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A wise investment

By DAVID B. BURKS, *president*



As a new year begins, Harding's mission remains the same. We are in the business of transforming students' lives; thus, an investment in Harding is an investment in the leadership of the future.

Harding prepares graduates to be spiritual leaders in the church and home, thought leaders in their professions, and produces graduates who are globally literate, civically responsible, and prepared to make a difference wherever God may lead them.

Each generation of our graduates is deeply influenced by the generosity of those alumni who have gone before them.

Each gift makes an impact, allowing the University to remain affordable. This affects the socio-economic composition of the student body, allows for more need-based assistance, and keeps Harding competitive with secular institutions.

The difference can also be felt in the area of academic enrichment, allowing the University to offer a globally competitive education, to attract and retain faculty scholars, and to provide 21st century technology and learning facilities.

The global impact may be the most important aspect. Each year more than 1,000 graduates leave Harding to make their mark on the world. The training they have received allows them to be points of light wherever they choose to serve.

Perhaps that result was demonstrated most clearly by the 50th anniversary World Mission Workshop [Page 10] hosted this year at our Harding University Tahkodah missionary training facility near Floral, Ark. Students came from all over the country and world to gain not only knowledge but also practical skills to enable them to take Christ's message to the world. It is that mission, that of building Christian servants, that we take to heart daily.

As you consider your investments this year, please consider investing in our students. It's an investment that will make a difference now and, more importantly, for eternity. **H**

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The map created by senior graphic design major Brooklyn Parker Sims helped World Mission Workshop participants find their way to various learning locales at Harding University Tahkodah Oct. 14-17.

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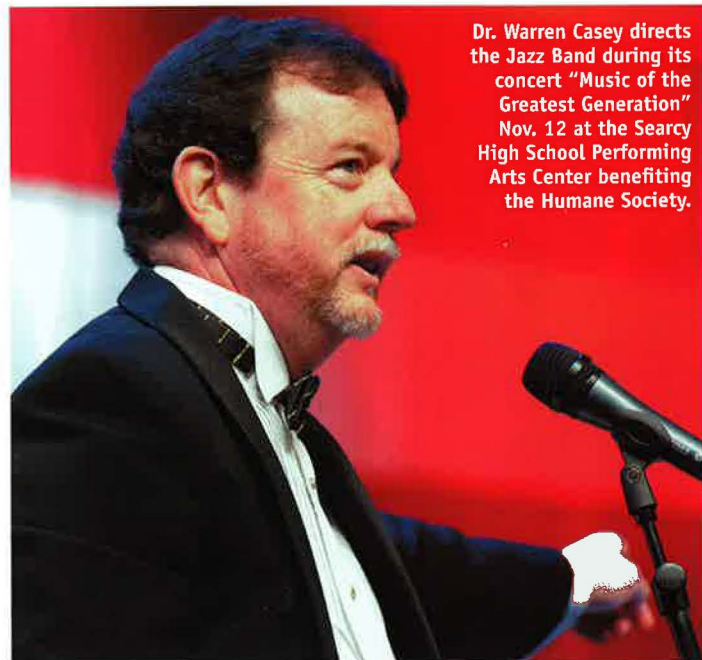
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Dr. Warren Casey directs the Jazz Band during its concert "Music of the Greatest Generation" Nov. 12 at the Searcy High School Performing Arts Center benefiting the Humane Society.

Casey to lead Honors College

Dr. Warren Casey, chair of the music department, was named assistant dean of the Honors College in October. He is working with current dean Dr. Jeffrey T. Hopper for the remainder of the 2010-11 academic year and assumes the dean's position after graduation in May 2011.

The decision was an-

nounced by Dr. Larry Long, vice president for academic affairs. Hopper has been dean of both the Honors College and International Programs since 2001, and each program has achieved remarkable success. Under his leadership, the Honors College grew from approximately 450 students in 2001 to about 1,000 this

year. Hopper also expanded international programs that now include semester-long programs in Australia, Chile, England, France, Greece, Italy and Zambia, and shorter programs abroad in several other locations. Nearly 50 percent of the 2009 graduating class attended one or more of the study abroad options.

With tremendous success has come an increased workload, which has outgrown the capacity of one individual. Administrators decided that the best long-term solution was to appoint a new dean for the Honors College to allow Hopper to focus on his role as head of International Programs.

As part of this administrative reconfiguration, Hopper will also be giving up the leadership of Honors Symposium, a summer program designed to give well-prepared high school students a taste of college life at Harding. The program grew under Hopper's guidance from its creation in 1993 with a single session of 42 students to a full summer-long activity with four sessions including approximately 200 potential honors students.

Casey will also assume leadership of Honors Symposium and take over that aspect

of his new assignments at the end of summer 2011.

"Dr. Hopper moved the Honors College forward from the day he took it over. His creative touch influenced the growth of the program in academic offerings, activities, visibility and scope," said Long.

Casey became chair of the Department of Music in 2008 and is a two-time recipient of the Distinguished Teacher Award. He joined the faculty in 1982.

Trustees add Waldron, elect officers

Murfreesboro, Tenn., developer and contractor David Waldron was named the newest addition to the board of trustees at the semiannual meeting Nov. 5.

Waldron is owner of Waldron Enterprises, a general contractor for single-family homes and apartments. Prior to joining the board, he was a member of Harding's President's Council and University Builder's Circle.

Waldron joins 20 other professionals on the University's governing body.

Also at the meeting, the board elected officers. Dr. John O. Simmons, a Columbia, Tenn., physician, was elected chairman, and retired engineer Harrell Freeman of Metairie, La., was chosen vice chairman.

Amarillo, Texas, attorney Jerry Morgan and retired Little Rock, Ark., educator Robert Diles were re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively. All officers serve two-year terms.

The four newly elected officers plus immediate past chairman Harry Risinger of Memphis, Tenn., form the board's executive committee.



Tuberville, Forbes cap off ASI series

While one leads his team to success on the gridiron and the other directs his company on its ever-growing path, both Tommy Tuberville and Steve Forbes promise to be engaging additions to the 2010-11 American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series.

Tommy Tuberville was named head football coach of the Texas Tech University Red Raiders January 2010.



With a coaching career that spans more than 30 years, he has also held head coaching positions at University of Mississippi and Auburn University.

During 10 years at Auburn, he led the Tigers to 85 overall wins, ranking fourth in school history. The team won nearly 50 Southeastern Conference games, a fourth-best mark in the SEC. He also led the Tigers to seven-straight bowl appearances and captured or shared five SEC West Division titles.

Throughout his career, Tuberville has been named the American Football Coaches Association, Associated Press, Paul "Bear" Bryant, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, SEC and Walter Camp Coach of the Year. He has been active in

community service amongst groups such as the Girls and Boys Club and Alabama Sheriff's Youth Ranch. He participated in the first Armed Forces Entertainment Coaches Tour across the Middle East in 2008.

Having spoken at the University before, Steve Forbes is no stranger to campus and will make another appearance April 7.



Forbes wears many hats in his professional life, serving as chairman and chief executive officer of Forbes Media. He is also editor-in-chief of *Forbes* magazine. Under his leadership, the company launched a variety of new publications and businesses with licensee editions

Social media enhances connectivity

According to Facebook, more than 500 million people worldwide are active users, spending 700 billion minutes per month on the popular social networking site. Users can connect and interact with friends, family, and colleagues, and make new friends from across the street, the other side of the country, or even around the world in a matter of seconds.

Social media networks have created a diverse avenue for interactivity among

those in the University community. The Office of Public Relations jumped on the social media bandwagon in spring 2010, taking over a Facebook fan page created by alumnus Jeff Fall ('99) for the University.

Site visitors can read about campus news, check upcoming events, and look at photos or video. There is a general information tab where people can access history about the University and an online tab with links to important pages on the main Harding website including sports, the official events calendar, and Campus Activities Board. Facebook also generates instant feedback where campus officials can answer user questions posted on the page — often within a few minutes.

The response has been tremendous. More than 5,000 people have joined the Harding Facebook community, and the University launched a Twitter account just in time for the fall 2010 semester. In addition, Web administrators are working on innovative new ways to make the Harding site more mobile and have already encouraged interactivity through Facebook and Twitter via the inter-campus site, Pipeline. There's even a Harding iPhone app where users can view a map of campus, sports information, and a live shot of construction on the Mabee Business Building.

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Campus makeover advances with new construction

The board of trustees approved two major construction projects at its semiannual meeting Nov. 5 that are to be completed before the beginning of the fall 2011 semester.

Projects include a \$4 million renovation of Stephens Residence Hall for women and a 21,000-square-foot, \$1.6 million addition to Ganus Athletic Center.

The two new projects, coupled with the \$4 million addition to the Mabee Business Center already underway, will give the University almost \$10 million in new and renovated facilities by the end of 2011.

The renovation of Stephens Residence Hall will be completed during the summer. The facility is the second-largest residence hall on campus, housing 240 female students.

Included in the renovation will be a new pitched-roof replacing the current flat covering and a more efficient heating and cooling system. The exterior facade of the building will be changed to match the architectural look of surrounding buildings, including use of more energy efficient windows. Interior changes will include new décor in the lobby areas, fresh color schemes, and updated plumbing throughout the building.

The new addition to Ganus Athletic Center is being constructed on the east side of the building. It will contain a locker room, weight room, and meeting area for the football program plus offices, classrooms, and other facilities for the school's athletic training program.

Preliminary site preparation began in November. The project will be completed by Aug. 15.

The students of this center will be exploring the mysteries of God's ultimate creation — the human body.



— Namesake Grace Farrar addressing those gathered for the dedication of the Henry and Grace Farrar Center for Health Sciences Nov. 5.

FARRAR PHOTO BY NOAH DARNELL, SPEAKER PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Point of View

Director of Brackett Library **Ann Dixon** has always loved books — now she's learning to love digital options.

What led you to your current position?

Since two of my grandparents and both parents were teachers, my two sisters and I thought that's what one did, so we all became teachers. But libraries always fascinated me. We lived in a small South Arkansas town with no library. My dad and others in the community were instrumental in providing a branch library of the county system in our town. He taught me to love books and libraries. I always loved books, loved to read, and thought it would be a wonderful way to spend one's time. Although I did other things before the opportunity presented itself for me to work in a library, I've never regretted the decision to pursue my dream and am thankful to my family who supported me in that effort.

The ins and outs of library science:

Library science schools train individuals in the science of being a librarian. Time is spent on the history and philosophy of libraries and information studies as well as practical things such as cataloging, research, reference, evaluation of print and electronic resources, collection development, and library management.

Library science involves so much more than purchasing and caring for books. Libraries serve all sections of society and an academic library serves the entire community. We have departments at Harding that are interested only in online information and others who still purchase mostly print books. E-books are becoming more



prevalent; most of our purchases have been reference titles. With so much information easily available a student's best friend will often be a searching specialist — a librarian.

The electronic impact:

When I came here in 1993, we were thrilled to have six stand-alone terminals that provided information about our catalog. Now, we have 54 computers and many students have their own laptops. Our time is no longer spent finding books as much as helping students and faculty search our electronic resources. Last year more than 650,000 searches were done through the 84 databases we provide on all subjects. Our job has certainly changed as we provide guidance and help in navigating

the electronic world.

The business of providing information is changing from hour to hour. There is so much information readily available that one can easily become entangled in trying to keep up. I personally still like the feel of a print book when I am reading for pleasure but appreciate the ease of an electronic resource when I am doing research. I've read some books on Kindle and on my iPhone. It's a different experience but nice to have when you are sitting in a waiting room. The next few years will be amazing as reading becomes even more interactive.

What does your average day-to-day look like?

One of the things I most love — and most dislike — about my job is that I never know

what my day will hold. A new project is only a phone call away. People call the library when they need an answer or when they are having trouble with their research topic, when they are trying to decide how to dispose of a family member's library, when they feel strongly that a book should not be on the shelf of Brackett Library, when they want to sell us the newest database, when they are setting up a church library, when they need statistics on library usage for their next accreditation report, and when they are starting a new program and making decisions about library resources — to name a few.

