

The faculty and staff of Harding provide the foundation for the university by sharing their experiences using faith as their guide. Their stories, along with the many that go untold, are all part of the gift Harding passes on. Students leave Harding with the confidence to go out into the world and conquer any challenge because of the wisdom they have gained from the faculty and staff. Whether it is Janice Bingham's work with the HIZ students or Julie Harris's movie nights with history majors, the teachers of Harding are more than classroom figures. They are mentors students can go to for guidance in their Christian walk.

Harding was founded with the hope of creating people that stand out, armed with the knowledge of the Word, academic skills and the desire to go out and make disciples wherever their careers may take them. This desire would be unattainable without the support of the faculty and staff, guiding students through and supporting the administration during difficult times. This vital role of the faculty and staff of the university are what maintain Harding as a place of tradition that generations of families will continue to attend in order to embark on the journey of Christian scholarship.

Rebecca Neely, Leadership Editor

Leadership

Philippians 4:9



Presidential Address

What a privilege it has been for me to serve as president of Harding for the past 26 years. Prior to that, I taught for 20 years and was a student prior to that for four years, so I am completing 50 years as a part of the Harding family.

My greatest joy as I look back over this 50-year period of time is working with the students at Harding. I have often talked about camaraderie in chapel and in other settings. I have defined it as "high-spirited fellowship." I think it is represented everywhere at Harding. We see it at Spring Sing with the great focus on teamwork. We see it in the Homecoming musical when everything comes together in a wonderful production. We see it on the athletic field when teams compete for championships and put forth their best effort. We see it especially in times of crisis, like 9-11 or recently in the death of Ty Osman. We see it take shape in our international experiences like HUF and HUG. We see it everywhere on this campus. For me, it is real. The lasting relationships that are made here are wonderful. Thanks for letting me be a part of this special community.

As I reflect on my time at Harding, I think of the emphasis on evangelism. I think of the McInteer Center and the Great Commission in bold letters around the image of the world. I think of Paul's statement in Corinthians where he says that we are all, men and women alike, the aroma of Christ and ministers of reconciliation, and I think of those people on our mission fields and people who work in everyday jobs all across the world who are sharing the good news of Jesus and making a difference. I hope this always will be a part of the fiber and culture of Harding University.

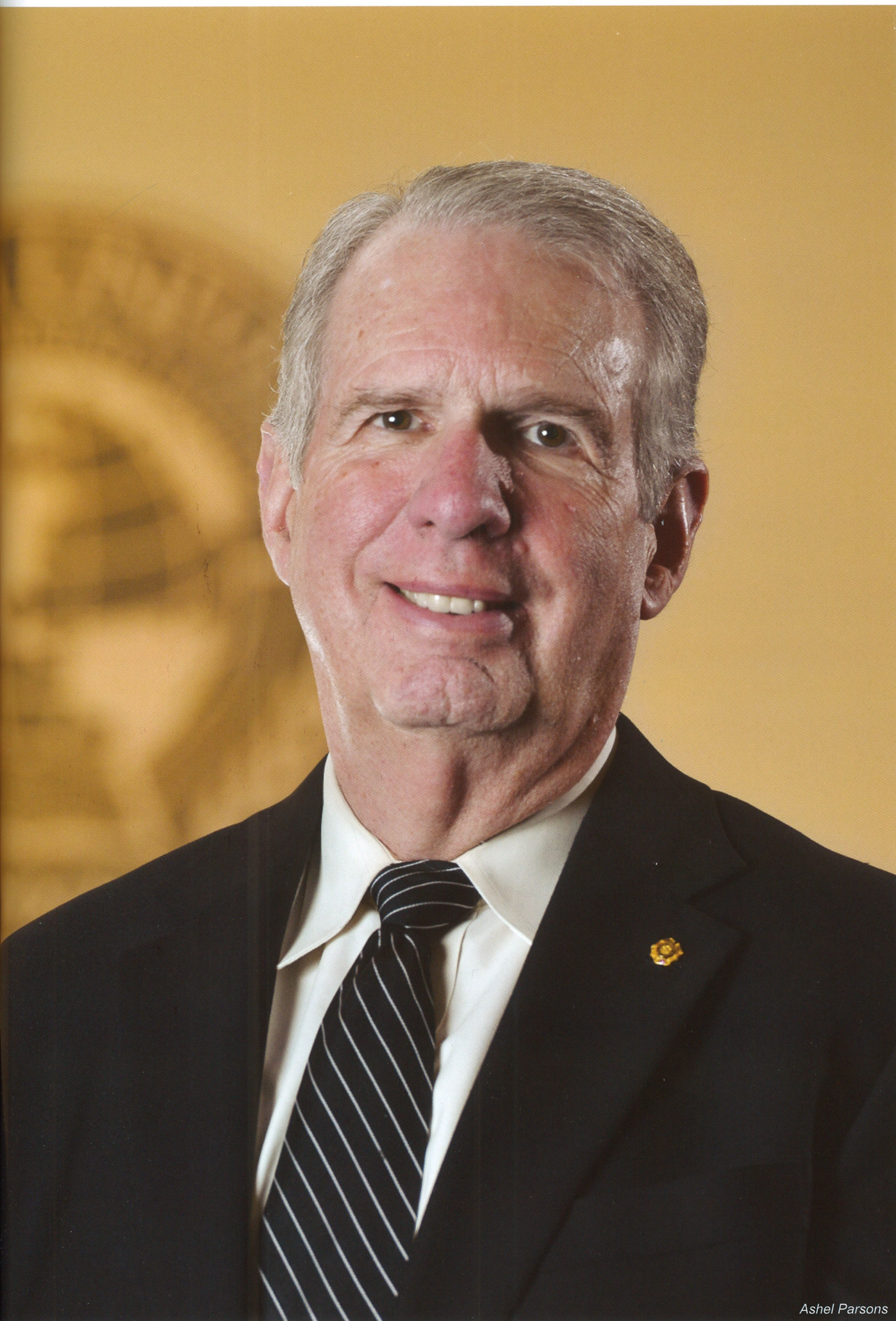
And I think of the motto of Harding University — "Developing Christian Servants." I think of students who have been so real in their efforts to simply serve others. I think of service projects that have been conducted every single year. Even more, I think of a lifetime of service given by our students to make a difference in this world. Serving others is the model that Jesus shared with us.

As I reflect on a favorite memory, it would be the building of the McInteer fountain. This was a special project for me — the details of the fountain are unimportant, but the details of the baptistery on the south side of the fountain are really special to me. The dimensions are exactly the same as the baptistery in Israel used by the apostle Paul as first-century Christians were baptized. It has been my joy to witness literally hundreds of young people baptized in this fountain over the last 19 years. I hope that Harding will always emphasize baptism as it leads to our salvation and the receiving of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

As I reflect, I also think of the emphasis given to the word of God. In chapel and other places, we have encouraged Harding family members to read the Bible through every year. True to its mission, Harding continues to require students to study God's word through a Bible class every semester. What a marvelous privilege to take God's word into our mind and let it direct our actions according to His will.

