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PHOTO BY ASHEL PARSONS

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The fall in tweets

By BRUCE D. McLARTY, *president*

THE FALL SEMESTER has flown by, the holidays are over, and we are beginning a new year. The fall was filled with activity, and an overview of some of my tweets will give you an idea of happenings and daily life at the University I know as the greatest place on earth.

AUG 24 "My babies are back!" [Cafeteria worker] Ms. Norma greets another year with her trademark response: "Blessed and highly favored!"

SEP 11 Thanks to everyone who took the time to put out the flags to remind us of 9/11/2001! This is a beautiful memorial.

SEP 20 1,100 people took part in GME this weekend! 187 footprints on commitment mural represent 187 commitments to "Go!"

SEP 23 Yesterday, @HUGreece did one of my favorite things: Reading from Acts 18 in front of Gallio's bema in Corinth.

SEP 27 Randy Harris: The "key" to understanding the parables comes from following Jesus. Great beginning to HU Lectureship!

OCT 19 The stands are packed in the Rhodes tonight for Midnight Madness!

NOV 3 Great night at ASI with author, soldier, educator Wes Moore!

NOV 7 What a great comeback for the Bison football team today! "I'm proud of these seniors! I love you guys!" — Coach Huck

NOV 13 Harding continues to update our information on the situation in Paris. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the people of France.

NOV 19 It was great to have HIZ (Harding in Zambia) back with us in chapel this morning!

NOV 23 8 days after the fire, the Health Sciences mechanical building is taking shape and should be back online by Friday!

NOV 24 Final strands of LED lights go up on



the Harding campus this afternoon. Ready for Monday night lighting ceremony!

You may notice some of our international programs mentioned in these tweets. Last summer Ann and I spent some time at three of them. The trip confirmed what I already knew — the value of these programs. We visited England but didn't get to see Iceland, a new addition to the semester featured photographically beginning on page 18.

Unfortunately, two of these tweets deal with terrorism, and we work diligently to protect our students abroad. The director of international programs, Dr. Jeff Hopper, shares his thoughts on this in the "My View" column on page 11.

As students travel abroad and experience a whole new outlook on the world, we are continuing to provide a Christ-focused education both here in Searcy and overseas. May God continue to bless this community of mission wherever we may be. 🇺🇸

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What would be your one piece of advice to students in their freshman year at Harding?

A Don't major in the minors or minor in the majors. Minor in the minors, and major in the majors!

TIM MCELROY, '77
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Sign up for a semester abroad! Harding has so many amazing international opportunities to choose from, and freshman year is the time to start mapping it out! I had several friends who decided they wanted to go abroad in later years, and it was more complicated to fit in the longer they waited. Twenty years later, I still talk about my experiences from HUF spring 1997. My friends are so envious of all that I was able to do!

ASHLEY SHOLL LEMASTER, '99
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Give it time. It's not always going to be fun and exciting. Do your part in your plan of success, and you will make beautiful memories and lasting friendships and come out a wiser and stronger person.

LISA DAVIS HALEY
Northport, Alabama

Put God first, and be faithful in church attendance.

PATSY OLIVER
Searcy, Arkansas

Take advantage of all that college has to offer. Soak up every moment.

JESSICA KOOB STEELMAN, '14
Little Rock, Arkansas

I selected Harding because I liked its student body size, distance from home and being a faith-based school. When I entered my freshman year, I was an acquaintance with one student. My first option could have been hibernating in my dorm room and going to class. I chose to take the second option. I went with the intramural program directed by Mr. Cecil Beck. Although not necessarily talented, I enjoyed the competitiveness. I tried activities that I had never done. More importantly, I met people that I would never have known before

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Don't try to do it all alone. Surround yourself with people, adults and your peers who genuinely care about you and are a good model of integrity, wisdom and maturity; you can't afford toxicity or people who take but give nothing back. This is going to be the journey of a lifetime, and the more you invest in this education, the more you'll get out of it.

MARY ANNE GUNTER, GRADUATE MFT STUDENT
Greers Ferry, Arkansas

Don't settle. Be open to new friends and experiences. Go get coffee with people, do something that scares you, and get involved on campus. You never know how much it will pay off in the end.

ANDREA DECAMP, '15
Indianapolis, Indiana

my time at Harding. The experiences opened my mind and heart to places that changed my life direction. As I near retirement, I realize how that decision was life changing. As young people, your early choices will influence your decisions as time passes.

HOYT "CHIPPER" PARKS, '79
Little Rock, Arkansas

God has a plan for you, so remember to put God first.

MAURA MCCLELLAN
Hesperia, California

As an older nontraditional student (graduate marriage and family therapy program), it's never too late to pursue your dream. This is the university that will help you do that. Don't think you're invincible (you're not), and plan for the fact that the unexpected can happen at anytime; i.e. if you wait until the morning of an afternoon class to do that homework, you might oversleep, be sick, have an emergency at home, etc., and then not get to finish it in time. Be respectful to professors, and say "thank you" to staff and faculty. Talk to them about any issue you're facing and having a difficult time with; whether academic or personal — they are a valuable resource and really care about you.

Have a bigger goal for your education than to just end up with a degree at the end. College is an opportunity to immerse yourself in learning. Don't squander that opportunity by scrolling through Facebook in every class while a Ph.D. tries to teach you something.

MITCHELL CARTER, '12
St. Louis, Missouri

Get involved in a local congregation very quickly, and I mean really involved. Submit to an eldership. Teach children's classes, agree to usher, or do whatever you would at your home congregation. Don't allow chapel, club devotionals and Bible classes to be a substitute for participating with the church as the Bible instructs.

PHILLIP YOUNG, '95
Columbia, Tennessee

NEXT ISSUE'S QUESTION:
What is one thing you wish you could go back and tell yourself about life after graduation?
Email your answer to this question to hardingmag@harding.edu or write us at *Harding Magazine*, 915 E. Market Ave., Box 12234, Searcy, AR 72149-5615. Your response could appear on this page in our spring issue.

It took two tries, but freshman Zach Fryxell dunks while jumping over President Bruce McLarty at Midnight Madness Oct. 19, 2015.
PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY





Cox selected Educator of the Year

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERIOR DESIGNERS named Amy Cox, assistant professor of interior design, Educator of the Year for the South Central region.

The South Central region of ASID includes schools in Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana. Cox is both a professional and an educator member. The award is described by ASID as “the highest award bestowed by ASID on society members at the chapter level in recognition of outstanding service and significant contributions to their chapter and to the body of knowledge that supports the profession of interior design.”

“To be given an honor is great, but when you really look at it, they wouldn’t see me as being accomplished if my students weren’t accomplished,” Cox said.

Harding’s interior design program is more than 20 years old, and Cox has been a professor in the department since 2001.

“When I got out of school, I started interior design. I worked for architectural firms and hospitals,” she said. “I really loved it. Then Harding needed someone to work as an adjunct in 2000. I was doing a job that allowed my schedule to have a day off. I would drive up here, teach one class and then go back to Little Rock.”

Cox never expected to become a teacher.

“I had a wonderful art teacher in high school who also was the basketball coach. He was an intense man, and he took that same intensity into the art classroom. He was exciting, and he motivated me,” Cox said. “He asked me, ‘Have you ever thought about teaching?’ I just laughed and said, ‘No,’ and that was the end of it.”

When the opportunity was presented to teach at Harding, Cox talked to her husband and visited a friend to receive advice. She told her friend about the job offer, and her friend replied, “What have you prayed for?”

“I told her I prayed I would do whatever is best for my family and that God would give me a mission and show me where he wants me to serve and be a minister for him,” Cox said. “She looked at me and said, ‘Do you think you’re praying for something new when actually this is an answer to an old prayer?’ I said, ‘I think I’m going to Harding.’”

When she accepted the position, her daughters were 2 and 4 years old. Teaching at Harding allowed Cox to spend summers with her young girls and gave her an environment where she felt at home.

“It gave me an opportunity to minister. It put me in what was probably the best job that could ever be for me,” Cox said. “It fits me perfectly because God designed me that way. It uses all the gifts that God has given me.”

Harding’s interior design program just completed its second accreditation in fall 2015. The first accreditation was completed successfully in 2009.

Cox described the standards for interior design accreditation as rigorous. There are only two other universities in Arkansas that are accredited in interior design.

Students and professors get to know each other well because there are only 35 students

in the program. Cox said successfully going through the accreditation process proves to everyone that Harding has a good quality program.

“It is such a family. I have students their first year and then again all the way through their last year,” she said. “One of the most rewarding things about teaching here is that I have an incredible relationship opportunity with everybody.”

Cox said that this job allows her to use the business side as well as the art side of her brain. She was complimentary of her students and emphasized they are the ones who deserve this award.

“It’s more of an honor for the whole department than it is for me individually, and that’s really important. It’s not that I have single-handedly done wonderful things,” she said. “I couldn’t have if the students hadn’t worked so hard and performed so amazingly.”



Amy Cox discusses the specific elements of JoAnn Rutherford’s design project. Cox enjoys one-on-one time getting to know her students.

PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

Relay for Life sets records

HARDING HOSTED its eighth Relay for Life event on the front lawn Oct. 9, 2015. Despite rain, the event attracted more participating teams than ever with 25 and raised a record high \$16,346.

“We had everything you could possibly imagine there,” said graduate student and event student director Emily Parsons. “We also had some activities like a rock climbing wall, henna tattoos, T-shirts, giant human spheres and a dunk tank.”

Participants at Relay for Life celebrated the lives of people who have battled cancer, remembered those whose lives were lost, and showed support for those fighting back. Teams manned a booth throughout the night and took turns walking around the quad. Booths with food and activities lined the sidewalks of the front lawn and provided entertainment and fun for those who attended.

The Cannon-Clary College of Education formed a team to rally around Associate Professor of Education Todd Patten and Assistant Professor of Education Amy Adair, who are currently battling prostate cancer and breast cancer, respectively. As a fundraiser, members of the college could wear jeans to work the whole week leading up to the event for a minimum donation of \$20. Together, the college raised \$1,247.

