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Dr. David B. Burks,  
President

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### It has always been for the students

**W**HEN I GRADUATED FROM HARDING IN 1965, Pattie Cobb was the cafeteria of choice. In fact, it was the only choice. ■ Located in the lower level of Pattie Cobb Residence Hall, it served the University well for more than 50 years. In the midst of a family-like atmosphere and small tables, many memories were created, especially on special occasions such

as the candlelight Christmas dinner. As former manager Corinne Hart can attest, serving the students was paramount.

Because Pattie Cobb became too small to serve a growing student body, the Charles M. White Dining Hall opened in 1965 after the completion of the American Heritage Center. Students now had a choice: eat in a brand-new, state-of-the-art facility or stay at Pattie Cobb and dine with the "saints" and "sinners." Both cafeterias had their merits, and some students swapped back and forth each semester, gaining the best of both worlds.

In 1987, Heritage Cafeteria expanded significantly, and the time came to close Pattie Cobb to provide needed dormitory space. In the enlarged cafeteria, students now had many more choices when it came to meal time, and a minor renovation was completed to improve the facility in 1997 and better serve students' needs.

Perhaps the most significant improvement to the facility occurred this summer, when Aramark and the University combined to complete a \$2.25 million renovation. While you can view photos of the new restaurant-style facility on pages 14-17 of this magazine, you really must visit to fully appreciate its merits.

This is a whole new dining experience. The kitchen area was moved to create an open-concept kitchen in which students can watch the

food being prepared. They may pull up a stool at the bakery and have fresh bread, pies and desserts. Menu choices abound, including an all-day breakfast station.

Seating has been modified to provide for large groups, as well as for smaller, more intimate gatherings. Televisions broadcast news, and network hookup ports allow students laptop Internet access while dining.

Aramark has hired a new head chef whose goal is to make students feel comfortable and at home.

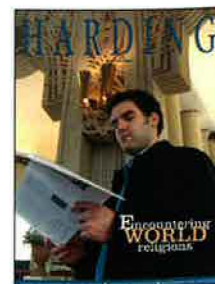
Extended hours are also part of the plan to better accommodate students. The facility is now open all day until 9 p.m. The extended times, particularly in the evening, are growing in popularity, affording students the chance to eat and fellowship on their terms.

The renovated dining hall — a wonderful facility full of variety and options — really is about serving our students. After all, they are the reason for our existence. ■

*David B. Burks*

#### On the cover.

Visiting the Bahá'í House of Worship in Chicago, senior Matt Barnes from Franklin, Tenn., surveys the brochure provided to students in the "Living World Religions" class while on tour. More about their trip can be found beginning on page 18. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)



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### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

#### Department of Art and Design

**Steve Choate**, assistant professor, received the doctor of philosophy in art history from Florida State University in November 2002. The title of his dissertation was "Devotion and Narrative Within the Tradition of the Croce Dipinta."

Dr. **John Keller**, professor and department chair, made a presentation at the Arkansas Art Educator's Conference in Little Rock Nov. 6 based on research he conducted to determine what knowledge and/or skills college art teachers want their students to acquire before beginning a major in art.

#### Department of Communication

Dr. **Rebecca O. Weaver**, professor of communication and speech and hearing coordinator, was granted a 2nd Award for Continuing Education on Aug. 1 by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Weaver is the current president of the Arkansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association and one of two Arkansas legislative councilors for ASHA. She is also a member of the Council for Clinical Certification for the ASHA.

#### Department of English

Two English faculty participated in the Southwest Regional Conference on Christianity and Literature Sept. 25-27 at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Ark. Dr. **Gary Elliott**, professor, read "Literature Lights the Way," and Dr. **Dennis Organ**, professor and department chair, presented "The Two Crises of Faith in Graham Swift's *Ever After*."

## Puccini, the Symphony and the Concert Choir find common ground

SEVENTY-FIVE STUDENTS ARE NOW the proud owners of what is most likely their first copy of Giacomo Puccini's "Turandot." As members of the Concert Choir, directed by Dr. Arthur Shearin, they'll use the CDs to train and rehearse for their April paired performance of the opera with the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra.

"Turandot," set in a mythical Peking where Prince Calaf must solve three riddles to win the beautiful but harsh Princess Turandot, is Puccini's final masterpiece. However, the opera is a first performance for the ASO, which will assemble 300 artists for the event. The 75 University students will join the Central Arkansas Children's Choir and other students from the University of Arkansas and Henderson State University to form a 200-voice chorus whose numbers are suffused throughout the two-hour score.

"We have the opportunity to perform a symphonic masterpiece with a professional orchestra, professional vocal soloists, and other university choruses from throughout the state. The challenge — and ultimately the satisfaction — of having rehearsed and performed these challenging compositions from the repertoire enhances the music education of our majors," says Shearin, who has directed the choir since 1987. "We trust that we bring recognition and honor to Harding through our participation."

He admits that this mountaintop artistic experience is a big jump from the Concert Choir's primary function of performing sacred and unaccompanied music in chapel, churches and on international tours. But he believes that he and the students are better musicians for it and better able to appreciate the University's heritage in context of the greater musical scene.

The partnership between the University and the orchestra predates 1974, remaining strong through the years and producing

such works as the Verdi "Requiem," Mahler "Resurrection" Symphony, and Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Due to the ASO's inability to accommodate the number of singers the University can provide, the Concert Choir rotates with the Chorus, which is under Dr. Cliff Ganus' direction, to share performance opportunities.

The opera is entirely in Italian with English supertitles and will be performed in concert version April 17 and 18 at the Robinson Auditorium in Little Rock, Ark.

## Student Association plans mornings, month of prayer

ON A UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, THERE are many blessings, opportunities and stresses crammed into each day, and often it is easy to lose sight of what is truly important and worthy of time. With this in mind, the Student Association has adopted the theme "Campus of Prayer" and chosen Philippians 4:6-7 as its focus for the 2003-2004 school year.

Each month, S.A. President Michael Campbell and Spiritual Life Committee Directors Ryan and Katie Bond plan and host a prayer breakfast at 7:15 a.m. in the Benson lobby. Participating students receive a slip of paper with a request on it, and in small groups or individually, they pray for such things as a spirit of joy on campus, soldiers, the community, the student body, the administration, and campus events. Afterward, they share juice and donuts before heading to class.

In addition to the monthly breakfasts, the S.A. is asking the student body to join in a scheduled commitment to prayer during February. Students, faculty and staff are being challenged to choose a half-hour and commit to praying during that same 30 minutes every day of the month.

"The goal is not to have someone signed up to pray during every hour of the day," says Campbell. "The goal is, first of all, to reach the lost on campus. We need to be asking God to have an effect on them so their hearts will be reached. Secondly, we're aiming for

a sense of repentance and renewal — for people to experience spiritual growth and to realize that prayer is applicable and needs to be in our lives. Finally, we want this month of prayer to challenge people to take steps that will leave them in God's hands alone, giving God a chance to reveal his power to us individually."

Campbell chose the month of prayer to immediately precede Community Appreciation Days, scheduled for March 1-2, hoping that focusing on a relationship with God will better prepare the campus to reach out with generous hearts in energized service.

Community Appreciation Days, previously called Day of Outreach, will take on more than a new name this spring. The service project will now occur entirely outside of class hours over the span of two evenings, instead of after the former half-day, abbreviated-class format. Coordinators Sio'Bhan Russell and Rodney Keeton are working to involve industrial companies as well as the Searcy fire and police departments in this year's outreach. An appreciation dinner for all campus and community participants will conclude the event.

## Lectureship honors servant leadership

TWENTY-TWO CHRISTIAN SERVANTS were recognized with Distinguished Christian Service Awards at Lectureship Sept. 28-Oct. 1.

Jimmy and Ann Adcox of Jonesboro, Ark.; Lloyd and Barbara Deal of Edmond, Okla.; Hershel Dyer of Tulsa, Okla.; the Flatt brothers, Bill of Memphis, Tenn., Don of Morehead, Ky., the late Dowell of Henderson, Tenn., and Leamon of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Thednel and Doris Garner of Searcy; Allan and Carole Isom of Searcy; Doyle and Barbara Kee of Geneva, Switzerland; Mack Lyon of Edmond, Okla.; Cecil and Winnie May of Montgomery, Ala.; Roy and Kathi Merritt of Kalomo, Zambia; and Douglas and Sarah Robison of Searcy were presented with plaques.

Next year's Lectureship, Sept. 26-29, will explore the theme "Jesus Loves Me."





## HUF's olive oil ranks second in Ivy League competition

THE DUOMO, MICHELANGELO'S *David* and gelato are on most Florence, Italy, visitors' must-not-miss lists. Not given as much attention in travel guides, but just as important to the HUF experience, is olive oil — specifically the olive oil harvested at Villa Il Palazzaccio, the University-owned villa on the

city outskirts.

The oil from the University's groves won second place in a December taste contest hosted by New York University's Florence program, beating Georgetown and Harvard, which also operate study-abroad programs in Tuscan villas.

For the competition, each university submits a bottle of oil, identified only by a number or letter. Each entry is given an olfactory test and sipped against a Tuscan standard. This is the third time the

University has competed, and it has placed in the top two slots every time, winning first in 2000 and second in 2001.

Students have helped pick the olives since the fall of 1990, when Robert Shackelford began directing the Florence program. After the olives are pressed at a nearby "frantoio," the oil is bottled. "We always have very tasty extra-virgin olive oil," says Shackelford. "The students enjoy 'fettunta,' toasted Tuscan bread with garlic and new olive oil."

They cannot take it home with them, though. There is only enough of the bottled oil for use at the villa. So like the Duomo, *David* and gelato, this is one more experience that only may be had in Florence.

## Honors Symposium adds fourth session

THE ADDITION OF THE THIRD Honors Symposium session in 2000 allowed for more participants — 139 last summer — but the popularity of the program has once again exceeded space limitations. For the second time in four years, another session has been added, bringing the number of summer offerings to four.

Honors Symposium is a two-week academic program on the Searcy campus designed to challenge, encourage and inspire high school students who are now in their junior year. Those who are accepted attend class with outstanding professors, participate in community service projects, enjoy recreational activities, and invariably form lasting friendships with other junior scholars.

This year's theme is "Paradigms Lost and Found," and participants may earn three hours of college credit. In the last four years, students from more than 40 states and six foreign countries have attended Honors Symposium. Even though a fourth session has been added, sessions fill quickly, and director Dr. Jeffrey T. Hopper suggests students apply as soon as possible.

The 2004 sessions are June 25-July 9, July 2-16, July 9-23 and July 16-30. For more information, students should e-mail [honorsym@harding.edu](mailto:honorsym@harding.edu) or call (501) 279-5272.

## Newsmakers

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

#### Department of English

Six members of the English department attended the annual conference of the Arkansas Philological Association Oct. 17-18. Four made presentations, and Dr. **Terry Engel**, assistant professor, was elected president of the organization for the coming year.

Dr. **Michael Claxton**, assistant professor, presented "A Connecticut Yankee and Victorian Magic." **Alexia Kinsley**, a graduate student and adjunct instructor, presented "Making Sense of the Obscene and Scatological in Thomas Pynchon's *Gravity's Rainbow*." **Yahna Moss**, a graduate student, presented "The Tell-Tale Heart" of a Woman." Engel read a chapter from *Mississippi Sunset*, a novel he is writing. Dr. **Ken Hammes**, professor, and Dr. **Dennis Organ**, professor and department chair, also attended.

#### Department of Music

Dolly Parton's latest album, *For God and Country*, features the **Concert Choir**, directed by Dr. **Arthur Shearin**. The group's a cappella performance of "Whispering Hope" is backup to Parton's vocals in the song that some critics have called "one of the album's true highlights."

Parton, looking for a choral, a cappella rendition of the song, chose the Concert Choir's version after it was sent to her by Dallas Christian Sound, the music department's recording producer.

### COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND RELIGION

Dr. **Bill Richardson**, associate professor, has been named director of a new master's degree program in Bible, a 36-hour program that will be offered at the Searcy campus. A planning committee of 12 is currently discussing outcome assessments, teaching models and faculty requirements for the program. More details will be announced in the spring issue.



After facing rigorous auditions, Abby Chandler, Sam Peters, Melissa Ward and Shawn Frazier will emcee Spring Sing 2004.

## Spring Sing yields beginnings

BRINGING THEIR INDIVIDUAL strengths to form a collective powerhouse on stage this April 8-10, four hosts and hostesses will provide three days of polished performances in the 2004 Spring Sing production titled "Beginnings."

Senior Sam Peters of Little Rock, Ark., junior Melissa Ward of Lancaster, Ohio, sophomore Abby Chandler of Little Rock, Ark., and freshman Shawn Frazier of Searcy earned the lead vocal positions this year, making this the first year in Spring Sing history in which all four classifications have secured premier roles. Dottie Frye, director of hosts, hostesses and ensemble, says the group has gelled and works well together.

The hosts and hostesses train with vocal

coach Laura Eads to learn the music, while the staff works on adding new visual elements to the spectacle. Responsible for brainstorming costume ideas, Frye and Cindee Stockstill, producer, pursue every medium, from movies and books to nature and history, for inspiration. Price and attainability must be considered before an idea can become reality.

The costumes are only part of the overall visual picture created for each number, though. Set design, staging and performer movement also factor in. "The staff of Spring Sing spends countless hours working on staging and positive showcasing of the Spring Sing cast," she says. "The reason the faculty and staff work so hard is that

they view it as a labor of love."

Frye believes this year's production will "boldly go where no show has gone before" and hopes it will provide the audience with the excitement and wonder that come with new beginnings.

In addition to the Spring Sing show, "The Miracle Worker," by William Gibson, will be performed on campus April 9-10. "The Miracle Worker" is a three-act play based on the true story of Annie Sullivan's heroic efforts to teach then-temperamental Helen Keller discipline and finger spelling.

You may order tickets for Spring Sing 2004 and "The Miracle Worker" by using the card in this magazine.





## Newsmakers

### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**Reet Cronk**, assistant professor of business and director of the information technology program, received the doctor of philosophy in September from the University of Southern Queensland in Australia. Her dissertation was titled "Understanding 'Information Systems Business Value.'"

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

In November, the College of Education presented its Co-operating Teacher of the Year awards for 2002-2003 to **Bobbie Coleman** ('71) and **Connye Holden**, English teachers at Searcy High School. The two have supervised student teachers from the University for more than 20 years.

### COLLEGE OF NURSING

Four nursing majors were elected to serve on the Arkansas Nursing Student Association Board at the Arkansas Nursing Student Association/Arkansas Nursing Association Convention in Little Rock Oct. 30-31.

**Franque Crunkleton**, a junior from Perryville, Ark., serves as District One director; **Ginny Hill**, a senior from Jacksonville, Ark., serves as secretary; **Irene Drobyshevsky**, a senior from Minsk, Belarus, serves as webmaster; and **Nikki Williams**, a junior from Antioch, Tenn., serves as treasurer.

**Kyle Vath**, a junior from Cincinnati, was named Arkansas Nursing Student Association Student of the Year.

## New scholarship council grooms future recipients

MARSHALL, RHODES, FULBRIGHT, oh my! The rigorous application process required for these and other prestigious scholarships can easily overwhelm even the most gifted students, and most successful applicants have had the advantage of a university scholarship center or faculty and staff fellowship advisers. With the formal organization of the scholarship council last fall, University students also have the benefit of individual and personalized scholarship coaching.

Drs. Pat Garner, professor of speech, and Jeffrey T. Hopper, dean of the Honors College and International Programs, serve as the council's principal leaders and meet monthly with interested students. "Anyone can come, but it is a four-or-more-year process, so we pitched it to freshmen first," Hopper says.

So far approximately 10 students have attended one of the meetings, which currently focus on constructing a cultivated vita and positive presentation in a personal narrative. Garner says the workload for those involved in the council will be equivalent to taking an added three-hour course each semester.

The serious participants don't

mind. "If I want to apply for a scholarship in a few years, I need to be making wise decisions on how I spend my free time, so that my end vita will be marketable," sophomore Heather Relyea says.

Relyea, who grew up in a missionary family in Papua New Guinea, is a political science and premedicine major with minors in health care missions and chemistry. She's ambitious, to say the least, not to mention talented. In addition to playing the piano, painting, competing in the pageant system, and speaking several languages, Relyea loves working to advance medicine and literacy. Her family's work as tribal group Bible translators provided her with special exposure to the needs in these fields, and her scholarship dreams include combining the two and working in community health development. In fact, she's already started by writing, translating and publishing a snake-bite manual for residents of Papua New Guinea.

"I really treasure the experiences I've had overseas and the interactions with people in a foreign country," she says. "I'm extremely proud to be an American and would never trade that, but it is important to keep a global perspective. I love learning — anthropologically and socially — and a scholarship would be a great facilitating stepping stone for me."

Garner and Hopper believe the council will help University students be stronger scholarship competitors. "Formalizing the scholarship council is going to be good for Harding and good for students," says Garner, who is an active member of the National Association of Fellowships Advisors. He has witnessed the success of other school's centralized applicants firsthand and acknowledges the wisdom in having a moderating clearinghouse.

## Catalog being distributed on CD

AS OF JANUARY, ALL PROSPECTIVE students who apply for admission receive the University's course catalog in the form of a three-inch computer-compatible CD. According to Glenn Dillard, director of enrollment management, the CD operates like an interactive viewbook that allows students to navigate not only the catalog, but also campus and student-body information.

