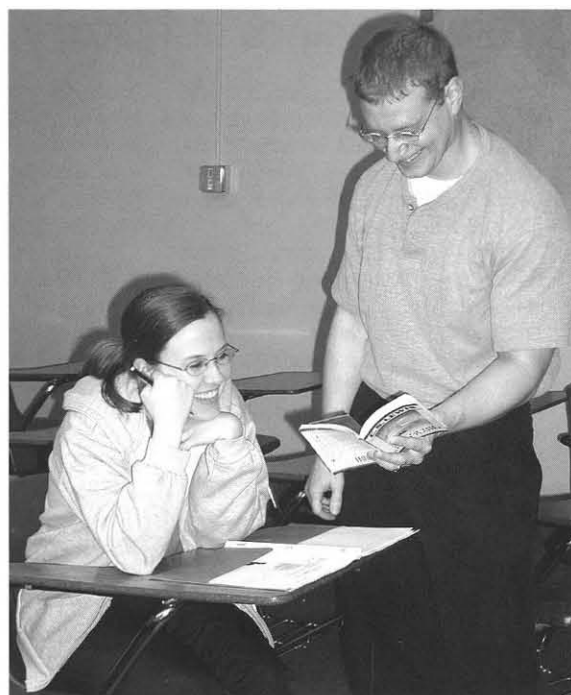
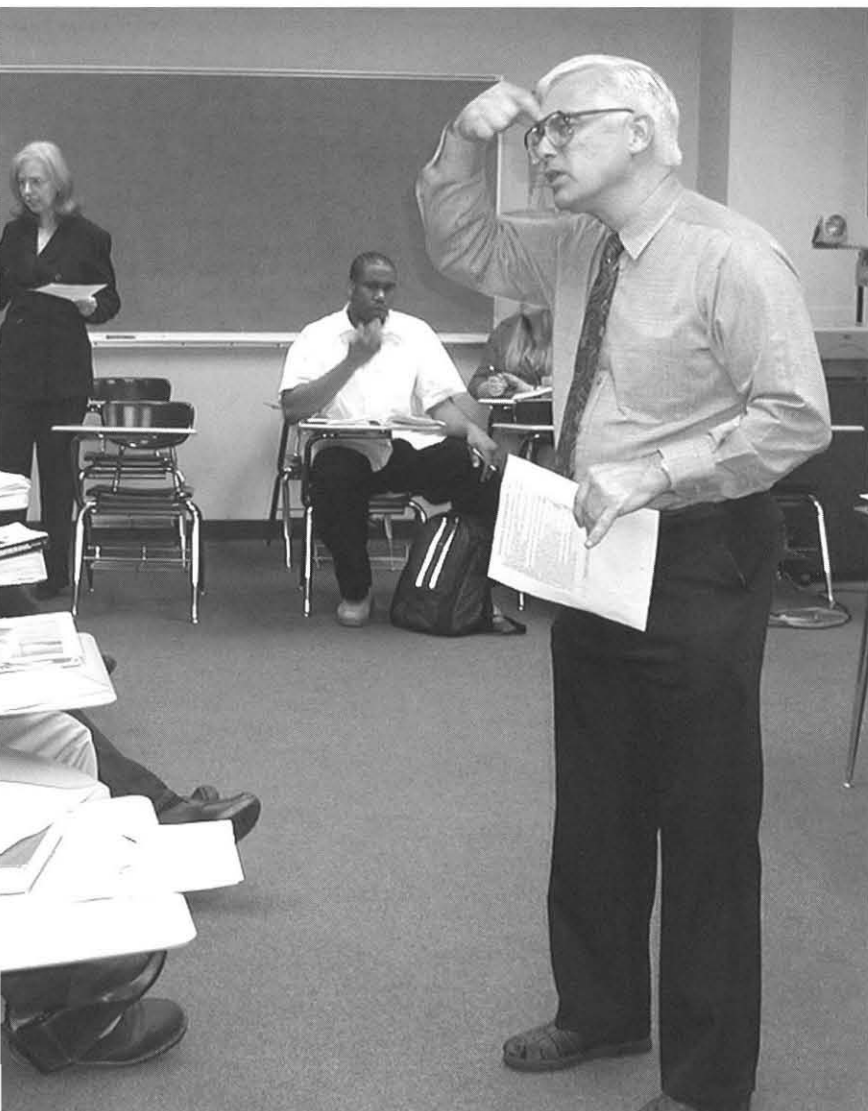


Senior Jessica McCormick reads "Sunlight on the Garden" by Louis MacNiece at the English department's Literary Festival Oct. 7. The festival allowed students from various English clubs and groups to share literary works. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)

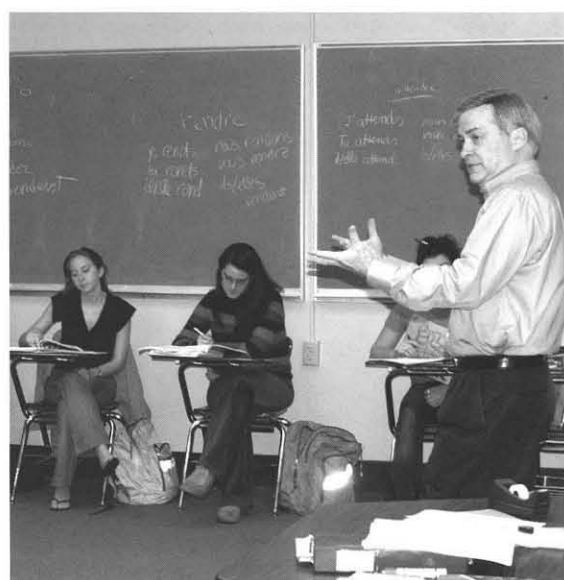


Dr. Gary Elliott, professor of English, discusses a writing assignment in a composition class Oct. 29. Elliott, known for his sense of humor, began teaching at Harding in 1967. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)

Dr. Noble Goss, assistant professor of Spanish, reviews vocabulary words with the Latin American Literature class in October. He and Ava Conley, professor of Spanish and chairman of the foreign language department, paired up to teach the class, which had 25 students enrolled. (Photo by Amy Beene)



Senior Kristen Mote and Dr. Larry Hunt, associate professor of English, discuss symbolism in the "Chronicles of Narnia." Hunt taught a Monday night class during the fall semester that focused on the literary works of C.S. Lewis. (Photo by Amy Beene)



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Dr. Robert McCready, professor of French, converses with his intermediate-level French class Oct. 29 in the Ganus building. The foreign language department began in 1973 with six French students. McCready oversaw around 20 upper-level students this year. He placed the department's emphasis on practical French conversational skills, which could be used in facets such as international business. (Photo by Amy Beene)

HOOP SKIRTS //

culture shines at history event

While the rain poured outside, the annex of the Westside church of Christ sheltered Minnie Pearl, George Washington, Bonnie and Clyde and two Southern belles among others Nov. 21.

The gathering came about when the history honors society, Phi Alpha Theta, decided it wanted to host events with themes in which the group to participate. The result, a Southern-style banquet, allowed both students and faculty members to dress up as historical Southern figures and eat old-fashion Southern cooking.

"I thought it was wonderful that the faculty was willing to contribute in the way they did," Lori Klein, associate professor of political science, said. "By making some of the meals themselves and helping with the organization, I thought it was a great act of Southern hospitality."

In keeping with Southern tradition, the menu for the night consisted of fried chicken, turnip greens, sweet potato pie, black-eyed peas

with "Hoppin' John relish," corn bread, green bean casserole and iced tea. As they feasted, students and faculty members discussed their costumes and the different time periods represented.

"The food tasted great, but I couldn't eat more than two bites," junior Amanda Terry said. "I know now why those women were so proper back then, you just can't eat, breathe and wear a corset at the same time."

