

Organizations



DEVELOPING *Servants* FOR THE FUTURE

Harding began in 1924 with 11 organizations, the majority being literary societies and a few involving a select group within specific majors. Today, Harding offers more than 70 organizations that cover a variety of common interests.

Students in almost any major can join organizations that will help them gain a competitive edge within the career arena. Whether a student is a computer science or kinesiology major, he or she can get involved and gain experience that sometimes cannot be taught in a classroom or read from a book. Through workshops, seminars and guest speakers, students gain experience that will better prepare them for the professional world after college.

The abundance of religious organizations on campus provides a plethora of activities from which students may choose. They can write a letter of encouragement to another student or they can perform skits and plays that spread the word of God to people outside of the Harding sphere.

Several political groups on campus provide students with first-hand involvement in the American political system. Many students welcome the opportunity to volunteer on election campaigns and promote candidates. They can also find clubs in which they share a common heritage or learn more about various cultures throughout the world. Extracurricular meetings and occasional parties bring students together to form a common bond among members.

Being a member of an organization at Harding can also be a fulfilling experience. Tying directly in with Harding's motto of "Developing Christian Servants," most organizations perform service projects for the communities surrounding Searcy and throughout the world. These projects



range from singing at local nursing homes to gathering Christmas presents for children in other countries. Many times, when crisis situations arise, whether a natural disaster or a human tragedy, organizations band together to form a relief effort for the victims. From huge letters of encouragement with thousands of signatures to small groups providing flood relief, the presence of Harding organizations makes an impression on people throughout the world.

Although the college experience is all about charting one's future, Harding has a long history of providing groups that help develop character in their members. After all, students are not here just to prepare for the future; they are also working to leave a mark on the past.

Elizabeth Bratton, Organizations Editor

In 1924, the Harding Orchestra was formed, providing an outlet of performance for students with a love of music. Today, seven instrumental groups offer a variety of musical styles for various purposes throughout the year.

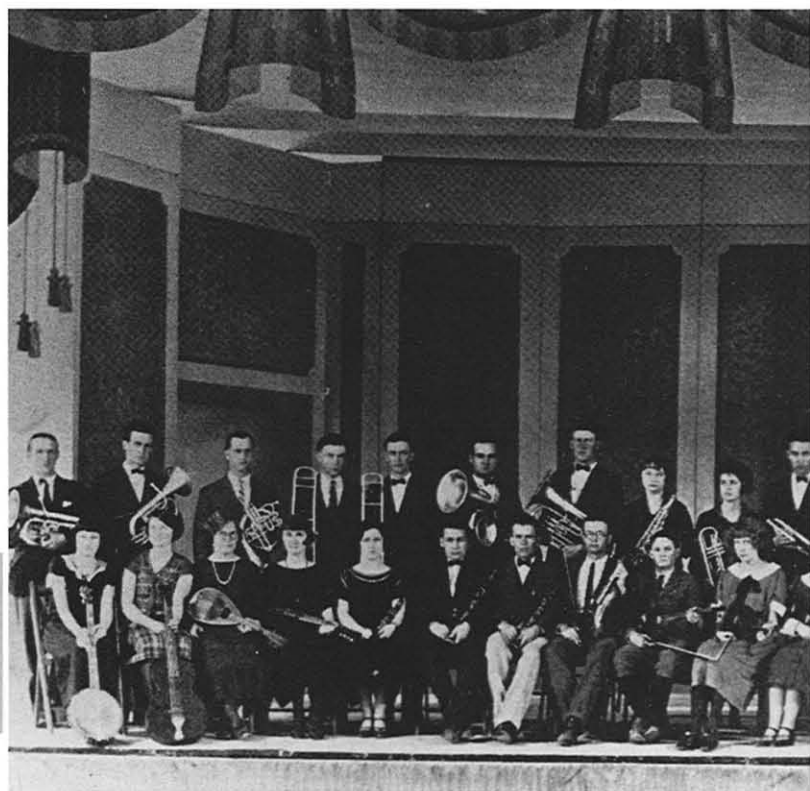
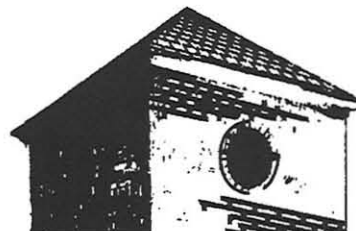


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(Clockwise) Joy Madlaing, Aasta Pedersen and Matthew Rees demonstrate Circle K's attitude of servanthood by painting the home of a local resident. The organization sponsored singing at Oakdale Nursing Home, campfire devotionals and many other service projects during the year.



EXPANDING THE *Vision* OF THE PAST



Students bring God to others through unique innovations

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIGS BRING KNOWLEDGE, TRUTH

Among the common interests of Harding students is the search for knowledge and truth. As an extension of that quest, Dr. Dale Manor and eight students founded the Society of Near Eastern Archaeology last year.

"The students expressed an interest and it seemed like a good auxiliary to the Bible program, so we went ahead with it," Manor said. "The goal is to provide another avenue of education and instruction."

The group, an academic club, focused on the archaeology of the Near East. "We get speakers for the meetings who talk about history, archaeology or actual digs they have been on," sophomore Cory Edwards said.

"We also watch movies and go on field trips," junior Julia

Bulissa said. In short, we "try to learn together," Edwards said.

For Bible majors like senior Jesse Pettengill, "Archaeology is a cutting edge of scholarship; whatever is coming out of the field is directly related to my field of study."

Although the club is still young, it is already accomplishing many things. "Our goal is to educate people in archaeology and to produce an archaeological newsletter, which is fully referenced with scriptures and can be used as a teaching aid," Pettengill said. The newsletter is sent at no cost to preachers and teachers across the country.

Most importantly, being involved in the club helps the members in their walk with God. "It helps us to better understand

the world that Jesus lived in, and it provides a richer background to the events in the Bible," Manor said.

"We really get to see how different cultures worked and how they viewed God and it helps because we cannot see God," Bulissa said.

"By studying the archaeology, it makes the biblical world, even though we are so far removed from it, a lot more real and concrete," Edwards said.

Thus far, the Society of Near Eastern Archaeology is fulfilling its purpose and students are expanding their horizons. "It helps us all to understand His word a little better; it makes the scripture come to life and makes us appreciate it more," Pettengill said.

— Diane Grubbs

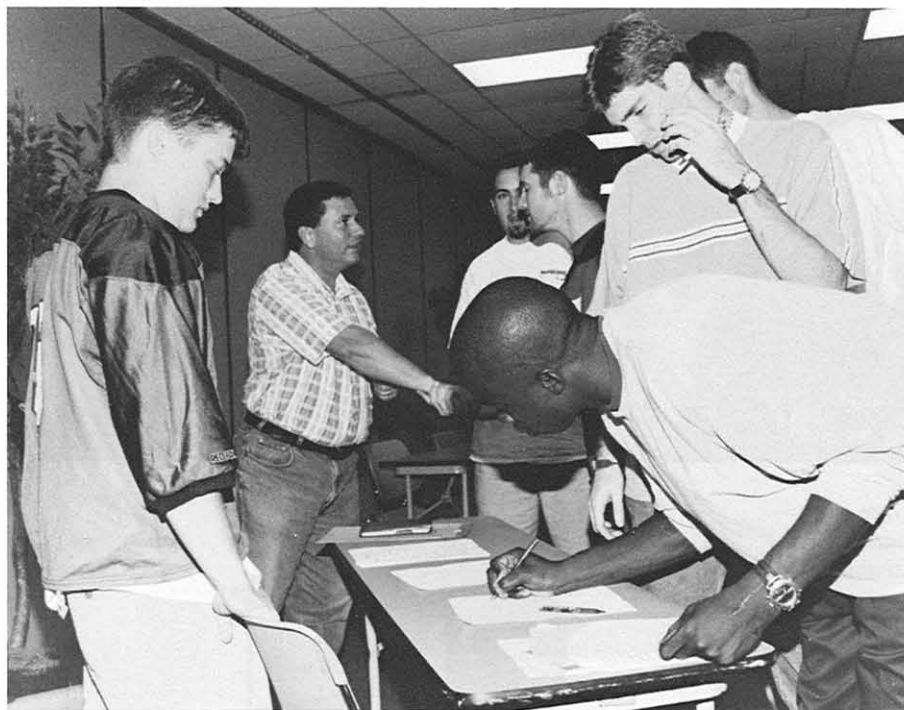


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Andrew Baker watches as fellow Youth Corps members sign up for Operation Youth. Youth Corps allowed students to have a practical, hands-on setting to minister to young people and their families.

Alva Liimatta and Laura Tollett, members of JOY, share with Stella Price during their visit to Byrd Haven Nursing Home. JOY provided various services to the community each year, including Special Olympics, Easter egg hunts, haunted houses and weekly nursing home visits.



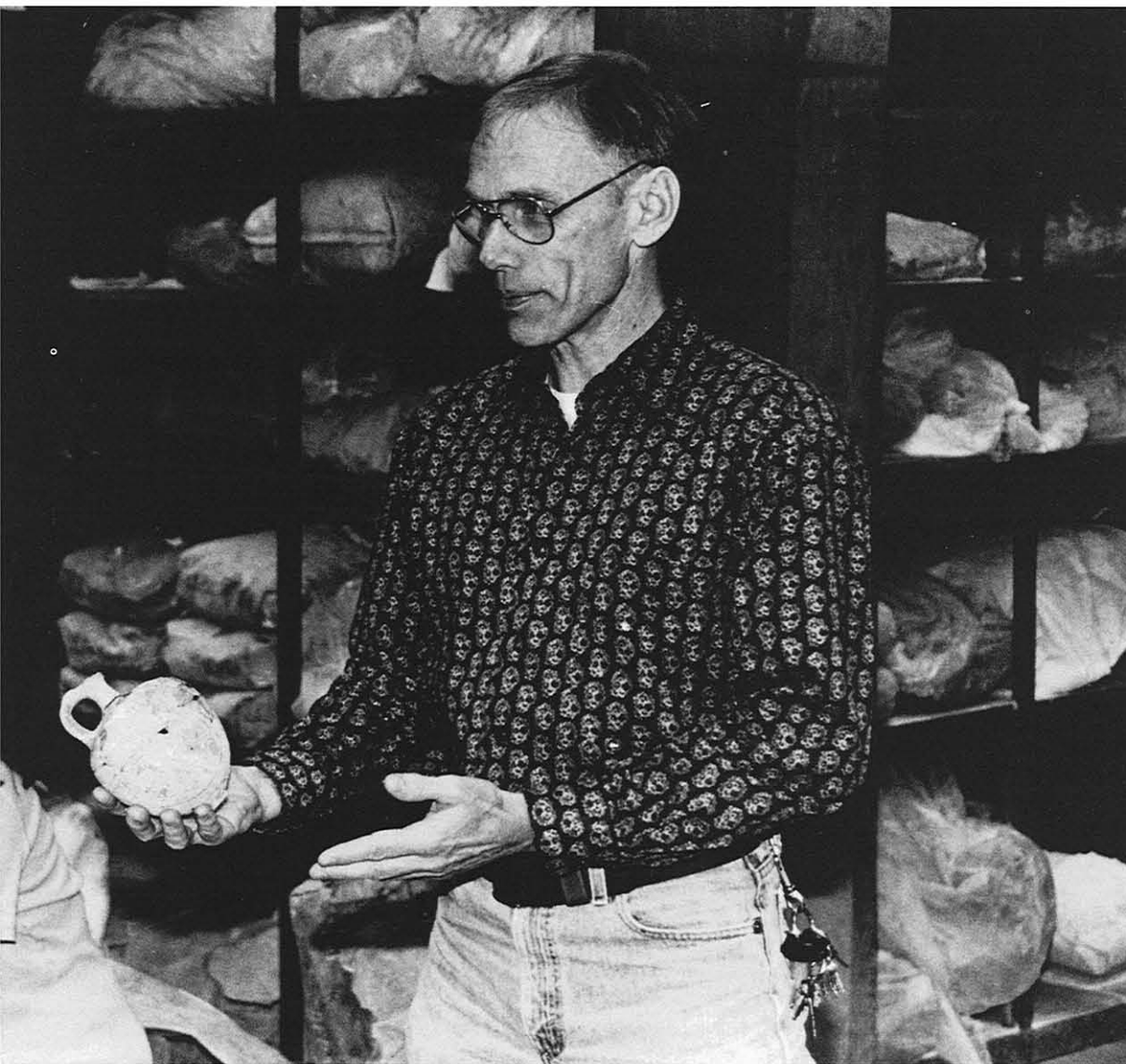


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Julie Bulissa listens intently as Paul Pitt, professor of art, explains to the archaeology club details of a ceramic pot found during a recent excavation. The Society of Near Eastern Archaeology provided students a personal view of what the biblical world was like during the time that Christ walked the earth.



Student Ministry has been an important part of Harding since the conception of the school,

"Those who serve in this way ask no particular credit or recognition. They find more than ample reward in the appreciation and encouragement of fellow Christians, in the edification of spirit which their own work inspires, and above all else, in the knowledge that they are presenting to the world, 'The Way, the Truth, and the Life.'"

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Dr. Ed Myers teaches members of Alpha Chi Malachi about ministry and fellowship. Alpha Chi Malachi provided ministry majors a place of fellowship and an informal setting to learn more about ministry.

Dana Gwyn, Kenny Collins, Greg Gwyn and Patricia Williams practice various songs for an upcoming visit to a local church. Ujima visited many local churches, promoting cultural awareness and unity.



“The reason I became involved with social work was because I believe that it is a special form of ministry. I believe all Christians are here on this earth to serve, and I think that this is the best way that I can accomplish this in my life. This field is already lacking in strong, moral Christians, and since I’m interested in it anyway, I might as well help where I can.”

— Allison Starnes,
1986 Petit Jean

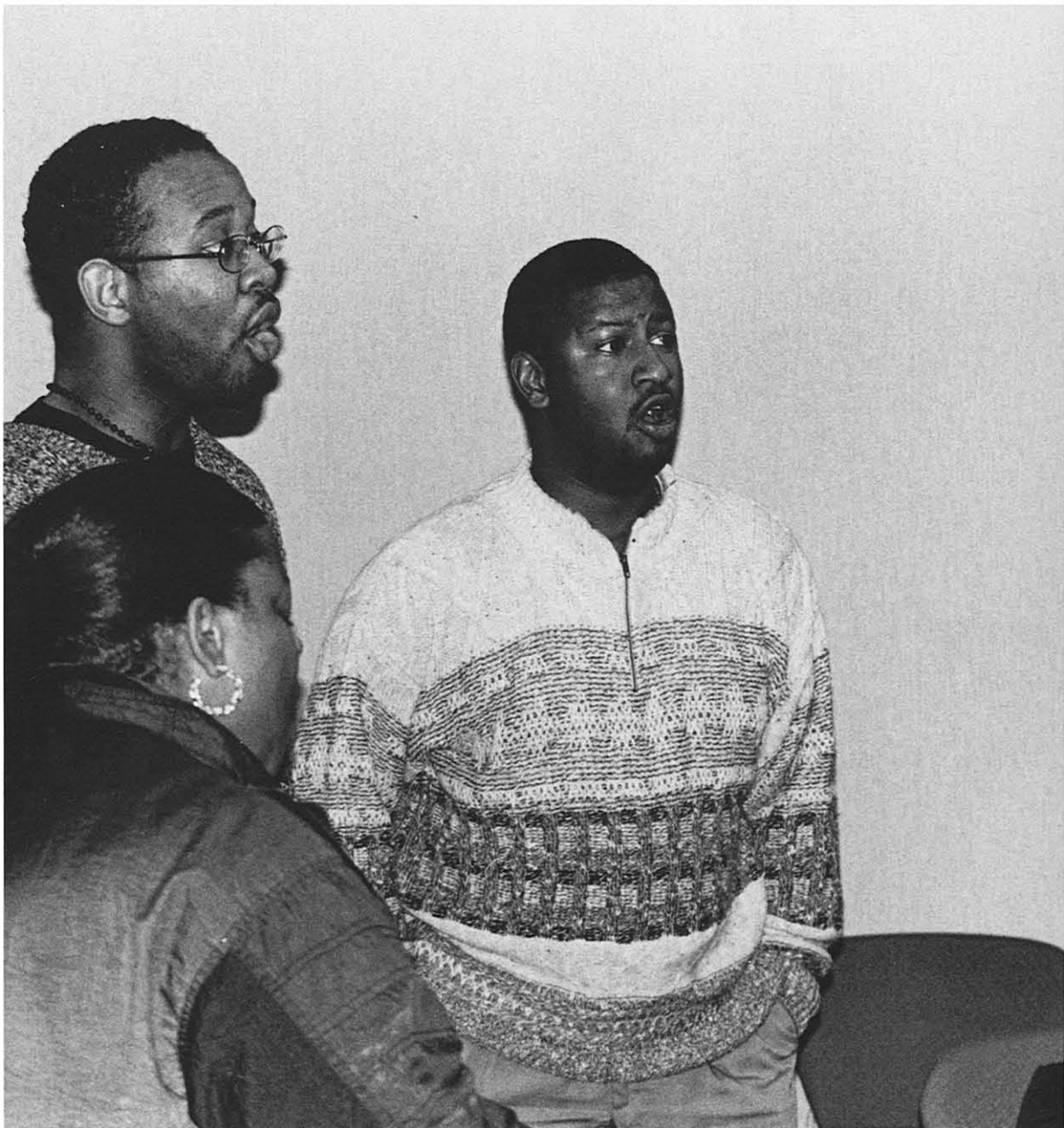


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Circle K poses with many of the non-perishable food items collected during a Halloween food drive for His House in Searcy. Circle K helped local residents and foundations by donating their time and efforts in projects such as food drives, house paintings and nursing home visits.



UJIMA RESTRUCTURES ACTIVITIES; PROVIDES CULTURAL AWARENESS

Although most of the organizations on Harding's campus promote peace and unity, that is the main goal set forth by Ujima.

Ujima was formed three years ago to promote unity and Christian servanthood among all cultures and races of people. They had a difficult time starting off, but with the dawning of this year they began a restructuring process to begin providing a place where minorities were able to gather together in fellowship.