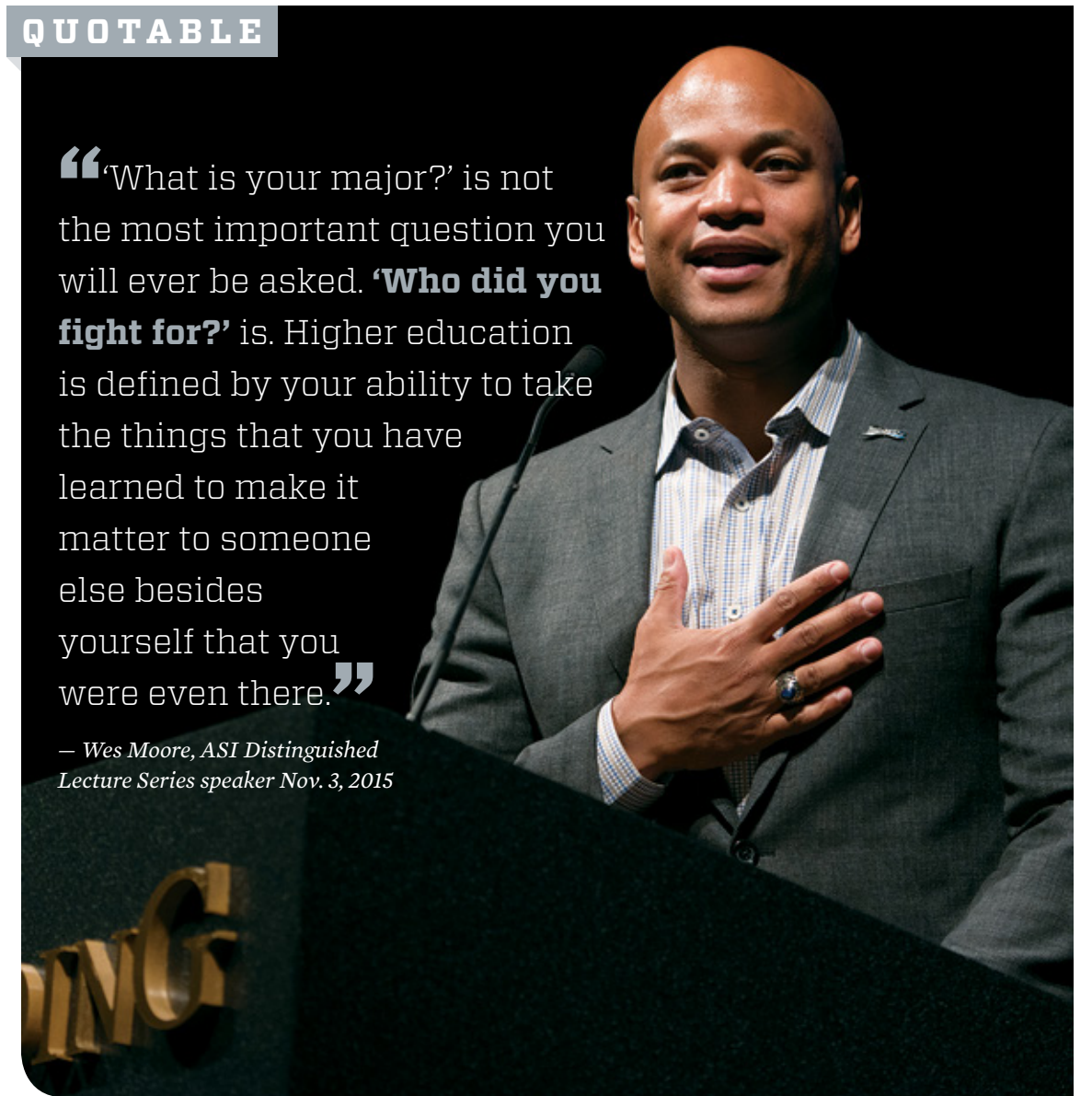
“I am no stranger to Relay for Life, but this was my first time attending the Harding event, and it was a unique experience,” said Nicole Slagter, member of the College of Education’s team. “Aside from all the money raised for the American Cancer Society, the best part about Relay is the feeling of rallying together for a great cause. Cancer has touched all of us in one way or another, and Relay is

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QUOTABLE

“‘What is your major?’ is not the most important question you will ever be asked. **‘Who did you fight for?’** is. Higher education is defined by your ability to take the things that you have learned to make it matter to someone else besides yourself that you were even there.”

— Wes Moore, ASI Distinguished Lecture Series speaker Nov. 3, 2015



not only our chance to celebrate our survivors and remember those who have lost their battle; it is a chance for us to feel like we can fight back and make a difference.”

Faculty adviser for the event and Assistant Professor of Education Lisa Bryant has been coordinating both Harding’s Relay for Life event and the White County community event since 2013. She first began participating in Relay for Life in 2001 when she joined a team with one of her son’s

kindergarten classes.

“One of my grandmothers died of cancer in 1984 while I was in high school, the other in 1996. My mother died in 2000 of cancer,” Bryant said. “Both of my sons were young at the time, and it made a huge impact on them. I needed to feel like I was doing something to fight this horrible disease that has touched all of us.”

The event also includes a survivor’s lap and a luminaria ceremony where people can purchase

a paper bag where candles are placed and lit to decorate in remembrance or honor of someone. For Parsons, the survivor’s lap is her favorite part.

“For some of these people, this is their first time saying to a larger group other than their family that they’ve struggled or battled with cancer,” she said. “Just to watch them take that lap with their husbands, their wives and their kids and to see their joy in their face is amazing.”



Garden high-tech

THE FIRST LADIES GARDEN, dedicated in a ceremony at Homecoming Oct. 24, 2015, not only honors the past, present and future first ladies of Harding but also recognizes women who have made a difference at Harding.

This new area of campus includes a technological feature that sends information about the area to mobile devices in range. Using Bluetooth and an app called Beaconage, visitors of the garden can learn more about the five first ladies of the University and the history behind various spots of the garden.

"After you install the app, run it, and get within 100 meters of a beacon, the app will pop up a message that will take you to the Web page," Assistant Vice President of Information Systems and Technology Mike Chalenburg said. "It actually behaves quite a bit like a QR code except you don't take a picture."

Women for Harding announced plans for the garden in April 2013 at their annual national council luncheon. Construction began summer 2015, and money for the project has been fundraised from almost exclusively female graduates.

The garden incorporates a water feature with a sculpture, a colonnade, benches, five distinct gardens for the first ladies, and a Legacy Wall of Honor with plaques commemorating women from Harding's history. There are specific beacons installed for Woodson Armstrong, Sallie Benson, Louise Ganus, Leah Burks and Ann McLarty.



Workers begin cleanup of the mechanical building destroyed in a fire Nov. 15, 2015.

Fire destroys mechanical building

ON SUNDAY, NOV. 15, 2015, University Public Safety and the Searcy fire department responded to a fire reported early that morning in a mechanical building behind the Farrar and Swaid Centers for Health Sciences. The building was unoccupied at the time, and first responders contained the fire within the hour.

The building housed the heating and cooling equipment and technology functionalities for the two health science facilities and was a total loss due to the damage. The structure also contained fiber optic cables that provided network and phone services for the Reynolds Center for Music and Communication, Ganus Athletic Center, physical therapy building, and Lott R. Tucker Physical Resources Building.

"Because of advance planning, we had fiber optic cable that followed two different paths to the Reynolds, GAC and Tucker buildings," said Mike Chalenburg, assistant vice president for Information Systems and Technology. "We were able to bring service back to those three buildings by changing connections in the Administration building and the Reynolds building. Then we were able to get Farrar and Swaid back in service by about midnight Nov. 16, less than 48 hours after the fire."

By Nov. 18, IT had restored phone and network services to all affected buildings, and by Nov. 24, physical resources had restored heating and cooling capabilities to the health sciences buildings. Physical Resources has rebuilt the structure entirely, and IT is working to evaluate where technology improvements can be made.

"Our current project related to the fire is to get estimates of what it will take to restore our infrastructure to a condition that we can expect to last long term," Chalenburg said. "We will also be taking this opportunity to improve some things where technology has advanced over the years since the building was built."

See Harding from home

THIS PAST FALL, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions launched a new way for prospective students to see Harding without ever leaving home. The virtual campus tour, powered by YouVisit, allows students, as well as parents, alumni and donors, to explore campus through their computer screens or mobile devices.

"According to YouVisit, universities that offer a virtual campus tour option actually experience an increase in physical campus visits," Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Management Glenn Dillard said. "We are hopeful that allowing students and their families to tour the campus from home will generate more interest to join us on campus in person. Since 75 percent of Harding students do not come from our home state, the tour should be a way for students who live hours away to see our beautiful campus in a different format than the regular printed format of a brochure."

The finished product, located on the University website, guides viewers around campus with a female tour guide describing various stops, like the David B. Burks American Heritage Center or Legacy Park, along the way.

"The copy was written from the perspective of what we would say to a first-time campus guest," Dillard said.

Viewers can see a 360-degree view from the 50-yard line of First Security Stadium, from the middle of the cafeteria, from inside a room in Sears and Armstrong Halls, and more.

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SEEN on SOCIAL MEDIA



Robin-Shawn Starck Harding's beautiful campus brings back wonderful memories!!
OCTOBER 22



Liz Danger Yielding Just the feeling of home Harding welcomes you with when you come back — it's like a giant hug.
OCTOBER 22



Susan Shirel @SusanShirel "Home" has many meanings. Today, I'm grateful for my Harding home! #comehomeHU
OCTOBER 23



Brian Bush @brianbushok Becca and I were so honored to receive the @Harding U Outstanding Young Alumni award from @BruceMcLarty last night.
OCTOBER 24



Rachel Lathrop @rachaaal Youngest person in alumni chapel and don't even care. I'm just mad my voice is gone so I can't sing my favorite hymns! #comehomeHU
OCTOBER 24



Angela Sheffield @angieshef Thanks for a great Homecoming @HardingU & thank you for giving my children a home that keeps God first.
OCTOBER 25



EVENTS

FEB. 9

Exploring Race Relations: An Honest Conversation

Tackling a difficult and much debated topic, the American Studies Institute will host a panel featuring Elijah Anthony, 1968 graduate; Fred Gray, former attorney for Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks; Anastasia Pittman, Oklahoma senator; and Howard Wright, member of the Harding Board of Trustees. The panel will be moderated by President Bruce McLarty. www.harding.edu/asi/lectures

MARCH 24-26

Spring Sing

Spring Sing 2016 is all about celebrating the music, movies and pop culture of the '70s and '80s on stage with the

theme "Retro-bution." For the second time in the production's history, four men will host the show. More than 1,000 students will be involved in eight club shows performed to benefit eight different charity organizations. www.harding.edu/springsing

APRIL 7

ASI speaker David Barton

David Barton is founder and president of WallBuilders, a national, pro-family organization that presents America's forgotten history and heroes with an emphasis on our moral, religious and constitutional heritage. His research has rendered him an expert in historical and constitutional issues, and he serves as a consultant to state and federal legislators. www.harding.edu/asi/lectures

APRIL 14-16 & 21-23

One Act Festival

Focusing on the artistic process, the festival will present "The Eye of the Artist: Breath of Inspiration" and "The Eye of the Artist: What's the Point?" in Ulrey Performing Arts Center. www.harding.edu/theatre

MAY 7

Spring commencement

Divided into three ceremonies in Benson Auditorium, spring commencement honors graduates from every college and awards degrees from bachelor's to doctorates. www.harding.edu/graduation

For a complete list of events, visit www.harding.edu/calendar.