My parting advice would simply be to honor God in everything you do. Our God is faithful, and He expects us to be faithful. I thank you from my heart for making Harding such a wonderful place and for allowing me to go with you on this journey of a lifetime.

David B. Burks



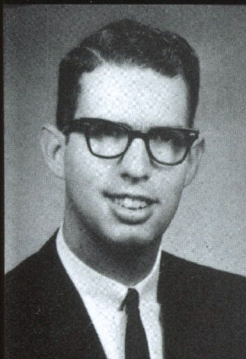
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Legacy



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David Burks graduated from
Harding

1965

- Dr. Burks earned his doctorate and became Dean of Business
- West Married Apartments constructed

1974

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- School name changed to Harding University
- Benson Auditorium constructed
- Time capsule buried and scheduled to be opened in 2024

1979

Cafeteria moved
to He

198

enrollment : 1,338

1960

1965

1970

1975

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1967

David Burks became
a teacher at Harding

1976

- Dr. Burks selected for Distinguished Teacher Award
- Ganus Athletic Center constructed

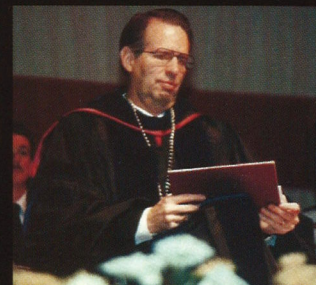
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1987

Dr. Burks became
Harding's fourth President





from Pattie Cobb
stage
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Brackett Library (1950)
renovated

1990



- HUA established
- Harding Village Apartments
Phase I constructed

1996

Rhodes Field House
(1948) renovated

1997



1987

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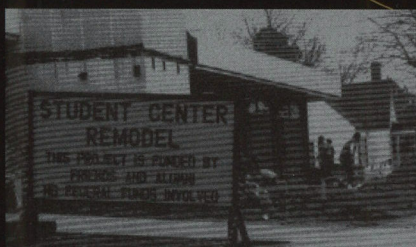


1989

Allen Hall constructed

1992

Hammon Student Center
renovated



1994

- HUG and HUE established
- McInteer Bible Building
constructed
- Closing of street and
establishment of C.L. Kay
Walkway

1998

- Dr. Burks received
Distinguished Alumni
Award
- Stevens Art Center (1969)
renovated
- MBA Program initiated
- Reynolds Center
constructed





- Pryor Hall constructed
- Ganus Athletic Center (1976) renovated

2003



- HIP established
- Kendall Hall (1961) renovated

2004



- Charles White Dining Hall, Inn, Pattie Cobb (1919), K (1969) and Olen Hendrix renovated

2006

- Hammon Student Center (1973) and Searcy Hall (1996) renovated
- Cone Hall, Shores Hall and Physical Plant Building constructed

2001



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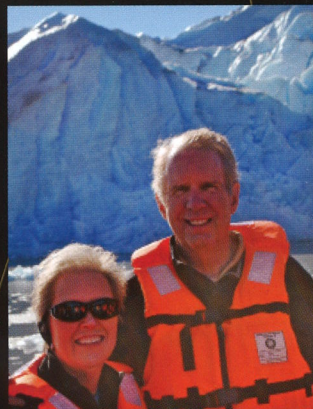
2004

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- Initiation of Computer Engineering Program
- Ganus Building (1951) and Ezell Building (1960) renovated
- Harding Village Apartments Phase II constructed



2002

HULA established

2005

- Initiation of Physician Assistant Program
- Thornton Education Building constructed
- Armstrong Hall (1949), Graduate Dorm (1956), Sears Honors College (1945) and American Studies Building (1953) renovated



2006

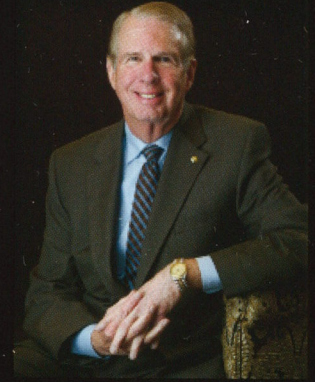
- HIZ established
- Cathcart Hall and American Studies Center (1963) renovated
- Ulrey Performance Center constructed



Heritage
eller Hall
(1926)

- Initiation of Pharmacy Program
- Farrar Health Science Center constructed

2008



- Initiation of the Physical Therapy Program
- Sears Hall (1975), Harding Academy (1980), Mabree Business Building (1982) renovated

2011

- Nursing/Communication Disorders Building constructed
- Dr. Burks retired from presidency and became chancellor

2013

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

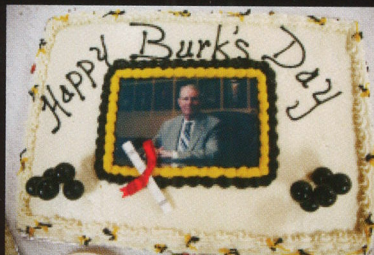
2012

2013

enrollment : 6,815

2009

- Initiation of Master's degree in Speech Pathology
- Administration Building (1952), Pryor-England Science Building (1967) and Harbin Hall (1971) renovated

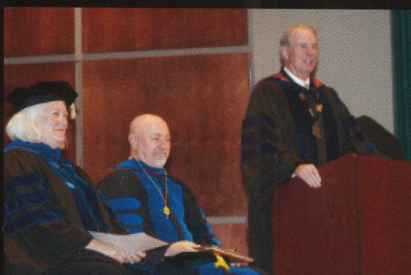


2010

- Burksday
- Ulrey Performing Arts Center renovated

2012

- Legacy Park and City Athletic Annex constructed
- Stephens Hall (1968) and Allen Hall (1989) renovated
- Harding ranked as one of the best universities in the South for the seventeenth consecutive year



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MCLARTY MARKS THIRD GENERATION OF PRESIDENTS ACTIVE ON CAMPUS

Vice president of spiritual life Dr. Bruce McLarty, 55, was named to succeed President David B. Burks when Burks retired from the position in June 2013. The announcement of McLarty's selection was made November 1 at 1:30 p.m. by Dr. John O. Simmons, chairman of the school's board of trustees. Shortly before the official public announcement, the Harding community was informed of the announcement via an email from Dr. Larry Long.

Shortly after the announcement, Dr. Bruce McLarty sat down with Bison Editor Lyndsey Ruble to discuss his reaction to the decision.

L: How did you feel when you found out you had been selected?

M: I am still working through those feelings. When Dr. Simmons told me of the Board's decision, I was humbled, happy, excited and immediately felt the heavy weight of responsibility. Those are a lot of things to feel all at the same time.

L: Why did you want to be the president of the university?

M: This was one of the first five questions that the Board asked the applicants to answer. It is a great question, and one that I spent a lot of time considering. Whenever people have asked me in recent years if I was going to apply to be the next president, my standard answer was that I wanted to be ready if called. I haven't viewed the presidency as my "dream job" or as something that I needed to achieve. Instead, applying was more of an expression of my love for Harding. I have been incredibly blessed by Harding since I first came here as a freshman in 1975. Harding changed my life for the better, and I still believe strongly in the mission of this university. While we are far from perfect, I believe that Harding is the finest place in the world. If I could serve the students, faculty, staff and alumni, then I would be delighted to lead Harding into the future. The Board determined that I was a good fit for the mission and the needs of the university, so I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve in this way.