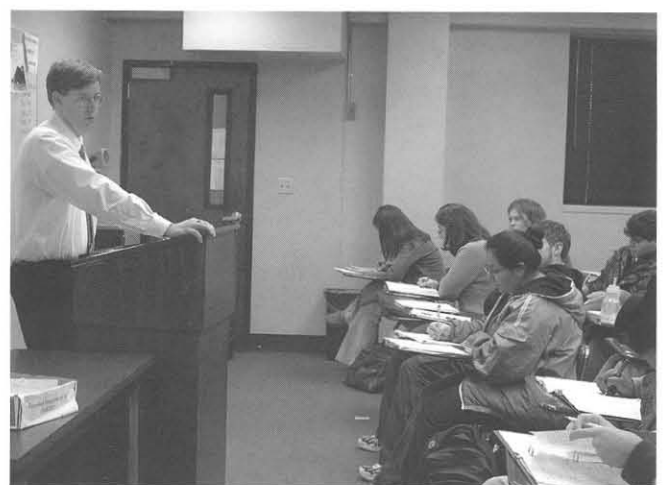
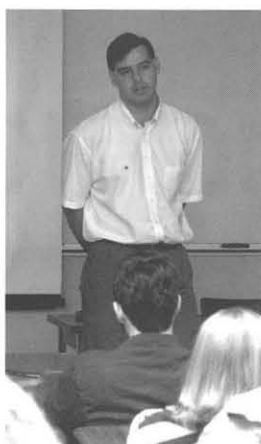
When making the decision to attend the banquet, Terry decided to take on the task of making her own Southern belle costume. Terry and her mother gathered materials from historical places and made the entire dress down to its hoop skirt.

Terry said the experience was used as a teaching tool.

"I had a lot of fun researching the fashion of the times and learned a lot about it too," Terry said. "Wearing it was both incredibly fun and painful."

— *Cairey Tai*

Dr. Steve Breezel, instructor of history and political science, conducts a review session in an American government class Dec. 5. Faculty members used review sessions as additional preparation for upcoming tests. (Photo by Russell Keck)



Dr. Kevin Klein, associate professor of History, teaches an American history class in December. Klein also served as the chairman of the history and social science department. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)

Junior Amanda Terry, sophomore Kyle Johnson, and seniors Stacy Perry, Kyle Hinckley, Summer Feazell and Peter Shipman dress in attire representing the southern United States during the 1860s at the Phi Alpha Theta Southern Culture Banquet Nov. 21. Terry made her dress to resemble a historical Southern belle's fashion. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Julie Harris)



Dr. Andy Olree, associate professor of political science, lectures to the administrative law class Nov. 20. "Dr. Olree helped me become more enthusiastic about legal knowledge while giving me insight into the legal profession," junior Justin Dean said. (Photo by Russell Keck)



time in MOTION

Paul Haynie, professor of history, speaks to a group of students

in April 2001 at a small church on the battlegrounds at Shiloh, a Civil War landmark in Shiloh, Tenn. Haynie, who had a passion for Civil War history, took his classes to Pittsburgh Landing, Tenn., and Vicksburg, Miss., every year to see the battlegrounds and experience Civil War history. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Paul Haynie)

MISSIONS MINORS //

Bible class causes minor changes

Widespread popularity of Dr. Monte Cox's Living World Religions class caused some seniors to resort to declaring minors in missions just so they could get into the class.

The class, which was preset to cap at 70 students, reached its limit early during pre-registration last spring partly because of overseas students, who received the opportunity to register for classes before any on the Searcy campus.

Wanting to take the class and not willing to take "no" for an answer, senior Jeannie Petty spoke directly to Cox about her situation. Cox told her the only way she could get in was if she declared a minor in missions.

Realizing that declaring a missions minor would not set her graduation date back, Petty decided to go ahead and declare the minor.

Soon after finding her way into the class, Petty told other students

who wanted to take the class how she got in and word began to spread.

"It's a class that I've wanted to take ever since I came to Harding because I like learning about other religions and cultures," senior Alicia Bright said. "I hadn't had a chance to take Dr. Cox yet, so it seemed worth the extra trouble."

The class was only offered in the fall, on a Monday, Wednesday Friday schedule, for two or three credit hours.

Along with the actual class time, there was a three-day field trip to Chicago in November. While in Chicago, 60 members of the class visited nine places of worship, including a Mosque and a Buddhist Temple.

"In a very respectful way you actually get to see and hear these people worship," Petty said. "In many ways it might be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience something like that."

— Cairey Tai



Seniors Kristen Stumpf and Dan Dolfie visit with a representative of the Soka Gakkai Institute in Chicago during the Living World Religions class trip in November. Soka Gakkai is a form of Buddhism. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)

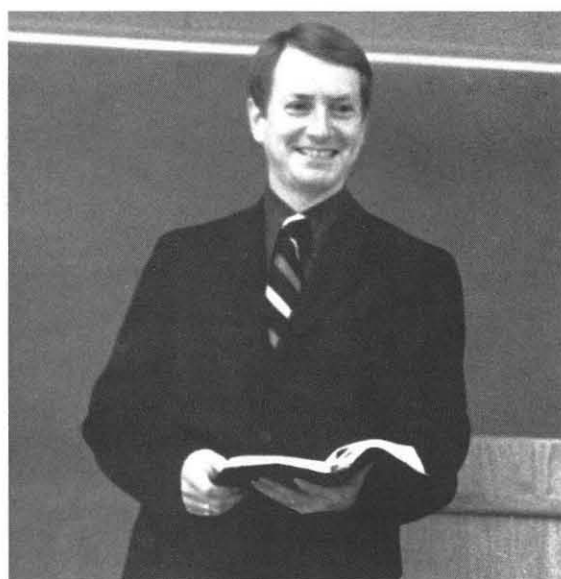


Dr. John Fortner, associate professor of Bible, works with his Hebrew class on translations Oct. 28. Some Bible majors chose to take Hebrew as an elective. (Photo by Amy Beene)

Senior Scott Berry and his classmates watch as a rabbit is skinned during the Heifer Project Sept. 27. The Heifer Project in Perryville, Ark., allowed students to experience real-life situations on the mission field, including gathering food. (Photo courtesy of Kristin Wood)



Tim Rine, assistant professor of Bible, lectures his New Testament survey class Oct. 27. Though Rine had taught in the College of Bible and Religion as an adjunct professor in previous years, this was his first year as a full-time faculty member. (Photo by Amy Beene)



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Dr. Neale Pryor, professor of Bible, instructs his Bible students in 1972. Pryor, who was in his 42nd year of teaching this year, saw the College of Bible and Religion grow and change. However, "the faculty's dedication to the Bible and their interest in the lives of students has remained constant since the beginning," Pryor said. (Photo from the 1972 *Petit Jean*)

MEDIA DREAM //

funding slows down center

The Center for Christian Broadcasting, a religious auxiliary production branch of the Institute for Church and Family, prayed funding would not crush a lifelong dream.

Dr. Louis Butterfield, professor of communication and founder of the CCB, hoped to create a center where Christian topics could be presented in a multitude of media to the general public.

"It started in my mind years and years ago," Butterfield said. "We have been talking about it for over 20 years, but we actually put CCB together four years ago."

The center struggled to get off the ground because of lack of funding. For the future, the CCB developed a vision to create a form of media dealing with several different topics, but focused on the topic of dating, marriage and sex among teenagers this year.

"We deal with every conceivable topic of dating. We are not going with just dating," Butterfield said. "It is going to be first principle stuff, but doctrinal stuff as well."

Butterfield said there was not enough media covering vital topics that needed to be addressed in a modern society.

"People always have videos and compact discs from other sources that are not Christian. They are not presented the way we would like them to be," Butterfield said. "I want to be able to make something for Christians that they can look to for answers about today's questions."

But there was a hindrance to the progress of CCB this year.

"The main problem is that we don't have enough money to advertise the way we want to," Butterfield said. "Sales aren't as good as we wanted, but at this point, we have only advertised in Harding's Church and Family Magazine. We just don't have the money to advertise at the moment."

