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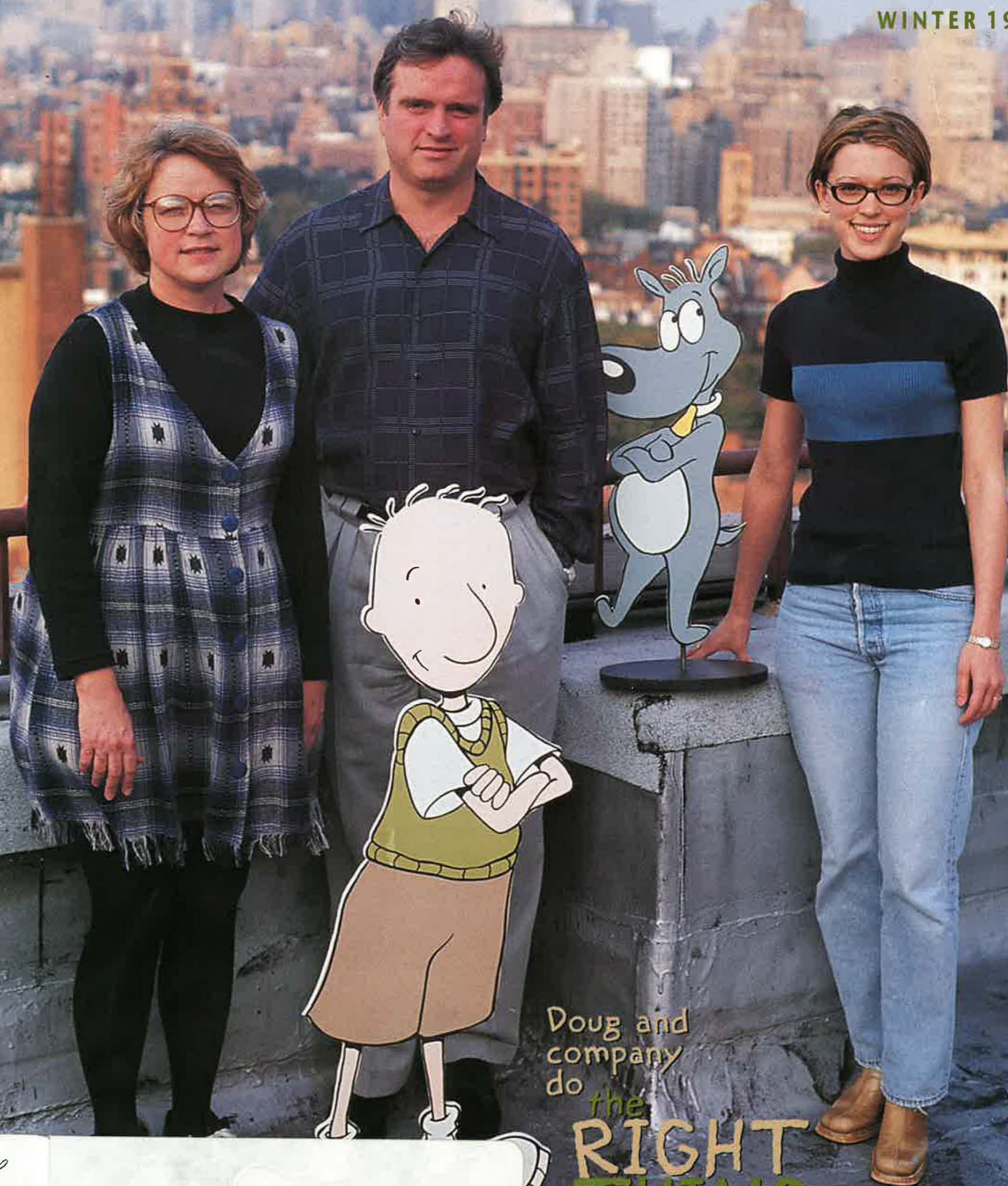
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David B. Burks, President

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Global friendships the result of a complete, eternal education

“YOU CAN MAKE more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get people interested in you.” These words, spoken by Dale Carnegie, ring true for many in the business of Christian education. Harding’s service-oriented students and faculty have been developing friendships worldwide for more than half a century. These friendships have enabled Harding to influence people around the world. Lives have been eternally changed and families have been strengthened through the friendships that have been made through Harding.

Many more friendships will be developed this summer when more than 500 students blanket the globe involving themselves in International Campaigns, mission internships or various other summer ministries. These experiences play a vital role in painting a global perspective of evangelism. Our students witness firsthand the need for spreading the Word to a world lost in sin. After experiencing mission efforts, many of our students commit themselves to pursue a career as a missionary.

This global perspective is critical to preparing men and women for Christian service. How can we better educate a student about the needs of the world than by taking them out to live among and minister to the world? The experiences gained can never be matched in the classroom. We can watch videos and view slides, but only when we speak face to face with the searching Russian or hold and comfort an African baby can we understand the effect of mission work on other’s lives.

George Strachan journeyed to Harding with the help of students that visited his native country of Scotland. George was raised in a Christian home by Godly parents, but none of his peers were church members, and he was living a life that was destructive to his spiritual development. Each summer his family hosted Harding students working with the church, and George was quietly influenced. On a vacation with a friend to the States, he spent some time in

Searcy visiting the University responsible for sending the Christian ambassadors to his home. During his visit he was baptized into Christ and returned to Scotland to work toward attending Harding. George is now a junior and will graduate next year. Every summer he returns to Scotland to fish for three months in order to earn enough money to return to school. He stands as a legacy to the Christ that came through the students that went.

Another example is the story of Sokol Haxhiu, a sophomore from Albania who was converted and encouraged to attend Harding by students on campaigns. Sokol majors in political science with hopes toward being Albania’s president someday. Who can measure the good done around the world by those that campaign efforts touch?

This summer, Leah and I will lead a three-week campaign to Australia. We have traveled to Australia before as tourists and spent time with the Christians there, but this will be the first

time we lead a campaign team to this great island. We are meeting weekly with all the campaigners to pray for the success of the campaign.

As we make global friends, I am reminded of Christ’s great commission to seek and save the lost, and a student body whose love compels them to respond to this commission.

Their compassion is not only evident through international work but ever present on campus. Late last semester, the student body responded to the needs of Greg McLean, a fellow student stricken with Marfan Syndrome in need of a heart operation. In two days, the student body donated \$21,000 for Greg’s operation. They give willingly of themselves to teach other’s through their example, and every time this is done, the essence of true education is discovered.

May God continue to bless us all with friends that challenge us, teach us and willingly serve Christ. *HB*

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On the Cover.

The cartoon adventures of “Brand Spanking New Doug” and his best non-human friend, Porkchop, are created at New York City’s Jumbo Pictures Inc. where Linda Campbell Garvey, David Campbell and Jennifer Barnes each play significant roles. To learn more about how these three are affecting the quality of children’s programming, see page 10. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)



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Newsmakers

Watson named new alumni director

Alumnus Brett Watson was named director of alumni relations Sept. 22. He received his bachelor of science degree from the University in 1991 and previously worked for Century Telephone Enterprises Inc. and for Louisiana Congressman Jim McCrery. Watson will be responsible for coordinating and expanding the University's efforts to inform and involve its 38,000 alumni.

Kresge Foundation awards \$750,000 challenge grant

FUNDING THE FINAL CAMPUS renovation and expansion project of the "Dream Continues" Campaign, the Kresge Foundation announced in September that they are awarding Harding a \$750,000 challenge grant.

The final project to be completed before the University's 75th anniversary, the Stevens Art Center is adding 12,000 square feet to its facilities, housing two art galleries, a computer graphics lab, a graphic design studio, studios for

to begin sooner than expected. We are thankful that the administration worked hard to get this grant, giving us the opportunity to have the expansion completed by the 75th anniversary Homecoming celebration," said Don Robinson, art department chair.

The grant's payment is conditioned by Harding raising the more than \$3 million required to complete the project's funding and the \$58.2 million goal of the "Dream Continues" Campaign. Harding must raise remaining funds by July 1.

"The grant from the Kresge Foundation with its challenge certainly provides a significant impe-

Men of God Conference, 3-in-1 seminar planned

THE INSTITUTE FOR CHURCH AND Family Resources has announced plans for two events to take place during the spring semester — the Men of God Conference and a combined 3-in-1 seminar.

Traditionally the University conducted separate seminars on religious education and church growth. This year those two topics, in addition to a track on involvement ministries, will be combined for the 3-in-1 seminar to be held Feb. 27-28.

Conducting the religious education segment will be Ray Fulenwider, minister for the Central Church of Christ in Amarillo, Texas. The church growth track will be presented by Dr. Flavil Yeakley of the University's Bible faculty. Dr. Gene Vinzant and Dr. Howard Norton, also of the Bible faculty, will conduct the involvement ministries portion of the seminar.

The second annual Men of God Conference, a two-day event encouraging men to be better fathers, husbands and Christians, will be conducted on campus April 17-18.

Speaking at the conference will be Joe Beam of Family Dynamics International in North Augusta, S.C.; Dr. Jack Evans of Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas; Dr. Steve Flatt, president of David Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn.; and Don McLaughlin, minister in Atlanta.

The conference is scheduled the same weekend as the Women in God's Service Conference, according to Nathan Mellor, assistant director of the Institute.

"We expect close to 2,000 guests that weekend," Mellor said, "and, for those concerned, we will be providing childcare for couples that come to both conferences."

For additional information on any of the seminars, contact the Institute for Church and Family Resources at (501) 279-4660.

On with the show — Spring Sing 1998 celebrates 25 years

IN 1974 STUDENTS KATHY McKinney and Jerry Palmer could not have guessed that their idea for a musical show would evolve into the spectacular showpiece it is today.

The two students approached Dr. John Ryan, current producer of Spring Sing, to serve as the faculty adviser for the show, which was designed to mimic student singing shows seen at other colleges.

Planned to debut during Youth Forum weekend, the first show played to audiences in the Administration Auditorium, and several hundred people attended. "It was a hit," Ryan said. "It's strange to remember that we first had the show in the Administration Auditorium, especially considering that 10-11,000 people attend now."

Over 25 years, Spring Sing has emerged as a professional extravaganza filled with all the glitz and glamour seen in big-time productions. One year a Spring Sing judge from New York City told Ryan that the performance was cleaner than many of those seen on Broadway. "I thought he meant that the material was more family oriented, but he meant that the synchronized choreographed moves were sharper," Ryan said.

The first Spring Sing featured clubs singing songs from risers, using hand motions to punctuate the performances. Throughout the years the participants added choreographed moves, bright costumes, painted backdrops and original

lyrics, all developed and assembled by student performers.

"Spring Sing is such a fantastic outlet for talent that might otherwise go unnoticed," Ryan said.

Celebrating Spring Sing's silver anniversary, the theme for this year's show is titled "Sing: A Celebration of 25 Years of Spring Sing."

Hosting this special show are Eve Clevenger, a senior from Nashville, Tenn.; Justin Lawson, a junior from Searcy; Marcus Neely, a junior from Memphis, Tenn.; and Ashleigh Short, a junior from Paragould, Ark.

The show will focus on various styles of music performed in past presentations. New approaches to set design, lighting and costumes are planned for the anniversary show. "We intend to take it up a notch and never look back," said Dr. Steve Frye, director of Spring Sing.

As in years past, a play will accompany Spring Sing. "Voice of the Prairie," directed by senior Ben Howe, will be performed this year.

The play unfolds the story of a boy and a blind girl, Davey and Frankie, who stowaway on trains to travel throughout the Midwest. During the short time the two travel together they manage to fall in love but then become separated.

Skiping between the story of the youngsters and the actions of the mature Davey and Frankie, the play fast forwards to the present, when a much older Davey recounts the youngsters' adventures for a radio show, becoming the Voice of the Prairie. As the radio show grows in popularity, the possibility for a reunion between the

two former adventurers surfaces.

"The tale is nonlinear, leaping from flashback scenes to the present," explained Robin Miller, producer of the play. "The play has a great story line with scenes that pull at the heartstrings."

Headlining Youth Forum activities is Don McLaughlin from Atlanta who will bring three powerful messages during the weekend. The annual Youth Forum gives high school students a chance to experience Harding through attending classes, campus-wide devotionals and performances from several of Harding's most talented vocal groups.

Performances of both Spring Sing and "Voice of the Prairie" are scheduled for Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4. Spring Sing tickets cost \$10, and play tickets cost \$3. For information about purchasing tickets to Spring Sing and "Voice of the Prairie," please call (501) 279-4255, or use the order form in the back of this magazine.

Two scholarships established to aid MFT students

ASSISTING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY therapy students with the education they need to build stronger character, families and lives, two scholarship funds were begun in September.

1997 marriage and family therapy graduate Rusty Meadows established the Nancy Harris Meadows Endowed Scholarship Fund to honor his wife for her support of him and their family during his graduate work.

Friends and classmates of Dwight and Cindy Decker began a scholarship in memory of the Decker's son, Seth. Dwight is also a member of the 1997 marriage and family therapy graduating class.

If you would be willing to aid the Decker scholarship or need additional information, call the Office of University Advancement at (501) 279-4312 or (800) 477-4312.

Newsmakers

Myers authors commentary on Revelation

Dr. Edward Myers, professor of Bible, has written a commentary on Revelation titled *After These Things I Saw*. The verse-by-verse study, published by College Press, is based on the New American Standard Version of the Bible.

Watson published by reading association

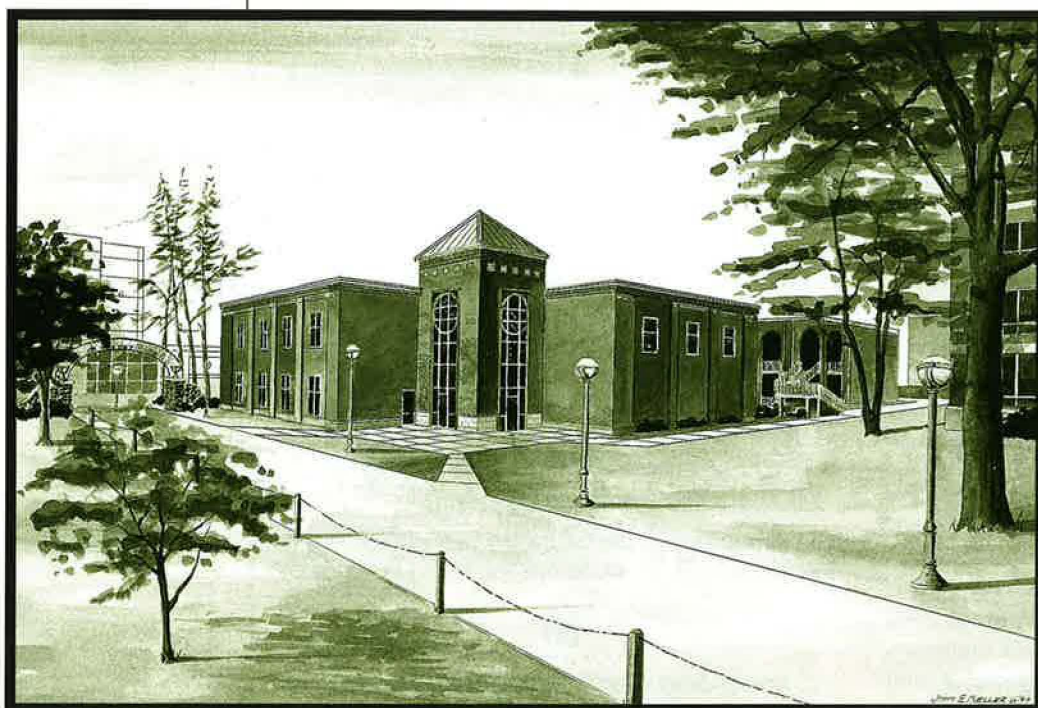
Dr. Betty Watson, professor of elementary education, had an article titled "Kindergarten Language Experience: A New Way of Delivering the Daily News" published in the newsletter of the Language Experience Special Interest Group of the International Reading Association.