Ujima worked to express their goal of wanting to grow together as a group, as Christians, and as members of society. "We want to bridge the gap between the various races on campus and create an atmosphere in which minorities can encourage each other," sponsor Terry Davis said.

"Just being involved is a goal of Ujima. It is something positive to get involved in instead of just hanging around the room," sophomore April Bailey said.

"We help out with major projects in the community and we just try to do different things now and then to try to help," junior Abby Drayton said.

This year's group enjoyed spending time together and sharing each other's fellowship. "It really keeps me on my toes," said Patricia Williams, president. "We have a committee that meets once a month to plan upcoming events."

The committee comes up with an idea and runs it by sponsors, making sure that what they intend to do meets their final goal. "They decide they want to do something and they give me a call and I say yea or nay and we go from there," Davis said.

Creating unity was a major concern of the group. "The programs are interesting and we just want to promote unity among all races of people," Drayton said.

"Ujima provided positive outlets for students and helped the minorities get more involved in the activities around campus and in our community," Bailey said.

Ujima is an African word that stands for collective work and responsibility. Living up to their name, the club did several meaningful service projects. These included visiting hospitals and nursing homes and helping with

the Kensett Halloween hayride and Searcy Children's Home.

Higher Degree, a singing group within Ujima, traveled to many area hospitals and nursing homes, singing for those who needed encouragement. They saw this as a step they needed to take to encourage both the members and those less fortunate in getting to know Christ.

"The members in Ujima met for a devotional every Wednesday night to learn and grow as brothers and sisters in Christ," Williams said. "Our goal is to have peace and unity. I see the need for us to have unity because there is a lot of talent in the group and even though Harding is a Christian school, there are ways for people to fall away."

Members of Ujima were optimistic about the obstacles that lay in their pathway and they saw what they were doing as a positive thing for everyone on campus. According to Williams, they felt that they were providing an outlet for not only minorities, but for anyone who wished to help, to fellowship together and to get to know each other in a unique and meaningful way.

— Diane Grubbs



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Tracy Sewell and other Social Work Club members comfort a child during a Halloween party for residents of the Searcy Children's Home. The Social Work Club provided many service projects, including resident of the month for local nursing home residents.

Jill Gilmore and Kendra Parker laugh as they play with a baby before taking part in the "Walk for Life," sponsored by the Students for Life organization. Students for Life was a pro-life organization that worked with several health clinics and homes for women.

SCRIBBLERS EXPRESS DIVERSITY, ENHANCE THEIR CREATIVITY

Among the many opportunities at Harding was a chance to express one's thoughts, one's feelings and oneself without the fear of malicious persecution. This opportunity was provided specifically by Harding's writing club, Scribblers.

Scribblers was designed to encourage creative writing and the sharing of that writing, sponsor Sherry Organ said. The organization gave its members the courage they needed to do what they love. "A lot of people who write are afraid to show other people what they wrote for fear of criticism. The club gave me confidence in my own writing skills," senior English major and president David Johnson said.

"I have always been interested in writing and it was exciting to be with other people who have the same interests," Johnson said.

"It helped me to be able to understand certain kinds of writing — what I like and what I don't like," senior English major and vice president Greg Bales said. "It

helped me to be more opinionated."

The club met more often this year than in the past. "This is my first full year to sponsor the group. We have around 25 members and there is so much enthusiasm that they are wanting to meet every Thursday," Organ said. Formerly, the club met twice a month.

Besides the members, Scribblers also inspired the club's sponsor. "I love creative writing and even try to do a little," Organ said. "I liked the idea of them being encouraged in their writing so I thought I should be the encourager."

The group worked hard to improve their writing. "We got together on Thursday evenings to read our own works and discuss them and to look for help in improving our writing," Johnson said.

"I enjoyed hearing other people's ideas and getting comments on my writing," Bales said.

The club was not set up as a

service club, but it did try to host a public reading at least once each semester, Organ said. Public readings allowed members to read in front of an outside audience. A book of the students' works was made and dispersed at the reading.

The club was not exclusive. "Whoever wants to read can, but we tried to limit each person to only a few writings so there would be enough time for everyone," Johnson said.

Bales had much success with his writing. He was a winner in the Jo Cleveland Writing Contest in 1998 and he has also won a couple essay contests. He said he was keeping his goals high. "I would like to have some of my works published later on," Bales said.

Encouragement was paramount in the club. "Our goal was to create an atmosphere that made criticism a good thing," Johnson said. "Being able to find encouragement from other people and being able to read in public, that was kind of gratifying."

— Diane Grubbs

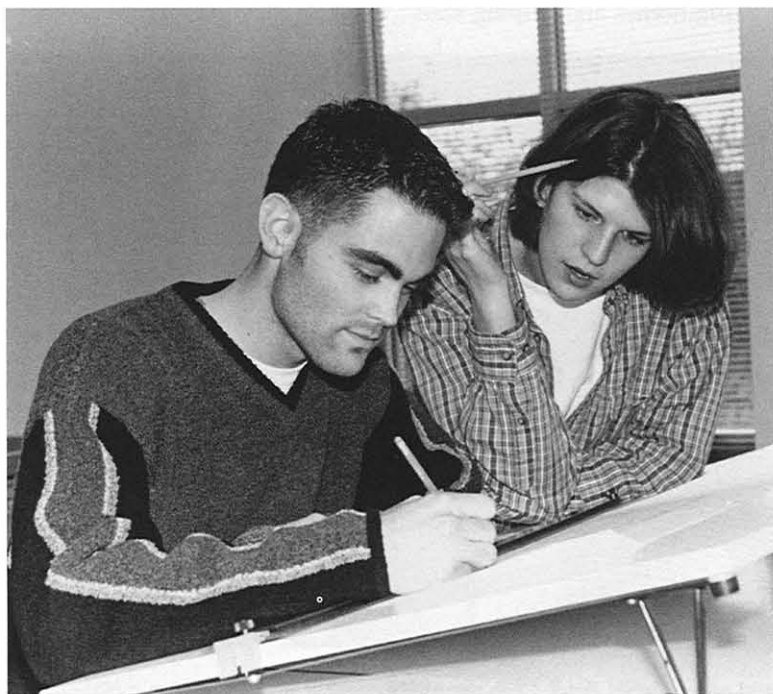


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Jason Jones and MaryGlen Henderson work on a design project for class. Society for Interior Design members offered their services to area residents as a way to get hands-on experience in their career field.



"For several years Harding has been the only college in the state to have an organization like the Poetry Club. The main activity of the club is to publish a small volume of original work. This year the sixth volume of 'HARDING BOOK OF UNDERGRADUATE VERSE' was compiled and dedicated to Mrs. J.N. Armstrong.

Each year a contest is sponsored by the club to encourage writing and the appreciation of poetry. The author of the winning poem is given an invitation to become a member.

Meetings are held regularly on Tuesday nights at which time each member contributes three original poems."

— 1942 Petit Jean



Ashleigh Short anxiously waits for the noise of the crowd to die down before her reading. Scribblers hosted several readings at Midnight Oil for Harding students and other area residents to listen and enjoy.

Marty Rowe and Nick Boone prepare refreshments for their upcoming movie. The Harding Film Studies Association gathered several times a month to watch and discuss classic films.

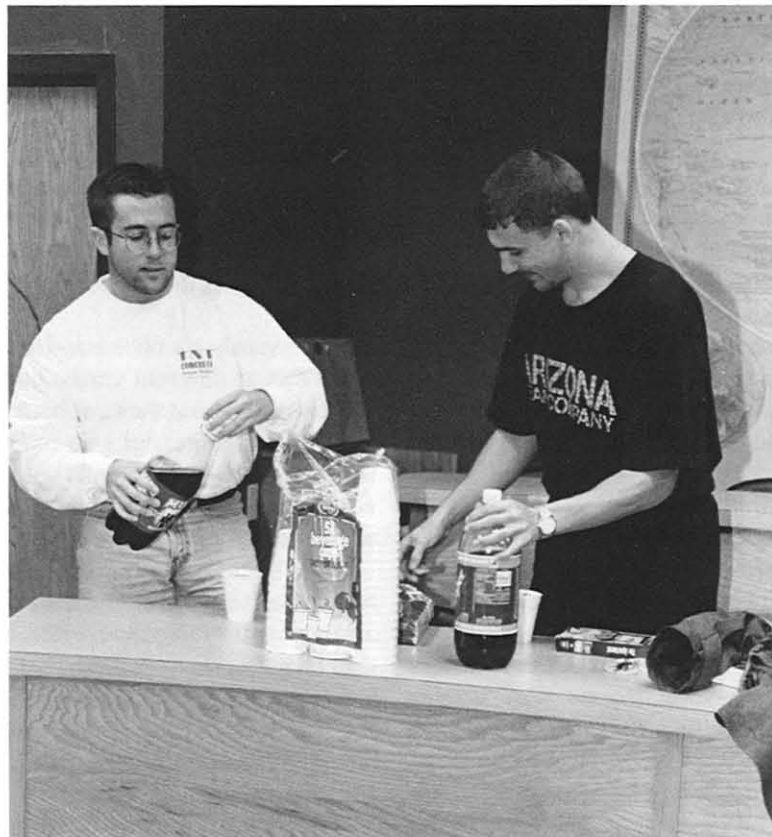


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Allen Cox and Stefanie Glenn practice a skit for an upcoming performance. Campus Players performed many types of skits with the intention of promoting a deeper Christian interest in fine dramatic arts.

Photo by Daniel Dubois

VOCALISTS HARMONIZE; RESTRUCTURING EASES RIVALRY

This year marked a new start for the choral program. In recent years students have been able to select for themselves which program they wanted to try out for; this year students tried out for all of the programs and then were placed in the group that Dr. Arthur Shearin and Dr. Clifton Ganus III felt was best for them.

The three groups in the choral program are University Chorus, Concert Choir and University Singers. The chorus has been redesigned for most of the members to be vocal majors, the choir for people who are serious about improving their vocal talents and singers for students who sing for their own personal enjoyment.

"Students could specify which program they would most like to be a part of, but they were placed according to Dr. Ganus' and my judgment," Shearin said. He also said the program "changed" due to a desire of Ganus' to work more with vocal majors and "serious vocal students."

Ganus said, "We changed it so there would be no primary group and to cut down on some of the

competition between the two groups. The groups will sing the same music as before and they will travel and perform the same as before. This change will designate the purpose of each group a little more clearly."

Most students reacted positively to the rearrangement. Junior Ray Rawley, a member of the choir, said, "I think it's great. It takes competition out of chorus, choir and University singers. The competition was hurting us getting along. It gives all groups a different focus."

Previously, the chorus and the choir met at different times, but now they practice at the same hour. "I like the change, but I do miss the fact that we cannot visit with each other," Drew Dasher, a sophomore chorus member, said.

Sophomore Jyusef Larry said he benefited from the new arrangement. "I like the change. I think it has worked out for the best for chorus and choir," he said. "To me the restructuring is not that different right now because this is the first year of the new program."

Sophomore Shawn O'Brien, a

member of choir, said he thinks it was a good change. "I think it will be good for the whole choral program; I am not sure about it alleviating competition. I don't think it will," O'Brien said.

Junior Jeff McKeand, a member of choir, disagreed with O'Brien. "I think the restructuring is good because there was a lot of tension and excess competition between the chorus and choir. Competition is good, but not too much. Each group now has its purpose; there is no reason for competition between the two."

Rawley said, "The restructuring kind of takes out which group you want to be in, but that is not a big deal because most colleges don't allow you to pick. One of the groups is not going to be better than the other because of the directing techniques of Dr. Shearin and Dr. Ganus."

The changes made to the choral program are long-term changes that will be implemented over a period of time. "Students probably will not even notice a change," Ganus said.

— Meredith Hlasta



"Music, every dream that
haunts, with dim delight,

The drowsy hour between
the day and night,

The wakeful dream
between the night and day,

Imprisoned, waits for thee,
Impatient, yearns for thee.

Music, thou lendest wings
to grief to fly away,

And wings to joy to reach a
heavenly height,

And every dumb desire that
storms within thy breast

Thou ledest forth to sob
or sing itself to rest."

— Reprinted from the
1924 Petit Jean



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Good News Singers entertain an audience with gospel songs at Lectureship Central in Rhodes Memorial Field House. Good News Singers used their musical talents to spread God's word to a variety of audiences.



Melody Colyer, Amy Osborne, Vicki Valentine, Jeff Sheperd, Gene Bates and Larry Porter sing during a performance at lectureship. Concert Choir traveled to take their talents to a variety of audiences throughout the year.

Dr. Clifton Ganus III directs University Singers through a number of songs in preparation for Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to campus. University Singers is a volunteer group that performs as needed for many on-campus events.



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Cory Picker and Chris Mirante show their talents during a Belles and Beaux ensemble. The Belles and Beaux used a variety of musical styles to entertain audiences.



Photo by Jeff Montgomery

Pat Bills and Austin Nesbitt focus on lyrics during a performance this fall. Concert Choir hosted a variety of exhibitions that demonstrated their vocal talent.

The Thundering Herd marches down the field during a half-time show. The Thundering Herd provided an added element of excitement to home football games and local parades.

Members of the Color Guard get ready for a performance. Color Guard worked hand in hand with the Thundering Herd to rev up the Bisons.



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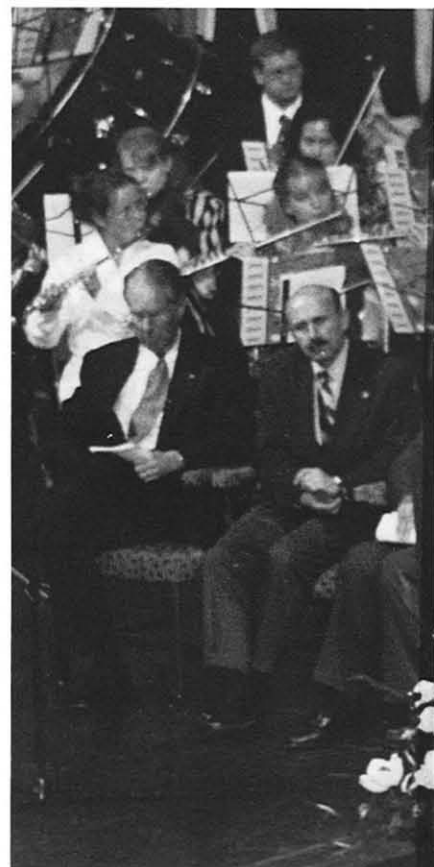
"The Bison Marching Band provided music at all home football games in the fall and presented half-time shows of precision marches. The Harding Pep Band performed at all home basketball games and added much to the spirit and enthusiasm of the games. Following the close of the football season, the band became known as the Harding Concert Band, presenting several excellent concerts at home. The band also took an extended spring tour."

— 1967 Petit Jean



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Cary Garner and Jeff Rimer perform an exciting number during a Bison basketball game. The Pep Band served as an essential part of the "Rhodes Rowdies" by helping pump up the crowd in support of the Bisons.



THUNDERING HERD MARCHES, ADDS PEP TO BISON BALLGAMES

As the Bisons drove down the field toward the end zone, the marching band began to play and the crowd rumbled. Spirit was rising and Harding's marching band was on the move. "Membership is increasing at a good rate and we are very pleased with that," director Mike Chance said.

The band served a dual purpose during the football games. "The band is there to pump up the crowd and to provide half-time entertainment so the fans don't have to sit on their hands all night," junior trumpet player Michael Jenkins said.

"Our main purpose is entertainment," band president Jeff Rimer said. "We have a lot of fun and we try to get everyone else involved when we are up in the stands. We add a lot of pep to the game in our little corner down there," Rimer said.

The marching band effectively boosted the morale of the football team. "I think the team listens to us and I know the coaches do," Chance said. "The atmosphere in music and the excitement that the band creates is really positive and it lifts us up," Coach Randy Tribble said. "The atmosphere is a little

more electric with the band, and the players draw energy from that, and I want my players to have energy."

Even in the middle of an intense football game, the team heard the band and benefited from it. "I like to hear them play because it gets me pumped," senior offensive guard Archie Walker said.

The band was definitely appreciated by the team because it left them wanting more. "I wish the band could travel with us," freshman tailback David High said. "It would be nice to have more support while we are on the road." Tribble agreed with High. "The band creates energy, noise and enthusiasm; we miss that when we are on the road," he said.

Although many of the band members were music majors, it was certainly not a requirement and many would not trade the experience for anything. "I am a music major, but I would still be in the band otherwise," Rimer said. "It is my favorite instrumental thing to do."

"It is exciting and it provides an organization with the opportunity to get to know other musicians and fellow Christians,"

junior marimba player Robin Ward said.

"I enjoy sharing in the experience of making music with everyone, meeting new people and making new friends," senior Dave Lucich said.

"The interaction with the other people and the feeling of responsibility are great, and I like the exercise that I don't get anywhere else," Rimer said.

"I am not a music major, but I always enjoyed being in my high school band so I continued it into my college career," Jenkins said. "I like the challenging music that we play and I enjoy teaching people the new music."

In addition to performing at football games, the band participated in the White County Parade and in marching expeditions. This year, the band also performed for Gorbachev and at the dedication of the Reynolds Center.

The band served its purpose well at Harding. "It heightens enthusiasm at sporting events and promotes Bison spirit while providing experience, interaction and camaraderie among members," Ward said.

— Diane Grubbs



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Jeff Shepherd, Jay Larson, Robyn Sandlin (decorated tuba) and Tony Watters perform a collection of Christmas music during chapel just before Christmas break. The Harding University Symphonic Band provided students a forum to perform concert band music.

The Harding University Orchestra performs an ensemble of Russian folk music during Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to Harding. The orchestra performed at many special occasions for Harding during the 75th anniversary celebration.

Performers entertain and inspire their audiences

THE JOYFUL HEARTS 'CLOWN' THEIR WAY INTO PEOPLE'S LIVES

Joyful Hearts, a ministry organization at Harding, shared the good news of Jesus Christ through clowning. Director Russell Lawyer described Joyful Hearts by saying, "It is a conglomeration of Fisher's Men, Theatron, Conquerors and Pied Pipers all in one."