"When students click on 'Sports,' they will be able to hear a play being made in the background and the squeak of tennis shoes on the hardwood floor in the Rhodes Field House," Dillard says. "When they click on 'Spring Sing,' they will be able to hear Spring Sing music, and when they click on 'American Studies Institute,' they will hear and see speakers like Gen. Colin Powell talking about Harding — right there in front of them."

The electronic format, created and designed by Greg Clayton of the art department, provides the perfect opportunity to spotlight the University in a more visual way. But there are a few other perks, too, including direct links from the CD to the University Web site and a better mailing option.

"The CD catalog is a good way for us to take advantage of technology and save postal costs," says David Crouch, director of public relations. "It's \$2.63 to mail a catalog in print and \$.37 to mail a CD."

This year, of the 10,000 catalogs used on campus and sent to prospective students and guidance counselors throughout the world, 5,000 are in the new CD version.



During the summer of 2002, Heather Relyea works with village children as part of the Summer Institute of Linguistics Medical Care Clinic in Ukarumpa, Papua New Guinea.





## Wilson receives NASA grant to continue Mars research

DR. EDMOND WILSON is looking for something he does not believe exists. Off and on for the past six years, the physical science professor has been working to design and build a special laser instrument that will measure biogenic gases such as water vapor and methane on Mars, thus offering evidence of life on the red planet, whether past or present.

"I personally don't think life exists outside Earth," he says. But he quickly points to examples on Earth in which life has been discovered in once thought impossible conditions, such as thermal wells in the deep ocean and bacteria buried hundreds of meters deep in Antarctic ice. "At one time, we didn't think life existed in these hostile places," he concedes. "We won't know until we go and see. If it does, I would be very excited."

Wilson is now one step closer to the go-and-see point. In October, he received word that his research project had been awarded a \$670,000 federal grant from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to complete work on an instrument that will survey the surface of Mars, searching for gases that living systems emit.

The first step is to build a special gas cell, a Mars atmosphere simulator, in which to put the instrument to test its sensitivity and ruggedness under the extreme conditions found on Mars. "We will reproduce the Martian atmosphere and temperature as we know them," he explains.

At the end of three

years, the length of the grant, he and his co-workers will be ready to test the instrument in the Canadian High Arctic at Axel Heiberg Island, a location with terrain and temperature similar to those of Mars.

Of course, the end Wilson has in sight is much greater than field testing. "Our goal is to have our instrument ready to compete for a place on the 2009 Mars mission, NASA's next planned mission to the surface of Mars," he says.

Before 1990, Arkansas received almost no funding from NASA. Wilson helped write the grant for the Arkansas Space Grant Consortium, a part of NASA's National Space Grant Program. Over the last 13 years, 140 grants totaling \$337,255 have been awarded to University faculty and students or to K-12 programs in the community through the Arkansas Space Grant Consortium. "You're always writing grants," he says. "Less than 50 percent of grants are ever funded. But if you don't ask, you don't get."

Wilson's willingness to keep asking is rooted in the desire to expose his students to a research experience few receive at the undergraduate level. The latest NASA grant provides pay for student researchers' work during the school year and summer, as well as travel to labs such as NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab and NASA Ames Research Center, both in California.

Philip Ashley, a sophomore physics major from the Solomon Islands, and Amanda Wooldridge, a ju-

nior chemistry major from Benton, Ark., are working with Wilson, who believes such research gives his students an edge. "They get to meet the top people in the field, give presentations at meetings, and help write papers," he says. "It always helps them get into graduate and medical schools and win more prestigious scholarships and fellowships." Ashley will spend the summer working at Jet Propulsion Laboratory, thanks to a three-year NASA Workforce Development Fellowship he received from the Arkansas Space Grant Consortium.

Wilson is the principal investigator on the Mars research project, with co-investigators Gary Anderson of the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, James Mackey of Harding, and Edward Tunstel of Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "Our team has been working together for several years to achieve this level of funding, and we are excited and ready to go," Wilson says.

Tunstel is currently a project coordinator for NASA's two Mars Exploration Rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, headed for a January landing on Mars. "His influence will be invaluable in keeping our project on target and in full view of key Mars project leaders," says Wilson.

The road to this point has been a long and rocky one for Wilson, but he keeps moving forward.

"I'm just excited to participate at this level," he says. "At last we have the funds and can build a working model. I thank God for this marvelous opportunity."

## Public relations majors gain society membership

BELIEVING THEY HAVE FOUND AN additional lever for prying open the job market, public relations majors have reinstated the University's chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America.

The PRSSA chapter, which dissolved in 1999, officially regained its status on campus Nov. 1. Dr. Jack Shock, associate professor of communication, serves as the faculty sponsor.

Shock has held professional membership in the Public Relations Society of America for 15 years and believes the organization's expansive job and internship databases will benefit students' job searches. In addition, the PRSSA eases its members into networking with members of the PRSA.

"We have professional advisers who are in the field, and they do a great job of making sure our students are included in professional meetings, seminars, etc.," says Shock. "They also provide job shadowing opportunities, as well as critiques of resumes and portfolios."

In October, Shock and 12 public relations majors attended the annual PRSA conference and luncheon in Little Rock, Ark., where public relations professionals from all over the state gathered to discuss the ins and outs of their field. The University students participated in several of the professionally led roundtable discussions.

Members of the student organization are expected to participate in a PRSA-sponsored Bateman Case Study. This national competition annually challenges students to create a campaign — this year an awareness campaign for consumer credit issues that specifically targets the college-student population. Winners will receive cash prizes.

PRSSA membership is renewable each year in both November and April upon paying \$50 dues. The cost is worth it for students like senior Todd Ramsey, president of the University chapter, who points out that student members are eligible immediately after graduation for associate membership in the PRSA.

## Newsmakers

### COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

#### Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering

The programming team participated in the IBM/ACM Regional Programming competition on Nov. 1. This contest involved 118 teams in five states, and all 14 Arkansas teams competed on campus. The trio of **Alex Lambert**, a senior computer science major from Searcy; **Andrew Masters**, a junior computer engineering major from Raceland, La.; and **Danny Reese**, a senior missions major from Austin, Texas, placed first among the 14 Arkansas teams. In the region, the University team finished seventh.

#### Department of Physical Science

A scientific paper by Dr. **Edmond Wilson**, professor and director of undergraduate research, and his students **Adam Jacoby** ('03), **Sheila Kukta** ('03) and **Lauren Gilbert Lambrecht** ('03) was published in the latest edition of *The Journal of Physical Chemistry A*.

### INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

In October, **Tyler Hendrix**, a sophomore English major from Antoine, Ark., won third place in an essay contest in Florence, Italy, for "My First Impression of Florence."

Dr. **Jeffrey T. Hopper**, dean of the Honors College and International Programs, performed piano recitals in Florence, Italy, and Athens, Greece, this fall. The Athens performance was part of a reception introducing new international program directors **Jerry and Dianne Myhan** to the community.

### OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

**David Collins** joined the administrative staff in July as an assistant dean of students. He shares responsibility for male students with **Roddy Mote** and also makes men's on-campus housing assignments.





## Volleyball takes conference championship

THE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL team stunned 23rd-ranked University of North Alabama 3-1 at the Rhodes Field House, taking the program's first Gulf South Conference championship from the seven-time repeating champions. As a result, the Lady Bisons earned their second-straight berth in the NCAA II National Tournament, where they fell to UNA in a rematch.

The Lady Bisons, under fifth-year head coach Keith Giboney, earned the right to host the tournament by winning their second-straight GSC West Division regular season title. The team rolled through conference play with an 11-1 record. The Lady Bisons defeated the University of West Florida in the opening round of the tournament and the University of Montevallo in the

semifinals to clinch a spot against UNA in the finals.

The Lady Bisons compiled a 30-9 overall record, the sixth 30-win season in school history and the first since 1995. The victory over UNA gave the Lady Bisons their 500th win since the program's inception in 1983.

The team relied on three seniors and three juniors for much of their production in the 2003 season. Senior outside hitter Veronica Piech set a single-season school record with 523 kills and added 547 digs to become the first Lady Bison with a 500-500 season. For her efforts, she earned First Team All-South Central Region honors from the American Volleyball Coaches Association and was First Team All-GSC. She completed her career as the University's leader in kills and digs and ranks 12th in NCAA II history in career digs.

The two other seniors, outside hitter Shaila Farley and setter Lydia Kelly, were also strong contributors. Farley was third on the team, performing 473



Senior outside hitter Veronica Piech's 11 digs and 23 kills help the Lady Bisons win the conference championship from North Alabama.

kills and 500 digs and ranking second at the University in both categories. Kelly notched 1,192

assists at setter and had 3,648 assists in her career.

Junior Kate Kennedy led the Lady Bisons with a .321 hitting percentage and 146 total blocks and was second in kills with 478. Junior Amie Morrison set a single-season school record with 707 digs, the third highest total in GSC history. She averaged 5.32 digs per game to rank in the top 10 in NCAA II. Also a junior, Leanne Lackey had 246 kills and 100 total blocks, ranking fourth and second on the team, respectively.

## Lady Bison soccer earns first tournament trip

COMPLETING THEIR MOST successful season in school history, the Lady Bisons compiled a 10-7-1 overall record and as the third seed, earned their first berth in the Gulf South Conference Tournament.

The team ranked fifth in the final NCAA South Region coaches' poll.

Six Lady Bisons earned all-conference honors, including All-GSC First Team members junior forward Lori Boren, senior midfielder Lyndsey Garner and sophomore defender Megan Hatcher. Additionally, third-year head coach Greg Harris earned GSC Coach of the Year honors.

The Lady Bison offense set school records in nearly every category, including points (164), goals (57) and assists (50). Boren led the team with a

school-record 34 points and tied another record with 13 goals and 8 assists. Garner led the team with 9 assists, only one away from the University record.

Five other Lady Bisons had more than 10 points, including junior Becky Taylor (9 goals, 5 assists), freshman Laura Bullington (8 goals, 7 assists), senior Courtney Saul (8 goals, 3 assists), sophomore Hilary Rosenbaum (6 goals, 3 assists), and freshman Sarah Williamson (4 goals, 3 assists).

Hatcher, senior Brooke Cockrell, sophomore Julie Akins and freshman Emily Currie formed the defensive back four who teamed with senior goalkeeper Gracey Mathis to limit opponents to only 1.79 goals per game, the second-lowest total allowed by a Lady Bison team.

## Faris leads scoring for men's soccer

WITH AN OVERALL MARK OF 7-9-2 in their fourth season, the men's soccer team tied the University's wins record. The Bisons finished 2-4-1 in Gulf South Conference play, which tied them for sixth in the league.

The bulk of the scoring came from sophomore forward Ben Faris, who set a school record with 16 goals, scoring nearly half of the team's 40 goals this season. He became the first Bison to earn First Team All-GSC honors.

The Bisons also received scoring punch from junior Brian Day, who had 6 goals and 2 assists; senior Mitch Jones, who had 3 goals and a team-high 6 assists; and senior Kyle Hinckley, who had 3 goals and 4 assists.

Senior Michael Allen, who started 17 of 18 games at goalkeeper, posted 2.05 goals against average and had 4 shutouts. The Bisons' 2.30 goals against average ranked second in school history.

### Midnight Madness



Men's basketball coach Jeff Morgan receives support from the Rhodes Rowdies as he teaches chants at Midnight Madness Oct. 14. At press time, the Bisons were 7-4, and the Lady Bisons were 4-7.



## Cross country teams finish in top five at nationals

WHEN IT COUNTED THE most, cross country runners had the best performances of the year in the NCAA Division II National Championships in Raleigh, N.C. Their efforts paid off at the finish line.

Running on a challenging course featuring long sloping hills and numerous sharp turns, the Bisons and Lady Bisons set individual and school records in ranking among the nation's best.

The Bisons finished third in the team competition, their highest placement at nationals in school history, beating a fifth-place tie in 2001. The team tied for 14th last season.

Individually, five Bisons earned All-American honors. Senior Jacob Rotich became the team's first three-time All-American in cross country by finishing second overall, completing the 10-kilometer event in 30:39.9. It was the highest placement and the fastest time ever by a Bison at the national championship.

Peter Kosgei became the University's first freshman All-American by finishing third overall in 30:46.2. Senior Maciek Miernicki (18th in 31:43.75), senior Scott Wietecha (30th in 32:16.9), and junior Reed Fisher (42nd in 32:43.4) also earned their first career All-American honors.

Freshman Matt Cregar placed 128th coming in at 34:49.4, and sophomore Ben Collins placed 152nd with a time of 35:36.65.

To qualify for nationals, the Bisons won their fourth-straight NCAA South Regional Championship. Rotich won his third-straight individual regional title, and Kosgei placed third. Both earned

Three-time All-American Jacob Rotich is well on his way to a second-place finish at the national championships in Raleigh, N.C. Teammate Peter Kosgei (left) runs close behind and finished third overall.



all-region honors.

The men captured their fourth-straight Gulf South Conference title when the Bisons placed five runners in the top seven finishers. Rotich won the race, Kosgei earned second and Wietecha secured fourth.

In their nine meets, the Bisons won the team title five times and never finished lower than third. Rotich won six of the eight races he competed in and earned Mondo South Region Cross Country Athlete of the Year.

The Lady Bisons also turned in their best-ever national championship finish, tying South Dakota

State for fifth place. The previous high was a 12th-place finish in 1999.

Senior Janet Kogo closed out her cross-country career as the Lady Bisons' first two-time All-American by clocking in at 21:05.5 for a third-place finish overall in the 6-kilometer race. This is the highest placement and fastest national championship time by a Lady Bison, breaking Kogo's previous marks of 15th place and 22:25.5 set last season in Ashland, Ohio.

Junior Helen Singoei earned her first All-American honor by placing 29th in 22:22.7.

The team's other five runners included senior Sarah Reardon (64th in 23:17.4), freshman Jessica Pingrey (105th in 23:59.8), freshman Vicky Echeverria (129th in 24:19.1), freshman Mary Brown (150th in 24:47.8), and sophomore Jessica Cornett (163rd in 25:20.6).

The Lady Bisons qualified for the national meet with a fourth-place finish in the South Region meet. Kogo was the team's highest finisher, placing fourth. The Lady Bisons placed second in the Gulf South Conference meet, but Kogo won the individual crown for the second-straight year.

## Bison football concludes season 4-6

COMING OFF OF THEIR BEST season in 30 years, the Bisons had high expectations for the 2003 football season. However, the team struggled to put together an effective rushing attack offensively and allowed their opponents nearly 400 yards per game, leading to a 4-6 overall record and a 3-6 mark in the Gulf South Conference.

Offensively, sophomore quarterback Adam Lybrand became the starting quarterback in the fourth game due to senior Freddie Langston suffering a season-ending knee injury. Lybrand completed 147 of 294 passes for 2,039 yards and 12 touchdowns. He became only the third Bison quarterback to pass for more than 2,000 yards in a season.

Lybrand's favorite target was senior wide receiver Santiago Collins, who caught 57 passes for 634 yards and three touchdowns. Collins completed his Bison career as the school's leader in career receptions and receiving yards.

Sophomore Dondtray Thomas led the Bisons in rushing for the second-straight season, rushing 131 times for 490 yards and three touchdowns.

Defensively, senior line-backer Tim Polk led the Bisons and the conference with 10.1 tackles per game. He had 9.5 tackles for loss and 3.0 sacks, earning First Team All-GSC honors. Sophomore safety Torrance Daniels was also an all-conference performer, recording 69 tackles. He led the team with 13.5 tackles for loss and 7.0 sacks. Sophomore line-backer Scott Dutile was third with 52 tackles and 7.0 tackles for loss.

Senior punter/kicker Coy Nance finished as the school's career leader in scoring and field goals. This season, Nance connected on 14 of 22 field goals and 16 of 18 PATs. He also had 46 punts, resulting in a 40.0-yard average.





## Bison logo charges into 21st century

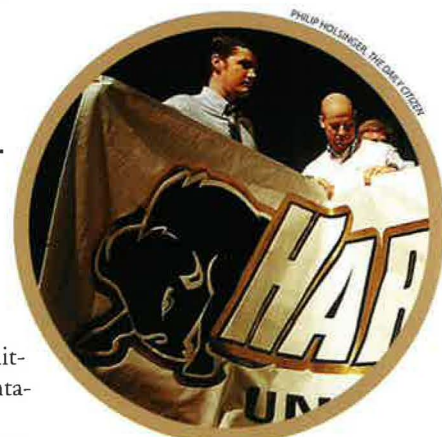
**D**USTIN VYERS ENJOYS A PRIVILEGE MANY designers never receive: seeing his trademark logo on almost all University-related items, including athletic uniforms, all clothing and many school supplies in the newly renovated bookstore. That's because his trademark logo is the new bison logo, redesigned for the first time in 30 years.

Vyers even had a fashion show of sorts when his new design was unfurled on a banner at a chapel presentation the day Homecoming began. "When people actually cheered for it in chapel that day, it was incredible," he says.

In the process leading up to the chapel presentation, Vyers, who is student activities coordinator, presented 57 different designs to a committee comprising coaches, students, a graphic designer, bookstore representatives and several administrators.

Liz Howell, director of alumni relations, chaired the committee, whose purpose was to make recommendations on updating and increasing the variety of sportswear and memorabilia offered in the bookstore and to establish more uniformity in the use of school colors and logos.

"As the renovations on the bookstore evolved, we needed a new look for



*Dustin Vyers and the coaching staff unveil the new logo to thunderous applause in chapel Oct. 16, 2003.*



sportswear — a new logo,” she says. “Our goal was to raise the standard of the logo so that a more collegiate look would be reflected through our merchandise.”