I supervise the entire library operation including seven librarians, seven full-time staff members and approximately 45 student workers each semester. We often sit in on webinars to stay current on the latest resources available and meet with representatives from various vendors. The library budget and building itself are a part of my responsibility. I am involved in decisions every day that are reflected in the arrangement of furniture, the hours we are open, the look of the Web page, the information on the blog, the resources we purchase and discard, and the digitizing of Harding history.

Being in an administrative role means I don't have as much interaction with students as I did when I worked the Reference Desk most of my day. I miss that. But, the thing I love most about my job is working with our wonderful faculty and staff. They have a strong commitment to the Harding community and seek daily to provide a friendly, helpful atmosphere. **H**

Ann Dixon has worked for the University for 17 years. She earned her Master of Library Science from Texas Woman's University in Denton. Before arriving at the University, she taught 11 years in public schools.

[BEHIND THE BRICK]



Cathcart Hall

When **Florence Cathcart** (1875-1960) penned the words of the University's alma mater, she probably never thought that years later a building bearing her name would also be nestled "near the foothills of the Ozarks." But today, many young women first call Cathcart Hall home when they arrive as freshmen.

When Cathcart joined the faculty, many others — such as J.N. Armstrong, L.C. Sears, B.F. Rhodes, S.C. Bell, George Kiefer, and Roy Thompson — accompanied her upon learning that Harper College in Kansas was in threat

of foreclosure. The group joined the faculty of Arkansas Christian College, which immediately allowed it to become a four-year senior institution with the name changed to Harding College.

She completed her grammar and college degree at Harper College, earning a B.A. in primary education. She first worked with the training school, which later grew into Harding Academy. She had a great love of music.

She held the title dean of women from 1939-47 and then became dean emeritus and an instructor of elementary education. She also served as matron of Pattie Cobb Hall. The first chapter of Future Teachers of America was named after her, and she was made an honorary sponsor.

While the tune to her lasting legacy in song will be sung by the Harding community for many years to come, her love of the students in her care will also never be forgotten.



*Namesake: Florence M. Cathcart
Year built: 1951
Current use: Women's residence hall (mostly freshmen)*

Skype connects elementary, college students

In September, a group of students in the Cannon-Clary College of Education made a virtual trip to Rowlett, Texas, and visited a classroom of second-graders who were celebrating College Week at Liberty Grove Elementary.

The children's literature class, taught by Distinguished Professor Betty Watson, traveled hundreds of miles in a matter of seconds to see and talk to alumna Andrea Orr ('07) Parks and her class of 7-year-olds.

The classrooms were able to interact through Skype, an online service that works with Web cameras to establish a video conversation between computers around the world via Internet connection.

The Texas students were given a chance to ask early childhood education students questions such as "Is college hard?" and "How is college different from elementary school?" They were also interested in asking Watson — who taught their teacher while she was a student at the University — what it was like when she went to college and how she became a teacher.

Watson's class then reversed the conversation, asking the second-graders questions like "What have you been learning in your classes," "What are your favorite books," and "What qualities do you think are important for a teacher to have?"

"It was a fantastic learning experience for 85 students that morning: 60 second-graders in a Texas elementary school and 25 teaching candidates in an Arkansas university classroom," Watson said. "It was a glimpse into college for the second-graders, and it was a glimpse into a second-grade classroom for the teaching candidates in my class."

The call of service

By SCOTT GOODE, sports information director

Each year, the University's student athletes spend hours on the court, on the field, and in the weight room preparing for their seasons. But that work is not the only behind-the-scenes activities contributed by the Bisons and Lady Bisons.

Each of Harding's athletic teams also participates in at least one service project per year, and the activities vary widely.

"Harding athletics strives to be very involved in the mission of its institution," says Greg Harnden, athletics director. "One of its main missions is service, and each athletic team is involved in service projects throughout the year. I am so thankful for the work that our athletes do."

The men's football team sends a group of players and coaches to Timothy Hill Children's Ranch in Riverhead, N.Y., during spring break. According to the Ranch's website, it has been a safe haven for hundreds of children during a desperate time of abuse, neglect and crisis for more than 30 years.

The team spends time on the ranch doing manual labor such as building greenhouses, fences and bunkhouses. In the evenings, the team eats dinner with the children and spends time tutoring and getting to know them.

"I've been a part of quite a few groups like this, but none more meaningful," says offensive coordinator Lee Edwards, who leads the group each year. "We do a lot of good for the ranch, but the ranch does a lot of good for us, too."

The Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center in Memphis, Tenn., also holds a special place in the hearts of the track and cross-country teams, who visit the hospital each year in February or March. Head coach Steve Guymon's son, Austin, now a sixth-grade student, was a patient at Le Bonheur when he was just four months old. Austin had severe pneumonia and was starving due to a small esophagus.

"The doctors at Le Bonheur just got after [the pneumonia]," says Guymon. "I'm convinced they saved his life."

The volleyball team is also planning a trip to Le Bonheur in the spring semester.

The soccer teams were frequent visitors at Harding Academy preschool during the fall. Members of the team read to the children two or three times each week.

The baseball team also takes time to read to elementary students in Searcy Public Schools.

The Bison and Lady Bison basketball teams raised money at a Kiwanis Club fundraiser for the Sunshine School in Searcy, which provides services for 40 special needs students and adults.

"We participated in a wheelchair basketball game against the Rollin' Razorbacks," says men's basketball coach Jeff Morgan. "They are one of the top wheel-

chair teams in the country and had two or three guys on the U.S. Olympic team."

During the Christmas season, the baseball team donated gifts for Downtown Church of Christ's Breakfast With Santa. The gifts went to less fortunate children in the Searcy area.

Several of the teams took advantage of Harding's annual Bisons for Christ service day providing skills camps for area youth. The tennis teams set up the cook-out for the event, which feeds the hungry in the community along with Bisons for Christ workers. The golf teams cleaned the yards of several elderly families in the Searcy area.

As Harnden says, "Serving others — it's what we are called to do." **H**



At the tip-off of the benefit game with the Rollin' Razorbacks held at Searcy High School, Bison Kevin Brown reaches for the ball.

PHOTO BY NOAH DARNELL

Bison runners 19th in nation

Men's cross-country completed the 2010 season with a 19th-place finish at the NCAA National Championships Dec. 4 in Louisville, Ky. Ranked 13th, the Bisons struggled in the snow and below-freezing conditions.

The team's top finisher at nationals was junior Daniel Kirwa who placed 42nd in the 10-kilometer race in 31 minutes, 42 seconds.

Kirwa led Harding to Gulf South Conference and NCAA II South Region titles in 2010, earning South Region Runner of the Year honors and winning both races. He became the first runner in GSC history to win three consecutive individual cross-country championships.

Kirwa, junior Philip Biwott and senior Wojciech Kopec all earned All-South Region honors; and Kirwa, Biwott, Kopec and freshman Taylor Lively took First-Team All-GSC.

Head coach Steve Guymon was Gulf South Conference and NCAA II South Region Coach of the Year.

Kimtai races at nationals

Junior Gladys Kintai represented the University at the NCAA Division II cross-country meet Dec. 4. Kintai, running in her third national meet, finished a career-best 122nd and completed the six-kilometer course amid freezing temperatures in Louisville, Ky., in 23 minutes, 51 seconds.

Kintai qualified for the national meet by placing fifth at the NCAA II South Region meet in Huntsville, Ala. The Lady Bisons narrowly missed qualifying as a team, finishing third at the South Region meet.

Kintai and sophomore Naomi Landecker both earned All-Region honors. Landecker placed sixth in the six-kilometer race in 22:27.7.

The team placed second at the Gulf South Conference Championships. Landecker and Kintai both earned First-Team honors. Landecker placed second on the five-kilometer course in 19:04.1, and Kintai was third in 19:15.3. Senior Rysper Sirma placed 13th in 19:51.4, and junior Mary Samoei was 15th in 19:53.9 to earn Second-Team All-GSC honors.

Rushing, defense keys to success

The 2010 football squad posted a 6-4 record that included victories over 12th-ranked Delta State University on the road and 15th-ranked University of North Alabama in the home finale.

As a result, head coach Ronnie Huckleba earned Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year honors.

Offensively, the Bisons moved from a wide-open passing attack in recent seasons to the run-based option in 2010. The results were dramatic. The University led the GSC and ranked fifth nationally with 272.2 rushing yards per game, topped by junior running back Kale Gelles, who became only the second Bison running back to lead the GSC in rushing.

Gelles carried 190 times for 1,099 yards and 10 touchdowns and earned First-Team All-GSC and Daktronics First-Team All-Super Region 2 honors. His yardage total was the fourth highest ever by a Bison.

Because of the team's rushing success, three of the five starting offensive linemen received postseason honors. Senior center Chris Ross and sophomore tackle Tory Day both earned First-Team All-GSC, and sophomore guard L.J. Tarrant was Second Team and also received Daktronics Second-Team All-Super Region 2 honors.

Senior wide receiver Kurt Adams led the team in receiving with 25 catches for 425 yards and scored seven of the University's 14 receiving

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Kale Gelles

touchdowns. He completed his career with a school-record 29 receiving touchdowns and earned Second-Team All-GSC honors for the second time.

Defensively, the team used a dominating pass rush to produce its best season in recent years. The Bisons led the nation and set a new school record with 43 sacks. Two of its top performers, senior defensive ends Marcus Jones and Jermaine Blanchard, both earned First-Team All-GSC. Jones had 11 tackles for loss and six sacks, and Blanchard had 13.5 tackles for loss and nine sacks.

Senior linebacker Jason Thomasson was the team's leading tackler with 76 stops and received Second-Team All-GSC along with junior return specialist Jeremy Holt.

Women's soccer advances to tourney

The women's soccer team qualified for its fifth Gulf South Conference Tournament in 2010, finishing with an 8-9-1 overall record and a 4-2 record in conference play. The Lady Bisons finished conference action in a third-place tie and lost to nationally ranked University of West Florida in the GSC Tournament.

Freshman Adriana Lucar tied for the team lead with seven goals and led the team with six assists. She earned GSC Freshman of the Year honors for her work. Senior Paola Eusse also had seven goals and, along with senior midfielder Hayley Withrow, earned Second-Team All-GSC.

The men's soccer team finished the 2010 season with a 2-14-0 overall record and a 1-4-0 mark in the GSC.

Three sophomores received postseason honors. Midfielder Josh Ireland earned ESPN Academic All-District accolades, and midfielder Jackson Savage and defender Rhon Royer were named Second-Team All-GSC.

Volleyball finishes strong

The women's volleyball team won 12 of its last 15 games, placed second in the Gulf South Conference West Division, and advanced to the semifinals of the GSC Tournament.

The Lady Bisons completed the season 18-11 overall and 10-2 in conference, falling only to West Division champion Arkansas Tech University.

Freshman Molly Arnold led the team. She averaged 4.17 kills per set — the fifth-best single season average on record by a Lady Bison — and earned First-Team All-GSC and GSC Freshman of the Year honors.

Emily Tate also achieved First-Team All-GSC. The senior finished her career second at Harding in service aces (161) and fifth in digs (1,524).

Senior Samantha Anderson, sophomore Amber Schinzing and sophomore Reagan Smith were named Second-Team All-GSC.

New conference announces name

Harding will soon be a member of the Great American Conference.

The University, which has been a member of the Gulf South Conference since 2000, joins a nine-member league that includes six NCAA Division II universities from Arkansas and three from Oklahoma.

The other eight are Arkansas Tech University, East Central University, Henderson State University, Ouachita Baptist University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Southern Arkansas University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Much of the impetus for the new league was to bring together institutions with similar athletic and academic profiles as well as those in geographic proximity to lessen travel costs and missed class time.

The new league plans to begin competition in fall 2011 after approval from the NCAA.

That they
may have



Transforming the 50th World Mission Workshop



The market simulation allows participants to buy their own food, which they later cooked.

