

LEADER

LEADERSHIP

WORDS & SECTION *by Jacob McAlister*

The leadership at Harding consisted of a diverse group of hard-working men and women who educated, advised, directed, labored and, above all, served. They invested in the future of our community through their dedication to facilitating growth in and out of classrooms, offices and Harding's campus overall. Each member of Harding's leadership possessed a unique skillset that, if used alone, could only serve a small group, but when used together, created an effective framework for our university.

ASK MCLARTY

We asked students what they wanted to know from Dr. Bruce McLarty, university president. His responses offered a glimpse into the daily life of Harding's fifth president, serving his fifth year as president during the 2017-18 school year.



What do you enjoy most about being president? What about it?

"If I am out walking on campus or if I am having lunch with students or faculty members or staff, that is what I enjoy the most. Those moments are the times where I pinch myself and say I cannot believe I get to do this, and I especially love being able to encourage people and being able to do that as president is a particular joy. [...] The most difficult part of being president is the people part when I have to deal with rebuking or releasing an employee or having to reprimand somebody for something. That is not my wheelhouse; it is something I have to do when things have gone badly in some way or another, so the people side of it is the best and the worst aspect of being president."

What time do you usually wake up and what time do you go to bed?

"It's not unusual that it will be midnight getting to bed, but 10:30 P.M. is my usual bedtime. I get up either at 6:00 A.M. or 7:00 A.M. There are a couple mornings a week that I have standing breakfast appointments, so I will get up at 6:00 P.M., but if it's a normal day, I will get up at 7:00 A.M. and be at work by 8:00 A.M."

What are some daily habits that you think are important to make and to keep?

"I think wherever people put prayer and scripture it is important to have that be a regular part of your life. A thing that is typically not a problem for college students, but becomes a problem later in your career is where are those relationships you are paying special attention to? [...] Of course, connection with church is something I could easily forget to say something about because it has always been a part of my life."

What is your favorite cereal?

"I am going to sound so old and nerdy for this, but my favorite cereal is Rice Chex with a banana cut up on top of it. That sounds horribly bland I know, but that would be it right now. A guilty pleasure would be Reese's Puffs."



What would be your favorite food of all time?

"I would say a plate of vegetables with cornbread. I am a vegetable eater. I could do away with all meat dishes and all that, but if I had turnip greens, lima beans and okra, that would be a good day."

Would you prefer to be in the mountains or by the ocean?

"Mountains. I love cool, crisp air. My skin does not do well with sun, so I am not a beach person at all. I just love the Smokies, the Rockies — I just love being in the mountains. I would pick those 10 times out of 10 over the beach."

Do you have a favorite season?

"I love winter. As I get older, I enjoy the colder weather, but I hate being cold. As long as I am not cold, bring it on. Bring on winter. Having plenty of warm clothes and the sting on your face of the cold weather and all — I love that feeling. I feel more alert and alive and energetic when it is cold."

If you never slept again, what would you do with all of your extra time?

"If I did not have to sleep, I would read, and I would write. I always wish I had more time for those two things. I have a stack of books that people give me that I cannot get around to. One of the pleasures of vacation is to go on vacation and read a John Grisham book. It is totally relaxing to me."



RIVERA'S RETURN

ERRICA RIVERA BRINGS NEW PERSPECTIVE TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WORDS Alex Petty // PHOTOS Evan Swearingen

In October 2016, Harding's Board of Trustees added alumna Errica Rivera to their committee.

Rivera came to Harding as a freshman in fall 1986, and she was soon involved in campus groups such as Good News Singers and the Harding Chorus. Rivera also participated twice in Spring Sing as a hostess, and she helped to establish the African-American Alumni Association after she graduated.

When Rivera learned her name had been submitted to be added to the Board of Trustees, she felt honored, yet admitted that the whole experience of her nomination and vetting process was surreal.

"I remember seeing the 'suits' on campus as a student and looking at the prestigious pictures on the wall, but never once had I imagined being one of [them]," Rivera said. "It is such an honor to be counted among those called upon to serve our beloved alma mater in this capacity."

Roy Reaves, chairman of the Board of Trustees, knew that Rivera's nomination was well deserved.

"Errica was an outstanding student while at Harding," Reaves said. "She has been very successful in [her career], and her family is well respected and thought of very [highly]. She has proven herself to be a dedicated Christian who loves Harding. She [is] energetic [and a] critical thinker looking for new opportunities for Harding to expand and to serve."

The addition of Rivera to the board allowed for new perspectives to be represented at their meetings. Rivera, as a woman and an African-American, noted that diversity in positions of leadership was essential.

"I believe diversity is extremely important among board members and elsewhere in our society," Rivera said. "You miss out on so much knowledge when you only view a situation or issue from one perspective. In my humble opinion, diversity is not only necessary, it is [critical]."

President Dr. Bruce McLarty agreed that diversity and representation was a key component for the board.

"It's very important," McLarty said. "We realize that we have to take steps forward, especially as it relates to women. We were down to one female board member, so Errica then became our second, and we're still looking for additional female board members."

Rivera was thrilled with her experience on the board and felt very encouraged to be an active participant. She believed her personal perspectives were respected and heard.

"The great thing about this board is that individual thought and perspective is both welcomed and encouraged," Rivera said. "[I] was encouraged — better yet expected — to actively participate and contribute from day one. I appreciate that."

Errica Rivera values the importance of having diversity among people and a variety of perspectives within the Board of Trustees. Rivera stayed connected with the university through starting the African-American Alumni Association and was honored to serve on the board. // Photo by Evan Swearingen



Board of Trustees Row 1: John Reese, Don Shores, Harrell Freeman (Secretary), Bob Diles, Jimmy Cone (Treasurer), Harold Redd. Row 2: Lundy Neely, Joe Wild, Howard Wright, Becky Tubb. Row 3: Errica Rivera, Bob Brackett, Bruce McLarty, Bob Walker (Vice Chairman). Row 4: Jerry Morgan, Charles Ganus, David Waldron, Mike Justus. Row 5: left to right: Richard Gibson, Tim Bewley, Roosevelt Harris, Roy Reaves (Chairman). Row 6: John Simmons (Past Chairman), Jim Holsombake, Rodney Waller.

// Photo courtesy of Jeff Montgomery



CARR CELEBRATES 30 YEARS IN ADMINISTRATION

WORDS *Olivia Cook* // PHOTOS *Evan Swearingen*

Harding's senior vice president, Dr. Jim Carr, celebrated his 30th year at Harding in 2017. Carr first started his career during Dr. David Burks' presidency in 1987 when Burks asked Carr to be his executive vice president. After brief consideration, Carr decided to join the Harding community.

"After accepting the position, I thought I would stay at Harding for about four or five years, and now I have been here 30," Carr said.

As executive vice president, Carr was in charge of admissions operations, financial aid, the American Studies Institute, the Walton Scholar program and the China Scholar program. He held this position for 25 years. When Dr. Bruce McLarty became president in 2013, Carr changed positions, becoming senior vice president.

Although Carr did not expect to remain for so many years, he stayed because he thought the institution was unique.

"I think that Harding, as a small institution which has emphasized character development and Christian commitment, is so special," Carr said.

When Carr was not on campus, he kept busy working on his family's tree farm. Carr related growing trees to Harding.

"Sometimes we grow a pine tree and put a stake in the ground next to it to help it grow straight," Carr said. "I think that Harding can kind of serve as that stake for so many young people who come here as they grow."

Glenn Dillard, assistant vice president of enrollment management, worked alongside Carr for many years and believed Carr's qualifications were unparalleled in the United States.