Vyers joined the mix upon the recommendation of Kellee Blickenstaff, bookstore merchandiser, who had previously commissioned him to design some of the women’s social club T-shirts for sale in the bookstore.

“We looked at every bison logo in the country,” Howell says. “We wanted something higher-tech, with motion.”

As Vyers understood his mission, “We were going for a design that looked fierce ... more in-your-face.”

At each meeting, Vyers presented a different printout to committee members, who would then write suggestions on the design or use liquid paper to white out elements they did not like. Oftentimes, that meant changing a single element — shortening a brow that was too long, making the face thinner; or adding a black line to separate the brow, making the bison look more ferocious. “Toward the end we had seven different eyes to pick from,” Vyers says. “There was a lot of compromise.”

Vyers admits he felt pressure at times. “Whenever you have a group of people in a room looking at your stuff and critiquing it, you can be defensive. At the first meeting, when they started picking at it, it was hard. Toward the end of the process, I could be more vocal and explain why I did what I did. Basically, I learned to take critiques well. Now I tell people if they don’t like something, just tell me. It won’t hurt my feelings.”

Howell says the new logo is part of developing a consistent University image. “We need to develop the Harding brand, and now we can bring in new merchandise with a new look.”

Jeff Morgan, men’s basketball coach, is thrilled with the new logo. “We were looking for a ‘wow,’ and I think we got what we were looking for in the final production.”

Morgan is excited about the effect the new logo will have on Rhodes Rowdies. “There is such a connection between what goes on in the stands and what takes place on the floor,” he says. “When they can have the same logos on their shirts that we will eventually have on our uniforms, the Rowdies will feel like they are even more a part of our team. It will be as if they have on an actual uniform for the games.

“The fierceness of the new logo is good. It portrays a bison that is on the move, charging, and moving forward — as we are — into a new century.” *TH* — April D. Fatula

## New mascot promises more fun than fierceness

**B**UFF THE BISON, THE UNIVERSITY’S NEW MASCOT, WAS UNVEILED in an October chapel presentation, during which he knocked out the old mascots to win the position of sole bovine spirit

booster ... to the tune of “Bad to the Bone.” *TH* Jonathan Freese, a

sophomore interactive media major from Memphis, Tenn., was largely responsible for bringing back the mascot. “I noticed that there wasn’t a mascot program here,” Freese says. “I thought it was important to have one, so I found out who I needed to talk with to make it happen.”

Buff is the third incarnation of the bison mascot; “Benny” and “Bobby” have previously played the role.

Former President Dr. George S. Benson bought Benny in 1964 from a farm in Kansas. The baby bison was so strong — even at three months old and weighing only 200 pounds — that he demolished the trailer designated to carry him back to Arkansas and broke one of his horns. His other horn was surgically sawed off for a matched set. Benny grew even more difficult to control in later years when he reached a weight of 1,500 pounds and eventually was no longer allowed at football games. In the words of then-President Dr. Clifton Ganus, “It was either behave or be barbecue.”

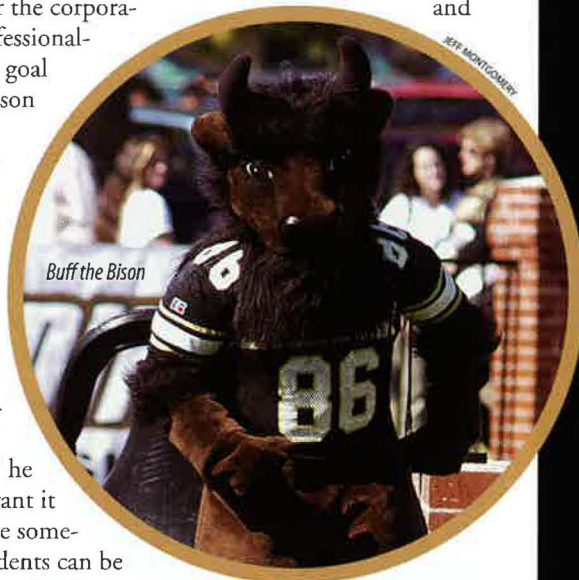
Years later, Bobby Stokes (’81) gave life to Bobby the Bison, the University’s first human mascot. Stokes served as mascot for two years and did not receive any scholarships, just a \$150 check for outstanding service.

After Stokes, more than 20 years lapsed before Freese revived the intermittent tradition. Freese has served as the cow mascot for Chic-Fil-A restaurant in Memphis since 2001, visiting hospitals and charity events for the corporation. Professionalism is his goal for the bison mascot. “My ultimate vision is that the mascot becomes something both professional and fun,” he says. “I want it to become something students can be proud of and to be on par with Division I school mascots.”

In addition to Freese, four other students — Alicia Bright, Logan Light, Aaron Miller and Marshall Sexson — have decided to don the bison uniform this year to pump up the fans through skits, cheers and crowd interaction. The group has been working with the cheerleaders for some of their routines, but so far a majority of the acts have been improvisational. “I’d really like to start doing some more planned routines during basketball

season,” Freese says. “That would make the mascot a little more professional.”

The student body was also involved in the development of Buff; they named him. Several names were submitted, and



students voted from the three most popular: Basil, Bo and Buff. “The response was amazing,” says Liz Howell, director of alumni relations and sponsor for the mascot. “The ballot box was almost overflowing.”

The response was exactly what Freese hoped for. “The mascot gives the crowd someone to associate with,” he says. “It’s the embodiment of the crowd’s excitement. When they see it, they know something fun is about to happen.” *TH*

— Todd Ramsey



# Bison booster's collection numbers 250 — and counting

**T**HE LARGEST BISON IN BILL HARRIS' COLLECTION WEIGHS 500 POUNDS — much too large to be kept indoors. So the concrete model he and his wife, Lil, bought in Branson, Mo., sits in their front yard, guarding the entrance. ● The collection was started about 35 years ago with the couple's purchase of a bison tapestry in Choctaw, Ark., while on their way home from a trip to Branson. The tapestry cost \$35, and Bill says, "We didn't

eat for a week." At the time, Bill's involvement with the Bison Boosters club had just begun. Says Lil, "When we started collecting bison in 1969, no one had them — not even Harding bookstore. After the bicentennial, we began seeing them. Now they're everywhere."

Today Bill's collection includes more than 250 items — from trays to sachets, mirrors to mugs, stationery to stained glass, and weather vanes to key chains. "There's not a Christmas that goes by that he does not get a bison-something," says Lil.

Fortunately, she is accepting of the habit. "She's not the financier, but she says 'yes' or 'no.' She's real good about it," Bill says of his wife's involvement. She has even given up on her own collection. "I used to collect birds, but I stopped," she says. "There's not enough room for both. But

that's OK. I'd rather collect bison."

And she also contributes. The item that holds the most significance for her is a cross-stitching she made for Bill. "I'd cross-stitched some before," she says. "I saw it one November and thought, 'I'll do that for Bill for Christmas.' I gave it to him the next Christmas."

Bill estimates that about 25 percent of his collection is a result of gifts. He responds in kind. The items on display in the Bison Room on the second floor of the Heritage, above the cafeteria, are all part of his collection. The items were removed after the fire in November 2002 and were only recently returned. "I went in the morning after the fire, just as soon as they'd let me," he recalls. "I was really apprehensive when I went in there. The Bison Room wasn't touched. I thought it would be

burned down, but nothing was destroyed in that room."

Not even the bison tapestry, one of Bill's favorite items, which was also in the room at the time of the fire, was damaged. His relief that it was spared and the depth of meaning the bison holds for him is obvious when he looks toward the wall and says, "You can just look at him and see he's got integrity and strength."

These are also qualities others admire in Bill. Searcy businessman Ben Berry, chairman of the President's Council and fellow Bison booster, dedicated a bison shoulder mount and plaque to Bill on Dec. 13. "It needed to be at Harding hanging on a wall somewhere," he says. "It needed to be given to the school in honor of Bill Harris. He deserves it." ■

— April D. Fatula



Lil and Bill Harris enjoy an extensive collection of bison, which are showcased in their Searcy home. Shown in the inset is the bison that guards their home.



# FOOD for your health



José Gutierrez and Linda Moore

compliments of the  
**chef** and **dietitian**

by JAMIE LOCKWOOD

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LINDA WILLIAMS MOORE ('75) SITS IN THE terra-cotta-tiled kitchen sipping coffee.

But this is not an ordinary kitchen, and she's not drinking the average cup of joe. "You've never had coffee like this," she says, stirring in a thick mound of sweetened condensed milk.



Around her, the stainless steel ovens seep their relentless aura of heat, while chefs donned in the traditional white-buttoned shirts heave cast iron skillets onto a top shelf, whisk olive oil into a cream sauce, and discuss the current candy selection at the Asian market. All is decidedly well in the buzzing kitchen of the esteemed Memphis, Tenn., Chez Philippe, where master chef of France José Gutierrez presides as executive chef.

The story began a few years ago when Moore, a dietitian and clinical nutritionist, read a newspaper announcement about the "Chef's Table" at Chez Philippe. Intrigued by the restaurant world, she decided to go and experience the opulent realm of French cuisine and culinary magic for herself. The evening treated her to a delicious, yet healthy, three-course meal; a glimpse of fast-paced chefs working together; and, more importantly, an introduction to Gutierrez, the "Chef" of the "Chef's Table." He impressed Moore as much as his food did.

"He's so friendly," she says. "I didn't expect that, but he was very approachable." His amity emboldened Moore, and with visions of paired skills, she wrote a letter asking to meet. Gutierrez agreed and invited her to his kitchen for a visit. What they discovered is that in combining their individual talents, they form the ideal symbiotic partnership.

"I had an interest in food preparation, but no formal training, and he had an interest in nutrition, but no formal training," she says. Gutierrez elaborates, saying, "To me, nutrition is the most fascinating thing, and finally I could talk to someone about nutrition and learn something."

In 2002, they teamed up to develop and analyze recipes for health-related magazines. Their collaborations usually launch with a discussion to decide what health topic to



José Gutierrez and Linda Moore work together to prepare foods with extraordinary taste and nutritional value.

## Crispy Salmon with Provençal Ratatouille

### Provençal Ratatouille

(6 servings)

1 large yellow pepper, seeded and diced  
1 large red pepper, seeded and diced  
1 large yellow onion, diced  
3 zucchini, diced  
3 tomatoes, seeded and diced  
2 tablespoons chopped garlic  
2 tablespoons tomato paste  
4-5 sprigs of fresh thyme  
2 bay leaves  
3/4 cup dry white wine  
6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt

Divide the olive oil into three very hot skillets. Add the garlic and onion to one, the peppers to another, and the zucchini to the third skillet. Sauté until tender. Add the tomatoes, tomato paste and white wine to the garlic-onion mixture as well as the thyme and bay leaves. Sprinkle each skillet with approximately 1/2 teaspoon of salt. When peppers are barely tender, add them to the garlic-onion-tomato mixture. Cover and continue to simmer slowly for approximately 20 minutes until mixture is very tender, stirring occasionally. \*Add the zucchini, stir well, and remove the thyme sprigs and bay leaves. Serve hot.

\*Note: This mixture can be prepared ahead of time, such as the day or the morning before serving. Add zucchini just prior to serving in order to maintain this vegetable's bright color.

**Nutrition facts per serving:** 199 calories, 2 grams protein, 14 grams fat, 14 grams carbohydrates, 14 milligrams cholesterol, 2 grams dietary fiber, 635 milligrams sodium, 405 milligrams potassium, 65 milligrams phosphorus, 1596 IU Vitamin A, 104 milligrams Vitamin C



address, followed by creating the menu and trying out recipes. The process, which takes two or three days, concludes by completing nutrient analyses.

"It's not desk work; we do all of it in the kitchen," Moore explains. "All I have to do is suggest what would be good for a particular condition, and he's off and running, literally. Sometimes I'll need to say, 'Not so much olive oil, please' or 'Can we get the right taste with a little less salt?' He's always willing to try."

While her goal is to stay within the dietary guidelines for a particular medical condition, Gutierrez concentrates on getting the taste precise, waking up the mouth, and causing people to think about what they are eating. Together they strive to show people that healthy does not have to equal bland, because both agree their recipes must produce extraordinary flavor, or the food isn't worth the calories.

"The flavor is probably the most important thing," Moore says. "We eat a wonderful dish, and we don't think about the beta keratins. We get pleasure from food and flavor, and that's the way God created us."

So far the duo has created menus for flu patients, those with diabetes, and those with cardiovascular disease. All of their menus fit into the American Heart Association's Step One Diet and include nutrient analyses. The analyses are traditionally done using the government-based tables found in a textbook or on a Web site, but Moore completes hers with the help of technology. Using software called Nutritionist Pro, she enters the ingredients and their amounts, and the program quickly produces a thorough list of measurements for everything from carbohydrates and fats to calcium and

potassium. Everyone benefits from the information, but it is especially helpful for diabetics who base their insulin intake on how many carbohydrates they eat.

Moore says for people with chronic diseases, food — and the purpose of food in their lives — changes. "I think it's important for people to know that no matter what condition they have, they can fit almost any food interest into it," she says. "We want to help people see they can include some things that maybe they thought they shouldn't. For example, with the diabetes

meal," he says. Moore seconds that, saying all nutritionists agree people should not wait until the last minute to eat. She adds, "If you take some time, the meal can be an experience."

And the mealtime experiences Gutierrez and Moore have developed are for the average cook. Not everyone can pillar zucchini, petal tomatoes, and separate thyme leaves from the stems before chopping them with a rocking motion like Gutierrez does, but everyone can achieve the same end result: abundant taste paired with nutrition.

Moore knows; she tries all the recipes out at home to make sure anyone can follow them. "My family has had everything we've made here," she says. "I even tried soufflé, and it

was so simple! I think, in general, when people think about cooking, it's, 'Oh, it's too much labor. I can't do it.' But you just have to learn some basics."

Says Gutierrez, "I thought, 'If I give people simple recipes, they will try it. If they don't, at least they can see the difference between what they are eating and what's available.'"

The possibility of a dish integrated with texture, flavor and nutrition should tempt even the wariest of cooks. Perfection is achieved when sweetness, bitterness and saltiness are present simultaneously — this is the standard for the Moore-Gutierrez health-food line.

"You don't need too many ingredients to be happy," Gutierrez says.

Moore nods. "I like that," she says, taking a final sip of coffee and a bite of the ratatouille Gutierrez has placed in front of her. "You don't need too many ingredients to be happy." ■

## We get pleasure from **food** and flavor, and that's the way **God** created us.

menu, we included three recipes for dessert."

Her inclusiveness is shocking to many. In fact, she and Gutierrez recently surprised an entire restaurant full of National Kidney Foundation members with both the nutritional value in their heart-healthy menu of crispy salmon and caramelized sugar-dipped strawberry kisses and the serving sizes. Unlike other gourmet chefs, Gutierrez prepares entrees that fill the plate, proving that better meals don't necessarily mean a shrunken feast. Even Moore admits that in addition to the euphoric taste, the portion sizes and amount of fruits and vegetables Gutierrez uses make his meals attractive. "He has the ability to prepare dishes so that even the heartiest appetite will be satisfied, even though the food is healthy."

As Gutierrez points out, food is meant to be a source of gratification and sustenance, but Americans need some guidelines. "Food is a wonderful addiction to have — if you think ahead. You need time to prepare a

### **Crispy Salmon**

(6 servings)

2 tablespoons sugar

1 tablespoon spicy paprika (such as Spanish)

3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

2 1/2 pounds salmon filet, trimmed, cut into 6-ounce portions

3/4 teaspoon salt



Preheat oven to 450°F.

In a saucer, combine the sugar and paprika. Press salmon into the sugar-paprika mixture to coat the top and bottom of the salmon. In a hot, ovenproof skillet, place the salmon (bottom-side up) into the skillet to sear the top. Sprinkle lightly with salt and cook approximately four minutes. Turn the salmon over, sprinkle lightly with salt, and cook for another minute or two. Transfer skillet to the hot oven and continue cooking salmon for three or four minutes until it is cooked to a medium doneness. Do not overcook. Place the salmon onto the plate with the hot Provençal Ratatouille. Serve immediately.

**Nutrition facts per serving:** 243 calories, 34 grams protein, 11 grams fat, 1 gram carbohydrates, 88 milligrams cholesterol, 0 grams dietary fiber, 695 milligrams sodium, 555 milligrams potassium, 392 milligrams phosphorus, 353 IU Vitamin A, 0 milligrams Vitamin C



# Reinventing the Cafeteria

by APRIL D. FATULA

photography by JEFF MONTGOMERY

THE LATEST CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF THE CAFETERIA was the \$2.25 million renovation the Heritage underwent during the 2003 summer. So significant was the change that cafeteria is no longer the correct term — it is residential dining facility, or as President David Burks likes to call it, restaurant. ■ Though the number of seats is almost the same as before, a new design adds to the cozy atmosphere, allowing students to sit in groups of two to four, in addition to banquet style. ■ The Charles



Small tables enable more relaxed conversation for seniors Andrea VanZant from Brighton, Tenn., and Bob Turner from Amherst, Ohio.