Deep in the wilderness of Harding University Tahkodah near Floral, Ark., it's easy for one to imagine being out on the mission field rather than the backwoods of Arkansas. Nestled within deep foliage between rolling Ozark foothills, the site provided the perfect location to rejuvenate the 50th Anniversary World Mission Workshop, offering attendees hands-on experience and a glimpse into the lives of missionaries and those they try to reach "that they may have life." >>

By HEATHER WILLIAMS

Illustrations by BROOKLYN PARKER SIMS



It was time to revamp the World Mission Workshop. And what a transformation it was for more than 700 people from around the nation who gathered Oct. 14-17 at Harding University Tahkodah (HUT), a global village created in 2002 for missionary training next to Camp Tahkodah. Students, missionaries and future missionaries from nearly 30 schools, churches and other organizations arrived to find tent villages, a third-world market and open campfires instead of classrooms, desks and PowerPoint presentations.

The workshop debuted in 1961 on Harding's campus and has been hosted by the University seven more times since its inception. Christian universities take turns sponsoring the event, and many changes have occurred throughout the past five decades. But this year the workshop received a total makeover with a focus on holistic ministry in both rural and urban cultures while providing an opportunity for hands-on learning.

The goal of the workshop is to recruit long-term, full-time mission workers, and this year's theme was taken from John 10:10, "That they may have life." College of Bible and Religion Dean Monte Cox served as director and said Harding administra-

tors decided to host the event out of turn when another college was unable to have it on their campus.

"Even though we last hosted in 2005 and usually only host it every nine or 10 years, we decided to go ahead and take it on. And rather than hosting it on campus where students go to Benson Auditorium for keynotes and go to classes in the McInteer — that's just an extension of what they do in their missions classes on their own campuses — we decided it was time to make this unique," says Cox.

No longer tied to indoor classrooms, attendees spread across Camp Tahkodah and HUT to participate in interactive learning stations. Students were able to attain and utilize methods such as rotary and percussion well drilling, drip irrigation gardening, composting, and food preservation. They also built an earth bag house, used rocket stoves and experimented with solar ovens — wooden boxes with a glass lid that filter heat from the sun. Other learning stations included filmmaking, crisis counseling, Bible translation, sanitation, reforestation, bookkeeping and more.

Cox says he hopes the workshop fostered awareness about the need and opportunities for missions worldwide while also edu-

cating students about the ways they can make a difference.

"I would hope that the Lord would use the whole experience to open their eyes to the needs of the world and to ways in which he's equipped them and could equip them to do something about it," Cox says.

One of the most valuable training tools demonstrated the construction and use of a variety of methods for water purification, both small and large scale. According to the World Health Organization, 80 percent of the world's disease comes from contaminated water. Cox says that missionaries can play a vital role in helping alleviate this problem.

"It could be a simple upward flow or sand water filter. It could be just getting a village of people to agree on how they use their water supply or stream. The United Nations, Peace Corps and humanitarian organizations help, but, for the most part, their workers aren't long term, don't speak the local language, and don't know the local culture, but missionaries do. We are in a unique position because we speak the local language, we know the local culture, and we're there a long time."

Attendees not only spent their time in learning stations but also caught a glimpse of life in a third-world country. They were each assigned to one of several villages including simulations of Africa, Southeast Asia, Central America, Appalachia, urban slums and refugee camps. As a "family" group, they received their allotted



Pioneer Bible translator Greg Pruett holds his learning station on the bamboo porch of the Chang Cheng house.

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HOW TO build an earth bag house



Pacius Gueston from Haiti, top right, instructs students how to construct an earth bag house.



Mark Long, missionary from Kampala, Uganda, demonstrates sealing an earth bag.



Daniel Nicholas, far right, displays proper technique for tamping down an earth bag house.

currency and then traveled through an authentic bustling market with nearly a dozen languages represented. They were able to experience what it would be like to communicate with someone who speaks no English while trying to barter and purchase food.

Each group gathered their food, purchased five-gallon jugs of drinking water, and then began a long hike up steep hills to their respective campsites where they cooked meals over open fires. Led by experienced missionaries, many of the students slept at the sites in tents and small huts.

Harding freshman Abigail Partlow from Nashville, Tenn., attended the workshop for the first time and says she enjoyed the "immersion feeling" of the camp set up and found it easier to focus while away from campus. Although she has traveled with short-term missions before, she admits that walking through the market simulation gave her a case of culture shock.

"I was part of a refugee family, so we didn't have a lot as far as money goes," says Partlow. "But one of the men in my group had lived in an Eastern European country, so he helped a lot in dealing with officials and setting up a strategy for getting food from the market. It was so unnerving trying to determine what our currency was worth and realizing that we were limited. We couldn't tell who was being fair about prices and who was trying to overcharge us ... it was mind-boggling how difficult it was to actually get the food and then cook it over a fire." >>

An experienced camper, Partlow knew sleeping conditions would be much less comfortable than the local Holiday Inn. But she never expected it to have such a profound impact on her.

"The experience of sleeping on a dirt floor in a wooden shack in cold weather was very humbling," she said. "The thing that

blessed I am."

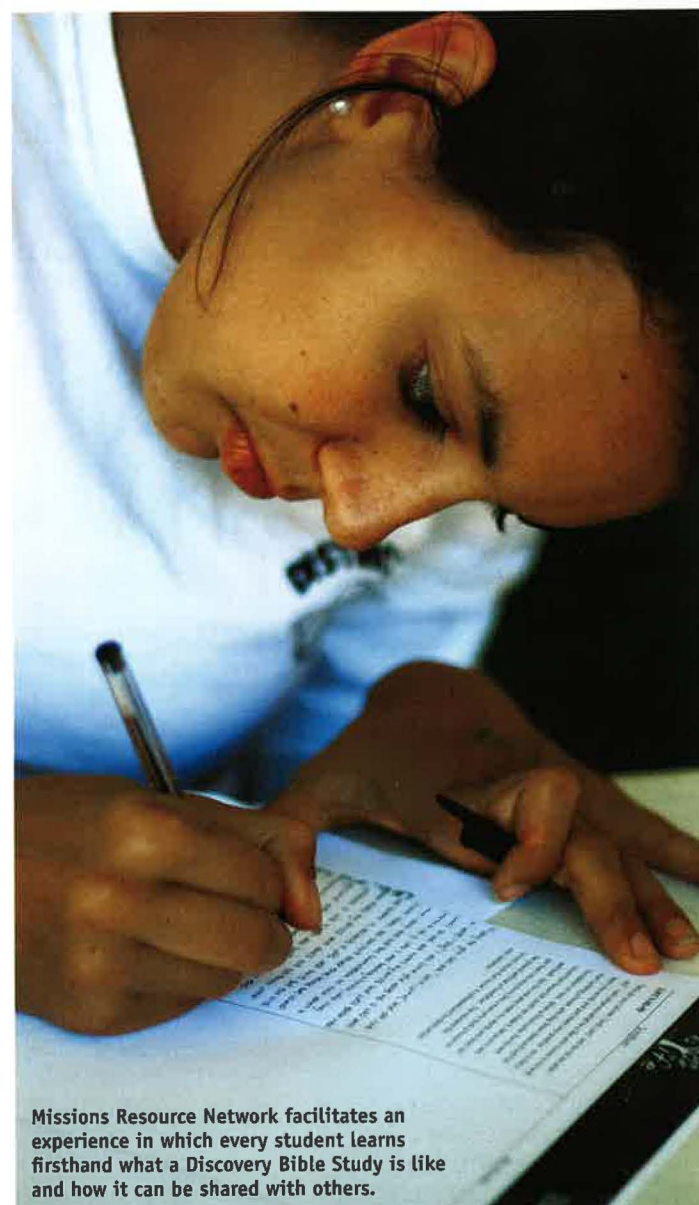
Besides gaining vital hands-on experience, students were also able to attend interactive classes led by veteran missionaries who work with organizations like MANA (Mother Assisted Nutritional Aid), Healing Hands International and Mission Lazarus. Class

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blew my mind was that this was just for three nights, and, at the end of it, I got to return to my beautiful new dorm room and take a hot shower and get a long nap in bed. Those are commodities that missionaries in other countries don't get. It really made me appreciate what they have given up and reminded me of how

topics included prayer and fasting, evangelism and development, nutrition with indigenous plants, overcoming the fear factor, and micro-finance, just to name a few.

Friday night students concluded the day by gathering around a campfire at the heart of Tahkodah as missionaries shared stories



Missions Resource Network facilitates an experience in which every student learns firsthand what a Discovery Bible Study is like and how it can be shared with others.



Center for Advanced Ministry Training students Gyula Suto and Anita Scaggs check the map as they plan which sessions to attend.



Students learn to operate a drilling apparatus used to dig water wells in developing nations.

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of their real-world experiences out in the mission field. Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the workshop, Marvin ('62) and Judith Dreher ('62) Crowson and Gordon Hogan, all of whom attended the very first event in 1961 as students, addressed the crowd, discussed the workshop's beginnings, and shared their own experiences in missions. Hogan appeared through a prerecorded video message, and the Crowsons attended the workshop and visited with students in person.

Marvin, who is a missionary-in-residence at the University and has attended many World Mission Workshop sessions over the years, taught one of the sessions this year and says the changes that have been made provided opportunities for discussion like never before.

"There's been a lot of follow up with students that were in my session since the workshop — not just Harding students but those from other universities as well," says Crowson. "This one got us out of our seats, got us involved in discussions, and experimented in doing things that, depending on where we go in the world, we might be involved with. The realness of it — the practicality of it — really stirred souls like I haven't seen it do before."

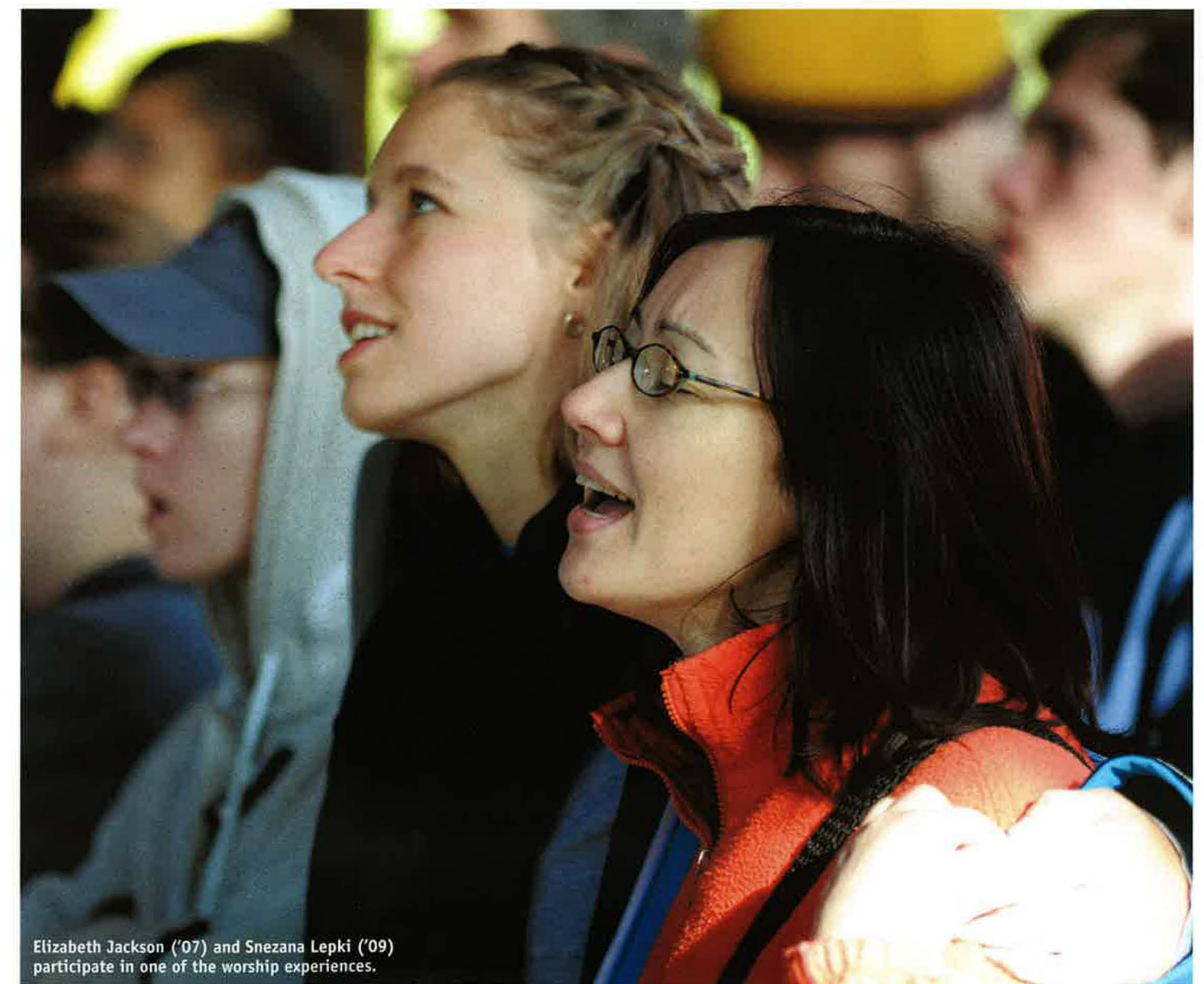
The Teachers of Missions, a group of mission professors who

oversees the workshop each year, met at Tahkodah and even considered a name change for the event in the future.