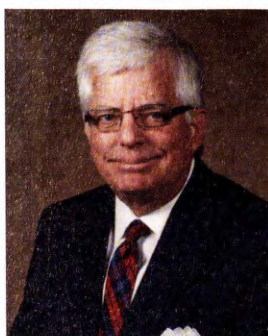
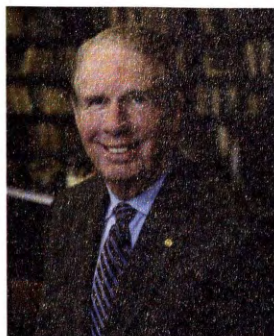
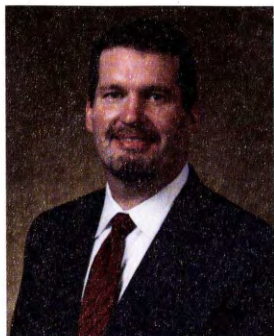
"Dr. Carr is one of the most highly regarded experts in the entire US in the area of university enrollment and marketing," Dillard said.

Dillard went on to mention that even US President George W. Bush recognized Dr. Carr's expertise when he nominated him to serve on a National Security Education Board for higher education and was then confirmed by the US Senate.

Jana Rucker, vice president of communications and marketing, took on Carr's previous role, assuming responsibility for undergraduate admissions and financial aid. Carr planned to scale back his responsibilities as senior vice president.

"I have only known Dr. Carr for a year, but I think that it is neat that he and his family have dedicated their lives to Harding," Rucker said.

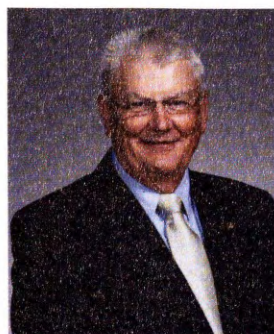
Dr. Jim Carr, senior vice president, has seen many successes in his career as a higher education administrator and has been an asset to the university. Carr celebrated 30 years as a part of university staff in various positions in financial aid, the American Studies Institute and the Walton Scholar program. // Photo by Evan Swearingen



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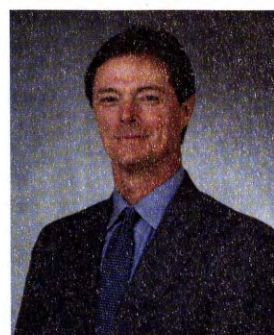
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NEW PHASE CRAZE

BURKS SEES PROGRESS IN LEGACY DEVELOPMENT

WORDS *Cayleigh Thomas* // PHOTOS *Evan Swearingen*

Legacy Park Phase IV, a building project that set out to include faculty and alumni the opportunity to live on the west side of campus, began construction in summer 2017.

Chancellor David Burks worked hard on the project since the beginning of the planning process, calling faculty and alumni housing a “bridge” between them and the students.

“It was always a part of the plan,” Burks said. “We wanted to have students, faculty and staff living together. It was part of the plan we created for Legacy some nine years ago.”

There were 20 homes in Phase IV. All of the lots were sold by fall 2017 and were set to take 18 to 24 months to be completed.

“Half of the people who bought the lots planned to build garages with housing above them for college students,” Burks said. “A lot of faculty offer their houses for approved housing and that was why they planned to do build the extra housing.”

A faculty couple who bought and moved into a house in Legacy Phase IV were David and Paige Kee. Both of the Kees taught at Harding, David as a professor of business and Paige as an adjunct professor of communication.

“Since moving to Searcy in 2013, we had been [waiting] for the right house for us,” Paige said. “When Harding announced the project and we saw the plans, we knew this was where we wanted to be.”

One reason the Kee family wanted to be so close to campus was the friendly environment of the Legacy Park neighborhood.

“We liked the idea of community, living close to our neighbors and everyone having a front porch [with its] inviting interaction and friendship,” Paige said. “[We] both love Harding so much, and getting to be a part of something as significant as Legacy was something we didn’t want to pass up.”

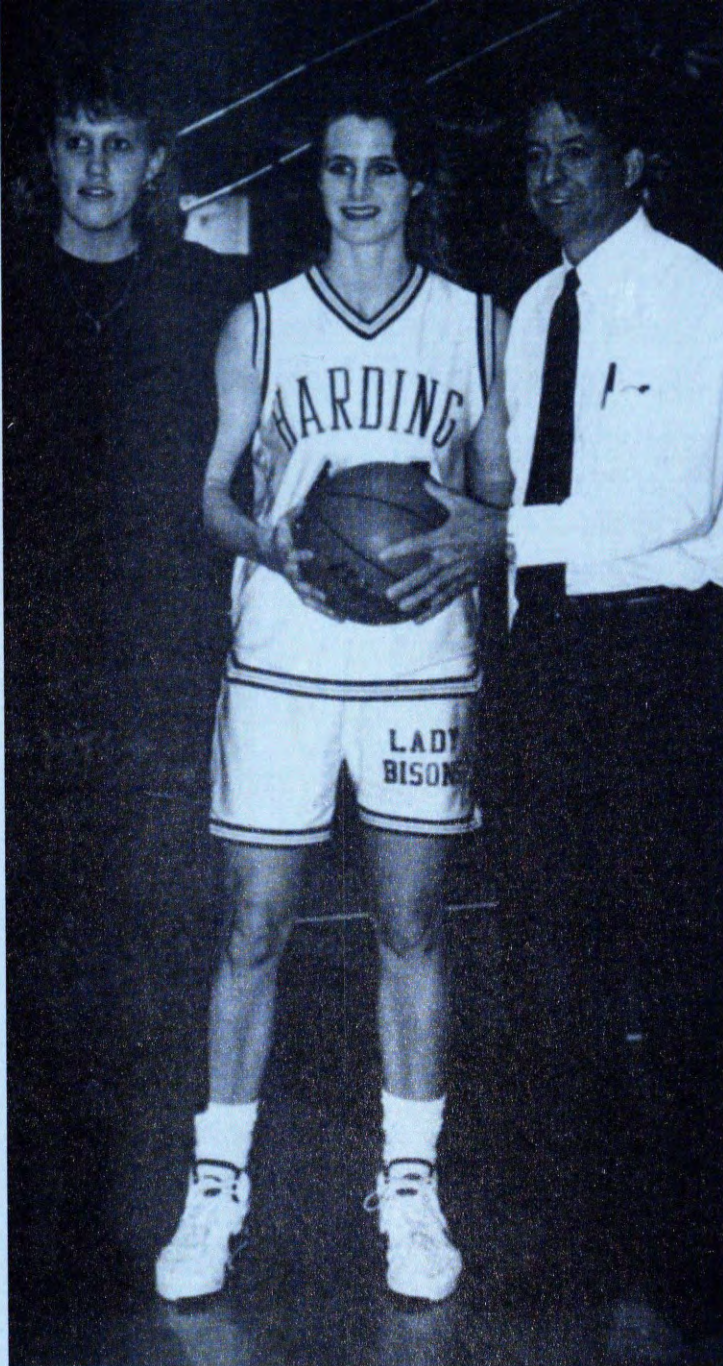
David was also looking forward to their family’s new housing situation. The Kees planned to stay in their Legacy house permanently, as they loved the environment so much.

“Some of the things we love is being able to walk to [work] and having students come by for our home Bible study or just to visit,” Paige said. “We love getting to know our new neighbors as they move in, having family close by and enjoying a new home we were able to design.”

In April 2018, Burks announced the plan for more faculty and alumni to move onto campus, which included plans for housing to move to the south side of campus by 2021.