## Did you know?

For the first few years of Harding occupation of the New Dorm, as Pattie Cobb was known when it was Galloway College, the cafeteria was operated as the "College Club." Patty Hathaway Armstrong Sears (daughter of J.N. and Woodson Harding Armstrong and wife of L.C. Sears) served as the cafeteria's first manager. At this time, a national law forbade the use of colored oleo in establishments where people paid to eat. Oleo, a white substitute for butter, was cheaper, and the law was established to protect the patrons from being deceived by restaurants who would have served colored oleo in place of real butter. Co-ops and clubs, however, were allowed to purchase coloring with their oleo, so Harding opted to act as a club. When the students registered for school, each one put forth a certain amount of money and became a member in the "College Club."

In the spring of 1942, World War II was in progress, and White County was desperate for strawberry pickers. Landowners offered 40 acres worth of strawberries if students would pick them. President George S. Benson declared a holiday, and students picked 376 crates of strawberries, which yielded more than 700 gallons of strawberry preserves. For several years, these preserves replaced the syrup on the tables in Pattie Cobb.

Corinne Hart was manager of Pattie Cobb Cafeteria from 1952-1975. As the cafeteria began to grow, Hart asked Dr. Benson for new equipment. He agreed, and Hart visited the Cummins State Penitentiary to look at their equipment. She had lunch with the convicts and ended up buying similar equipment for the University.

During Freedom Forum week Pattie Cobb Cafeteria served six meals a day — the usual three a day for stu-

dents and three additional ones for the conference participants, whose budget was limitless. Student workers often made up to \$50 in tips by carrying trays, refilling drinks, and simply catering to the needs of attendees.

The "saints" and the "sinners" tradition in Pattie Cobb Cafeteria dates back as far as anyone can remember. Based on the parable of final judgment in Matthew 25, saints entered the cafeteria and sat on the right side, and sinners ate on the left. But another common explanation for choosing one side over another was the fear of public speaking. Guys who didn't want to be asked to lead prayer on the intercom would avoid the right-side food line, where the microphone was set up.

Polly Smith, a cashier in the Heritage Cafeteria, has worked there in some capacity since it opened in 1965. So long, in fact, that it has become a family affair. Over the years, 50 of Smith's family and extended family members have also worked in the cafeteria, including her brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.





*New lighting, decor and seating arrangements are a few of the many enhancements that contribute to the restaurant atmosphere in the remodeled residential dining facility.*



*Junior Rafael Franco from São Paulo, Brazil, creates a salad from the wide variety of items on the salad bar.*

In 1966 the all-electric kitchen of the Heritage Cafeteria was cited by *Food Service* magazine, a national merchandising journal of the food service industry, in recognition of "outstanding electromotion systems and kitchen design — to provide automatic food quality control, higher sanitation standards and superior service."

Also in 1966, the Student Association decided to buy new speakers and a new tape recorder to record instrumental and mood music on tapes to replace the collection of discarded popular and rock-and-roll records that had been in use. The decision was made when it was suggested that "such an innovation would improve the atmosphere of the dining hall."

When the Heritage Cafeteria opened in 1965, the \$20 per month price difference was more than many students wanted to pay. When registration lines closed on Thursday that fall, only 150 had signed up to eat in the new cafeteria. The next day a new policy was announced in chapel that split the price difference in half. By Saturday more than 150 students had switched dining halls, and the ratio gradually continued to even itself out.

When Aramark took over cafeteria operations in 1987, they bought the existing food inventories. That included 257 cases of green beans.

During the 1988 spring semester, a portion of the Olen Hendrix building served as a temporary dining facility after Pattie Cobb closed and while the Heritage Cafeteria

was undergoing renovations. The dining area on the first floor seated 90 students and was open for lunch and dinner, serving a limited number of items that were prepared in the Heritage.

On Monday, Nov. 17, 2003, 319 students' cards were scanned for breakfast, 1,305 for lunch, and 1,348 for dinner.

During the 2002-2003 school year:  
492,279 meals were served in the cafeteria  
58,608 pounds of French fries were prepared  
44,093 pounds of chicken were prepared  
9,463 pounds of cereal were consumed  
2,646 gallons of ice cream were served

For fall 2003, 2,733 students purchased one of five possible meal plans. The most popular — with 1,595 customers — was the 14-meals-per-week plan, followed by the 35-meals-per-semester plan, which had 481 participants.



M. White Dining Hall showcases an open-kitchen concept, which enables students to see their meals prepared with fresh ingredients in front of them. They can sit on stools at the bakery and enjoy fresh bread or dessert. Or they can carry that dessert to barstools and a counter along the wall and plug in their laptops.

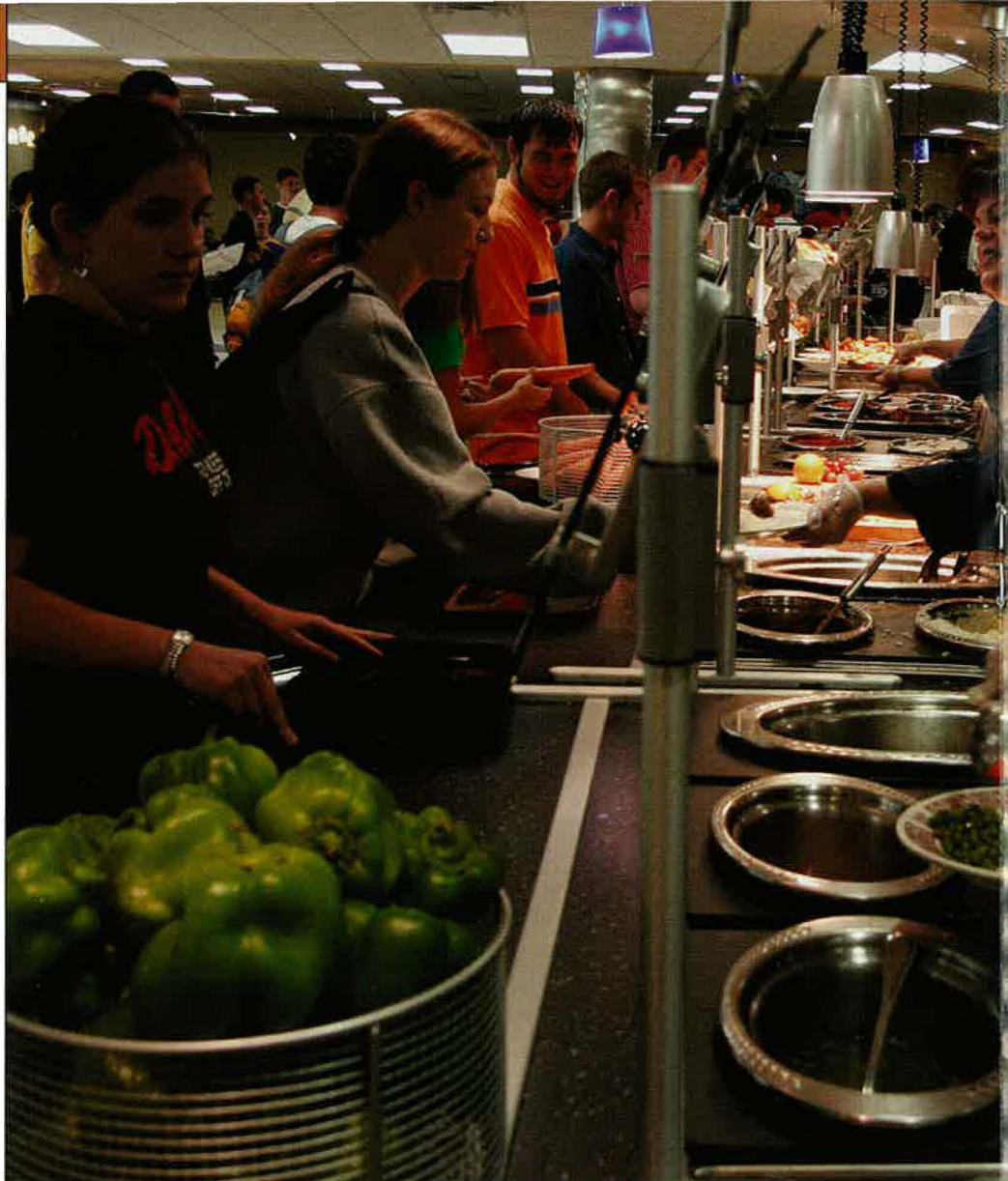
In addition to the cosmetic changes, executive chef Bob Wolf has been hired to improve the cuisine. "I am the students' chef," he says. "I am available to them."

THE HOME-COOKING LINE OFFERS SUCH items as chicken potpie, biscuits and apple cobbler. One line over, hamburgers are grilled and served with homemade potato chips. The all-day breakfast station offers made-to-order omelets and Belgian waffles. Fresh fruits and vegetables trace the counters as natural décor/menu items that may be sliced upon request.

Monday through Thursday, the cafeteria is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., except during chapel and for half an hour between breakfast and lunch. A late-night dinner has been introduced from 7-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6:30-9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For this, the hot food is put away, but sandwiches, soups and salads are available, and many students use it as a social time to relax and enjoy dessert and coffee.

According to Aramark's media guide, "It is about re-inventing the entire residential dining experience."

Here's to new memories. *TH*



## War is over

1945 MARKED THE END OF WORLD WAR II, CAUSING celebration all over the United States. At Harding, students were preparing for their traditional Christmas dinner to be held in Pattie Cobb the evening before the long-awaited holiday began.

The return of John Mason ('39), who had been fighting in Europe, was also cause for celebration. He was well known among faculty and students because when he was in school, he sang as part of a gospel quartet composed of Vernon Boyd ('41), Kenneth Davis Jr. ('42) and Jack Wood Sears ('40). They traveled through Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas one summer visiting and recruiting students, many of whom by this time were attending the University. Though Mason had not been able to keep his voice in shape during the war, he spent several hours the day of the Christmas feast training with Florence Henry, a music teacher at Harding Academy. That night, faculty and students crowded into the cafeteria to hear his perfectly-tuned tenor voice. Then-President George S. Benson recalled, "It was a great thrill to students and faculty to hear John sing. He sang one

song, and another, and another. He sang 'til he was hoarse and was hoarse the rest of the week because he wasn't used to singing much. They made him sing some songs over and over again because they liked them, and they liked John. It was a big occasion — the most thrilling event I witnessed in Pattie Cobb."

## Pattie Cobb vs. American Heritage

FOR STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY between 1965 and 1987, when Pattie Cobb and American Heritage cafeterias were both in operation, there was much debate as to which was the best. Pattie Cobb was "quaint," and American Heritage was "modern." Paul Haynie ('71), who was of the American Heritage persuasion, says his group used to kid the Pattie Cobb group about how regimented they were, while they ribbed his group about how impersonal the Heritage was. But, he adds, "Whenever I had any extra money left from my card and invited them over, they always came."

At Pattie Cobb, a group prayer was offered every half hour for the food. As Haynie describes it, "They would

ring a little bell, and everyone would stop, bow and pray. Kind of like drop, duck and cover." One evening Haynie and his Heritage friends invited four of their Pattie Cobb friends to help them finish off their meal cards. They began their usual banter over the differences between the two eateries. That morning in basic psychology class, Haynie had learned about Pavlov's dog being trained to salivate when a bell rang. In the midst of the discussion, Haynie tapped his water glass with his spoon, causing it to ring. "To all of our amazement, in unison all four guys bowed their heads in response. The rest of us looked at the table and howled as the Cobb guys turned red and sheepishly looked at each other. We razzed them about it for weeks, and soon glasses on tables everywhere were ringing every time anyone from Cobb sat down."

## Love connections

THE CAFETERIA HAS LONG BEEN THE SCENE OF LOVE connections. In Pattie Cobb, it was perhaps in part due to the fact that students had to sit at tables in the order in which they entered. Maryann Cooper Felps ('72) worked as a hostess in Pattie Cobb all four of her years at the





Executive Chef Bob Wolf interacts with the students he is serving in the new open-concept kitchen.

The wide assortment of items served each day includes a home-cooked area complete with an array of vegetables.

University, directing students where to sit after they went through the lines. "This obviously put 'strangers' together, which I know was uncomfortable for some — at least at first. I have often wondered since then how many lasting friendships (and marriages) resulted from students who met each other in Pattie Cobb. No one ever seemed to truly mind being 'forced' to sit with others whom they might not have known."

Though they were not forced to sit next to one another, Jerry ('72) and Dianne Doty ('72) Myhan's romance began in Pattie Cobb. It was during pledge week in 1968 that Jerry, who worked as a food server, first noticed Dianne and learned her name. Dianne, who was from the Midwest, was not used to a lot of Southern staples, such as fried okra and squash. She was familiar with green beans, though, and would often come back through the line to be served seconds by Jerry. When Jerry called Dianne to ask for a first date, she told him she knew who he was, even though she really did not. Dianne's roommate was naturally very curious about who she had the date with. When Dianne returned, she told her roommate she had been out with "the green bean man," which is still how Jerry is known in Dianne's family.

## What's on the menu

Friday,  
Nov. 14,  
2003

### Pizza line:

Pepperoni pizza  
Sausage pizza  
Mushroom pizza  
Cheese pizza  
Fettuccine Alfredo with  
peas and mushrooms

### Grill line:

Hamburger  
Corn dogs  
French fries  
Spicy fries

### Southwest station:

Barbecue beef  
Squash  
Au gratin potatoes

### Home-cooking line:

Herbed pork loin  
Chicken potpie  
Potato wedges  
Cooked carrots  
Noodles  
Green beans  
Biscuits  
Apple cobbler

### Breakfast station:

Omelets  
Bacon  
Sausage  
Ham  
Cheese

### Wok line:

Mushrooms  
Broccoli  
Cucumbers  
Cauliflower

Carrots  
Squash  
Rice  
Soy sauce

### Salad bar:

Lettuce  
Tomato  
Cheese  
Pickles — dill and sweet  
Olives  
Jell-O  
Potato salad  
Cottage cheese  
Peaches  
Pasta salad  
Cole slaw  
Kidney beans  
Six dressings

### Deli and pasta station:

Wrap Basmati Caesar  
Creamy Alfredo Summer

### Ice cream flavors:

Vanilla  
Purple vanilla  
Orange sherbet  
Tropical rainbow sherbet  
Vanilla yogurt  
Seven toppings

### Desserts:

Peach cobbler  
Cherry pie  
Chocolate cake  
Chocolate mousse pie  
German chocolate cake  
Peach pie  
Sugar-free cheesecake



# Encountering WORLD religions

by JAMIE LOCKWOOD

photography by JEFF MONTGOMERY

“Better is one day in your courts  
than a thousand elsewhere ...”

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BLACK NIGHT LIT BY SKYSCRAPERS, DRIZZLING RAIN,

and five lanes of one-way traffic welcomed the 63

road-weary passengers to their city of destina-

tion: Chicago. ■ Each year, Dr. Monte Cox, director of the Center for World Missions and assistant professor of Bible, takes students from his “Living World Religions” class to the Windy City to engage in conversation with those of other faiths. The encounters generate a dimension of reality and understanding of various religions that classroom exposition does not. They also provoke a new fervor for God’s mission. “I can’t imagine teaching this class without a trip like this,” Cox says.





*Leaving the Bahá'í House of Worship, students and faculty sponsors head to the next place on their tour, the Balaji Temple.*



“Being able to practice talking and listening to people on this trip will make it easier to do that in the future.”

MEREDITH SANDERSON, BATON ROUGE, LA.

With all five vehicles of the caravan parked, students drag their luggage into The International Conference Center in Uptown, a neighborhood where more than 84 languages are spoken. It is close to 10 on this Thursday night, and everyone must meet to receive room assignments and Friday's agenda.

“By tomorrow night at 10, you are really going to want to worship the Lord, as in the Lord God,” says Cox. And with a prayer to see the religions in the way God sees them and to learn how to relate the gospel to followers of these faiths, the students scatter to find their bunks.

## Friday morning

The Bahá'í House of Worship looms ahead, a massive white dome distinguished by nine sides that represent the nine babs Bahá'ís revere as valid manifestations of God. Abraham, Moses and Jesus are among these, along with Buddah, Krishna and Bahá'u'lláh.

Complying easily with the temple's mandate of silence, students enter the dome and look to the alcoves, where they find nine inscriptions. “So powerful is unity's light that it can illumine the whole earth,” and “All the prophets of God proclaim the same faith,” weigh heavy on the hearts of these young Christians.

Their shoes clunk on the rose-tiled floors as they circle the room, taking in the architecture designed to reflect the glory in unity, but realizing it is diseased by pluralism.

Moving downstairs, the group watches a video and meets Rosie and Pierre. It's time

for questions, and after a shy start, many hands rise.

Pierre grew up in the Bahá'í faith, but Rosie converted from Catholicism. They explain that there are more than 5 million Bahá'í followers in more than 200 countries and territories. The faith is geographically the second-most widely distributed religion in the world; Christianity is the first.

Following a short discussion about the Bahá'í understanding of afterlife, senior Greg McKinzie voices the all-important question: “How does the Bahá'í faith reconcile that all prophets are sent from God if some of them have very exclusive claims?” Rosie answers: “They are all sent to save souls in the same spirit and devotion that goes with the specific time. Prophets are sent with time-specific messages.”

Now it's time to go, and on the way to the Balaji Temple, students process through their experience at the House of Worship. “I had a friend in high school who was Bahá'í,” says senior Amanda Griffin. “I did not know how to respond to that, and I wish I could go back now and talk with her. I still don't see how they can reconcile all the prophets, though. I know they said it's interpretation and that man's interpretation is flawed, but Jesus said, ‘I am the only way’ — and that's not man's interpretation!”