"This generation doesn't go to workshops. We haven't come up with one yet, but we have changed the whole ethos of it — the whole atmosphere — by bringing it to HUT and Camp Tahkodah."

Although no definitive changes were made at the meeting, in November the Missions Resource Network agreed to move the dates of the 2011 Global Missions Conference from July to October to be held in conjunction with what has been called the World Mission Workshop. The Global Missions Conference is similar to the workshop but is geared toward adults. The two groups will meet at the annual Teachers of Missions gathering in Dallas this February to discuss their future relationship and possibly make further decisions about future events.

No matter what changes lay ahead for the World Mission Workshop, one thing is certain — it's a life-altering experience, not only for those who attend but also for those whose lives they will impact around the globe. Above all, the workshop will continue in the years to come in its commitment to develop and prepare missionaries to go out unto all the world and share the gospel of Christ with others "that they may have life." **H**



Elizabeth Jackson ('07) and Snezana Lepki ('09) participate in one of the worship experiences.



Snooping their shelves

Compiled by JENNIFER HANNIGAN

With the arrival of winter comes reading lists and book reports, but what are professors reading they might not assign? Nine professors dish on their favorites — and least favorites — from wizards and etiquette to inspirational and mysteries. >>

Allen Frazier, associate dean and associate professor of business administration, finds himself particularly drawn to books that will “make a difference in [his] thinking and actions.” Typically always in the middle of a book, he is quick to dive into current best sellers. “I remember reading *Velvet Elvis*, *The Shack* and *The Da Vinci Code* when they were the newest wave of thought. I hope it helps me understand the world a little better.”

Obscure book I'd recommend: *The Phillipian Fragment*. It's a spoof on early Christian preachers, teachers, etc. It is pretty funny. Additionally, there are several business-related books I've enjoyed and would recommend: *Good to Great* by Jim Collins, *What Got You Here Won't Get You There* by Marshall Goldsmith, and *The Leadership Challenge* by James Kouzes and Barry Posner, among others.

Favorite book: *Six Hours One Friday* by Max Lucado. It was one of the first Lucado books I read, and it was quite inspirational and caused me to become

a big fan of most of his books and writing style.

Book I've been meaning to read: *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver. My twin daughters have been after me to read it.

Book I've read most often: The Bible (since I was a kid). In addition, I've reread several of Lucado's books.

Guilty pleasure: John Grisham books. I have loved suspense since my mom got me hooked on Hitchcock-type movies. Last summer I read *The Pelican Brief* and *The Rainmaker*.

“Opportunistic” — that is how Professor of History **Paul Haynie** would describe himself as a reader. “My own interests are in history, especially biography; I am trying to read biographies of every American president as I have occasion. However, there are numerous temptations that have taken me away from this ultimate goal.” His historical interests are easily reflected in his own recommendations.

Book I've read most often: My most favored reading has been the mysteries of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the Sherlock Holmes stories. Doyle created the most believable fictional character in literature, and I return often to the foggy streets of London to join Sherlock and Watson when “the game is afoot.”

Guilty pleasure: My indulgent favorites are the works of Mark Twain, especially *Roughing It*, *Life on the Mississippi* and *The Complete Short Stories*, which I turn to again and again for Twain's unique humorous view of mankind's foibles.

Classic that does nothing for me: While the classic works of James Fenimore Cooper are considered historical fiction, they have little appeal to me, as I find them too tedious in their endless, detailed descriptions.



Book I can't wait to read: My cousin in Phoenix introduced me to author David Gibbons and his new series of novels (*Atlantis*, *Crusader Gold* and *The Lost Tomb*), which combine archaeology, history and treasure hunting.

Johnnetta Kelly, assistant professor of nursing, likes to take her reading on the road, enjoying audiobooks during her commute. “I try to have a book with me at most times,” she says, and often ties her reading into her field of expertise. “I enjoy reading books related to life and the sciences. I also love reading life stories of people, the places they live and their experiences.”

Classic that does nothing for me: I would probably not read Dante's *Inferno* again unless I had to. I found it hard to stay focused as there was a journey through darkness and the underworld.

Favorite author: Some of my favorite authors include Stephen Covey, Bruce Wilkinson, Spencer Johnson, Malcolm Gladwell as well as some here on campus like Nancy Eichman. My latest reading was *The Dream Giver* by Bruce Wilkinson. I also



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just completed reading *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. The latter is an interesting reading for those with an interest in medical ethics.

Book I've been meaning to read: *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. It was recommended to me by a friend.

Favorite book: My favorite collection of books is the Bible. I especially like the gospel of belief, which is the gospel of John. I am drawn to all character studies throughout Scripture. Recently, I read through Eugene Peterson's version, *The Message*, and completed it in 90 days. I found reading this version over a period of 90 days inspiring. Secular fun favorites include Spencer Johnson's *Who Moved My Cheese?*, *Peaks and Valleys* and the *One Minute* series.

Obscure book I'd recommend: An obscure book that I'd recommend is *How to Be an Effective Teacher: The First Days of School* by Harry K. and Rosemary Wong. Along with this I'd recommend a more familiar best seller, *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch, a computer science professor who died at 47 following a heroic battle with pancreatic cancer.

Associate Professor of Art **Stacy Schoen** ignores the age-old adage and actually does judge a book by its cover. “As a graphic designer, I automatically critique the book jacket, feel the paper quality, smell the ink, and study the type setting and margins,” she confesses. “I love books crafted by a talented book designer, and I am not ashamed to admit I have purchased books because of cover design or book design.”

A classic I love: The Bible of course is my ultimate classic. *Anne of Green Gables* is also a classic I have always loved, and the video adaptation with Megan Follows as Anne is also wonderful. My whole family watched the movie on Saturday nights while eating Chinese takeout.

Obscure author I'd recommend: I collect books of advice written at different points of the 20th century. I find it interesting to compare the sociology, psychology and ethics from 100, 50 or just 20 years ago. A couple of titles I have read and collected include *Smarter and Smoother: A Handbook on How to Be That Way* by Maureen Daly (1944), which covers such things as how to have a proper phone conversation and the best way to comb your hair. Also in my library is Eleanore King's *Guide to Glamour* (1957), which teaches sitting technique and graceful walking.

Book I've been meaning to read: I had heard Dale Carnegie's



books mentioned while in school and thought I would read them someday, and this summer I stumbled upon *Lifetime Plan for Success*, a volume that contains Carnegie's best-selling books. I am about a third of the way into the volume and enjoying it very much. His points are very clear, and you have probably heard them before, but his stories accompanying the ideas are fascinating.

Book I've read most often: Each semester my freshmen and I read *The Creative License: Giving Yourself Permission to Be the Artist You Truly Are* by Danny Gregory. The students find this book easy to read, and I would suggest it to anyone who has been afraid to pursue their creative side. Gregory is very enthusiastic and humorous, accepting no excuses for not being creative and 99 percent of my students who read it are fired up and ready to create.

Guilty pleasure: I'm afraid to even mention that last summer in two weeks I read the entire Stephanie Meyer *Twilight* saga. She hooks you from the first page, and you cannot stop reading until you find out the ending. Don't even pick them up; they are too addictive.

With most of his time occupied researching the Old Testament, Assistant Professor of Bible **Danny Mathews** opts for lighter reads when he finds a moment. “As a result, I probably won't ever finish the ambitious *Wheel of Time* series, now in 12 volumes with about 1,000 pages each. I read for leisure during times of vacation and read mostly fantasy and suspense with some legal thrillers.”

Classic that does nothing for me: Pretty much all classic books mostly because watching the adaptation of a classic on film or



Masterpiece Theatre is a better use of my time as opposed to spending countless hours slugging through complex, convoluted and dated prose.

Book I can't wait to read: Any new offering by Dean Koontz, whom I consider to be one of the most underrated writers of our time. I consider Koontz as philosophy in the guise of a

novel. I enjoy and marvel at the tight, yet profound, writing style that is laced with insights in the human condition and rooted in a sense of wonder, hope and yearning for transcendence. I have now just started to read his Frankenstein series for the first time.

Favorite book of the past year: Probably the most memorable book is *The God I Don't Understand: Reflections on Tough Questions of Faith* by Christopher J.H. Wright. This 200-page hardback book by an Old Testament scholar is a substantive and lucid engagement with difficult questions of faith. I appreciate how Wright avoids merely giving “pat answers” and allows the entire Bible >>

to have its voice in addressing these various mysteries of the Christian faith.

Favorite book: Probably the *Harry Potter* series. I am a sucker for sagas such as *Star Wars* or *Lord of the Rings*. Yet the *Harry Potter* series are the only books that I find myself rereading on a regular basis. I am fascinated at the creation of yet another grand mythopoetic work that interweaves many traditional and mythological themes and motifs (such as the abandonment of a child destined for greatness).

Obscure book I'd recommend: *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel. It is a gripping and intense story of boy named Pi who struggles to survive in a lifeboat after a shipwreck. The problem is the ship was transporting wild animals to a zoo, and Pi finds himself sharing a lifeboat with a tiger, zebra, orangutan and an hyena (my favorite wild animal). The book grapples with issues of religious belief, faith, and an exploration of different nuances of truth in storytelling. The book ends with a twist that will make this an ideal choice for a book club.

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“My reading habits are, at best, erratic,” says Professor of Communication **Jack Shock**. “I try and make up for my desultory winter reading habits with a summer-long stack of good intentions.” His stack of summer reading might find itself pared down to less than an inch thanks to the latest electronic reading devices. “I’m ex-



cited about the invention of the Kindle and iPad, and I’m eager to see how technology will take us all to the next levels of literacy.”

Favorite classic: *The Swiss Family Robinson*. I made my way through all the required childhood reading from Tom and Huck to the Hardy Boys, but I was always drawn back to the adventures of *The Swiss Family Robinson*. At the time I’m sure I didn’t realize that the story is really about family and the assurance of knowing that someone will always be there to help you fight the pirates.

Favorite author: I’m devoted to Anne Lamott and her quirky view of the world. Lamott is best described as a travel writer all wrapped up in inspiration and dipped in humor with her classics like *Bird by Bird* and *Traveling Mercies*. As a writing teacher, how can I not love a book subtitled “Some Instructions on Writing and Life”?

Book I’ve been meaning to read: It is really books I’ve been

meaning to read. As a deep-fried, passionate, quasi-literate Southerner, I am completely humiliated to admit I’ve never read a book by William Faulkner. Every summer I set out to explore Yoknapatawpha County, and every summer I succumb to the siren song of beach trash. But one of these summers, and soon, I will conquer *The Sound and The Fury* even if it is *As I Lay Dying*.

The book I’ve read most often: Easy — *A Confederacy of Dunces*. I’ve lived a vicarious anti-hero’s life through Ignatius J. Reilly, New Orleans’ favorite son, at least once a year since it was published in 1980, 11 years after the author’s death. John Kennedy Toole left us with what any author hopes for — a loving relationship with characters like Miss Trixie, Lana Lee and Santa Battaglia. I consider them all to be lifelong, personal friends.