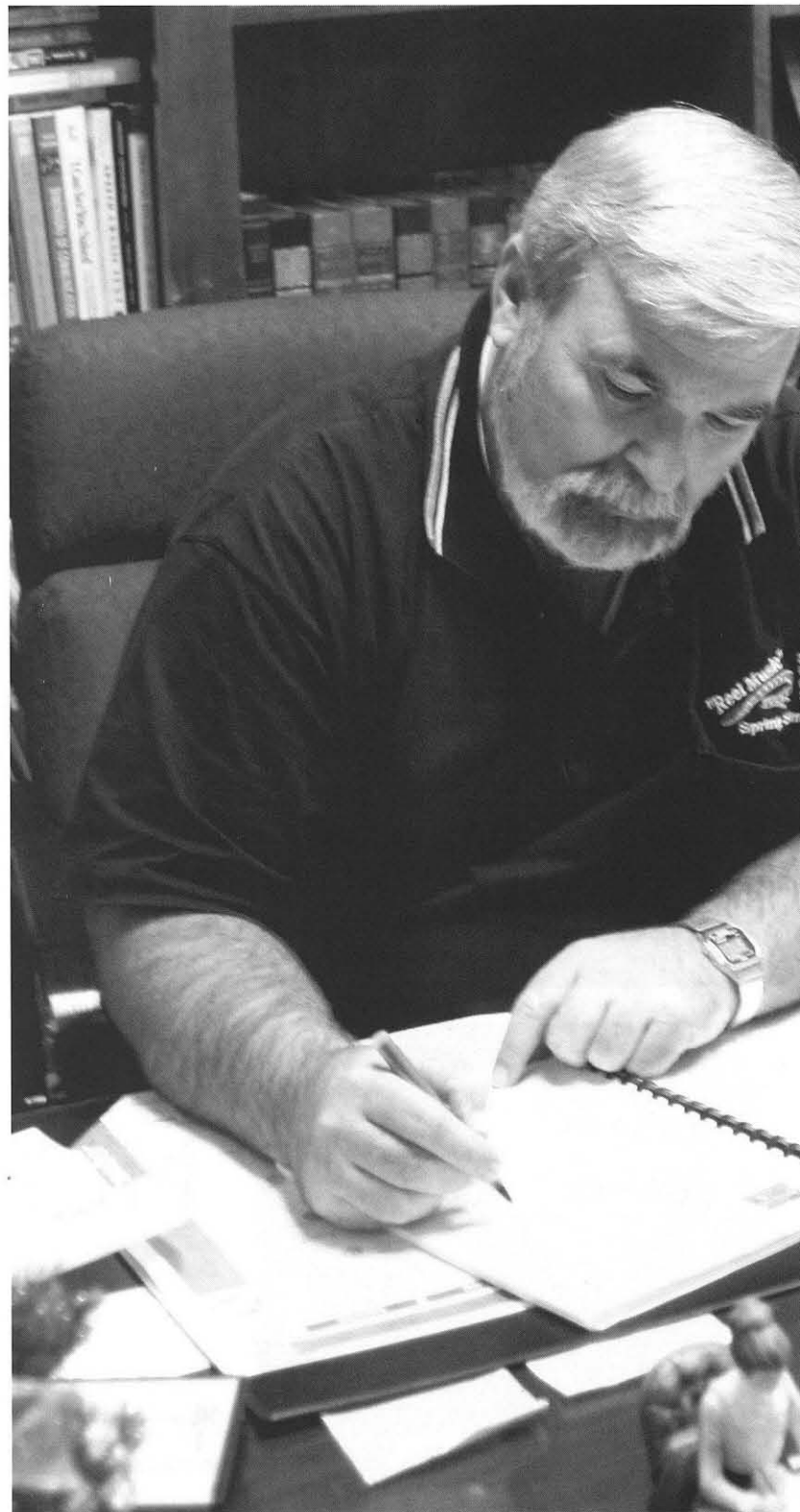
Butterfield said, however, that from one issue of the magazine, CCB sold 10 copies of the most recent video.

The vision Butterfield had for all these years slowly became reality. A comprehensive media presentation on modern-day Christian issues and an eventual media center were part of the plans Butterfield had for CCB.

In the spring of 2004, Butterfield took a sabbatical to help his dream come true. The entire focus of his work went toward CCB in hopes that it would become the media center that he had always wanted it to be.

"I want to make this happen," Butterfield said. "Taking [a sabbatical] will give me time to focus on CCB and really make some progress."

— Gary Luna

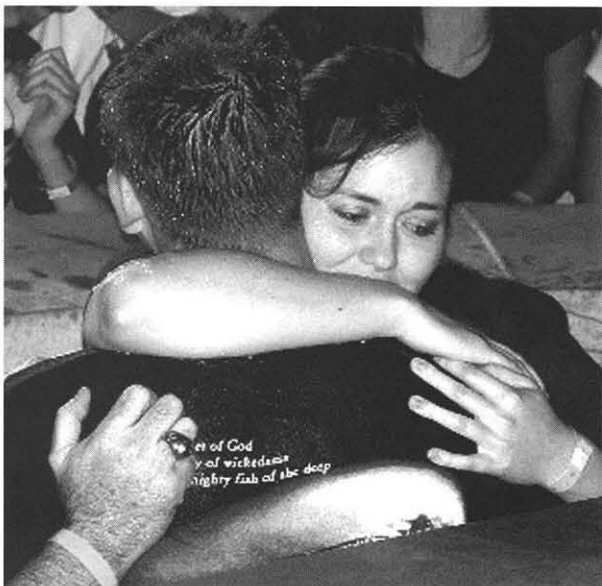


Dr. Lou Butterfield, professor of communication, works on material for the Center for Christian Broadcasting's video series on marriage, family and dating Dec. 5. In order to spend more time with CCB, Butterfield took a sabbatical during the spring semester. (Photo by Kelli Ohrenberger)



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Brad McAfee, director of recruitment and development for the Harding School of Biblical Studies, leads the HSBS chapel in December. HSBS, a program devoted to training preachers, began in 1973 under the leadership of Dr. Clifton Ganus, chancellor and former university president. Originally the Christian Communications Program/School of Biblical Studies, the program changed its name to HSBS in 1984. (Photo by Amy Beene)



After rising from the water, a camper hugs the Uplift counselor who baptized her. The Institute for Church and Family sponsored Uplift, a Christian summer camp for teenagers. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)



Dr. Adrian Hickmon, associate professor of Marriage and Family Therapy, leads a discussion during class Dec. 8. MFT, in its 11th year, continued to provide graduate education for students pursuing careers in family therapy. (Photo by Russell Keck)

NEW DEGREE //

Searcy graduate Bible program to begin

President David Burks and the Board of Trustees worked throughout the year to prepare a new master's program in Bible at the Searcy campus for the 2004-2005 school year.

Burks said the program, comparable with the business and education graduate programs, most likely would consist of a one-year, 36-hour curriculum. Dr. Bill Richardson, associate professor of Bible, will direct the program.

The board made the decision Oct. 17 to begin a program in Searcy after studying the Graduate School of Religion in Memphis. The study was designed to aid the growth of graduate studies in Bible at Harding.

"The board reaffirmed its commitment to graduate studies in Bible and religion," Burks said. "[The board] would like to see the number of students in graduate study increase."

In addition to the new Searcy program, efforts were made to reduce the deficit at the Memphis campus while continuing to provide quality biblical education to the students.

"One of Harding University's purposes is to train young men to be ministers," Don Shores, chairman of the board, said. "How that can be done most cost effectively is [important to consider]."

To help decrease the deficit, Burks said the graduate assistantship program in Memphis would change to mirror the program that began in Searcy this year.

"We're simply implementing the same policy in Memphis that we've already implemented in Searcy," Burks said. "[The policy] will help reduce the deficit."

Evertt Huffard, HUGSR dean, said the Memphis campus had five graduate assistants this year and it planned to increase that number significantly next year.

The increased number of graduate assistants would help reduce the budget by filling jobs without hiring extra staff members. Along with cost cuts, Burks said fund raising was key in reducing HUGSR's deficit.