Kristen Stumpf, also a senior, responds, saying, “I can see how people are drawn to Bahá'í and how people who aren't strong in their faith would be brought into it, because they are very accepting. For someone who doesn't want to investigate a faith or religion, this would be a welcome concept.” Joining the conversation, junior Amy Ireland adds, “This offers the option of ‘You don't have to decide’ — they're all right. That's very appealing.”

Stumpf points out that Jesus is the only one of their recognized leaders who claimed to be God, not just a prophet of God. Chad Allen, a junior, adds, “All these other religions are trying to get to God. But in Christianity, God is trying to get our attention through Jesus Christ. He sent his son to die for us.”

Thirty minutes later, the group files into the Balaji Temple, takes off their shoes, and heads upstairs into a room thick with in-

cense. Here students find idols of Shiva and Vishnu, the destroyer and protector, and arrive at a new comprehension of the jealousy of God.

Mr. Prasad, a priest of Vishnu and Lakshmi, the goddess of fortune and beauty, greets the class in traditional dress and with the sign of Vishnu painted on his forehead. He wears lotus beads for power and protection — today to ward off the uncleanness of the visitors. Prasad tells the students how every morning at 9, he and other Hindus carry out a wake-up puja for Vishnu, in which they ask him to do his duties and support and protect them. The puja ends by setting food, such as fruit, honey, milk and sugar, before the idol.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Prasad says, “God bless you,” and the students, remaining respectful outwardly, cringe on the inside, not only because this statue god cannot bless, but because Prasad has put his hope and trust in the hands of Vishnu, who must be woken up each day. They want more for him; they want him to know Christ.

As the vans pull away from the Hindu temple, senior Melissa Wilson recalls why she decided to take “World Religions.” “When I was in Chile, I had Dr. Bill Richardson for missionary anthropology, and he asked us how we could be certain that our religion is the right one — If we had been born in India, would we be Hindu? He was asking if our faith was a product of birth location, and it really made me think.”

The students have much to think about this day, from the conviction that they've encountered in people of other faiths to the rampant pluralism of the world and dethroning of Jesus Christ. “This, like the campaign to Togo did, makes me take my faith a lot more seriously,” says Stumpf. “They defend their beliefs, yet I think it makes me stronger in mine. I hurt for these people.”

Heads are still spinning when the group enters the Buddhist Soka Gakkai International Center, where they meet John, Barbara and Marcus. Soka Gakkai Buddhists value creation and do not believe in nirvana, but rather in spiritual advancement.

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students in “Living  
World Religions”  
grew up in  
missionary families





*Completing a long day of thought-provoking religious exploration, senior Kim Goff spends time at the group devotional delving into the Word of God. The evening devotionals Friday and Saturday were times of praise and reflection.*

*The hostess at the Islamic Center of Elston, Mrs. Ali, tells students of the hajj, or pilgrimage to Mecca, which is one of the five pillars of Islam. Ali also answered students' questions concerning the subject of forgiveness.*



Advancement can be achieved through chanting a phrase called the “daimoku,” which is written on a piece of paper called the “gohonzon.” The gohonzon is considered a physical representation of what an individual’s enlightened life would look like.

Within minutes of arriving, John, Barbara and Marcus sit down to chant the daimoku, namu myo-horenge-kyo, which means, “I bow down to the beautiful teaching of the Lotus Sutra.” While they are chanting, they rub beads together — 108 to represent the desires of man.

When the chanting ceases, the students fire away with questions: “What makes life sacred and gives it sanctity and value?” “What happens to us as non-Buddhists when we die?” “You talk about choices, good and bad, and their causes and effects. Is there an absolute you judge this against?”

They also ask how each of the three became a Buddhist. Barbara was exposed to

Eastern religion as the daughter of a military father and says Buddhism resonated with her. John was a Baptist, but converted, and Marcus’ wife introduced him to the religion. The three say the appeal of the faith is that the power of enlightenment is within each individual.

The “you save yourself” mentality grieves many students, as does the Soka Gakkai belief that seeking happiness is at the root of all religions. As Marcus thanks the group for being willing to sit down and learn more about what other religions believe, students come face to face with the fact that although they are being welcomed here, they feel like outsiders, because they do make the claim that Jesus is the only way — a claim many of them have grown more zealous about throughout the day.

Emotionally drained, the group eats dinner in downtown Chicago before returning to The International Conference Center,

where Cox leads an evening devotional. As he predicted, everyone is ready to praise and worship God. He opens the floor to Scripture reading, and God’s Word reminds the class that idolatry is an age-old problem addressed repeatedly in the Bible.

## **Saturday morning**

Today begins with a Shabbat service at the Conservative Rodfei Zedek Jewish congregation. Both men and women in the congregation participate in reading the Torah out loud, and the rabbi presents a lesson on Abraham, Isaac, and the ram that took Isaac’s place.

At the next stop, the Islamic Center of Elston, students also hear about Abraham, only this time the story focuses on the plight of Hagar, Ishmael, and the ram that God sent to spare Ishmael, not Isaac. Mrs. Ali is the hostess here, and she tells the story to explain why one of the seven main



“After this trip, I realize that we need to research the **CORE** of Christianity and present that to people, not our Western culture.”

ERIKA ROSS, KINGSFORT, TENN.

components of the hajj, or pilgrimage to Mecca, is the reenactment of Hagar's running between the hills Marwa and Safa. “The hajj is challenging and strenuous, but it's also very rewarding,” she says. “For five days, we reenact the struggles of Abraham, Ishmael and Hagar.”

The hajj is required of every Muslim and one of the five pillars of Islam, which also include confession, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Ali speaks to the class about the mandatory fasting all Muslims participate in; the Islamic focus on a person's duties, not their rights; and the role of angels. “Angels only do what God will let them,” she says. “They are invisible, and there are two for every person. One writes down all the good things you've done in your life, and one writes down every bad thing you've done.”

With this in mind, students address the subject of forgiveness, asking if there is any concept of grace if a person stops doing the right thing. “First, you have to admit you've done it,” Ali answers. “Next, you have to promise to never do it again, and finally, you must sincerely ask for forgiveness. He can forgive it, but he may not. Only one thing is unforgivable: If we die worshipping more than God — no partners, no family members, only God.”

Senior Rachel Cox says, “After seeing the inclusiveness of all the other places, it is refreshing to see conviction, but sad at the same time. Everything for them is legalistic and technical.”

It is close to 4 p.m. now, and the vans hit the road once more, this time destined for a



*Students watch a worship demonstration in the gurdwara, or teacher's house, at the Sikh Religious Society. Following the demonstration, students were served a communal meal fed to visitors at the temple.*

Sikh Religious Society. There Mr. Mago welcomes the group and leads them upstairs to the gurdwara, which means teacher's house, where Sikhs worship.

He explains that Sikh is the word for student, follower and seeker, and Sikhism is a path of discipline. Guru means one who displaces darkness and replaces it with the path of light, and Sikhs have had 10 of these teachers in their history. The 10th guru, Gobind Rai, declared the holy scripture of Sikhism, the *Adi Granth*, the next guru.

“In the morning, we bring in the *Granth* and open it,” Mago says. “In the evening, we close it with respect and carry it on our heads to the spare room to put it to rest.”

Sikhs are monotheistic and committed to honestly earning their livings, which they are to share with everyone. Their custom is to prepare a communal meal for visitors to the temple, and the students are not exempt from this generosity. Mago takes the stu-

dents downstairs, where they fill their plates with the traditional foods and join other Sikhs on carpets. In clusters, the students start up friendly dialogues — the weekend's final encounter with those of another faith.

## Sunday morning

With the dawn of a new morning, the class bundles up to take the short walk from The International Conference Center to Lakeview Church of Christ. Friendly faces appear, and University alumni greet the students. Even in faraway Chicago, this place feels like home.

The members of this church have taken on roles of vocational ministers in every way possible. Kelli Fager ('01) says, “The biggest challenges to my faith in reaching out to people have been apathy and inclusiveness. Postmodernism has been a slap in the face — they don't care what you believe, and they don't care what they believe. They don't

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students in the class are majoring or minoring in Bible, ministry, missions or vocational ministry





*At the Buddhist Soka Gakkai International Center, Barbara answers questions for the students after she and two other Buddhists chant the daimoku.*

think they need Jesus. They think I do, because he fulfills me and makes me happy.”

While Fager has found this worldview hard to take, it has not deterred her from sharing her faith. She participates as a member of Lakeview’s missions committee, involvement committee, women’s group and young adults’ group. Her focus is to live for Christ, as is the focus of all the Lakeview members.

A single banner hanging on one of the church’s white walls reads, “To know Christ and to make Christ known.” After this trip, the mission on the banner has more significance than ever for students in the “Living World Religions” class. Says senior Alex Wells, “I now better understand my respon-

sibility as a connector with these people of other religions.”

The group agrees that talking with followers of other faiths face to face has helped them grasp that these are actual living religions. Wilson adds, “This trip makes me appreciative, because we really are one of the only religions that has a savior.”

Cox says, “I want you to take away two things from this experience: first, a clearer understanding of the gospel. We need to appreciate what we have in Christ and focus on the truth of it, not the ‘nice’ of it, because either Jesus is the Son of God or he’s not, and if he is, that changes everything. It’s the most important question.

“Second, I want you to take that picture

of sitting and talking with one of these people without trying to win them over or conquer them. It takes one kind of discussion to win an argument, another to win a person.

“If I can muster the courage and be compelled by conviction and compassion to multiply the discussions I have, at best, it’s only a drop in the bucket — but it’s what God calls us to do.

“Some people believe that all religions boil down to the same thing, but for these people, religion is defined as a system of moral code that you live by. Christianity is much more than living by a system of moral guidelines — we are followers of Jesus Christ. And if you take one thing from this class, I hope it is that.” *HL*



# Reading Room

***How to Photograph Your Life***, by Nick Kelsh

Reviewed by **Jeff Montgomery**, director of Photographic Services for the Public Relations Office

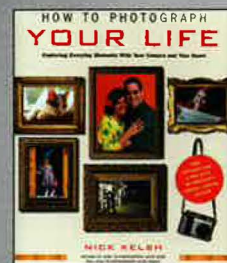
NEW YORK; STEWART, TABORI & CHANG, A COMPANY OF LA MARTINIÈRE GROUPE; 2003

112 PAGES

NOT A TECHNICAL MANUAL FOR PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS, Nick Kelsh's entire book is composed of photographs taken solely with his wife's point-and-shoot digital camera.

According to Kelsh, there are three rules for better photos: get closer to your subject, take more photos, and do not always center your subject. Simple lighting techniques are suggested as alternatives to an on-camera flash. The book also discusses more than 40 photo situations, including everything from birthday parties and weddings to photos for eBay and self-portraits.

Kelsh's information is equally useful to those who use film and those who prefer digital.



***The HeART of Nursing: Expressions of Creative Art in Nursing***, edited by M. Cecilia Wendler, Ph.D., R.N., C.C.R.N.

Reviewed by **Dr. Cathleen Shultz**, dean of the College of Nursing

INDIANAPOLIS, SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL, 2002

116 PAGES

*THE HEART OF NURSING: EXPRESSIONS OF CREATIVE ART IN NURSING* IS A VOLUME OF COLLECTED ART worthy of display on any coffee table.

First conceived at sessions on the creative and expressive art of nursing at a Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing convention, this long-awaited book is in its second printing. More than 50 nurse artists contributed to this work, which is edited by Dr. M. Cecilia Wendler. Wendler is a critical-care nurse and nurse educator who serves to rehumanize health care for nurses, patients and patients' families.

Containing a wide array of art, the book is touching and offers rare glimpses into the minds, hearts and intellects of nurses. Included are poems, short stories, essays, photographs, quilting and needlework projects, drawings, and paintings. This is a book of extraordinary creativity completed by caring, introspective nurses.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** As one of the contributors to *The HeART of Nursing*, Shultz chose to include a story and photo of a quilt she and an Arkansas mother, Audra Graddy, made. Shultz views quilting as a legacy that expresses caring between generations.



***Warriors of God***, by James Reston Jr.

Reviewed by **Dr. Larry Hunt**, assistant professor of English

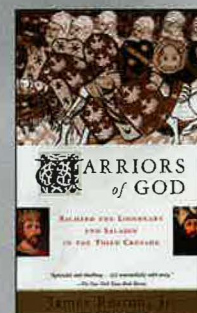
NEW YORK; ANCHOR BOOKS, A DIVISION OF RANDOM HOUSE PUBLICATIONS; 2002

410 PAGES

*WARRIORS OF GOD* DESCRIBES THE THIRD CRUSADE AS A CONTEST between the two most legendary soldiers of that age: Richard the Lionheart, king of England, and Saladin, emperor of Syria and Egypt. Author James Reston Jr. displays a satisfying blend of scholarship and storytelling in his portrayal of the two men and of the war that pitted them against one another.

In Richard, he sees a vulgar man who possessed a cunning mind, incredible martial prowess, and an almost self-destructive measure of physical courage. In Saladin, he sees a wise and chivalrous leader who is still remembered by Muslims and Christians alike for his brilliance in war as well as for his compassion.

By tracing the lives of these two captivating personalities, Reston has made a valuable contribution to the popular understanding of the Third Crusade and its emotional impact on Europe and the Middle East from the 12th century to the present. **TH**







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## '44 Platinum Circle Reunion at Homecoming 2004

**'50 Sue Saunders Nugent** and her husband, James, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 23, 2003. Sue retired from Louisiana State University. (7705 Highway 4, Winnsboro, LA 71295)

## '54 Golden Circle Reunion at Homecoming 2004

**'59 Reunion at Homecoming 2004**

**'64 Reunion at Homecoming 2004**

**'69 Reunion at Homecoming 2004**

## '71 Deborah Jefferson

**Collins** retired from the Pulaski County Special School District in Jacksonville, Ark., and now teaches fifth grade at Christian Home and Bible School in Mount Dora, Fla. Her husband is **Daniel** ('75). (72 Orange Blossom Drive, Eustis, FL 32726)

**Deborah Hindman Payne** is dean for instruction at John A. Logan College. She was nominated for *Who's Who in America* and is currently chairing initiatives for Campus Cultural Diversity, the PK-16 Education Alliance, the Illinois International High School Initiative, and the Teacher Quality Enhancement Project. Her husband, **Michael** ('71), is self-employed. They have two children. (828 Hilldale Ave., Herrin, IL 62948)

## '74 Reunion at Homecoming 2004

**'75 Matt Comotto** became a licensed master mariner in 1983. He is currently working in the West African Republic of Angola and has worked in 25 other countries as a ship captain and marine manager. His latest adventure was reaching the summit of Mount Everest on May 22, 2003. He and his wife, Mary, have two children. (6400 Kawanee Ave., Metairie, LA 70003)

## '79 Reunion at Homecoming 2004

**'80 Geoffrey Hodges** received a promotion to assistant area manager at the Wal-Mart Grocery Distribution Center in Casa Grande, Ariz. He and his wife, **Amy Thayer** ('96), have three children. (P.O. Box 2971, Arizona City, AZ 85223)

**Kathy Taylor** graduated in December 2001 with a M.S.N. from the University of South Alabama in

the gerontological nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist program and received the Advanced Gerontological Nursing Specialty "Excellence in Practice" Award. She received the American Nurses Credentialing Center Board Certification as a gerontological nurse practitioner in April 2002. She has two daughters. (914 Curlew Road, #147, Dunedin, FL 34698)

**'81 Matt Blake** is working in insurance and real estate. His wife, **Pattie Bible** ('82), is a sixth-grade reading teacher with Chapel Hill Schools. The oldest of their three daughters is a freshman at Har-

ding. (212 Jamie Drive, Whitehouse, TX 75791)

**'82 Robert Ballenger** recently returned from his second deployment to the Middle East. He is a U.S. Navy commander with the Joint Forces Command in Suffolk, Va. (2312 Beach Haven Drive, #302, Virginia Beach, VA 23451)

**Kim Arthur Johnson** is a third-grade teacher at Nebo Elementary. She received her M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction from Coppin State College and is currently working on her Ph.D. in education from Capella University. She and her husband, Joseph, have two children. (165 LaDora Drive, Dal-

las, GA 30157)

## '84 Reunion at Homecoming 2004

**Rick Alexander** works at FullSail.com, a multimedia educational facility where he teaches recording engineering. He also freelances in Orlando, Fla., doing audio for National Public Radio. He married his wife, Sherry, July 5, 2003. They have two children. (1685 Hilldale Road, Titusville, FL 32792)

**Titia Arledge** owns Mud Pies Pottery, which provides and demonstrates functional and decorative

## FOCUS on the FUTURE

### Charitable estate planning — What is it?

by D. MARK MOORE, director of planned giving, and DONALD KEE, general counsel

**S**INCE JOINING THE UNIVERSITY in 1990, Donald Kee has worked in several capacities, including planned gifts officer, legal counsel to the University, and technical adviser to the Advancement Office. While maintaining his responsibilities as legal counsel, Don has joined me in the Office of Planned Giving to work with friends and supporters of Harding in their charitable estate planning. I have asked Don a few questions about his new role.



D. Mark Moore



Donald Kee

**Mark:** Don, what are the most common reasons friends and supporters of Harding use charitable giving in their estate plans?

**Don:** Many of our friends and supporters choose to make charitable giving to the University a part of their estate plan to:

- provide perpetual scholarship funding
- build or renovate buildings and facilities necessary to the University
- fund existing projects that are specific in nature in which they have a special interest
- pass values on to their children and grandchildren
- receive income-, gift- and estate-tax benefits

**Mark:** What advantages do our friends and supporters receive from giving charitably to the University in their estate plans?