Guilty pleasures: If I run into you at the beach, please don’t look too closely at my copy of *The Consolation of Philosophy* because, underneath the ragged dust jacket, you would probably find a book about vampires or ghosts or monsters. Nothing too terrifying, but there’s always a time and a place for ghoulies and ghosties and long-legged beasts and things that go bump in the night.

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Only able to squeeze in time to read before bed, **Jeff Mercer**, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, chooses books with “the ability to transport your mind to a different time and place,” he says. “I also really enjoy reading authors who can describe common



people and human emotion with uncommon clarity.”

Book I’ve been meaning to read: *The Most They Ever Had* by Rick Bragg. I guess it is because

my family grew up in the Deep South, but Bragg has a way of telling stories that is simply unmatched. I am captivated by his writing.

Book I’ve read most often: *A River Runs Through It* by Norman Mac-

clean. It is an easily read simple story with powerful imagery.

Guilty pleasure: Anything by Michael Crichton. I especially like his earlier novels such as *Andromeda Strain* and *Congo*.

Favorite author: Lee Child. His testosterone-infused hero “Reacher” doesn’t change much throughout many novels; however, that is the attraction. With the start of each book, you know what to expect and love it.

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Assistant Professor of English **Stephanie Eddleman** is a literary multitasker, filling her appetite for reading with several books at once. “It’s not unusual for me to be reading a novel, a nonfiction book, and listening to an audiobook at the same time.

Sometimes I even add a volume of poetry,” she says. While many of her choices are dictated by the course she teaches, “it’s important to make time to read things for the sheer pleasure of it. I may be a professor of literature, but I never want to forget the simple love of reading that drew me to the field in the first place.”

Obscure author I’d recommend: Ouida, a prolific female Victorian novelist. Actually, Ouida is the pen name of the English novelist Maria Louise Ramé. I was introduced to Ouida by one of my professors at Ole Miss. I’d particularly recommend Ouida’s novel *In Maremma*. It’s compelling and very different from most women’s novels of that period.

Book I’ve been meaning to read: Fyodor Dostoevsky’s *The*



Brothers Karamazov. It’s one of those books that’s alluded to everywhere, so I feel like I should have read it. I bought the book several years ago, but it’s been just sitting there on my shelf, waiting for me. Every summer I try to read at least one book from my embarrassed-I-haven’t-read-it-yet list. Maybe next year for this one?

Book I’ve read most often: All of Jane Austen’s novels — but that shouldn’t be surprising since she was the subject of my dissertation and, for the last several years, I’ve been a presenter at annual meetings of the Jane Austen Society of North America. I love Austen’s novels, her skill with words, her perceptive characterizations and her wit. Every time I read one of her novels, I discover something new.

Guilty pleasure: Detective fiction and thrillers. Two series that I’ve followed for a long time are Patricia Cornwell’s Kay Scarpetta series — in which the main character is a forensic pathologist also trained as a lawyer — and Daniel Silva’s Gabriel Allon series — in which the main character is an art restorer and a member of the Israeli Intelligence service.

Classic that does nothing for me: That’s a hard one because I really enjoy most classic novels. However, as much as I hate to admit it, Virginia Woolf’s novels do absolutely nothing for me. I love her essays, but I’ve had to force myself to finish the two novels of hers that I’ve read — *Mrs. Dalloway* and *To the Lighthouse*. It’s not that I think they’re awful; it’s just that I find myself reading along, unmoved, unconnected, and thinking that I just don’t care about the story.

Instructor of Kinesiology and Assistant Football Coach **Lee Edwards** found that fatherhood changed his reading habits. “Before, I always had at least two books going and a stack of a half dozen that were in the on-deck circle,” he says. “Now we have three children, and the youngest is three, so I feel like I am just now back to the point where I have time to read.” When the weather grows cold and time indoors increases, more time can be dedicated to his reading list. “There’s little I love more in life than reading in the winter. I have more time, and Christmas always brings new books into our lives. We also usually give books as gifts at Christmas, so I get to do some research and learn about some books I want to read at that time, too.”



Guilty pleasure: Anything by John Grisham. He recently published a book about a child lawyer, and it is actually geared toward “twens,” but I will probably read it, too, now that football season has ended. The first Grisham book I ever read was *The Testament*, and from that point on I was hooked.

Favorite author: That is sort of like asking me which of my three children is my favorite. The best I can do is put it like this: When I see a new Donald Miller book, I get really excited.

Obscure book I would recommend: *Bruchko* by Bruce Olson. It’s an autobiographical account of an American missionary who sets out to reach an indigenous group in South America in 1962. Olson’s journeys and faith were and are nothing short of amazing. I found it riveting and could not put it down. I’m pretty sure my first reading of the book took place in a two-day span. Since then, I’ve reread it several times and recommend it to anyone who will listen to me.

Book I can’t wait to read: I cannot wait to get my hands on more and more works by N.T. Wright, a renowned New Testament scholar. I have already read some of his material, and I found him to be extremely thought provoking. Like any author, or anyone for that matter, I am sure there are things I will not necessarily agree with, but I am OK with that; I thoroughly enjoy being challenged to re-examine some beliefs.

Favorite book of the past year: Donald Miller’s *A Million Miles in a Thousand Years*. I did not want it to end. It was challenging, enlightening and meaningful while also entertaining. It was one of those rare books that I will reread very, very soon. ■

Not your parents' library

*How the library of yesteryear is
embracing the information age*

A cluster of students are gathered around a group of tables, smiling and laughing over their textbooks and strewn papers. At another table, a young man waves his friend over to see a recently posted photo on Facebook. In the background, one can hear the hissing of an espresso machine as the barista at the coffee counter prepares a latte for an obviously sleep-deprived young lady. There is a vibrant hum of activity with few open chairs. >>

2009-10 facts & figures

1,955,850
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interlibrary loan

5,482
images scanned onto
the Brackett Flickr page

While this scene conjures up pictures of a coffee house or other popular hangout, it is actually taking place in Brackett Library on campus. A couple of years in the works, the library has worked to make the atmosphere inside more inviting and helpful to students — upping the number of computers, adding a Java City coffee counter, and reworking the layout. And they've seen major results.

Upon walking into the Brackett, the first thing one notices immediately is the crowd gathered inside. The staff attributes some of the growth to replacing long tables that once filled the first floor with smaller versions. "I believe the smaller tables provide a cozier atmosphere," says library director Ann Dixon. "With the long tables, if a group of two were at one end, no one would sit at the other. The smaller tables accommodate smaller groups or can be moved together for larger ones."

The larger groups are returning in droves. "In the early 90s, we had larger crowds, and then traffic dropped off. The students have come back to the library in great numbers." At times, the number has grown so big that students could be found lining the floor in front of bookcases — adapting any and all available space into a study zone.

While the first floor has broken away from the strict silence of libraries of the past, students can still find a quiet space to study for their Bible exam on the second floor. "We've made it so that the first floor is best for group work, but the second floor maintains the quiet that some come to the library looking for," says Dixon.

In addition to its growth numerically, the library has grown technologically as well. With 54 computers available for student use, and more and more students with their own laptops, the Internet is now stop number one in research — with more than 46,000 full-text journals accessible through the library's website. "Last year

that they may take full advantages of the resources at hand. Many upper level research classes also take part in additional instruction, digging deeper into the electronic archives.

"We live in an online, instant retrieval society," says e-learning instructor Lisa Burley. "We want to encourage the students to come and ask for help and let them know that we are open and willing despite growing technology." If a student finds himself wondering what the library's Saturday hours are or where to locate a book on Booker T. Washington, the on-duty librarian is just an instant message away, thanks to the chat window located on the library main page.

Need to find a specific book, magazine, or journal article? There's an app for that. Through the Harding University iPhone app, anyone can log into the Brackett site and search through the online catalog and more. There is also a mobile library site, which

in other ways as well. The library fines that sent patrons rushing through the doors to avoid are now a thing of the past. Instead of the 10-cent fees that slowly add up over time, the offending party has 28 days to return the book before receiving a \$60 replacement charge. If the book is returned, the fine is lowered to \$10.

Another way the Brackett proves sympathetic to the poor college student's plight is by offering free movies. A large collection of DVDs, beyond those produced by the BBC, is available to be checked out and is cheaper than a one-night Red Box rental. There are also music and book CDs that may be borrowed.

While the librarian of libraries past would frown at the thought of food or drink, today students are able to order their favorite coffee drink within the Brackett's walls. The addition of Java City has lured patrons, giving those who have a long night of studying ahead a double shot of energy to aid their preparation.



Library student worker Colton Fultz assists Emily Martin while she finishes an assignment.



Tucked away from the rest of the students at the library, Richard Schneider researches on the Internet.



Groups of students gather to access information and research projects on the first floor of the library.

more than 650,000 searches were done through the 84 databases we provide on all subjects," notes Dixon. "A library provides more credible resources than Google, and we try to help students with them."

The library offers numerous ways to help students navigate the sea of new online resources. Each semester English composition classes are invited to learn the ins and outs of the library so

puts the entire library in one's palm — or Palm Pre.

The Brackett staff is also testing the waters of e-readers and electronic books. "We have one of the first Kindles that we check out amongst ourselves and to anyone who's interested in seeing if they like it," says Dixon. "We are looking at purchasing some kind of a program that will download books to most devices."

The library has grown out of the typical mold

While the shift toward electronic resources continues to grow, Dixon still sees the library playing a key part. "In his book *The Great Good Place*, author Ray Oldenburg believes that society needs a third place outside of the home and work to build community. That's the role libraries have been playing for years. I believe Brackett Library provides a third place and will continue to serve that role." **H**



Did you know?

The library has made a concerted effort to preserve *Petit Jean* yearbooks for future generations. Available on Brackett Library's Flickr page (www.flickr.com/photos/hu-brackett_library/), the collection dates back to the University's days in Morrilton, from 1924 to present day. An additional number of images have been scanned, organized and tagged from Harding's earliest picture to the late 1980s. This effort has made Harding's history available to alumni all over the world.



1948

Dale Jorgenson led a memorial service while serving as chaplain for the 315th Bomb Wing of World War II reunion at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 10, 2010. He served as a chaplain's assistant when the Wing was based on Guam in 1945-46. His wife, **Mary Lee Strawn** ('50), and their five children provided a cappella singing for the service in the memorial garden of the Air Force museum at the base. She is retired from her position as English teacher in the Kirksville, Mo., R-III school system. Dale holds the emeritus title as head in the division of fine arts at Truman State University. He has also served as a part-time minister for 60 years for churches of Christ and Christian churches in Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, and West Virginia. (1512 Cottage Grove Ave., Kirksville, MO 63501; dmljorg@cableone.net)

Joseph and Jane Zazzi Mitchen celebrated their 65th anniversary. They were married by Dean L.C. Sears Nov. 2, 1945, on campus. They have six children, 16 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. (822 Carnforth Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70810)

1951

Margie Groover Wolfe taught a Bible survey course in Pipariya, India, from June-November 2010 at the South Asia Leadership Training and Development Center. Her students were Bachelor of Theology candidates who will graduate in March. (8003 Atlas St., Pensacola, FL 32506)

1959

Monta P. Plank served in the U.S. Air Force after leaving Harding. He next worked building sets for Paramount Studios and as a part-time postal worker. He retired from driving with Yellow Cab in San Diego. He is involved with building and launching high power model rockets. After having a heart attack, he moved to Wichita, Kansas, to live with his daughter. (6450 S. A St., Wichita, KS 67217)



from driving with Yellow Cab in San Diego. He is involved with building and launching high power model rockets. After having a heart attack, he moved to Wichita, Kansas, to live with his daughter. (6450 S. A St., Wichita, KS 67217)



Building African marriages

As fifth-grade sweethearts who have been married more than 40 years with five children, **Fielden** ('70) and **Janet Geer Allison** ('03) have lots of experience with relationships.

The couple resides in Matsapha, Swaziland, where they both teach at African Christian College and have a ministry called African Institute of Marriage and Family, which is sponsored by Southwest Church of Christ in Jonesboro, Ark. Together they have conducted workshops, seminars and classes throughout Africa, focusing on marriage and relationships.

After meeting in elementary school at Crowley's Ridge Academy in Paragould, Ark., the couple began dating their sophomore year in high school. They made the journey to Harding together and married before their senior year. The impact propelled them into a lifetime of service in Africa.