A major focus of my doctoral work was the examination of how faith-founded colleges typically, given enough time, drift from their founding faith. Many even become enemies of the faith that founded them. Some historians have written that the loss of faith is the primary story of American higher education. On the dedication page of my dissertation I wrote, "To Eli McCumpsey, my grandson (age two at the time), who I hope will someday come to Harding University and receive an outstanding Christian education." It is a passion of mine that Harding University not go the way of most faith-founded

colleges and disconnect from the faith on which Harding was founded. Getting to have a hand in keeping Harding focused on our Christian mission is something that inspires me deeply to want to be the next president.

L: What do you expect out of the presidency? What challenges and rewards will there be?

M: I have learned so much by watching Dr. Burks and Chancellor Ganus. Both men have found a great joy in leading Harding. They have gotten to see thousands of people come through Harding and go on to bless the world. What job could possibly be better than that? Yet both men will tell you that there have been very difficult times and that they both faced many lonely decisions. Personnel decisions, the things that determine the jobs and livelihoods of people, are the most difficult and sometimes heartbreaking part of the job.

Chancellor Ganus has a favorite quip about the presidency. He said, "When I was president, I slept like a baby; I would wake up every two hours and cry." He laughs when he says it, but I suspect that there is a kernel of truth in it.

L: How will you benefit Harding?

M: With God as my help and strength, I pray that I can have the same No. 1 accomplishment as Harding's first four presidents – to be a faithful steward of Harding's Christian identity. My administration will have unique strengths, emphases and accomplishments, but those are all secondary to being a faithful steward of our Christian identity.

L: What do you love about Harding?

M: Almost everything. I love the students, the faculty, the staff, the administration, the alumni, the campus, our mission, our history, our heritage of world evangelism and just about everything I know about Harding. A couple of months ago, I spoke to a group of high school guidance counselors. Two of them came up to me after our panel presentation and said that they wanted to tell me something. They said that they had never sent a student to Harding who had not had a great experience. The other thing they wanted to tell me was that every time they were on campus, they picked up on a deep sense of joy that seems to permeate the Harding family. They said, "Harding is such a happy place." I think sometimes we need people from the outside to point out things we can easily overlook from the inside. Harding, indeed, is a very happy place. That's why the late Dr. Jimmy Carr famously stated, "It's great to be at Harding."

Lyndsey Ruble

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NAMES FIFTH PRESIDENT

Dr. Bruce McLarty, vice president of spiritual life, was named as president Dr. David Burks' successor Nov. 1 before the scheduled release date in January 2013. Dr. John Simmons, chairman of the Board of Trustees and chairman of the Presidential Succession Process Committee, announced the decision to the school via email and to the public at a press conference.

Though the Board planned to announce the decision in January 2013, Simmons said the Board reached a decision during Homecoming weekend. The Board chose to not delay the announcement.

According to Simmons, McLarty's name "continued to rise to the top" during the yearlong presidential search process, which included extensive interviews and psychological and values profiles for several candidates, whose names the Board did not reveal.

The Presidential Succession Process Committee was a council composed of six members of the Board of Trustees: Simmons of Columbia, Tenn.; J.R. Burcham Jr. of Kennett, Mo.; Roy Reaves of Russellville, Ark.; Harry B. Risinger Jr. of Millington, Tenn.;

Rebecca Tubb of Sparta, Tenn.; and Robert C. Walker of Decatur, Ala.

"The search committee will work initially to refine its processes while listening, focusing and doing its due diligence," Simmons said when the committee first formed. "We understand the importance of this position and the truly global and eternal impact the president of Harding University has."

McLarty affirmed his dedication to the standards of the university when he said in a Nov. 15 Christian Chronicle article that he would maintain the standards set forth in the 2008 expansion of the Harding University mission by the Board of Trustees. The mission stated, "Though we live in a time of significant confusion over our brotherhood's identity, we are determined that Harding University will become captive to neither a rigid legalism on the right nor a formless liberalism on the left."

Burks spoke confidently about the Committee's decision during the press conference when McLarty was introduced as the next president. Burks said he could smile with the assurance that Harding would

be in good hands.

"I've known [McLarty] for more than 25 years, and I know him to be a man of deep commitment and deep faith," Burks said. "[He is] a man whose integrity is without reproach, and I know that he is going to do a very good job at leading Harding into the years ahead."

Early in the lengthy selection process, Simmons dedicated the decision to God. He acknowledged the importance of both the choice and trusting God's providence and plan for the university.

"We believe Harding University is a testimony to the providence of God," Simmons said. "We believe God has been preparing someone to fill this unique role. It will be the privilege of the committee to allow God to lead us to the person who will continue to build on the legacy of Harding's four previous presidents — all of whom have been the right person for the right time. We will be in prayer and ask for the prayers of others for the committee and Harding as we proceed with our work."

The Bison/The Link



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Dr. John Simmons, chairman of the Board of Trustees, announces on Nov. 1 2012, that Dr. Bruce McLarty would be Harding's new president. This decision was made in Board meetings that took place during Homecoming weekend in October. **Ashel Parsons**

Board of Trustees member Mark Wallis and his wife Susan enjoy visiting with Mel Sansom, vice president of finance, during a dinner in Cone Chapel Oct. 26. Wallis became a board member in 2004 and was also a part of the University Builder's Circle and the President's Council. **Ashel Parsons**

Board of Trustees members Bob and Mary Diles and Beth and John Reese visit at the annual dinner held in Cone Chapel Oct. 26. The Board held meetings during Homecoming weekend to select the fifth president of Harding and to maintain the administrative procedures of the university. **Ashel Parsons**

CHANCELLOR CLIFTON GANUS JR. TRAVELS TO UGANDA TO TRANSFORM LIVES

"About 120 students have been baptized, and we are training young people to be servants of the Lord's Kingdom as well as good Ugandan citizens," Chancellor Clifton Ganus Jr. said.

Chancellor Clifton Ganus Jr. was 90 by the summer of 2012, but he was more active at that age than many people were in their whole lifetimes. He was always moving, working and ministering to others as he traveled across the world.

Ganus began the summer accompanying his son, Professor of Music and Director of the Harding Chorus Dr. Clifton Ganus III, and the Harding chorus to Eastern Europe. The group of 45 singers performed in a variety of venues throughout the Ukraine, Hungary, Romania, the Czech Republic and Slovakia for three weeks.

"It was really a wonderful experience, and I really enjoyed being with the young people. It was just good to be with the kids," Ganus said. "They did a wonderful job of singing. The chorus was really good. And they sang very well, and people loved them, and several people said, 'I've never heard singing like that before. It was just beautiful.'"