**Don:** Advantages of charitable giving to the University in an estate plan include:

- receiving a current income tax deduction
- transferring capital assets in a tax-efficient manner
- transferring wealth to the next generation
- receiving lifetime income
- minimizing estate taxes

**Mark:** Finally, what are some of the planning tools available to our friends and supporters for maximizing charitable estate planning?

**Don:** Each situation is unique; therefore, a customized estate plan — customized according to family circumstances, types of assets, and level of desire to leave a legacy — is needed. A few tools used to build a customized charitable estate plan include revocable trusts and wills (distribution planning), exemption trust and marital deduction (minimize estate taxes), life insurance trusts (replacement of wealth), charitable trusts and charitable gift annuities (lifetime income), and family entities (asset protection and discount valuation). ■





stoneware pottery. She has two children. (P.O. Box 208, 18 N. Main St., Salado, TX 76571)

**'86 Cary Gilbert** is working for Tribune Co./Los Angeles Times. He specializes in business development for Tribune's print, Internet and broadcast businesses. (7985 Santa Monica Blvd., #268, Los Angeles, CA 90046)

**'89 Reunion at Homecoming 2004**

**'90 Geneva Stamps Richardson** is a first-grade teacher for Caddo Hills School District. Her husband, **Perry** ('86), is a barber and school bus driver. They have two children. (638 Canyon Springs Circle, Royal, AR 71968)

**'93 Tricia Spradling Hand's** baby daughter, Bethany Faith, died Aug. 8, 2003, from heart problems. She and her husband, Jerry, request prayers. (9097 Brushy Creek Trail, Fort Worth, TX 76118)

**'94 Reunion at Homecoming 2004**

**Larrie Maples** is a physical education teacher and head varsity softball coach for Fisher High School. Her team set the school record for wins in a single season and made the state playoffs for the first time in school history. She was named New Orleans Westbank Coach of the Year. (122 Melvyn Drive, Belle Chasse, LA 70037)

**'95 Todd Denoyer** is the administrator of Victoria Christian School. (1701 Victoria Station Drive, #1404, Victoria, TX 77901)

**Aaron L. Kite** is an attorney for the legal team of Rebein Bangerter in Dodge City, Kan. His wife, **Summer McCain** ('99), is a speech pathologist working for the Southwest Kansas Area Cooperative District 613. (P.O. Box 1341, Dodge City, KS 67801)

**'96 Erron Huey** just completed his Ph.D. and is working for West Virginia University as assistant professor of child development and family studies. (995 N. Willey, #3, Morgantown, WV 26505-5157)

**Rachel Hundley** graduated from The University of Memphis in August 2003 with a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. She has received a Harvard Medical School fellowship at Children's Hospital in Boston. (1440 Beacon St., #208, Brookline, MA 02446)

**'97 Brandon Keown** graduated from the University of South Florida with a master's in architecture in May 2003 and is working with the firm of Everton Oglesby in Nashville, Tenn. His wife is **Ferne Howe** ('96).

**'98 Brady Rembleski** is an optometrist with Buffington Eye Care. His wife, **Dani Allen**, is an account manager for Garrett-Mosier Insurance Services Inc. (2713 Harkness, Sacramento, CA 95818)

**'99 Reunion at Homecoming 2004**

**Jordan Clark** is a piping designer for Tri Ocean Natchiq Engineering. His wife, **Kari Staples**, works for Encana Corp. as a midstream and marketing analyst. (4-6131 Bowness Road N.W., Calgary, Canada, AB, T3B0C9)

**Joy Haynes** worked for AmeriCorps as a case and site manager for five free medical clinics in Pittsburgh, Pa. She is now back in Port-

land, Ore., and plans to attend graduate school. (13360 S.E. 122nd Ave., A-13, Clackamas, OR 97015)

**'00 Amanda Redwine**

**Barfield** completed an M.A. in interpersonal/organizational communication from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in December 2002 and is an executive consultant for The Rottman Group. She and her husband, John, have a daughter. (13027 Childress Road, Bauxite, AR 72011)

**Timo Kosonen** is a research engineer with Nokia Corp. He graduated with an M.S. in engineering from Tampere University of Technology in August 2003. (Ristinkuntie 19 D 47, Tampere,

Finland 33700)

**'01 Tony Orozco** is working for ICON as a Web programmer. (14 calle 30-09 zona 7, col. Ciudad de Plata II, Guatemala City, GT 01007)

**Matthew Shaner** recently returned from two years of mission work in Italy. He is currently working for the Arkansas Department of Economic Development as a communications specialist. (402 E. Center, Searcy, AR 72143)

**Jon Suttles** is a math teacher for Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools. (109 Knolls Place, Nashville, TN 37211)

## Joan Davis Partain ('53)

### Unlocking students' desire to learn

**L**AST SPRING, THE mother of a third-grade child from a public school in Houston called Westbury Christian School and asked to speak to "Mrs. Partain, the teacher who can teach a rock to read."

Though Partain has not really added that feat to her impressive resumé, she has taken on and helped many students with learning problems, even when other teachers and parents were ready to give up.

Partain has made quite a name for herself in the Houston area as a reading teacher at Westbury Christian School, where she has taught since 1989, currently middle school language arts. In August, she was honored as the first inductee into the Texas Christian School Association Hall of Fame for her 50 years of service in Christian education in the state of Texas.

The Westbury faculty realize what a treasure they have in Partain. The athletic director, Greg Glenn, once overheard a discussion about a 21-year-old African man who was brought to Houston by

an NBA scout. After 18 months with a university education specialist, he still could not read any English and barely spoke it. He could not even read his own language. Glenn wanted Partain to try. "I tutored him three times a week, two hours at a time, for five weeks," she says. "He was then speaking well and reading at the end of second-grade level."

Short of her amazing blend of patience and perseverance, there is no magic formula to her method. "It isn't as though I'm doing some difficult thing," she says. "It's my hobby with a variety of tremendous rewards and praise. I realize it has to be a gift I have, and I really love using it. I can't say I don't put an extreme amount of time and energy into it, but I can say it's my choice. It is very rewarding to open a door of learning when the person didn't even know there was a door."

The university specialist who had worked with the African basketball player called Partain and begged her to tell what

method she had used to teach him so fast and well. "When I tried to tell her I don't have one, she said, 'I understand, you don't want to tell me,'" Partain recalls.



Joan Davis Partain

Partain could not give this specialist the answer she was looking for, because she does not apply a one-fits-all approach. "When I agree to work with a new student, outside of the classroom, I review all the records I can find. I'm not looking for an excuse or a cover up; I'm searching for a clue, a pattern — something to explain the failure and suggestions for correcting it. I search for the student's own interests, which may be hidden from the mother and the student. Rather than deciding beforehand my plan of action, I grope, almost in the dark, praying

that I will see what course of action to pursue. I try to get them to talk, to write or even draw, looking for hints of interests and learning styles."

Her experience is not limited to students with learning difficulties. She holds a master's degree in diagnostic teaching with gifted emphasis. "Very bright students can experience difficulty fitting into the average world around them," she explains.

As David Lacey, a Westbury upper school administrator puts it, "Mrs. Partain is very good at helping students who are struggling. In fact, she is good at bringing everyone along."

Everyone at Westbury will be sad to see her go when she retires from full-time teaching at the end of this school year.

But she is not riding off into the sunset just yet; not when there are still potential students out there who need to be exposed to the joy of reading. She says, "I can't see myself turning down tutoring when there is a child I might help." ■

— April D. Fatula

## ALUMNI PROFILE





## Marriages

**John Baldwin Jr.** ('48) to **Robbe McCaleb** ('51), Jan. 14, 2001. (510 S. Bowman Ave., Holyoke, CO 80734-1310)

**Carmelita Bandy** ('92) to **Alexander Weddle**, Aug. 4, 2001. (2650 Keystone Ave., #90, Santa Clara, CA 95051-7133)

**Roberto Batres** ('96) to **Johana Rodas**, Aug. 25, 2001. (6a. Ave. 11-08 Zona 9, Edif. Tivoli, 4o. Nivel, Guatemala City, GT 01009)

**Yessica Sanchez** ('98) to **Daryl E. Jones**, Aug. 29, 2001. Yessica is a data administrator for Acxiom Corp. (900 W. Arch St., Searcy, AR 72143)

**Shawn Whitney** ('97) to **Katie Nichols** ('01), Oct. 20, 2001. Shawn is a software developer for Acxiom Corp., and Katie is a secretary for Service Master. (104 S. Moss St., #6, Searcy, AR 72143)

**Judy Bennett** ('85) to **Terry Schultheis**, Nov. 10, 2001. Judy is a part-time cashier for Publix Supermarkets Inc. while working on her nursing degree at Hillsborough Community College, and Terry is a supervisor for IMC Global. (6321 E. Newman Circle, Lakeland, FL 33811)

**Callie Milks** ('00) to **Matt Meeker**, Dec. 29, 2001. (162 Angela Drive, Clarksville, AR 72830)

**Jennifer Coan** ('96) to **Bryce Kennedy**, April 19, 2002. (14745 S.W. 109th Ave., #4, Tigard, OR 97224)

**Sarah Logsdon** ('01) to **Rhett Renoud**, April 29, 2002. (14300 N. Pennsylvania, #10, Oklahoma City, OK 73134)

**Adam Hall** ('01) to **Kimberly Rampey** ('02), May 31, 2002. (691 Harbor Bend Road, Memphis, TN 38103)

**John Julian** ('01) to **Kelly Stewart** ('01), July 13, 2002. John is employed with Maverick Transportation in Little Rock, Ark., and Kelly teaches at Cabot Middle School North. (46 Magnolia Drive, Cabot, AR 72023)

**Dave Wasson** ('02) to **Katie Tool** ('01), July 27, 2002. (9425 Riverside Drive, #422, Sandy, UT 84070)

**Nicole Staples** ('00) to **Mark Phillips**, Aug. 2, 2002. Nicole is a speech-language pathologist for Mapleton Public Schools, and Mark is a digital signal processing engineer. (2161 Madison Drive, Erie, CO 80516)

**Jason Burke** ('01) to **Vanessa Hammersmith** ('02), Aug. 3,

## ALMA MATTERS

## Tell your Harding story

by **LIZ HOWELL**, director of alumni relations

**A** NEW CHAPTER OF ASSOCIATED WOMEN for Harding began in Heber Springs, Ark., in November because of the vision of **Ina Linn** ('63) **Brown**.

The first meeting was inspirational because of the story each woman told concerning her Harding connection. Some of the women were parents of current students and others were parents of prospective students.

Brown came to Harding from Denver. She said her parents wanted her to attend Harding, and they put her in a car with a stranger to travel 1,000 miles to a campus yet unseen. Needless to say, she had a wonderful experience. Her husband, **Jim** ('60), and daughter, **Tracy Brown** ('89) **Foster**, are also University graduates.

**Edith Kihlhl** ('48) **Chaffin** shared that, due to the size of her family, she thought there was no way she could afford to attend. Edith is one of many who have come on a wing and a prayer, depending completely on faith and God's providence. She spoke fondly of how Dr. George S. Benson made special arrangements for her siblings to live with another family so they could receive a Christian education. She will never forget the kindness shown to her and is extremely grateful for the opportunity to attend Harding.

**Desiree Treat** ('00) **Byrd** grew up in Heber Springs and was at the meeting with her grandmother. Desiree had planned to attend Harding for one semester, then transfer and go to school with all of her high school friends. Little did she know that her life would change immediately — she met her future husband, **Wes** ('00), the second weekend of her freshman year. Desiree says it was worth every penny and that every good thing in her life has some Harding connection.

For many of us, the reasons we chose to attend Harding originated with a group of individuals who influenced our lives.



Liz Howell

For me, it was Lee and Bessie Brewer and Dr. **Jim** ('61) and **Maralyn Bailey** ('62) **Citty**. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer taught Bible classes throughout my early years and had children who attended Harding. The Brewers took several of us to campus every year to visit during Homecoming.

When I was about 12 years old, Dr. and Mrs. Citty and their children moved to my hometown of De Queen, Ark. They were a breath of fresh air for our little congregation and spoke often of Harding. Even though Dr. and Mrs. Citty were busy with a new practice and a young family, the souls of young people were their passion. Shortly after I came to Harding, the Cittys moved to Searcy and have been great supporters of Bison athletics and the University. Because of these godly people and their examples, many souls have a foundation that was strengthened by attending Harding.

The Harding family is full of ordinary people doing extraordinary things. Simple activities, like inviting a prospective student to come to Homecoming or Spring Sing, have life-changing outcomes. There are many things that you can do as an alumnus, and I encourage you to get involved by contacting me at (800) 477-4312 or by e-mailing [lhowell@harding.edu](mailto:lhowell@harding.edu).

Talk to others about Harding, and tell your story. You may share about the person who influenced you to come, the teacher or mentor who encouraged you when you felt like quitting, or about your spiritual walk and how your faith grew while you were here.

Think about who encouraged you to come to Harding, and thank them by passing it on to the next generation. Your example and encouragement may be what a student needs to make his or her college decision and transform his or her life.

Now for your homework assignment — Youth Forum/Spring Sing is April 8-10. Make plans to attend, and bring some prospective students. I'll see you here! **TH**

2002. (507 Moorman Ave., Colonial Heights, VA 23834)

**Dawn Crabtree** ('99) to **Andy Rose**, Aug. 3, 2002. (4206 Sirate Lane, Louisville, KY 40229)

**Brett Graham** ('02) to **Kristen Barron** ('02), Sept. 21, 2002. (1900 S. Eads St., #501, Arlington, VA 22202)

**Molly Luten** ('98) to **Charles Williams**, Sept. 28, 2002. (2 Raven Wood Way, Pooler, GA 31322)

**Michael Givens** ('01) to **Ashleigh Short** ('99), Oct. 5, 2002. (2101 Manchester Drive, Jonesboro, AR 72401)

**Christy Coonts** ('94) to **Chris Markgraf**, Nov. 16, 2002. Christy is manager of human resources at

Carrier Corp., and Chris runs Cumberland Fun Center and Cumberland Enterprises of Cookeville, Tenn. (710 Country Club Road, Sparta, TN 38583)

**Tabitha Hayes** ('00) to **Forrest Smith**, Nov. 23, 2002. (Harding University, Box 13025, Searcy, AR 72149)

**Jyusef Larry** ('00) to **Crichelle Vaughn**, Dec. 21, 2002. (313 S. Benton St., Searcy, AR 72086)

**Nathan McIntyre** ('02) to **Nikki Coonts** ('02), Dec. 28, 2002. (426 Cahaba Forest Cove, Birmingham, AL 35242)

**Jason Dyniewski** ('99) to **Kimberly Ray**, March 8, 2003. (10523 Aster Crest Court, Spring, TX 77379)

**Celene Batey** ('85) to **Alex Peters**, March 22, 2003. (137 W. Del Monte, Clewiston, FL 33440)

**Callie Ward** ('00) to **Carlton Jackson**, April 5, 2003. (30612 Carousel Lane, Murrieta, CA 92563)

**Ron Turner** ('90) to **Kim Dashner**, April 10, 2003. (3218 Julia Court, Lakeland, FL 33810)

**Rebecca Lawrence** ('97) to **Terry "Lee" Spear**, May 3, 2003. Rebecca is an associate for the law firm Schwartz, Zweban and Associates, and Lee is in construction management. (315 Fifth St., Jupiter, FL 33458)

**Shannon O'Dell** ('02) to **Chad Linder**, May 17, 2003. (1705 W. B St., Joplin, MO 64801)





**Kyle Rhodes** ('02) to **Susie Collins** ('03), May 17, 2003. Kyle is a decision support analyst with Axiom Corp., and Susie is a dietetic intern at the University of Central Arkansas. (2420 Riverfront Drive, #703, Little Rock, AR 72202)

**Jill McDonald** ('02) to **Chris Kirby**, May 24, 2003. (609 E. Pryor St., Athens, AL 35611)

**Sophonía Roe** ('92) to **Paul Ashcroft**, May 26, 2003. (1207 N. Ideal, Seminole, OK 74868)

**Robert Darnell** ('98) to **Leslie Hill**, May 31, 2003. (10512 Belamah Ave., Albuquerque, NM 87112)

**Robin Mullins** ('96) to **Philip Carlson**, May 31, 2003. (5525 C St., Little Rock, AR 72205)

**Anna Propst** ('00) to **Jason FitzSimmons**, May 31, 2003. Anna works for the University of Illinois as a librarian for the Illinois Natural History Survey Library, and Jason is a doctoral student. (1208 E. Delaware Ave., Urbana, IL 61801)

**Jessica Fain** ('98) to **Shawn Allen**, June 7, 2003. (5010 Bayport Circle, Rowlett, TX 75088)

**Joel Holmes** ('02) to **Amanda Davies**, June 7, 2003. (3800 Lookout, North Little Rock, AR 72116)

**Denise Winn** ('95) to **Pat Moreland**, June 19, 2003. Denise is working on her master's in library science at Oklahoma University, and Pat is a senior network engineer for J.B. Hunt Transport Inc. (210 W. Pleasant Grove Road, B, Lowell, AR 72745)

**Christine Wick** ('00) to **Andrew Sullens**, June 21, 2003. (818 Maddox Drive, #2086, Arlington, TX 76011)

**Eric Swayne** ('02) to **Larissa Smith** ('03), June 28, 2003. (6006 Andover Drive, #13, The Colony, TX 75056)

**Clint Lercher** ('03) to **Martha Pupko** ('01), July 5, 2003. Martha is a sixth-grade science teacher at Cabot Middle School South. (68 Oak Grove Circle, #13, Cabot, AR 72023)