"Harding was my growing-up time — my first time away from home," says Janet. "The spiritual emphasis fit in perfectly with my long-time dream of being a missionary in Africa. While at Harding, we went on a missionary intern program with Joe Cannon ('47) to the Far East. The trip cemented our desires to be involved in missions."

The Allisons first landed in the mission field of Uganda in July 1972 but were forced out of the country after only five months by then President Idi Amin. They moved to Kenya where they spent the next 34 years with two different tribal groups. They had their first marriage and family seminar in 1984 with four young newlywed couples.

"Soon afterward we were asked to teach at different church venues. All the time we were in Kenya, we conducted these seminars and courses on weekends and school holidays. I was teaching our own children for many years and later teaching in local schools. We moved to Tanzania in an attempt to broaden this ministry. We began making marriage teaching our full-time ministry, going on extended road trips to different countries," says Janet.

From 1998 to 1999 and again from 2002 to 2003, Fielden taught as a visiting missionary at Harding while Janet pursued a master's degree in marriage and family therapy. Afterward, they headed back to Africa and finally settled in Swaziland in October 2009. At African Christian College, Fielden teaches Bible courses, and Janet teaches counseling and English. She also offers free counseling to church and community members.

Although they have a strong passion and dedication to their work, it does not come without challenges. According to Janet, some of the greatest obstacles they face include coordinating schedules, crossing country borders, lodging, language barriers and Fielden's rheumatoid arthritis. But she says God helps them through it all and has enabled both of them to adapt well to a third-world environment.

"We overcome all of these challenges simply by the grace of God. He has instilled within both of us a love of travel, a passion for teaching about marriage and the family, and a love for Africa."

The couple has written two books from an African perspective on marriage and family — *An Exciting Marriage: An Answer for AIDS and Happy Homes and Huts*. **H** — Heather Williams

1961

A.J. Arnold retired from full-time preaching Dec. 31, 2009. He and his wife, **Catherine Ables** ('63), have been married for 49 years. (5250 Garnetfield Lane, Katy, TX 77494)

1966

Anthony Bryant retired after 14 years as preacher for Fox and Lake Church of Christ in Carlsbad, N.M. His preaching/teaching ministry spanned more than 40 years. His wife, **Edith Kiser** ('67), retired after 12 years as elementary school principal for Carlsbad Municipal Schools. She served as an educator for more than 30 years. (30799 N. Orange Blossom Circle, Queen Creek, AZ 85143; alb_1211@hotmail.com)

1967

Marilynn Dixon Reaves retired after teaching communication arts, American history and civics for 36 years in public schools in Malden, Mo., and Mountain Home, Ark. Her husband, **Jerry**, is a representative for Modern Woodmen, a fraternal insurance and financial organization. (39695 Felix Drive, Malden, MO 63863)

1970

Charles M. Joiner was named Social Worker of the Year for Northeast Arkansas by the National Association of Social Workers, State of Arkansas Social Worker of the Year by the state NASW, and one of 100 Distinguished Faculty in its first 100 years of existence by Arkansas State University — one faculty member representing each year since its founding. He served 20 years on the Arkansas State faculty and is chair emeritus and professor emeritus of social work and founding chair of the department of social work. (3360 Highway 351, Jonesboro, AR 72401)

Bill Reiboldt was elected state representative of Missouri's 130th Legislative District. He has worked as a dairyman most of his life and spent three years in the Missouri National Guard. He and his wife, Kathleen, have three children. (16106 Kentucky Road, Neosho, MO 64850)

1972

Valerie Massey Goree published

her first Christian novel, *Deceive Me Once*, a suspense set in South Texas. She won the American Christian Fiction Writers Genesis contest in the romantic suspense category. Her husband, **Glenn** ('73), is a part-time counselor for Oak Hills Church and an onsite employee assistance program counselor for J.B. Morgan Chase in San Antonio, Texas. They have two children. (P.O. Box 63341, Pipe Creek, TX 78063)

1976

Ronda Evans Johnson and her husband, Fred, retired and are enjoying their two grandsons. (19 Sixth St., Sandwich, IL 60548)

1981

Scott Conner graduated from Bernalillo County Sheriff's Academy, Reserve Division, and is assigned to field services (patrol). He also works for the Department of Homeland Security and completed his certification requirements as a Transportation Security Officer at Albuquerque International Airport. In addition, he provides marriage and family therapy for public safety and other families. He and his wife, Karen, have a son, Nick, a sophomore at University of New Mexico, and a daughter, Channelle, a senior at Harding. (7100 Eagle Mesa Road, N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87113; scottconnerimages@gmail.com)

Dian Eddleman is choral director at University School of Jackson and has been named president-elect of Tennessee Music Educators Association (TMEA). She has been teaching music in public and independent schools for more than 25 years and attended graduate school at University of Memphis and Juilliard School. She has held numerous key leadership roles on both regional and state levels, is in her second term as TMEA State Choral Chair, and is president-elect of the West Tennessee Vocal Music Education Association. She was selected a Governor's

School for the Arts Outstanding Teacher. (196 Hughes Road E., Jackson, TN 38305)

Angela Collins Caldwell was promoted to vice president of technical education at Black River Technical College. (730 Hoelscher Lane, Pocahontas, AR 72455)



[ALMA MATTERS]

Facebook changes the face of reunions

By LIZ HOWELL, director of alumni relations

Friendships are one of the most endearing components of the Harding experience. However, many of us have found it challenging to maintain those college friendships due to the demands on our lives. Launching a career, raising a family, finding our place in the world, and connecting with church family often leave very little time or room for nurturing friendships — until recently.



Liz Howell

The Facebook explosion, which has impacted our lives in ways that we could not have imagined since the social networking website launched in February 2004, is bridging some of those gaps in our relationships. According to Wikipedia, Facebook has more than 500 million active users as of July 2010. Users may create a personal profile, add other users as friends and exchange messages, including automatic notifications when they update their profile. Additionally, users may join common interest user groups, organized by workplace, school, college or other characteristics.

Harding has several Facebook pages and groups in addition to alumni who identify Harding in their profile. According to iStrategyLabs, the growth and demographics of Facebook identified a 922.7 percent growth in the 55 plus audience in 2009, while the 35 plus demographic represents more than 30 percent of the entire user base. The phenomenon of networking through Facebook is changing the way Harding and other colleges and universities are connecting with their alumni. For the past few years, we have marketed Homecoming activities using Facebook.

In 2009, we saw a significant increase in social clubs using Facebook to communicate to their members regarding reunions. Because of the warm feelings of these renewed friendships through Facebook, **Dan Daniel** ('74) came up with an idea and created "That 70s Reunion" this past Homecoming for anyone who attended Harding during the 70s.

"We have friends who were in different clubs. Some of us may have been roommates or lived in the same dorm. Many of us have become friends or closer while living in different cities after we left Harding. Those friendships began because we have a common bond with our Harding experience," explained Daniel. "Our goals are to continue this each year to offer more opportunities for people to come back for Homecoming and to be the prototype for the other decades to start their reunions."

Relationship reunions that may have been delayed until the induction of major reunions such as the Heritage Circle have a jumpstart because of Facebook. A heart-warming example of friendship renewal occurs every year during Homecoming when the Heritage Circle Banquet reunites alumni who are celebrating 50 years or more since leaving Harding. Many of these returnees have not been in touch with their classmates for decades. Tears of joy are often shed when friends are reunited during the weekend.

Due to the camaraderie of this group, which started as the Golden Circle (50th), we have expanded the honorees to include the following: Emerald (55th), Platinum (60th), Platinum Plus (65th) and Diamond (70th) Circles.

William ('53) and **Doris Harmon** ('53) **Fulks** remarked that 10 years was too long to wait and recommended that we celebrate these reunion milestones every five years, and we listened. All members are invited back each year as other classes are inducted into their respective Circle. Many of the Heritage Circle members are savvy with their computer skills and are on Facebook partly due to their grandchildren's activities.

Technology and Facebook are enhancing the Harding experience. Go to Facebook and search for Harding University, join a group, and connect with your Harding friends. This quote by Plautus describes it well: "Nothing but heaven itself is better than a friend who is really a friend." **H**



1990

Michael and **Angela Alexander** announce the birth of a daughter, Kathryn Grace, July 26, 2010. They also have two sons, Zachary and John. Mike works for Nationwide Insurance, and he and Angela own The Sweet Shoppe and Bay Boutique in Fairfield Bay, Ark. (P.O. Box 1382, Clinton, AR 72031)

School for the Arts Outstanding Teacher. (196 Hughes Road E., Jackson, TN 38305)

1988

Angela Collins Caldwell was promoted to vice president of technical education at Black River Technical College. (730 Hoelscher Lane, Pocahontas, AR 72455)

David ('84) and **Christy Golden Mars** announce the adoption of a son, Zachary Calvin, in September 2010. He was born Feb. 3, 2008, in Beijing, China. They have another son, Sam. (2051 Hocking Cove, Germantown, TN 38139)

1991

Scott Fossey is the new senior



director of development at LeTourneau University, responsible for managing the university's fundraising staff. In recent years, he has served as president and chief development officer in private education and continued as morning weatherman in the television news industry at Tyler, Texas, CBS affiliate KYTX-TV. His wife, **Leslie Sturm** ('90), is the director of marketing for Azalea Orthopedics. They have two children, Erica and Devon. (10984 Deer Creek Drive, Tyler, TX 75707)

Rick Trujillo is a TV news photojournalist for NBC in Las Vegas and was recently chosen to be a photographer/editor for a national reality TV show pilot. In 2009 he was named one of the top 20 TV photographers in the Western U.S. General Pool by the National Press Photographers Association. (116 Peachy Court, Las Vegas, NV 89183)

1992

Danny and **Sandie Armstrong Pfund** announce the adoption of a son, Cameron Daniel, born March 30, 2010. Danny is a middle school math teacher, and Sandie is a second-grade teacher at Richardson Elementary in Tucson, Ariz. (4369 W. Veranda St., Tucson, AZ 85741)

1993

Nate and **Angie Bain Tucker** announce the adoption of twin daughters, Phyllis Evelyn and Aidan Nicole, April 30, 2010. They were born Aug. 31, 2006. They also have a son, Ian. Angie is a licensed professional counselor in private practice who provides contract services to community mental health agencies in the Rogers and Bentonville, Ark., area, and Nate is completing his bachelor's in criminal justice. (2 Fountainhall Circle, Bella Vista, AR 72715)

1995

Ron ('94) and **Holly Hays Sparkman** announce the birth of a son, George Reuben, June 7, 2010. They have four other children, Max, Annie, Coleman and Hays. Ron is an assistant principal in the Metro Nashville Public School System, and Holly is a registered nurse and certified lactation consultant at Centennial Hospital in Nashville, Tenn. (2196 Sams Creek Road, Pegram, TN 37143)

1996

Chris ('92) and **Christine Giacobassi Crabb** announce the adoption of a daughter, Clara Grace, Sept. 18, 2010. She was born Sept. 14, 2010. They have another daughter, Olivia. (9056 Laurel Court, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126)

Steve ('97) and **Alla Casey Swan** announce the birth of a son, Callen James, Oct. 25, 2010.