BY THE NUMBERS

GLOBAL MISSIONS EXPERIENCE

11

Number of Christian schools participating

767

Number of registered participants

187

Number of people who made a pledge to become full-time, long-term missionaries

60

Number of presenters

30

Number of countries represented

190

Number of students who stayed in the Global Village

1,100

Number of people who participated, including day visitors and evening attendees





Everyday STUDENT

DECEMBER GRADUATE AND BISON FOOTBALL PLAYER
DAVON MORGAN NAVIGATES ATHLETICS AND ACADEMICS

MAKING A BIG MOVE Davon Morgan joined the Harding family in fall 2013 after transferring from City College of San Francisco on a football scholarship. A family friend and Harding alumnus told Davon about the football program, and after one visit, Morgan said he loved the atmosphere. “The coaches showed so much love. I talked to them and met some other people on campus,” said Morgan. “It’s so different from back home. Everyone is so nice. My mom loved Harding and the Christian atmosphere.”

A PART OF THE TEAM Morgan played strong safety on the football team for two years, during which he traveled with the team and played several home games in front of Harding fans. “The farthest we have traveled is Oklahoma, but the trips are the best part. We drive there and eat dinner, but the fun part is we are all there together. Those trips bond the team more than anything else.”

NEW ROUTINES This was Morgan’s first semester to watch Harding games from the stands, but it was a new experience he said he enjoyed. “This semester I have had a lot more time on my hands. It’s hard being a student athlete, taking all of these classes, trying to graduate on time, focusing on football, and having a job. It was tough.”

A MAJOR DEBACLE Morgan, originally from Oakland, California, graduated in December 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice. Morgan said in high school he thought he would major in kinesiology until he took a law enforcement class, and it changed his mind.

CHOOSING A CAREER “I have always been interested in law enforcement. I realized every athlete does kinesiology, and it’s a hard field to actually be successful in. I eventually want to go federal, maybe go into the FBI. I think it will depend on how I like the department I’m working at in California.”

IT’S GREAT TO BE AT HARDING After calling Harding home for more than two years, Morgan returned to California after graduation to begin his career, but he is thankful for his time at Harding. “The positives being a Harding student for me are the relationships I’ve built, getting closer to God, and experiencing a different culture here in Searcy since it is way different than California.”

— Anna Winchester



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NEWSMAKERS

COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH

Dr. **Dan Tullos**, professor and chair of the department of communication sciences and disorders, received the Frank R. Kleffner Clinical Career Award from the Arkansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association state convention in October 2015.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Students won awards in the media competition at the South Central Broadcasting Society convention in Dallas in October 2015: Senior **Katie Clement** won grand prize in audio documentary for her piece, “Artist Spotlight: Gene Autry,” and she was also named a finalist in radio announcing. Graduate **Paige Hale** was named a finalist in the audio documentary category for her piece, “Beatles at the Ridge.” Graduate **Ansley Watson** was named a finalist in video hard news/spot news for her piece, “Search For Malik.” Senior **Alex Valdes** was named a finalist in video spot production for his piece, “TV 16 News Promo.” Valdes, sophomore **Chance Gowan** and graduate **Kinsey Beck** received grand prize in video information/entertainment shorts for their piece, “Harding University Softball.” The Harding University Live at Five news team was also named a finalist in video newscast.

At a debate tournament at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, in October 2015, the following students received awards: Freshman **Kirsten Book** placed as fifth speaker in novice debate, and junior **Grayson Piershale** won fifth in varsity. Book advanced to quarters in novice debate while Piershale advanced to octofinals in varsity. Freshman **Emily Waldrum** advanced to octofinals in varsity; junior **Ryann Money** advanced to semifinals in varsity, tying for third; and senior **Hamilton Frye** advanced to finals in novice debate and won second place.

COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND MINISTRY

Devin Swindle, assistant professor, successfully defended his dissertation at Harding School of Theology to earn a Doctor of Ministry degree. His dissertation is titled “The Kerusso Experience as a Resource for the Harding University Center for Preaching.”

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Dr. **Allen Frazier**, associate professor and dean, was named to the board of directors of the Society of the Advancement of Management for 2015-16 in October 2015.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Leeann Howard, instructor, successfully defended her dissertation in August 2015 to earn a Ph.D. from the Graduate School of Northcentral University. Her dissertation title is “Learner Outcomes in Graduate Reading Programs: A Comparison of Knowledge Levels Among Arkansas Universities.”

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Dr. **Kaci Bohn**, assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences, was appointed to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing by Gov. Asa Hutchinson in October 2015. **Rodney Richmond**, associate professor of pharmacy practice, was elected by the Board of Commissioners in Geriatric Pharmacy as chair-elect in October 2015. **Samantha** and **Daniel Bailey**, fourth-year pharmacy students, won the 2015 Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists Clinical Skills Competition in October 2015.

HERITAGE INN

David Hall was selected as the new manager in November, replacing **Vickie Walton**, who retired. He adds the Heritage Inn to his bookstore manager duties.

MY VIEW JEFF HOPPER

Terrorism, travel and fear

On Nov. 13, 2015, news came flooding in of devastating attacks on the city of Paris in six different locations. The terrorist group ISIS took credit for explosions and shootings that killed more than a hundred people and injured hundreds more. Paris tightened border controls, the French Air Force launched a bombing mission on Raqqa in Syria, and a worldwide manhunt for the individuals responsible began. Harding magazine sat down with Jeff Hopper, director of international programs, to discuss travel in the midst of terrorism.

THE HORRIFIC ATTACK on civilians in Paris tore at our hearts and reminded us of the forces of evil operating in the world. As I write this, the governments of Russia, China, Great Britain, France, Israel, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and the United States, along with many other countries, have declared a “war on terror” because of this attack. When can we ever recall these countries pursuing a common goal? The war on terror represents an appropriate response to the harming of innocents and the perpetuation of an ideology that is not compatible with living together in peace.

Some individuals choose to shelter themselves from the harm being inflicted on others. But as ISIS itself has declared and as past events have shown, we are not immune to terrorist attacks in the United States. A key component of terrorist attacks is that they are unpredictable by design. What are we to do — go to war or shelter in place?

There is a third option. And that op-

tion is surfacing from survivors of the Paris attacks and from those who don’t want terrorism to control their lives. They choose to proceed with caution living their lives.

We, too, can make this choice. But we can never know for certain that something will be safe. I unconsciously take risks every time I get into my car or cross the street as a pedestrian. Still, I drive and walk, proceeding with caution but not with fear.


In the Bible, most of the references to fear are concerned with fearing God. He is the maker of all things and likewise can, if and when he chooses, be the destroyer of all things. Many of these “fear” references were written before Jesus lived among us. But after Jesus conquered death, the apostle John wrote: “There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us” (1 John 4:18-19). 



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Coming back

By SCOTT GOODE, assistant athletic director for sports information

FOR HARDING'S TWO newest head coaches, coming back to Searcy is something they thought they might never have a chance to do.

David Redding and Jon Ireland will both be joining the coaching staff in January — Redding as the men's and women's tennis coach and Ireland as the men's soccer coach. Both have lifelong ties to Harding.

Redding's father, Jim, played basketball for the Bisons in the early 60s and sent his son to Harding's basketball camp after his freshman year of high school.

"Harding was always on my radar from an early age," Redding says. "[Former Harding tennis coach David Elliott] started writing me during my freshman or sophomore year. I really did not seriously consider any other school. Harding just pulled at my heart, and it was a great fit."

Redding began his tennis career at Harding in the 1979-80 season and won 18 of his 21 matches. By his sophomore season, he had become the Bisons' top player. That year he went 32-4, still the second-most wins in a season by a Harding player. Redding added 24 more wins as a junior and 18 as a senior and graduated with 92 singles victories, one of only three Harding tennis players to reach 90 or more in a career. Redding earned All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference honors three times, twice earned NAIA All-Academic honors, and in 1983 received the NAIA Arthur Ashe Award

for Leadership and Sportsmanship.

"He had the ability to rise to another level when the lights came on," Elliott remembers of Redding. "When it was time to play matches, he was going to win."

As Redding's playing days ended, he always thought in the back of his mind that he would like to come back to Harding and coach.

"I had no idea that Coach Elliott would stay for four decades!" Redding says with a laugh.

Redding and his wife, Kay, moved to Dallas and both got jobs they enjoyed. He began

thought he would never receive. Ruiz became the representative for Wilson Tennis in Chicago, working with professional tennis players around the world.

Redding was ready for a change as well. He had turned in his retirement at the Northwood Club. About a week later, he and his wife were on a trip to Colorado to play in a charity pickleball tournament. Pickleball is a sport similar to tennis, played indoors on a smaller court with a wooden paddle. Redding is a national champion in the sport, winning the 50-and-over doubles national championship this year.

"We were getting off the plane when my phone rang, and it was [athletic director] Greg Harnden," Redding remembers. "I thought he was calling to ask me to make a contribution to Harding."

The Reddings got to their rental car and returned the call.

"What would it take for me to convince you to come back to Harding as the tennis coach?" Harnden asked.

"It took Kay about 30 seconds to realize what the call was about," Redding says. "She started crying.

I put the phone down and asked her if those were happy tears or sad tears. When she said 'happy,' I was so glad.

"It was a dream deferred. God's timing is so incredible. Now at this time in my life, I think I'll be a better coach than I would have been when I thought it was the right time."

For Ireland, it will be his second return to Searcy.



David Redding



Jon Ireland

working at the Northwood Club and became its director of tennis in 1989.

"After I got established in Dallas, my dream of becoming Harding's tennis coach began to fade," Redding says. "Kay and I thought the door had closed."

That all changed when Harding tennis coach Marco Ruiz received an offer he could not refuse, and Redding got the offer he

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BY THE NUMBERS

12 Men's cross-country team's best finishing place by junior Lucas Goodspeed, who earned All-Central Region honors at the Central Regional in Joplin, Missouri, Nov. 7. Goodspeed was the team's top finisher in four of seven meets this season including at the Great American Conference Meet where he placed third overall.

21:00.4 Senior women's cross-country runner Ewa Zaborowska's time in placing 19th at the NCAA Division II National Championship in Joplin, Missouri, where she earned her second All-America honor. Zaborowska's time was the second-fastest 6K time ever run by a Lady Bison at the national championship, where the team finished 17th.

19 School-record number of touchdowns junior quarterback Park Parish rushed for in 2015. Parish broke Alan Dixon's 43-year-old record of 17 rushing touchdowns and also tied Dixon's record by scoring a rushing touchdown

in 10 consecutive games. The Bison football team finished 7-4.