Cox participates in symposium for string teachers

Dr. Patricia Cox, associate professor of music, attended a national symposium conducted by the American String Teachers Association Oct. 3 and 4 in Columbus, Ohio. She helped draft documents on competencies, proficiency levels of baccalaureate music graduates, and guidelines for training future musical string educators.

Dixon elected to office in library association

Ann Dixon, Suzanne Spurrier, Henry Terrill and Shirley Williams, members of the Brackett Library staff, attended the Arkansas Library Association's state meeting Oct. 5-7 in Little Rock, Ark. Dixon was elected secretary of the association's reference division.



Art Addition. Art Professor John Keller's watercolor rendering of the new addition to the Stevens Art Center depicts the main entrance to the new facility. The project began in October.

Daniel, students attend honor society meeting

Dr. Ellen Daniel, associate professor of family and consumer science, and students Lezie Russell and Kami Wentz attended the Kappa Omicron Nu Leadership Meeting Aug. 7-10 in Dallas. The theme of the honorary society's conference was "Leadership for the New Millennium."

10 faculty members and an interior design resource storage area.

Construction began on the project in October when demolition crews razed the former Benson House to make way for the Center's expansion.

Displaying both student and faculty works, the University's permanent collection and touring exhibits, the improved facilities will support growth of the department's areas of study.

"The grant sparked our expansion effort, allowing construction

tus for Harding's fund-raising program," President Burks said as he announced receipt of the grant. "I am confident that we can raise the required amount and qualify for the grant."

The Kresge Foundation is an independent, private foundation created by the gifts of Sebastian S. Kresge. The foundation awards institutions operating in the areas of higher education, health and long-term care, arts and humanities, human services, science and the environment, and public affairs.

Anniversary Hosts and Hostesses. Eve Clevenger, Justin Lawson, Marcus Neely and Ashleigh Short will welcome guests to Spring Sing 1998. Lawson returns from last year's production.





Carroll receives state teacher award

Dr. Clara Carroll, assistant professor of education, was named Oct. 2 as the 1997 Cooperating Teacher of the Year by the Arkansas Association of Teacher Educators at the group's conference in Little Rock, Ark. The award is based on evidence of membership and involvement in professional organizations, commitment to student teachers and demonstration of supervisory skills.

Wilson presents parenting workshop

Dr. Beth Wilson, chair of the family and consumer sciences department, presented a workshop Oct. 19 in Cabot, Ark., titled "Parenting During Early Childhood." The presentation was part of Making the Connection, a program of the Cabot Church of Christ that ministers to families in the community. The program focused on practical suggestions and tips for raising children in today's world.

Turley published in two journals

Dr. Ken Turley, assistant professor of kinesiology, had an article titled "Cardiovascular Responses to Exercise in Children" published in the October issue of *Sports Medicine*. The November issue of *Pediatric Exercise Sciences* published his article titled "Submaximal Cardiovascular Responses to Exercise in Children: Treadmill vs. Cycle Ergometer."

Husband and wife missionary team selected 1997 Distinguished Alumni

THE ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED AND OUTSTANDING alumni awards were presented at the Black and Gold Banquet Oct. 24 during Homecoming Weekend. Two alumni received the Distinguished Alumnus Award, and five earned Outstanding Alumnus honors.

Distinguished Alumni

Joe Cannon (BA'47) and Rosa Belle Cannon ('50)

1997 marked both the 50th year the Cannons have worked in foreign missions and the couple's



50th wedding anniversary. Soon after the end of World War II, the Cannons began their life work in missions, establishing churches in Japan and later preaching the gospel in

the then unchartered territory of Papua, New Guinea. Because of their strong faith, more than 5,000 Christians live in New Guinea, supporting over 40 congregations and two Bible training schools. Seeing yet another need, the Cannons also established the Mission/1000 paramissionary training program to train future missionaries with the skills they need to work in the field.

Outstanding Alumni

College of Arts and Sciences

Bill Barden (BA'64, MA'68) — Searcy, Ark.; teacher and coach at Harding Academy for 30 years; former head football and track coach; named Coach of the Decade for the 70s by the *Arkansas Gazette*; 205-57-1 record for 25 years of coaching football

College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Bob Gilliam (BA'54, MA'57) — Hot Springs, Ark.; professor emeritus of psychology at Seaver College, Pepperdine University; directed academic computing at Pepperdine University; received Teacher of the Year Award, Seaver College (Pepperdine University) Student Alumni Association; Harriet and Charles Luckman Distinguished Teaching Fellow

College of Bible and Religion

Dr. Evertt Huffard (BA'71, MA'73, MAT'76 HUGSR) — Memphis, Tenn.; director of the doctor of ministry program at Harding University Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tenn.; author and frequent lecturer; received Distinguished Teacher Award, Harding University; active in inner city ministry

School of Business

Bill T. McCauley (BA'72) — Little Rock, Ark.; founder and owner of insect exterminating company, The Bug Man; deacon for the Pleasant Valley Church of Christ; member of the Little Rock Executives Association and the Southwest Rotary Club; serves on the President's Council

School of Education

Dr. Wyatt Jones (BA'51) — Searcy, Ark.; professor emeritus at Harding University; former director of the graduate program in education and former associate dean of the School of Education; received Distinguished Teacher Award and the Sears Award for Excellence in Teaching; served as consultant/evaluator for the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

Graduate School offering extension courses, forum on 'reviving churches'

HIGHLIGHTING THE SPRING semester for the University's Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tenn., are a variety of extension courses and the annual Ministry Forum.

With the theme "Reviving Churches," six speakers will address the forum April 7.

Dan Owens of Paducah, Ky., and Ken Joines of Southaven, Miss., will both address the topic "Survival: Moving or Staying." Other speakers include Gene Gilliland of Benton, Ky., on

"What Research Says About Survival and Growth"; Anthony Wood of Memphis, Tenn., on "Challenges for City Churches in the 21st Century"; Paul Rogers of Centerville, Tenn., on "Revitalizing Rural Churches"; and Humphrey Foutz of Baltimore on "Building Vibrant Urban Churches."

Extension courses will be offered in 10 locations this spring. State-side courses offered include "Congregational Development and Conflict Management" in Atlanta and Knoxville, Tenn.; "History of the Reformation" in Detroit; "Preaching Wisdom Literature" in Kosciusko, Miss.; "Christian Worship" in Manchester, N.H., and Oklahoma City; "Basic Counseling" in Parkersburg, W.Va.; and "Family Life Ministry" in Shreve-

port, La. Overseas courses include "Preaching from the Old Testament" in Dauphin, Manitoba, Canada, and "Spiritual Leadership" in Seoul, Korea.

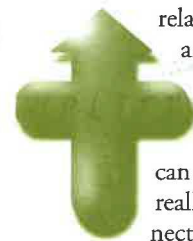
Three short courses at the Memphis campus will be offered in March. "Preaching Christian Doctrine," taught by Dr. Harold Hazelip, and "Church Growth Through Small Groups," taught by Dr. John Ellas, will be offered March 9-14. "Leading the Church to Grow" will be offered March 10-17 and will be taught by Graduate School faculty member Dr. Evertt Huffard.

For more information on the forum, extension courses or short courses, contact Dr. Don Kinder at (901) 761-1353 or call the Graduate School at (800) 680-0809.

Uplift '98 offers fun with a spiritual focus

PROMISING EXCITING ACTIVITIES with a spiritual emphasis, Uplift '98 features speakers Jeff Walling and Don McLaughlin, singing led by Jerome Williams, and musical concerts by Glorify Him.

Traditionally the summer camp, attended by teens across the nation, focuses on strengthening relationships with God and other Christians.



"Uplift summer camps serve as a time where youth groups can focus on things that really count — their connection with Christ and each other," said Nathan Mellor, assistant director of the Institute for Church and Family Resources.

According to Mellor, spiritual awakenings, dedication and rededication to God, and fun are all important to the summer camp's goal. Nearly 1,800 teens participated in last year's Uplift where 45 were baptized and 400 rededicated their life to God.

The first session will be held June 13-18 with Jeff Walling as the keynote speaker, and the second session featuring Don McLaughlin will be held June 20-25. The cost is \$120 per camper if registered by May 15, and \$135 after that date. For more information contact the Institute for Church and Family Resources at (501) 279-4660.

64 students included in Who's Who

THE 1998 EDITION OF *WHO'S WHO Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*, the annual publication that honors student leaders on campuses nationwide, includes 64 students from the University.

Editors of the publication accepted nominations from a campus committee of faculty members, who selected the students based on their academic achievement, community service, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Students named are Ana Aguilar, Ryan Allan, Floryluz Argueta, Michael Bass, Jessica Benthall, Linda Benthall, Shannon Berryhill, Brian Blake, Mitchell Blue, Aaron Brister, Jason Burton, Ashley Chandler, Marc Childress, Brent Chism, Ashley Clements, Eve Clevenger, Teresa Cloer, Caroline Craig, Jonathan Dandy, Betty Davis, John Duke, Angela Ealy and Jason Fulmer.

Also included are Mary Ann Green, Travis Greenwell, Jay Harnden, Matthew Henderson, John Hodges, Robert Huff, Charissa Huffard, Kimberly Ireland, Robin Jubela, Jeremy Kernodle, Alissa Lingua, Linda Makarova, Lena Maximova, Jim Miller, Philip Organ, Candice Ortals, Micalynn Parker, Jeremy Pharr, Marcus Porter, Ana Quinonez, Peter Reed, David Richmond, Rochelle Rose, Laura Rubio and Anabella Ruiz.

Completing the list are Scott

Schwieger, Ruth Sellers, Sara Shock, Jessica Stipp, Danna Stokes, Greg Swackhamer, Jennifer Thweatt, Matt Tibbles, Russ Turman, Wendi Wagner, Carrie Walker, Jennifer Walters, Barry Watts, Lesley Whitlock, Marcella Witt and Sandra Wright.

Past yearbooks needed for Petit Jean collection

THE *PETIT JEAN* OFFICE IS attempting to collect a complete set of yearbooks to display in the Student Publications Wall of Fame in the Hammon Student Center. They are in need of books from 1926, 1929, 1931, 1933 through 1942, 1944 and 1951. If you can donate a yearbook from any of the missing years, please call Linda Richey at 279-4139, Kay Gowen at 279-4055 or write them in care of Harding University, Box 10812, Searcy, AR 72149-0001.

A Celebration of Service



At Regina social club's 50-year anniversary celebration during Homecoming festivities, Suzanne Casey presents Bessie Mae Pryor with a proclamation announcing a gift to the general scholarship fund honoring her years of service. More than 300 attended the reception, including some of the charter members.

Tullos appointed to positions with national speech association

Dr. Dan Tullos, professor of communication, was selected Nov. 19 in Boston to serve as one of two councilors from Arkansas for the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association. He was also appointed by the executive board of the association to a three-year term on its academic affairs board.

Retired biology professors honored

Dr. Jack Wood Sears and Dr. George W. Woodruff, both retired professors and former chairmen of the biology department, were recognized Oct. 25 with a ceremony that named two science building labs in their honor. The Jack Wood Sears Research Lab is an upgraded biology lab with new instrumentation, and the George Woodruff Computer Lab is a new facility for the department. Sears was part of the biology faculty for 40 years, and Woodruff taught for 25 years.

Woodruff presents at interpreters conference

Debbie Woodruff, instructor of communication, presented a session titled "American Sign Language Expansion for Educational Interpreters" at the 1997 biennial conference of the Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf held in Little Rock, Ark., May 16.



Sidelines

Golfers hit the links for fall tournament action

Coach Nicky Boyd's golf team participated in a full slate of fall tournaments, placing first in the Southern Arkansas Invitational where Brent Powell took medalist honors. They were fourth in the Missouri Southern Invitational where the team's 888 score is one of its best ever, a 74 average per round per player. Other tournaments included the Tri-State invitational, Drury Invitational and the East Central Invitational.

Rhodes Field House renovated for intercollegiate play

NEW LIFE HAS BEEN BREATHED into the old airplane hangar known as Rhodes Memorial Field House.

Open to intercollegiate basketball and volleyball action for the first time since 1976, the arched structure, erected in 1949, began serving in November as the Bisons' home court for NCAA Division II competition.

Seating 3,000, the refurbished Rhodes, with its refinished hardwood floors, new locker room facilities and scoreboards with graphic capabilities, has rekindled Bison fans' team spirit.

The men's season opener against Christian Brothers University Nov. 15 brought out both the

students and community, rocking the gym with loud cheers as the Bisons won 89-53.

According to the Spring 1949 edition of the *Harding College Reflector and Alumni News*, the faculty and students eagerly awaited the debut of the new facility. The article states, "The arched steel beams will soon be ringing with the shouts of play as exercise, good fellowship, and training combine to increase the health and well-being of the Harding students."

During its first 27 years, the gym, named for history professor and sports enthusiast B.F. Rhodes, saw much action under those steel beams.

A 1976 edition of *The Bison* reports, "Once again, the Bisons fought off an opponent in the closing minutes of a conference basketball game to take a victory over Arkansas College as the Scots fell 87-81 Thursday night in Rhodes Field House."

Another article dated Jan. 23, 1976, says, "With an estimated 3,000 partisan Bison fans jamming Rhodes Field House, [Butch] Gardner treated supporters with his record-setting effort, then sparked the Bisons to a dramatic 74-68 win over the rival [Ouachita Baptist University] Tigers."

However, soon after the exciting basketball competition detailed in these accounts, the Rhodes Memorial Field House closed to intercollegiate play.

The Field House couldn't support the number of people and teams needing its facilities. In addition to intercollegiate games, facilities were needed for Academy and intramural sports. A new gym, later to be named for Dr. Ganus, opened Feb. 2, 1976.

The Ganus Athletic Center, with its updated, spacious facilities, handled the rising enrollment well, accommodating a large number of people at sporting events.

But the spacious atmosphere lost something valuable to the home team. The acoustic level in the new gym was very different from that of Rhodes; even filled at capacity, the noise level in the

Field House could not be matched.

"By renovating Rhodes, we hoped to create an environment that's exciting to both the students and the community," said Greg Harnden, athletic director.

Immediately following the Bisons' victory at the season opener, coach Jeff Morgan dedicated the game ball to the fans, calling them "the best in America." Judging from the fans' reaction, the enthusiasm created at Rhodes lives on for a new generation of Bison supporters.