Construction of residential housing begins in June 2017 and is part of the initial plans for community growth between students, faculty and staff. Dr. David Burks, chancellor, began this project in 2008 and said he was delighted to see this long-standing vision come to fruition. // Photo by Evan Swearingen

Legacy Park Phase IV includes 19 lots that accommodate homes ranging from 1,200 to 3,500 square feet. Many of the homebuyers chose to include an attached apartment space in their design plans to serve as approved housing for students. // Photo by Evan Swearingen



HARNDEN HEADS OUT

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR RETIRES
AFTER 21 YEARS AT HELM

WORDS *Garrett White* // PHOTOS *Abigail Cooper and 1994 Petit Jean Yearbook*



Since its inception, the Harding Athletics Department and its facilities saw many positive changes, and, for 21 years, Director of Athletics Greg Harnden played an essential role in that growth. On Aug. 21, 2017, Harnden announced that he would retire after the 2017-18 school year. Harnden served as the women's head basketball coach for eight years, with a 153-91 record, before becoming the athletic director in 1997. Under his leadership, the Lady Bisons advanced to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) tournament in the 1995-96 and 1996-97 seasons.

As athletic director, Harnden oversaw the development of several programs at Harding. He added men and women's soccer and women's golf and softball, hired coaching staffs and coordinated the renovations of facilities such as the Rhodes-Reaves Field House and First Security Stadium.

He also aided Harding's transition from the NAIA to the NCAA along with the shift from the Gulf South Conference to the Great American Conference. In 2006, Harnden was inducted into the Harding Athletics Hall of Fame. Even with all of his accolades, Harnden was most proud of the successes of the student athletes.

"Last year we won the All-Sports trophy [and] the most academic

awards in the conference as well," Harnden said. "It's not only success on the field but in the classroom, which is what we're here for: preparing everybody for life."

According to Men's Basketball Coach Jeff Morgan, Harnden built meaningful relationships with his coaches, student athletes and administrative workers.

"He's been a great friend and mentor," Morgan said. "He's walked through a lot of really hard times with a lot of us, and I know I'm not the only one that can say that."

Likewise, Scott Goode, assistant athletic director of sports information, was grateful for the support he received from Harnden.

"He's been a great boss to work for because he's loyal to you," Goode said. "He [is] there for me as a friend, someone I can talk to, a mentor. I'm going to miss that."

Though his days of being a coach were over, Harnden stayed invested in all the sports programs and was still able to stay competitive through them.

"When you're a coach, you live and die with your sport," Harnden said. "But when you're athletic director, you become responsible for everything, so the competition has been very rewarding to me."

Harnden presents the game ball to 1994 women's basketball player Kymm Alexander after setting a Harding scoring record previously held by alumna Nancee Wilson, pictured left. Harnden served as the women's basketball head coach for eight years before transitioning to his position as athletic director. // Photo courtesy of 1994 Petit Jean Yearbook

Greg Harnden, director of athletics, reflects on 21 years of growth and development within the Harding Athletics Department. In his time at Harding, Harnden oversaw several facility renovations and added new opportunities for student athletes. // Photo by Abigail Cooper

DEVOTED TO DIVERSITY

JAMERISON TAKES ON NEW ROLE TO EXPAND CHURCH RELATIONS

WORDS *Emily W'beeless* // PHOTOS *Abigail Cooper*

Alex Jamerison, a 2015 Harding graduate, was appointed director of diversity for church relations in fall 2017, which was a new position for the university. As part of the new job, Jamerison helped to intertwine diverse groups of students in the hopes of making Harding more inclusive.

Dr. Dan Williams, vice president for church relations, believed that adding Jamerison to Harding's team was a great decision.

"Alex is a phenomenal young man who has a lot of energy, initiative and creativity," Williams said. "We are delighted to have him working in our office."

David Collins, executive vice president, agreed with Williams, explaining Jamerison's job addressed an important part of Harding's community.

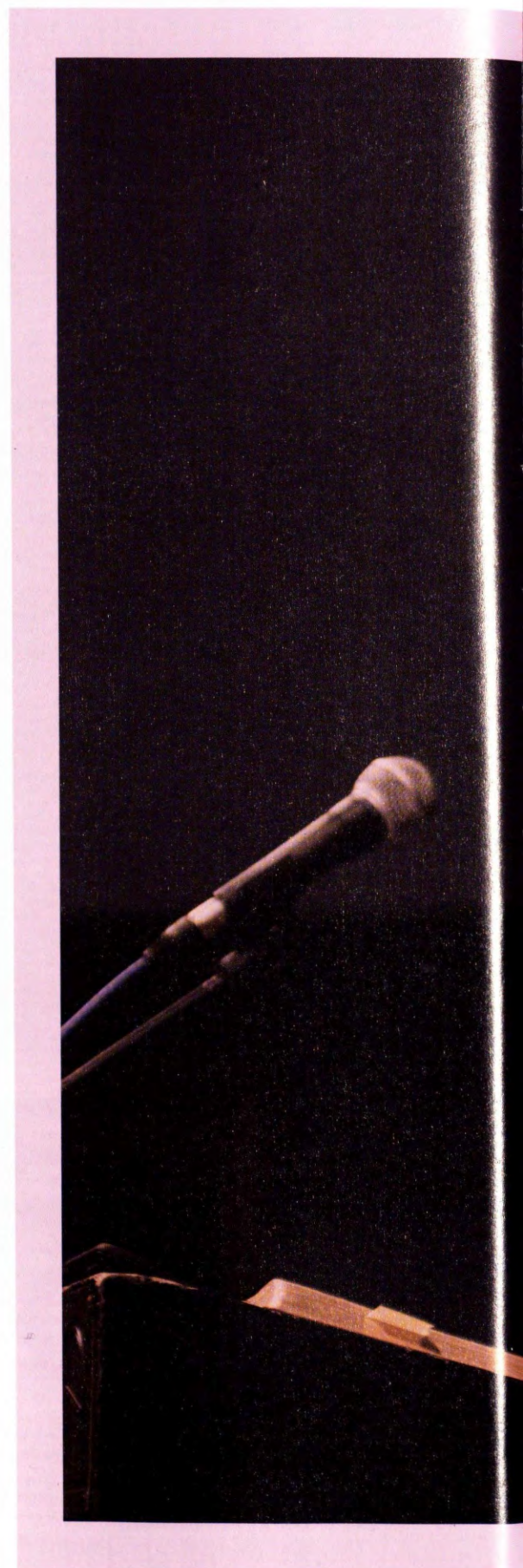
"I am excited about this new position for Harding and especially to have Alex filling this important role," Collins said. "Becoming a more racially diverse community is among our top priorities at the university, and we are striving to be a place where people of all races feel a sense of belonging."

Jamerison's position involved networking, meaning he spent most of his time building relationships with churches, introducing them to the resources that Harding offered and inviting them to events like Lectureship. He also used his time to help develop scholarships for students.

In addition, Jamerison and a committee met and discussed what could be done to make Harding more aware of its own diversity.

"We want Harding to be more kingdom-centered and that requires more than just one type or one background or one characteristic of a person," Jamerison said. "The kingdom is made up of various peoples, and we want Harding to be a reflection of the kingdom. [My] position is geared towards that end."

Alex Jamerison, director of diversity for church relations, challenges listeners to be "more than conquerors" during Lectureship in the Administration Auditorium on Sept. 27, 2017. On Aug. 1, 2017, Jamerison assumed the newly created role in church relations and sought to cultivate a community that better celebrated racial diversity. // Photo by Abigail Cooper





COUTURE FOR A CURE

BOAZ BEATS CANCER TWICE

WORDS *Megan Ledbetter* // PHOTOS *Abigail Cooper & Rebecca Boaz*

Rebecca Boaz, associate professor of family and consumer sciences, survived the trauma, surgeries and struggles of being diagnosed with breast cancer twice.

In addition to the support from her family, Rebecca found a support system in her close-knit childhood friends. One of these friends was Lisa Fuller, student success librarian and assistant professor.