As the summer continued, Ganus traveled to Uganda. He visited Harding Christian Academy, which he helped

establish in 2003, in Nawangoma, Uganda. Nawangoma, a mountain-top village, had a population of approximately 300 people, and the school's first class of 20 students met in a pair of garages. After a decade, the number of students grew to 168. The school was structured to be similar to Harding; it consisted of Bible classes, chapel five days a week and training for young men to lead worship services and to teach. The church had baptized between 120 and 125 people over the years. Ganus said that the experience there was a lot different than anything he had seen in America.

"It's a whole different ballgame over there in Africa," Ganus said. "The culture is so different, and the food, and the way they think, the problems they face."

After going to Uganda, Ganus traveled to the Grand Cayman Islands. He spoke at a large lectureship for the 29th time to more than 400 people.

Ganus said that the purpose of the lectureship was to unite the small churches scattered over the islands. He said that it

was a great encouragement for those small churches to gather in unity to praise God together and to learn from the Bible. When the lectureship began, the speakers were predominantly American, but by his most recent trip, Ganus was pleased that most of the speakers and leaders were locals.

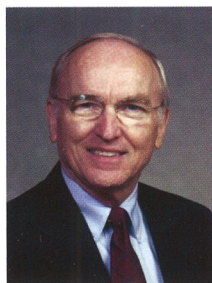
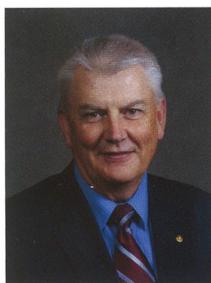
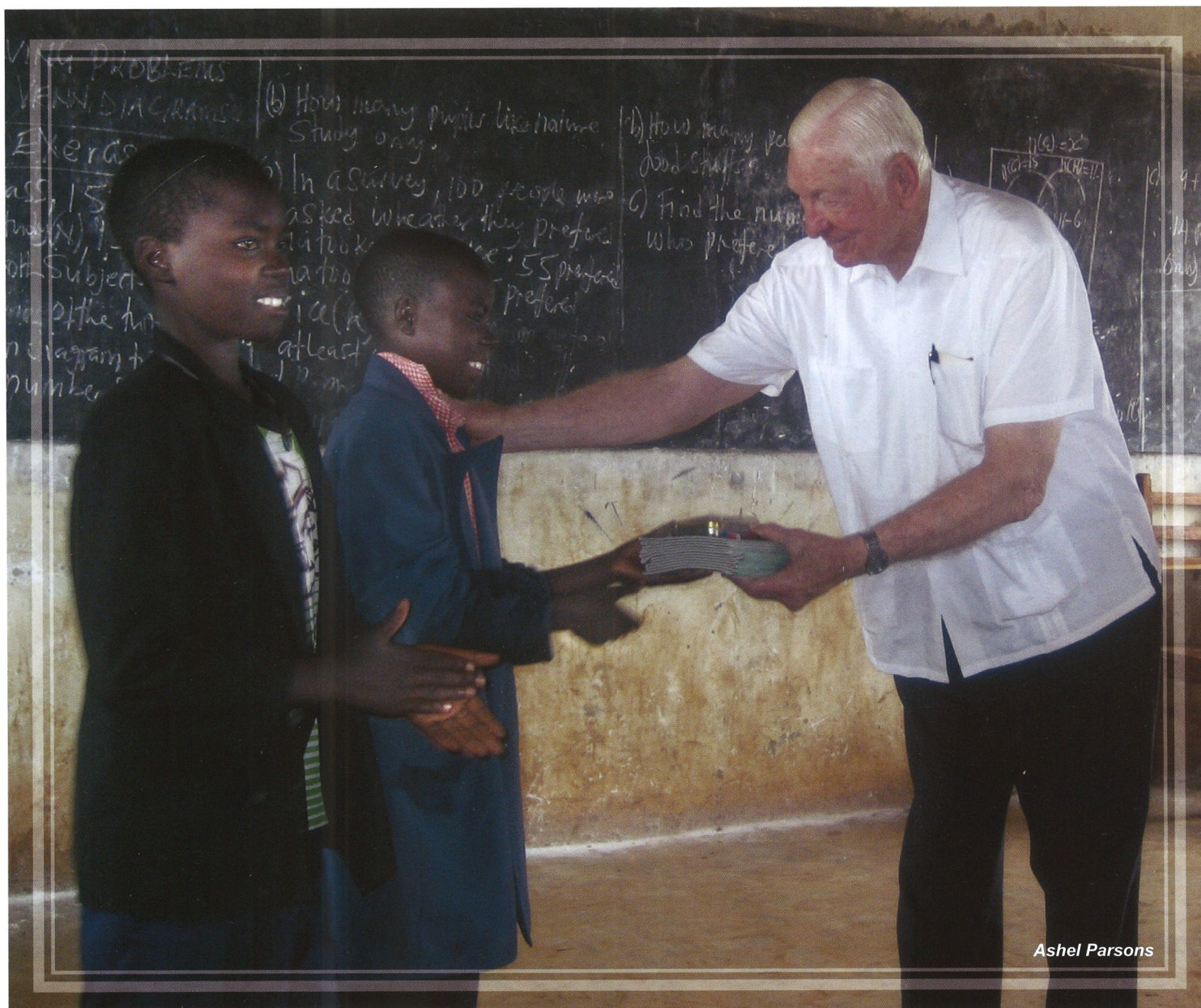
One emotional part of the trip for Ganus was the involvement of Cuba in the lectureship because former president of Cuba, Fidel Castro, did not allow any Cubans to attend the lectureship.

"Every final service, we gather in a big circle, and we hold hands and sing, but we'd leave a space; one space open for Cuba," Ganus said. "Finally, Castro let two Cubans come, and we closed the circle."

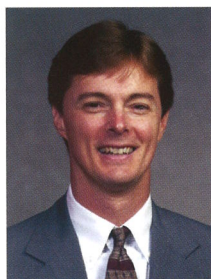
Ganus's summer spent traveling to Eastern Europe, Uganda and the Grand Cayman Islands was indicative of the purpose and the love with which he lived his life. His example inspired students to not allow age or distance to place limitations on their ability to serve but to step out boldly in faith.

Kory Howard

Students at Harding Christian Academy in Nawangoma, Uganda, receive awards from Chancellor Clifton Ganus Jr. in June 2012. Ganus founded the Academy in 2003 and visited twice a year to oversee the financial and leadership aspects of the school. *Courtesy of Clifton Ganus Jr.*



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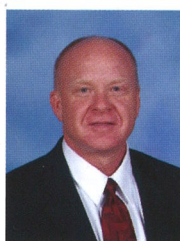
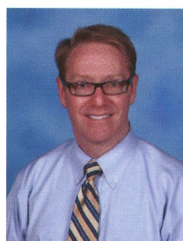


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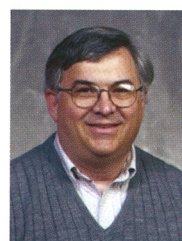
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Vickie Walton, Mgr. Heritage Inn



PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR DAVID CROUCH HELPS SHARE THE STORY

"I love the Christian environment with my colleagues and the student body. I also enjoy the vitality of the campus community," Public Relations Director David Crouch said.