Bisons begin NCAA, Lone Star play

FOLLOWING A 17-11 RECORD AND a trip to the regional tournament last year, Coach Jeff Morgan's Bisons enter the Lone Star Conference with higher goals for this year while utilizing their new home court advantage.

Everyone is back, including seven seniors.

The inside game, an area of concern a year ago, is an area of strength this year. Senior Louis Bonner and junior Brent Adams had most of the duty inside last year after starter Calvin Bowens went down with a knee injury in the first game. Bowens, a senior, is back for the 97-98 season. A newcomer to the inside game, junior transfer Steve Meadors will assist the returning players.

Two senior veterans, J.R. Duke and Carlton Bryant, return in the power forward and shooting forward positions respectively. Duke, an Academic All-American, led the NAIA in three-point shooting with 54 percent, and Bryant led the Bisons in scoring with 17.7 points per game and 6.5 rebounds.

Three experienced seniors, Matt Daniel, Clif Miller and Sammy Ussery, and two sophomores, Levern Floyd and Felix Jones, will man the outside positions.

Redshirt freshmen Ryan Semanchik and Clint Spencer had practice time and have the advantage of knowing the system without using eligibility.

The two freshmen on the team are Scott Guttery, a guard who started three years for Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers, Fla., and Brian Tanner, a guard who played at Blytheville High School in Arkansas. Guttery averaged 19.5 points and 8.1 rebounds last year while making All-State honors. Tanner led his team to a 26-4 record while averaging 18 points and 12 rebounds per game.

Harding is competing in the North division of the Lone Star Conference against one well-known opponent, Ouachita Baptist. The other six members are all in Oklahoma and include Cameron, Central State, East Central, Northeastern State, Southeastern and Southwestern.



Experienced group leads Lady Bisons into new era

NEW COACHES, CONFERENCE AND home court go together to create a whole new era and atmosphere for the Lady Bison roundballers.

Lady Bison Assistant Coach Brad Francis took the reigns from Greg Harnden, who moved to athletic director. Francis has added Stephen Burks, his former high school assistant, to help coach the Lady Bisons.

Francis returns an excellent nucleus of experienced players along with promising recruits to build the 1997-98 team around. The group includes one senior, guard Mandy Cox. Cox is the long-range bomber who has been among the NAIA leaders in three-point shooting for three years. She was the second leading scorer last year at 11.2 points per game and is a key to this year's success.

Center Molly McPherson has good scoring, rebounding and defensive ability, averaging 11 points and over six rebounds per game. Point guard Emily Prysock started every game since she hit campus two years ago and has developed into a very good guard. Prysock can drive and also hit the three

pointer if left unguarded.

Forward Susan Reiss has good defensive and rebounding skills and filled an important role last year before going down to a season-ending knee injury after seven games. Her role as a strong inside player is even more critical this time around. Sophomore guard Rachel Raglin became the defensive stopper for Coach Harnden and has the versatility to play any position on the floor.

Junior forwards Karie Fouts and Stephanie Barron saw playing time last year. Other squad members are center Mindy Baker and forward Jamie Pate.

Five freshmen are trying to break into Francis' team plans as starters or key reserves. Center Kelli Fager comes as a highly touted prospect from Monticello, Ill. Forward Stephanie Davis from nearby Newark, Ark., developed into one of the top offensive players in the area, and point guard Krista Anderson is out of the same Greenland, Ark., program that produced McPherson. Forward Jamie Garner played two years for Francis at Harding Academy, while center Hannah Fouts is the fourth Fouts to play for the Lady Bisons.



Football squad ends season at 5-5

THE BISON FOOTBALL TEAM'S inaugural season in the Lone Star Conference resulted in a 5-5 record with a 3-3 conference tally.

The non-conference season began with wins over former AIC foes Arkansas Tech, 28-10, and Arkansas Monticello, 48-14. Next came the crossover games with the LSC South division teams. At Tarleton State, early turnovers and an aggressive Texan offense defeated the Bisons 49-46.

A regrouped squad prepared for Texas A&M Kingsville, a perennial NCAA II power. The Javelinas, riding a six-year undefeated streak in the conference, posted a 33-7 win. A trip to Southeastern Oklahoma got the Bisons back on the winning track with a 17-14 come

from behind overtime win. The next week Northeastern came to Searcy, using five Bison turnovers to post a 35-10 victory.

At Central Oklahoma, Harding was down 21-7 in the first half. Fighting back to 21-19 after three quarters, the Bisons fell 35-19. A dominating victory over East Central saw the Bisons coast to a 41-21 Homecoming win.

Holding a six-year winning streak against Ouachita Baptist, the Bisons spoiled the Tigers' Homecoming 31-28 with Jeremy Thompson's 34-yard field goal with one second left in the game. With a second-place finish on the line for the Bisons and a conference title at stake for the Southwestern Bulldogs, a shootout resulted with Southwestern taking a 42-33 win and Harding dropping into a fourth-place tie with Ouachita Baptist.



Cross country teams finish third

BOTH COACH BRYAN PHILLIP'S cross country teams came away from the Lone Star Conference meet with third-place finishes.

For the Lady Bisons, sophomore Cheri Scharff made All-LSC with a seventh-place finish. Freshman Tia Tarole was 16th, sophomore Kelly Lauterbach was on her heels at 17th, sophomore Dianne Grubbs placed 21st, and sophomore Katie Fant was 53rd. With 13 women's teams in the meet, Abilene Christian took first and Angelo State second.

Four seniors and a junior scored for the men in the 11-team meet at Stephenville, Texas, hosted by Tarleton State. Seth Crum in 11th, Tommy Noel in 14th and Jonathan Dandy in 22nd all ran their usual solid races, but Tyson Ledgerwood in 31st and Donnie Stover in 32nd ran the races of their lives to help squeeze out a third-place finish for Harding's men. Both Ledgerwood and Stover ran more than a minute under their season averages on the day it counted most.

Sidelines

Four football team members selected first-team All-Conference

The Bison football team was well represented on the North Division All-Conference team. Chris Pierson was selected as the offensive back of the year. He led the LSC in rushing yards with 1,306 yards in 10 games and was player of the week four times. He scored 12 touchdowns — 10 rushing and two receiving. Also on the first team are Brian Polk, Jason Smith and Archie Walker.

Second teamers include Jermaine Cuffie, David Gonzalez, Said Perez, Laron Poulian and Jeremy Thompson. Grant Chism, Fabian Gutierrez and Rob Stroud were all-honorable mention.

Jody Jones, Clay Madar, Scott Martin and Jeremy Thompson all made the LSC All-Academic team.

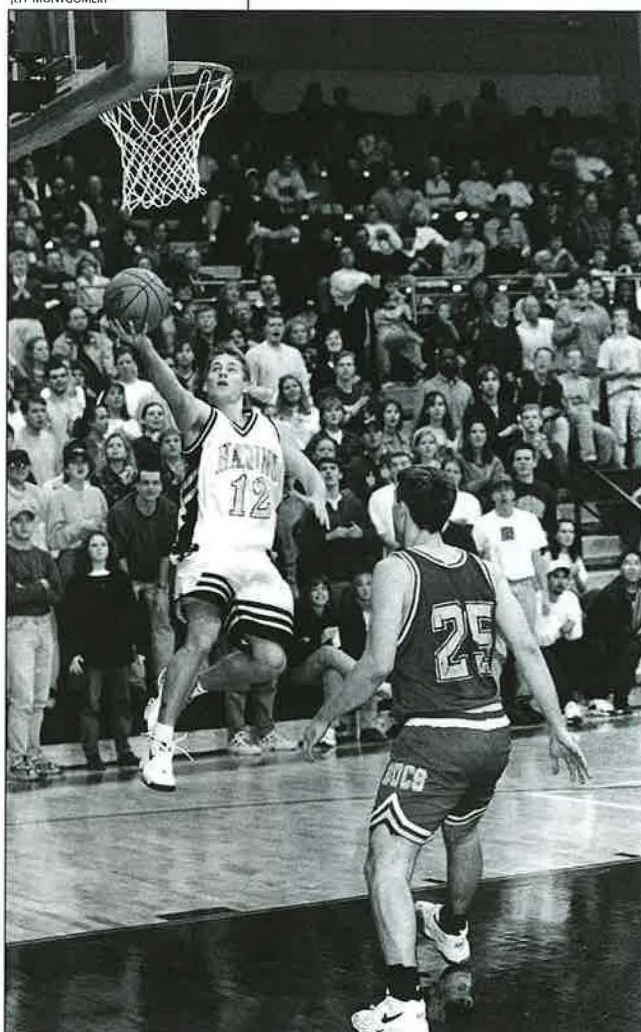
Volleyballers fall short of winning season

In its first year of Lone Star Conference competition, Coach Karyl Bailey's volleyball team finished the season with a 14-24 record.

Two seniors, Hannah Lightfoot and LeKay Bain, finished strong four-year careers. Lightfoot was a defensive specialist, and Bain ranked second in LSC blocks at 1.31 per game behind freshman teammate Delana Keilers' 1.49 per game. Bain was 11th in hitting percentage at .242 for the year.

Sophomore Misty Fant made the top 20 list with 2.8 hits per game, and freshman setter Sarah Schooley ranked 13th with 7.3 assists per game.

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Electrifying Atmosphere. Sammy Ussery grabs a rebound during the opening game in the Rhodes Memorial Field House against Christian Brothers University.

Assistant District Attorney

Melanie Johnson Murphy is doing
her part to take a bite out of crime
in New York City while practicing

Murphy's LAW

by TOM BUTERBAUGH,
photography by JEFF MONTGOMERY

CRIME IS DOWN IN NEW YORK CITY — way down. ■ Since 1993 the overall crime rate has dropped to its lowest level in three decades and, over the past three years, New York City has the largest sustained decrease of any city in the country. Murder has fallen by 60 percent. Burglary, robbery and auto theft statistics have been cut nearly in half.

But you wouldn't get that idea by checking Assistant District Attorney Melanie Johnson Murphy's schedule.

Murphy, a public relations major who graduated in 1993, works in one of Manhattan's six trial bureaus.

She comes in early almost every morning to review her cases before court convenes at 8 a.m. where she remains until 5 p.m.

Then, and only then, does Murphy have time to return her many phone calls and work on her case files, the "meat and potatoes" of her job. Averaging 200 cases at a time, many long evenings are spent in her seventh floor Centre Street office.

She and the other attorneys in the office always keep a change of clothes hanging on the rack. "Professional dress is not required after hours," she explained.

Murphy mainly prosecutes misdemeanors, a category that she feels has increased as a natural progression to the decrease in violent crime in the city. It's

partly the result of the city's "broken windows" policy, which attempts to ensure minor crimes do not escalate into major ones.

An afternoon in the courtroom reveals that this is not exactly as "Law and Order" portrays it. Assistants such as Murphy spend the day handling cases ranging from drug possession and sales to subway turnstile jumping to a domestic argument spurred by the husband eating salmon in bed.

"Domestic violence cases can be the most frustrating due to the lack of witnesses and cooperation," she noted.

Murphy is one of 50 to 60 attorneys hired each year by the New York County District Attorney's Office. Over 2,500 applications are received. "I applied at all five city boroughs, but I was hoping to get Manhattan," she said.

Aspiring district attorneys are eager to work in Manhattan because of the office's reputation. Guided by the belief that their function is to do justice, not merely

secure convictions, the office has been recognized as a model for other public prosecutors' offices throughout the nation.

Now in her second year on the job, Murphy is training the first-year "rookies" in the courtroom. "I answer any questions they may have and check that correct procedures are being followed," she said, describing her duties.

Murphy speaks rapidly and with ease when discussing the type of cases she handles. Her professionalism shows in her polished appearance and demeanor in the courtroom.

"Did Melanie tell you she won her first trial?" her husband, Kevin, who has worked with the District Attorney's Office for four years, asked with definite pride.

This was an assault case between co-workers where the victim was kicked and suffered permanent damage to his eye. Kevin handled the case for two years before turning it over to her. Both were glad to see that justice prevailed.

Winning that case is just part of fulfilling her dream — the dream of being a lawyer is one she's had since the seventh grade. While there is an incredible work load involved in accomplishing this dream, she seems to thrive on it.

No one who knew her from her student days at Harding would find that

surprising. Nor would anyone be surprised that she's known in her office for the stash of junk food in her desk. It's a carry over from when she was a 4.0 student involved in activities ranging from Ju Go Ju social club to American Studies to Tentmakers to working on *The Bison* and *Petit Jean* staffs. And that's just for starters. She was busy then just as she is now. French fries were and continue to be her staple food.

Her decision to pursue her dream was solidified during an internship with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Washington, D.C., the summer before her senior year, working in the Victim Witness Assistance Unit. The unit is made up of counselors, U.S. Marshals and others who make arrangements for trial witnesses, including witness protection and free counseling. Her main job was to assist the counseling victim advocates in managing their case files, but it involved much more.

"One of the main things I think I will take away from my summer is not the drama of trials or ride-alongs, but memories of the people outside the courtroom," Murphy wrote in her journal near the completion of her internship.

She added, "I return to school with a summer full of memories and my mind made up to attend law school."

During her senior year she was accepted by Georgetown University, and thus

returned to D.C. for law school. She felt well-prepared for the challenge.

"At first it was intimidating to be sitting next to people from places such as Harvard, but, as time went by, I realized I had as good a background as they did," Murphy said.

She felt a mission trip to Africa the summer before beginning law school helped her to be relaxed and focused. "After Africa it seemed easier to concentrate on my studies," Murphy said.

SHE WAS ABLE to get valuable hands-on experience while at Georgetown, working on a trial team teaching prisoners basic law as well as working for the District Attorney's litigation clinic in Maryland.

Now the Dothan, Ala., native has progressed to prosecuting crimes in the Big Apple.

In addition to her need to "do the right thing," she is motivated by the inherent trust and responsibility involved in her job. "My career choice allows me to affect people in a positive way and see that justice is done," she said.

The down side for her mainly comes from the slowness of the system. She feels faster trials are needed as it can easily take three years just to get to trial stage, and people tend to lose interest.

Looking ahead, Murphy has no desire

Case Work. As one of more than 500 attorneys in the New York County District Attorney's Office, Melanie Johnson Murphy spends many hours at her desk preparing for her cases.

to be a defense attorney, "on the other side," as she calls it. She would like to either work in the federal prosecutor's office or in the classroom instructing others.

What advice would she give to those interested in a law career?

"Get a strong liberal arts background. Writing experience is very important as are speaking and presentation skills in dealing with witnesses, other attorneys and police officers. Major in what you enjoy, and try to get experience which lets you see how the system works," she said.

Despite her hectic schedule, she somehow managed to find a little free time during her first year on the job as evidenced by her August marriage. It was definitely one of the benefits of working long hours in the D.A.'s office — she met her husband there.

Murphy says it helps to have a husband who relates to what she does and is used to the long hours. "Kevin understands when I call to have him pick me up at 1 a.m. at the office," she said.

As she logs more years in the office, her current working hours will shorten even though cases get more involved. Felonies are the next step up the ladder.

Hopefully crime will continue to decline in New York City.

But in a city of 7.3 million there will always be crimes needing prosecution. And in a paneled courtroom where it still says "In God We Trust," Melanie Johnson Murphy will continue to give "notice by the people."