Since the program in Memphis was a two- to three-year program, some said the smaller program in Searcy would be good for those wanting to receive a master's degree in Bible in a shorter time frame.

"I think the one-year program in Searcy would be a good way for [some students] to receive the education without as much of a time commitment," senior Robert Meyer, Bible major, said.

— Renee Lewis

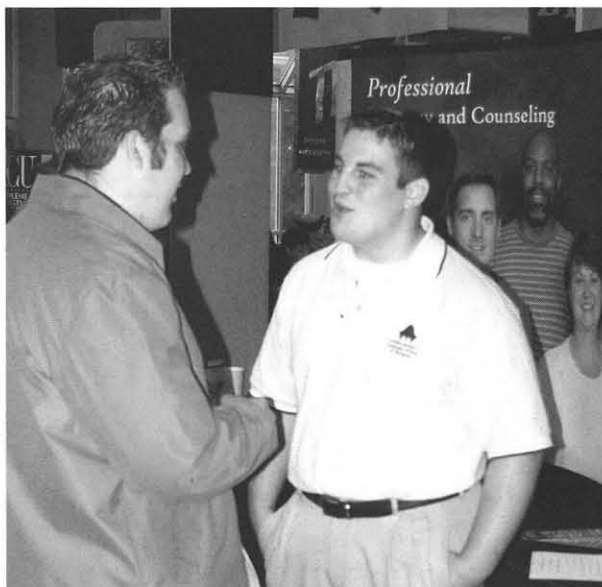


Graduate student Peter Horne, an Australia native, makes announcements concerning Australian church planting Feb. 12 in McInteer 229. Horne, a student at the Harding University Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, was on the Searcy campus this spring recruiting students for the team. (Photo by Renee Lewis)



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Graduate Students Pam Cooley, Tammie Cloyes Cooper and Sarah Carpenter listen to a lecture in the advanced education technology class Jan. 22. Pat Bashaw, director of the education graduate program, said the program graduated eight students in its first class in 1955. The program enrolled nearly 1,000 students around the state of Arkansas this year. "In addition to the highest quality of degrees that we already offer, we are proud to have added the specialist degree in education administration," Bashaw said. (Photo by Russell Keck)



Senior Sam Peters and graduate student Charles Kiser, of the Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, discuss post-graduation options at the Graduate School Fair in November. Harding offered graduate programs both at the Searcy and Memphis campuses. (Photo by Renee Lewis)



Graduate assistant Allison Seright speaks to an interested student at the Graduate School Fair in November. Seright was a student and graduate assistant in the College of Education's graduate program this year. (Photo by Renee Lewis)

CHRISTIAN BUSINESS //

department integrates faith

New programs and continuing efforts enhanced the College of Business' mission to develop successful servants out of the department's 900 students and 23 full-time faculty members.

"We strive to create Christian business servants that will use the talents that God has given them to succeed; not necessarily monetarily but for the glory of the kingdom of God," Bryan Burks, dean of the College of Business Administration, said.

In an effort to advance teamwork skills and simulate future careers in business, COBA offered an in-house form of the annual Arkansas Capital Corporation Business Plan Competition.

Under the direction of Dr. Phil Brown, director of the accounting department, students wrote professional plans that implemented business strategies for an original product and market location.

"The purpose of this competition

is to provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate their business development skills, along with new business venture ideas in a professional format just as they would in the business world," Burks said.

In its second year, the Business Missions Seminar directed by Dr. Budd Hebert, professor of international business, allowed students to travel to Donetsk, Ukraine, during spring break.

The seminar integrated business and character as students met with international business professionals and also conducted personal Bible studies with members of the local congregation.

"Christianity and business [aren't] normally grouped together but you don't have to be a Bible major to work in missions," senior Bethany Marcacci said. "The business world is your mission field. Ethics in general, while it may not be the most popular, [are important]."

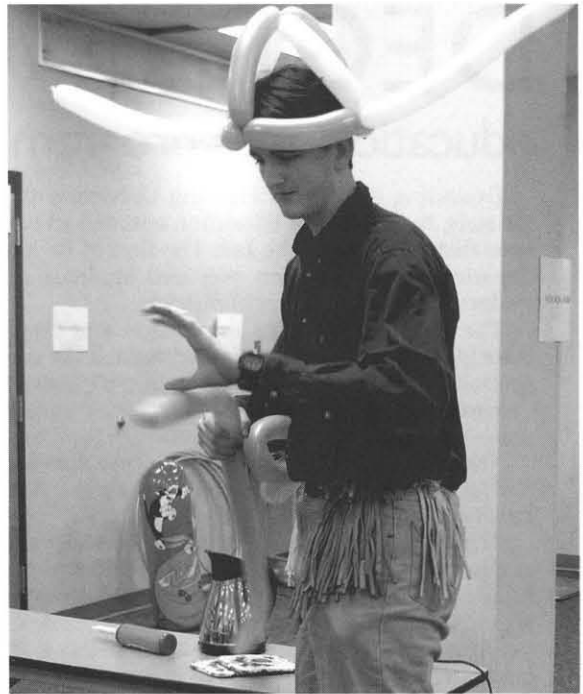
— Amanda Sember

Senior Kevin Redd grabs a hand full of potato chips at the College of Business' cookout Sept. 8. Students in the College of Business took advantage of the cookout to get to know one another and their professors at the beginning of the year. (Photo by Amy Beene)



Sophomores Brett Jordan and M.J. Fosha present a study on 3M during a microeconomics class Nov. 14. Each student had to give a group presentation as a requirement for the semester. (Photo by Renee Lewis)

Dr. David Johnson, professor of business, Jonathan Pickelsheimer, assistant professor of business, and Dr. Phil Brown, associate professor of business, barbecue hamburgers and hot dogs for business majors at the College of Business' annual cookout Sept. 8. (Photo by Amy Beene)



Junior James Solomon makes balloon hats and animals for students at the Stress Management Fair Dec. 4 in student center 236. Students in healthcare management 445 planned the day-long event as a course requirement. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



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Dr. David Burks teaches a business class on the front lawn in

1973. Burks, who was dean of the School of Business for 12 years, left full-time teaching in 1987, when he was named university president. Bryan Burks, David Burks' son, served as dean of the College of Business this year. (Photo from 1973 *Petit Jean*)

LEADER DEGREE //

education adds program

Extending the arm of Harding University throughout the state, the College of Education initiated an educational specialist program in the fall. The first of its kind in the department, the program prepared students to become leaders in their future school districts.

The Higher Learning Commission and the Arkansas State Department of Education accredited the educational specialist degree. The approval from the Higher Learning Commission came in August, one week before the fall semester began.

The late approval caused low enrollment for the first semester, Pat Bashaw, director of the Educational Leadership program, said.

"The specialized degree brings to Harding a new level of graduate education that prepares candidates to achieve licensure as district administrators and also prepares them for further graduate studies," Dr. Tony Finley, dean of the College of Education, said. "Our desire is that these graduates would be prepared to pursue their doctorate in educational leadership."

Finley said the College of Education offered classes at the Searcy campus, as well as at the DeQueen, Ozark and Dewitt campuses, the North Little Rock Professional Center and distant learning through the Educational Services Cooperatives.

"This allows us to provide a service to educators in the state that was not possible in the past," Finley said.