**Jenna LaCaze** ('02) to **Daniel Shepard**, July 12, 2003. (1450 Bayhead Drive, #1522, Virginia Beach, VA 23456)

**Frank McCown** ('96) to **Becky Pratt** ('00), July 19, 2003. (Harding University, Box 10764, Searcy, AR 72149)

**Sheila Bateman** ('02) to **Damon Farrell**, July 25, 2003. (27405

Marilyn, Warren, MI 48093)

**Erin Kemp** ('03) to **Jay Brogdon**, July 26, 2003. (407 Village Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

**Jordan Smith** ('03) to **Heather Valentine** ('03), Aug. 9, 2003. (8214 S. Yorktown Ave., #501, Tulsa, OK 74137)

**Josh Eacret** ('02) to **Amanda Bullissa** ('02), Aug. 15, 2003. (Apartment 1C, 379 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02145)

**Melisa Moss** ('90) to **Doug Weaver**, Aug. 23, 2003. (110 Smithfield Ave., Summerville, SC 29485)

**Gabriel Leonard** ('95) to **Milagro Vallecillos**, Aug. 30, 2003. (Brisas del Golf, Calle 33 Sur, H-129, Panama City, Panama)

**Audrey Brooker** ('89) to **Joey Rowland**, Aug. 31, 2003. (8925 Scotch Heather Way, Charlotte, NC 28277)

**Amber Craton** ('97) to **Jay Williams**, Sept. 6, 2003. (510 Old Hickory Blvd., #719, Nashville, TN 37209)

**Lena Maximova** ('98) to **Damon Surterland**, Sept. 27, 2003. (2010 Lexington Drive, Palatine, IL 60074)

**Ray Patton** ('99) to **Clair Wietecha** ('99), Oct. 11, 2003. (2325 Nashville Pike, #825, Gallatin, TN 37066)

## Births

To **Stephen** ('95) and **Rebecca Johnson** ('97) **Cohn**, a daughter, Ashlynn Grace, Nov. 23, 2001. (2 Ptarmigan Drive, Reading, PA 19606)

To **Randy** and **Lynn Bohannon** ('86) **Rowland**, a daughter, Katherine Leigh, Jan. 24, 2002. They have two other daughters, Krista and Laura. (8935 Magnolia Leaf Cove, Cordova, TN 38018)

To **Rob** ('94) and **Elizabeth Pickens** ('94) **Galloway**, a son, John Robert, March 9, 2002. (7900 Wycombe Court, Westerville, OH 43081)

To **Kevin** and **Laura Pronia** ('94) **Caldwell**, a daughter, Anna, July 1, 2002. They also have a son, Alex. (P.O. Box 1796, Mountain View, AR 72560)

To **Chris** ('98) and **Kimberly Young** ('98) **White**, a daughter, Kynzie Kristine, Aug. 7, 2002. They also have a son, Keaton Christopher. (517 Cimmaron Strip, Lewisville, TX 75067)

To **Brent** and **Cindy Isenberg** ('88) **Beeler**, a son, David Lyle,

Aug. 8, 2002. They also have a daughter, Elizabeth, and a son, Stephen. (7396 Arlington Drive, St. Louis, MO 63117)

To **David** and **Cheryl Cheatham** ('88) **Rampton**, a son, Ian David, Aug. 8, 2002. (19 Osborne Place, Aberdeen, Scotland AB25 2BX)

To **Duff** and **Jennifer Lane** ('00) **Harris**, a daughter, Martha Pauline, Aug. 17, 2002. (937 Berkshire Court, Sycamore, IL 60178)

To **James** ('02) and **Naomi Gill** ('02) **Wyant**, a son, Logan Kaide, Aug. 30, 2002. (401 E. Booth Road, #114, Searcy, AR 72143)

To **John** and **Christina Weber** ('97) **Kirkley**, a son, Grayson Michael, Sept. 24, 2002. (864 Country Glen, Imperial, MO 63052)

To **Jonathan** ('97) and **Amy Knight** ('98) **Griffin**, a daughter, Georgia Ella, Dec. 4, 2002. (211 S. Aztec Drive, White House, TN 37188)

To **Todd** ('95) and **Shana McCain** ('94) **Matheny**, a daughter, Alexandra Grace, Dec. 14, 2002. They also have a daughter, Annalise Sophie. (14323 E. North Point Drive, Wichita, KS 67230)

To **Danny** and **Amy Atkinson** ('93) **Naramore**, a daughter, Savannah Grace, Jan. 9, 2003, by adoption. She was born Sept. 10, 2002, in Uganda. (P.O. Box 862, Mbarara, Uganda, East Africa)

To **Eric** ('00) and **Wendy Green** ('00) **Davenport**, a son, Aiden Clark, Jan. 17, 2003. They also have a son, Brinson Gregory. (2620 Toulender St., Mandeville, LA 70448)

To **Mike** ('96) and **Tami Morris** ('96) **Ferris**, a son, Zachary Tyler, Jan. 28, 2003. They also have a daughter, Kayla Beth. (12526 Clearview Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46236)

To **Jesse** and **Rachel Coley** ('96) **McCarty**, a daughter, Mattie, Feb. 24, 2003. (1208 Alcazar, Albuquerque, NM 87110)

To **Christopher** and **Jennifer Schultheisz** ('96) **Fye**, a daughter, Anna Elizabeth, Feb. 27, 2003. (18189 Pine Lake Road, Beloit, OH 44609)

To **James** ('98) and **Catherine Richardson** ('00) **Rickett**, a daughter, Alyssa Anne, March 7, 2003. They also have a daughter, Emily. (4801 Sunbury, Texarkana, AR 71854)

To **Nathan** ('95) and **Christie Bishop** ('96) **Mellor**, a daughter, Arden Christine, March 13, 2003. They also have a daughter, An-

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Dr. Neale and Treva Pryor receive the Distinguished Alumni Award from Lee Mackey, alumni association president.

**T**HE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION presented its annual awards at Homecoming's Black and Gold Banquet Oct. 17.

Dr. Neale ('56) and Treva Pryor ('86), the 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients, have been part of the University community for more than four

ings and makes numerous appearances at workshops and lectures. Throughout Neale's years of service, Treva has been by his side as an excellent role model of a Christian wife, mother and teacher. For



J. Leon Johnson

public defender, circuit judge, and associate partner for the litigation department at Wilson

Honduras was known throughout the country, and he funded many medical expenses for the poor from his own pocket. Maria, who is continuing the couple's ministry, accepted the award on Tony's behalf.

**J. Leon Johnson** ('83) was recognized as Outstanding Alumnus by the College of Arts and Humanities. He has served as a lobbyist,

degree in 1989. He spent more than a decade as a missionary in Australia



Dr. Herman C. Alexander

before returning to the United States in 1980 to teach at the Center for Christian Education in Dallas, where he still works today. He has spoken at seminars in 21 states and several countries and continues to be involved with missions, making regular trips to Lithuania and New Zealand.

**James H. Cone Jr.** ('77) was named Outstanding Alumnus by

Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

**Dr. Maryann Cooper Felps** ('72) was recognized by the College of Education as Outstanding Alumnus. She is the dean of academics and instructor of English



Dr. Maryann Cooper Felps

and humanities for Fort Worth Christian School. Her 31-year career in education includes teaching at the secondary level and at Temple Junior College, Texas Wesleyan University, and the University of Texas at Arlington. From 1988-

the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, and as the associate chief of nursing services for education at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Los Angeles.



Dr. Martha E. Farrar Highfield

She has initiated research into spiritual care in nursing, developing the spiritual health inventory and co-authoring the *Spiritual Care Perspective Scale*.

**Dr. Robert C. Walker** ('77) was awarded the Outstanding Alumnus Award by the College of Sciences.

## Pryors named 2003 Distinguished Alumni

decades. In 2002, the couple was honored by the dedication of the newest women's residence hall in their name.

A professor of Bible since 1962, Neale also served the University for 18 years as vice president for academic affairs — a position he retired from in 2001 to return to the classroom full time. Upon his return to the classroom, he received the Distinguished Teacher Award for the third time, making him one of only 11 University faculty to be honored as a distinguished professor. Neale has authored the book *You Can Trust Your Bible*, and each year he conducts approximately 10 gospel meet-

more than a decade she has been a special influence on the faculty and students at Harding Academy, particularly the young girls in her classes. She and Neale have been married 43 years.

For the first time in the history of the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award, the Alumni Association presented the citation posthumously — to Dr. **Tony Tabora** ('90). Tabora, a native Honduran who attended the University as a Walton Scholar, was murdered in August 2002 outside his home. He and his wife, Maria, were medical missionaries for Misión del Caribe, a Louisiana-based nonprofit Latin American ministry. His work for the people of

and Associates in Little Rock, Ark. In January 2003, Gov. Mike Huckabee appointed Johnson as interim attorney general after Mark Pryor resigned the position to take his U.S. Senate seat. Johnson is a member of the University's President's Council and the American Studies Institute's Advisory Board. He is also president of the W. Harold Flowers Law Society.

**Dr. Herman C. Alexander** ('57), recipient of the College of Bible and Religion's Outstanding Alumnus Award, holds three degrees from the University. In addition to his baccalaureate degree, he received the master of arts degree in 1978 and the doctor of ministry

the College of Business Administration. A certified public accountant, he works as a general contractor on commercial, educational, research and state projects. His company's



James H. Cone Jr.

work includes more than 50 projects for seven Arkansas universities. He is chairman for Central Arkansas Christian Schools' board of directors in Little Rock and a member of the University's board of trustees. He also belongs to the American

1998, Felps was three times named Teacher of the Year at Fort Worth Christian School, twice awarded the Texas Excellence Award for Outstanding High School Teachers, presented with the Outstanding Educator Award by the Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce, and selected for *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

**Dr. Martha E. Farrar Highfield** ('76) was the College of Nursing's selection for the Outstanding Alumnus Award. She is a professor of nursing for the College of Health and Human Development at California State University at Northridge. Prior to joining the California State faculty, Highfield worked as a clinician at

For the past 17 years, he has held three hospital appointments, serving as an active surgical staff



Dr. Robert C. Walker

member for Decatur General Hospital, Parkway Medical Center Hospital and Decatur Ambulatory Surgery Center. He is currently president of the Decatur General Hospital Foundation in Alabama, chairman for the American College of Surgeons, and a member of the University's President's Council. JHI





nalise Claire. (3285 Stage Run Drive, Hixson, TN 37343)

To Mark and **Debbie Biting** ('91) **Powell**, a son, Mercer Edward, March 18, 2003. They also have a daughter, Audrey. (5712 Magnolia Woods Drive, Bartlett, TN 38134)

To Slade and **Wendy Bolton** ('98) **Wilson**, a daughter, Victoria Catherine, March 29, 2003. Wendy is director for tutorial programs at the U.S. Naval Academy, and Slade is an assistant plant manager for Unifirst Corp. (2215 E. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21231)

To **Clint** ('98) and Shannon **Singer**, a daughter, Macy Lauren, March 30, 2003. They also have a son, Brayden. (906 Fairway Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

To Jeremy and **Erin Lea Brooks** ('99) **Warford**, a son, Nathan Alan, March 31, 2003. (3910 N.W. 68th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73116)

To Tim and **Patrice Busby** ('92) **Kenney**, a daughter, Megan Emily, April 4, 2003. (27688 Rigsby Road, Daphne, AL 36526)

To **Scott** ('97) and **Cassandra Hale** ('97) **Goode**, a daughter, Anna Elizabeth, April 12, 2003. (105 N. Hickory, Searcy, AR 72143)

To **Ken** ('94) and Jennifer **Scroggs**, a son, Zachary Kincaid, April 25, 2003. (619 W. Ashley Glen Circle, Cordova, TN 38018-1011)

To Bruce and **Laura Casey** ('94) **Finnie**, a daughter, Rebecca Casey, May 3, 2003. They have another daughter, Heather. (7039 Highland Creek Drive, Bridgeville, PA 15017)

To Frank and **Jeanne Lockhart** ('89) **Salas**, a daughter, Hallie Victoria, May 11, 2003. They also have a son, Zachary. (2838 Stuart Drive, Durham, NC 27707)

To **Mark** ('99) and **Shauna Stobart** ('00) **Trainer**, a daughter, MacKenzie Rae, May 12, 2003. (11140 Cheyenne Trail, B, Parma Heights, OH 44130)

To Charlie and **Amy Showen** ('93) **Wallace**, a son, James Aleksandr, May 14, 2003. They have three other children, Anna, John and Grace. (5988 S.W. Reed Lane, Trimble, MO 64492)

To Ben and **Sondra Smith** ('93) **Gates**, a daughter, Claire Helen, May 17, 2003. (287 Ledgewood Drive, Fond Du Lac, WI 54935)

To **John** ('96) and **Kimberly Vick-**

**ers** ('95) **Harris**, a son, Noah Kenneth, May 17, 2003. They also have a son, Jordan David.

To **Michael** ('97) and **Heather Bittle** ('98) **McDonald**, a daughter, Kaitlynn Shelby, May 23, 2003. (2962 Kingston, Memphis, TN 38127)

To Larry and **Stephanie Eslinger** ('94) **Parker**, a daughter, Meredith Rose, May 31, 2003. They have two other daughters, Madeline and Morgan. (902 Dayton Drive, Robinson, TX 76705)

To **Rick** ('84) and **Peggy Haines** ('84) **Hall**, a daughter, Haley, June 5, 2003. They have two other children, Stacy and Kelly. (9696 Gardenia Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410)

To Robert and **Donna Garner** ('92) **Cole**, a son, Logan Garner, June 10, 2003. (480 Bowers Road, Jacksonville, AR 72076)

To **Rob** ('94) and **Rebecca Helm** ('94) **Kernodle**, a son, Caleb John, June 17, 2003. (1020 Mitchellsburg Road, Perryville, KY 40468)

To **Matt** ('94) and **Julie Simmons** ('98) **Risinger**, a daughter, Alyssa Renee, June 19, 2003. (12031 Windermere Crossing Circle, Winter Garden, FL 34787-5522)

To **Ethan** ('94) and **Ashley McKelvey** ('97) **Brown**, a daughter, Gillian Reese, June 23, 2003. (84 Reed St., Agawam, MA 01001)

To **Jordan** ('99) and **Kimberly Gibbins** ('98) **Harr**, a daughter, Kennedy Jordan, June 27, 2003,

by adoption. Jordan is a sales representative for U.S. Smokeless Tobacco, and Kim is a homemaker. (11512 Kendrick Drive, Louisville, KY 40241)

To Terry and **Heather Cramp** ('89) **Whitfield**, a daughter, Sienna Fae, June 30, 2003. They have three other children, Cassidy, Beau and Gage. (R.R. #1, Thessalon, Ontario P0R 1L0)

To **Kevin** ('96) and **Meredith Hlasta** ('00) **Baldwin**, a son, Jonathan Dennis, July 2, 2003. Kevin is a senior accountant for West Pharmaceutical Services, and Meredith is a homemaker. (363 Old Forge Crossing, Devon, PA 19333)

To **Keith** ('99) and **Dana Rice** ('99) **Hall**, a daughter, Aubri Alyse,

## RECONNECTING

### HUG students raise \$3,100 for alumna in need

**T**HE CALL TO SERVE is central to the University's mission, whether on

the Searcy campus or 6,000 miles away in Athens, Greece. The students and faculty who spent the fall semester at the international program there demonstrated awareness of this fact when they raised \$3,100 for alumna **Marcella Witt Fenske** ('99) — a woman most of them did not know.

Fenske, who now lives in Omaha, Neb., suffered third-degree burns on more than 25 percent of her body when a grease fire broke out while she was cooking dinner Sept. 13. A newlywed and a graduate student, neither she nor her husband, Dale, had medical insurance. At the time, it was estimated treatment could result in bills up to \$1 million.

Junior **Trevor Goertzen**, who was one of the students at HUG, brought Fenske's situation up as a prayer request in chapel one morning. Their families had grown up to-

gether in Aurora, Neb. "It shattered me," he says. "I was at her wedding three weeks before."

At the suggestion of Dr. Dale Manor, associate professor of Bible and archaeology and a HUG faculty member, the group decided to raise money for a contribution toward Fenske's medical expenses.

"I wasn't thinking we would raise more than \$400 or \$500 — at the max," Goertzen says. He was astonished by the result. "The majority of the \$3,100 came from personal contributions. It was much more than I would have dreamed."

Fenske has had a similar reaction. "It is amazing to me and my husband to see Christ's body at work all over the world," she says. "It really is all one."

After seven and a half weeks in the hospital, Fenske is healing very well. She did not have to undergo a skin graft on her neck, and all of the grafts she did have were successful the first time, which is very unusual. For the next

nine to 12 months, she will have to wear a compression garment, a full body-suit, for 23 hours a day in order to continue the healing process and prevent scarring. She was supposed to complete her master's degree in social work in December, but has postponed it until May. Throughout the entire process, she has maintained a positive outlook.

Says Dr. **Jim White** ('75), minister of the Southwest Church of Christ in Omaha, where the Fenskens attend, "The really remarkable thing has been how Marcella served and ministered to others during all of this. While in the hospital, she and Dale would get up and minister to the other patients. My wife and I visited the hospital to see Marcella. She was still pretty much in isolation, and we couldn't go in, but she sent Dale out with some chocolate candy for us. Always thinking of others."