Joyful Hearts began several years ago; however three years ago it was revamped and it is now a part of the Timothy Club. Joyful Hearts did many of the same kinds of skits other drama clubs on campus do. For example, they did pyramids and body stacking like the Pied Pipers, another campus group aimed at children. However, they had a distinct difference from the other clubs—they were clowns.

You could often find them face-painting, juggling or just "clowning around" in their big, floppy shoes, wigs and silly hats. They normally took the fall semester to learn their skits and the appropriate way to wear their

outlandish costumes and then hit the road during the spring bringing joy and good news of the gospel to people who needed hope. Joyful Hearts aimed to provide the audience members with an entertaining and memorable message—the word of Christ.

Joyful Hearts performed mostly for children at elementary schools and some middle schools, but every now and then they were offered an opportunity to perform at local nursing homes or retirement villages.

"All of the skits that are performed are backed up by scripture," Lawyer said. "If we use scripture, people can see that we have something to back up what we are saying. They can also see that you can be a Christian and have fun at the same time."

Sophomore Shannon Fonville, a second-year member of the group, said, "I love the ability to share the gospel with children. You can actually see their faces

light up when you are performing. They really enjoy it. We bring the gospel to them in a way they can enjoy and understand."

Joyful Hearts helped the members as well. "I have become more outgoing and more willing and eager to share my faith with people," Fonville said.

The members felt that Joyful Hearts was very effective in keeping in touch with Harding's motto of "Developing Christian Servants." They saw what they were doing as an on-going service project—a project that allowed them the chance to provide those who in need a little shimmer of hope and joy in Christ, while allowing them to have fun. Their hope was to touch people in a memorable way.

Joyful Hearts had 18 members for the 1998-1999 school year. They felt that they were able to accomplish their goals and to bring an interesting perspective to the gospel to many people.

—Meredith Hlasta



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Theatron conveys the message of Christ during a Peak of the Week service. Theatron performed at area congregations and special events offering people living examples and inspiring them to live their lives in a more Christian way.

John Grimsley and Wes Little perform for an audience in Texas. Conquerors traveled to many schools and churches to motivate people to meaningful service.

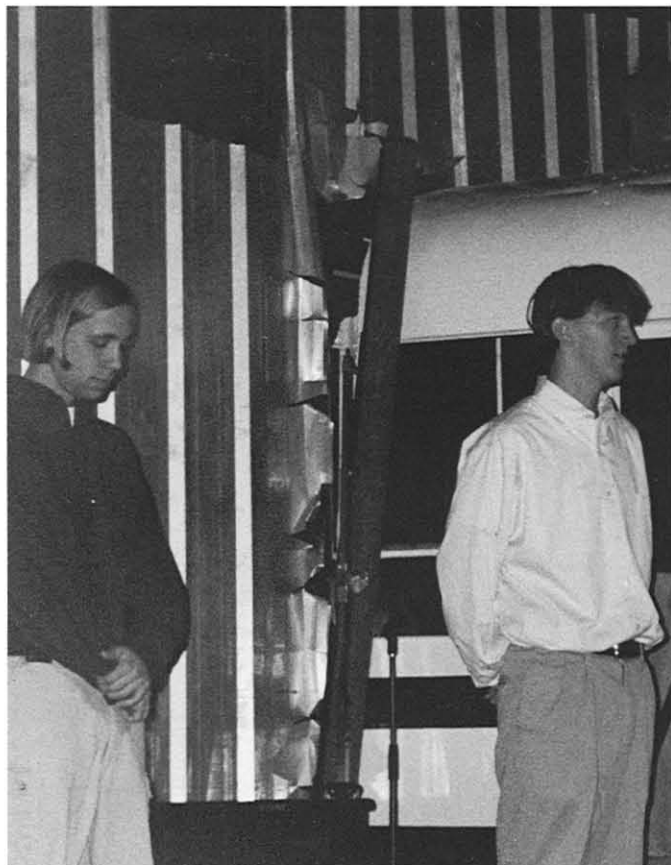




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Vernetta Hilliker and Russell Lawyer rehearse an upcoming performance for Joyful Hearts. Joyful Hearts was a clowning ministry that sought to bring the joy of the good news to those in need of hope.

Rob O'Lynn and Brian Brophy talk during a Fisher's Men rehearsal. Fisher's Men traveled throughout the region acting out devotionals.



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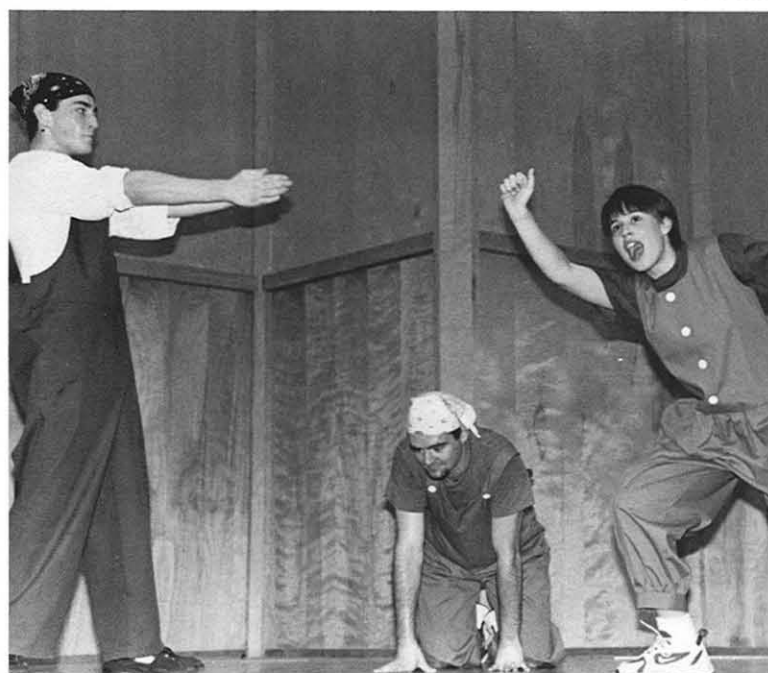


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Jonathan Root, Drew Dasher and Hope Lewis perform a lively skit called "The Man Who Wanted Quiet." Pied Pipers performed improvisational dramas that often included moral lessons for young children.



"The club was designed 'to entertain children in a unique way and to make each of them feel special.'

The group knows about 40 songs and many stories, but, because of their impromptu style of acting, their performance was different every time.

Ann Loftis said, 'I just love being in Pied Pipers. It's so rewarding to perform and see the happy looks on the children's faces. It's just great.'

— 1989 Petit Jean

Nikki Soundara gives Ryan Shephard instructions on how to fill out the voting ballot. College Republicans provided students with a way to learn about the political system and express their opinions in a healthy environment.

Shane Randolph bewilders Dr. Pat Garner and Eryn Tribble with his response during a debate practice. Members of the Debate Team met twice a week to prepare for competitions.

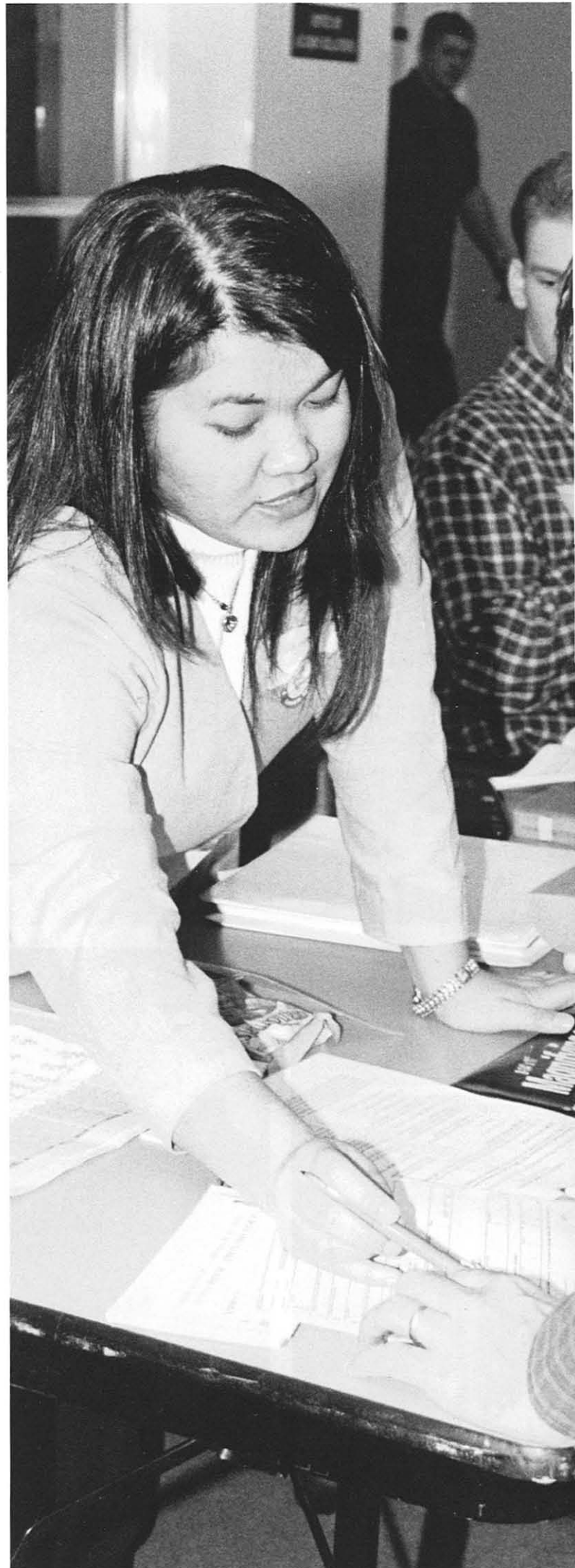


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Leah Romine and Dennis Gaskins speak with the Democratic candidate for White County judge, Glen Jones, during a "Political Awareness Day" co-sponsored by Young Democrats and College Republicans. Members of Young Democrats were able to experience politics first-hand through a variety of activities, including volunteer experience on election campaigns.



POLITICAL GROUPS WORK TOGETHER TO PROMOTE STUDENT AWARENESS

Harding students were given many chances to get involved in the political process. Among these opportunities were organizations that included Barristers, the pre-law organization; Young Democrats and College Republicans.

Barristers was an organization that existed to prepare students who planned to attend law school. At their meetings they took practice LSATs [the pre-law examination] and talked about what to expect in law school. Occasionally, they visited law schools within the region.

Dr. Andy Olree, one of the Barristers' sponsors, said, "A member of Barristers can be in any major; they just have to be interested in going to law school. The organization is as active as the students want it to be. It is heavily dependent on student involvement."

Senior Bryan Powell said, "Barristers is kind of informal. We take a few trips a year and we study for the LSAT. It is a good thing to be involved in. It makes us more aware of what law school is going to be like."

Senior Matthew Miller said, "It gives us the opportunity to become aware of all that is involved in going to law school. It lets you talk about law school with other people interested in the same things you are. It gives you an educated opinion."

Miller was also the president of Young Democrats. "It prepares us to be involved in the political process and it gets us involved now," Miller said. "We do a lot of things for local candidates. We did some work for J.R. Thomas, Vic Snyder and Blanche Lincoln, as well as President Clinton."

"It allows students to experience first-hand the political process," Dr. Dan Tullos, the sponsor of Young Democrats, said,

Sophomore Dennis Gaskins, the Young Democrats treasurer, said, "I really love being involved in the political aspect of Harding and I am really glad that Young Democrats and College Republicans have worked together for some things this year."

During the fall semester, previous to election day, College Republicans and Young Democrats

worked together on a political awareness day – where local candidates sent pamphlets and information for students – and a voter registration.

"Both of these things helped the parties to see the other side. It also allowed students to see how political parties are not always pitted against one another," Miller said.

Junior J. A. Wiser, president of College Republicans, said, "I am really happy about how the two parties came together to accomplish something. It can only help Harding and its students."

College Republicans helps to get students involved. It opens them up to new things and new ideas."

Junior Darla Dilks said, "I really like being involved in College Republicans. It makes me realize that, even though I am young, my vote does count and I can make a difference."

This was the first year that the two parties did anything together; they expressed hope for continued association.

– Meredith Hlasta



"Her champions have met those of every college in the state and many others outside, and always the number of victories have been far in excess of defeats. To paraphrase Chaucer, 'The purches is wel better than the rente.' For these champions of the forum no question has been too difficult, no syllogism too knotty, no fallacy too subtle. In informal discussions what independence of thought! What power of speech! When some master-bowman clove the mark, and we hung to hear

'The rapt oration flowing free
From point to point, with power
and grace
And music in the bounds of law,
To whose conclusions when we saw
The God within him light his face.'

– 1930 Petit Jean, of Debate



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Bryan Runions and Ryan Halford meet with other Barristers members to discuss their upcoming trip to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Barristers took a trip each semester to see first-hand what law school would be like and to help them decide which school they wanted to attend.

DACTYLOLOGY SERVES DEAF; TEACHES STUDENTS LANGUAGE

Harding offered the opportunity to any student interested in learning sign language through the Dactylology Club. The main purpose was to teach sign language and encourage deaf missions.

Senior Matthew Rees was treasurer of the sign language group. "This organization provides classes for people interested in the language and also interested in visiting a church for deaf people," he said.

Rees enjoyed this activity. "I joined the group a few semesters ago not only because I was really interested in learning, but also because I cared a lot about the missions," Rees said.

Rees said that another of the activities of the group was to promote the language. "We want people to know about classes and missions," he said. "We also have been visiting the church with the purpose of teaching the minister. It would be easier for the people."

The club's sign language class met every Tuesday for about 30 minutes.

Rees said that the class in the fall semester was just for beginners. "They did not teach

advanced lessons this fall, but it's good to go because it keeps me practicing," he said. "Sign language is like any another language – if you don't practice it, you forget it, but if you are really into it and study it, it is not hard to learn."

Rees said that sign language is a very helpful ability for anybody to have. "The more people who learn it, the better it becomes. In this way, we make everybody more aware of deaf people," he said. "It is also a fun thing to do."

Senior Jill Johnston was the president of the Dactylology Club. "The purpose of the organization is to increase the awareness of the deaf mission work," Johnston said. "We also want to encourage people to learn the language so they can get more involved with the communication of the deaf culture."

Johnston said she was encouraged by a former roommate to learn the language. "I had a deaf roommate. She encouraged me to learn the language so I could communicate with her," she said. "It wasn't hard to learn it, but I can get rusty if I don't practice it."

She said that having just a beginner class was not usual. "We usually have a class for beginners and another class for advanced students," she said. "Learning this language is a lot like learning French; it is just a different language."

Once every semester the organization scheduled an outing to North Little Rock. "We go to Sylvan Hills Church of Christ. We get together with them, have a devotional and visit with their deaf ministry," Johnston said.

Johnston said that anyone can learn the language. "We teach beginners the alphabet and some words," she said. "It would be neat for people who are not related to the deaf community to become involved in the language."

This year, the sign language group had a reunion with the former members. "We had a reunion at Homecoming and celebrated the 50th anniversary of being active," she said. "Dr. Sam Roach, who founded the organization, was present for the anniversary. It was an honor for all of us."

– Julieta Gil

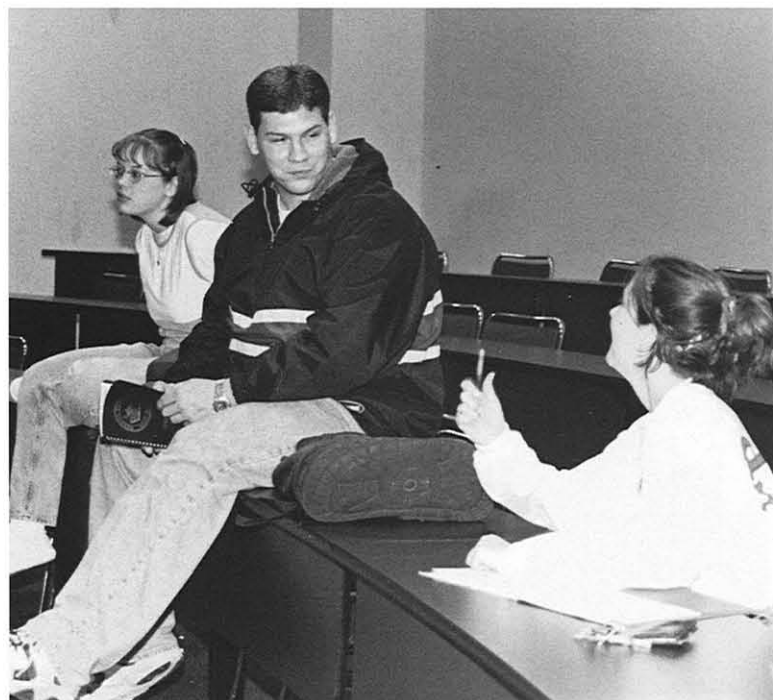


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Meredith Hlasta, Eric Barnes and Angie Green discuss ideas for the organ donation awareness campaign undertaken by Public Relations Student Society of America. PRSSA provided a forum for students to apply their classroom knowledge to a real world situation.



"The Dactylology Club, started in 1950 by Sam Roach who was a freshman with limited hearing ability, enrolled 30 students who met regularly to study sign language. Every Sunday morning during the school year, members of the Dactylology Club went to Little Rock to conduct Bible classes for deaf children. Several former club members now devote full time to preaching for and working with the deaf."

– 1967 Petit Jean





Jill Johnston and Dr. Linda Thompson sign to prospective members during an organizational meeting for the Dactylolgy Club. Members not only learned the language but provided many services to the deaf communities in areas surrounding Harding.

Heather Clement discusses speech problems with Harding alumni during a Speech Pathology seminar over Homecoming weekend. The Student Speech and Hearing Association did many service projects during the year, including providing the forum for the seminar.