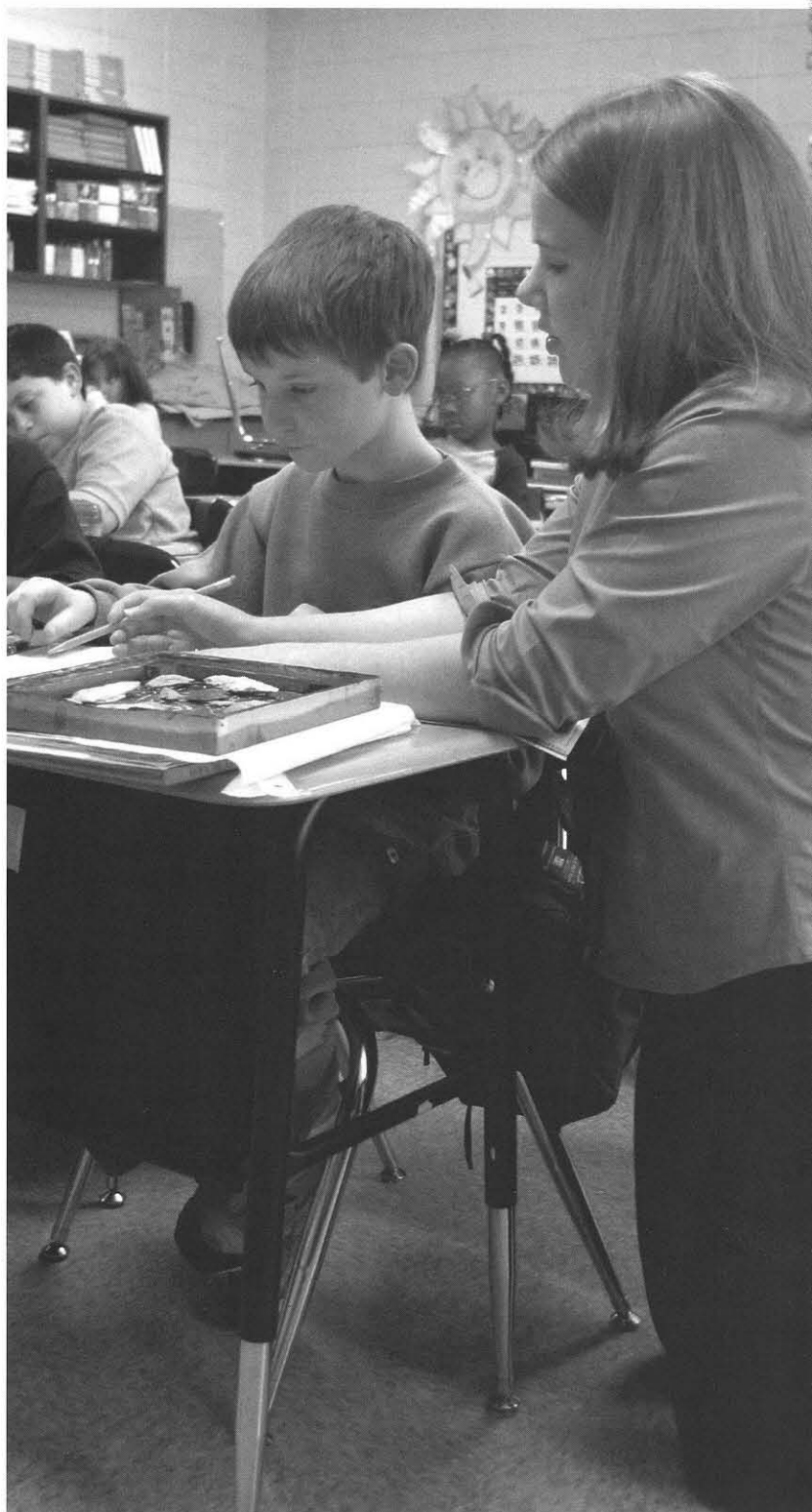
Although the program got off to a slow start, administrators who helped initiate the program were optimistic about the program's future.

"Unless some major overhauling occurs in Arkansas education, there will be a significant need for well-trained superintendents in the near and long-term future," Dr. Larry Long, associate vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, said.

Dr. Linda Thornton, associate professor of education, taught courses in the new program and said there were many requests for it.

"We'd had requests from educational leaders to add the program," she said. "We're excited that so many people are interested in it. People were waiting to go into the program as soon as it got approved. It's a good, quality program. It is an honor to be accredited to do something like this."

— Sara Van Winkle



Senior Bethany Culbertson assists a second-grade student at Sydney Deener Elementary School Nov. 19. Culbertson, along with all certifying education majors, was required to complete student-teaching hours before graduation. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



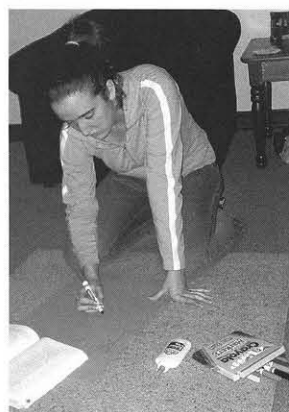
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Senior Miriam Scott works in the curriculum lab

in December. The lab began in 1983 with the best equipment being a large heat press used for laminating, Marilee Coker, who helped begin the lab, said. Coker retired in 1998, leaving her managing position to Connie Elrod. This year Karen Horton directed the lab. "[The lab] is a very important part of the training of our teacher candidates," Dr. Tony Finley, dean of the College of Education, said. (Photo by Amy Beene)



Senior Jennifer Campbell reads Max Lucado's "You are Special" to the audience at her student lectureship presentation in October. Campbell, an elementary education major, student taught first and fourth grades at Sydney Deener Elementary in the spring. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



Junior Jennifer Bonzagni designs a book poster in Shores Hall for the adolescent literature class. English education majors learned aspects of children's literature in preparation for teaching after graduation. (Photo by Kelli Ohrenberger)

AWARD WINNER //

nursing student receives state honor

Junior Kyle Vath, named Student of the Year at the Arkansas Nursing Student Association State Convention Oct. 30, decided if it had been up to him, only a few people would have known about his award.

Vath, who won the award from nursing students throughout the state, said although he was honored to have won, the glass-like trophy he brought back remained stashed in his dorm room closet most of the time.

"It gets more questions [if it's in plain sight]," Vath said. "I guess I don't want to bring more attention to it."

Vath said the experience humbled him. Despite Vath's humbleness, his teachers were proud of the recognition that it brought both him and Harding.

"We were thrilled," Johnetta Kelly, assistant professor of nursing, said. "Our students represented Harding, Arkansas and the nursing

profession well. They are so positive and so professional."

Other awards won at the convention included a first place win in the Image of Nursing category and a second place win in Financial Excellence.

Vath, who served as the secretary for the Harding Student Nursing Association, said HSNA helped him develop his professional and organizational skills.

"As a nurse educator, I value the opportunities students have during their educational process to demonstrate professional leadership through HSNA," Kelly said.

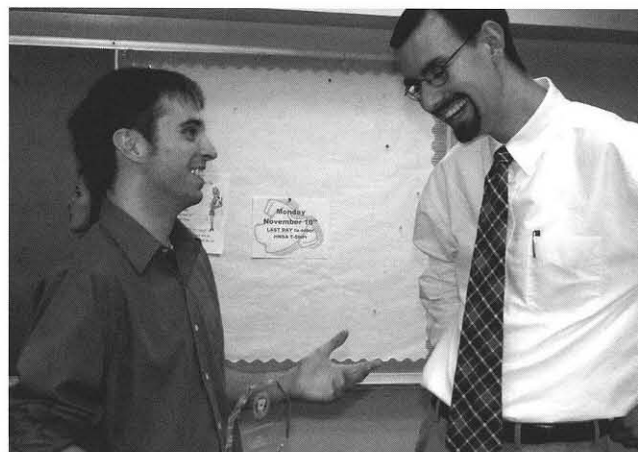
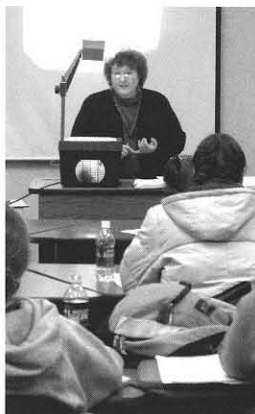
Senior Melissa Edwards, HSNA president, agreed with Vath and Kelly.

"It's really neat to get to be around other nursing students and to really network with people and to really understand more about what nursing is all about," she said.

— Sara Van Winkle

Karen Kelley, assistant professor of nursing, teaches a class Dec. 4.

Kelley, in addition to her teaching responsibilities, was also the leader of the College of Nursing's domestic missions program. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



Junior Kyle Vath talks with senior Ben McReynolds, while holding his Arkansas Nursing Student Association State Convention Student of the Year award.