The people can be glad she's working on our side. ■



Improving the quality of children's television,

three alumni are finding solutions

by doing **the
RIGHT
THING**

cover story by TOM BUTERBAUGH,
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BENJAMIN IS AN ORDINARY 5-year-old boy. He goes to kindergarten, plays soccer and, while he doesn't watch the 23 hours of television a week the average child does, he manages to watch his share. ■ One of his favorite shows is "Brand Spanking New Doug."

"Doug does what's right," Benjamin said, describing why he likes the show. ■ His observation is just what Doug's producers hope for. ■ "Doug figures it out and does the right thing. It's

important for kids to do the right thing, even if it's hard," said Jim Jinkins, creator of the show. Jinkins, along with 1975 graduate David Campbell, founded Jumbo Pictures Inc. in March 1991 to produce the "Doug" series for Nickelodeon.

Campbell, the executive vice-president, is joined at Jumbo by two other Harding alumni. His sister, Linda Campbell Garvey, is a 1977 alumna who serves as the development coordinator, while

1995 graduate Jennifer Barnes works as the assistant to Jinkins.

The first series animation house in New York City, Jumbo recently moved to the top two floors of a building located in Manhattan's artsy SoHo District. The top floor is currently under renovation and, with its excellent source of natural light, Jumbo's animators are anxious to move into it.

Many of the approximately 70 employees describe Jumbo as a

"fun place to work" and "like family." A tour of the facility finds people who readily tell you they enjoy their work and the people they work with.

Animators stay busy drawing the various motions of each of the cartoon characters and the locations where each scene occurs. Each frame is hand-drawn and colored. When the entire production package is assembled and ready for shipment, it resembles a huge "paint-by-number" project.

"It's still done by hand because computer animation is stiff," Garvey explained. "Those in the know can tell the difference."

Jumbo's animators produce only the key frames. These, along with the script, are sent to Korea where each episode is redone and put together. The cartoon is then returned, and the editing decisions are made back in Jumbo's New York studio.

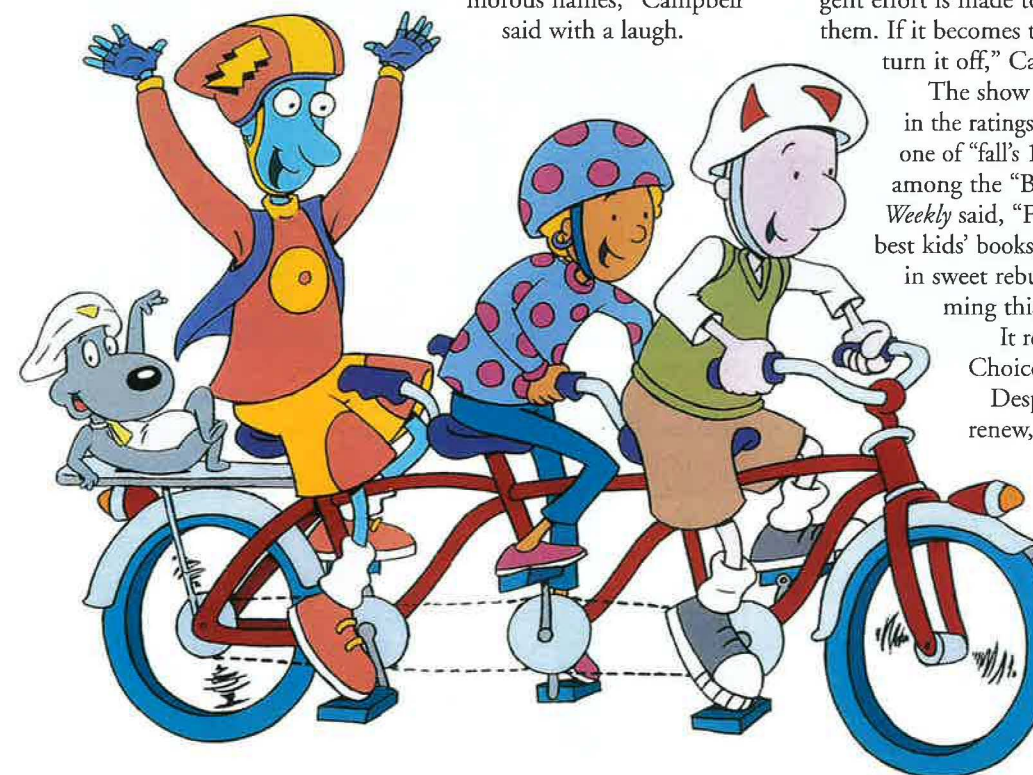
CAMPBELL ARRIVED IN NEW YORK CITY in 1979 after a brief stint as an assistant city manager in Rockdale, Texas, followed by graduate school at Pepperdine University. He was a producer, co-producer and writer for several Broadway and off-Broadway productions, the first being "Sugar Babies" with Mickey Rooney and Ann Miller.

He loved writing and producing theater, but finances dictated otherwise. "When I couldn't afford to do it anymore, I got a real job managing talent," he said.

Then, in the late 80s with the cable channel boom, he produced comedy specials for HBO, Comedy Central and Lifetime.

In 1991 he formed Jumbo Pictures with Jinkins, a 1975 David Lipscomb University alumnus whom he originally met at the Manhattan Church of Christ. "We became best friends who have the good fortune to be able to work together too," Campbell said.

They selected the name for their company, Jumbo Pictures, after considering other alternatives. "We came up with several humorous names," Campbell said with a laugh.



One of Many Duties. Jumbo Pictures Executive Vice President David Campbell edits one of the 65 episodes of the new "101 Dalmations" series that Jumbo is helping to produce in collaboration with Disney. Implicit in the series, which focuses on three puppies' adventures out of the vast Dalmation litter, are important lessons for youngsters.

"Seat of the Pants Productions" was my favorite."

The name selected reminded them of the grandiosity of Hollywood studios; also Jinkins was called "Jimbo" as a child.

With an egg and the slogan "Grade A Quality" as Jumbo's trademark, Campbell and Jinkins began producing the 52 episodes of "Doug," which premiered on Nickelodeon in August 1991.

"Doug" is the alter ego cartoon image of Jinkins, an ordinary 11 1/2-year-old boy who, according to Campbell, is a "struggling, conscientious guy trying to do the best he can." Each show entertains with lots of wacky humor, but underneath, there's a reason for the story. "The story line includes a life lesson, though diligent effort is made to make it look like we're not trying to teach them. If it becomes too dominant, too preachy, then kids will turn it off," Campbell said.

The show started off steadily, then later began to climb in the ratings. *TV Guide's* Sept. 28, 1991, edition called it one of "fall's 10 most promising shows for kids." Rating it among the "Best Kids TV Show of 1991," *Entertainment Weekly* said, "Featuring a level of drawing you'd find in the best kids' books, this show about a shy but sturdy boy stood in sweet rebuke to the crassness of most kids' programming this year."

It received a 1993 Ollie, 1993 and 1994 Parents' Choice Awards, and a 1995 Kids' Choice award.

Despite its success, after 52 episodes Nick didn't renew, and Doug appeared to be dead. No one seemed interested in watching Doug grow up. Then ABC became interested in doing a special. The Walt Disney Co. bought ABC, and they, too, were interested in "Doug." They were so interested, in fact, that they bought Jumbo.

The acquisition did not mean absorption by the industry giant. "They bought us and hired us to run the company and keep it Jumbo," Campbell explained.

the RIGHT THING

"Doug" was back on the air as "Brand Spanking New Doug." In the fall of 1996 "Brand Spanking New Doug" made its debut on ABC on Saturday mornings. In back-

to-back shows, Doug Funnie is now 12 and has entered a new middle school in suburban Bluffington where he sets off on new adventures using his greatest kid power, his active imagination. His burning issues are his self-image, his place in the universe, and how he can make girls like him more.

"Brand Spanking New Doug" quickly became the top-rated show for ABC on Saturday mornings. Along with "Doug," it is the most-produced animated series in the history of television.

Doug is now appearing in books, on T-shirts and school milk cartons. He had his own Christmas special in



Paint-by-Number. One of Jumbo's many artists paints a background for the new "PB&J Otters." Each cartoon is hand-drawn and painted.

1996, "Doug's Secret Christmas," which announced the arrival of Doug's new sibling. He even has a website.

Besides Campbell, two other Searcy natives have migrated to Jumbo.

Garvey, in her job as development coordinator, is putting her English degree to use as she writes the website. She calls herself the "archive person" as well as being a researcher.

Garvey came to New York City in 1985 because her brother had written a show on Broadway. "I couldn't miss that," she said. She stayed on, typing the play and later assisting Campbell with his management company.



Development Coordinator. Linda Campbell Garvey handles a variety of job duties including writing Doug's website as well as being the "catch-up person."

keeping up with him," Barnes said, smiling.

That is as it should be, for Jumbo Pictures is quite busy these days.

Campbell finds himself more involved with Jinkins creatively and responsible for the overall management direction of the company.

Recent projects include 65 episodes of the new series "101 Dalmations" produced in association with Walt Disney Television Animation. Two feature-length animated films are in the works, one for "Brand Spanking New Doug" and the other for "101 Dalmations."

They've also begun producing "PB&J Otters," a new series for pre-schoolers featuring the adventures of a family of otters: 5-year-old Peanut, his twin sister Jelly, 2-year-old Baby Butter, and their mom. The show explores their life on the riverfront with their animal friends.

THE CONCEPT for "PB&J Otters" grew from an idea based on Garvey and Campbell's early lives when they lived in a trailer park on campus. Their parents, current faculty members Eddie and Kathryn Campbell, were attending Harding. "PB&J Otters" was originally going to take place in the trailer park," Garvey said. "But we thought the riverfront would make a nicer setting."

Knowing they are producing something with a "grace note," as Campbell calls it, allows them to feel good about what they do in a field where on-the-edge characters and action heroes have dominated. It also relieves them of concern with government watchdogs.

The recent Federal Communication Commission's guidelines on children's educational television have caused quite a bit of controversy and stress for the networks but very little upheaval for Jumbo.

"Jumbo has always produced shows that have social, ethical and moral content to them that are appropriate and good for children and families," Campbell explained.

"The content advisors add a very welcome component to what Jumbo already does. We are grateful to have their input," he added.

Neither Campbell nor Garvey feel their field, though extremely challenging, is any more difficult than any other when it comes to matters of faith. "Any field would challenge your faith," Campbell said. "Just staying alive challenges your faith," added Garvey, who has undergone a pancreas-kidney transplant recently.

Just as Doug always makes the right decision and lands on his feet, they believe in persistence and are glad they are able to work in a company with a family atmosphere.

And, like Doug, they are finding solutions by doing the right thing, making the future of children's television even brighter. THE

Barnes had always wanted to work in New York City. She found her opportunity when her best friend moved there. She started as Jumbo's receptionist and was promoted to her current role as Jinkins' assistant. "It's tough



They say if you
can make it here
you can make
it anywhere . . .

Making it in the Big Apple

by JAMIE MARTIN,
photography by JEFF MONTGOMERY

"I WAS IN A TV MINISERIES," 1990 alumna India Medders Galylean said, describing her first taste of show business. ■ Planned to air in 1976, the miniseries "Let Freedom Ring" was filmed in her hometown of Resaca, Ga. Her mother, brothers and practically the entire family were hired as extras, but young India wasn't needed. "I threw such a fit; I was so devastated that my mother told them they wouldn't do the show unless I could be in it too. I think they just felt sorry for me."

With a beginning like that, it's not surprising that Galyean decided to go to New York City, the home of Broadway, to fulfill her dreams of performing. "I've wanted to live in New York since I was 12 — when I got hooked on Barbra Streisand," Galyean said.

She and her husband, Hugh, a 1992 alumnus, hatched the plan to move to New York during a long drive back from Texas while they were engaged. "I said to Hugh, 'I know this is crazy, but let's move to New York after we get married,' and he said 'okay,'" Galyean said. "I think we liked the idea of running off to the big city."

In January 1993 in the dead of winter, the Galyeans moved from



Searcy to New York City. For their first two weeks, they stayed with the minister of the North White Plains Church of Christ and rode the commuter train to the city daily to conduct an apartment



search. Fortunately the apartment was found quickly, and the Galyeans became New Yorkers.

Her first New York audition came on the day the World Trade Center was bombed. "The audition was for 'Cats,'" Galyean said,



"which is pretty funny because it's a huge audition. They're not really looking for anybody, they just have to audition every six months."

That day everything that could go wrong did. Besides the World

Trade Center tragedy, it was snowing, she was nervous and had to take the subway for the first time by herself. "It was disastrous. After all that I didn't even get to sing; I just got to stand up and say 'India Galyean,'" she said.

Breaking into show business can be tough, especially in a city filled with more than 7 million people. That first spring Galyean landed roles in smaller productions such as Annie Oakley in "Annie Get Your Gun" and roles in children's theater. "My mom was thrilled," Galyean said. "But they weren't really productions to get too excited about."

That fall Galyean's acting career got a boost by her acceptance into an acting studio, where she studied for two

years. She also started performing cabaret, which has awarded her glowing reviews and a 1997 Bistro Award for Outstanding Vocalist.

"Making a very impressive debut, this bubbly peach is very ripe for stardom at an early age. An absolute joy to watch, her energy level, effervescent southern-tinged charm and big rock style voice is sure to take her far," wrote John Hoglund, reviewer for a New York entertainment guide.

A reviewer for *Metrobeat* stated, "When this lady from the South sings, she will wow you with her vocal and interpretive powers — you will wonder why she hasn't made a string of recordings and isn't doing a tour of major music venues."

Judging from the critic's reactions, her show, a mixture of songs and stories from her life experiences, has wowed the Big Apple's music lovers. She has also been performing with a trio, Swing Set, singing from a variety of rock, pop, blues, country and classical categories.

GALYEAN'S DAY job was on the boat "Spirit of New York," where she was a singing waitress. "I really hated some parts of that job. It was like working in a gold lamé theme park," she said. But she met some of her dearest friends through that job, and the "singing boat" gave her a new career opportunity: entertainment coordinator for a ritzy dinner cruise modeled

after the famous Rain-bow Room.

She presented an entertainment idea for the cruise to her boss, who was in charge of the project. He hired Galyean as entertainment coordinator for the new restaurant, and she promptly booked herself as singer. She is pleased with this new job because it's steady work as a performer, which is a rare thing in the acting business.

To make it in the entertainment industry, Galyean recommends being yourself. "My biggest commodity is that I'm so Southern," she said.

And how do New York audiences react to Miss India's brand of Southern charm? "They think my Southern stories are really funny. You

may think, 'Yeah, that's my grandmother too,' but they just eat it up," she said.

It has not been all sunshine and smiles in the big city, but Galyean has worked to retain her positive attitude throughout endless auditions and setbacks. Rejections can come literally twice a day, and it's hard to keep from becoming bitter, angry and unable to feel joy for other's triumphs.

She says that her faith in God has kept her spirits lifted through the tough times. "This is the kind of business where you absolutely have to know what you believe in," Galyean explained. "There are too many temptations here to be lukewarm about your beliefs."