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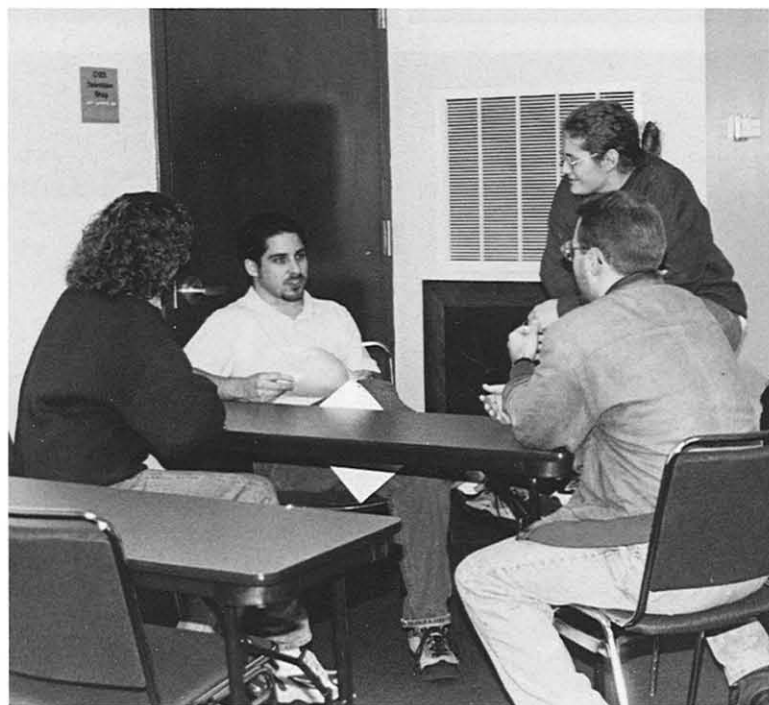


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Allison Black, Eric Gardner, Zrinka Rukavina and Adam Kitzmiller plan their spring trip to New York City for the National Broadcast Society national convention. NBS provided an environment for students to advance their education and careers in broadcasting.

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Petit Jean staff members tour the Jostens plant in Topeka, Kan. Each year the Petit Jean staff takes the trip to learn more about the production of their yearbook.



"In this, the first volume of the Petit Jean, we endeavor to present the results of our efforts to portray a living year of Harding College, in words and in pictures.

There have been lessons – heed them; there have been pleasant memories – cherish them; there have been mistakes – profit by them.

We hope that this history of the College whose educational advantages and character development are considered important, will prove an inseparable friend and invaluable treasure."

– 1924 Petit Jean



Photo by Salomon Pineda

Carlos Velasco changes the line-up of songs to please the listeners of KHCA. KHCA claimed itself the "Campus Connection" to all of White County's favorite hits from the last four decades.



PETIT JEAN ENDURES CHANGE; CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Although it has undergone many changes, the Harding University *Petit Jean* can claim to be the only organization to survive a consecutive 75 years. The first edition was published during the 1924-1925 school year and contained 124 pages.

Anyone who looks back on the old books of yesterday can see a difference. Even as late as the 1980s, the *Petit Jean* staff was still taping articles and pictures to goldenrod paper and hauling the index pages to Harding Press to be printed. Now, editors type copy into a computer and send labeled pictures to the printer. Computer technology has allowed the *Petit Jean* staff to provide readers with color photos and graphic designs, such as computer-generated illustrations, various fonts and letter sizes.

As time goes on and more technology is invented, prices begin to rise. The 1998 book sold for \$30; in 1948, the price was \$6. According to Jess Vanhooser, the 1948 business manager of the *Petit Jean*, it was the responsibility of the editor and business manager to generate the income to pay for

the yearbook. He and Edna Hodge, the editor, persuaded Dr. George S. Benson that the yearbook should be paid for by Harding, who would charge the students a fee to pay for their yearbooks.

Vanhooser joked about the cost. "I remember everyone griping about having to pay \$6 instead of \$5. I was just happy that I wasn't responsible for it if we didn't sell them all." Today, the 328-page yearbook is paid for through general fees of students who are enrolled for 12 hours or more in both the fall and spring semesters.

During a reunion at Homecoming, many previous *Petit Jean* editors gathered to read current books and view their old works. Jay Simpson, the 1983 editor, said he noticed the style of writing had changed through the years. "It seems that writing styles today just aren't as formal. When I was an editor, contractions were a no-no."

At the reunion alumni also shared many reminiscent thoughts about days gone by. "I miss Myra Lou the most," said David Wall, the 1985 editor. When the *Petit*

Jean office was built, it was furnished in memory of Myra Lou Tyer by her husband and daughter, Arlo and Pam. A picture of Mrs. Tyer adorned the wall and watched over workers. When the Student Center was remodeled in 1992, the picture was removed and a plaque was attached to the wall outside the *Petit Jean* office door to commemorate their gift.

Each editor said that the experience they gained on staff was invaluable. "Because I was in charge of the staff, I had to be much more organized," said Tracy Johnson, the 1993 editor. "I struggled to think what events the entire student body would want to see and had to think very far down the road to ensure that they were covered."

Although many things have changed, the *Petit Jean* continues to function in much the same way. Editors and staff writers can still be found working away amidst stacks of papers trying to bring a quality book to the students, something everyone can be proud of at a reunion another 75 years down the road.

— Elizabeth Bratton



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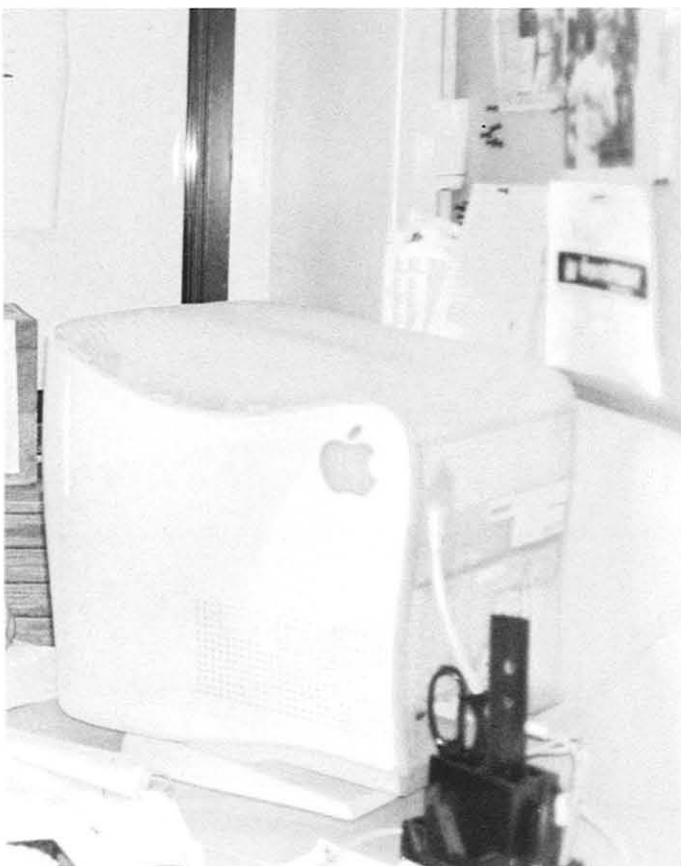


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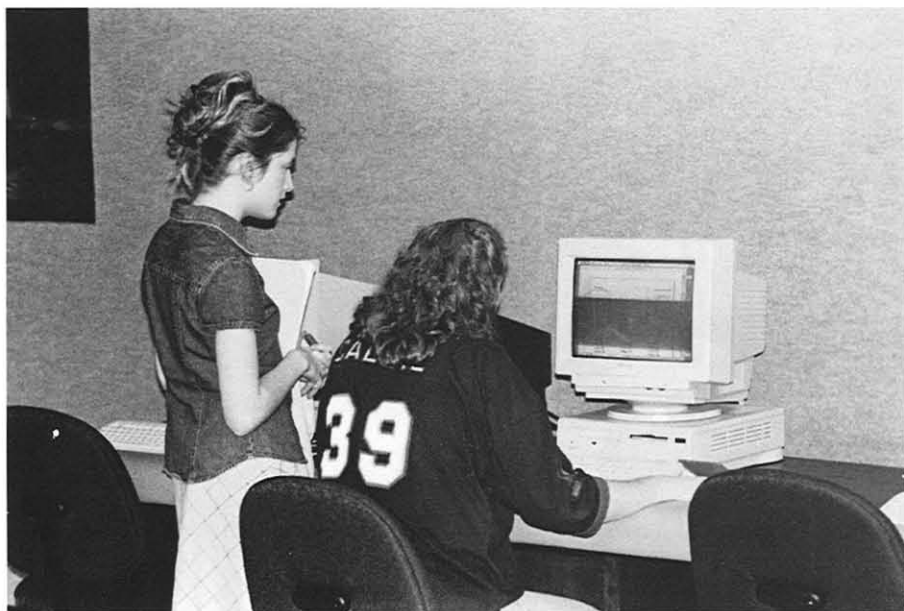


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Elyse Slavska and Myca Haynes enter weather graphics into the monitor for the TV-16 newscast. TV-16 brought White County and Harding students a newscast every weekday at 5 and 7 p.m.

Doug Waddill, sports editor of the *Bison*, prepares the week's "Bison Sports Challenge." The *Bison* staff workers put in many long hours to provide a weekly newspaper for students.

BUSINESS TEAM SIMULATES REAL WORLD ENVIRONMENT

One of the many opportunities available to business students is the chance to be on Harding's business team. This year's team consisted of four seniors: Nick Kennedy, Danny Hardman, Neil Arnold and Susan Reiss. The group was advised by Mike Emerson, an assistant professor of accounting.

The objective of the team was to "run a fictional corporation," team president Kennedy said. "We started a company from the very beginning and we had to make decisions in marketing, sales, salaries and such."

After running the business for a semester, the students flew to San Jose, Calif., in April to present their work. There, they competed internationally with more than 30 schools. "The winner is determined by the quantitative and qualitative scores," Kennedy said.

"Harding usually does a very good job as far as the competition," said Kennedy, who was on last year's team which won first place over all.

There are several possible reasons for Harding's success. Perhaps it was the intelligence of the students, the devotion they had to the task or the time and energy they spent.

However, "the only thing that stays the same year after year [within the business team] is Mike Emerson," Kennedy said. Emerson definitely played a role in the success of the team.

"Mike has been doing this for years. He can't help us with our decisions, but he acts as an advisor and helps out with any computer problems," Kennedy said.

Participating on the team provided experience that would prove invaluable in the future for the students. "The decisions we made in competition are some of the same we will make in our future jobs," Hardman said.

"It gives us good real-world experience that is really practical," Arnold said.

Not only did the students grow in their experiences, but they also enjoyed what they were doing. "It was an opportunity to work with some of the School of Business' best," Hardman said.

"It's just a lot of fun," Kennedy said.

Besides, "you get a free trip out to California," Arnold said.

The students were optimistic in their efforts. "I knew the team members very well, but I had never worked with them in a team situation. It seemed that we worked very hard, yet had a lot of fun along the way," Hardman said.

"I think the most meaningful thing about this team is the chance to work closely with these people and get to know them," Reiss said. "We all have different personalities and backgrounds and we are learning how to get along in a team environment. Life's about working with other people and this gives us that experience."

— Diane Grubbs

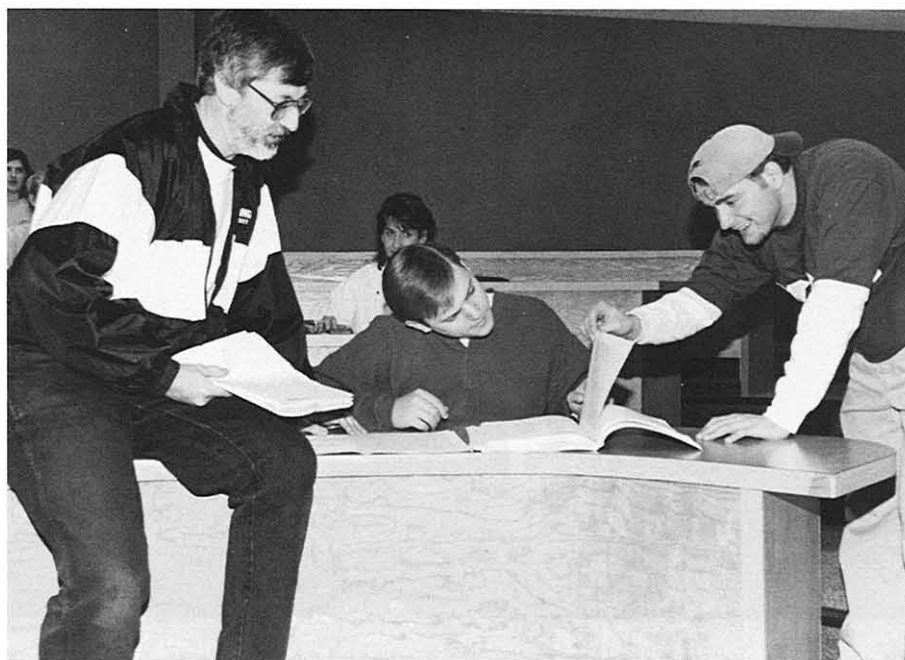


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Mike Emerson observes Justin Lawson and Gary Bull as they review for a test. The Accounting Society helped students learn from and network with working professionals.

Carlos Stadthagen and Michelle Sasso plan a marketing campaign. The American Marketing Association provided chances for students to experiment with real world situations.





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Danny Hardman, Nick Kennedy and Neil Arnold discuss options for their corporation. The Business Team worked tirelessly through much of the spring semester in preparation for competition in April.

Brent Lane, Jamie McClay and Alma Alvarez discuss the leadership conference in Fort Smith, Ark. The Society for Human Resource Management attended seminars and workshops throughout the year.



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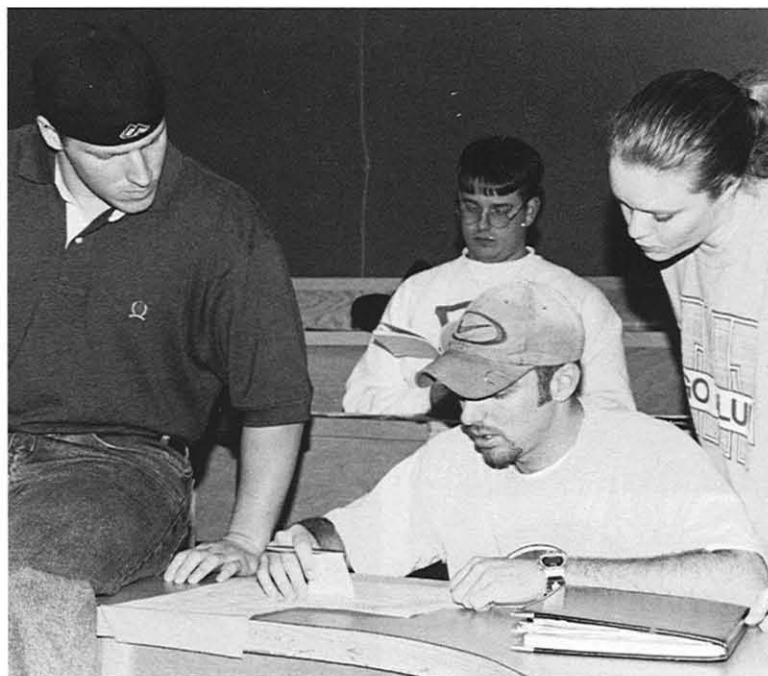


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Jim Benvegna, Adam Hesselrode and Lanny Hardman look over plans for their next meeting as Troy Foxwell (in background) reads a booklet. Pi Sigma Epsilon honored many sales students for their professional abilities.



"It's a Small World," selected by the Harding Business Women as their theme for the year, was the subject of monthly talks by world travelers such as Mrs. Joe Cannon and Mrs. Evan Ulrey. The Business Women also continued their support of Miss Irene Johnson's work in Frankfurt, Germany."

— 1969 Petit Jean

Brian Harmon explains how his computer program operates while he teaches a seminar. Many senior members of the Computer Science Club also taught a Friday morning class about the programs they developed.

Sarah Shade, Seth Haines and Jonathan Dismang discuss their economics competition. Phi Beta Lambda encouraged outstanding business students to compete and strive for excellence in their field.