"This award was humbling to receive, but it motivates me to keep on studying and working hard," Vath said.

(Photo by Renee Lewis)

Senior Charlie Nix administers a shot to a patient on a medical mission to Africa during his summer internship. The College of Nursing sponsored the mission trip, which provided both medical and spiritual assistance to African communities. (Photo courtesy of Charlie Nix)



Senior Stephanie Giesemann shares information about diabetes with patients at the White County Medical Center. As her capstone project, Giesemann began a support clinic for diabetics with the White County Health Ministry. (Photo courtesy of Lowell Myers)



time in MOTION

Dr. Cathleen Shultz, dean of the College of Nursing this year, teaches a nursing class in 1986. Shultz has been a faculty member at Harding since 1976 when there were 50 nursing students. This year, more than 300 students were enrolled in the College of Nursing. "God's just blessed this program so much," Shultz said. "He wanted this program in His work." (Photo from 1986 *Petit Jean*)

SERVICE EXAMPLE //

hope, love spread to classroom

For the women who passed through its doors, Hope Cottage, a shelter for victims of domestic violence, was a means for a new beginning.

For Dr. Elizabeth Wilson, chairman of the family and consumer sciences department, it was an inspiration and a chance to give back to the community.

Whether it was managing the shelter, collecting and recording donations, looking after clients' children, or providing reassurance for friends, families or victims themselves on the 24-hour crisis hotline, Wilson said no job was too small to make a difference.

Wilson began volunteering at Hope Cottage in 1997 and spent her third year on the organization's board of directors this year.

Wilson said two reasons she chose Hope Cottage as a personal ministry were her background in family and consumer sciences and her family's servanthood.

"I love children and was very distraught that some were living in war zones, in places they should be receiving love," Wilson said.

When Wilson was not offering a shoulder of support for the cottage's clients, she was trying to raise the community's awareness of domestic violence.

"When someone comes to me and says, 'Every man beats his wife,' I can assure them no, it's not true," Wilson said. "It's not normal, and it's not acceptable. I want them to see what marriage and family can be."

Wilson's example of compassion and professionalism continued in her workplace as the chairman of the FCS department.

"Dr. Wilson is an excellent teacher," junior Lisa Peebles said. "Her compassionate, Christian example and desire to share her wisdom with her students promotes the spirit of Harding University."

— Amanda Sember

Sophomore Laura Rifenbark cracks an egg onto a skillet in January during a family and consumer sciences' food lab. Rifenbark, a family and consumer sciences major, was required to take the food production lab. (Photo by Russell Keck)



Seniors Tiffany Freeze and **Nic McCarley**, psychology majors, practice their counseling skills on each other for the spring techniques of counseling course. "It is a unique and rare opportunity that prepares us for any type of counseling situation or grad school," Freeze said. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)

With chocolate lips for her valentine, Jennifer Miesen, resident of the Searcy group home, laughs as senior Linda Worndle covers Meiesen's face with the candy in a Wal-Mart checkout line Feb. 12. Worndle, a psychology major, worked at the group home in the spring to fulfill a field experience requirement. (Photo by Renee Lewis)



Junior Maleasa Evans reads to children in the Trinity Baptist Church nursery in Searcy. Evans worked at the church's nursery for her field experience, which every family life education major needed to complete for graduation. (Photo courtesy of Jennifer Bonzagni)



time in MOTION

Dr. Jack Thomas, professor of psychology and behavioral sciences, teaches a class in 1990. Thomas, who completed his 30th year as a faculty member at Harding this year, retired from his position as chairman of the behavioral sciences department in 2003 and returned to the classroom full time. "Dr. Thomas brings a personal aspect into his classes so that we are able to really relate the information that we are learning to real life," senior Heather Freeman said. "He is very knowledgeable on the subjects that he teaches." (Photo from 1990 *Petit Jean*)

NASA GRANT //

Wilson contributes to research

When the Mars Exploration Rovers landed on the red planet in January, a few Harding students were able to relish a bit more in its achievements.

Junior Amanda Wooldridge and sophomore Philip Ashley assisted Dr. Ed Wilson, professor of chemistry, in his research to prove life does exist on Mars.

Wilson, professor of chemistry, pled his case and received a three-year \$670,000 NASA grant in October to do investigative research on how to build a machine capable of detecting life on Mars.

"I'm just so overwhelmed, I didn't think we're going to get it," Wilson said. "I told everybody that I was going to scream my head off if I got it but I didn't. I just thanked God for the privilege."

The grant aided in developing an instrument to study biogenic gases on Mars.

"We are looking for more than just signs of life," Wilson said in the Feb. 6 issue of the *Bison*.

"Our instrument will measure the atmosphere's constituents, which will help us understand what resources Mars may be able to provide for us on Earth."

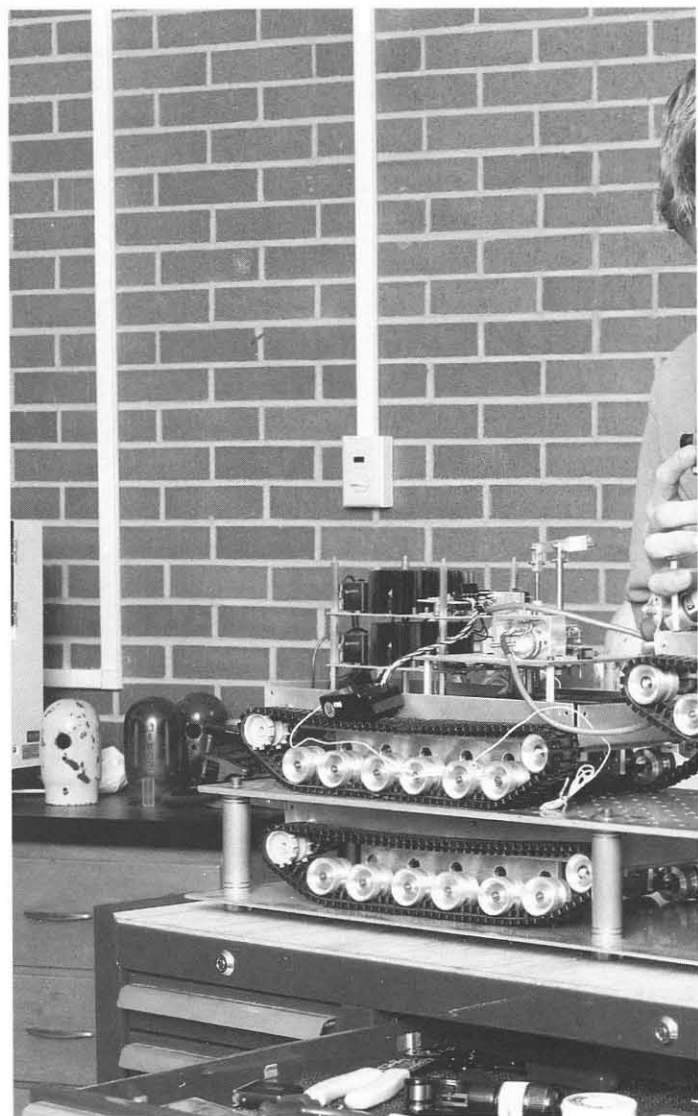
Wilson used some of the money to offer scholarships for those students assisting him. Scholarship amounts ranged from \$1,000 to \$6,500

"It's a blast to work [for Wilson]," Ashley said. "He knows what he's talking about and he helps to connect you with a lot of people. I hope to make some good connections with the people out at NASA. This experience is a great thing to have on a resume."

In August, Ashley, Wooldridge, senior Amanda Gerlach and junior Alex Hamilton, Wilson and Dr. James Mackey, professor of physical science, traveled to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. They observed scientists work on full-scale models of the rovers.