The knowledge that people from around the world have not only con-



Marcella Witt Fenske

tributed money to her treatment, but also have been praying for her and sending cards has had a tremendous impact on Fenske. "It's really humbling to learn that somebody that far across the world is concerned about me."

Because the recovery process has gone so well, the estimate for her medical bills now stands at \$350,000. Another answered prayer came in mid-December by way of a letter from St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Lincoln, Neb., waiving \$300,000, the total cost of her inpatient care. The Fenskens are now responsible for the remaining \$50,000. Contributions, with an indication for Marcella, may be made to Southwest Church of Christ. The address is 2600 S. 124th St., Omaha, NE 68144. JH

— April D. Fatula





July 2, 2003. They have three other children; Alyssa, Austin and Abigail. (6532 Kelly Willis Road, Greenbrier, TN 37073)

To Chris and **Michele VanRheenen** ('95) **Westerholm**, a daughter, Jenna Susana, July 2, 2003. (12429 57th Drive N.E., Marysville, WA 98271)

To **Thom** ('88) and **Jennifer Swinea** ('93) **Jacquet**, a son, Beckham Thomas, July 4, 2003. They have another son, Jack. (111 Omega Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30044)

To Tommy and **Sandra Jones** ('89) **Johnson**, a son, Austin Blake, July 10, 2003. They have two other children, Nora and Adam. (531 Breslin Ave., Smyrna, TN 37167)

To Todd and **Jean Tilson** ('98) **Hartman**, a son, Premier Freedom, July 16, 2003. (11821 Bittern Hollow, #47, Austin, TX 78758)

To **Brian** ('95) and **Melanie Hol-loway** ('94) **Birmingham**, a daughter, Brittany Dawn, July 18, 2003. Brian is a certified registered nurse anesthetist for Cape Fear Valley Health System, and Melanie is a research manager for America Online. (7225 Harvestgrain Drive, Stedman, NC 28391)

To **Andrew** ('99) and **Erin Rhodes** ('99) **Sowards**, a son, William Gabriel, July 19, 2003. They have another son, Caleb. Andrew is working with the Antioch Church of Christ in student ministry. (1087 Whispering Winds Court, LaVergne, TN 37086)

To **Rob** ('99) and **Susan Stiger** ('99) **Stroud**, a daughter, Alli Clare, July 28, 2003. (1220 Cumberland Creek Place, Marietta, GA 30008)

To **Alan** ('00) and **Ladye Rachel Wilson** ('00) **Howell**, a daughter, Abigail Ruth, July 30, 2003. They moved with their mission team to Mozambique in December.

To **Brent** ('97) and **Tonya Glosser** ('99) **Morgan**, a son, Ty Delane, Aug. 2, 2003. (108 Lakeway Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

To Derek and **Tara Tubb** ('95) **Foster**, a son, Grant Alexander, Aug. 5, 2003. They have two other sons, Harrison and Conner. (3328 Autumn Ridge Drive W., Mobile, AL 36695)

To Erin and **Alissa Lingua** ('98) **Roades**, a daughter, Kalista Marie, Aug. 13, 2003. (12 Graybrooke Lane, Florissant, MO 63031)

To **Damon** ('95) and **Robin King** ('95) **Heasley**, a son, Ty Steven, Aug. 14, 2003. They have two other children, Sierra and Justin. (12833 Turnham Drive,

Fishers, IN 46038)

To **Wade** ('93) and **Julie Owen** ('91) **Osburn**, a son, Owen Tate, Aug. 15, 2003. They also have two daughters, Ivy Laine and Ellis Ann. (314 E. Third St., Henderson, TN 38340)

To **Brian** ('94) and **Drea Howard** ('94) **Jones**, a daughter, Kyndal Renae, Aug. 19, 2003. They have two other children, Rachael and Derrek. (17420 Mountain View Road N.E., Duvall, WA 98019)

To Jack and **Selenia Quintero** ('95) **Farber**, a daughter, Soledad Marie, Aug. 21, 2003. (600 S. Dahlia Circle, K-202, Denver, CO 80246)

To **John** ('01) and **Summer Polk** ('01) **Chesshir**, a son, Samuel Polk, Aug. 22, 2003. (2235 Destin Drive, Conway, AR 72034)

To **Jay** ('98) and **Danna Johnson** ('00) **Gentry**, a son, James Michael, Aug. 22, 2003. They also have a daughter, Ellie. Jay is counseling for The Care Center in Little Rock, Ark. (5521 Green Valley Ave., North Little Rock, AR 72118)

To **Alan** ('94) and **Lori Morris** ('95) **Underwood**, a son, David Alan, Aug. 28, 2003. They have two other children, Kayley and Jonathan. Alan is the pulpit minister for Hernando Church of Christ, and Lori is a homemaker. (1423 Vernon Drive S., Hernando, MS 38632)

To **Chad** ('00) and **Jennifer Roach** ('00) **Patterson**, a daughter, Breanna Lynn, Sept. 7, 2003. (13454 Muirkirk Lane, Herndon, VA 20171)

To **David** ('96) and **Rebecca Lisle** ('96) **Waller**, a daughter, Hayley Ryann, Sept. 10, 2003. (10 Den-son Road, Lincoln, RI 02865)

To **Benjamin** ("BJ") ('00) and **Elizabeth Hedley** ('00) **Marshall**, a son, Samuel Christian, Sept. 11, 2003. (12429 Locustgrove Road, Richmond, VA 23233)

To **Andrew** ('96) and **Amie Gilliam** ('97) **Wheeler**, a daughter, Madison Leigh, Sept. 16, 2003. (901 Belair Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65109)

To **Bryan** ('01) and **Darlene Madlaing** ('01) **Gamble**, a son, John Michael, Sept. 27, 2003. (730 Madrid St., San Francisco, CA 94112)

To Jes and **Mindy Schackmann** ('96) **Shearer**, a daughter, Amy Laurel, Sept. 27, 2003. (5842 S. Maplewood Ave., Tulsa, OK 74135)

To **Joel** ('95) and **Brenda Barr**, a daughter, Adelyn Rose, Sept. 30, 2003. (927 Trelane Ave., Crestwood, MO 63126)

To Lee and **Janet Reed** ('91) **Godbold**, a daughter, Jalee Michele, Oct. 8, 2003. They have three other children, Reed, Mitchell and Cannon. (500 Singing Quail, Haslet, TX 76052)

To Kenneth and **MaryGlyn Henderson** ('98) **Babe**, a son, Kenneth Stewart III, Oct. 26, 2003. (2315 Valley Forge Drive, Mount Juliet, TN 37122)

To **Dave** ('96) and **Rachael Privitt** ('96) **Donnelly**, a son, Cullen Patrick, Oct. 30, 2003. They also have a son, Jacob. Dave is a commercial editor for Filmhouse Inc., and Rachael is a homemaker. (2887 Sutherland Drive, Thompson's Station, TN 37179)

## Deaths

**LaVonne Thornton Geer** ('41), 81, died Oct. 31, 2002. She spent most of her career in elementary education in Oneco, Fla. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, and a sister, Marilyn Whitelaw. She is survived by a sister, **Raylene Larsen** ('43).

**Ann Higgins Tandy** ('45), 79, died Jan. 3, 2003. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, **Louis** ('43); two sons, Stephen and Gary; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. (2315 W. 13th St., Wichita, KS 67203)

**Clifford Cronin** ('38), 87, died Jan. 13, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Agnes. (311 S. Morlan Ave., Holyoke, CO 80734)

**C.H. Welborn** ('58), 81, died Jan. 13, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Ann; and three children, **Larry** ('76), **Mary Case** ('77) and **Deborah Wallace** ('85). (8401 Fairwood Road, Mabelvale, AR 72103)

**Sybil Thornton Moody** ('56), 96, died April 13, 2003. She spent most of her career teaching English at Searcy Public Schools. She was one of the first members of the Searcy Garden Club and a charter member of the Omega Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma and the Arkansas Retired Teacher's Association. She is survived by one step-sister, Martha Claiborne.

**Charles H. Johnson** ('61), 67, died June 12, 2003, from leukemia. He is survived by his wife, **Iris Douglas** ('64); two daughters; and two grandchildren. (2417 Catalina Drive, Mesquite, TX 75150)

**Vernon C. Porter**, 87, died Aug. 7, 2003. A retired certified public accountant, he was an elder at the Jackson Street Church of Christ in Magnolia, Ark., and a member of the American Institute of Accountants and the Magnolia Rotary Club. He was also a member of the President's Council at Harding. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Nora Tolleson. He is survived by a son, Calvin; two daughters, **Jimmie P. England** ('59) and **Hilda Vanderpool** ('62); eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

**Janielle C. Jones** ('76), 50, died Aug. 9, 2003, from multiple sclerosis. A member of the church of Christ, she served as a missionary to Hawaii in 1969. She is survived by her parents, James and Gloria Jones; a brother, James; a sister, Jeri C. Requarth; and her step-grandmother, Hattie McVay.

**Cynthia Rowland McClure** ('76), 48, died Aug. 14, 2003, from cancer. In addition to working in television, she was an author and lecturer. She is survived by her husband, David; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rowland; and two sons, Micah and Caleb. (13031 Glen Court, Chino, CA 91709)

**William Weston "Bill" Summitt** ('53), 71, died Aug. 17, 2003, from cardiac arrest. Bill was a commissioned officer and dentist in the Army. He retired as a full colonel in 1982 after serving in numerous places throughout his career, including Hawaii, the Pentagon and Vietnam. A board-certified prosthodontist, he retired from the West Louisiana Dental Center in Leesville, La., in 2000. He is survived by his wife, **Betty** ('53); his mother, **Maurine** ('62); two brothers, **James** ('60) and **Paul** ('61); three sons, James, Gerald and Steven; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. (Box 728, Anacoco, LA 71403)

**Susan Musick Holleman** ('81), 45, died Aug. 19, 2003, from cancer. She was a customer service representative with Malmstrom White Co. She is survived by her husband, James; her parents, James and Jane Musick; a son, Logan; a daughter, Lauren; two brothers, **Mike** ('73) and **Joey** ('92); and a sister, **Cindy Alexander** ('75). (31 Red Leaf Circle, Little Rock, AR 72210)

**Charles Reaves** ('70), 55, died Aug. 26, 2003. In 1999, he was selected as one of the top 10 principals in the state of Missouri. He retired in 2001 after 30 years in public education in Missouri, where he worked as a teacher,





counselor and principal. At the time of his death, he was working for the University of Missouri as New Madrid County 4-H youth specialist. He is survived by his wife, **Pat Cassetty** ('71); a son, **Matt** ('01); and a daughter, **Sarah**. (1210 E. Salcedo Road, Sikeston, MO 63801)

**Daria M. Denham Gerding** ('78), 47, died Sept. 11, 2003. She was a legal clerk for Sutton, Hicks, Grayson and Brad Attorneys and a member of Point Pleasant Church of Christ in Hebron, Ky. She is survived by her husband, Larry; her father, **Ralph Denham** ('49); two daughters; Rochelle and Andrea; a brother, Daryl M. Denham; and four sisters, **Diana Johnson** ('72), **Dorelle Hogan** ('83), **Dru Baker** ('86) and Denise Savage.

**Martha Letitia Longley Stevens** ('43), 80, died Sept. 13, 2003. In the early years of her marriage, she was a public school teacher who supported her husband in his quest for a doctorate from Vanderbilt University. After moving to Abilene, Texas, in 1961, she was a member and officer of the National League of American Pen

Women and the Creative Arts Club. She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, William Clark, who taught at Harding for 18 years. She is survived by her two daughters; Diane Wilson and Patti Concepcion; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Mildred Chambers Stubblefield** ('51), 76, died Sept. 20, 2003, after sustaining injuries in an automobile accident. She is survived by two sons, **Steve** ('79) and **Scott** ('81).

**Hazel Hopkins Lomax**, 84, died Oct. 2, 2003. She was the manager of Harding College Inn for 18 years. She is survived by her husband, Earl; a daughter, Patsy Braun; a brother, Troy; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Dadie Lambert Warren**, 76, died Oct. 13, 2003. She retired from Harding as a dietitian. She is survived by a son, David; three daughters, Ellen Wilson, Annie Wroten and Charlotte Miller; a sister, Ruth Allen; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**Emma Lou Smith Danner** ('82), 43, died Oct. 16, 2003, from cancer. She is survived by her husband, **Tad** ('81).

**James Paul DuBois Sr.** ('57), 73, died Oct. 16, 2003. He was a church of Christ preacher for 20 years, a secretary in the Air Force, and a financial adviser. He authored numerous books on biblical topics and Ozark-area history. He is survived by three sons, Jim, Perry and Andy; a daughter, Denise Lakers; and six grandchildren.

**Angelique Comstock Shores** ('95), 30, died Oct. 17, 2003, in an automobile accident. She taught at Southwest Middle School and was a member of Downtown Church of Christ. She is survived by her husband, Sam; her parents, George and Jackie Fedor; a daughter, Elizabeth; a brother, Brent Shanks; and a sister, Talia Fasig. (106 Clair Cove, Searcy, AR 72143)

**Betty Bergner McInteer** ('43), 82, died Oct. 18, 2003. She was a Tennessee Colonel and a member of the Marti Ami Club and the Lipscomb Lea Garden Club. She is survived by her husband of 60

years, Jim Bill; a daughter, **Mari-Lynn Canterbury** ('72); a son, **Mark** ('75); and five grandchildren. (1100 Belvedere Drive, Nashville, TN 37204)

**Ruthann Latimer Corbin** ('77), 66, died Nov. 2, 2003. She was a retired math and fourth-grade teacher and a member of College Church of Christ. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Bob; a son, **Scott** ('88); two daughters, **Connie White** ('82) and **Cheryl Finley** ('86); two sisters, Margaret Davis and Marie Atterberry; and nine grandchildren. (1501 Deener Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

**Thomas Harding Paine** ('43), 81, died Nov. 15, 2003. He was a retired architect who designed the original campus of Greater Atlanta Christian School. The grandson of Harding's namesake, James A. Harding, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He is survived by a son, David; two daughters, Wesley and **Sally** ('78); and two grandsons.

*Due to space restrictions, only alumni, faculty, staff and student deaths are reported.*



## EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

- 5 **Deena Burnett**, American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series, 7:30 p.m., Benson Auditorium; (501) 279-4497
- 5-6 **W.B. West Jr. Lectures**, Graduate School of Religion; (901) 761-1352
- 27-28 **WINGS Conference**; (501) 279-4347

### MARCH

- 1-2 **Community Appreciation Days**, Student Association; (501) 279-4323
- 14-20 **Spring recess**

### APRIL

- 8 **Ministry Forum**, Graduate School of Religion; (901) 761-1352
- 8-10 **Youth Forum and Spring Sing**, Office of Admissions Services; (800) 477-4407
- 9-10 **President's Council meeting**, Advancement Office; (501) 279-4312
- 22 **Gen. Tommy Franks**, American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series, 7:30 p.m., Benson Auditorium; (501) 279-4497
- 30-5/1 **Spring Conference**, Institute for Church & Family; (501) 279-4660

### MAY

- 1 **Run for the Son**, Graduate School of Religion; (901) 761-1355
- 3-7 **Final examinations**, Graduate School of Religion
- 8 **Commencement exercises**, Graduate School of Religion

- 10-14 **Final examinations**, main campus
- 13-14 **Board of Trustees meeting**
- 15 **Commencement exercises**, 10 a.m., Ganus Athletic Center
- 17-6/1 **Intersession**, main campus, Office of Admissions Services; (800) 477-4407

### JUNE

- 3-7/31 **Summer session**, Graduate School of Religion; (901) 761-1356
- 6-11 **National Leadership Forum**, American Studies Institute; (501) 279-4497
- 7-7/2 **Summer I**, main campus, Office of Admissions Services; (800) 477-4407
- 12-17 **Uplift I**, Institute for Church & Family; (501) 279-4660
- 19-24 **Uplift II**, Institute for Church & Family; (501) 279-4660
- 25-7/9 **Honors Symposium I**; (501) 279-5272
- 26-7/1 **Uplift III**, Institute for Church & Family; (501) 279-4660

### JULY

- 1-4 **Uplift Family Encampment and Coaching and the Family**, Institute for Church & Family; (501) 279-4660
- 2-16 **Honors Symposium II**; (501) 279-5272
- 6-30 **Summer II**, main campus, Office of Admissions Services; (800) 477-4407
- 9-23 **Honors Symposium III**; (501) 279-5272
- 16-30 **Honors Symposium IV**; (501) 279-5272
- 25-30 **Summer Honor Choir**; (501) 279-4311
- 31 **Commencement exercises**, 10 a.m., Benson Auditorium



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## FINAL FRAME



JEFF MONTGOMERY

*Veteran medical missionary and board member Dr. Henry Farrar talks with Martin Tabora and Maria Tabora at the Black and Gold Banquet Oct. 17. Maria is continuing the Honduran ministry of her late husband, Dr. Tony Tabora, who was honored posthumously as the Outstanding Young Alumnus. Martin, Tony's brother, accompanied her to accept the award on Tony's behalf. For more information, turn to page 29.*



# WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

If you have ☐ moved, ☐ changed jobs, ☐ been promoted, ☐ married, ☐ had a baby, ☐ been honored, etc., the Office of Alumni Relations needs to know. This information may also be used in the "Connections" section of a later issue of this magazine.

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Saturday, April 10 (7 p.m.) \_\_\_\_\_ Tickets @ \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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