New York can be a tough place to be a

Christian, but that is why Galyean thanks God for leading her and Hugh there. "I'm positive that we were supposed to come to the city because here is where we've learned many lessons about God and the strength of our faith," Galyean said.

Galyean enjoys where she is in her career. She hasn't quite achieved exactly what she set out to do — be another Barbra Streisand — but she's happy with what she's accomplished and the plans she's made for her future.

"I wouldn't just tell everyone to sell their things and come on up, because it is difficult," Galyean said. "But everything has turned out well for us so far, and I thank God for bringing me here." **HH**

He finds serious beefs

by SUSAN FERRARO, Daily News staff writer
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WHEN HUGH GALYEAN GOES OUT TO DINNER with friends, he's usually the one who gets grilled.

"They want the horror stories, even when we're dining," the laconic 6-foot-tall food inspector said, clearly taken aback. "I like to wait until after dinner, even after dessert."

Or maybe forever. Galyean, 26, is a New York City public health sanitarian, one of the people who march into restaurants — from French fancy to fast-food — to make sure things are clean, the food safe.

His war stories can take your breath away — at the very least.

Consider the first place Galyean shut down.

"They had a problem with the sewer backing up, trying to hide it, mopping it back into the main sewer drain in the basement," he said. "Sewage went into the sink, and it drained, but it filled in the muffin tins in the sink ... they also had a rat and fly problem."

Worries about restaurant food surged over the summer when Hudson Foods had to dump 25 million pounds of contaminated beef — much of it headed for Burger King.

So many kinds of bacteria can burrow into food — *E. Coli*, salmonella, hepatitis A and cyclospora among others — that there's a forest of regulations and a small army of about 100 inspectors checking out the city's 20,000 restaurants and 5,000 street carts.

Between July 1996 and July 1997, the city's Department of Health

issued 24,010 citations and closed 333 restaurants. The year before, the tribunal that reviews citations levied \$8 million in fines.

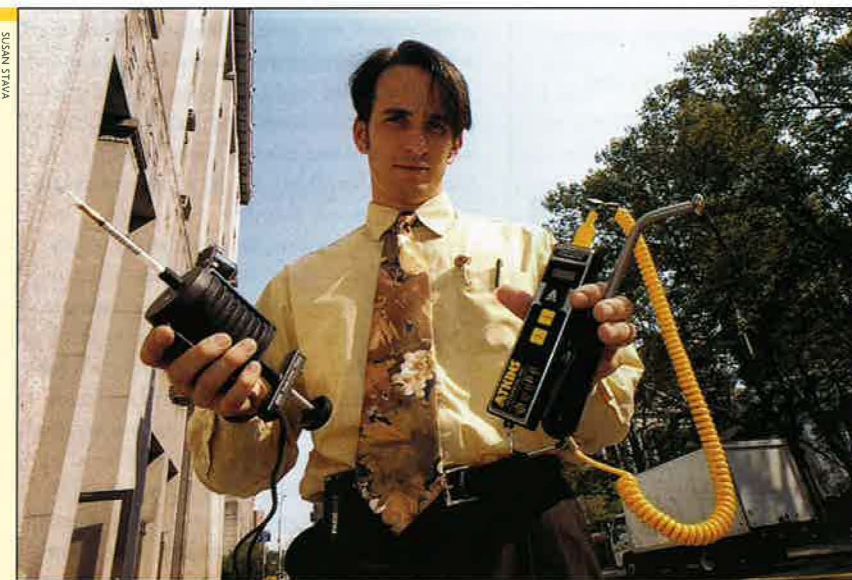
Polite and soft-spoken, easing through sentences in a soft drawl that owes something to college in Arkansas and living for a time in Louisiana as a child, Galyean has been putting restaurants on the spot for four years. It's not what he planned.

A biology major who graduated in 1992 from Harding University in Arkansas, Galyean thought he'd go back to Oregon and pursue a fire-fighting career, investigating arson. He had chosen Oregon because, as the son of a military man, he'd moved a lot growing up but lived there the longest — three years.

Then love took a hand in 1992. "I married a performer, and she wanted to come to New York," he said. He and India, his wife, decided they needed a regular paycheck. The Health Department was hiring college graduates with biology degrees to be inspectors.

The job takes nerve. Inspectors go where they are unwelcome, look for the worst, and too often find it. Their tools are high-tech thermometers, meat probes and piles of paperwork that can shut down restaurants or lead to fines large and small.

They don't look for specific bacteria — that's the job of doctors and disease-control detectives. Instead they focus on time and temperature, on how long a food has been sitting around, and how hot or cold it



Two-Fisted. Food inspector Hugh Galyean displays the tools of his trade, using the carbon monoxide tester on the left and thermometer on the right, in his hunt for unsafe restaurant conditions.

has been kept.

"The best time to go is during preparation and serving, at the peak ... the time when we are least welcome," Galyean said.

"First, I ask for the manager, present my I.D., and tell them why I'm there." Next stop is "the busiest place, the kitchen — I don't mess around in a closet or bathroom," Galyean said.

Inspectors carry a form with 90 critical and general violations in 11 categories. Reasons to shut a place down include finding poultry or meat stuffing or stuffed meats not cooked to 165 degrees for at least

15 seconds; dirty, cracked eggs or powered eggs not pasteurized; improper sewage disposal or a food worker with an exposed, infected cut or hand burn.

"Nobody is generally happy to see an inspector come in," said Galyean, a master of understatement. He makes on average three or four inspections a day.

These days his wife sings jazz in a trio called Swing Set. "It's mostly Andrews Sisters music; there's a real swing explosion going on," Galyean said with unexpected animation.

They still need a regular paycheck — particularly now. The couple has settled in an upper West Side apartment, and they are expecting their first child. Galyean just got a promotion to senior inspector rank, which should help.

With five years of city life under his belt — longer than he's lived anywhere else — Galyean has quickly become a true New Yorker. He trained and ran the marathon and loves hanging out listening to India sing.

It's certainly better than listening to his friends' constant demand for disgusting stories from New York's worst kitchens. After which, he knows, they will "have a complaint for me they think I can address immediately, or they want to know what restaurant in their neighborhood they should not eat at."

He knows that despite his keen eye, he probably got food poisoning once — cramps and vomiting following a restaurant meal.

And he knows where to draw the line. "I've never gone into the kitchen when I was out socially," he says.

And no matter what, he never dreams of food. **HH**

WE WERE A CHORUS unlike any ever to go out under the banner of Harding. We had rehearsed exactly one time before our first concert. The altos alone outnumbered the tenors and basses combined. And there was not a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior in the bunch (well, actually there were a few senior citizens).

On the other hand, the familiar figure of Kenneth Davis Jr. was directing us, so as the Harding A Cappella Alumni Chorus made its tour through eastern Europe last July, we rallied in the best A Cappella tradition. Memories of chorus trips past blended with wonderful fresh memories being made with new friends spanning four decades of Harding's chorus.

By chance, two of those singers bracketed exactly Davis' 35-year directing career at Harding. Mary (Vineyard) Outz, a retiree from Arizona who still is an active pilot, sang soprano in Davis' first chorus, in 1953-54, and Denise Price, a music teacher from Indiana, was in his last, in 1987-88.

With these two were 27 others who heard the call for singers for a 16-day concert tour to mission points in Austria, Hungary and especially Romania, where Ken and Betty Davis spent two years in mission work after he retired.

The tour grew out of the enthusiasm of several attending a series of alumni chorus recording sessions that began on campus in 1995, particularly Carol Lewey, Jennifer (Rhodes) Hurd, Hanaba (Munn) Noack, and the recording engineer, John Bob Hall. The Davises admit they had to be talked into signing on for another tour of Europe, with all the complications of arrangements and scheduling. They agreed when Lewey convinced them that all these things would be handled for them — that "Uncle Bud," as he is known to hundreds of chorus members, would only be in charge of the music.

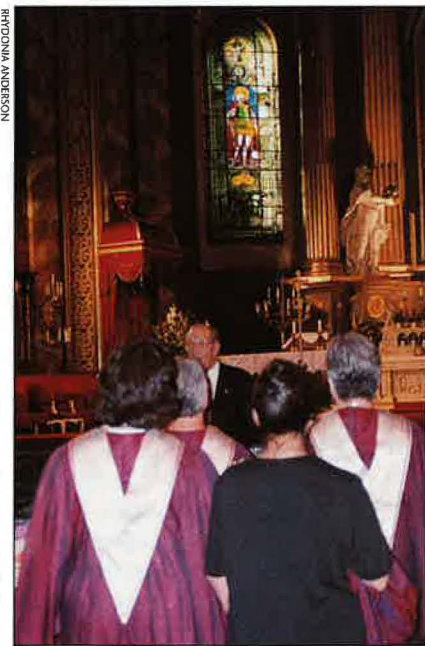
It worked. Davis wrote later to the group, "Thank you from the depths of our hearts for a most rewarding Christian experience. It was a unique experience for Betty and me to have someone else take care of the details of planning and the many and often minute details of travel."

Betty, speaking to the group on the last morning in Austria, was particularly candid. "Many of you know I didn't want to make this trip," she said. "I thought we were too old and this kind of tour just wouldn't work. But I must say I was wrong. This has been wonderful."

It was wonderful for us all. While the

To Sing Again With Uncle Bud

English Department Chairman
DENNIS ORGAN takes us on a reunion
tour with Dr. Kenneth Davis and
A Cappella Chorus alumni
through eastern Europe



Impromptu Concert. With acoustics too good to pass up, the alumni chorus sings in a Roman Catholic Church they are touring following their concert in Oradea, Romania.

Davises were able to see dear friends and converts they had made in several cities of Romania, the rest of us had the chance to learn about and come to love countries and people that few Americans know, to help in a small way the mission efforts there, and especially, as Margie (Jacques) Thomasson wrote in a poem, "to sing again with Uncle Bud."

Hurd agreed, adding, "I went for a very selfish reason — to sing with Uncle Bud again in a concert format. I think the part I did not expect was the beautiful scenery and the relationships with the Romanian Christians that were instant and lasting."

The tour drew a diverse demographic group united by a love of Davis and of making musical praise: for example, a homemaker from Alaska; an accountant from Memphis, Tenn.; a youth minister from Houston; a computer engineer from Colorado; an office manager from Alabama; a dentist from Kansas City, Mo.; a farmer/newspaper reporter from Texas; and, probably because of the timing with summer vacation, lots of teachers.

Among us were several non-singing spouses of members who greeted the audience, passed out programs, and volunteered with other arrangements. Baritone Jim Trotter even brought his energetic 13-year-old son, David, who often sang with the second altos and earned the affectionate nickname "Stinkertrot" from several mother figures in our number.

Traveling by bus, we performed in 10 cities, seven of them in Romania. Our hour-long concert repertoire was vintage Davis, though weighted more than usual with spirituals, which foreign audiences especially enjoy. It was a sort of "The Harding A Cappella's Greatest Hits," with pieces by Davis favorites George Lynn, David Stanley York, and Harding colleague William W. Hollaway, whose "If Ye Then be Risen" was written expressly for the tour.

As with other chorus trips, our memories blend the musical, the spiritual, the personal, and as our guide might say, the "touristical."

Here are some of our mental snapshots:

Crowding into a narrow hotel lounge in Vienna for our first rehearsal, finally singing along with real voices instead of practice tapes.

Driving the next day into Hungary along highways flanked by fields of sunflowers, which would be a yellow presence through Romania as well.

Meeting our Romanian guide, Ticu Gamalie, in Budapest, and three hours later wondering if he would ever finish his lecture on Hungarian history.

Twelve days later in Budapest, leaving Ticu waving forlornly to a busload of teary American friends who wished they could keep hearing his voice on any subject, even Hungarian history.

Being welcomed by alumni Tim and Anessa (Hobby) Westbrook and Billie Brooks at our first concert stop, Szolnok, Hungary, a town where authorities closed off a street for our outdoor concert attended by a large crowd.

Stepping back in time with sights of Romanian farmers and their wives cutting, raking and stacking hay with primitive scythes and wooden pitchforks; admiring the human artistry of haystacks and nature's artistry of stork's nests atop chimneys.

Learning that there really was a Dracula, and having lunch in the building where he was born!

Being surprised by the beautiful rolling hills of Transylvania, the mountain towns of the Carpathians, and the elegant architecture of pre-Communist Romanian castles, churches and public buildings.

Shivering as the echoes of our seventh "Amen" of "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" drifted around us and other tourists from the vault of the marble entry hall of Peles Castle.

Night after night, observing the delight of our audiences when 74-year-old Uncle Bud sang "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"; watching his embarrassment at their prolonged rhythmic applause.

Feeling tears well up during that song in realization that this was one less time that we would sing it together.

Wondering whether our audiences could figure out, even with translators, that Kenneth Davis the director was not related to Kenneth Davis the bass soloist on "The Ninety and Nine," nor, for that matter, to Charles Davis the tenor soloist on "Ain't Got Time to Die."

Watching the excitement of hearing-impaired Romanians as Linda (Minor) Thompson translated a song into sign language during the concert and communicated with them following.

Performing in Oradea, Romania, a city with a church of fewer than 10 members, to a standing-room-only audience of more than 200 in an elegant museum.

Hearing the gratitude of Dr. Rusu in Oradea; thinking it is we who should be so grateful to him and his little band of seven.

Feeling the "connection" when, between songs, we looked into the face of a Romanian, our eyes met, and we exchanged a smile.

Participating as the first-ever American chorus in an international choral festival in Pitesti, Romania, to the appreciation of a large crowd of church friends and festival guests.

At almost every stop, finding groups of Americans working with the long-term missionaries and the churches in summer efforts like Vacation Bible Schools and language-based Bible studies.

Delivering Romanian Bibles and American clothing to churches for distribution.

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were thrilled to go to a country that needed
them so badly and that was so receptive —
even excited.

Sharing small American gifts with children and adults following the concerts and seeing their radiant appreciation.

Laughing out of control at our antics — and swallowing a few lumps in the throat — at a 33rd birthday party for Ticu, who later told us: "I never thought I would meet a group of tourists like you. But you are not tourists — you are part of my heart."

As our tour ended, exchanging the same message again and again while sharing hugs with new-found friends: "I am so glad I got to know you."

NEW FRIENDSHIPS have led to several post-tour letters mailed to the group, the common theme being instant nostalgia.

"Touring a beautiful country would have been pure pleasure all by itself, but to share that with people who love the Lord and who love singing praises to His name just added a dimension to the time together that brings tears to my eyes every time I try to explain it to someone who asks about my trip," Mary Ethel (Bales) Gale wrote.

Like many others, Connie (Rogers) Walton had made a previous chorus trip to Europe as a student and was hoping to relive that excitement. "I would never have chosen Romania to visit, had I made the itinerary," she wrote. "However, the people were so charming and receptive that very soon I was captivated."

Noack, the farmer/journalist whose curiosity and linguistic courage astonished us all, used the experience to write three articles for the Wichita Falls, Texas, *Times Record News*, mostly about the political situation in Romania. In one piece she quoted a statement of Ticu's about the demise of Communism: "Marx said the stomach should be filled; Freud, the brain; Christ, the heart. The communists didn't speak to our brains or our hearts. They thought to fill our stomachs we are going to be satisfied enough. Obviously, we are not."