"She is an exceptional woman and she has a remarkable story," Fuller said. "When you are hanging out with someone in the fourth grade, you have no idea the remarkable individual they are capable of becoming. As a friend, though, I cannot imagine my life without her at this point. We have been through marriages, divorces, sick children, well children and her cancer twice."

Until the time of her first diagnosis in 2006, Rebecca, the single mother of Annabelle, who was three years old at the time, had no family history of cancer and had just been offered an adjunct teaching position at Harding.

After taking precautions with a lump she found on her chest, she discovered that, although the lump she found was nothing, she had stage zero breast cancer that would not have been found otherwise.

"I feel like that was just God getting my attention," Rebecca said. "I was only 38. I would not have had a regular mammogram until I was 40, and, by that time, I could have been really sick."

Because they caught it in the early stages, a simple lumpectomy and radiation was sufficient treatment without using chemo therapy. For the next five years, while teaching visual merchandising, Rebecca remained on a chemo drug and maintained clear scans. She was declared in remission in 2011 and got a pink ribbon tattoo on her ankle, but in 2013, Rebecca was diagnosed with breast cancer for the second time.

"When she had clear scans for five years in a row, we honestly thought she was done," Fuller said. "So, when it came back on the other side in a different form, we knew that this time it had to be an aggressive treatment."

To ensure this would be her last diagnosis, she had a bilateral mastectomy and reconstruction that consisted of five surgeries in 10 months, radiation and a year of recovery on a "forced sabbatical" that allowed her to be with her daughter, who was then 10.

After her return to school in 2014, Rebecca's mother, Sandra Boaz, was

diagnosed with breast cancer the following year.

"It was almost like a post-traumatic stress reaction," Rebecca said. "I wouldn't want anybody to have it, but if she was going to have it, I'm glad that I had it first because we already had all the doctors in place. She and my dad had been with me to my appointments, and they knew the doctors. She had exactly the same procedures done, down to the type of reconstruction we had, so that was good because we had all that stuff figured out."

Rebecca cared for her mother and took her to Race for the Cure only three weeks after her first surgery to participate in the survivor walk.

"She is my hero," Sandra said. "She has been through a lot of things very young. She is so strong."

On Sept. 14, 2017, Rebecca's experiences culminated at the Runway for the Cure, a Susan G. Komen fundraising fashion show in which all the models were breast cancer survivors. After participating in 2015 as a model, Rebecca took a group of students as volunteers to the show in 2016. In 2017, Rebecca and her mother were both selected as models while her visual merchandising students helped run the show backstage.

"It was an overwhelming experience," Rebecca said. "Everyone was backstage getting dressed and talking about their different experiences and the surgeries and doctors they had. It was kind of surreal. You would never want to be in that club, but if you were going to be in it, it's an automatic belonging. All those women were like me."

Megan Golliver, a senior fashion merchandising student who volunteered in 2016 and 2017 at Runway for the Cure, described Rebecca as resilient and was inspired by seeing Rebecca and her mother receive the applause and recognition they deserved.

"Having everyone in the room together and [supporting] her was an amazing opportunity," Golliver said. "For someone that pours into others all the time, for us to get to pour back into her and be there for her, that was a really great moment."

Rebecca learned through her experiences to care for herself along the way.

"It has given her the permission that she needs to take care of herself," Fuller said. "She is a very sacrificial person. Through having cancer, I think she has learned to take care of herself in the process too. The beautiful part is that [Rebecca and Sandra] are both here, and they have both lived through it."

Rebecca Boaz, associate professor of family and consumer sciences, reviews a textile swatch kit with sophomore Sierra Heasley in the Olen Hendricks building on Oct. 27, 2017. Boaz not only taught students about fashion merchandising but also demonstrated resiliency in the face of adversity. // Photo by Abigail Cooper

Boaz accompanies her mother Sandra at the Susan G. Komen Runway for the Cure in Little Rock, Arkansas, on Sept. 14, 2017. Boaz and her mother were part of a group of 48 breast cancer survivors chosen as models for the show. // Photo courtesy of Rebecca Boaz







SAILBOATS & SNAPSHOTS

DARNELL EXPANDS PORTFOLIO THROUGH SAILING

WORDS *Braden Bowman* // PHOTOS *Noah Darnell*

Noah Darnell, an adjunct professor in the department of communication, was known for his work with photojournalism, but unbeknownst to many were his journeys on the open sea following his time at Harding.

Darnell began working on boats at an early age, earning his boating license while in junior high school. He gained an International Certificate of Competence through the Royal Yachting Association to become capable of captaining any sailboat.

"The sea is not anything to mess with," Darnell said. "When you stand on the shore and look out at an oncoming hurricane you can say, 'I don't have to stay here. I can get in my car and leave.' But when you are out there, you can't get away from it. You have to know what you are doing when you are on the ocean."

After graduating from Harding in 2010, Darnell pursued a master's in photojournalism and documentary photography at the University of Westminster in London, England.

Afterwards, the Darnells returned home to the U.S., then traveled to 18 countries, including Ireland, France and Spain, on his sailing vessel PROTEUS. During this journey, Darnell's friend and colleague Philip Holsinger accompanied him on the journey.

"Early on, Noah shared with me that a dream of his was to do a long sailing journey," Holsinger said. "He asked if I would join him and I said yes."

Holsinger also mentioned that a love for sailing was something he had in common with Darnell.

"We both are lifelong sailors and lovers of water and [that] being on the water gives a person [serenity] and a broad perspective of life," Holsinger said. "The bond between Noah and I as friends has been made through shared adventure."

According to Darnell, his love for sailing and living in a new culture while studying abroad impacted his photography skills.

"I wasn't traveling in order to photograph," Darnell said. "I just photographed because I was there. It wasn't like I was documenting my own life. I was just there, experiencing life for myself."

His skills as a sailor and photographer also helped him become a stronger teacher. According to senior Macy Pate, Darnell's classes guided her in her search for what she wanted to do with her life.

"He has had a very positive impact on my confidence as both a photographer and an adventurer," Pate said. "We share passions, and it's really encouraging to have a mentor [who] can share that knowledge from real experience."

Noah Darnell, adjunct professor of communication, views Gibraltar from the deck of his sailing vessel PROTEUS in June 2015. Darnell spent close to five months based in Gibraltar and made short trips to Morocco and other surrounding countries. // Photo courtesy of Noah Darnell

Sailing vessel PROTEUS reaches a small fishing port that in Sines, Portugal on May 16, 2015. Ports uncommon for foreign visitors like this one became some of Darnell's favorite stops. // Photo courtesy of Noah Darnell

Darnell arrives in Brest, France on Mar. 24, 2015 after crossing from Ireland through the Isles of Scilly. Darnell's visit to Brest was the first mainland Europe landfall of his eighteen-month trip. // Photo courtesy of Noah Darnell

Darnell references the binnacle compass at the helm of his sailing vessel PROTEUS on Sep. 12, 2014. The binnacle compass was crucial for navigation in all of Darnell's sailing trips. // Photo courtesy of Noah Darnell



'HANWRITTEN' ENCOURAGEMENT

DIGITAL MEDIA DIRECTOR PUTS
PEN TO PAPER IN TRADITIONAL
GREETING CARD BUSINESS

WORDS *Katie West* // PHOTOS *Kaley Burks*

Hannah Owens, director of digital media, was a lover of cards, so much so, she started her own greeting card company called Hanwritten. This had been a dream of Owens' since she attended Harding as a student from 2007 to 2011.

When Owens was a student at Harding, she remembered going to stores trying to find a card that was just right. When she realized how important cards were to her, she decided she wanted to take a chance and start a business.

"I'm a dream person, so I always have [that] big thing that I'm looking toward and trying to accomplish," Owens said.

However, when Owens first started to think about her company, she struggled to find inspiration to begin.