With a degree in biology and a minor in chemistry, David Crouch was not a typical public relations professional. Crouch's teachers in high school told him that he should look for a career in the writing field because of his talents, but he decided to pursue his interest in science instead.

Crouch and his wife moved to Texas the Monday after his graduation from Harding to teach science at Dallas Christian School. Crouch said Harding asked him shortly after the move, to work in the public relations office as the Director of News. As a student, Crouch had worked on The Bison newspaper for four years and was the editor his senior year. He also worked with the university's public relations department and said he had been approached then about working for the department eventually.

Having been in the department for 43 years, Crouch saw many changes in the

job. Crouch began as Director of News, then became Director of Alumni Relations for 13 years and, finally, became the Director of Public Relations in 1987.

Crouch said Harding's public relations department had to adapt to the changes in the digital culture and the world of information. He said Harding had a great story to tell, and it needed to be communicated in the most effective way.

"The digital era certainly changed the way I went about my job," Crouch said. "News about the school is now reported instantaneously. No longer do we wait days for press releases to be received. Of course we also now have Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and other avenues for telling the Harding story."

Due to Harding's growth over the years, programs were added and campus was expanded, and that meant many more stories for the PR department to report and promote.

"I often tell people I have the best job on campus because I get to work with people in every area," Crouch said. "I have the opportunity to report on so many great things Harding students have done in the classroom, in the community and in their careers once they have graduated. On a very personal level, I enjoyed the opportunity I had to meet the 17 former heads of state who spoke on campus."

According to Crouch, the public relations department was responsible for telling the stories of students, faculty and programs.

"Nationally those in public relations are often portrayed as 'spin doctors,' spinning a story to fit the occasion and even altering the facts if necessary to make the story sound better," Crouch said. "I have tried to exhibit a different image in all of my work at Harding. Hopefully, I have given public relations a better reputation."

Jordan Honeycutt



Heritage Inn Manager Vickie Walton and senior student worker Matthew Brooks ensure guests are pleased with their stay at the university's hotel. The hotel was founded in 1989 and the building was originally used as Heritage men's dorm. **Hillary Miller**

David Hall, new manager of the bookstore, helps sophomore Lilly Muhlenbruch select Harding apparel on Sept. 28. "It's different from anything I've done before, and I love it," Hall said. "I love being around the students and working in a place where I can make a difference." **Chaney Mitchell**

ASSISTANT DEAN OF STUDENTS RANAN HESTER SEEKS PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT

After seven years of service, Assistant Dean of Students Sheri Shearin retired in May, and the student body welcomed Ranan Hester in Shearin's stead. Hester, originally from Camden, Ark., graduated from Harding in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in education. She went on to receive her Master of Education from Southwest Baptist College.

Prior to her return to Harding, Hester worked for 20 years in nearly every aspect of the public school system in Camden, Ark., and Dexter, Mo. She taught junior high, counseled students and taught parents how to reinforce their children's learning by working with them at home. Hester attributed her desire to return to Harding to its strong Christian morals and the opportunity to utilize her experience at the university level.

Hester was excited to begin the school year and moved to Searcy in June to allow her family time to adjust to the move and herself time to adjust to the job. The existing administration welcomed her and enjoyed seeing the work she was able to accomplish during her first year.

"Dean Hester has quickly developed a strong rapport with the student body," Assistant Dean of Students Zach Neal said. "She has made a very smooth transition into her role as assistant dean of students."

Hester wanted to be kind and approachable and to dispel the idea that students only went to the dean's office when they were in trouble.

"I really enjoy meeting the students," Hester said. "I've been knocking on doors and meeting some of the kids, and I really like it. I don't want to be one of those faces you only see if you're in trouble. I want people to know who I am and to be someone they can go to."

Students praised Hester for her kindness and her excitement about her involvement at Harding. Sophomore Randi Owens was impressed that Hester did not limit her compassion just to campus.

"I ended up having to go to the E.R., and I wasn't there for too long when [Hester] simply sent me an email to tell me that if I needed anything, to call her," Owens said. "She took care of everything with school and with helping my parents out. I have a lot of respect for Dean Hester and am happy to have her at Harding."

Beyond getting to know the students, Hester wanted to be viewed as a fair disciplinarian who was consistent in her decisions.

"I do always want to be considered as fair. I want to represent Harding as best I can," Hester said. "[Fairness] is a genuine quality, and that's it. I want that to be really important."

As the new assistant dean of students, Hester was a positive addition to the administration. Her desire to form lasting relationships with students quickly established her as a person students could rely upon in times of need.

Payton Hurst

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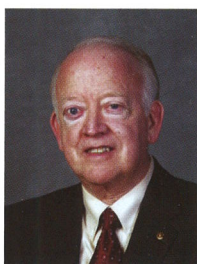
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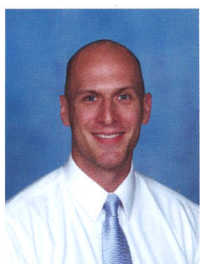
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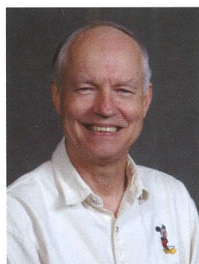
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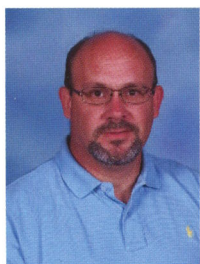
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Juniors Ethan Bynum, Mariah Huffman and Abbie Adkison bargain for groceries at the HUT market Sept. 28. The market simulated what citizens of developing countries encounter while shopping. *Ashel Parsons*

The Eldoret mission team reunites at Camp Tahkodah for the Global Missions Experience Sept. 28 to share advice during a panel session to potential missionaries. After graduating from Harding, the team went to work with Kalenjin people in 1982 and stayed 10 years. *Rebecca Neely*

Sophomore Ben Hansen gathers dirt for the earthbag houses made at HUT Sept. 27. Students from 10 universities visited activity stations to learn the skills needed to do mission work. *Jeff Montgomery*



ELDORET TEAM OF MISSIONARIES REUNITES TO “PAINT LIVES FOR HIS GLORY”

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allowed to do uncommon things,”
missionary-in-residence
O’Neal Tankersley said.*

The plane touched down, and four couples saw their new home in Kenya for the first time. Although none of them could speak the language, the acquaintances knew they had to work together to thrive in a foreign culture and to minister to the people they would meet.

The mission team lived in one house and grew close as the members worked with the Kalenjin tribe in Eldoret, though the adjustment entailed greater difficulties and joys than the couples could have imagined.

It was a time of adventure and stepping out in faith for Dean of the College of Bible and Ministry Dr. Monte Cox and his wife Beth. Hardly knowing what they were doing, they set out in 1982 to the fields of Kenya to spread the word of God with missionary-in-residence O’Neal and Betsy Tankersley, Amos and Anne Allen and Steve and Donna Jo Meeks.