Our chorus got to see firsthand the Romanians' appetite for both political and spiritual sustenance. It is cautious but persistent, and probably will lead some of our group back to eastern Europe for mission efforts.

Meanwhile, A Cappella alumni continue working on projects at home that promise other long-term blessings. One is the series of recording sessions to preserve the heritage of older hymns; the next session is planned for April 17-18 on campus.

Members are also leading a drive to finance the endowment of the new Reynolds Center and the Uncle Bud project in his honor. Any alumni who have not been receiving mailings on these projects can contact Carol Lewey at 205-384-9540 (e-mail Abragg 1995@aol.com), Jennifer Hurd at 501-279-4101 (e-mail jhurd@harding.edu), or the Alumni Office.

Though they have gone hundreds of separate ways, chorus alumni still have the chance to lend their gifts to causes they cherish from college days — even to the remarkable opportunity "to sing again with Uncle Bud." Tour '97 alumni have simply shared an intense recent experience in the joy of offering gifts of song and love. As Davis said, the chorus members "were thrilled to go to a country that needed them so badly and that was so receptive — even excited."

Telling about letters of effusive thanks from a young woman in Romania, Tour '97 attendee Beverly Martin said, "I confess that I feel like a miserable wretch, since I know that she gave me far more than any thing I gave to her. Her letters begin, 'My dear friend and sister in God Beverly.' I shake my head as I read the words and wonder if I'll ever be the same again."

"My house didn't get its usual thorough cleaning this summer, but I did. What a blessing!" IH



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'41 Ollie Cope Mason was honored in April 1997 for 17 years of volunteer rehabilitation service. (301 N. Maple, Serling, OK 73663)

'45 Bessie Quarles Smelser (BA) is self-employed with Echo Hills Mobile Park. She and her husband, O'Neal, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December. They have six children. (1415 Mars Hill Road, Florence, AL 35630)

'47 Gail Overton Kommer is a retired English teacher. She is currently writing a book about her travels with her husband, Howard, who died in 1994. (16276 Audubon Village Drive, Grover, MO 63040)

Elizabeth Langston Curry-Rashed (BA) retired after 46 years as an English teacher and guidance counselor for Memphis City Schools.

She has one daughter. (3636 Oakley Ave., Memphis, TN 38111)

'48 Ferne Gray Bock is a retired business educator. She and her husband, Calvin, have two children. (HC 80, Box 19, Roe, AR 72134)

'51 Marylynn Tuttleton Lup-ton received a doctorate in English in December 1997. She and her husband, Keith, have three children. (3411 Piewood Road, Tampa, FL 33618)

'52 Lou Phillips retired from Oklahoma Christian University in August 1996. He still works on special projects for the university. (3716 Jim Robison, Edmond, OK 73013)

'59 Malcolm Parsley (BA, MA, MRE'67) is a missionary, serving as director of the Church of Christ Mission and president of the Korea Institute of Biblical Studies. He and his wife, Kwi Hwa, have four children. (San 200-1 Hwa Gok 6 Dong Kang Suh Ku, Seoul, Korea 157-016)

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'61 Don Osborne (MA) is an adjunct professor at Athens State College after leaving his position as superintendent for Limestone County Schools. He has spent 40 years in education. (15370 Dawson Dupree Road, Athens, AL 35614)

'65 Thomas H. Martin (BA, MA'72, MED'87) is working with the International Christian University in Kiev. (54-1 Peremohy Ave., Kiev 252057, Ukraine)

'68 Sharron Salvant Walker is chief plant accountant for Holnam Inc. She and her husband, Mike, have three children. (1625 FM 3136, Cleburne, TX 76031)

'69 Gary Abney (BS) is general manager of GAAD Management Co. (254 Robin Drive, Sarasota, FL 34236)

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'72 Connie Jo Parkinson Wages (BS) received her master's in library science from Texas Woman's University in May. She is the librarian at Dallas Christian School. She and her husband, **Ron** ('72), have four children. (4148 Manorview Lane, Dallas, TX 75228)

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Kirk Sewell (BA) has been promoted to the Illinois State Police Technical Investigation Division. He and his wife, the former **Claudia Haseltine** (BA'74), have three children. (630 S. State, Springfield, IL 62704)

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'75 Rob Ford (BS) is a C.P.A. and a corporate auditor for Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co. His wife, the former **Judy Shoop** ('68), is a homemaker, and they have three daughters. (2801 Red Fern, Edmond, OK 73034)

Tim Vick (BA), athletic director and boy's basketball coach for Greater Atlanta Christian School, was honored by the National Intercollegiate Athletic Administrator's Association as a certified athletic administrator. He and his wife, the former **Kim Kellar** ('77), have three children. (1505 Meadow Oak Drive, Snellville, GA 30278)

'76 Diane Schramm Anderson (BA), sixth grade teacher at Hard-

ing Academy, was recently honored with an excellence award presented by Wal-Mart. Her husband, **James** (BA'77), is the assistant dean of students at Harding. They have two children. (2985 Country Club West, Searcy, AR 72143)

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Caron Howell Moore (BA) was one of ten semifinalists for Arizona Teacher of the Year for 1997. She teaches advanced placement language arts and is the academic decathlon coach for Mountain Ridge High School. She and her husband, **Michael** (BA), have two children. (15243 North 52nd Place, Scottsdale, AZ 85254)

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Kim Morrison is a quality system coordinator for Bar Technologies Inc. (4181 Victorian Drive, Ham-burg, NY 14075)

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'81 Leanne Myers Breshears (BA) is assistant head nurse for the surgical intensive care unit at Baptist Medical Center. She and her husband, Mike, have three children. (250 Chestnut Oak Lane, Wetumpka, AL 36093)

Katherine Willis Faulk (BS) teaches math and science for Village Christian School. She and her husband, Rick, have four children. (4585 Long-Spurling Road, Pleasant Plain, OH 45162)

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ALMA MATTERS

Alumni, here's your chance to get involved

by BRETT WATSON, director of alumni relations

IF YOU HAVE TAKEN 12 or more hours of classes at Harding, you are automatically a member of the Alumni Association. As an alumnus, this is your organization for staying in touch with your alma mater.

What comes to mind when you hear of the Harding University Alumni Association?

Many of you recall Homecoming events such as class and club reunions, the Black and Gold Banquet, the Distinguished and Outstanding Alumni Awards, or the Golden Circle Dinner. Others may think of the Alumni E-mail Digest, Seniors College,

Family Weekend, the occasional mailings about Harding credit cards, or a recent visit to the new Harding alumni web page.

The Harding University Alumni Association is all these things and more. As the Alumni Association seeks to accomplish its goal of serving, informing and involving its members, it is expanding its efforts to stay in contact with alumni. For example, the Association has begun working with alumni to develop local alumni chapters throughout the country.

A new Alumni Council and president of the Alumni Association will have been selected by the time you receive this magazine. The Admis-

sions Office and the Alumni Association ask for your help in telling prospective students about Harding at receptions throughout the country. An alumni/student mentoring program is also in the planning stages.

These are just a few of the Alumni Association's activities. If you would like to assist in the creation of a local alumni chapter, are interested in any of the other activities mentioned, or have suggestions, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at (501) 279-4276 or send an e-mail to bdwatson@harding.edu. We won't know you want to help unless you tell us. We look forward to hearing from you. H



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Randy (BBA'89, MEd'91) and Rhonda (BA'89, MEd'90) Neill

Alumni experience northern exposure

LIFE IN Savoonga, Alaska, is somewhat different than it is in Searcy, Ark. The town has no running water, sewage is contained in "honey-buckets," and there is certainly no Dixie Cafe in sight. Sam Walton's presence is still felt, but not because of the local Wal-Mart store; residents order groceries from Sam's Club and wait for the goods to be air freighted.

However Savoonga does have a post office, a health clinic and a general store. Unfortunately the general store sells \$8 boxes of cereal, so it's a little more economical to wait for the Sam's Club order.

Savoonga also has a school, which is why alumni Randy and Rhonda Neill lived there two years.

Rhonda taught first and second grade, and Randy taught middle school and coached basketball. "I get to be the

tall basketball star in Alaska — I'm taller than most of the villagers," Randy said.

The couple first heard about the teaching opportunity from Rhonda's sister, who already lived in Alaska with her husband. There were openings for a teaching couple, and the positions seemed perfect for the Neills. Unlike the villages, Alaskan schools are wealthy and can afford to pay their teachers well.

"Besides the money, the schools are in need of teachers who can serve as good examples for the students. They really need teachers who care, since many of these kids' families do not emphasize formal education," Randy said, explaining their reason for teaching there.

Located on St. Lawrence Island just off the coast of Alaska in the Bering Sea, Savoonga is a far north Alaskan village.

This area, known as "bush" country, is a mere 38 miles from Russia. "I'm not sure why this area is described as being in the 'bush,'" Rhonda said. "There are no bushes or trees; the land's pretty barren."

Life in Savoonga seemed almost vacation-like when the Neills, with their then one-year-old



Randy and Rhonda Neill

daughter, Megan, first moved to Alaska. "The country is full of all kinds of wild life," Rhonda said. "Hiking and birdwatching are very big up here, and there are also the 'northern lights,' which are very beautiful," Randy added.

But the winter is cold, bringing strong winds and huge snow drifts. "We

don't close school for snow days; kids go to school even if it's 50 below windchill," Randy said.

So what do you do all winter if there is no movie theater, mall or restaurant? "You have to create your own social life," Rhonda said. "You have to find things to do, like hiking, watching the 'northern lights,' or even just reading a book."

For the 1997-98 school year, the Neills moved to Wainwright, still in northern Alaska but on the mainland closer to Barrow. "They have a restaurant," Randy said.

Although they enjoy Alaska, the Neills miss their friends and family. Eventually they plan to move their family, which has added another daughter, Casey, back to the South. "We want to stay in Alaska six to eight years," Randy said. "But we take it one year at a time." ■

ALUMNI PROFILE

#5, Richmond, VA 32339)

Steven Nutt (BBA) is a senior accountant for Waffle House Corp. His wife, the former **Jennifer Fly** (BA'93), received her master's in May 1997 from Mercer University and is a seventh grade teacher for Duluth Middle School. (768 Chatham Park Cove, Lawrenceville, GA 30045)

Tracy Denison Pangborn (BA) is a marketing services secretary for Darling Store Fixture. (814 S. 58th St., #2, Paragould, AR 72450)

'94 Valerie McCammon Bailey (BS) is a research chemist for Procter & Gamble. (516 Grouse Court, Elsmere, KY 41018)

Mark Farley (BA, BBA'97) is a staff accountant for Ernst & Young. His wife, the former **Christy Mitcham** (BA, MEd'97) teaches U.S. History for Kirby High School. (1526 Arbor View Court, #107, Memphis, TN 38134)

Cindy Griffith (BA, MEd'96) is a reading recovery teacher for O'Neal Elementary School. (1915 Westmoor, #8, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901)

Bob Higbee (BA) is a scheduler for Bryce Corp. (1183 Greenville, Collierville, TN 38017)

Terri Lehman (BA) is a child life specialist for Cook Children's Medical Center. (4915 Woodland Park Blvd., Arlington, TX 76013)

Michelle Evins Nicholson is employed as a nanny. (741 Wildview Drive, Nashville, TN 37211)

Paul Pruett (BA) recently completed a two-year commitment with Avanti Italia in Florence, Italy. A student at the University of Texas Law School, he is married to the former **Jennifer Barker**. (508 E. Howard Ln., #369, Austin, TX 78753)

Daniel Rosson (BA, MEd'96) teaches third grade for Christian Life Prep School. (215 S.W. 324th Court, Federal Way, WA 98023)

Ron Sparkman (BA) works in client services for Specialized Assays Environmental. His wife, the former **Holly Hays** (BSN'95) is a R.N. for St. Thomas Hospital. (2826 Colonial Circle, Nashville, TN 37214)

John Ashley Tucker (BBA) is a student at the University of Arkansas College of Architecture. He was recently inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society. (1602 Stewart, Fayetteville, AR 72703)

'95 Matt Brent (BA) is a full-time student at Harding Graduate

School of Religion. His wife, the former **Karla Thomas** (BA), teaches seventh and eighth grade language arts. (2844 Cotton Way, #3, Memphis, TN 38118)

Mark Crafton (BA) is a teacher and coach for Cabot School District. (21 Hunters Cove, Cabot, AR 72023)

Todd Denoyer (BA) is the principal for Luckett Christian Academy. (891 East Barrett, Madison Heights, MI 48071)

Margie McClung Helm (BSN) is a charge nurse in the labor delivery recovery unit of Via Christi St. Francis Hospital. Her husband, **Matt** (HGSR), is a youth minister at Westlink Church of Christ. (534 Redbarn Lane, Wichita, KS 67212)

Shereen Henry (BA) is a math teacher for Shorecrest High School. (511 N.E. 100th St., #2, Seattle, WA 98125)

Dona Kolde (BSN) is a R.N. clinical coordinator for the University of Tennessee Medical Group Pediatrics. (5955 Cheryl Crest Lane, Memphis, TN 38115)

Stephanie Neff (BA) received her master's in speech pathology from the University of Mississippi and is head of the speech pathology department for Baptist Memorial Hospital. (1106 Turtle Creek Blvd., Oxford, MS 38655)

Jon Newby (BA) is a teacher and football coach for Harding Academy. His wife, the former **Lori Griffin** (BA'92), is a kindergarten teacher for Searcy Public Schools. (104 Christi, Searcy, AR 72143)

Michelle Osborne (BSN) is a traveling nurse specializing in pediatric oncology for Olsten Quality Care. (15506 Edenvale St., Friendswood, TX 77546)

Jason Parscale (BS) is art director for the graphics department of Creative Resources Inc. His wife, the former **DeeDee Cook** (BA) teaches second grade for Boyd Buchanan School. (7509 Sutton Road, Ooltewah, TN 37363)

Terry Ramos (BA) is a program coordinator for Independent Opportunities. He is married to the former **Leanne Simmons** (BA'94). (4125 Edwards Road, #1, Cincinnati, OH 45209)

Matt Washington is a youth and family minister for the Hillcrest Church of Christ. He is married to the former **Mavenee Mays** (BA). (211 E. Tinnie, Gainesville, TX 76240)

'96 Brad Berryhill (BS) is a student at the University of

Arkansas for Medical Sciences. His wife, the former **Jennifer White** (BA, MEd'97), teaches math for Central Arkansas Christian. (4710 Sam Peck Road, #2169, Little Rock, AR 72212)

Holly Watson Conrad (BBA) is a patient account representative for Texas Orthopedics and Sports Rehabilitation Association. She is married to **James Conrad** (BBA'95). (11441 I-H 35 N, #21107, Austin, TX 78753)

Joshua Culbertson (BBA) received his M.B.A. from Troy State University and is an auditor for Warren, Averett, Kimbrough & Marino. (7107 Whitetail Drive, Birmingham, AL 35242)

Dave Donnelly (BA) works at WPTY, ABC 24, as a sports photographer. His wife, the former **Rachel Privitt** (BA), is a speech pathology student at the University of Memphis. (3078 Cypress Lake Drive, Memphis, TN 38119)

Jim Gill (BS) is a medical student at East Tennessee State University College of Medicine. (919 Cherokee Road, #2, Johnson City, TN 37604)