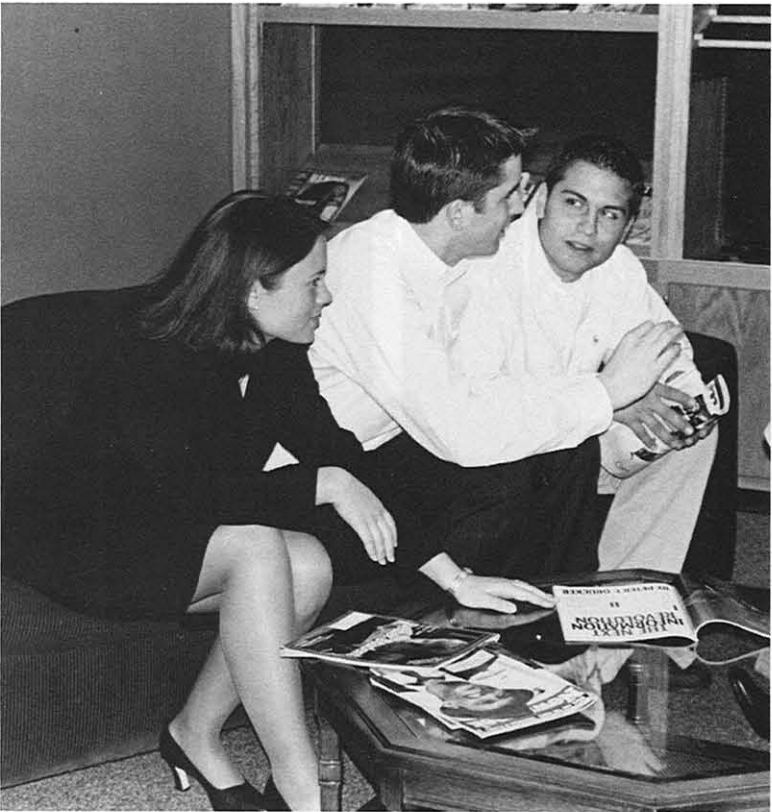


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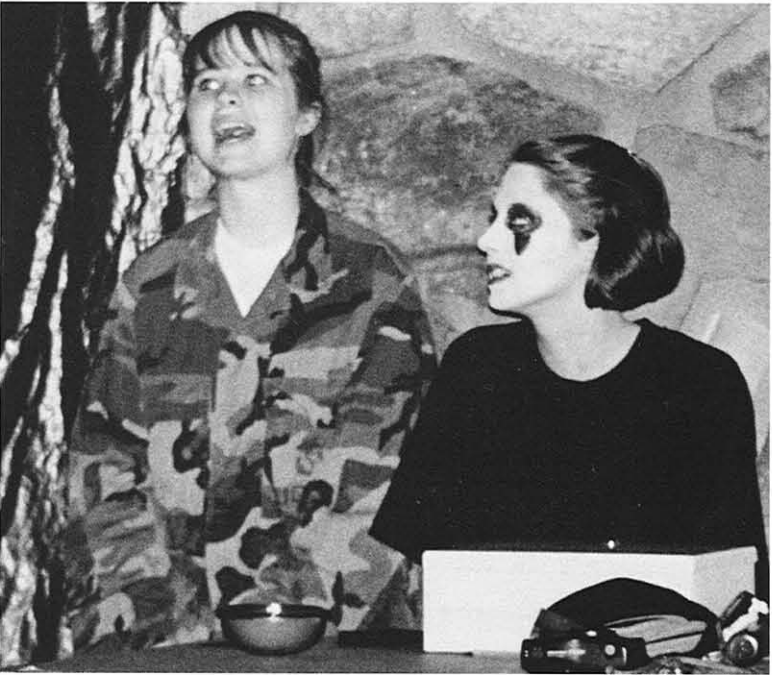
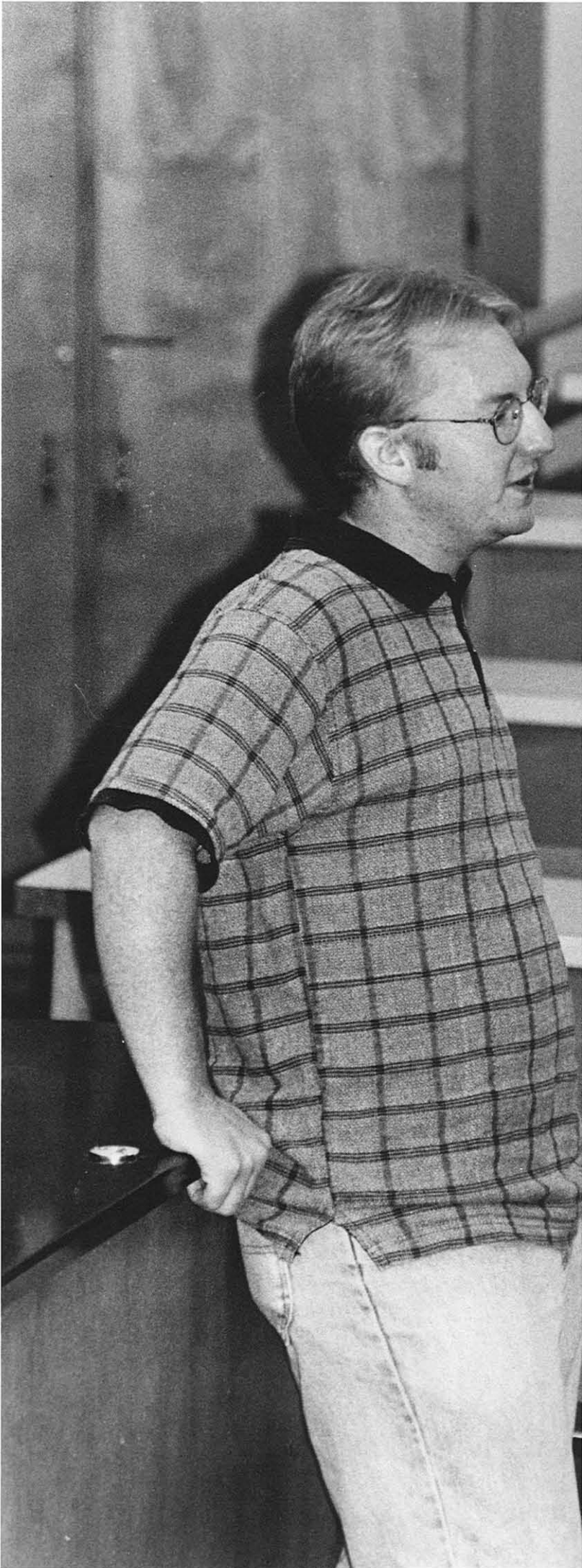


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Amy Shastid and Anna Sanders joke about the atrocities taking place inside the SAM haunted house. The Society for the Advancement of Management promoted leadership and responsibility among their members.



COMPUTER SCIENCE CLUB CREDITS CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE FOR SUCCESS

While the majority of departmental clubs on campus helped students choose a career path, the Computer Science Club (CSC) focused on a more social aspect while also giving hands-on experience.

"The club really helps us socially," said Elijah Manor, senior member of the CSC. "Computer science majors don't get out much. The club helps us to get to know each other outside of the classroom setting. We have cookouts, play volleyball, go horseback riding or generally try to do some sort of physical activity."

The CSC also did several on-campus projects to help students, as well as local residents, learn about computers. "We teach classes that help people learn Pine and web page design. We're also talking about eventually having a telephone number where people can call us for help with basic troubleshooting," Manor said.

The CSC competes in several events during the school year. This fall they placed sixth out of 90 schools at a regional competition, and spent the fall planning for the next big competition this spring.

They credit their success, not only to their club, but also to the professors that they work under every day.

"I think Harding does so much better than the other colleges because the curriculum here is much more strict and our professors expect a lot more out of us," Manor said. "I even overheard a professor say that graduate school would probably be easier for us because of the way we're used to the pushing they give us."

Senior Aaron Mitchell echoed Manor. "We're really blessed in that we have a brilliant staff," Mitchell said. "Other schools just don't expect as much. Also, the teachers here have a great relationship with us. You can go to them with anything from school to personal problems, and they'll stop to help you. I think that's what sets us apart from other colleges. You want to work harder if you're under someone who cares."

CSC took several field trips to companies such as Axiom and Alltel. This gave them the chance to narrow down their career paths. They were able to see if the things

they were interested in were things they would like to do for the rest of their lives.

Some people think that programming is exactly the path for them, but when they see how to operate C-130 simulators and see the real-world concepts outside of the classroom, they are able to make more educated decisions about what they want before working at it for a year or two and changing their minds. Manor said that, because everyone who flies a C-130 is trained in Little Rock, the chance to operate a simulator there is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"We visit the facilities, see the database and computer hardware and observe the inner workings of a real company and its technology. It's a great chance to see our classroom work in a real-world setting," Manor said.

"I recently interviewed with Alltel and, because of a trip I'd gone on with CSC, I was able to talk to them about their system at work. It was an excellent opportunity to show my interest and knowledge about their company," Mitchell said.

— Elizabeth Bratton



"We take the approach that economic individualism, private property and the market economy are not neutral concepts. They are, in fact, worthwhile and attainable goals. We're supporting the system that supports us. Business and economics students and faculty are our greatest hope for providing credible free enterprise education to other school disciplines and the community. It is for this reason the business community chooses to ally itself more and more with colleges of business in preserving and improving a free enterprise and incentive system."

— Dr. Don Diffine
1980 Petit Jean

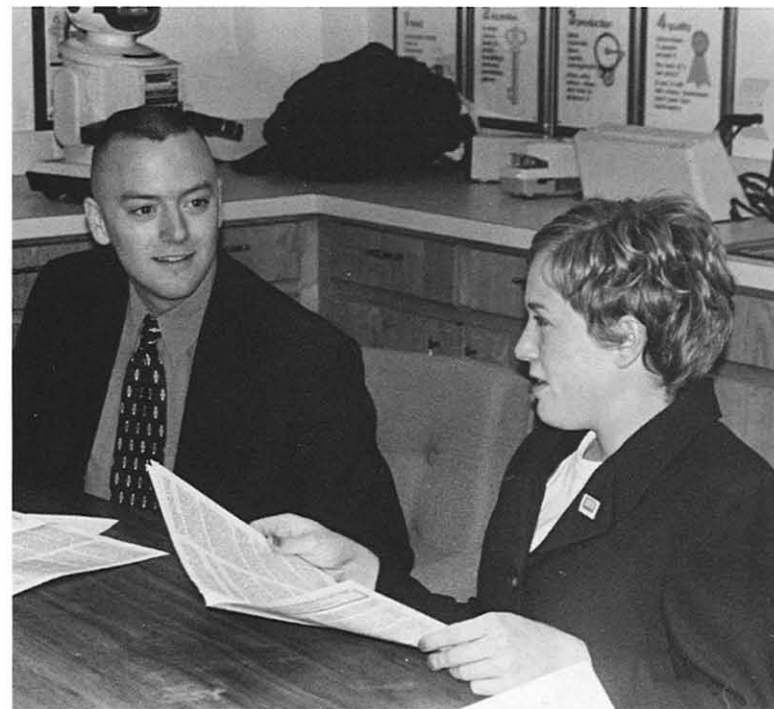


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Greg Mathews and Sheilah Dunham talk about the various factors affecting the economy. Students in Free Enterprise often met to spread the good news about free enterprise and the American incentive system.

ALUMNI SPEAKERS RELATE CAREERS TO CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

Several clubs on campus try to give their members experiences that they will remember for a lifetime. However, two organizations, Harding's Student Nurses Association and the Health Science Club, try to give their members experiences that will be both memorable and help them in their careers.

The majority of the Health Science Club consisted of science majors who were in pre-dentistry, pre-medical, pre-physical therapy and other pre-occupational majors. These students with pre-occupational majors gathered to hear lecturers in their particular field.

"The Health Science Club is here to help students to prepare for the next level," Health Science Club adviser Debbie Duke said. "We try our best to bring speakers who can give the students a sense of direction. We're glad to provide the service because anything more that our faculty can do shows how great Harding's campus actually is."

Two Harding alumni who came back to speak at a Health Science Club meeting believe these

meetings are some of the most helpful discussions that they were involved in while attending Harding.

"I learned a lot of the do's and don'ts by attending Health Science Club meetings," Dr. Danny Smelser said. "I feel like I came because I knew how much students sometimes needed to be pumped up. It's sort of a mutual edification thing that goes on in the meetings. Students have the chance to ask questions to someone who has already been there and they get a glimpse of what their future occupation is really like."

Smelser and Dr. Felix Morris traveled to Searcy from Florence, Ala., to speak to the students.

"We wanted to come back because we felt that we needed to repay our debt to the Health Science Club," Morris said. "We appreciated guest speakers so much that we thought we would help today's students."

The Health Science Club also offers a special research program in the summer for pre-occupational students.

"It's really great to have someone who can tell you what a

pre-med major should expect after college," freshman pre-med major Marcus Moore said. "It's a very valuable resource that more students with science majors should probably take advantage of."

The Harding Student Nurses Association, like the Health Science Club, brought in speakers to assist nursing majors.

"The HSNA brings speakers who are from different backgrounds to give students an idea of what they might want in a job," senior nursing major Matt Bishop said. "Sometimes we will travel to a convention in Little Rock, or we will just meet and talk with each other."

HSNA had its own officers and even more activities outside the classroom than the Health Science Club.

"We try to do whatever it takes to get a well-rounded look at the nursing field," Bishop said. "Most students want to look at all aspects of nursing so that they can make a well-informed decision on what they may very well want to do for the rest of their career."

— Philip Murphy



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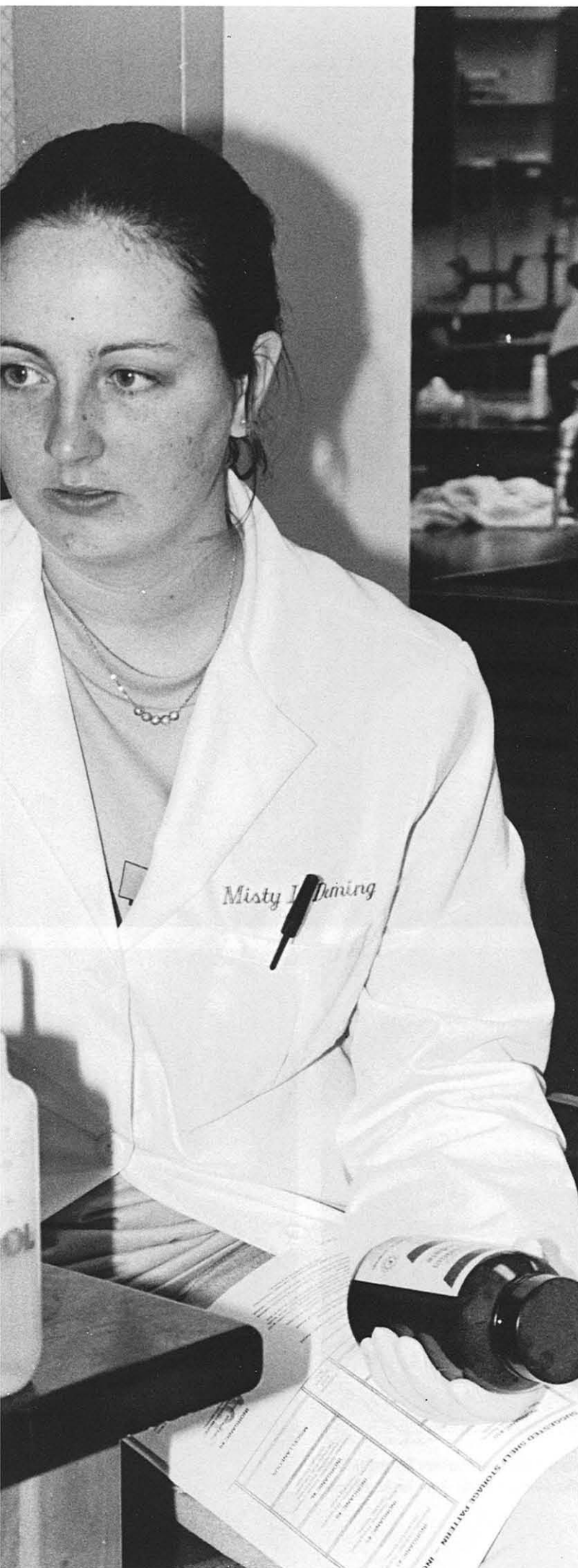
A donor grits her teeth as a White County Medical Center lab technician draws blood from her arm for a health screening during lecturship. The Health Science Club sponsored many activities that taught the students about the well-being of their bodies.



"The HSNA is beneficial to all nursing students because it can improve nursing skills and knowledge about the field itself. Potential employers will ask nursing students whether or not they have been in a professional organization, so it is very important for students to be involved. We do a lot of meaningful activities for the community and we want to be more well-known."

— Susie Hughes,
1993 Petit Jean





Misty Deming, a Gedanken Society member, enters compound data into the computer during a stockroom inventory according to Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations. Gedanken Society offered members many mind-challenging and hands-on experiences in the various fields of science, including astronomy, biology, chemistry and physics.

Capt. Amy Trevino informs Dietetics members of the many internship opportunities available to them through the U.S. Army each year. Dietetics members play host to a vast array of informative speakers each year.



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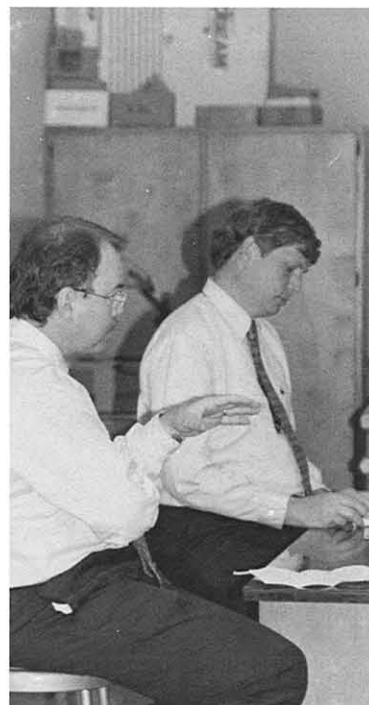


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Dr. Felix Morris and Dr. Danny Smelser speak to the Health Science Club about their experiences during and after college. Health Science Club provided many first-hand encounters with the real world.

Gene Hartsfield addresses women on safety during a self-defense seminar. The Family and Consumer Science Section sponsored events on behalf of the Domestic Violence Shelter.

Ashley Burton and Amanda Hill open Christmas presents at a "cookie exchange" for TEACH. TEACH, which stands for "Touching Each Available Child's Heart," held several projects for children and teachers in the community.



"A basic goal of the Student National Education Association was stimulating the highest ideals of professional ethics, attitudes and growth in future teachers. Monthly meetings of SNEA were centered around the Christian view of education and the problems and remedies of discipline. The local chapter hosted a leadership conference at the Wyldewood Retreat Center during the fall."

— 1974 Petit Jean



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Dr. Cliff Ganus III, Doug Waddill, Melody Colyer and Emilie Shepherd anxiously await the nomination for president during an American Choral Directors Association meeting. ACDA helped members understand how to be choral instructors after graduation.



TEACH SERVES COMMUNITY; ENHANCES STUDENT INTEREST

Many student organizations are geared to help ease the transition from college to professional fields. However, Touching Each Available Child's Heart (TEACH) not only helped education majors make that transition, but it also gave them a chance to help in the community.

TEACH aimed to prepare its members for their careers by giving them several opportunities to educate themselves. They performed several service projects to help members and the community.

"Service projects are aimed at helping the public throughout the year," sophomore Vicky Luttrell said. "Most of us feel as though our entire major revolves around helping other people, so it only makes sense that we help people while preparing ourselves for the real world. We all know that what we're doing is helpful and instructional."

Service projects ranged from giving books to children to bringing speakers for teachers in the community.

"Most of our projects target the children," Luttrell said. "However, there is no reason not to invite teachers from the area to

come and get help as well. It seems as if the best ideas are those in which there is a way to help the community and us."

Several of TEACH's projects helped members prepare for their classrooms.

"This club definitely gives us an opportunity to go into the schools and see what is going on," senior Tonya Moran said. "You also get to see the kids at other places besides school sometimes. That is especially neat because we get to see them in the classroom during our student teaching."