They also have a son, Riley. Steve is a photographer for WBZ-TV (CBS) in Boston, and Alla is a page designer at the Cape Cod Times in Hyannis, Mass. (11 Brandeis Lane, Plymouth, MA 02360)

1997

Kile and Emily Wellman Thompson announce the birth of a son, Luke Frederick, Dec. 17, 2009. They have another son, Logan. Kile is an attorney for Verizon, and Emily is a homemaker. (416 Blossom Drive, Berryville, VA 22611)

1998

Scott and **Carrie Walker Bowman** announce the birth of a daughter, Sydney Elizabeth, Jan. 22, 2009. They also have a daughter, Erica. Scott is chief accounting officer for a public health care company in Nashville, Tenn., and Carrie is a homemaker. (4245 Warren Road, Franklin, TN 37067; carrie_e_walker@yahoo.com)

Heath Dawson recently published his first novel, *The Briefcase*. He works for Western & Southern Financial Group, and his wife, Monica, works for AT&T. (59114 Marth Drive, Bylesville, OH 43723; hdawson21@hotmail.com)

Daniel ('99) and **MaryAnn Dozier Green** announce the birth of a son, Caleb Daniel, June 1, 2010. They also have two daughters, Caitlyn and Caroline. (1356 Holly Tree Gap Road, Brentwood, TN 37027)

Jim and **Gina Ward** announce the birth of a son, Peyton Jay, Oct. 7, 2010. Jim is director of admissions and marketing at Capstone Treatment Center, and Gina is the branch office manager at Amedisys Home Health. (71 Rebecca Lane, Searcy, AR 72143)

1999

Jason and **Joelle Edmondson Donoho** announce the birth of a son, Luke James, Sept. 17, 2010. They have another son, Lane. (87 Cypress Creek Drive, Cabot, AR 72023)

David ('00) and **Lanny Hardman Duke** announce the birth of a son, Asher Loyd, July 1, 2010. They have two other sons, Elijah and Caleb. David successfully defended his dissertation Oct. 26, 2009, and is a research

Call for 'tales from the road' submissions

Sure, Harding provided lots of fun activities, but there was nothing like packing the car and getting away from the dorm, studying and cafeteria. Share the story of your most memorable road trip from college days (no more than 300 words, please) by e-mailing to hardingmag@harding.edu or mailing to *Harding* magazine, Box 12234, Searcy, AR 72149-2234. We plan to publish the best "tales from the road" in a future issue.

scientist at Roche Diagnostics, and Lanny is a homemaker. (10352 Sun Gold Court, Fishers, IN 46037)

Aleksander ('03) and **April Mouser Fatula** announce the birth of a daughter, Mathilde Abigail, Oct. 16, 2010. They also have a son, Gabriel. Aleksander is a therapist at Capstone Treatment Center, and April is a freelance public relations practitioner. (707 W. Center, Searcy, AR 72143)

David and **Anna Canarsky Handley** announce the birth of a son, Kellen Grant, July 15, 2010. They have three other children, Jonathan, Eliana and Rowan. (13100 N. 141st St., Waverly, NE 68462)

Jeremiah and **Tracy James Rogers** announce the birth of a daughter, Lilly Marie, July 27, 2010. Jeremiah is a firefighter in Franklin, Tenn., and Tracy is a homemaker. (315 Porter Circle, Columbia, TN 38401)

Sammie and Jill Johnston Young announce the adoption of a son, Maxwell Jefferson, July 23, 2010. He was born June 9, 2010. Jill is a doctor of audiology for Commonwealth Ear, Nose and Throat Associates. (12020 Kemps Landing Circle, Manassas, VA 20109)

2000

Jeremy and **Dianna Butt** announce the birth of a daughter, Caroline Pearl, Aug. 20, 2010. They also have two sons, Conner and Chandler. Jeremy is senior adult minister with West Seventh Church of Christ in Columbia, Tenn., and Dianna is a registered nurse for Maury Regional Medi-

cal Center. (2851 New Highway 7, Santa Fe, TN 38482)

Daniel and **Elizabeth Sewell Giger** announce the birth of a daughter, Natalie Elizabeth, Aug. 6, 2010. They have another daughter, Analise. Daniel is a programmer for American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and Elizabeth is a homemaker and piano teacher. (512 Ridge Road, Philo, IL 61864; bethgiger@juno.com)

Rhonald ('01) and **Jennifer Stewart Searcy** announce the birth of a daughter, Lily Kate, Oct. 7, 2010. They also have a son, Nicholas. Rhonald is a family practice physician, and Jenny is a homemaker. (212 Ohara Lane, Springdale, AR 72762)

2001

Ben ('03) and **Amy Tittle Carrigan** announce the birth of a son, Jackson Brantley, July 9, 2010. They have another son, Carter. (1402 W. Center Ave., Searcy, AR 72143)

Barry and **Kara Lee Love** announce the birth of a daughter, Kellyn Brooke, Aug. 18, 2010. They have two other children, Ryan and Alyna. (1301 E. Cimarron Road, Hobbs, NM 88240)

Joshua ('02) and **Jeanine Phillips Muller** announce the birth of a son, Judson David, Oct. 25, 2010. They have another son, Jonah. Josh is self-employed in construction, and Jeanine is a first-grade teacher. (77 N. Alling Road, Tallmadge, OH 44278)

Josh and **Tania Sneed** announce the birth of a daughter, Alena Graciela, Aug. 20, 2010. Joshua works for the city of Austin, and Tania is an assistant principal. (3200 Misty Oaks Way, Round Rock, TX 78665)

Jarrod ('00) and **Lia Shoemaker Watson** announce the birth of twin daughters, Reese Caroline and Rylee Faith, Sept. 21, 2009. (6860 Sunnywood Drive, Nashville, TN 37211)

2002

David and **Dawn McCann Drake** announce the birth of a son, December Frost, Oct. 2. David is a software tester with Varolii Corp., and Dawn is an English teacher at Scriber Lake High School. (2207 E. James St., Seattle, WA 98122)

Tracie Hendershot married Douglas Barrows Aug. 7, 2009.



Crafty queen

The price of a new house is more than just its monthly mortgage payment. When **Lauren Moody** ('06) **Williams** and her husband, Luke ('06), first moved into their home in 2009, she found herself searching for thrifty decorating ideas to fill the space. "I used to craft a lot when we lived in an apartment," says Williams. "I knew I was going to be doing a lot of decorating and crafting for the house." Since most of her

inspiration came from blogs, Williams decided to document her own creations as well.

"I wanted to create the kind of blog that I would enjoy reading or would find helpful. I centered it around how others could make their house look good for not a lot of money," she says. Her blog, LittleBigNest.com, features step-by-step guides to the crafts she assembles for her home, whether it's seasonal touches for her foyer or decorating the nursery in preparation for the couple's first child. "I try to look at something in a magazine and figure out how I could make it myself without buying it or how to make it unique or different using stuff that I have."

One way Williams has found to cut cost is by frequenting thrift stores and flea markets. "A lot of things in my home are from thrift stores that I got for very little cost and redid or modified to make something new," she says. "I like to try to find things that have character — that have paint chips or are old looking — or find something that can be used in a different way."

During the week, Williams spends anywhere from 15 to 20 hours crafting and blogging in addition to working from home for Conway, Ark.-based Acxiom Corp. "Some [projects] are straight copies of what other people have done, and some are completely my own idea. Some I've seen somewhere else but put my own spin on."

And while the typical tools of the crafting trade — a hot glue gun, fabric and paint — can be found in her arsenal, Williams has also taken up more heavy-duty items. In creating her favorite piece, a fabric-covered headboard for her guest bedroom, Williams used an electric drill to create buttonholes and miter saw to trim molding to frame the finished product. "The [miter saw's] guard was broken, so it was completely unsafe," she says. "As soon as I would turn on that loud noise and hold the trigger down, I saw my life flash before my eyes." She has also learned how to strip, paint and refinish old furniture.

As a result of her hard work and creativity, her blog has rapidly grown. "I began on Blogspot.com and was there about a year, and I had more than 300 followers. Then, about two months ago, I switched to a dot-com address so that I would have more freedom and grow my blog. In just three months of being on the dot-com, I've had more than 25,000 hits."

As her actual nest continues to grow, Williams has big ideas for her site as well. "I want to continue to do home décor crafts, and I'm sure they'll probably be a lot more baby- and kid-related crafts, too," she says. "I'm planning on adding advertising and getting some sponsors. I'd also like to build an Etsy.com shop around my blog and sell some of the crafts that people ask me about a lot. I'd like to make my blog my future job when the time comes." **H**

— Jennifer Hannigan



After the Black & Gold

Once banquet festivities are over Nov. 5, Distinguished Alumni **Karen O'Donaghy** ('83) and **Jerry "Boo" Mitchell** ('82) chat with Outstanding Young Alumnus **Caroline Clements** ('96) Smith and her daughter, Lilliana.

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Tracie is a psychologist for Evergreen Public Schools, and Douglas is working on his degree in elementary education. (501 S.E. 123rd Ave., #146, Vancouver, WA 98683)

Jonathan ('04) and **Heather Lacey Holland** announce the birth of a son, Josiah David, Oct. 7, 2010. Jonathan is an electrical engineer at Qualcomm, and Heather is a human resources specialist at North Carolina State University. (916 Tanglewood Drive, Cary, NC 27511)

2003

Ryan and **Claudia Stockstill Porche** announce the birth of a son, Kaden Malachi, June 26, 2010. (821 Allen St., #913, Dallas, TX 75204; ceporche@gmail.com)

2004

Jonathan and **Meghan Piercy Teel** announce the birth of a son, Asher Piercy, July 30, 2010. (930 Bruce St., Memphis, TN 38104)

2005

Ricky ('04) and **Amanda Stevens**

Colón announce the birth of a son, Elias Enrique, Nov. 19, 2010. They also have a daughter, Aiva. Ricky is a graphic designer at Harding, and Amanda is a homemaker and artist. (103 Sandhill Lane, Judsonia, AR 72081)

Jon ('02) and **Catie Mann Holman** announce the birth of a son, James Thatcher, March 2, 2010. Jon is a loan reviewer for the FDIC, and Catie is a history teacher at Searcy High School. (705 W. Center, Searcy, AR 72143)

Matt and **Kristi DeSpain Meadows** announce the birth of a son, Tyler Scott, May 21, 2010. Matt is project manager at Fulbright & Jaworski LLP, and Kristi is a public accountant at BKD LLP. (2578 Bering Drive, Houston, TX 77057)

Kyle and **Melissa Ward Vath** announce the birth of a daughter, Eden Imani, Aug. 17, 2010. They also have a son, Asher. Kyle is a registered nurse completing the Ohio Nursing Home Administrator Training Program, and Melissa is a homemaker. (5636 Frogdan

Court, Cincinnati, OH 45248)

2007

Betsy Glover married Chad Dawson July 24, 2010. Betsy is an eighth-grade social studies teacher at Kirksey Middle School in Rogers, Ark., and Chad is a chiropractor at Wulf Clinic. (208 McDaniel St., Lowell, AR 72745)

Grant Taylor ('04) married **Katelyn Kirby** July 3, 2010. Grant is a project manager for Cone Construction, and Katelyn is a nurse at Arkansas Children's Hospital. (5100 Greenway Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72116)

Devin and **Cali Anderson Watts** announce the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Blake, Aug. 24, 2010. (5304 Trunsdale, Nashville, TN 37220)

Jared and **Ali White Winters** announce the birth of a son, Walker Ray, Dec. 15, 2009. Jared is in graduate school at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Ark., completing his Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist degree, and Ali is a homemaker. (1513 Crepe Myrtle, Jonesboro, AR 72401)

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Passages

H.B. "Nick" Camp ('39), 93, died Aug. 24, 2010. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, spending most of the war in Langley, Va., working for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, a predecessor to NASA. He earned a master's degree at Midwestern State University in 1964. A real estate investor, he served many years on the President's Council at Harding. He is survived by his wife, Marguerite Farmer Camp; a son, Brit; two daughters, **Ann McGrath** ('68) and **Connie Phillis** ('72); and one grandson. (807 Eighth St., Suite 500, Wichita Falls, TX 76301)

Lois Benson McEuen ('50), 81, died Nov. 29, 2010. She was a school teacher, nanny, and member of the church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her daughter, **Kerry Trotter** ('76). She is survived by three sons, **Rick** ('80), **John** and **Kirk** ('90); 15 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Shirley Pegan Boyd ('52), 80, died Oct. 5, 2010, from cancer.