In fall 2015, while working to attain her MBA from Harding, Owens revived her idea for a card business. Women for Harding, a scholarship-funding organization, was hosting a craft fair and Owens put together some cards for the show. It was then that she came up with the name of her company, Hanwritten — a play off her name.

This time, Owens' plans followed her dreams, and her new company was a success.

Dr. Andrew Baker, assistant Bible professor and director of the Mitchell Center, was one of Owens' biggest cheerleaders.

"I like Hannah, and I think there's a strong argument to be made for handwritten cards in a world of technology," Baker said. "Hannah gets that and is passionate about that."

Baker used Owens' cards for events such as Uplift and National Day of Encouragement.

Jennifer Hannigan, copy editor and publications writer for Harding, knew Owens from their college years and knew of her strong passion for cards. They worked together on the Petit Jean yearbook in 2007 and 2008.

"It's been fun because I've [been able] to see [Hanwritten grow]," Hannigan said. "It ties into what she does: the writing, storytelling and sharing. She just wants to connect people and encourage people."

At the end of the day, that was Owens' mission: to help others. She wanted to spread love, not just in Searcy, but all over the world.

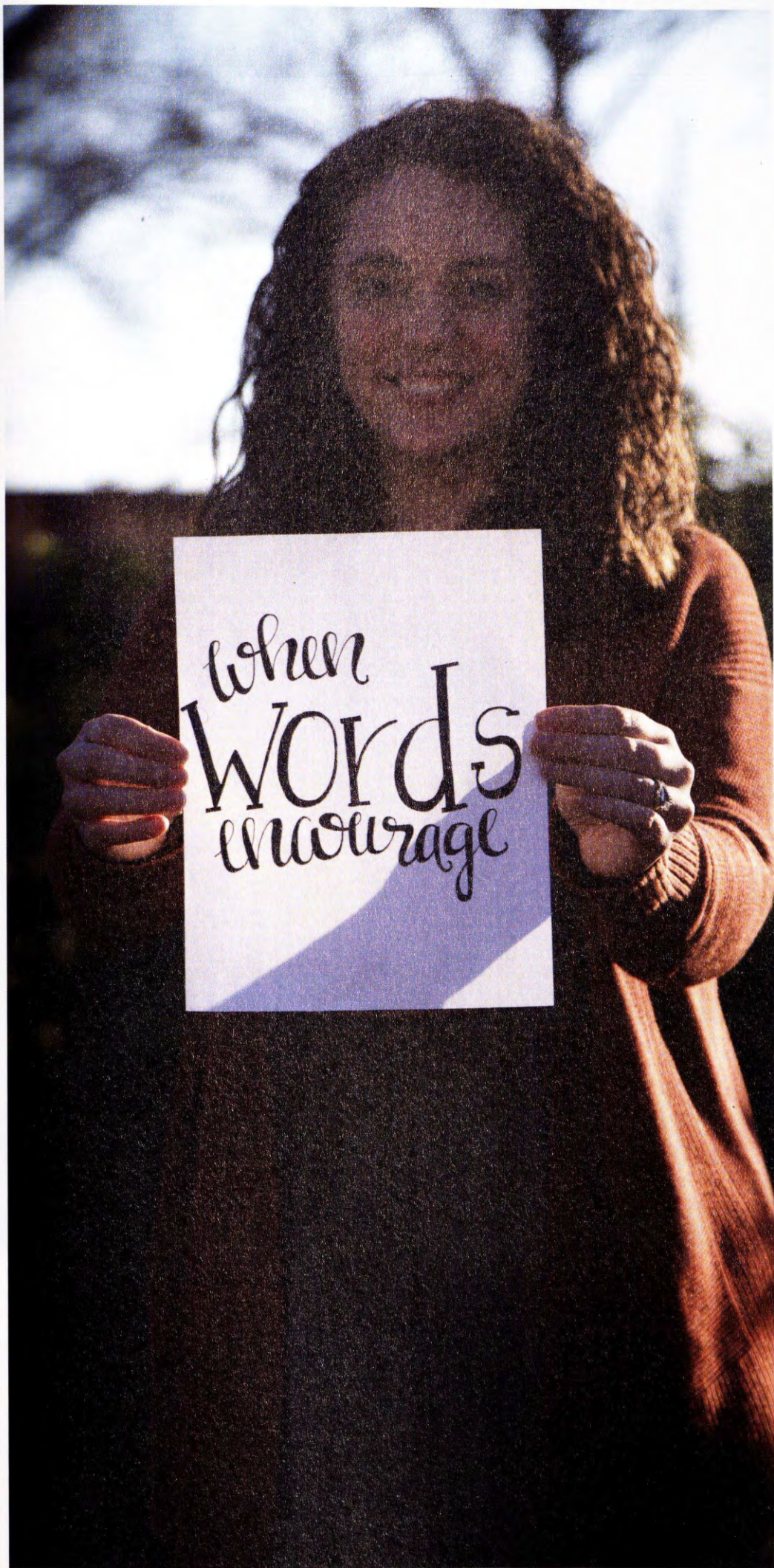
"Encouragement is really important to me," Owens said. "Words that build people up are important, and I think that we don't do enough of that in the world."

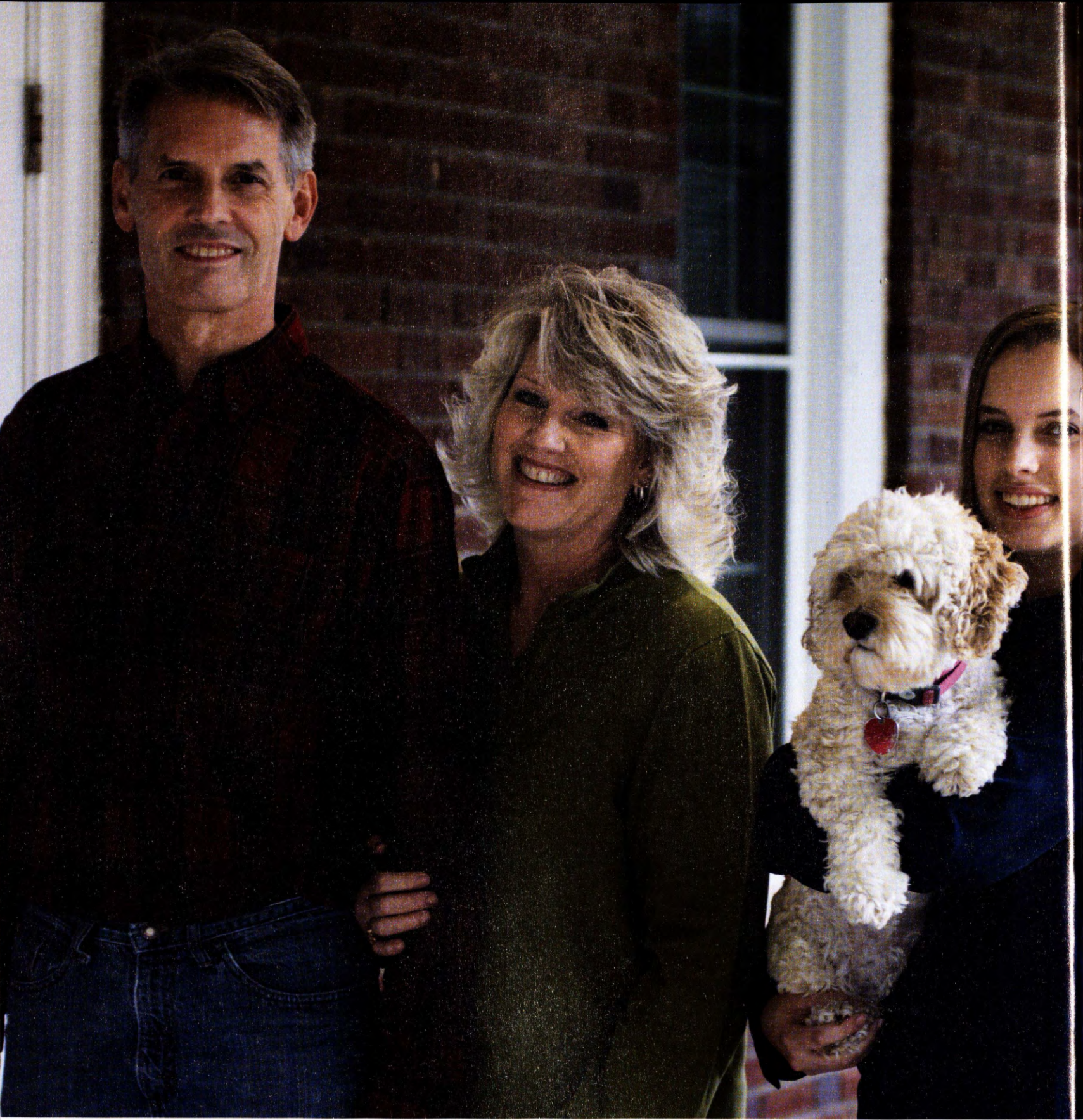
Owens typically writes her cards in black ink, scans the card into her computer and digitally recolors, resizes and fine tunes the design to then print and sell. Owens enjoyed adding many special touches to her cards like rounding the corners by hand and using a blunt paper cutter to obtain rough edges.