6 Number of consecutive games junior Jackson Buchanan scored a goal, setting a Harding soccer record. The previous record was four games. Buchanan's streak began against Delta State Sept. 29. He broke the record at Southern Nazarene with a goal in his fifth-straight game.

23 Number of goals scored by freshman midfielder Bethany Sutherland, who shattered the team's single-season record of 17. Her 23 goals ranked fourth in NCAA Division II in 2015. The Lady Bison soccer team was 15-4-2 overall, 10-1-1 in conference and made it to the NCAA tournament.

159 Number of blocks by freshman volleyball player Zoe Hardin in 2015, the most by a Lady Bison since Delana Keilers had 182 blocks in 2000.

Ireland was born and grew up in Searcy, playing soccer with his brothers on teams in Central Arkansas.

But when it came time for Ireland to play college soccer, the University had not yet started its intercollegiate program.

"We heard rumors of Harding starting a men's team, and I was excited about that, but my freshman year I went to Carson-Newman," Ireland says.

"When Harding started the men's program in 2000, I was thrilled to come back and play with my brother Jeff," Ireland says. "It's always special to play on the first team, and it was a chance to come back home."

Ireland played 32 games with the Bisons over three seasons and had five goals and 12 assists. For the last two seasons, he played alongside his brother. In 2002, their final season together, Harding won seven games, still tied for the most in program history. Ireland earned All-Gulf South Conference and Academic All-GAC honors as a senior.

After graduating in 2003, Ireland stayed in Searcy and served as a volunteer assistant with the soccer programs. He got his first head coaching job at Faulkner University in 2006, then coached at Lipscomb University, and was in his fourth season as the men's head coach at York College in Nebraska this year.

Ireland was not sure that there would be a second chance to come back to Harding.

"You always think, 'Maybe I'll get to come back,'" Ireland says. "But you never really know if you will get that opportunity."

When York's season ended, the call came to come back.

"I thought, 'Maybe this is my time to finally come home again,'" Ireland says. "It is hard to put into words the excitement and surprise I feel. I am back near my family and back where I grew up. There is also the emotional pull of the soccer program. I was there at the start. I've seen it struggle, and I want to try to build the program and make it successful."

Two coaches, same dream, both now with the opportunity they had always hoped for.



Freshman midfielder Bethany Sutherland gets in position to score one of her two goals in the women's soccer team 2-0 victory over Southern Nazarene in the semifinals of the Great American Conference Tournament Nov. 5, 2015.

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UP CLOSE

By JENNIFER HANNIGAN

Photography by JEFF MONTGOMERY

For one week in the fall, the University campus changes colors, but it is not the autumn leaves. The students themselves suddenly become red, pink, orange, green, blue and purple. Jousts on the front lawn are standard; it is not uncommon to see girls with ladybug antennae; and Ganus Athletic Center rumbles with cheers, train whistles and roller coasters late into the night. While this legendary week has been called many things — exciting and exhausting, silly and stressful, pledge week and club week — it has always been a memorable time on campus.

THE CUTIE PIE PROCESS

Freshman public relations major Lexi Hoagland came to the University hungry for a place to share her faith and a group of girls who embodied that same desire.

“In Denver, having faith is not the most popular thing to show off,” Hoagland says. “In looking at the ladies of Ju Go Ju, I saw their lives being formed around Christ and not earthly treasures.”

At a club open house early in the semester, Hoagland spoke to Ju Go Ju member Morgan Gill. That day had been difficult for Hoagland because her triplet brother had been in a car wreck. When Gill asked how her day had been, Hoagland began to cry.

“As I was crying, she cried with me,” Hoagland says. “She made me feel like I was cared about. She went out of her way to get to know me on a deeper level.”

From that initial introduction, Hoagland felt bonded to Ju Go Ju and its members. She felt accepted for who she was and quickly decided that she wanted to be a Ju Go Ju cutie pie.

Club week began with a mix of excitement and nerves for Hoagland. Decked out with the requisite purple bow and dressed in club colors, new members collected signatures of all of the members in their club books.

A purple handprint applied by Ju Go Ju senior member Madison Kelly completes freshman Lexi Hoagland's look for all-club activities in the Ganus Athletic Center during club week Oct. 26-30, 2015.





Mixing it up

“PLANNING FOR Ju Go Ju open houses and mixers was a fun process,” says Hannah Ware ('09) Herriman, who served as vice president and club week organizer. From its traditional themes (like the chocolate mixer) to new ones (like “70 years from now”), the women’s club uses these events early in the semester to meet and connect with potential members.

“At each of our mixers, we had time to socialize and mingle with everyone in the crowd, but we also included activities aimed to ensure every member had a chance to get to know the attendees,” Herriman says. “For potential members, it allowed them to make an educated decision on which club was the right fit for them. For the members, it allowed us to get to know potential members before they joined our club. Once they became members, we already had established relationships with these girls, which helped keep our club a close-knit group of friends.”

Those bonds lasted well beyond the choice to join Ju Go Ju for Herriman, and the friendships she made from mixers, club week and the rest of her Harding experience continued after graduation.

“Being a part of a club was, by far, the best decision I made during my time at Harding,” Herriman says. “This year marks 10 years since I was a freshman at Harding and pledged Ju Go Ju. Even though we live across the country and are all on different paths, there is a piece of my heart that is always tied to those ladies. They grew up with me, from 18-year-old kids to grown women who are all strong, successful adults.”

The new members were given big brothers to help them through the week and provide support.

“I knew my big a little before the week started, and now we’re really good friends. We would go to Sonic at the end of the day, and it was really nice because it showed me what being in the club after this week would be like.”

Club week activities began at 5:30 p.m. most evenings and didn’t

“We also had to be first to breakfast because ladies are always first!” Hoagland says.

On Monday night of club week, Ju Go Ju met with Pi Theta Phi women’s club for a devotional focused on serving one another. At the end, Ju Go Ju and Pi Theta Phi women washed one another’s feet.

“I was skeptical at first, but as the night progressed, I started to realize the importance and meaning. I had seen foot washing done before but had never done it myself. It was one of my favorite parts of the week.”

All-club devo in Ganus Athletic Center capped off the night, a part of the day to which Hoagland always looked forward.

“I love to go all out when it comes to being excited for something, so all club was a lot of fun,” she says. “It was neat to see everyone at the end of the day like that and see each club’s personality. It was also a great way to encourage one another after a long day.”

As the week went on, Hoagland felt the effects of little sleep and lots of scheduled activities. The strong emphasis placed on knowing everyone’s name as well as other club facts was a burden because Hoagland struggles with memorization. But the other new members quickly rallied around her for support.

“They really helped me along the way,” she says. “I had a lot of close friends coming in before the process started, but coming out of it, I now have 30 because of the week.”

Hoagland also found support from her two brothers who were also going through the club process and her “bigs” — upper-classmen in Ju Go Ju who mentored her.

“I had two bigs, and I was lucky enough that one of my bigs was the president of Ju Go Ju. She had been through this week, too, and told me I could do it. She was very helpful and a great support.”

As the end of the week approached, nerves grew. Many of the older members built up Friday night’s activities, and new members began to worry because they didn’t know what was in store.

“We had bonded throughout the week and really relied on each other Friday night because we didn’t know what to expect,” Hoagland says.

But the hype was just that, and the evening really focused on each

new member’s reason for wanting to be in Ju Go Ju and celebrating their new bond of sisterhood.

With club week finished, Hoagland is excited to be a part of Ju Go Ju, which is celebrating its 90th year.

“Building up my faith while in Ju Go Ju is what I’m really looking forward to because I haven’t experienced that before. I really want to get a lot out of it spiritually and especially bonding closer to the girls. It’s cool to think about when I’m in a hard spot or in a rough patch that I can count on any one of those girls.”

THE PATH TO BECOMING A CHI SIG

For Harding Humphries from Midland, Texas, choosing a club was challenging at first. But once he got to know the men of Chi Sigma Alpha through mixers and club week, he knew he had found where he needed to be.

“At mixers, I realized I clicked with a lot more of the Chi Sigs guys. And the club week process, especially Friday night, really cemented that I had made the right decision.”

Induction night marked the beginning of the week, and all of the new members lined up in a hallway of the David B. Burks American Heritage Building waiting to enter the room to introduce themselves to the rest of the club.

“I was nervous about induction night because I had no idea what to expect from that,” Humphries says. “They told us to sign the club book and introduce ourselves to the group. I found out later that the older members weren’t supposed to laugh when we spoke, so after I had introduced myself, it went silent. It felt so serious. I was a little nervous for what was coming, but once everyone came in, there was a huge round of applause. Then I realized this was going to be a lot of fun.”

conclude until after all-club devo at 11 p.m. A freshman accounting major, Humphries then had to go catch up on his homework and try to find time to sleep.

“The main thing that made the week hard was the lack of free time. I hardly ever had time to get my homework done during the day. I was up until 2:30 a.m. most nights.”

The highlight of the week came with Friday night’s events. The members drove out to a farm where they were lined up on a hill and brought down one by one to approach the other members.

“They were all standing in a semicircle facing me,” Humphries says. “I walked up,



Harding Humphries joins his brothers in riding the Chi Sig roller coaster during all-club activities in the Ganus Athletic Center Oct. 26-30, 2015.



Unifying

CHI SIGMA ALPHA SPONSOR and former member Kevin Stewart ('97) looks forward to Friday night of club week and what it represents.

“Unity night is one of my favorite nights of club week,” Stewart says. “Many of the activities we do that night haven’t changed since I joined Chi Sigs in 1993. The focus of the night has changed over the years. Instead of new members doing the activities while old members stand around, the club works together as a whole to accomplish the activities.”

The evening serves as the culmination of club week activities and the beginning of lifelong friendships.

“It really shows how we are all one group of brothers working together toward the same goal.”

and they asked why I deserved to be in Chi Sigs. I wasn’t prepared for that, so I struggled with what to say. Before I could get through it, my big stepped forward and spoke on my behalf about my qualities and why I deserved to be in Chi Sigs.”

The rest of the evening was dedicated to strengthening the members’ relationships and focusing on God.

“It really made me feel like part of the club by the end of it. I realized that this club was going to benefit me in more ways than just socially. I am going to have a great group of guys to hang out with, and everyone there has a common goal where we’re pushing each other toward Christ.”

INVIGORATING ICELAND

Text and photography by ASHEL PARSONS

Waterfalls line ancient sea cliffs. Colorful, ash-covered mountains roll through the backcountry where clean, crisp air is all around. Moss-covered lava fields stretch for miles. Glaciers flow frozen down mountainsides. Steam rises from the ground signaling a hot spring. Fresh streams run clear. Iceland displays the earth's constant motion to students studying at Harding University England on their 10-day tour before arriving in London. This excursion offers students a vast display of geological formations along with a taste of Icelandic culture. While touring through the southern region, students witness nature boasting of beauty and purity in unique ways. They learn from the people of Iceland, passionate about the myths and legends of their past and proud of the nature of their land with which they innovate ways to naturally run their country. Iceland provides a visually dynamic and culturally diverse springboard for students as they journey into learning from experience while studying abroad.