The mission team grew when Steven and Claudia Greek and Assistant Professor of Bible Dr. Kevin Kehl and Associate Professor of Nursing Dr. Susan Kehl later joined the original team in Eldoret.

The team formed at Harding, and their formation and chosen location was greatly influenced in 1977-78 by a visiting professor Gailyn Van Rheenen who, according to

Monte’s description, only spoke of the Kipsigis tribe in East Africa, causing his wife, Beth, to swear to never go.

“Beth said, ‘If there is one place on Earth I will never go, it’s to the Kipsigis,’ and lo and behold, five years later we moved to the northern Kalenjin tribes, which speak a different dialect of the Kipsigis, and spent 10 years of our lives there,” Monte said.

Twenty years later, Monte, O’Neal and Kevin all worked together once again, this time as faculty at Harding.

Some of the team members met at Global Missions Experience Sept. 27-30 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of their initial departure to Kenya and to talk to students about their team’s experiences. A new mission team, which left for Iraqw, Tanzania, the previous January, interviewed the Eldoret team. The Coxes, Tankersleys, Meekses and the Greeks answered questions about the mission process and how it worked.

The group’s main goal was to give the students a realistic view of starting a team; the dynamics of working with a group; what it required of a person; and how God could use people to make the mission successful. According to Monte, they also addressed, “how this new Tanzania team may have different experiences in some ways 30 years

after we moved to Kenya.”

Junior Abigail Partlow said the audience’s response to the panel members’ encouragement was one of “applause, admiration and a desire to follow in their footsteps.” She said the panel members encouraged the audience through their genuine answers and their praise to God.

“I was encouraged by how real they were,” Partlow said. “These are real people who loved Jesus and who brought their gifts and their imperfections to the mission field and allowed God to use them to create something beautiful.”

The panel members echoed Partlow, saying that they were flawed humans whom God used to show the Kalenjin tribe his love.

“We are just common people who were allowed to do uncommon things,” O’Neal, director of HUT, said. “Our team relationship was beautiful. It was not perfect, of course, because we are people, but all in all it was one of the best team relationships that I know of.”

This team had inspired and helped many mission teams prepare for long-term international service. They started a tradition in East Africa with hope to continue the work they started through future generations.

Chaney Mitchell

COACH DAVID ELLIOTT SERVES THROUGH THE YEARS

As he entered his 39th year as the head coach of the men's tennis team, David Elliott had already secured his reputation as one of the most successful coaches in Harding athletic history. In addition to the achievement of coaching at the collegiate level for 39 years, Elliott never had a losing season, which helped establish his significance in Harding athletics.

Elliott, husband of Len and father of three, said he first developed a passion for tennis during his early college years. His success could be traced to his tennis career with the Bisons.

"I played [tennis] in college," Elliott said. "I think at that time I saw it as a sport that I could excel in."

"Coach Elliott definitely loves the game of tennis," Marco Ruiz, former player and assistant coach to Elliott, said. "Tennis is his number one passion in life. He enjoys every single aspect of being a tennis coach, which is very inspiring to me."

In 1968, while Elliott was a member of the team, the men's team finished ninth in nationals. In 1992, they finished ninth again.

With Elliott as coach, the men's team was ranked regionally several times, and the women's team qualified seven times for nationals as well.

"There are several things that make Coach Elliott a fantastic coach: knowledge, experience, et cetera," Ruiz said. "However, the one thing that stood out the most to me over the years is his Christian-like way of treating his players, something that you won't find in many coaches across the country. Coach Elliott is always looking for ways to help out his players inside and outside of the tennis courts."

Elliott kept Christianity at the core of his teaching. He turned the tennis courts into a mission field and made it a personal goal to deepen his players' relationships with Jesus.

"I try to be the kind of example I should be, not because I have to, but because I want to," Elliott said. "We've had a very good track record of bringing in decent people that saw the value of a place like Harding. We have had a number of our international players that came in with a different religious background or no religious background that

have become faithful Christians, and we are certainly proud of that."

A Christian faith may have been the most important thing Elliott passed down over the years, but it was not the only thing. Current players said they were still learning valuable life lessons from him.

Junior Autrey Bradley said she had learned many principles from Elliott that were worth remembering.

"The main thing I have learned from Coach is to never give up on anything and to always do my best," Bradley said. "He is always demanding our very best on and off the tennis court. He sets the best Christian example possible."

Elliott recognized that he was nearing the end of one of the most successful coaching careers Harding had ever seen, but he would not take any credit for his coaching success. According to him, his success could always be traced back to his players.

"We've had good kids," Elliott said. "Everything I have accomplished has been the result of having good kids."

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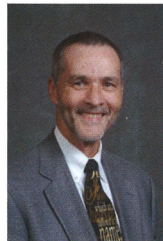
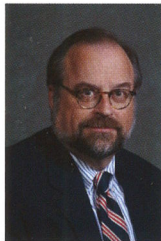
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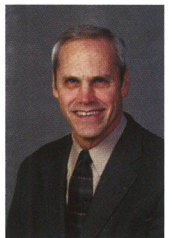
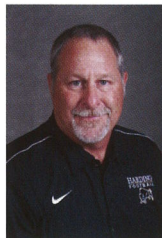
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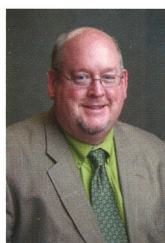


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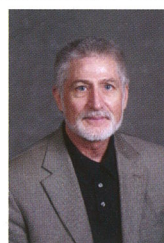
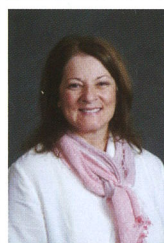


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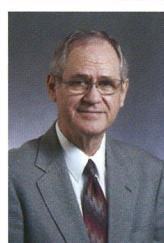
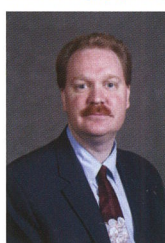
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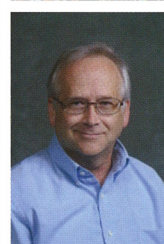
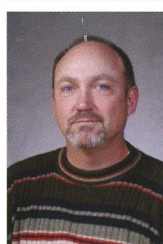
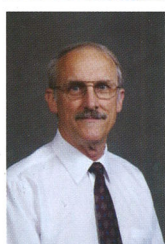
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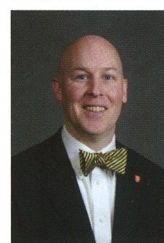
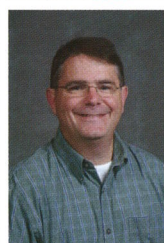
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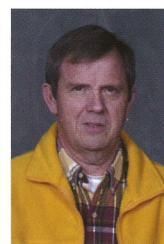
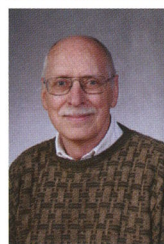
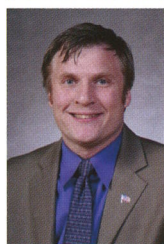
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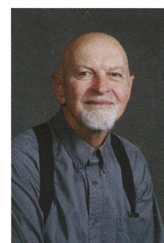
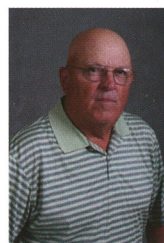
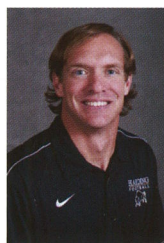
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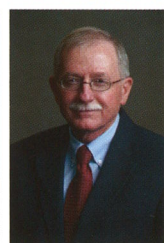
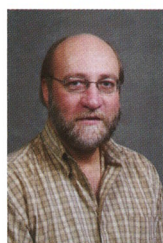
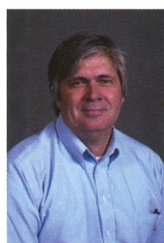
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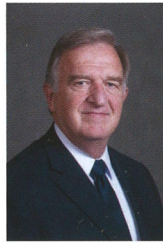