// Photo by Kaley Burks

Hannah Owens, director of digital media, creates custom greeting cards to fit any occasion because of her passion for the sentiment behind a handwritten card in a technology-driven society. Owens started her business in 2015 and sold her cards locally at craft shows and nationally through her website.

// Photo by Kaley Burks





MARTIN MOVES OUT

JOETTA MARTIN RETIRES AFTER 18 YEARS AS DORM MOM

WORDS *Jessie Smith* // PHOTOS *Abigail Cooper*

After serving 18 years in the women's dorm Pattie Cobb Hall, Residence Life Coordinator Joetta Martin retired in spring 2018. Martin first started working at Harding in 1985 as a financial aid counselor, but she resigned to raise her two children. She returned as a dorm mom in fall 1998, and, after one year in a student apartment complex, she moved to Pattie Cobb, where she stayed for 18 years.

"I love the girls because I get to know them," Martin said. "I get to talk to them every night. They're my kids, my family."

Martin knew that she would miss the residents the most. She loved getting to know them and watch them mature and grow.

Seniors Emilie Shannon and Brianne Johnson started as resident assistants (RAs) in Pattie Cobb during the fall semester of their sophomore year in 2015 and worked with Joetta for three years.

"I'm really sad she's leaving, but I'm also super excited [for her]," Shannon said. "She just has such a good attitude and a fun personality."

Johnson viewed Martin not only as a boss but as a mother figure.

"I got really sick my freshman year," Johnson said. "I didn't have a car, and I was in a really bad roommate situation. My RA found out I was really sick, and she told Mrs. Martin. Mrs. Martin came in and brought me juice and food and made sure I was taken care of, and then she took me to the pharmacy to pick up my prescriptions. After that, she would check up on me every week."

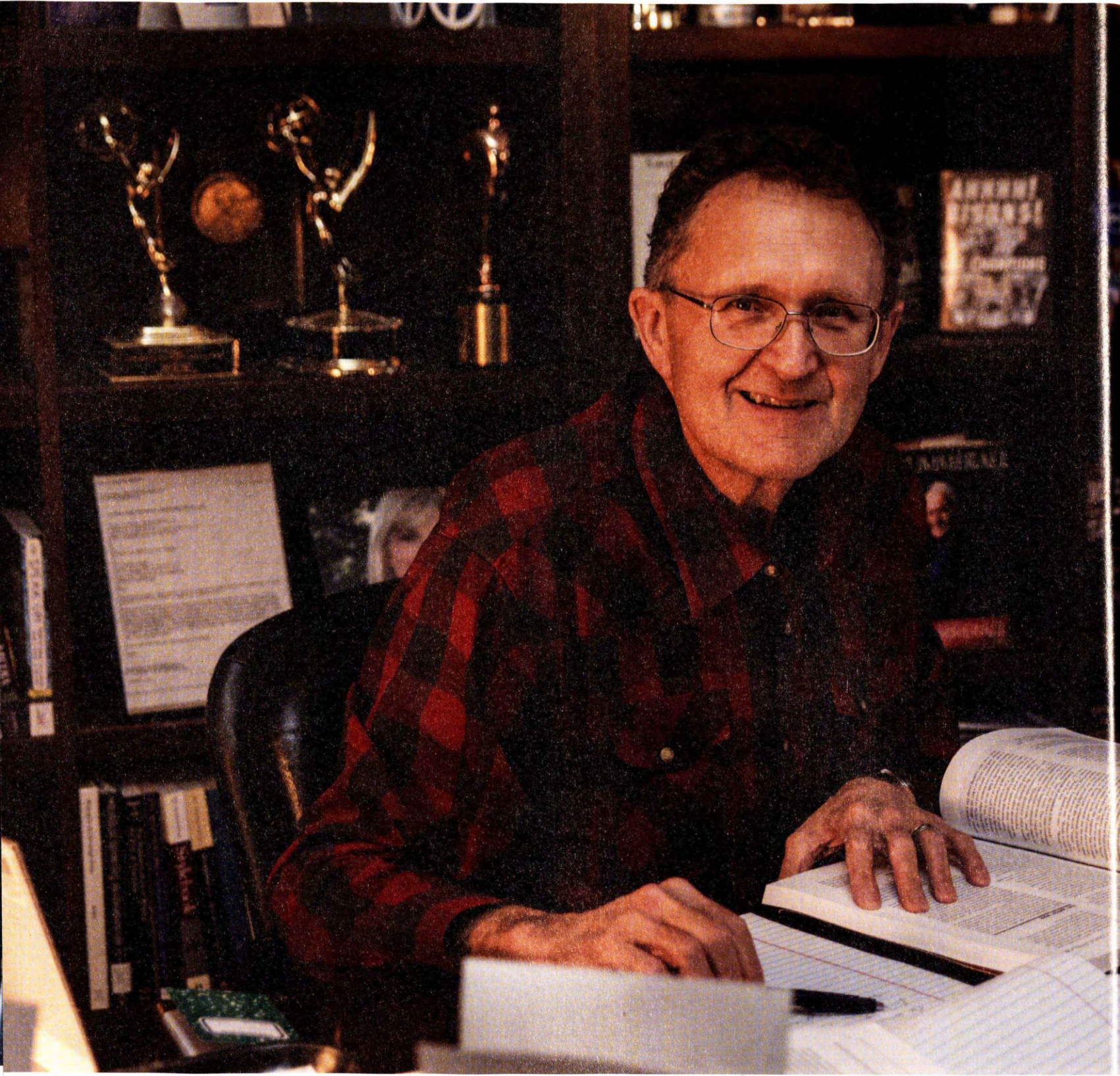
Shannon and Johnson agreed that Pattie Cobb would not be the same without Martin as the dorm mom.