Iceland's landscape is unique and visually stunning. Students often took short hikes through the rough terrain to take in the sights.



Sophomore Heather Anderson snaps a selfie in front of one of Iceland's iconic waterfalls, Skógafoss. The alluring sights right off the road were wonderful from the bus but even more inspiring up close.



Overcast days are beautiful in Iceland. Students looked forward to walking the black-pebbled beach near Vík on the southern coast.

ICELAND



The Northern Lights stretch over the sky on a moonlit night. Students were pleasantly surprised when they got the chance to see a glimpse of the lights late one night while staying out in the country.



Svartifoss falls beautifully over dark lava columns. This distinct waterfall was a short hike into the Skaftafell National Park, and the basalt columns were familiar formations seen throughout Iceland.

Walking behind Seljalandsfoss provides a special experience for intrigued students. The 200-foot waterfall was visible from miles away and only grew to impress students the closer they got to it.

ICELAND

Boating through Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon gives students a rare perspective on the massive icebergs. At the foot of Vatnajökull glacier, icebergs slowly drifted out to sea as they melted away.



Resting alongside a glacier, junior Hannah Reimert takes time to appreciate the moment. The group would stop along their southern coast route to enjoy scenic landscapes.



ICELAND

The sun rises over Iceland's backcountry. After touring the southern coast, students made it inland for a night in cabins surrounded by rolling mountains and winding rivers.



The warm steam of the Blue Lagoon fills the area above the soothing water. Students ended their time in Iceland relaxing in the vibrant blue water.



T.J. Winslow has his ankle taped by senior athletic training major Owen Flowers while trainer Ben Buterbaugh and senior athletic training major Tracy Maré help prepare other Bison football players for the last home game of the 2015 season.

Taping a player pregame, senior athletic training major Tracy Maré enjoys the rapport she has built working with the Bison football team during the 2015 season.

10 a.m. | Thirteen student athletic trainers arrive in the Jim City Football and Athletic Training Complex for pregame preparations.

Rolls of tape are stacked up and ready beside each seat of the taping table. The sound of running water and concrete scraping can be heard from the hydrotherapy room where blue water bottles and jugs line the shelves on the wall as senior Owen Flowers of Dexter, Missouri, fills containers and moves them around the room. Senior and Tampa, Florida, native Tracy Maré walks around with a long list of things to do and items to take out to the field. The list is made before each game to make sure the student trainers are well prepared for anything that could happen on the field. It also details needed items in both the home and visiting teams' locker rooms.

While some trainers are preparing inside the training facility, another group of trainers sets up tables and stations on both the home and visitor's side of the field. For the entire day, the sole focus for these student athletic trainers is to protect the well-being of the athletes and prepare for any actions they might have to take to prevent injury or harm.

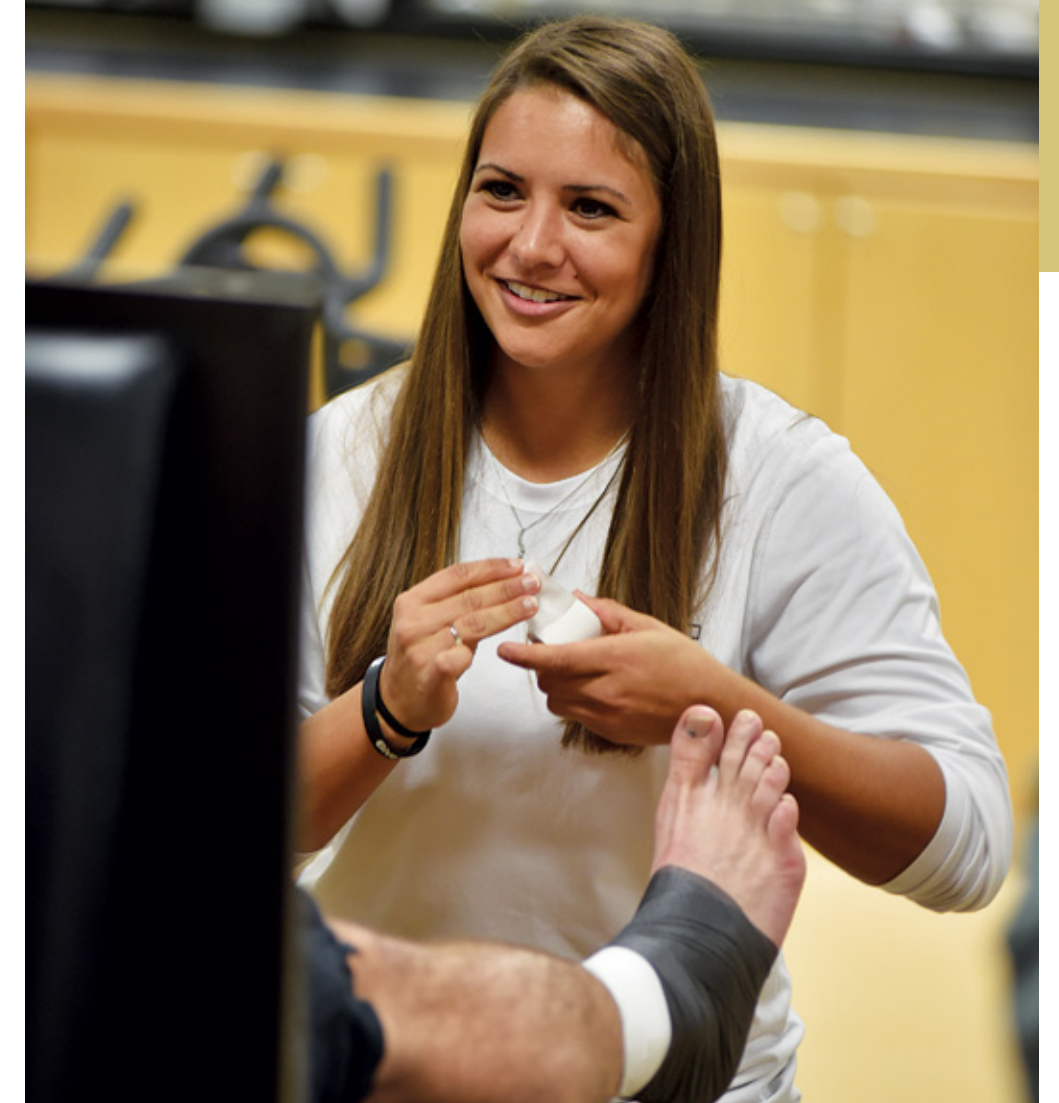
"It's a big responsibility and a big job," Tracy says. "We see a different side of the day because we're very involved in making sure that the athletes are healthy, that they do their best when they play, and that they feel good about what they're doing. We do so many different things."

10:35 a.m. | Student trainers head out to the field to set up water stations. A few students begin walking over the field to search for divots in the turf that need to be filled.

Owen works with another student trainer to carry a jug of water over to a table. When he first came to college, he had no idea in what area he wanted to major.

"I was going through a list of things that I enjoyed," he says. "I like being outside, I like athletics, I didn't want to be stuck in an office all day, and I like the medical field. Athletic training was the only major that incorporated all of that into one big bundle."

Owen worked with the football team some during the 2014-15 season. On his first



game day with the team last year, he had a moment of realization.

"We'd been doing preseason practices every day and seemingly just filling up water bottles, setting up and taking down," he says. "But then the first game day, we were out on the sideline with them, and I knew I was there to do a big job."

10:45 a.m. | Tracy walks up into the bleachers and sits in her usual place where she prays for the team before every home game. Owen tags along and says a prayer for the day.

Being with the team on a regular basis allows student trainers to build relationships with players and coaches and see how God is moving through the program.

"The coaches' theme is 'honor God,' and they preach to the players every day about being men who honor God before anything else," Tracy says. "That's a huge focus of their program in addition to wanting them to be successful on the field and in the classroom. More than that, they want them to be successful in their relationships with Christ."

It's really special to see that and be able to witness that happening."

11:25 a.m. | Tracy rounds up the group of student trainers for a photo. They notice someone is missing and look around the room. Owen leans on some exercise equipment, eyes glued to the Lady Bison soccer team's GAC tournament championship game on HU16. Every one yells, "Owen!" at once. He rushes over to a laughing group of his peers.

"Athletic training is our life," Owen says. "In the hands-on evaluation classes, we get to see the same people, and we get comfortable with those people. We all know each other. With my course schedule, almost every day I have a class with athletic training students. We really are like our own little family."

Students not only have classes together, but they also work alongside each other in clinical practicums each semester with Harding and area high school sports teams. The program exposes students to a different team each semester, and students build relationships with athletes and each other.

START *to* FINISH

By HANNAH OWENS

Photography by JEFF MONTGOMERY

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015, was the last home football game of the school year with the Bisons facing off against Northwestern Oklahoma State University at 2 p.m. It might seem like the football team is working earlier than anyone to prepare for game day, but there is a vital part of the football program that is the first to arrive and the last to leave the field. Preparing for game day at home is an all-day affair for students in the University's athletic training program.

“It’s not just working for someone — it’s **working with** someone.”

“Through athletic training, sports teams and relationships I’ve been able to build at Harding in general, I’ve genuinely been shown what unconditional love looks like,” Tracy says. “And I’ve been shown what it looks like to have a relationship where you walk with Christ and not just talk about him.”

11:40 a.m. | *Athletes begin trickling in to the athletic training room to get ankles, fingers and wrists taped. Student trainers work with players who need additional attention on tight muscles or previous injuries.*

Owen finishes taping up a player’s right ankle and says, “Is that good?” The athlete responds with, “Absolutely.”

During each game week, student trainers are assigned to a different position group of players to work with. Many times, though, student trainers build relationships with specific players, and athletes will come in and ask for a specific student they have worked with before.

“Those athletes are my friends; I see them every day,” Owen says. “There are certain athletes who come up to you. Those are the people you really grow close to. You have those interactions with them every day. It’s not just working for someone — it’s working with someone.”

For Tracy, witnessing athletes who were previously injured perform well on the field confirms for her that what she does really makes a difference.

“There was a player who had an injury a few years ago, and I got to rehabilitate him from start to finish,” she says. “It was a six-month rehab process, so he missed most of one season, and then he came back and played the next fall. In the first game, he scored a touchdown. I was in the stands at the time near his parents, and they knew who I was because they met me when he was rehabbing. His mom turned around to me and said, ‘Thank you.’ I cried because I was so proud. It’s a very rewarding feeling when you see something like that.”