Beverly Haskins Jones (BA) is a special education teacher for Judsonia Junior High School. She and her husband, Mark, have two children. (608 Rhoden Road, Judsonia, AR 72081)

Rebekah Long (BA) is a kindergarten teacher for Brentwood Christian School. (8804 Tallwood Drive, #35, Austin, TX 78759)

Michelle Marcum (BA) is a teacher and coach for Brentwood Christian School. (11607 Tallow Field Way, Austin, TX 78758)

Ryan Pace (BA) is a patrolman for the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He and his wife, **Tish Elliott**, were married on June 22, 1996. (4431 S. 157th Road, Bolivar, MO 65613)

Bryan Ries (BA) is a youth minister for Holmes Road Church of Christ and a student at the Harding Graduate School of Religion. He is married to the former **Tracey McCormick** (BA'96), who is a third grade teacher at Covington Elementary. (1235 E. Holmes Road, Memphis, TN 38116)

Daryl Rodgers (BA) and his wife, the former **Rebecca Folkerts** (BSN), are missionaries in Padova, Italy. (Via Del Commissario, 29, 35124, Padova, Italy)

Greg Wade (BA) is pursuing a master's in psychology at Abilene Christian University. His wife, the former **Jennifer Bull** (BBA'96), is

receptionist for Western Surplus Lines Agency. (2481 Glendale Drive, Abilene, TX 79603)

Scott Webb (BA) is a teacher and coach for Newcastle High School. He and his wife, Kati, were married July 26, 1997. (10300 S. Western, #216, Oklahoma City, OK 73139)

Wendy Williams (BA) teaches second grade for Solano Christian Academy. (2772 Woodmont Drive, Fairfield, CA 94533)

'97 Jeff Baker (BA) is a student at the Vanderbilt University School of Law. (1104 18th Ave. S., #9, Nashville, TN 37212)

Amanda Bawcom (BSN) is a registered nurse for Baptist Hospital in Nashville. (178C Antioch Pike, Nashville, TN 37211)

Clay Fowler (BS) is a computer printout designer for Post Printing Co. His wife, the former **Emily Albright** (BME), is a teacher for Kindermusick. (2804 Hickory Villas Drive, #3, Memphis, TN 38115)

Micah Parkhurst (BS) is a graduate assistant in microbiology at the University of Memphis. His wife, the former **Tiffany Chester** (BS'96), is a student in pharmacy at the University of Tennessee at Memphis. (976 Oakmont Place, #1, Memphis, TN 38107)

Marriages

Brian Harrington (BA'96) to **Ann Bartak** (BA'96), Aug. 9, 1996. Brian is a financial analyst for Statprobe Inc. (4068 Hunters Circle East, Canton, MI 48188)

Lane Owen (BA'94) to **Wendy Northcutt** (BA'96), Aug. 10, 1996. Lane teaches fourth grade at Mountain View Elementary, and Wendy is a graduate student at East Tennessee State University. (2806 Plymouth Road, #5, Johnson City, TN 37601)

Sonja Nelson (BA'90) to **Michael Phillips**, Oct. 5, 1996. Sonja is a research information specialist for the department of psychiatry at the University of Illinois. (1464 W. Winona, Chicago, IL 60640)

Chastidy Matthews ('97) to **Jason Lee Runyon**, Dec. 21, 1996. Chastidy is a student at West Virginia State College. (P.O. Box 30, Sumerco, WV 25567)

Carla Divelbiss ('98) to **Luke Freiman**, Dec. 28, 1996. Carla is a student at Arkansas State University in Mountain Home. (HC 61, Box 650, Caulfield, MO 65626)





Lee Langdon (BA'95) to Aimee Walker, Dec. 28, 1996. Lee is a graduate student and hall director for Oklahoma Christian University, (P.O. Box 11000, Oklahoma City, OK 73136)

Glenn Wright (BBA'87) to **Christy McShane** (BSW'88), March 1, 1997. Glenn is director of human resources and risk management for the Lynch Management Co., and Christy is a case coordinator for Children's Crisis Center. (4455 Confederate Point Road, #25D, Jacksonville, FL 32210)

Anna Conley (BBA'92) to Bryan Mayo, May 3, 1997. Anna is assurance manager for KPMG Peat Marwick. (3312 Elam Court, Plano, TX 75093)

Clay Beason (BA'97) to **Loren Kopf** (BBA'96), May 24, 1997. (3492 E. Kiehl, #9206, Sherwood, AR 72120)

Heather Anderson ('94) to Josh Schrader, June 7, 1997. (828 N. Elm, #D1, Greensboro, NC 27401)

Brent Heinselman (BBA'95) to **Autumn Bowen** (BA'94), June 14, 1997. (11001 Old St. Augustine Road, #1209, Jacksonville, FL 32223)

Steven Rape ('97) to **Julia Harsh** (BA'96), June 15, 1997. (24 S. 10th St., #2, Indiana, PA 15701)

Paul Fisher (BA'97) to **Sheri Clark** (BA'97), June 21, 1997. Both are teachers for Coventry Christian Schools. (2494 Main St., Narvon, PA 17555)

Tom Gaskins III (BA'95) to **Jennifer Silva** (BA'97), June 21, 1997. Tom is a teacher and coach for Coldwater High School, and Jennifer is a special education teacher for Horn Lake Elementary. (2115 Paris Cove, Hernando, MS 38632)

Sara Looney (BA'97) to Jim Miller, July 12, 1997. (18 1/2 Stoneybrook, #1, Searcy, AR 72143)

Mandy Winter (BSN'97) to Kyle Osborne, July 12, 1997. Mandy is a registered nurse with Decatur Memorial Hospital. (3915 Camelot Drive, #201, Decatur, IL 62526)

Randy Bell (BS'96) to **Kristi Barwick** (BA'94), July 19, 1997. (1712 Cherry Creek Circle, Bryant, AR 72022)

Keri McLeod (BA'95) to Ken Mayer, Aug. 2, 1997. (H.U. Box 11443, Searcy, AR 72149)

Joel Harper (BBA'91) to Jamie Burnette, Aug. 9, 1997. (4315 E. Thunderbird, #231, Phoenix, AZ 85032)

Melissa Rouhana (BA'92) to Troy

Callow, Aug. 9, 1997. Melissa is an elementary teacher for Dublin City Schools. (1263 Olde Henderson Square, Columbus, OH 43220)

Lori Tucker (BA'94) to Kerry VanDer Kamp, Aug. 9, 1997. (12242 Cardston Court, Tomball, TX 77375)

Richard York ('88) to **Volyn Simmons** (BA'90), Aug. 9, 1997. (12158 Penderview Lane #1734, Fairfax, VA 22033)

Kimberly Baker (BSW'94) to William Abrams, Aug. 16, 1997. Kim is an instructor of social work at Harding. (2103 Beebe-Capps, #44, Searcy, AR 72143)

Geoffrey Haussin (BBA'94) to **Penny Mayberry** (BA'95), Oct. 11, 1997. Geoff is a sales representative for USABLE, and Penny teaches for Friendship Christian School. (1437 Brighton Circle, Old Hickory, TN 37138)

Births

To **Craig** (BA'92) and **Tracy Brown** (BA'93) **Laird**, a daughter, Landry Carole, Aug. 9, 1996. Craig is head football coach for West Fork School District. (41 S. Redbud Ave., West Fork, AR 72774)

To **Mark** (BS'91) and **Julie Crosswhite** (BBA'91) **Halbert**, a son, Robert Keaton, Aug. 22, 1996. (2321 Pear Orchard, Little Rock, AR 72211)

To **Craig** and **Leah Coble** (BA'89) **Lackie**, a son, Clay Daniel, Sept. 6, 1996. (2496 Gum Springs Road, Searcy, AR 72143)

To **Jim** (BBA'87) and **Barbie Hazelip** (BS'86) **Lanier**, a son, Collin Thomas, Sept. 23, 1996. (1604 Aaronwood Drive, Old Hickory, TN 37138)

To **Ken** ('88) and **Tammy Miller** ('89) **Porter**, a son, Alexander, Oct. 13, 1996. Ken is a component mixer for Fiberite. (Route 2, Box 200 A 6, Alba, TX 75410)

To **James** (BBA'95) and **Stephanie Smith** (BSN'93) **Thornton**, a son, James V, Nov. 22, 1996. James is a rice and soybean farmer. (Route 1, Box 104, Transylvania, LA 71286)

To **Stephen** (BBA'83) and **Sandra Wood** (BA'83) **Holloway**, a son, Tanner Stephen, Dec. 13, 1996. (4730 Parkton Place, Black Jack, MO 63033)

To **Craig** (BS'90) and **Kara Borchardt** (BSW'93) **Johnson**, a daughter, Hannah Jo, Dec. 17, 1996. Craig teaches math at Rochester College (formerly Michigan Christian College), and

Kara is a homemaker. (481 Third St., Pontiac, MI 48340)

To **Richard** and **Shanna Phillips** (BSN'93) **Mozeko**, a son, Reid James, Jan. 17, 1997. Shanna is a registered nurse for St. Vincent Medical Infirmary. (#4 Yellowstone Cove, Maumelle, AR 72113)

To **Larry** (BA'92) and **Michelle Sabourin** (BS'93) **Cheshier**, a daughter, Hannah Leigh, Jan. 23, 1997. (1100 Bridle Path Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30045)

To **John** (BBA'85) and **Rosemary Ritchie** (BA'85) **Ramsey**, a son, Christian Edward, Feb. 4, 1997. John is a physical therapist, and Rosemary is a homemaker. (13739 Apple Lane, Northport, AL 35475)

To **Wiley** and **Sheila Gaskin** (BA'90) **Lowe**, a son, Mason Grant, Feb. 5, 1997. (35 Sugar Mill Lane S., Flagler Beach, FL 32136)

To **Wade** (BA'96) and **Andrea Rehkop** (BA'95) **Wilson**, a son, Cole Wade, Feb. 12, 1997. (555 Creekwood Crossing E., Roswell, GA 30076)

To **Tim** (BA'80) and **Laura Hamilton**, a son, Chandler Loyd, Feb. 24, 1997. (4529 Somers Ave., N. Little Rock, AR 72116)

To **Clint** and **Laura Nickerson** (BA'90) **Owens**, a daughter, Emily Grace, March 4, 1997. She joins brothers Lucas Neil, born July 12, 1994, and Shawn Matthew, born March 17, 1996. (Route 2, Box 216, Atlanta, TX 75551)

To **Daniel** (BS'82) and **Lea Ann Platt**, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, March 17, 1997. (109 Country Place, Cordova, TN 38018)

To **John** (BFA'94) and **Amy Middlestat** (BS'93) **Parish**, a son, Aidan Thomas, March 28, 1997. John is a cabinetmaker, and Amy is employed by Kinko's Copies. (1418 Tijeras Ave. N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87106)

To **Bryan** (BS'88) and **Leanne Butterfield** (BA'90) **Black**, a daughter, Alyson Kate, April 5, 1997. Bryan is a safety engineer for Georgia Tech Research Institute. (2690 Avalon Place, Lawrenceville, GA 30244)

To **Jeff** (BA'87) and **Jill Kinser** (BSW'89) **Slater**, a daughter, Emma Michelle, April 6, 1997. Jeff is minister for the West Innes Street Church of Christ. (1037 Rowan Circle, Salisbury, NC 28146)

To **Mitch** and **Sharon Grady** ('86) **Goetz**, a son, Brandon David, April 10, 1997. (13713 Katherine Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70815)

To **Scott** (BBA'92) and **Lesli Ridler** (BA'92) **Ferguson**, a son, Brandon Ray, April 15, 1997. (5734 Katherine St., Simi Valley, CA 93063)

To **Barry** (BA'92) and **Alicia Woodell** ('92) **Wingfield**, a daughter by adoption, Mikaila Beth, April 22, 1997. Mikaila was born April 19, 1997. Barry is a doctoral student in marriage and family therapy, and Alicia is home-schooling their son. (4518 Churchill Circle, Monroe, LA 71203)

To **Mike** (BA'82, Med'85) and **Rebeckah Sims**, a son, Harrison Michael, May 1, 1997. Mike is assistant principal for Hampshire-Fannett Independent School District. (P.O. Box 15, Stowell, TX 77661)

To **Gary** and **Laurie Childers** (BA'93) **Thomas**, a daughter, Alyssa Lauren, May 5, 1997. (8324 Robinson, Overland Park, KS 66212)

To **Patrick** ('94) and **Eve McCain**, a daughter, Hailey Nicole, May 6, 1997. (3263 Silvertown, Springdale, AR 72764)

To **Randy** and **Lynn Bohannon** (BA'86) **Rowland**, a daughter, Krista Anne, May 6, 1997. (8431 Riverwood Farms, Cordova, TN 38018)

To **Keith** (BBA'90) and **Sheila Showalter** (BA'91) **DeShazo**, a son, Peyton Andrew, May 8, 1997. (107 Hummingbird Lane, Searcy, AR 72143)

To **Duane** (BA'92) and **Melissa McKee** (BA'92) **Quesinberry**, a daughter, Ashlyn Michele, May 14, 1997. (103 Cedarwood, Sherwood, AR 72120)

To **Bill** (BBA'91, MS'94) and **Roxi Toms** (BS'92, Med'94) **Ashmore**, a son, Easton Ryne, May 31, 1997. (23 Robbye Lane, Searcy, AR 72143)

To **Trevor** (BBA'94) and **Jennifer Neuhart** (BA'95) **Black**, a daughter, Sydney Carolann, June 5, 1997. (608 S. Seventh, Byesville, OH 43723)

To **John** (BS'87, MS'89) and **Dawn Helm** (BA'89) **Gilreath**, a son, Spencer Ward, June 15, 1997. John is a programmer/analyst for AutoZone, and Dawn teaches third grade for Shelby County Schools. (6738 Elmore Ridge Cove, Memphis, TN 38134)

To **Ken** and **Courtney Cheyne** (BA'89) **Cobbs**, twin sons by adoption, Harrison Cooper and Jefferson Walker, June 16, 1997. Harrison and Jefferson were born Aug. 2, 1992. (560 East 1250

South, Kaysville, UT 84037)

To **Chris** (BA'91) and **Kim House** (BA'92) **Thiele**, a daughter, Kirsten Elise, June 16, 1997. (815 S. Park Drive, Raymore, MO 64083)

To **Ken** and **Kellie Mulhollen** (BS'87) **Dumas**, a daughter, Kirby Michele, June 20, 1997. (1758 Sea Isle, Memphis, TN 38117)

To **Paul** (BS'93) and **Michelle Jett** (BA'93) **Finley**, a son, Pierce Stephen, July 4, 1997. (170 E. Hadley Road, #52, Amhurst, MA 01002)

To **Lowell** and **Susan Prestidge** (BA'83) **French**, a son, Colton Zeiger, July 5, 1997. (2006 Greenway Lane, Jonesboro, AR 72401)

To **Byron** (BBA'88) and **Janice Edmunson** (BA'90) **McKean**, a daughter, Cara Anne, July 8, 1997. (10105 E. Countryside, Wichita, KS 67207)