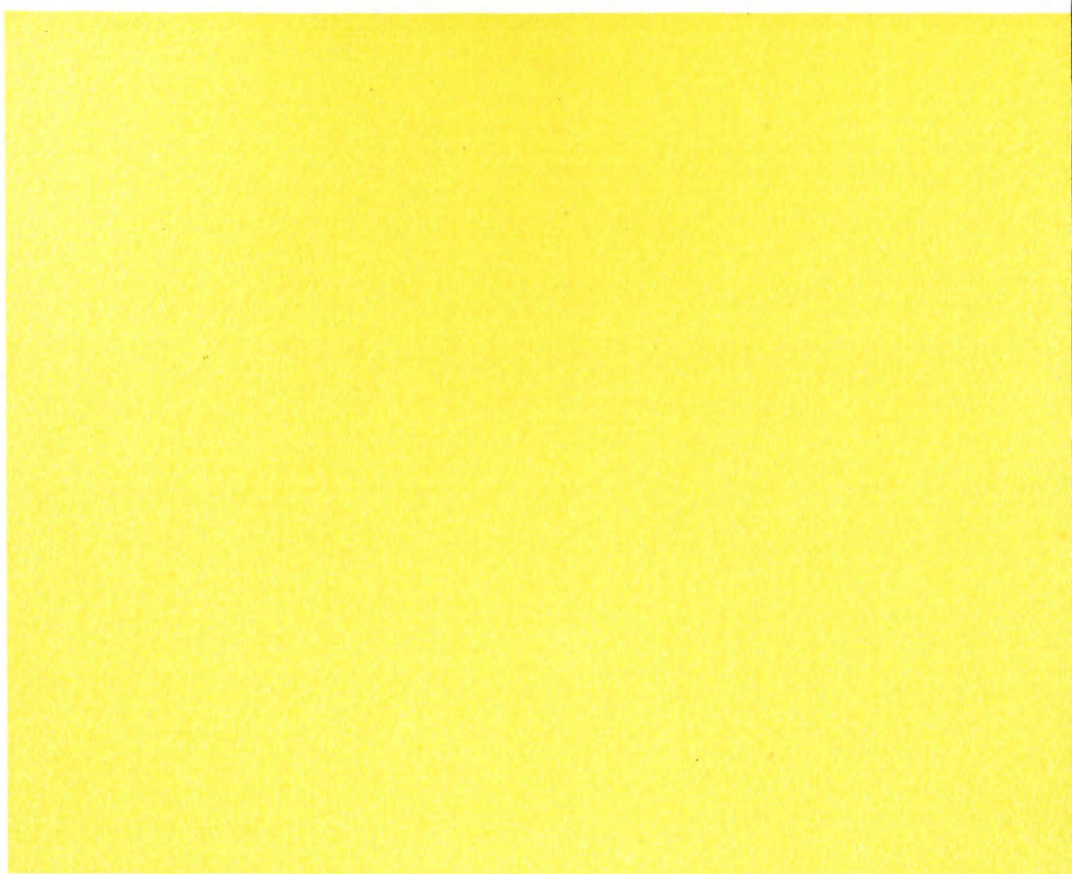
"When I'm coming home to Pattie [Cobb], I'm coming home to Mrs. Martin," Johnson said.

Though she retired as a dorm mom, Joetta wanted to continue to stay close to Harding. Her husband, Steve Martin, worked on campus as the director of the George S. Benson Auditorium technical services. Their children, alumnus Jacob and senior Brittany Martin, both attended Harding.

"You're supposed to learn from the older, wiser adults in your life, but I think I have learned so much in these years from the girls," Martin said. "I hope they've learned from me as I have from them."

Steve, Joetta and Brittany Martin reflect on their 18 years spent in Pattie Cobb Hall, where Joetta was the residence life coordinator. She became a second mother for many of the women who lived in Pattie Cobb and ensured their well-being through countless caring acts. // Photo by Abigail Cooper





TOP-NOTCH TIM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION BOASTS EMMY
AWARD-WINNING PROFESSOR

WORDS *Olivia Cook* // PHOTOS *Abigail Cooper*

Tim Hamilton, assistant professor of communication, served as chief photographer for Little Rock television station KATV for 32 years. Hamilton graduated from Harding in 1980 and landed his first job at KATV after beginning as an intern.

"I think it was ironic that I ended up with a career in TV since I had dreamed of a career in radio, but the internship really opened that door for me," Hamilton said.

After working at KATV, Hamilton joined the Harding faculty in 2012. Dr. Ginger Blackstone, assistant professor of communication, met Hamilton in 1990 when she completed an internship with KATV while Hamilton was the chief photographer.

"At the time, I knew of him because he had such a great reputation," Blackstone said. "It wasn't until he came to work at Harding that I really got to know him, but once I got to know him [on] a personal level, I quickly realized that his reputation was definitely accurate."

While at KATV, Hamilton worked in both sports and news. Reflecting on his time at KATV, he said that his favorite sports story was the 1994 NCAA basketball championship, when the University of Arkansas men's basketball team won. Hamilton grew up in Arkansas and had always been fan of the Razorbacks, so it was a dream come

true getting to cover the 1994 championship.

Another notable story that he covered was President Bill Clinton's elections in 1992 and 1996, for which he earned an Emmy award — the first of two. For the other, Hamilton and the KATV crew traveled to Peru to shoot a story called "The War on Drugs." Hamilton also earned the National Edward R. Murrow award for "396 Days," a news documentary he worked on about Bill Clinton's election as president.

One of Hamilton's favorite things about working at Harding was sharing what he learned on the job with students who wanted to go into broadcast. He also made it a point to be very honest about life and expectations for the real world.

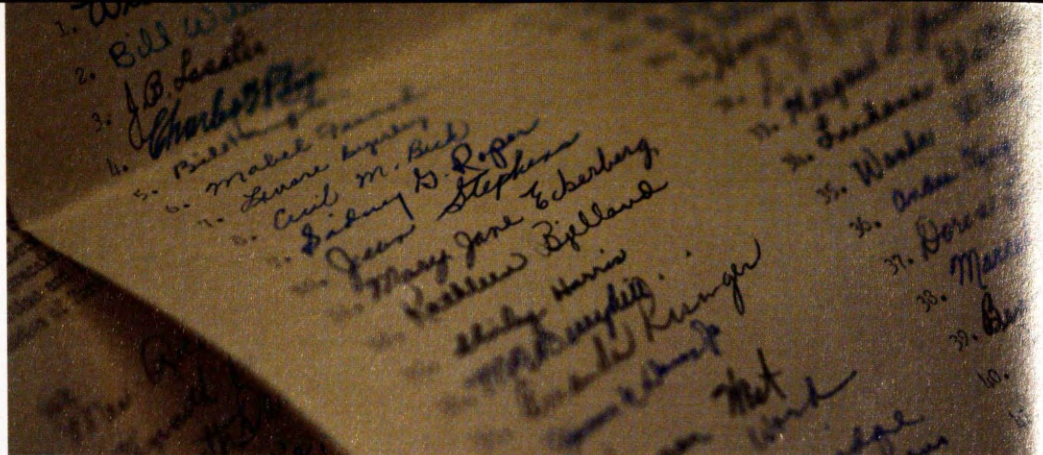
Sophomore broadcast journalism major Makayla Twigg had Hamilton for several classes.

"He wants us to succeed and will do anything in his power to help us do that," Twigg said.

Blackstone also spoke highly of Hamilton's teaching ability, saying he was very patient and kind with his students.

"He truly wants to help people grow," Blackstone said. "It is not about him at all. He is extremely selfless."