1:50 p.m. | *Senior football players line up to be recognized for senior day. The last senior football player’s name is called right before the game begins.*

Tracy closes her eyes, exhales slowly and

says, “I just love them all. You hate to see them go.”

12:16 in first quarter | *Owen watches with the rest of the coaches, players and others on the sideline as Harding attempts to score a touchdown early in the first quarter. Park Parish completes a 17-yard pass to Vanard Placide, the result of which put the Bisons on the board 7-0. Owen jumps up and screams in excitement and encouragement of his team.*

“I’m a little more enthusiastic than some of the other students,” Owen says. “It’s not uncommon to see me jumping around on the sidelines and yelling. At the same time, when an athlete comes to you or it’s a situation where you’re needed, we all buckle down and do what’s necessary.”

Though Owen is passionate about Bison football and wants to see them do well, he knows he always has to be ready to do his job in case something serious happens.

“It challenges you to know your stuff ahead of time. It’s not something that you can just guess your way through when the time

comes and hope it turns out all right,” Owen says. “We’ve got to know our stuff, and we’ve got to be prepared. Things can go from everyone laughing and joking around one minute to being on the clock in the next. We have to really step up, but I like that. When we get done, we feel like we’ve done something.”

10:58 in second quarter | *The offense gathers in a huddle after a drive didn’t go as planned. One player speaks to the group.*

“I was standing right behind him and got to hear the whole speech,” Tracy says. “I remember him urging them, ‘What we’re doing out there, that’s not us. We persist; we fight; we do not give up! That is not who we are!’ It was a moment for me to witness the leadership and heart that these guys have. At practice, the coaches talk a lot about being men who are leaders, men who persist without exception, and men who are called to a higher standard. This moment served as an example of this team coming together and calling each other to a higher standard. That’s when you know that you’re working for



Athletic training students Tracy Maré and Owen Flowers (front) celebrate a big play during the Bisons 42-30 win over Northwestern Oklahoma State University along with Dr. Randy Lambeth, Davon Morgan, Ronnie Harlow and Vanard Placide.

something more than a W on a scoreboard.”

Beginning of second half | *A few student trainers switch jobs to give each other more experience in different areas.*

Throughout the game, students have different assigned responsibilities, such as manning a station designed to clean up any visible blood from cuts and scrapes or other injuries, giving water to people in different areas of the field, and working on the visitor sideline. Student trainers also carry around bags of medical supplies just in case someone needs medicine, bandages or extra tape at any point during the game.

5:13 p.m. | *Players, coaches, families and students celebrate Harding’s fourth-quarter comeback and 42-30 victory on the field under a breathtaking sunset. Student trainers busy themselves with taking down tables and stations, cleaning up the field, and helping athletes in the athletic training room. A Northwestern Oklahoma State player with a cut on his leg and an athletic trainer comes into the training room. The player needs stitches, and student trainers watch as team doctor Jim City stitches up the cut.*

“With athletic training, you learn on the fly a lot,” Owen says. “The times that I’ve learned the most are times when I’ve missed something, I’ve messed up, or I’ve had the most pressure put on me to perform. It’s important to insert yourself into those situations.”

Student trainers who work with the football team also work alongside Head Athletic Trainer Ronnie Harlow, Assistant Professor of Athletic Training Eric Myers, and Lecturer Ben Buterbaugh. Clinical practicums with other sports teams allow students to use the skills they learn in the classroom and apply them in a real-life, hands-on manner, and they come away from experiences like this prepared for a career in athletic training.

“Our staff does an absolute great job working with us and guiding us,” Owen says. “They’re there for us, they’re always helping us, and they push us. By the end of my time here, I feel like I will be successful in my profession.”

6 p.m. | *Student athletic trainers pack up and leave for the day.*

Training results

Four athletic training alumni share what they’re doing now.

▶ **MADLINE AWTRY** (‘15)

Currently: Physicians extender at Arkansas Children’s Hospital and athletic trainer for Little Rock Hall High School

Favorite part of the job: I get to do what I love every single day. I am learning that it is difficult to be unhappy with your job if you see it as an opportunity to serve God by serving others. I have no doubt that God placed me at Hall High School for a reason. He has put me in an incredible position to have an influence on young people and be of service to them.

Preparation at Harding: The academic training combined with the mentoring relationships I had with the teachers gave me a strong base to build the confidence necessary to perform my job effectively. The facilities were top notch and provided us with the tools required to gain experience with the athletic teams.

▶ **MATT TIPTON** (‘10)

Currently: Assistant athletic trainer at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Favorite part of the job: The people I work with each day. They are people with whom I feel comfortable bouncing ideas off of if I need to. We also have a great deal of trust within our staff that is unique to most places. I also have a great coaching staff and team to work with. Our coaches care about and respect the people that they work with and that rubs off on the athletes.

Professors who helped him along the way: Ronnie Harlow and Doc [Randy] Lambeth were both people who I looked up to as I went through the athletic training program. Doc was great in the classroom and helped us understand the material quickly and thoroughly enough to use it in our clinical rotations. I was able to work with Ronnie closely my junior and senior years since I had clinical rotations with the football and basketball teams. He showed that he trusted me early on and made me comfortable enough that I could ask him about anything. He also showed that trust when it came to working with the athletes, so that allowed me to grow clinically as I went through my rotations. There are things that he taught me that I still use each day.

▶ **COURTNEY BEALL** (‘13)

Currently: Assistant athletic trainer at North Forney High School, Forney, Texas, and freshmen and sophomore sports medicine teacher

Favorite part of the job: My favorite part of my job is when I get to watch athletes push through injuries and hard times and come out doing what they love again. I also get to work with and mentor kids, which is very rewarding.

Preparation at Harding: I was given many opportunities to work with different people in various venues. Not only did this prepare me to communicate with people but it also helped me to understand how they work and why they do what they do. I was able to shadow an orthopedic surgeon at White County Medical Center. This prepared me for my first job out of college, which was working at Abilene (Texas) Bone and Joint Clinic where I worked for an orthopedic specialist helping with patient care.

▶ **IAN QUINN** (‘12)

Currently: In his third year of medical school at Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine — Carolinas campus, set to graduate in 2017

Interest in the field: Coming into Harding I really wanted to feel out the field of sports medicine. Once I experienced the clinical side during year two, I realized I had something I liked. This field is right for me because it allows me to help people in a tangible way while also doing something I enjoy.

Preparation at Harding: Harding did a phenomenal job preparing me for medical school. I was worried going into medical school and how I would stack up, but I’m doing well. I’ve gotten great grades, am part of the honors club, and have been able to be a leader in several organizations on campus.

— compiled by Jennifer Hannigan



Connections



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1963

Larry Scroggs is chief counsel and chief administrative officer of the Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County, Tennessee. He was formerly in private law practices in Memphis and Germantown and was part-time Germantown municipal court judge from 1980-86. He is a combat veteran of the Vietnam War, served in the U.S. Navy from 1964-67, and obtained his law degree from Vanderbilt University in 1971. He served as a state representative from 1996-2002. (2521 Broad Leaf Cove, Germantown, TN 38139)

1966

Wayne Monroe is the author of the book *Stressed or Blessed: God Can Turn Your Stressing Into a Blessing*, which offers a common sense approach to overcoming the stresses of life in your marriage, children, job, health and career. He brings more than 50 years of experience in both marriage and Christian ministry to the writing of this book. He is the senior pastor of Ranchland Christian Church in San Diego. (9725 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, CA 92071)

1967

Gary Turner has been selected as 2016 chair of the Northwest Arkansas American Society for Quality after being secretary in 2014-15. He has been president of Turner Consulting and a senior faculty member for HRDQ since 1991. He is an

Brenda Garner Paine, head tennis coach at Kaufman (Texas) High School, has been named the University Interscholastic League National Federation of High School Coaches Tennis Coach of the Year for 2014.

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elder at Robinson Avenue Church of Christ. His wife, Kathy Stevens, is a retired Texas Cooperative extension agent. (12581 Ervin McGarran Road, Lovell, AR 72745)

1971

Rodney Bell received the Mirabeau B. Lamar Outstanding Educator Award for 2014-15 from the Masons of Texas. He is the choir director for the Needville Independent School District. He earned his Doctor of Musical Arts in choir conducting in 2001 from University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music. (1936 Haven Springs Lane, Richmond, TX 77469)

Roy O. and **DiAn Bomar Williams** ('70) have returned to Searcy after 45 years and are living at Harding Place. Roy has preached since 1978 for various churches of Christ. He is pulpit minister at Letona (Arkansas) Church of Christ. DiAn taught elementary education for 18 years and then worked as a library media specialist for 13 years. After a brief retirement, she accepted employment with Sub Teach USA. (Box 3302, 801 S. Benton Ave., Searcy, AR 72143)

1975

Maureen Rahrle was recently named senior paralegal at Dewhirst and Dolven LLC in Denver. She has been a litigation paralegal in the Denver area for more than 25 years. (9633 W. Chatfield Ave., Unit B, Littleton, CO 80128)

1976

Ruth McHaney Danner is a writer and quilter in Spokane, Washington. Her most recent book, *Making a World of Difference One Quilt at a Time*, released in November 2015 across the U.S. and Canada. The PINS quilters, who quilt at the Harding History House to raise money for Harding scholarships, are featured in one of the chapters. (2838 W. Hoffman Ave., Spokane, WA 99205)

Harry Hutchison, a licensed certified public accountant, is vice president of finance at St. Bernard's Healthcare in Jonesboro, Arkansas. (3013 Prestwick Circle, Jonesboro, AR 72401)

1977

Brenda Garner Paine, head tennis coach at Kaufman (Texas) High School, has been named the University Interscholastic League National Federation of High School Coaches Tennis Coach of the Year for 2014. In 2009, she was named the Texas Tennis Coach Association Coach of the Year. For her outstanding career, Grapevine High

School inducted her into the Student Hall of Fame in 2013. She has had 13 state team tennis appearances, 17 state individual appearances, and two state champions. Her overall record in tennis is 442-156. She and her husband, Steve, have three children and five grandchildren. (9609 Blarney Stone Way, Forney, TX 75126)

1981

Linda Hilbun Bonnin has been named vice president for strategic communications at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. She recently served in a similar position at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. She leads UA's communications, marketing, media relations and related functions, as well as overseeing institutional branding. She is married to Max Bonnin.