TEACH conducted a program that helped teachers get creative ideas to decorate their classrooms.

"As an elementary teacher, our classroom is our second home," Luttrell said. "Teachers' classrooms have to be decorated according to the teacher's personality. I'm sure the help we've gotten this year will prepare all of us for decorating our classrooms throughout our careers."

TEACH also provided a place for education majors to gather and discuss their experiences.

"Several of us are student teaching and several aren't," graduate student Cyndi Connell

said. "It's a great environment for moral support. We all come together and share stories. The first years in teaching can be very exciting but also very tiring. It's nice to have a group of people to share your thoughts with and who really understand what you're going through."

Many of the TEACH meetings were times when education majors who were doing their student teaching could see their friends.

"When you are student teaching, you're kind of out of the loop," Moran said. "TEACH meetings are a great time to visit with your friends and share war stories of what's been going on. We're all excited to finally be teaching, but we still all need some support from others that are in a similar environment. Most of us who are in TEACH share a lot of the same characteristics, so we automatically have a bond that makes us different from some other organizations."

TEACH was one of the many organizations that gave something back to the community while helping Harding students learn what their profession is all about.

— Philip Murphy

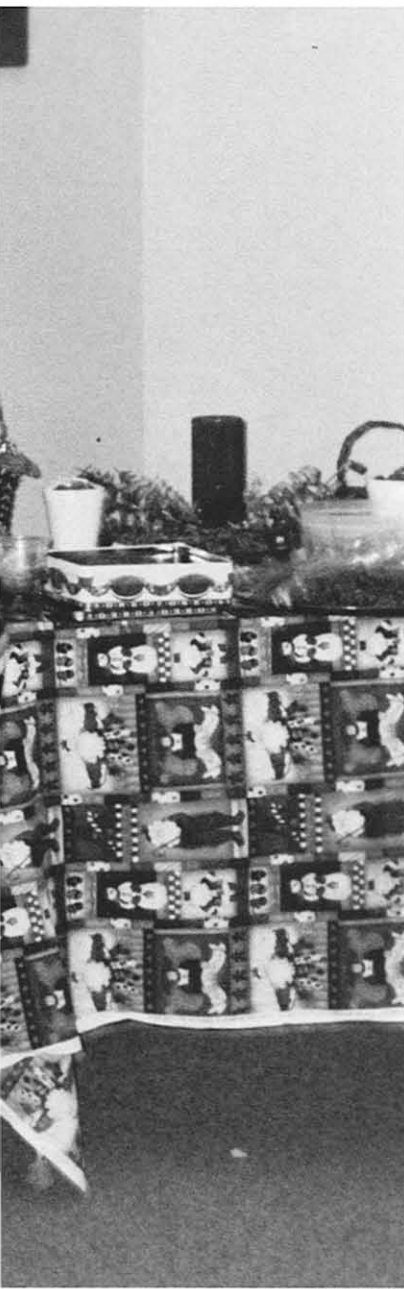


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Dr. Warren Casey tells members of the Collegiate Music Educators National Conference what they can expect when they begin their careers in music education. CMENC was an outlet for students to gain knowledge about teaching before dealing with students.

Brooke Phillips, Amanda Nicholson and Cyndi Connell design a sign for the Special Olympics. Student Council for Exceptional Children provided a forum for special education majors to gather and express their thoughts on the educational system for special students.

SA GROUPS WORK TOGETHER TO ENCOURAGE INVOLVEMENT

Each year several organizations on campus provide an array of activities for the student body to participate in. These activities vary from service projects to concerts and ensure that every student has something to do every weekend, especially when the event is touted as "Free with the Pass!" These events are provided by what are commonly referred to on campus as the SA (Student Association), SAC (Student Activities Committee) and the SA Movies Committee.

All of these groups fall under the SA, which represents the students before the administration. According to President Chad Gardner, they serve as the voice of the students. "We meet to discuss ideas and issues," Gardner said. "We work for the students with the administration. The SA just doesn't have the manpower to do everything; that's where the SAC and SA Movies Committee come into play."

The organizations worked together very closely to provide experiences that they felt the student body would enjoy. Leaders of each group met at least three times a week. They could often be

found in the back room of the SA office brainstorming or having a round-table discussion and sharing the things that they would like to see happen on campus. They felt that this type of interaction helped promote stability among them and also served as an example of stability for the student body. Many times during these discussions they encountered the decision regarding what they would like to bring to the campus and what they felt God would want them to bring.

"Our job ultimately is to provide students with an environment and opportunity to grow spiritually," said Jim Miller, graduate assistant and co-sponsor of the SAC.

The members found themselves between a rock and a hard place when they wanted to bring in popular movies and concerts but knew that the celebrities involved were not good Christian examples for the student body to follow. According to Miller, the entertainment provided was appropriate for what Harding stands for.

In addition to entertainment,

a variety of service projects were available to students each year. This year, the SA sponsored "Rudolph to Romania," in which more than 600 boxes of toys and Christmas presents were collected for the poor children of Romania, and a fundraiser for the victims of Hurricane Mitch in Honduras.

Both Gardner and Miller felt positive about the response given to their call. They said that the student body always has a very positive response.

"The students can tell if we really care about a project," Miller said. "It is really amazing how Harding University students respond to any call. Never in my six years here have I not seen a response to what the SA asks."

Gardner and Miller had positive dreams for these groups to pursue in the future. "I would like for the SA to lead the student body in a complete model of Christian servanthood," Gardner said.

"I would love for us to fulfill Harding's mission through such examples as service projects and entertainment. We strive to meet Christian ideals and beliefs, and to promote camaraderie," he said.

— Elizabeth Bratton



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Jim Miller, Dean Peggy Huckeba, Dean Terry Davis, Tricia Case and Adam Knott discuss social club activities. The ICC regulated and approved all club functions and procedures.

Comedy Sportz performs a skit for students in the Student Center. The Student Activities Committee brought in various forms of entertainment and good, clean fun for the student body to enjoy without having to travel very far.





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Casey Neese, Tina Young and Kathy Phillips await the start of the campus movie on the lawn, Mulan. The SA Movies Committee brought inexpensive, wholesome movies for the student body.

Mark Trainer, Donna Helms and John Noah look over the social club handbook. As members of the IRT, they regulated club commitment week, ensuring that no social club member went over the line with the induction process.



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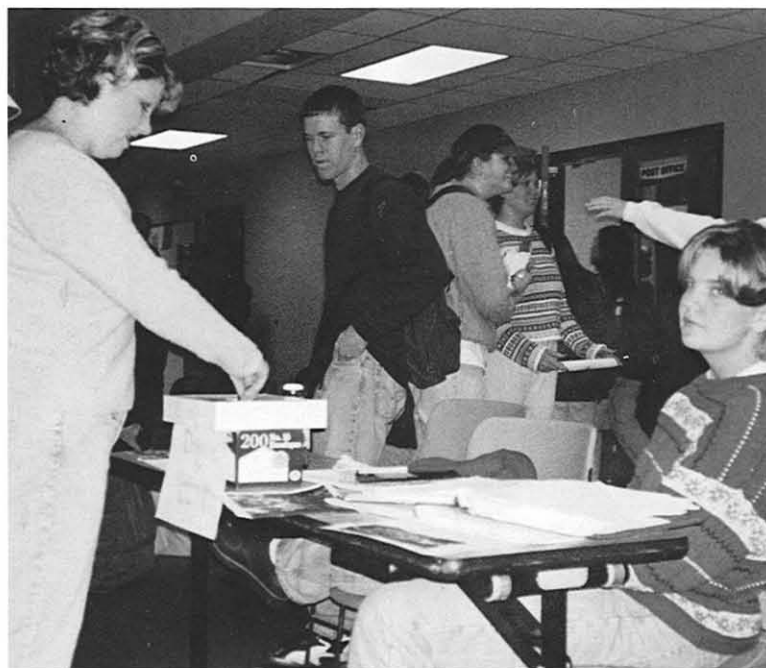


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Sallie Chase represents the Student Association as Leah Wicker donates money to help the victims of Hurricane Mitch. The SA offered many outreach programs for students to strengthen their Christian faith.



"Our purpose is to help and take care of the gripes and problems of students..."

— Boyd Jones, SA secretary

"If we accomplish putting forth the right kind of example before the student body and do nothing else, we will have been extremely successful."

— Kenny Stamatis, SA president

"The Student Association is not an omnipotent entity, but an organization designed to help our peers make Harding a better place."

— Lance Curtis, soph. class rep.

1980 Petit Jean

Dr. George Oliver visits with members of Delta Mu Delta before their meeting. Delta Mu Delta enhanced the business students' knowledge of the profession as it contributed to their experience outside the classroom.

Julie Bulissa adds an extra dimension to an art project in preparation for an art show. Kappa Pi provided art students the opportunity to explore their abilities within the world of art on a deeper level.



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American Studies Institute speaker Lamar Alexander is greeted by Jason Steckel before his presentation. The American Studies Program has brought many well-known speakers to Harding's campus since the early 1950s.



DELTA MU DELTA RECOGNIZES EXCEPTIONAL BUSINESS MAJORS

Of the several organizations at Harding that honored students with extraordinary grade point averages, Delta Mu Delta was the only organization that solely honored majors in the School of Business in 1998-1999.

To become a member of Delta Mu Delta, business majors had to be at least a junior or senior. Upperclassmen traditionally had to have at least a 3.2 GPA and be in the top 25 percent of their class.

"The competition is pretty tough in the School of Business," sponsor George Oliver said. "Because of the growing amount of competition within the business arena, members of Delta Mu Delta had to have at least a 3.6 GPA to even be considered for admission this year."

Members of Delta Mu Delta were regarded as some of the most talented students in the School of Business.

"It's always nice to be acknowledged and to know that you're doing well in school," senior Pam Shurley said. "It's reassuring to know that your hard work is paying off in some way."

Delta Mu Delta was a business honor society that was recognized throughout the world.

"This is not an honor society that you're going to have to explain on your resumé," senior Lisa Beth Lightsey said. "Employers in the business realm are going to automatically know and understand the significance of this honor. Any person who regularly interviews prospective employees will instinctively be able to recognize Delta Mu Delta."

"Since there are really only two business honor societies that are recognized internationally, it's great to have at least one of them here at Harding," Oliver said. "Delta Mu Delta is affiliated with the same accrediting association that Harding belongs to."

Delta Mu Delta was also unique in that, upon becoming a member, students were given a lifetime membership.

"Unlike other honor societies, Delta Mu Delta is going to be something that's going to remain with us even after we graduate," Shurley said. "It's not a honor that we're just going to receive and

forget about. Now we have the opportunity to be a part of a well-known organization."

Delta Mu Delta sought and honored people in the business profession for their extraordinary accomplishments and gave them an honorary membership into the club. In addition to the awards, Delta Mu Delta also had a triennial conference in which speakers came to speak on topics related to the business world.

This year, Harding professors Jimmy Behel and Randy McLeod were invited to speak at the conference.

Behel spoke to the group on the "Year 2000 Computer Difficulties." McLeod was elected president of the national association.

"The trip to the San Antonio conference was great," Delta Mu Delta president Joan Bell said. "In addition to the beneficial speakers, we also got to make a lot of connections with people who are already working. The conference also had a job fair that we could attend."

— Philip Murphy



"Taking part in the program — the lectures and the trips — was fun, but one of the best things about American Studies was getting to know the other students and realizing that there were a lot of other people getting ready to graduate and go out in the world as professionals who had many of the same values, goals and ideas that I did."

— Heather Knox
1993 Petit Jean

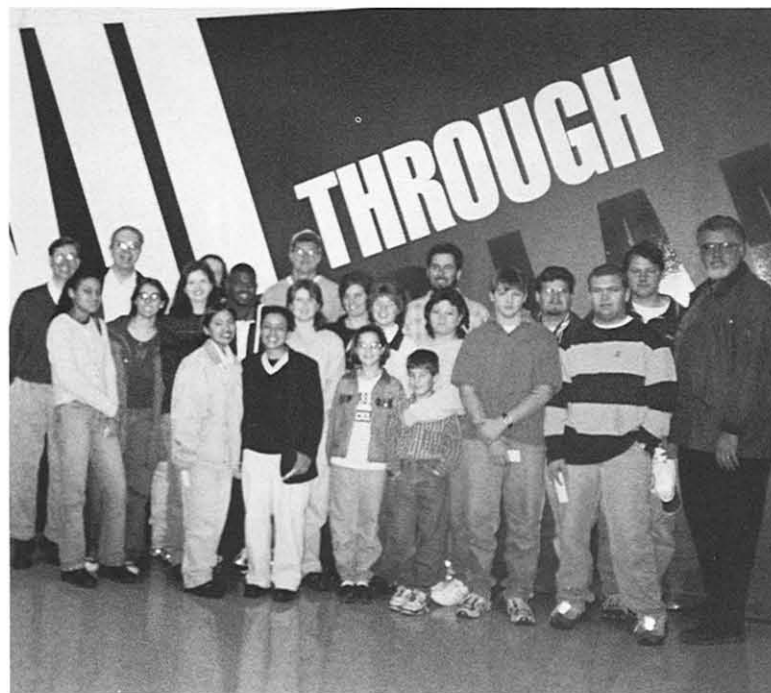


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Members of Phi Alpha Theta pose before entering the "WWII through Russian Eyes" exhibit at the Pyramid in Memphis, Tenn. The history honor society provided students with the chance to learn more about various cultures throughout history by making trips and attending seminars.

Honors organizations offer unique learning environment

KAPPA OMICRON NU CHAPTER PROVIDES INSIGHT, KNOWLEDGE

The Family and Consumer Science Department boasts the Nu Delta chapter of the national honor society, Kappa Omicron Nu (KON). Thirteen members were inducted in the fall and 14 more were added at the beginning of the spring semester.

KON existed to give its members leadership skills in their field, according to the sponsor, Dr. Ellen Daniel. "This organization is good because it gives the students leadership skills that many other people are not getting. They are going into their fields with more abilities than other people," she said.

Senior Lovie Sellers, KON treasurer, said, "It will be a really good reference for academic and extracurricular involvement especially for the officers; prospective employers will notice that we are active in much more

than just our regular studies."

Senior Meredith Morriss, KON secretary, said, "I think this club is good because, when we are in our classes, we are broken up into majors, but in this club we are able to meet so many more people."

The meetings featured guest speakers from a variety of fields, including Morriss' major, interior design.

"I really enjoyed having guest speakers, especially the one that came and spoke about interior design. Listening to her speak really helped me realize what the field is all about," Morriss said.

The speakers were very informative about the experiences they had in their fields. "Many speakers talked about how different things had happened to them and why they had changed from their planned occupation to another one," Sellers said.

"My major is vocational family and consumer science, so it's really good for me to hear them talk. It has really helped me to narrow my focus," Sellers said.

Another thing KON did in the fall was to hold a self-defense workshop. This workshop was for all Harding students, faculty and staff. The workshop was free for the women, provided they brought a kitchen or bath item to be donated to the Searcy battered women's shelter.

This service project was chosen because it helped the Harding community by teaching them how to protect themselves, and it helped the battered women of Searcy who find lodging at the shelter. The kitchen and bath items were given to the women after they left the shelter and moved out to their new homes.

— Meredith Hlasta

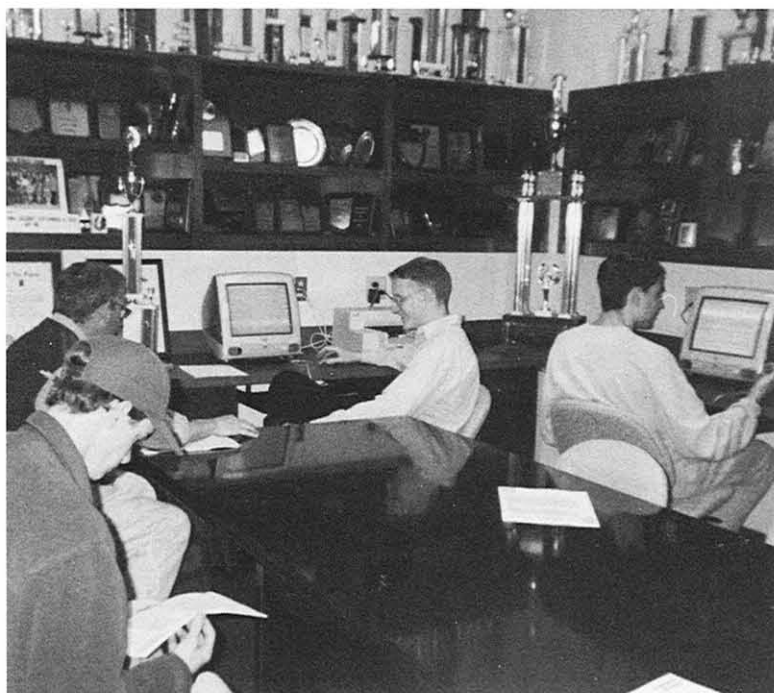


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Dan Baird, Dr. Pat Garner, Brian Finrow and Michael Moss prepare their position for a debate. Pi Kappa Delta honored outstanding debaters.



"'Drama is the study of human nature, for everyone is a dramatist at heart.' In order to promote more interest in drama, and to encourage the best in acting, directing and staging, the Eta Omega cast of Alpha Psi Omega was chartered in 1940. To be selected for membership, a student must be a member of Campus Players, maintain satisfactory scholarship, do a specified amount of acting and show willingness to do backstage or any other useful work. Eta Omega has provided an incentive for hard work on the part of those interested in the theatre."

— 1951 Petit Jean





The officers of Kappa Omicron Nu meet to discuss when the toiletries collected for the battered women's shelter can be distributed. The Nu Delta chapter of KON helped students find their direction before entering the profession.

Sarah Nicks and Mary Edmundson sign up for the Phi Eta Sigma induction. Phi Eta Sigma was an organization honoring outstanding academic achievement among freshmen.



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Lesley Ralls, Pete Vann and Matt Miller discuss which performance they plan on giving during chapel during the spring semester. Alpha Psi Omega was an honor society for outstanding drama and theater performers.