To **Kevin** and **Laura Pronia** (BA'94) **Caldwell**, a son, Alex Christopher, July 10, 1997. (9901 Brockington Road, #K-11, Sherwood, AR 72120)

To **Keith** (MAR'90) and **Kimberly Fussell**, a son by adoption, Joel, July 10, 1997. (9184 Gainsborough Drive, Memphis, TN 38133)

To **Randy** (BA'89) and **Stacy Dawdy** ('96) **Barnes**, a son, Hudson Warren, July 13, 1997. Randy is a teacher and coach for Harding Academy in Memphis, Tenn. (1214 Perkins Terrace, Memphis, TN 38117)

To **Eric** (BA'92) and **Ceci Bitting** (BA'90, Med'92) **Carter**, a daughter, Erica Marianne, July 13, 1997. Eric is an auditor for Quicktrip, and Ceci is a homemaker. (3366 S. 140th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74134)

To **Dennis** and **Debbie Beck** (AA'84) **Taylor**, a daughter, Alexa Nicole, July 14, 1997. (P.O. Box 718, Booneville, AR 72927)

To **Jason** (BS'93) and **Suzannah Lepper** ('94) **Foster**, a son, Ian Lawrence, July 25, 1997. Jason is chief investigative clerk for the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee. (6528 Old Carriage Way, Alexandria, VA 22315)

To **Andy** (BBA'91) and **Julie Adams** ('94) **Kinser**, a son, Lukas James, July 31, 1997. (601-4 Farmhurst Drive, Charlotte, NC 58217)

To **Mario** and **Linda Phillips** ('87) **Gonzales**, twins, Adam David and Emily Sue, Aug. 1, 1997. (2409 Chestnut Bend, Howell, MI 48843)

To **Benjamin** and **Rebecca Farrar**

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('93) **Dawdy**, a son, Briar Haden, Aug. 5, 1997. (17718 Robinson Road, Fayetteville, AR 72704)

To **Joe** and **Yvette Sutcliffe** (BS'91, Med'93) **Pekinpaugh**, a son, Jonas Anthony, Aug. 5, 1997. (Route 1, Box 497, Tell City, IN 47586)

To **Brian** (BBA'91) and **Amy Lawyer** ('93) **Maddox**, twins, David Reid and Halle Jo, Aug. 6, 1997. (316 Raymond Drive, Monroe, LA 71203)

To **Amos** and **Deanna Ochodnick** ('86) **Schrock**, a son, Christian Everett, Aug. 6, 1997. Deanna is a dietician for Calvary Baptist Day-care. (10025 Prairie Mills Road, Prairie, MS 39756)

To **David** and **Joene Myers** (BSN'85) **Endy**, a son, Jacob Mitchell, Aug. 8, 1997. (2075 Young Road, Pottstown, PA 19465)

To **David** (BBA'94) and **Lisa York** (BA'92) **Jarnigan**, a son, Braden Hoyte, Aug. 14, 1997. David is a network administrator for Sedgewick, and Lisa is a human resources assistant for AFco Steel. (19 Panther Cove, Cabot, AR 72023)

To **Shawn** (BA'80) and **Robyn Blackmore** ('79) **Brown**, a son by adoption, Doug, Aug. 18, 1997. Doug was born April 8, 1985. Shawn is a systems administrator for Trailmobile Corp., and Robyn is a learning disabilities teacher for Cumberland Elementary. (1102 Monroe, Charleston, IL 61920)

To **Wayne** (BA'93) and **Monica Rios** ('96) **Shorter**, a son, Jarred Patrick, Aug. 22, 1997. (201 Hampton Ave., Corsicana, TX 75110)

To **Tad** (BA'93) and **Paige Wright** (BA'93) **Niblett**, a son, Riley, Aug. 27, 1997. (7 Meadowview Circle, Selma, AL 36701)

To **Bill** and **Jeannie Shrable** (BA'91, Med'94) **Bright**, a daughter, Megan Jean, Aug. 29, 1997. (522 W. Main, Bradford, AR 72020)

To **Johnny** (BBA'92) and **Amber Collins** (BBA'93) **Tollett**, a daughter, Sydney Lauren, Sept. 2, 1997. (905 Cedar Ridge, Little Rock, AR 72211)

To **Rocky** (BA'93) and **Mandy Rowe** (BA'93) **Dodson**, a son, Grant Brian, Sept. 4, 1997. (715

Ridgewood Drive, Mountain Home, AR 72653)

To **Sam** (BBA'90) and **Kelly Ogden** (BA'91) **Perry**, a daughter, Jordan Paige, Sept. 8, 1997. Sam is controller for Liberté Investors Inc. (1530 Harvest Run, Allen, TX 75002)

To **Karl** (BS'80) and **Cheryl Willmann** (BSW'85) **Aston**, a son, Karl Preston, Sept. 11, 1997. (19040 Sunflower Ridge Lane, Pacific, MO 63069)

To **Dana** and **Susan Fitzgerald** (BSN'84) **Binkley**, a son, John Marshall, Sept. 11, 1997. (2163 Union Hill Road, Goodlettsville, TN 37072)

To **Lester** (BS'90) and **Myca Haggood** (BS'91) **Craven**, a son, Ezekiel Benjamin, Sept. 14, 1997. Myca and Lester both work for software companies in Seattle. (8211 Wallingford Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98103)

To **John** and **Robyn Robertson** (BA'85) **Cronin**, a son, Matthew Gerald, Sept. 20, 1997. (303 Fechet Ave., Biloxi, MS 39531)





To Scott and Caren Johnson (BS'81) Mims, a son by adoption, Brent Alan, Sept. 23, 1997. (1608 W. Tennessee, Midland, TX 79701)

To Russ (BA'93) and Stacy Hefley (BA'94) Poteet, a son, Jackson Scott, Sept. 23, 1997. (3981 Poindexter Ave., Winston-Salem, NC 27106)

To Ben (BS'86) and Sheila Wood (BA'89) Shields, a daughter, Anna-Grace, Sept. 23, 1997. (13115 Pleasant Forest, Little Rock, AR 72212)

To Chris (BS'90) and Leigh Traisci (BS'90) Lawrenson, a daughter, Hailey Rose, Sept. 25, 1997. Chris is a research scientist with MacroSonix Corp., and Leigh is a homemaker. (10188 Purcell Road, Richmond, VA 23228)

To Mike (BBA'85) and Lisa Runyan (BA'89) Williams, a son, Michael Cade, Sept. 25, 1997. (126 Ponderosa, Searcy, AR 72143)

To Jeff and Becky Mitchell (BA'90) Davidson, a son, Jonathan Alexander, Sept. 28, 1997. (1125 Country Club Court, Cookeville, TN 38501)

To Wes (BBA'81) and Norma Freeman (BS'80) Head, a son, George Wesley III, Sept. 28, 1997. (224 Dandridge Drive, Franklin, TN 37067)

To David (BS'92) and Julie Joice ('94) Doss, a son, Dillon David, Sept. 29, 1997. David was sworn in as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army in June 1997. (215 S. Lena, #4, Tahlequah, OK 74464)

To Philip (BBA'90) and Penelope Robinson (BBA'90) Lester, a son, Quintin Kelly, Sept. 30, 1997. Philip is a legislative auditor for the state of Tennessee. (101 Mountain High Drive, Antioch, TN 37013)

To Jody (BBA'96) and Margaret Fry (BS'86, MSMP'96) Venkatesan, a daughter, Bethanne, Sept. 30, 1997. (8810 Castleberry Court, Laurel, MO 20723)

To Terry (BA'75) and Kristine Christlieb, a son, Joseph Colin, Oct. 1, 1997. Terry is an attorney in Fort Worth, Texas, and an adjunct faculty member for Dallas Christian College. (43 Cimarron Drive, Trophy Club, TX 76262)

To Ronnie and Pamela Lorenz (BA'87) Williams, a son, Fred Jacob, Oct. 2, 1997. (5920 Garden

Walk, Southaven, MS 38671)

To Terry and Glenda Brooks ('84) Mitchell, a daughter, Catherine Marie Lee, Oct. 6, 1997. (Route 3, Box 312, Ennis, TX 75119)

To Chad (BBA'87) and Tammy Mayberry (BBA'87) Necessary, a daughter, Lainey Marie, Oct. 15, 1997. (29 Cardinal Lane, Sherwood, AR 72120)

To Michael (BBA'92) and Andrea Crawford (BA'92) Martin, a daughter, Alexandra Kate, Oct. 18, 1997. Michael is a financial analyst for Compaq Computer Corp. (30106 Bashaw Drive, Spring, TX 77386)

To Howard and Sherry McKissick ('76) Stein, a son and daughter by adoption, Ashley Elizabeth, 6, and Zachary Christian, 4. (2613 Colleen Drive, Arlington, TX 76016)

Deaths

Margaret Shannon Hukle ('47) died Nov. 23, 1996. She is survived by her husband, Frank.

Dawn Williams Denman ('81), 39, died Jan. 17, 1997, from cancer. She is survived by her husband, David (BS'78), and seven children. (6140 S. Parkside,

Tempe, AZ 85283)

Ruth Roberson Starling (BA'58), 85, died July 17, 1997. She is survived by her husband, Lester (BA'49), and daughter, Lois Vick (BS'74). (1610 Clarcona-Ocoee Road, Ocoee, FL 34761)

Carroll Cannon (BA'39), 80, died Sept. 7, 1997, from a heart attack. He was provost emeritus of California Western University (now United States International University). He was a strong advocate for the United Nations and witnessed the signing of the United Nations Charter in 1945. He is survived by his wife, the former Nona Hanes (BS'38), and two daughters. (3904 Milan, San Diego, CA 92107)

Ott Shewmaker (BA'33), 87, died Sept. 21, 1997. He is survived by his wife, Lenice, and their four children. (225 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79066)

Wesley Cowan ('40), 82, died Oct. 21, 1997. He is survived by his wife, Verlan, and two daughters, Klugh Woodruff (BA'77) and Ann Dixon (BA'68). (1800 West Oak Ave., Jonesboro, AR 72401)

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EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 5 Linda Chavez, president of the Center for Equal Opportunity; American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series, 7:30 p.m., Benson Auditorium; (501) 279-4497
- 26 W.B. West Jr. Lectures in Christian Scholarship, Graduate School of Religion, Memphis; (901) 761-1352

MARCH

- 3 Bobby Bowden, head coach, Florida State University football program; American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series, 7:30 p.m., Benson Auditorium; (501) 279-4497
- 9-17 Short Courses, Graduate School of Religion, Memphis; (901) 761-1352
- 15-21 Spring Recess, Main Campus and the Graduate School of Religion, Memphis

APRIL

- 2-4 Youth Forum and Spring Sing, Office of Admissions Services; (800) 477-4407
- 7 Ministry Forum, Graduate School of Religion,

- 16 Memphis; (901) 761-1352
- Lamar Alexander, former governor of Tennessee; American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series, 7:30 p.m., Benson Auditorium; (501) 279-4497
- 17-18 President's Council
- 25 National Bible Bowl, Office of Admissions Services; (800) 477-4407

MAY

- 9 Spring Graduation Exercises, Graduate School of Religion, Memphis
- 16 Spring Graduation Exercises, Main Campus; 10 a.m., Benson Auditorium
- 18-6/2 Intersession, Main Campus; (501) 279-4403

JUNE

- 8 Summer I Registration, Main Campus; (501) 279-4403
- 13-18 Uplift — Session I, Institute for Church and Family Resources; (501) 279-4660
- 20-25 Uplift — Session II, Institute for Church and Family Resources; (501) 279-4660

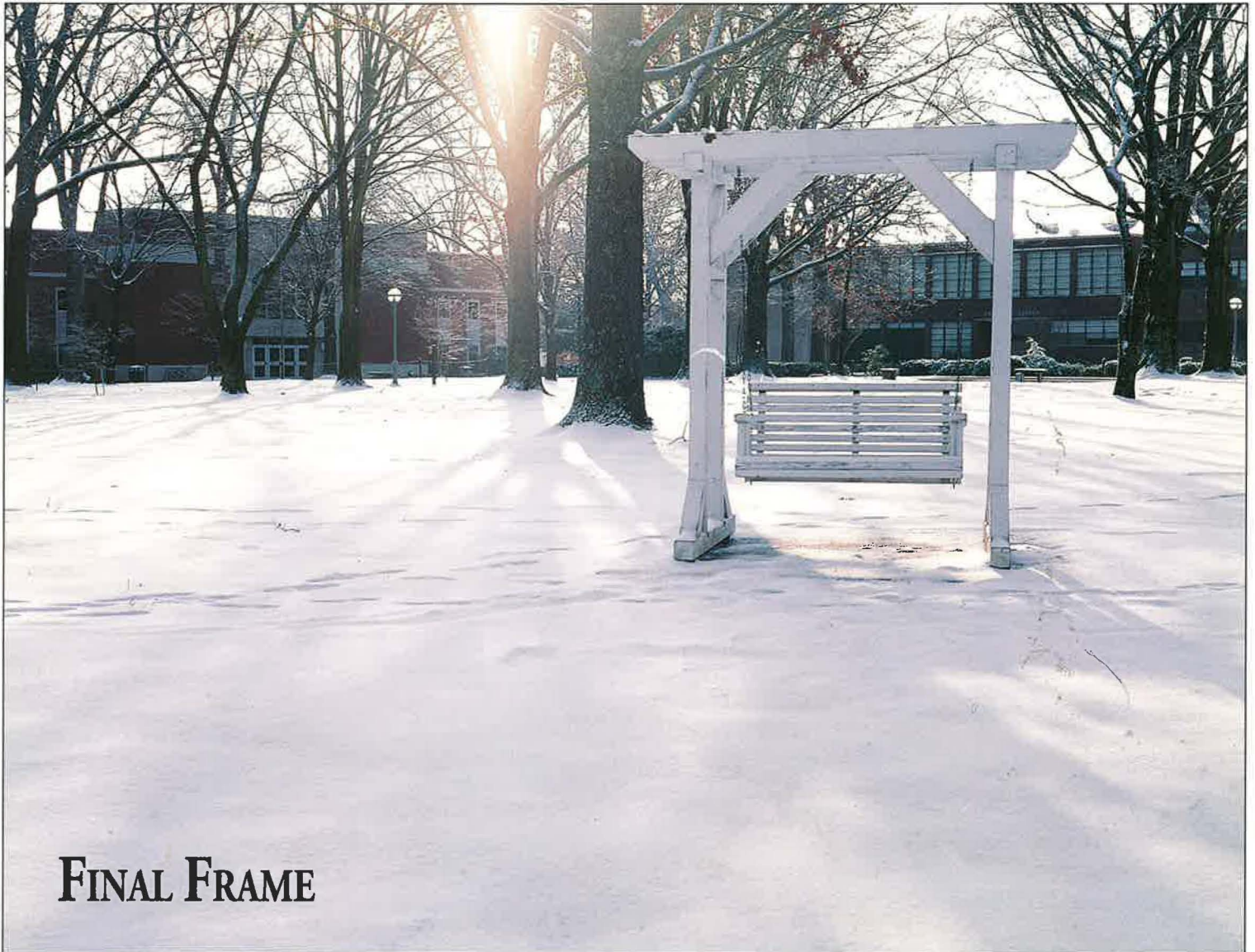
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