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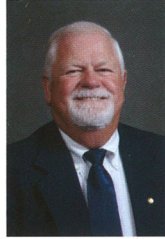
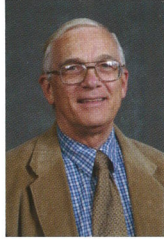
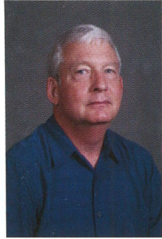


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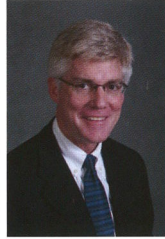
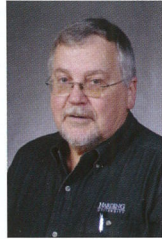




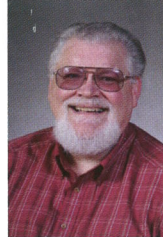
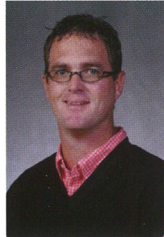
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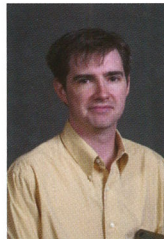
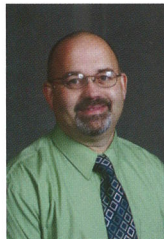
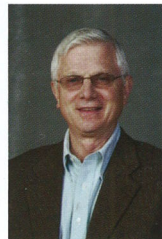
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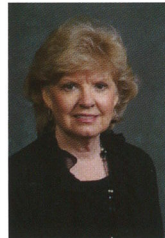
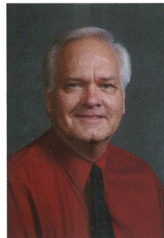
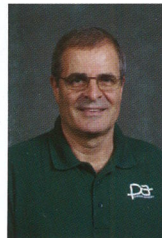
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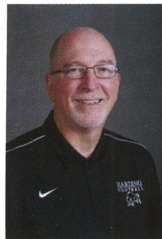
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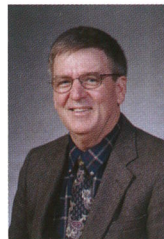
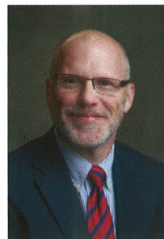
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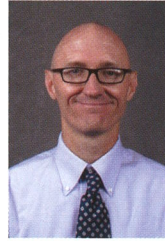
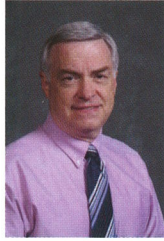
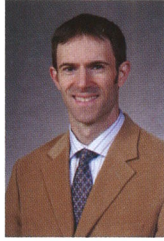
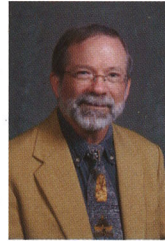
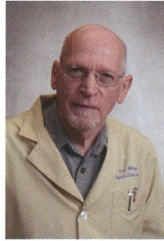
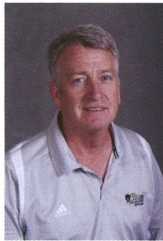
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DR. RICH BROWN DOMINATES 100 MILE RACE

Associate Professor of Business Dr. Richard Brown's deep passion for running began at age 10. In his adult years, that passion was evident in his running and in his Christ-like teaching. In the classroom, Brown "taught not only what the book said, but also about his experiences in the business world and how we, as Christians, can make a positive impact," according to freshman Stephanie Ayestas.

Brown's passion for running helped him run with determination and run for a cause. Brown completed several races, including a marathon to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., the world's leading children's research hospital that focused on childhood illnesses and cancer, as well as pediatric aids and infectious diseases such as pneumonia. He had annually raced to raise money for the hospital since 2004, except for 2011.

"The money that has been raised for St. Jude's has been one of the most satisfying things that I have been part of, just because that place is so good," Brown said. "Yeah, I want make a donation to that because [people] hate cancer, they love kids, [and] they know St. Jude's is a good hospital."

In addition to the marathon for St. Jude's, Brown ran 100 miles at the 22nd Annual Arkansas Traveller 100 race on Oct. 20, at 51. Brown's priorities for the 24-hour race were to finish and to finish feeling good. During those 100 miles, his mind overruled his body. Even though his body did not feel good for many miles, the determination to finish was stronger.

Brown said people wondered why he liked to run for 24 hours without stopping. Some even told him that people had died doing that; however, he refused to give up. For Brown, it was rewarding to accomplish

something that people could physically do but mentally could not.

Junior Julia Ervin praised Brown for his dedication to running and said that he set an example for others who were passionate about anything from running to art and were trying to become more devoted it.

"Being a runner myself, he inspires me through his dedication to running to run more," Ervin said. "He inspires me to have an attitude of perseverance towards running and to let nothing get in the way of it, and if you're passionate about something, to let nothing stop you."

Brown's passion for running led him to set running goals to mark his progress. He had an extensive bucket list that included running Saint George's Gorge in Utah, Pike's Peak in Colorado, the Grand Canyon, the Florida Keys and the Great Wall of China.