Photo by Daniel Dubois

Rebekah Evans, Ray Patton and Greg Swackhamer listen as Dr. Glen Adams explains how to diagnose types of psychological problems. Psi Chi helped psychology majors to understand more about their field before graduation.



"The 89 members of the Epsilon Omicron chapter of Sigma Theta Tau national nursing honor society inducted 21 new members in February in a formal ceremony.

'Sigma Theta Tau was organized to encourage and recognize superior scholarship and leadership achievement at the undergraduate and graduate levels in nursing,' said Jerry Myhan, treasurer of the society."

— 1983 Petit Jean

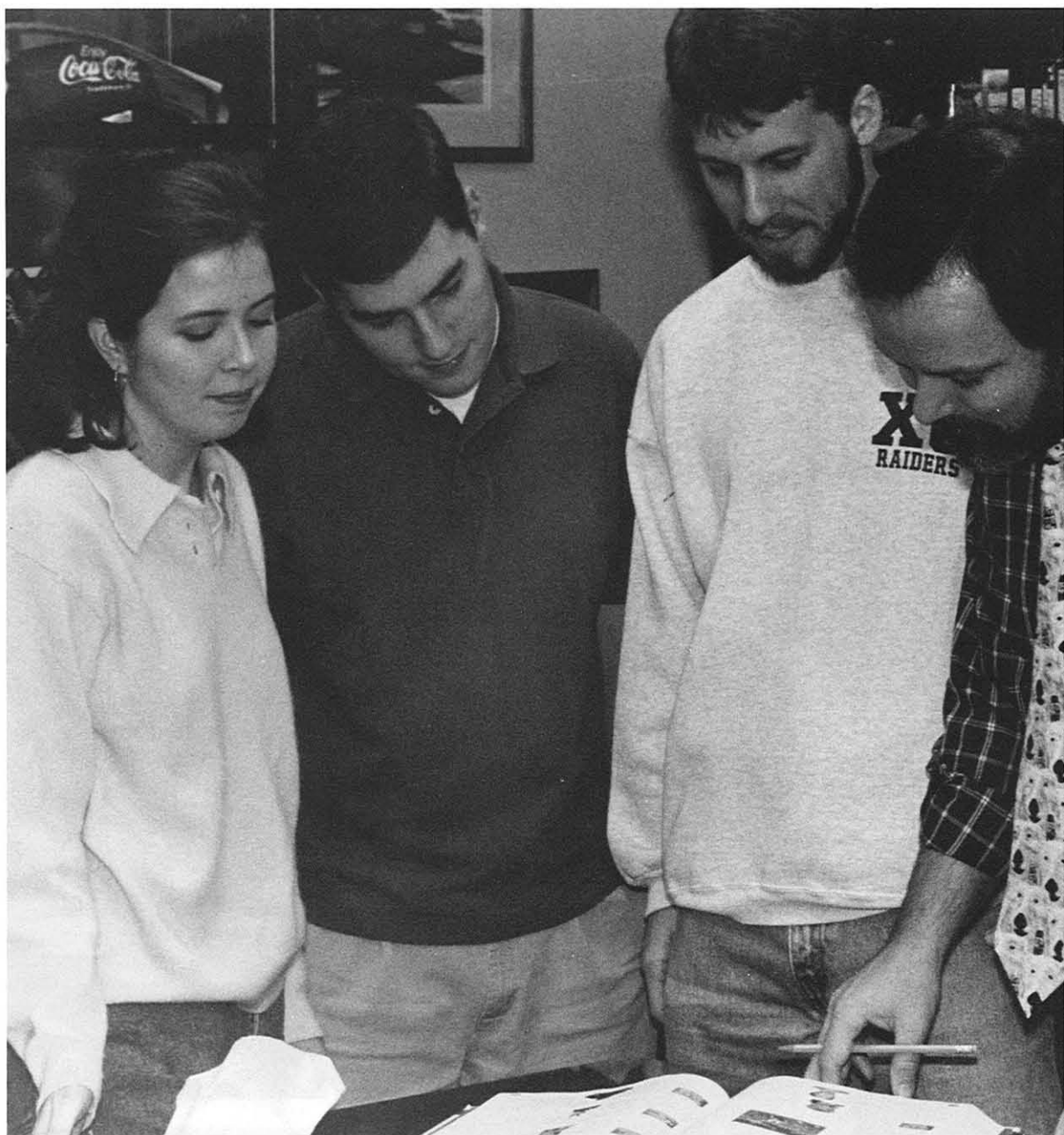


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Members of Sigma Tau Delta meet at Midnight Oil to discuss their writing and decide who will read at an upcoming public reading. Sigma Tau Delta allowed students to freely express themselves through their creative writing.



Honors organizations seek students with incentive to succeed

PSI CHI STIMULATES QUALITY IN FUTURE PSYCHOLOGISTS

Most departments on campus, including psychology, have special programs and incentives to encourage their students to strive to succeed.

Psi Chi, an honor society for psychology majors and minors, recognized and honored those students who achieve a 3.0 GPA in the department, as well as in their general education courses. Although it was an honor to be selected into Psi Chi, that was not the main objective of the organization.

Dr. Glen Adams, faculty sponsor, said that the purpose was to encourage, stimulate and maintain excellence in scholarship and advance the science of psychology.

Psi Chi strove to reach its goals in several ways. First of all, professionals were often brought in to speak to the students during the meetings. During one meeting this year a graduate professor from Abilene Christian University came and provided a description of what students could expect at graduate school. He also explained what he personally looked for in applicants.

Students were given the opportunity to ask various faculty members questions about their backgrounds, career choices and changes they might make now.

Graduate student Brianna Valentine said that the information she learned at the meetings definitely helped her in the graduate application process. "There are several papers you turn in with each school's application. What the professors said gave me direction as to what schools were looking for," Valentine said.

Senior Dizzy Dean said the meetings provided him with insight on everything from what classes to take at graduate school to how to manage his case load. "The club has helped me to plan my future," Dean said.

Psi Chi offered other advantages to its participants. The organization also participated in regional and national conventions and research competitions. There was a newsletter, *Eye on Psi Chi*, that offered students the chance to share their work with other students. Dean said he was hoping to publish a paper that he wrote in

his advanced research class and that the newsletter provided him with the forum.

Although the club focused on helping students prepare for the future, they did not ignore the needs of the community surrounding them. This group participated in a service project to help bring Christmas to the victims in Searcy's battered women's shelter. Members of the group contributed money and ornaments and then went out and decorated the shelter.

Like many organizations at Harding, Psi Chi taught its members the importance of maintaining a Christian perspective in the world of psychology. While meetings often stressed how to further students' education and careers, living for Christ superseded those concerns.

Adams said that Psi Chi helped prepare students to be ethical Christian psychologists through service projects and speakers. "We encourage students to be the highest quality professionals they can be," he said.

— Yavonda Fletcher



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Anna Sanders, Dr. Betty Watson and Cyndi Connell discuss the spring initiation for Kappa Delta Pi. Kappa Delta Pi honored outstanding education majors.

Matt Bishop and Jon Carroll enjoy each other's company during a Sigma Theta Tau banquet. Sigma Theta Tau offered nursing students the opportunity to explore their field and network with professionals.

WHO'S WHO RECOGNIZES STUDENT SERVANTHOOD

Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities annually recognizes seniors who have excelled in the university setting. Faculty members and the Student Association nominate students and the faculty vote for those who have had academic success, given their time to the community and proven themselves to be leaders in extracurricular activities during their college career.

"It's amazing that I would be honored," Pam Shurley said. "You always know you're doing the absolute best that you can and you know you're putting in the time and hard work after class hours, but it's nice to know that some of the faculty members actually realize how much work you

put into your classes. It's rewarding to be recognized after years of hard work."

Other members felt the same. They also believed Who's Who was a bonus because, unlike other organizations, members of Who's Who were hand-picked by the faculty.

"It makes me feel that, even though I don't think some teachers notice what kind of time and effort students put into the things that are turned in, some actually do pay attention to the hard work that goes on outside of the classroom setting," Joelle Edmondson said.

Many of the students felt that Who's Who was an extraordinary honor because it was nationally recognized and most people instantly recognized the award.

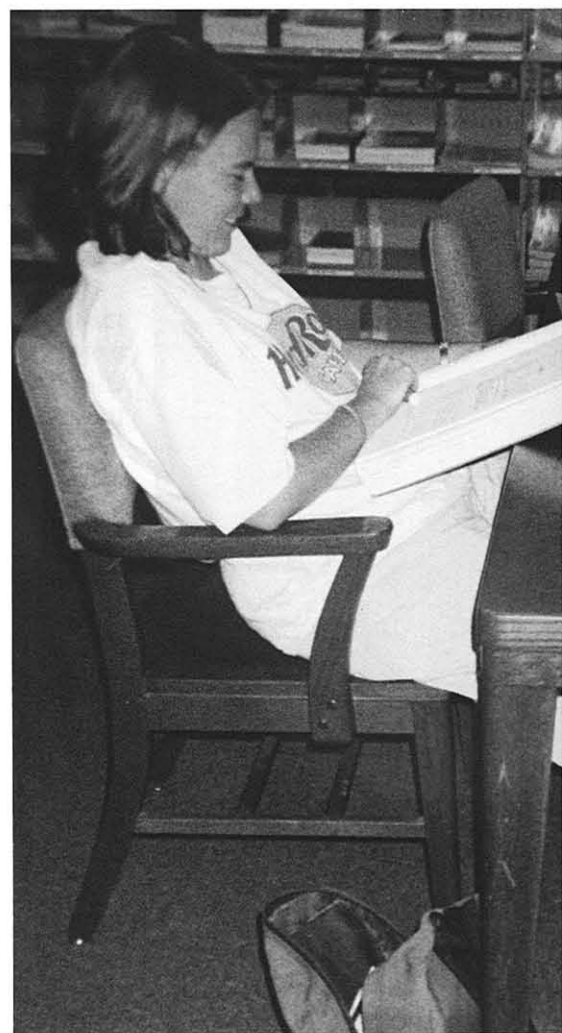
"I'm hoping to go to graduate school at Ohio State University and the Who's Who honor will automatically be recognized, whereas Alpha Chi may not be as well known," Brett Davies said.

Although Who's Who was an honor, many members were quick to say that they felt there were many things more important than their academic honors.

"As Christians, we know there is more than just earthly reward and we have to keep striving to be better, both as Christians and as students in college," Morgan Whatley said.

Those chosen for Who's Who were Harding's select group that had served as leaders in college and will continue to serve in the future.

— Philip Murphy



Sarah Adkins
Nicole Alexander
Andrew Baker
Ashley Beard
Jenny Behel
Brooke Bennett
Deborah Bills

Patrick Bills
Allison Black
Ashley Black
Mary-Margaret Blue
Leigh Brannan
Karen Carruth
Kristin Coleman

Brooke Crouse
Kelley Curtis
Leslie Daniel
Brett Davies
David Duke
Joelle Edmondson
Rebekah Evans

Marc Fager
Michael Fann
Matt Fincher
Chad Gardner
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Mac Hurley
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Barry Jordan

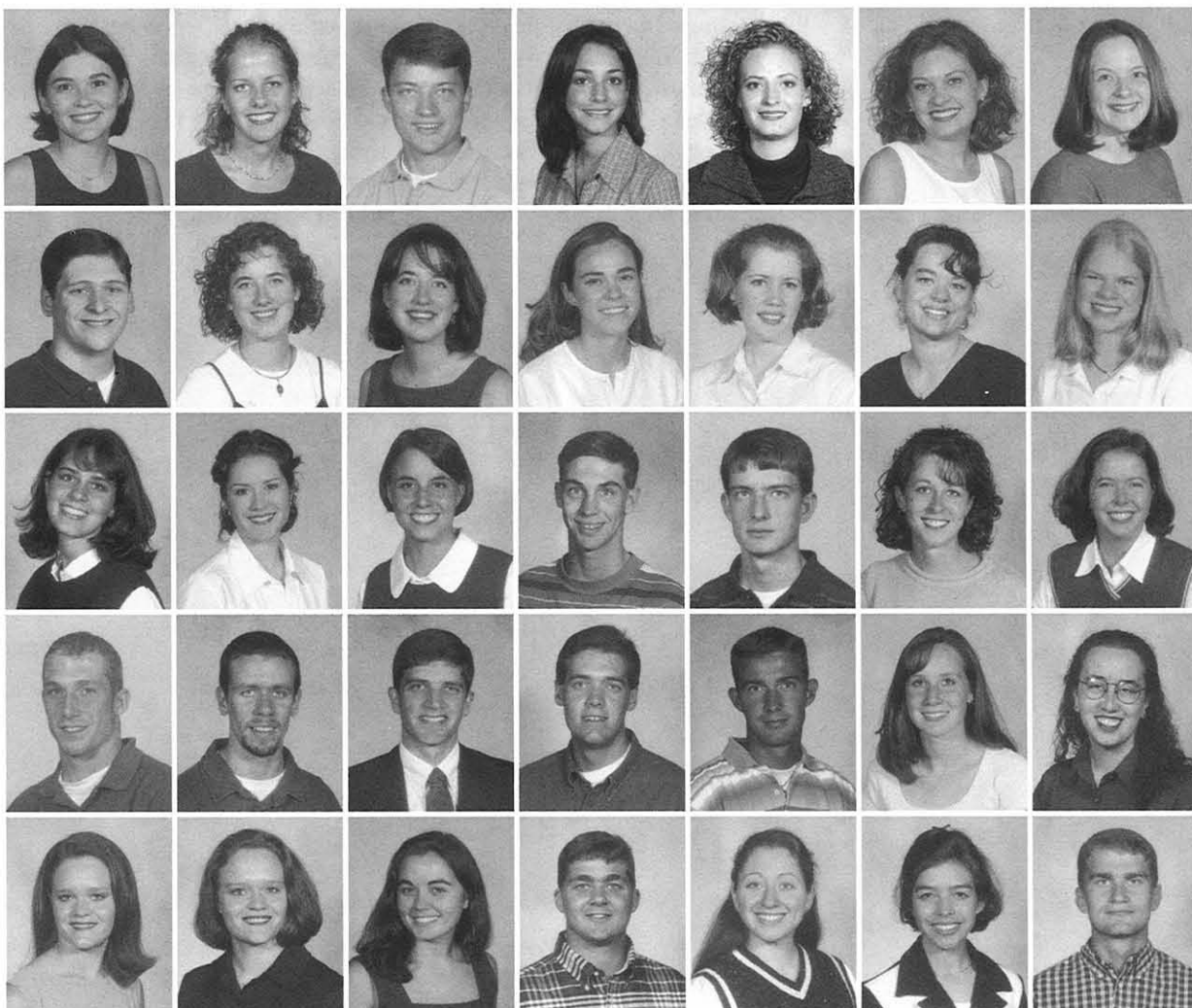




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Rebekah Scott spends time in the library reading over the text for her next class. Who's Who rewarded many students for their hard work and diligent studies through membership in the organization.

Marcus Neely (second from left) and John Anthony Renwick (center) put their dramatic talents to work during a Pied Pipers performance. Who's Who inductees were chosen based on both their academic accomplishments and community involvement.