1983

Stephan T. Haynes has been named senior vice president and strategic initiatives and chief risk officer at American Electric Power in Columbus, Ohio. He is responsible for all risk management functions and strategic analysis for new business opportunities. He earned his MBA from The Ohio State University and is married to Ramona Daugherty. (3472 Stonevista Lane, Columbus, OH 43221)

1985

Brian Miller is the college life minister at the A&M Church of Christ and director of the Aggies for Christ at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. He is married to Leslie. (Box 9554, College Station, TX 77842)

1986

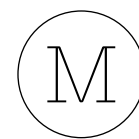
Kevin Royal has been named executive vice president and chief financial officer of Bridgepoint Education Inc. He previously served as senior vice president, chief financial officer, treasurer and secretary for Maxwell Technologies Inc. He is married to **Rita Glenn** ('87). (7452 Caminito Rialto, La Jolla, CA 92037)

1987

K. Max Koonce is senior vice president of client services for Sedgwick Claims Management Services Inc. He is an attorney and came to Sedgwick from Wal-Mart Stores Inc., where he was senior director of risk management. He received his J.D. degree from University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He and

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Drawing marvel



MITCH BREITWEISER ('00) UTILIZES HIS LOVE for creating every day in his career. After Breitweiser graduated with a Bachelor of Science in art, he traveled to comic book conventions, improving his craft. He began working for Marvel Comics as an artist in 2006 and now, alongside his wife and color artist, Elizabeth, works on creator-owned comic book projects.



"I am an artist, broadly speaking, but for me that implies a number of roles: illustrator, layout designer, inker, cover artist, creator, writer, storyteller, colorist, publisher, marketer, performer and occasional alchemist," he said.

Even from a young age, Breitweiser, originally from Benton, Arkansas, knew he had a knack for art. Once he discovered his love for art, the desire to create naturally coexisted. Breitweiser believes that his love of creating is inborn. "The drawing, to the best of my knowledge, is partially a genetic accident and mostly hard work driven by the compulsion to create and the encouragement of peers and adults that found value in my talent." He discovered comic books around age 13 and was engulfed by the

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PROFILE | MITCH BREITWEISER

concept of their creation. To him, the comic book was an infinite canvas. Before drawing and producing comic books, he filled other jobs such as illustrator and designer for an industrial shop in New Jersey, all the while perfecting his art. "It took six years or so after graduation to achieve full-time work as a freelance illustrator," he said. "As much of that time as possible was spent improving my craft and traveling to as many comic book conventions as possible to network with publishers and professionals. It was an amazing time, but there was a lot of hard work, trial and error, and deferral of gratification involved."

Breitweiser has left a lasting impression with his Captain America books, but he argues that these comics have left a lasting impression on him.

"The most exciting character would be redesigning Drax the Destroyer in 2005 for Marvel Entertainment, which became the impetus for his appearance in 2014's 'Guardians of the Galaxy' feature film," he said. "I'm most known for my work on Marvel's Captain America. My personal favorites are the ones I had a hand in creating. My writing partner and fellow Harding graduate, Patrick Stiles ('98), and I have put a lot of work into the cast of our upcoming serial 'The Futurists,' and they have earned a special place in my heart."

With an innate ability to create, ideas for artwork flow with ease. Breitweiser said that writing does not flow as naturally as drawing.

"The drawing comes very naturally; the writing needed to mature with age and experience. Giving voice to something is a big responsibility. Writing characters with the kind of intent that can offer deeper insights only comes with time and deliberate study or inborn talents otherwise not possessed by myself. I am very fortunate to have talented partners to work with that are equally enthusiastic about this process."

Breitweiser would attest there are better resources now for students in this field, but Harding did equip him with necessary skills and allow him to make lasting connections.

"There were also great mentors in the art department. Drawing and ceramics professor Paul Pitt had a profound influence on my wife and me," he said. "Harding was a source for many of the deep connections that have been essential in inspiring, challenging, and enriching my life to such an amazing degree." — Anna Winchester

his wife, **Rebecca Jouett** ('86), have two children. (4703 Spring Valley Road, Bentonville, AR 72712)

1988

Robert Hutson has been named chief financial officer of Shockwatch, a provider of impact, temperature, and tilt recorders, sensors and indicators. He is married to Angela Monschke. (3705 Brentwood Court, Colleyville, TX 76034)

1989

Keith Perry was selected in August 2015 as chief

information officer for St. Jude's Research Hospital to provide strategic counsel and leadership for the hospital's information technology initiatives. He joined St. Jude from University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston where he served as associate vice president and deputy chief information officer. He and his wife, **Christy Howard** ('91), have two children. (2240 Tully Farms Cove, Memphis, TN 38119)

1991

Joel Harper is occupying the newly established Bill G. Blair Endowed Chair in Finance in the

Collins College of Business at The University of Tulsa. He most recently served as professor of finance and the Williams Companies Professor of Business at Oklahoma State University. He holds a doctorate in finance from Oklahoma State University. (5815 E. 101st Place, Tulsa, OK 74137)

1992

Clarence Hulse has been re-elected to the International Economic Development Council board of directors for a two-year term. He is executive director of the Economic Development Corp. in Michigan City, Indiana. He is married to **Gina Crawford** ('94).



1993

Michael Burris is the chief financial officer for FNBC Bank of Ash Flat. (2 Tammy Drive, Highland, AR 72542)

1994

Jamie Martin McGarvey has been named senior manager of employee communications with the Astellas Pharma corporate affairs department in Chicago. She is responsible for developing and implementing employee communications throughout the U.S. and Americas. She and her husband, Louie, have two children. (7001 W. Henderson St., Chicago, IL 60634)

1996

Mike Ford has been appointed to the Oak Ridge Environmental Management advisory board. He is a technical sales representative for The Garland Co., a manufacturer of high-performance roofing and building envelope materials. He is married to Mary. (1604 Dunwoody Blvd., Knoxville, TN 37919)

Bradley Hayes was recently promoted to major in the U.S. Army Reserves. He is a JAG officer in the 377th Theater Sustainment Command at Belle Chasse, Louisiana. He works as an attorney in New Orleans. He and his wife, Sarah, have three children. (210 Turnberry Drive, Covington, LA 70433)

1998

Stephen Marvin has been named to the faculty of Freed-Hardeman University in Memphis, Tennessee. He is an associate professor of education and will work with the university's Doctor of Education program. (3458 Hidden Meadows Drive, Arlington, TN 38002)

1999

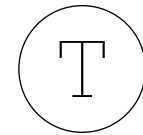
Neil Chilson spoke at the Knowledge Congress' webcast titled "Emerging Issues: Understanding U.S. Cybersecurity Market — A 2016 Perspective Live Webcast." He has a J.D. from the George Washington Law School and a M.S. in computer science from the University of Illinois and is an attorney-adviser at the Federal Trade Commission. (119 W. Washington St., # 3, Champaign, IL 61820)

2001

Ben Johnson, creative director for Eric Rob and Isaac, designed a logo for Brandon Moving and Storage, which was published in Communication Arts' Design Annual 56, a juried competition representing the best in design from around the world. His wife is **Christie Corley**. (512 Country Estates Road, Benton, AR 72019)

Creative energy

PROFILE | HANNAH ALEXANDER CARPENTER



TO PERUSE HANNAH ALEXANDER CARPENTER'S ('03) Instagram page is to view the lovely, somewhat chaotic life of the illustrator, business partner, wife and mother of four. Her eye for capturing the beautiful, candid moments of day-to-day has gathered her more than 46,000 followers, and Instagram is just one of her many creative pursuits.

It is how Carpenter channels her creative energy that led *Arkansas Life* to put her on their magazine cover, naming her one of Arkansas' style setters. Her creativity sparked from an



early age.

"My mother was great," Carpenter said. "We were always making something or dressing up. That was the nurture side, but there's also the nature side. I was born with a creative gene. I knew going into school that I had to pursue art because it was all I could do."

Carpenter was unsure what direction she wanted to take attending the University, but after graduation, she took an internship at an ad agency in Little Rock, Arkansas, where she discovered illustration.

"They had me do a lot of illustration work," Carpenter said. "I just happened upon Adobe Illustrator, and I just dove right in. From that point I decided to do freelance illustration work. Working there, I made connections, and my eyes were opened to the possibilities."

As an illustrator, Carpenter has done work for businesses and magazines,

and she has even produced pieces for *Harding* magazine.

While interning, she met Heather Thrash, and the two maintained a friendship while each pursued different paths. In fall 2013, they merged their talents to start Little-Biscuits.com, a custom illustration business creating children's portraits.

"I'm thankful for Heather because she has all of these strengths that I don't," Carpenter said. "There's part of my brain that does not work, and that's why I have a business partner. She can do all of the things my brain cannot. We couldn't do it without each other."

Creating, designing and building the Little-Biscuits brand gave Carpenter another creative outlet, and she personally designs each Little-Biscuit portrait. Thrash manages the client and business side from her home in Canada.

"It's been a challenge having to work like this. Heather never gets to touch our products. When we were in the production phase, I was getting the products to see what they were like, and I would text her pictures or FaceTime with her to talk about them. There was a lot we had to work through."

Balancing working from home on top of home schooling her children proves difficult, but Carpenter uses her creativity in those moments, as well.

"It's the symptom of a creative mind — I just have to do something. So when things get a little difficult, we'll go take a picture or something else. It's a nice way to break up the monotony."

Carpenter credits keeping and maintaining creative relationships to inspire and motivate her and looks forward to the future of Little-Biscuits.

— Jennifer Hannigan

SELF-PORTRAIT BY HANNAH ALEXANDER CARPENTER

Jennifer Romine McGlothlin earned her Doctor of Audiology at the University of Tennessee Knoxville in 2005. She completed her clinical fellowship at the Children's Hospital HEAR Center in Birmingham, Alabama, where she was on the pre-cochlear implant team. Her practice is with Metro Health Department in the Children's Special Services Clinic. She is a member of the American Academy of Audiology, the American Speech Language Hearing Association, the Tennessee Academy of Audiology, and the Hearing Loss Association of America. She and her husband, Neil, have a son. (400 Stone Chimney Court, Nashville, TN 37214)

Shannon Powell has joined Corbridge Law Offices as an associate attorney. He is a 2014 graduate of the Willamette College of Law and focuses on criminal defense and domestic violence. He is married to **Jamie Leasure** ('02). (1010 SW 170th Ave., #202, Beaverton, OR 97006)

2002

Roberto ('04) and **Jerusha Godoy de Villatoro** announce the birth of a son, Joaquin Ignacio, June 12, 2015. They have two other sons, Sebastian and Matías. (4ta calle "A" 11-46 Zona 4 Mixco, Colonia Monte Real II, Guatemala City, 01057, Guatemala)

2004

Bryan Petrak was named customer innovation applications specialist at AAK and works on the development and formulation of vegetable oil systems. He is a certified food scientist and culinologist and has a master's degree in food science from Kansas State University in Manhattan and an associate's degree in culinary arts from Johnson & Wales University. He and his wife, **Kristi Kell**, have three children. (2433 Ridge Road Extension, Ambridge, PA 15003)