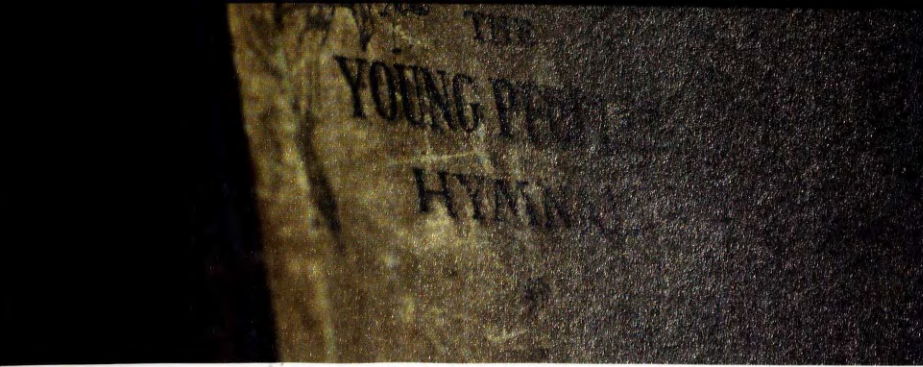
I Tim Hamilton, assistant professor of communication, offers a unique perspective to students by sharing over three decades of professional broadcasting experience. The Television Academy honored Hamilton twice with Emmy awards in recognition for excellent work as a broadcaster. // Photo by Abigail Cooper



ADVANCING THE ARCHIVES

ARCHIVE AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS LIBRARIAN
PRESERVES HARDING'S HISTORY

WORDS *Hannah Hitchcox* // PHOTOS *Evan Swearingen*



At the center of the Brackett Library was a cold, dry room filled with books, papers, letters and notes from some of Harding's most esteemed past leaders. The bookshelves and the carts surrounding them were filled to the brim with tangible Harding history, which were curated, preserved and collected by Hannah Wood, special archives and collections librarian.

"Between my history degree, museum studies degree and my love for Harding, it's the perfect job for me," Wood said.

Wood was raised with an appreciation not only for Harding, but for the people who helped shape the institution. Through her work, Wood gained a new perspective into the lives of historic Harding figures like Dr. Jim Bill McInteer, Dr. Clifton Ganus and Dr. George Benson. Since 2013, Wood worked with the Harding archives which served a variety of purposes.

Graduate students from institutions like Cornell University and Washington University, along with universities from the United Kingdom, visited campus to research artifacts that were exclusive to Harding.

Benson, Harding's second president, was politically active as a proponent of capitalism. He wrote many papers describing his anti-communist stance during the Cold War, which has become a very popular topic in the academic community.

"The only reason these people know about Harding is because of what Harding

College was a part of during Dr. Benson's time as president," Wood said.

Joanna Crisco, Harding Alumni and Parent Relations office manager, worked with Wood in preserving Harding's history through the Harding History House and was a third-generation Harding graduate. Crisco aimed to preserve Harding history because of the personal connection many alumni had to the people the artifacts represented.

"Preserving history is important because if you don't, you lose that tangible touch to the past that gives you ownership," Crisco said. "They are not just words on paper or people that [others] talk about; it gives you a personal connection, and if you don't hold onto it, you lose it."

Because Harding's history was accessible online, Crisco was able to find artifacts about her fiancé's father, a Harding alumnus, who had since passed away.

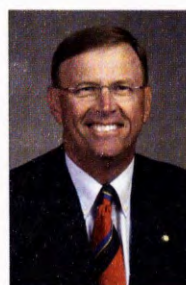
"I took [the artifacts] to [my fiancé]. He read through them and there was information in those articles that him, his brothers and sister didn't know," Crisco said.

The archives have also served as a reference guide and database for Hannah Owens, director of digital media. Owens combined social media with the archives, helping to connect current students, alumni and faculty with future members of the Harding community as well.

"Telling stories now means telling stories in the future, and none of that could be done without the work of the library," Owens said.

In the Brackett Library, Hannah Wood, archives and special collections librarian, maintains thousands of archives from all areas of campus and digitizes them into an easily accessible format. Wood received her digital archive specialization in April 2017 in order to better preserve Harding's history. // Photos by Evan Swearingen

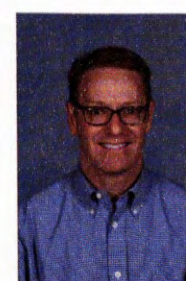
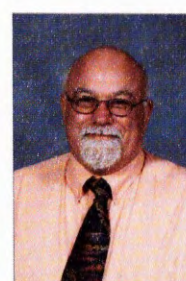
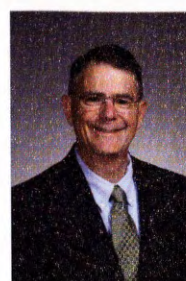
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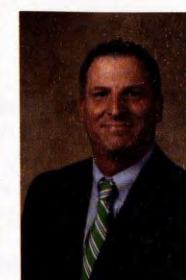
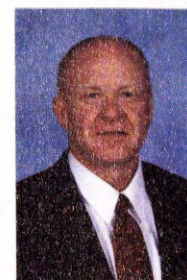
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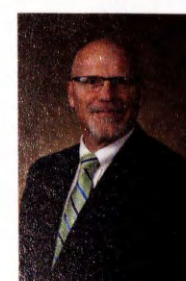
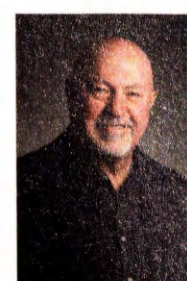
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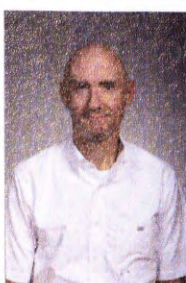
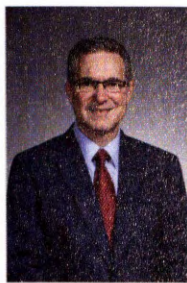


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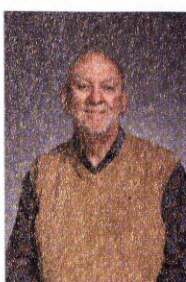
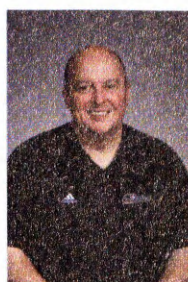
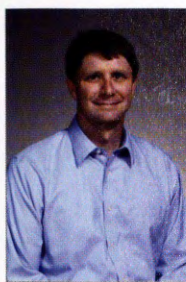
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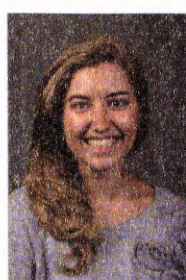
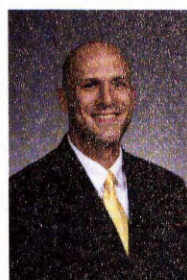
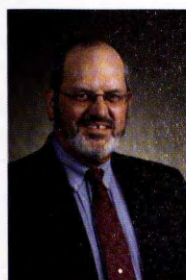
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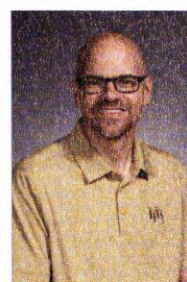
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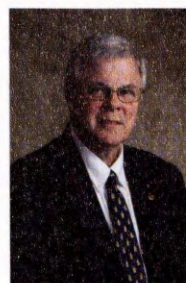
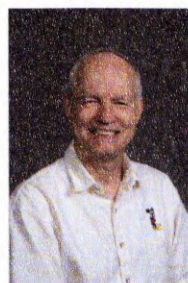
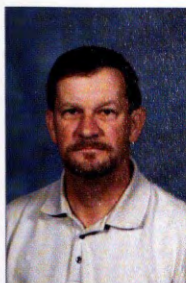
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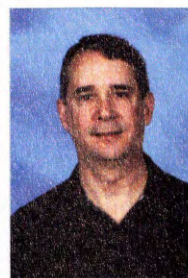
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During the 2017-18 school year, 914 faculty and staff members serving in all capacities across the globe created a collection of mentors, friends and colleagues pushing each other and pushing students to a greater sense of self, purpose and duty. Their inspiration, wisdom and knowledge became a part of the campus-wide synthesis — where we join together our best ideas and the world's best people to go into all the nations.