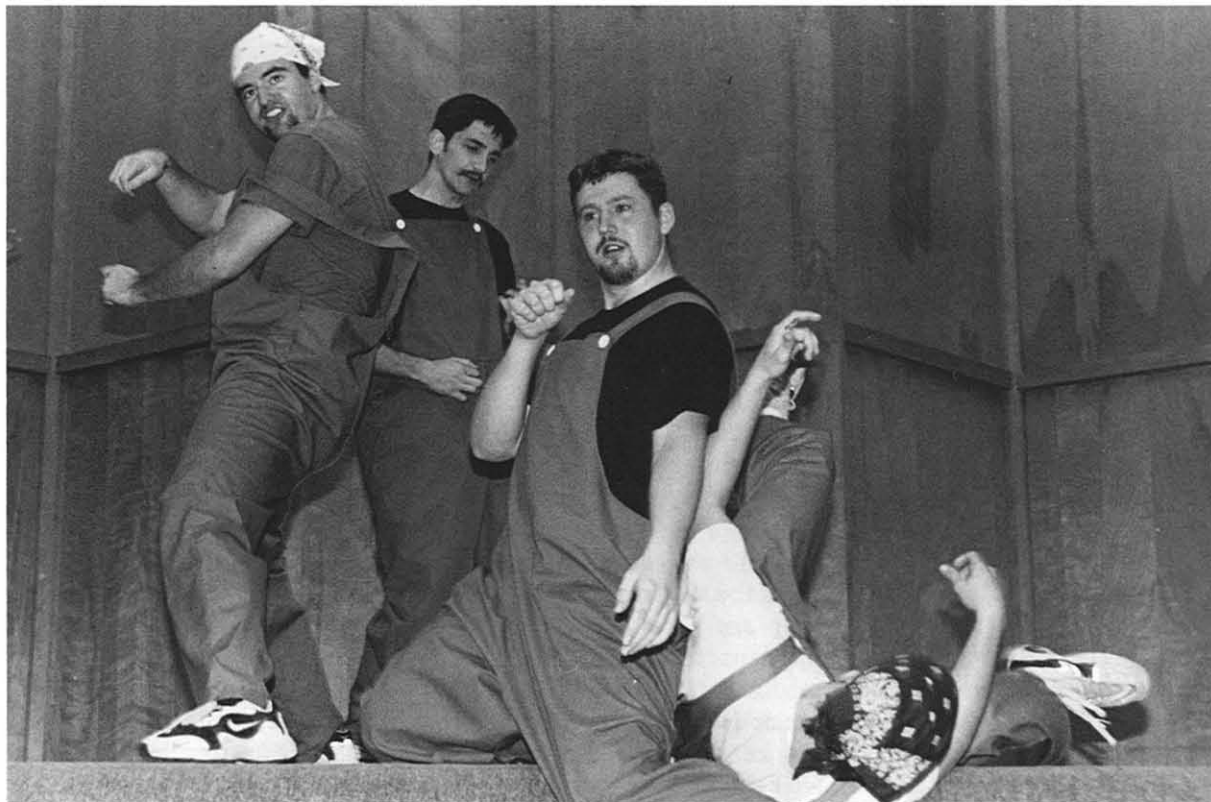
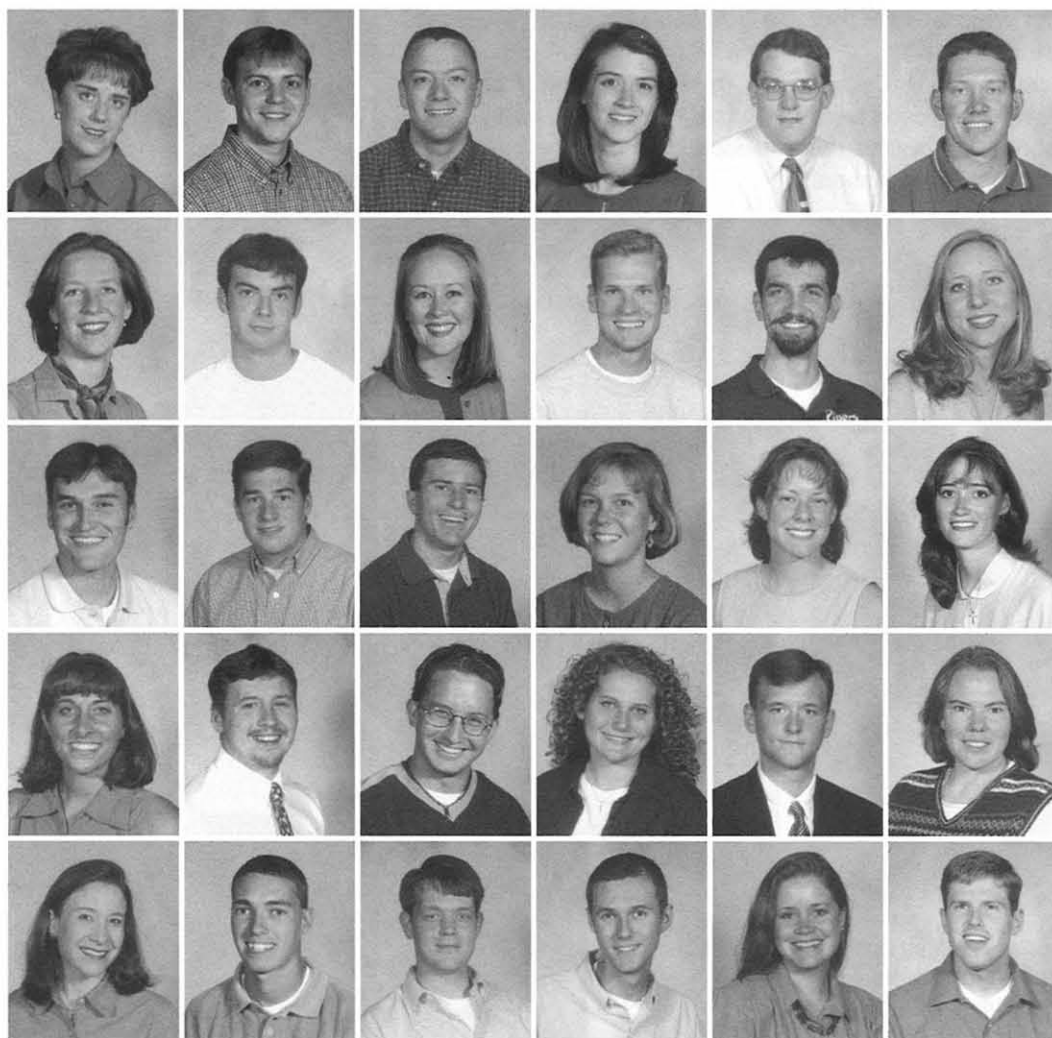


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Molly Koffler
Justin Lawson
Greg Mathews
Megan McCorkle
Mack McFarland
Ryan Meyers

Kimberly Mitten
Justin Moore
Jamie Murphy
Garret Myhan
Marcus Neely
Heidi Neuenschwander

Randall Parks
Ray Patton
Eli Perkins
Emily Price
Emily Prysock
Stacey Randolph

Susan Reiss
John Anthony Renwick
Jason Roark
Zrinka Rukavina
Bryan Runions
Rebekah Scott

Pam Shurley
Donnie Stover
Graham Sutherland
Jeff Veal
Alicia Welch
Morgan Whatley

HONORS COLLEGE FOCUSES ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Part of the mission of Harding is to provide a solid education with a Christian focus. To enhance the students' education, the Honors Program was developed in 1989. That program continued to grow and, this year, it became the Honors College.

Prior to becoming a college, the Honors Program was already meeting most of the 16 qualifications to be a college. "The fundamental reason [for becoming a college] was to better recognize the students for the work they were already doing," said Dr. Larry Long, dean. "We belong to the National Collegiate Honors Council and we have tried to match up with their guidelines; we noticed that other universities were doing the same," Long said.

The transition involved no drastic changes. "It is a complicated issue because lots of things changed in terminology and procedures, but the students actually do the same things, only now the college is recognized as an academic entity," Long said.

"It is not so much internal

changes but the way we are perceived on campus and by the administration especially," senior English, biblical languages and honors major Marty Rowe said.

The number one obstacle for the Honors Program had been communication. "Now we are going to step forward pretty dramatically in terms of communication," Long said. "We will also be a clearinghouse for scholarships and graduate work. Our long-term goal is to become a center for faculty development; that would be a major step forward."

The college is concerned about the students not only while they are here, but also what happens to them after they graduate. "We want to give the senior Honors College people a chance to enhance their prospects after Harding," Long said. "We are going to clarify a capstone experience for seniors where they make a capstone thesis."

However, the Honors College is not just about doing extra work and going above and beyond the required minimum. It is also about

serving others, planning for the future and having fun.

The Honors College has been involved with a service project at Harding Place. "We help out with maintenance, wash cars, clean and celebrate birthdays with the residents," Long said.

They also tried to involve everyone. "We always try to do things that are open to the student body as a whole, such as speakers and workshops," Rowe said.

Although emphasis is placed on the increase of knowledge, the college is spiritually based. "I have made a lot of friends in the college," freshman Jason Ashlock said. "We have devotionals once a month and I am excited about that."

The college had 552 members and was optimistic about continued growth. "Maybe by being in it myself, I can encourage others to join," Ashlock said. "We will probably attract more students now," Rowe said.

In the meantime, the Honors students continue to work at making Harding proud.

— Diane Grubbs

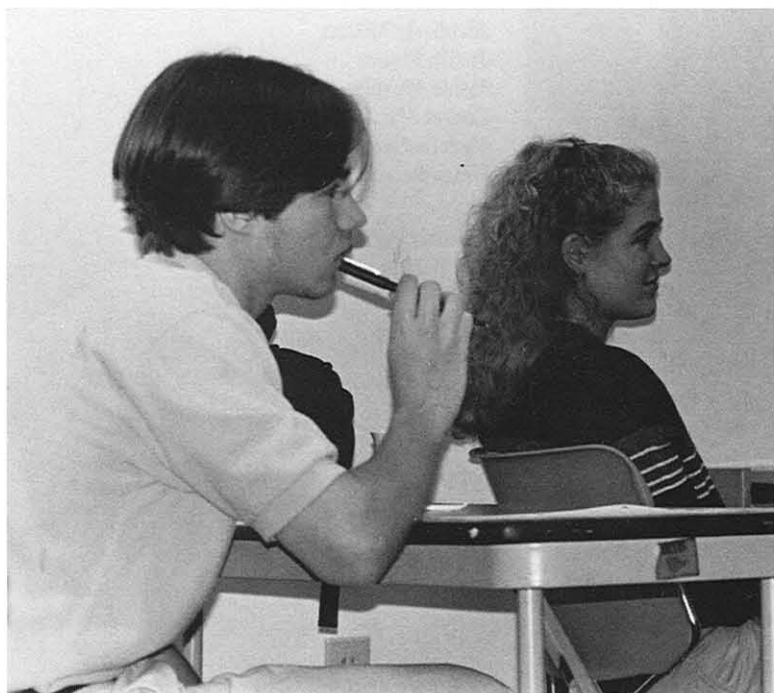


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Honors students James Blachly and Megan Wiewora listen carefully during a Human Situations course. Many Honors College students were required to attend classes specifically designed for the Honors Program.



"Imagine a class period where the instructor heatedly debates the theory of causality with the students. Imagine a class where your papers are encouraged to be short stories, free form essays and poems. To Harding honors students, this was not a dream, but a reality.

"The honors students typically sat in a circle to discuss questions posed by the teacher over the day's reading assignment. They studied essays by the great theorists in everything from economics to natural science, as well as modern social theories ranging from chaos theory to political economy."

— Jonathan Picklesimer,
1992 Petit Jean





Randall Parks, Monica Scott and J.A. Wisner react to an Honors Council suggestion. Weekly meetings gave Council members the opportunity to relieve stress and discuss their tough classes.

Dr. Larry Long and Kelly Milner schedule meetings and appointments with Honors College members. Long was readily available to discuss theories and to answer questions for all Honors students.

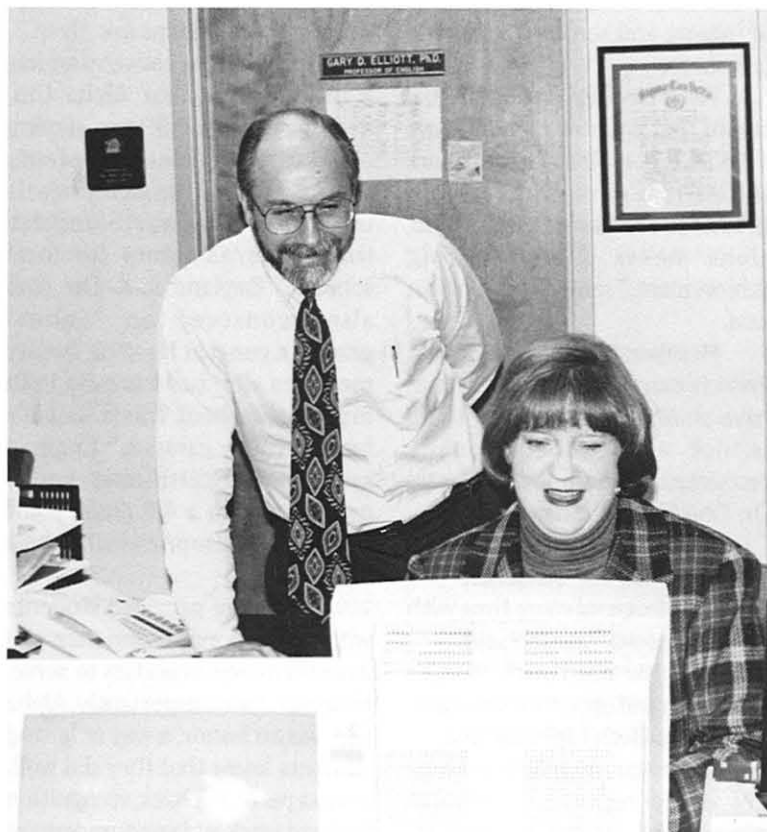


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Ashleigh Short, Jason Ashlock and Marty Rowe attentively listen as they plan events for Honors College students. Honors Council members attended weekly meetings to plan service projects and discuss activities to present to the College.

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ALPHA CHI PROVIDES HONOR, PRESTIGE

One of the most prestigious honors clubs on campus is Alpha Chi, a national honor society that allows only the upper 10 percent of juniors and seniors to become members.

For Harding students, this meant that a junior must achieve a 3.85 GPA on 80 semester hours and a senior must achieve a 3.75 GPA on 104 semester hours. "That alone makes it a pretty big achievement," senior Barry Jordan said.

Membership in Alpha Chi is a great honor. "Of the schools that have an Alpha Chi chapter, there is not a higher nationally recognized honors society," said Dr. Don England, head sponsor.

Alpha Chi provided good opportunities for students. "We were able to spend more time with our professors," Jordan said.

"For the most part, it is an education and opportunity awareness," Lisa Beth Lightsey said.

Each year, members of Alpha Chi attend regional or national conventions. At the convention, students made presentations. "This is an excellent opportunity

for students to get professional experience," England said. "Most of the presentations are not for competition, but some scholarships and fellowships are given."

Although the convention was a major activity for Alpha Chi, members also spent time serving others. Each year students determine what service projects they will do. "This year they offered themselves as tutors for local schools," England said. The club also sponsored an "annual graduate panel of Harding faculty members who had recently been in graduate school. This is available for the entire campus," England said. Framed certificates for all graduates with a 4.0 grade point average were also provided by Alpha Chi.

Alpha Chi provided students with professional experience and gave them opportunities to serve. However, more importantly, Alpha Chi was an honor, a way of letting students know that they did well. It was a pat on the back, recognition for hard work and encouragement for future success.

— Diane Grubbs

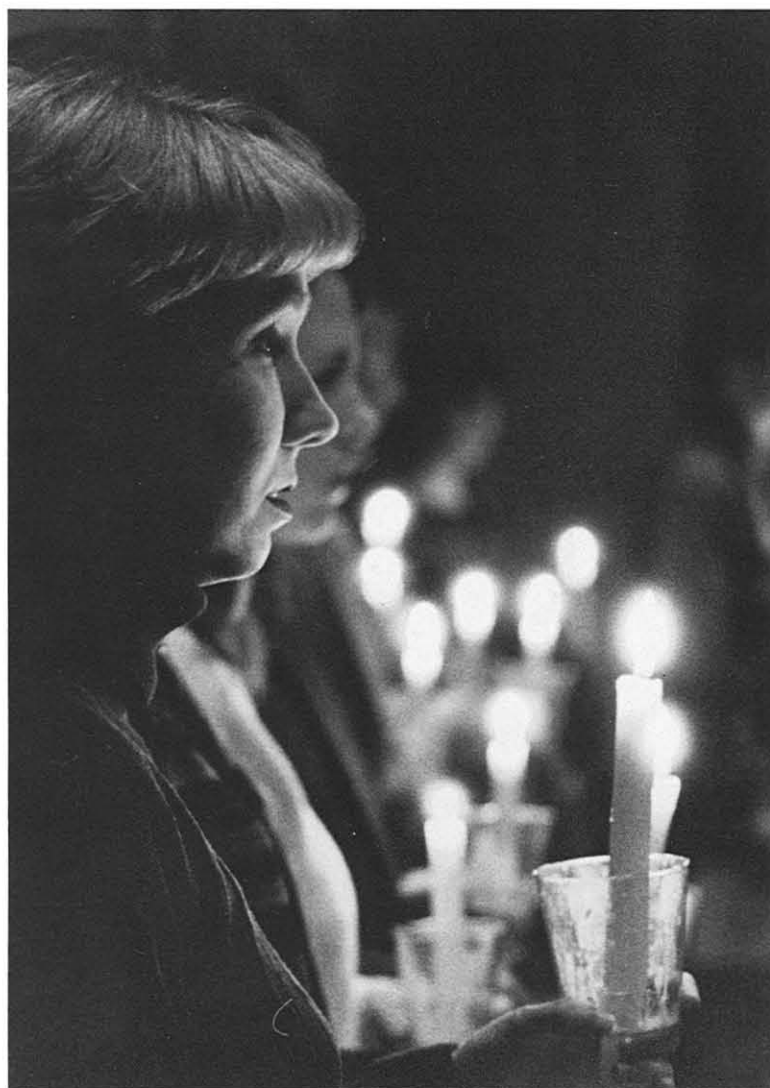


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Sherry Stidham stands with her fellow inductees and thinks about what it means to be a member of Alpha Chi during the Candle of Learning part of the induction ceremony. Alpha Chi was one of the most prestigious honors a college student could obtain.

Sarah Adkins
Nicole Alexander
James Allen
Chris Alspach
Neil Arnold
Brent Bates
Audra Beard
Carrie Beasley



Andrea Belch
Becky Bell
Joan Collins Bell
Angela Berend
Ginny Blake
Michael Blue
Rick Bohannon
Aaron Brister



Amy Brown
Corrie Brown
Jeremy Brown
Nate Bruns
Joshua Carlyle
Melanie Castleberg
Rebekah Chappel
Neil Chilson



Ashley Clements
Marcus Crim
Brooke Crouse
Kelley Curtis
Mica Curry
Brett Davies
Misty Deming
Jessica Dulaney





Andy Dunham
Joshua Dyniewski
Olivia Eddins
Joelle Edmondson
Jennifer Evans
Gideon Ewing
Katie Fant
Matt Fincher

Jennifer Fisher
Yavonda Fletcher
Steven Garner
Stacy Glover
Adrianne Goodson
Mary Ann Green
Travis Greenwell
Danny Hardman

Lanny Hardman
David Haustein
Jessica Haynes
Russell Hiatt
Stacey Hopkins
Darcy Hudson
Alyssa Hunter
Tracy James

Jay Johnson
Clint Jones
Daniel Jones
Jon Justice
Molly Koffler
Bob Logsdon
Dan Lareau
Robert Lester

Julie Lewis
Lisa Beth Lightsey
Stephen Livingston
Greg Massey
Jean Massie
Greg Mathews
Keith McCord
Laura McNutt

Joel Means
Ryan Meyers
Jason Middlekauff
Jennifer Miller
Eric Morrison
Rachelle Mountjoy
Rebekah Norman
Randall Parks

Amanda Parsons
Chad Patterson
Ray Patton
Eli Perkins
Emily Prysock
Ray Rajagukguk
Andrea Reed
Angela Reeves

Susan Reiss
Beth Roberts
Rochelle Rose
Marty Rowe
Lezlie Russell
Anna Sanders
Amber Sawyer
Monica Scott

Rebekah Scott
Kristen Seidel
Tessa Sexton
Ashleigh Short
Pam Shurley
Ryan Singleton
Elizabeth Smith
Melissa Smith

Lindsay Snyder
Cheri Solida
Carlos Stadthagen
Jamie Stanley
Whitney Starnes
Jennifer Stein
Emily Tarrant
Beth Thornton

Cynthia Tolleson
Lathan Watts
Adrienne Wilson
Jill Wilson
Ladye Rachel Wilson
Marcella Witt
Jennifer Wood