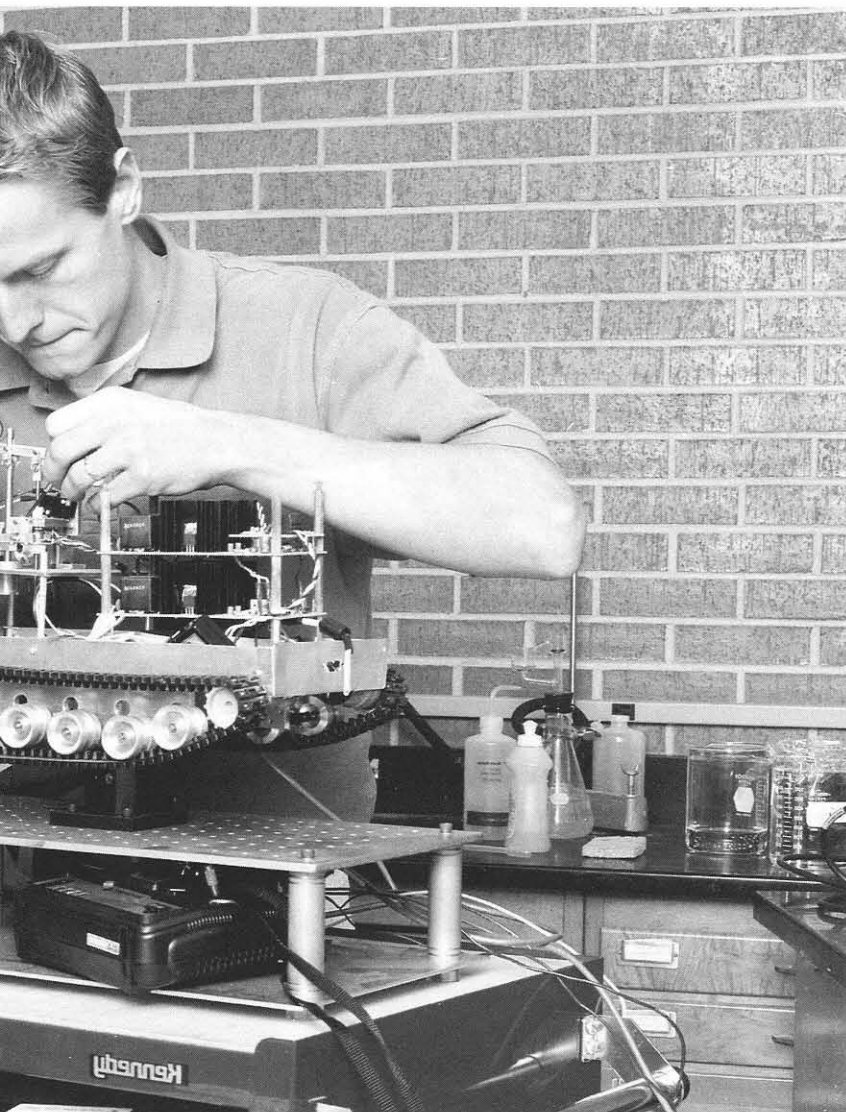
— Cairey Tai

Freshmen Adam Young and Elizabeth Cramblett make weight measurements in a chemistry lab Jan. 27. "I enjoy labs because you get more into hands-on situations," Young said. (Photo by Russell Keck)



Junior Shea Salley and senior Amy Robertson peer through their microscopes to get a closer look into the world of microscopic organisms in the invertebrate zoology class. The upper-level biology class allowed students to do a hands-on study of different types of animals. (Photo by Russell Keck)

Sophomore **Philip Ashley** works on mock rovers used to test laser equipment for a NASA-funded study. "Working with Dr. [Ed] Wilson [professor of chemistry] has been a tremendous opportunity for me to get involved in science and get a good view of what research actually involves, which will help me decide my career path," Ashley. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Ed Wilson)



Senior Becky Miers and sophomore **Josh Miers** concentrate on completing an assignment in an organic chemistry class. The course, which concentrated on structure and mechanism, required three class periods and four hours of lab work each week. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)



time in MOTION

Ron Doran, professor of biology, leaves his office in 1981.

After receiving a master's degree from the University of South Carolina, Doran, who attended Harding as an undergraduate student, returned to his alma mater to teach in 1968. "[Doran] is genuinely passionate and knowledgeable about the subjects that he teaches," said junior Jo Ellis, who traveled to Chile with Doran in 2002 with the HULA program. "While traveling, he provided great insight into the scientific aspects of our natural surroundings." (Photo from 1981 *Petit Jean*)

NEW FACILITY //

dreams become reality

Home was a place of belonging and a place where people spent a majority of their time. That's why many students affectionately referred to their academic major buildings as their second homes.

For the computer science and computer engineering majors, home was nonexistent. Students wandered from building to building like nomads.

However, in the fall of 2004, computer science and computer engineering personnel hoped to cross the threshold of their new home for the first time. This year, the Pryor science building received a three-floor addition.

"I think it's going to boost the morale of the faculty and students," Dr. Tim Baird, computer science department chairman, said.

Although the building was originally designed for two floors with the option of building a third floor, the administration went ahead and decided to have the third floor built this year.

Baird said this decision would allow room for two possible future majors, electrical and mechanical engineering.

Deciding to build came from several motivating factors. The first of these was that since the beginning of the computer science department in 1982, the department has almost tripled in size, Baird said.

"It's important to remember that it's not just computer science and math in this building; it's also biology and physical science," Baird said. "We're literally bursting at the seams here and they're growing as well. This way we'll all have room to grow."

In the fall of 2000 computer engineering was added to the list of majors. Since then computer engineering majors have made do with their accommodations.

"I think it's great especially for us engineering majors," senior Dillon Ross. "At this point we don't really have a place to do labs. So we're working out of one classroom in the old music building."

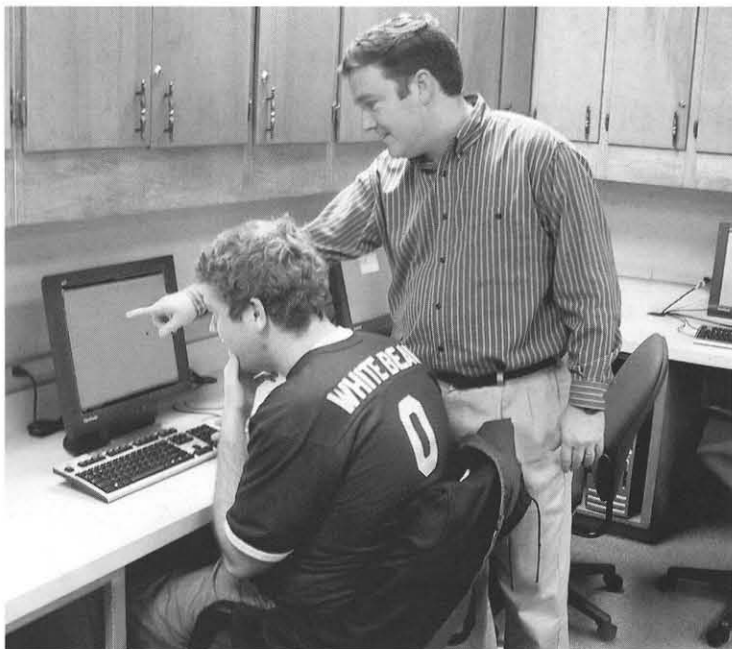
More classroom space, more computer connections and a walkway between the building and the McInteer were just a few of the features planned for the building. A patio with wireless connections was also on the blueprint.

"It's a visible commitment that the Harding administration is behind computer science and engineering," Baird said.