She and her husband, Glenn, served a church in South Point, Ohio, for five years where she taught first grade. Later they served as missionaries in Germany for 16 years. The last eight of those years they also directed the Pepperdine University Year-in-Europe program, and she studied at the University of Heidelberg

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where she received her master's degree in German language and culture. In 1973, they moved to California where they taught at Pepperdine University and helped start a congregation at Thousand Oaks, Calif. In 1981 she returned to Harding to complete her master's in education. She taught at Rose Bud High School and Harding Academy and was a German instructor at Harding University until her retirement in 1996. She served as a volunteer at White County Memorial Hospital and was a member of College Church of Christ. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, **H. Glenn** ('52), two sons, **John** and **Jay** ('90); a daughter, **Janet Reinhardt**, two sisters, **Elma Mary May** and **Thelma Smith** ('49); six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. (7 Sherwood Loop, Searcy, AR 72143)

Edna "Skitty" McCullough Mitchell ('53), 78, died Aug. 19, 2010. She was an accomplished pianist and taught piano for many years. She was a member of Gloster Street Church of Christ. She is survived by her husband, **Jack** ('53); two sons, **Jack Jr.** ('75) and **Kenneth** ('75); a brother, **Glenn McCullough** ('51); a sister, **Mary Formby** ('44); six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. (301 W. Gonzalez St., Pensacola, FL 32501)

John Phillip "Phil" Futrell ('59), 72, died Aug. 22, 2010. He was a Northeast Arkansas Pharmacists Association officer, Pocahontas school board member, board director for Bank of Pocahontas, an elder of the church of Christ, a member of the Randolph County Chamber of Commerce, a Northeast Arkansas First Responder, a member of the National Rifle Association, a charter member of the Lions Club, a founding member of the Pocahontas Bass Club, and a member of Ducks Unlimited. He is survived by his wife, **Gwendolyn Lou Mullins** ('60); two sons, **David** ('84) and **Mark** ('87); two daughters, **Johna Mannen** ('82) and **Cara Bryant** ('99); his mother, **Lalia Futrell**; a brother, **Byron Futrell**; and 10 grandchildren. (644 Hill Road, Pocahontas, AR 72455)

Lloyd "Bud" Wayne Gentry ('61), 71, died Oct. 5, 2010. He received his master's and specialist degrees from Southern Illinois University.

His profession was education, teaching high school, and then serving as director and dean of learning resources at Belleville Area College in Illinois for 38 years. He was a member of the church of Christ, serving as an elder at the Collinsville, Ill., congregation for 34 years. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, **Donna Henman** ('62), two sons; **Todd** ('85) and **Tony** ('89), a sister, **Leah Burks** ('65), and six grandchildren. (612 Live Oak Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

Thomas Leonard Kirk ('65), 68, died June 25, 2010. He earned a master's from Middle Tennessee State University and a M.A. plus 30 as an education specialist from Tennessee State University. He taught English and history at Columbia Central High School and was band director for Hay Long High School. After retirement from teaching, he partnered in the operation of several Nashville restaurants. He was a member of West Seventh Street Church of Christ. He is survived by a brother, **David** ('62); and a sister, **Anne Ritchie** ('61).

Richard "Dick" Thomas Dean ('66), 66, died Oct. 20, 2010, from cancer. He spent most of his adult life as a football coach and teacher or apartment owner and manager. He was a member of College Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, **Retta Martin** ('66); a son, **Kent**; a daughter, **Ashlie Galyan** ('91); a brother, **Christopher** ('63); and a granddaughter. (600 E. Center, Searcy, AR 72143)

Coy Pullara ('73), 79, died July 19, 2010, from cancer. She had a private practice in social work. She is survived by a son, **Michael** ('77); and a daughter, **Michele Allen** ('77).

Timothy Reed Albright ('78), 60, died Oct. 26, 2010. He began preaching while in college and preached in churches of Christ for almost 30 years, serving congregations in Arkansas, Ohio and West Virginia. He was manager of the Days Inn in West Memphis, Ark., for 10 years and served in Korea with the U.S. Army. Tim is survived by his mother, **Kathleen Albright**; a brother, **Rob**; and a sister, **Cindy Slingluff**.

Laurie Ann Till Caldwell ('81), 49, died March 23, 2010. She was a CPA and high school

teacher in Caruthersville, Mo. She is survived by her husband, **Timothy** ('81); and a daughter, **Jade**. (304 N. Main, Kennett, MO 63857)

Lori Elizabeth Griffin Newby ('92), 40, died Nov. 11, 2010,



from cancer. She began her elementary career teaching two years in Jacksonville, Ark., one year in Texas, and was in her 16th year in Searcy Public Schools. A fourth-grade teacher at McRae Elementary, she was loved and respected by her students and fellow faculty members. She was a member of Downtown Church of Christ. She is survived by her husband, **Jon** ('94); a son, **Griffin**; a daughter, **Ally**; her parents, **Ray** ('63) and **Georganne Hunter Griffin** ('64); her grandfather, **Harold Griffin**; two brothers, **Stephen Griffin** ('91) and **Chad Griffin** ('97); and a sister, **Kim Mote** ('88). (305 River Oaks Blvd., Searcy, AR 72143)

Merle Elliott, 94, died Nov. 12, 2010. He managed the shipping



and receiving office at Harding from 1963-1982. He attended College Church of Christ where he had served as a deacon. He is survived by his wife of more than 70 years, **Anita**; two sons, **Gary** ('62) and **Phillip** ('70); a daughter, **Judy Outlaw** ('65); a brother, **Melvin**; seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Teddy Joe Pike, 61, died Jan. 5 at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock. He was employed 21 years as a master carpenter and welder by Physical Resources at Harding. He was a member of Howard General Baptist Church at Quitman, Ark. He is survived by his wife, **Dianne Trawick Pike**; a son, **Eli**; two daughters, **Dena Barger** and **Mandy Farris**; his mother, **Rena Verl Pike**; two sisters, **Alice Johnson** and **Patricia Treat**; and four grandchildren.

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

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Improving your investment returns

By **TED HACKNEY**, director of the Center for Charitable Estate Planning

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Ted Hackney

My Day, August 11, 1939

By ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

I had an interesting visit a short time ago from Dr. George S. Benson and Dean L.C. Sears of Harding College. I wonder how some of our Eastern universities would handle the problems that come to the small colleges in some of the Southern and Southwestern states. In the first place, the faculty in these smaller colleges may have great rewards of accomplishment with young people, but actual cash returns are small at Harding College in Searcy, Ark.

Professors with Ph.D. degrees get \$85 a month, and teachers with M.A. degrees \$75 a month. Throughout the history of the institution, they have frequently taught for whatever the institution was able to pay, and, before the close of the school year, this has occasionally been as low as \$25 a month.

There are 13 buildings on the campus worth about \$600,011. Eighteen different major subjects are offered. There is no endowment, and the college has never received large contributions and receives no regular support from any religious denomination, so it is operated mainly on its own income from tuition and fees and through minor industries under the management of the college. These industries are a laundry plant serving the college and the town; a plant for cleaning, pressing and dyeing; a print shop equipped with linotype, job presses, etc.; a small farm that produces fruit and vegetables and maintains a small herd of Jersey cows for the benefit of the boarding club; and the college cafeteria, which provides board for students and teachers.

Two hundred dollars in cash is needed by the college for every student, but many of those applying come from small mountain homes and sharecropper's families and cannot even pay this much. Scholarships of \$120 and \$150 a year have to be given by interested people so that the students will only need to supply \$50 to \$80 throughout the year besides their traveling expenses and their clothes. Each student can carry about three hours of actual work outside

of the college curriculum.

More than 50 percent of the total student body of Harding College does some work under the direction of the institution to reduce college expenses, and a limited number succeed in working out all their expenses.

I think you will be interested in one or two of the stories about the students, which have come to me in connection with the college. One boy lived 12 miles from Harding, and he walked that each morning and evening and made his grades through a full school year. Another boy traveled 60 miles with two cows, which were all his family could spare for his education. The college helped him to find pasture for his cows and sale for their milk. He milked the cows every morning and night and made his deliveries. He was on the honor roll as an "A" student and finished the school year without any indebtedness to the college.

It is hard to make an evaluation of an education, but sometimes I think that this kind of education is more valuable to youth than the kind that is acquired by young people whose parents can afford to pay for the time spent at the university. **H**

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT (1884-1962), wife of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, served as first lady from 1933-1945. "My Day" was her widely syndicated newspaper column published from 1935-1962. The six-day-a-week column allowed her to reach millions of Americans with her views on social and political issues, current and historical events, and her private and public life. In many ways, it was the predecessor to today's blog.



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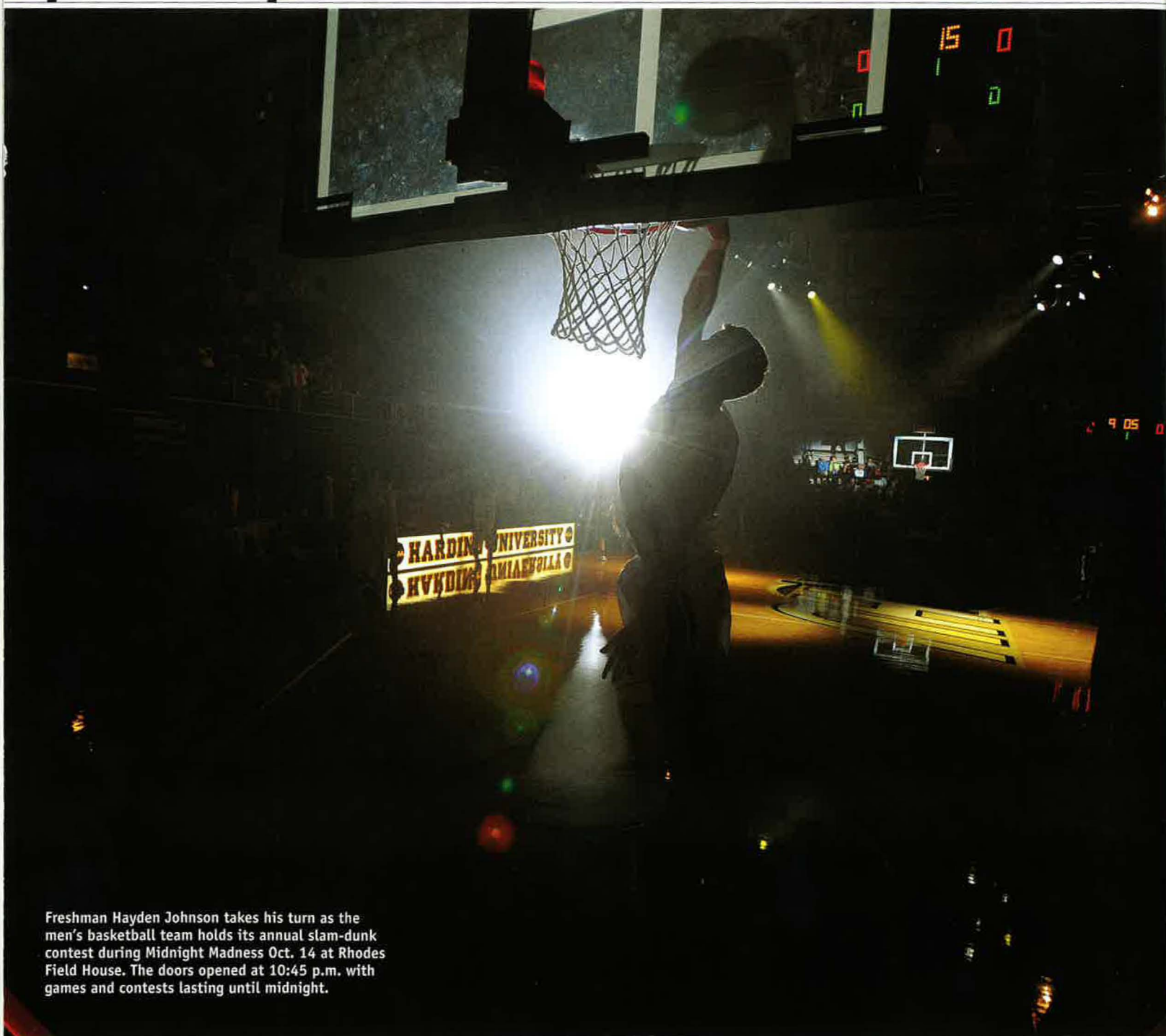
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Freshman Hayden Johnson takes his turn as the men's basketball team holds its annual slam-dunk contest during Midnight Madness Oct. 14 at Rhodes Field House. The doors opened at 10:45 p.m. with games and contests lasting until midnight.