Henry Gonzalez

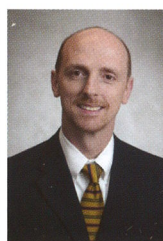
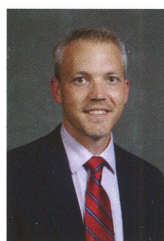


In 2009, Dr. Rich Brown ran the St. Jude's 100 mile race. He came in 14th place with a time of 23:35:00. **Jeff Montgomery**

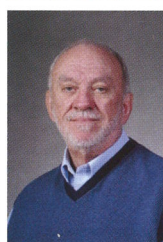
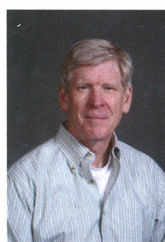


Brown completed the Arkansas Traveller 100 mile race Oct. 6-7. His time of 23:48:00 put him in 17th place. **Courtesy of Rich Brown**

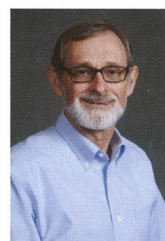
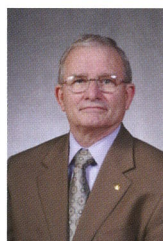
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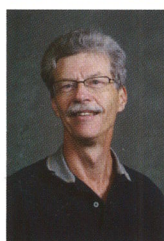
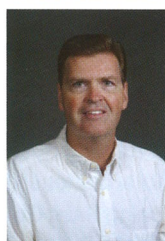
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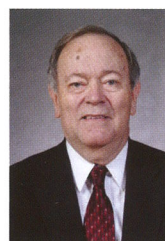
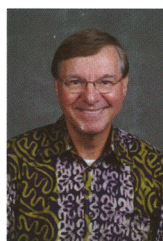
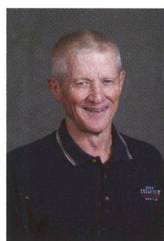
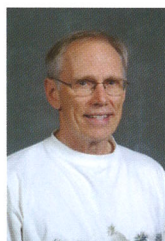
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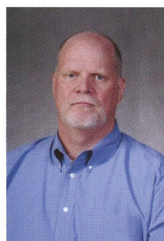
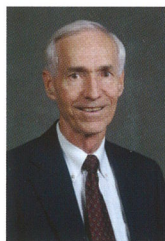
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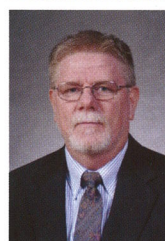
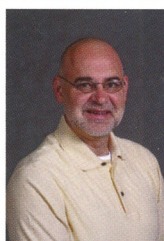
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MCKAY MURRAY BRINGS CHARACTERS TO LIFE

Costumes gave life to characters of dramatic productions at Harding such as Spring Sing, the Homecoming musical and one-act plays. In turn, costume shop coordinator McKay Murray gave life to those costumes through her creativity, talent and experience.

Murray's involvement with the university's theatrical productions began in 2007 when she assisted as a volunteer. At that time, the costume storage and work area was limited to the Administration Building's basement. When the theatre department moved to the Ulrey Performing Arts Center, Murray became the full-time costume designer for all of Harding's productions and had access to a much larger workspace.

Sophomore Jessica Goellner, one of the costume design student workers, enjoyed the time she spent working on costumes under Murray's direction.

"[Murray] has a good vision for what she wants," Goellner said. "She's super sweet, orderly, focused and fun. She can figure out how to make things work off the top of her head."

Being able to quickly solve problems

was useful when costumes malfunctioned during a performance, and Murray's expertise allowed her to create a solution in seconds. For example, senior Amanda Lane recalled an instance during the production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" in 2010 when her heel caught the hem of her skirt and ripped it, but Murray was able to swiftly fix it backstage.

"My motto is 'keep calm, just take a breath,'" Murray said. "Everything is going to be OK."

Frenzied costume repairs were only a small portion of Murray's work for the theatre department though. Prior to a production's debut, Murray spent many hours with the directors to draft possible costume designs for each character in a production. She determined how to best portray a character using fabric, a specific clothing style and accessories. Before finalizing her decisions, Murray collaborated with the set designer to ensure that her selections fit the lighting and set design. Then she measured each actor, so she and her team of student workers could custom-fit each costume.

The amount of costumes Murray created depended on the requirements of each

production. Most plays performed in the Ulrey needed fewer costumes than performances in the Benson Auditorium. Occasionally Murray and her team were responsible for producing more than 200 individual costumes when a play required multiple costume changes.

"The challenge with the musicals in the Benson is just the quantity," Murray said. "[Costumes] usually are not that hard to do. It's just that there are so many."

After performances ended, Murray stored the costumes and accessories in the Ulrey. A large room housed hundreds of costumes catalogued by the performance in which they were used. The organization allowed costumes to be easily accessed for future productions.

"The storage room is a wonderland," Assistant Professor of Theatre Dottie Frye said.

Frye said the quality of Murray's work revealed her dedication to the theatre department. She praised Murray for being the soul behind the costumes. Even though Murray never performed before a live Harding audience, her contribution to each production was just as vital as the actors themselves.

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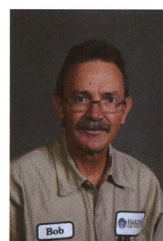
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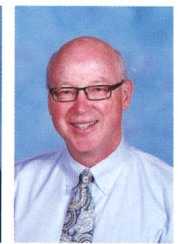
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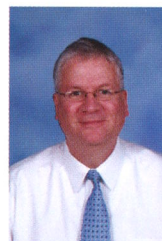
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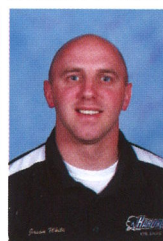
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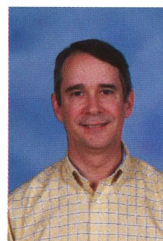
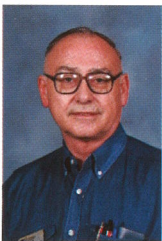
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RETIRING CASHIER COMPLETES 47 YEARS OF SERVICE

Students could always count on seeing a smile on her face when they passed her at breakfast or lunch. Students from generations past remembered her, even years after graduation. They loved her, and she loved them. Lorene Smith, better known by students as “Ms. Polly,” worked in the cafeteria for 47 years, beginning in 1965 and finishing her career on Dec. 16.

Smith blessed students by her joy and reliable smile.

“A smiling face in the caf always seems to make the heart a bit lighter, just enough to make it matter, but not enough that you would notice and get tired of it,” 2012 alumnus Caleb Smith said.

Smith worked in several parts of the cafeteria including the drink station, the bakery, the salad bar and the cash register. Her favorite job was always working the cash register, so

when Aramark arrived, and she was given the choice to work where she wanted, she chose to primarily work as a cashier.

Smith saw several changes over the years. She was hired when Dr. George Benson was the president of the school, and she witnessed the changes that occurred as Dr. Clifton Ganus was inaugurated, followed by Dr. David Burks. She said that each president brought new policies and changes.

Some of the more noticeable changes were dress code regulations. Women were initially restricted to wearing dresses but later allowed to wear pants. Other changes included restrictions on earrings and tattoos. The school facilities underwent significant changes as well. The cafeteria grew substantially to keep pace with the growing number of students in attendance.

Both the students and the school were

special to Smith, making it difficult for her to say goodbye, but she felt that it was time for her to retire.

“I’m ready, but it’s going to be sad, because I’ve worked all these years here, and all these kids mean so much,” Smith said. “They mean everything, so it will be hard to walk away.”

The school did a lot to help her during her years as an employee. When she lost her home to a fire, the school provided an apartment for her and her husband.

Smith had a long and heartwarming career working in the cafeteria, and she was treasured by students.

“When I think of Ms. Polly, I have to remind myself not to take advantage of the many things I overlook in life,” freshman Aaron West said. “She is vitally important to the cafeteria, and it will be a sad day when she does retire.”

Kory Howard



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