— *Cairey Tai*

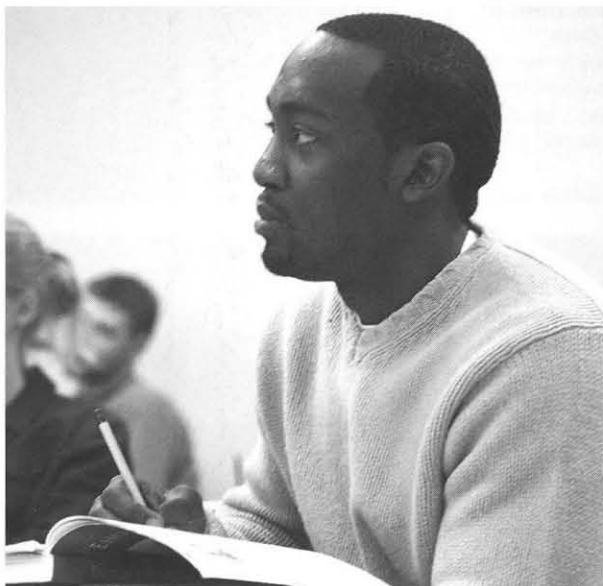


Dr. Tim Baird, chairman of the computer science department, surveys construction on the Pryor science building. The construction, originally designed for two floors, was changed second semester to include a third floor to accommodate future engineering programs. (Photo by Amy Beene)



time in MOTION

Dr. Marty Spears, associate professor of math, helps sophomore Philip White with a computer program in a mathematical programming class. The math department added the course in the spring to teach students how to apply computing principles using mathematical language. "Learning how to use this program will be helpful in both academic fields and in the industry," Spears said. (Photo by Amy Beene)



Senior Doug Thompson takes notes during a statistics class Jan. 19. To keep up with technological changes, statistics classes switched to an internet-based format in which students took quizzes on Web CT. (Photo by Amy Beene)



Senior Laura Staples (center) works at her computer during an Internet development class Jan. 27. The computer science course introduced students to HTML, Javascript and other Internet technologies. (Photo by Amy Beene)

SODA STUDY //

Turley researches caffeine effects

Does caffeine pump children's hearts up or slow them down?

Dr. Ken Turley, assistant professor of kinesiology, and a pair of graduate students set out to determine exactly what the effects of caffeine were on children's metabolic and cardiovascular responses.

Turley said he wanted to conduct the research because of the little research that has been done on the physical effects.

The research consisted of several phases. The first phase began in September and carried through May.

Turley hoped after the first phase was completed, he would receive funding to continue further research.

"I hope we can use this data to secure funding for further research," Turley said. "I'd like to look at the effects of more advanced cardiovascular [areas]."

Graduate assistants Jonathon

Gerst and Leslie Kukta assisted with the study.

Gerst and Kukta collected data by giving 52 children a small dose of caffeine or placebo at different times throughout the semester. An hour after the dose of caffeine was given, Gerst and Kukta tested each child's heart rate and began monitoring each child.

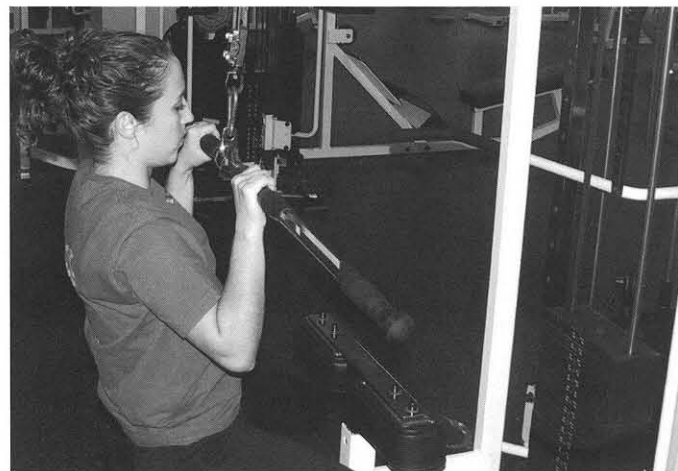
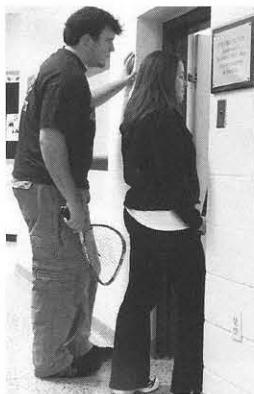
"Jonathon and Leslie were both really hard workers," Turley said. "The conducted most of the testing while I did mostly paperwork."

During the first two visits the child was administered an oxygen test, which determined how physically fit the child was. The remaining four visits consisted of bike-riding and different tests to show the child's metabolism.

Gerst said most people never thought about the effects of caffeine on children. "When you actually see it every day, it hits home a lot more," he said.

— Natalie Wade and Renee Lewis

Freshmen Tyler Parks and Courtne Bristow wait to enter a racquetball court in the Ganus Athletic Center Jan 27. "I enjoyed racquetball not only because it is fun to play, but also because it is a great way to get exercise," Parks said. (Photo by Russell Keck)



Freshman Jessica Jones lifts weights in the Ganus Athletic Center gym in January. The gym, which was remodeled in 2002, served as an education tool for the kinesiology department. (Photo by Russell Keck)

graduate student Jonathon Gerst works with 9-year-old Kevin Lee during a caffeine study Jan. 15 in the Ganus Athletic Center. "It has been a lot of fun to get to work with children during this study, and it was also a good learning experience because I was able to learn a lot about exercise physiology that I would not have otherwise learned," Gerst said. (Photo by Amy Beene)



Dr. J.D. Yingling, assistant professor of kinesiology, teaches a wellness class in the fall. Yingling also served as the director of aquatics this year. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)



time in MOTION

Randy Tribble, assistant professor of kinesiology, clarifies the scoring system of bowling to Nnenna Okoronkwo during a bowling class in 1983. Tribble, who played for the Bison football team from 1973 to 1976, joined the kinesiology faculty in 1981. He was named head football coach in 1994 and continued serving in that role this year in addition to his teaching responsibilities. "It is an honor to be able to coach at my alma mater," Tribble said. "I just want the student athletes to have as good an experience at Harding as I had." (Photo from 1983 *Petit Jean*)

JOB RULES //

Career Center helps out

Senior Matt Reiss owed a debt of gratitude to the Career Center for the assistance he received on getting his resume together.

Reiss, who received an internship from Fidelity, the old Alltel information services, said the Career Center helped him in acquiring the job.

"I probably wouldn't have been organized to present my resume to Fidelity if I hadn't taken my resume to the Career Center," Reiss said.

The Career Center was staffed and equipped to help students of most majors locate jobs and internships.

Rebecca Teague, Career Center director, said if students filled out resumes and completed interviews, they would be happy with the results.

"We are very thankful we have a process that is working — if the students complete the process," Teague said.

A part of the process was the recruiting service. Companies such as Acxiom, Cintas, Sherwin Williams, Alltel and the FBI recruited on campus this year. Students signed up for interviews in the Career Center and then hopefully found a job through the process.

Teague said this was a helpful process because finding interviews this year was difficult.

"One of the hardest things to do right now is get interviews," she said. "It's a tough market."

The Career Center also held job fairs for business, industry and government, education, and nursing students. The Graduate School Fair was Nov. 7 and featured more than 20 graduate schools and programs. Among the participants were the U.S. Air Force, Webster University, Wheaton College Graduate School and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

Reiss said the services were helpful.

"The Career Center helps people help themselves," he said. "They always have smiling faces and a willingness to help. They're fabulous."

— Renee Lewis

John Bury, of the University of Tulsa Graduate School, talks with junior Ty Gentry about future graduate school possibilities at the Career Center's Graduate School Fair Nov. 7. More than 20 graduate schools participated in the fair, which was designed to inform students of education opportunities. (Photo by Renee Lewis)





time in MOTION

Members of the 1989 Honors College reunited at Homecoming this fall. The Honors College, which was initiated in 1989, grew in the past 15 years. The college began with only 19 students and offered two or three classes per year. With more than 700 students, 20 classes were offered this year. (Photo courtesy of the Honors College)



Junior Amber Downey and Upward Bound student **Jared Malin** work together on an assignment Oct. 25 in the Lee Academic Center. Harding students spent Saturdays during the year tutoring high school students from Searcy and surrounding cities. (Photo by Renee Lewis)



Sophomore Christi Bruni searches for information at the Brackett Library. Students took advantage of the online card catalog that located books and other media at both the Searcy campus library and at the graduate school library in Memphis. (Photo by Russell Keck)