2005

Trevor ('06) and **Stephanie Duffy Goertzen** announce the birth of a daughter, Jane Elizabeth, July 25, 2015. They have two other children, Luke and Will. Trevor works as a new teacher/mentor and National Board support specialist for Blue Valley School District, and Stephanie is a tax analyst for Sprint. (14601 S. Blackfoot Drive, Olathe, KS 66062)

Joshua and **Gladys Roraback Harms** announce the birth of a daughter, Olivia Phyllis, June 26, 2015. They also have a son, Jonathan Arthur. Joshua is a professor at Middle Tennessee State University in the criminal justice administration department, and Gladys is a contract-based occupational therapist. (2913 Haviland Way, Murfreesboro, TN 37128)

2006

Jena Shoemaker married Ben Beasley April 25, 2015. Jena is a physical therapist at STAR Physical Therapy, and Ben is a homebuilder for Pulte Homes. (1517 Indian Meadows Drive, Franklin, TN 37064)

Brian Vesely is a doctor of audiology and founding partner and CEO of Sound Advice Hearing Doctors LLC with clinics in Missouri and Arkansas. He is a founding partner of Alpaca Audiology, a group purchasing organization designed to bring down the cost of hearing aids. In 2009, he received the President's Distinguished Service Medal from the American Academy of Audiology for significant contributions to the profession. Gov. Jay Nixon appointed him to the Missouri Board of Examiners for Hearing Instrument Specialists in 2012, which he serves as vice chairman. He is married to **Ashley Clark** ('06). (2800 W. Garton Road, Ozark, MO 65721)

2007

Shawn Frazier is full-time associate worship minister for North Boulevard Church of Christ in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. His wife, **Katie Barker** ('06), teaches private oboe lessons at home and in schools within middle Tennessee. (303 Gaitherhill Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37130)

2008

Jennifer Wallace Barbaree is the new assistant superintendent of the Trumann (Arkansas) School District. She and her husband, **Brandon**, have three

Ben Johnson, creative director for Eric Rob and Isaac, designed a logo for Brandon Moving and Storage, which was published in Communication Arts' Design Annual 56.



children. (604 Larkspur Lane, Trumann, AR 72472)

Keenan and **Lauren Tish Carlton** announce the birth of a son, Tucker Judson, July 15, 2015. Keenan is a police officer for the City of Clarksville, and Lauren is a graphic designer. (3325 Marrast Drive, Clarksville, TN 37043)

2010

Sky Vanderburg graduated in May 2015 from Duke University Medical School. In May 2014, he graduated from Harvard School of Public Health with a Master of Public Health. While a third-year medical student at Duke, he did research in Tanzania, Africa, as a recipient of the Fogarty Global Health Fellowship. His work there provided the research to have two papers published. He began residency this past June in internal medicine at Duke, with interests in oncology, global health and health disparities. (1012 Lakeview Road, Durham, NC 27712)

2011

Jonathan ('08) and **Jenna Farris James** announce the birth of a son, Jasper Dorian, April 7, 2015. (408 S. Sawmill Road, Searcy, AR 72143)

2012

Heidi Buisman married Phil Simon Aug. 8, 2015.

Daniel Farrar ('13) married **Andrea Alt** May 31, 2014. Daniel is a senior tax analyst at Goldman Sachs in Irving, Texas, and Andrea is a development analyst at Encompass Home Health and Hospice in Dallas. (5945 W. Parker Road, #1714, Plano, TX 75093)

2014

Debbie Atwell serves Rogers Public Schools as director of professional development and grants. She and her husband, Roger, have a small cattle farm. They have three children. (10147 Emma Lane, Mountainburg, AR 72946)

2015

Keith Enlow ('14) married **Kayla Lynn Davis** May 23, 2015. (5901 John F. Kennedy Blvd., #4127, North Little Rock, AR 72116)

Passages

Wade Ozbirn ('49), 91, of Searcy, died Aug. 16, 2015. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II. He received his master's in education from University of Arkansas. He was superintendent of schools for White County Central School District for 28 years and a member of College Church



of Christ. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, **Jewell Combs** ('55); and three sons, **David** ('78), **Randy** ('88) and **Greg** ('87).

Max Duane Mowrer ('50), 90, of Omaha, Nebraska, died Sept. 9, 2015. He served in the U.S. Army and served in Africa and Italy during World War II. He was a preacher, teacher and missionary, teaching at Dasher Bible School, Ibaraki (Japan) Christian High School where he served as principal from 1967-71 and Western Christian College where he later became president from 1978-85. He was principal and dean at Great Lakes Christian College from 1971-78 and retired in 1993 from Hyland Christian School in Colorado. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Mildred Minor** ('47); and daughter, Marilyn. He is survived by a daughter, Marianne Witcher; two grandsons; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Robbe McCaleb Brown Baldwin ('51), 84, of Midlothian, Texas, died Sept. 28, 2015. She is survived by two daughters, Kelly Tabor and Kerry Sugg.

Lowell Hainline ('51), 87, of Nashville, Tennessee, died March 11, 2014. He worked in electrical and plumbing maintenance. He was a member of Crieve Hall Church of Christ and served as a deacon for more than 30 years. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Nancy Willis; a son, David; a brother, Lawrence; and two grandchildren.

Muriel Bush Rothwell ('54), 86, of Florence, Oregon, died Oct. 2, 2015. She was a teacher and member of the Florence Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her husband of 39 years, Edmund. She is survived by a brother, Lloyd Bush; three grandsons; and six great-grandchildren.

Walter Louis Gilfilen ('57), 79, of Marietta, Georgia, died May 22, 2015, from cancer. He was dean of students at Magic Valley Christian College in Albion, Idaho, from 1958-60 and president of Michigan Christian College in Rochester, Michigan, from 1978-80. He retired from Brevard Community College in Cocoa, Florida,



holding several positions including director of development and associate vice president. While with BCC, he was able to bring in several grants to assist in vocational training and education development. He also coordinated the acquisition of a historical 1924 movie theater in downtown Cocoa, raising funds to make it a resource for the community. He served as a deacon and elder as well as preacher, teacher and song leader as needed by local congregations of churches of Christ throughout the years. Michigan Christian named him their first Artist of the Year in 1982. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, **Benny Ann Ponder** ('57);

three children, David, Tim and Janice Rocco; two siblings, James and Sharon Cox; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

LuEllen Kay Ousley Farrar, ('65), 71, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, died April 16, 2015. She was a homemaker, church secretary, Sunday school teacher and childcare provider. She is survived by her husband, **Lucian** ('62); four children, Monte, Michael, Melisa Jones and **Mark** ('98); two sisters, LaDonna Elmore and Cheryl Magee; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

David J. Smith ('65), 74, of Waxahachie, Texas, died May 17, 2015. He ran his own advertising business for several years before going into ministry in 1980. He published *Newswatch Magazine* and was a radio and television minister of biblical prophecy. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Kisse; three children, Robbin, Allison Reilly and Danielle Eichhorst; three stepchildren, Braden, Kendy and Bridgette Vestal; his sister, Carol Hagen; and eight grandchildren.

Michael Lee Cole ('72), 65, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, died Aug. 24, 2015. He was an accountant who first joined Arthur Young in Tulsa. His career included controller at Lawhon Furniture, owner of J&M Dinette and Barstools, controller of Hudson Trail Outfitters, and controller and chief financial officer of Moodys Jewelry. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Lisa; two children, Leslie Quinton and David; his mother, Nellie; a brother, **David** ('69); and three grandchildren.

John Underwood ('74), 66, of Weatherford, Texas, died Aug. 3, 2014. He was an associate minister, an accountant and a substitute teacher, and a Bible class teacher at South Main Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife, **Rita Meeker** ('74). (602 Valley Trail Drive, Weatherford, TX 76087)

David Mark Moore ('75), 62, of York, Nebraska, died Nov. 13, 2015. He and his late wife, **Barbara**



Wright ('78), lived for several years in Zambia, Africa, where they taught school at Namwianga Mission. Upon returning to the U.S., he was a physician recruiter with Jackson and Coker in Phoenix while continuing to support Namwianga as a board member on the Zambia Mission Fund. He then worked in alumni relations at Harding and later as the director of planned giving in advancement for many years. After Barbara's death in 2004, he moved to China and taught at Wuhan University of Science and Technology while at the same time teaching online classes for Harding. Upon returning to the states, he earned his doctorate degree in international business and became the Roger Collins Endowed Chair in Business at York College in Nebraska. He is survived by his wife, Leaf; three children, **Marcus** ('02), **Amanda Ferran** ('06) and **Lydia Brumfield** ('08); one stepdaughter, Qing Qing Alex; two siblings, Gary and **Joyce Weems** ('67); and two grandchildren.

John Ray Henderson Jr. ('76), 62, of Dickson, Tennessee, died Oct. 2, 2015. He had been a church of Christ minister for 12 years and worked for Horizon Medical Center at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, **Debbie Williams** ('79); two sons, Steven and Michael; and two grandchildren.

Rodney Dean Gooden ('81), 57, of Searcy, died Aug. 30, 2015. He retired from Wal-Mart and worked at Pizza Hut in Searcy. He is survived by his wife, **Wanda Pinkerton** ('76); three children, **John David** ('09), **Jenny** ('15) and Caroline; a sister, **Linda Criswell** ('83); and a grandson.

Rebecca Jayne Adams Penix ('84), 52, of Bon-

PASSAGES | WALTER LOUIS GILFILEN



He was dean of students at Magic Valley Christian College in Albion, Idaho, from 1958-60 and president of Michigan Christian College in Rochester, Michigan, from 1978-80. He retired from Brevard Community College in Cocoa, Florida, holding several positions including director of development and associate vice president.

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PHOTO BY KEN BISSELL



ham, Texas, died Sept. 13, 2015. She worked in health care management and was a member of the church of Christ. She is survived by two children, Mallory Davidson and Mitch Davidson; her father, Carl Adams; and a brother, Brent Adams.

Tracy Lynn Holmes ('94), 46, of Newark, Delaware, died Aug. 13, 2015. She was employed with the Marriott Corp. for 25 years where she was an award-winning hotel professional. She received the State of Delaware's Hospitality Educator of the Year award and Rotary's Paul Harris Distinguished Service award. She was an adjunct professor for the hospitality program at University of Delaware. She was a member of Cedars Church of Christ. She is survived by her parents, Connie Holmes and Donald Holmes; and a sister, Debbie Frederick.

Melinda Leanne Lovell Matthews ('94), 49, of Maumelle, Arkansas, died Aug. 10, 2015, from cancer. She worked for Health Resources of Arkansas in Batesville for 25 years. She received the 2014 Starfish award recognizing her contributions to community awareness of mental health recovery and resiliency. She is survived by her husband, Damen.

James Michael O'Clair ('94), 44, of Calera, Alabama, died Aug. 24, 2015. He was a member of Riverchase Church of Christ where he taught Bible classes, coordinated vacation Bible school, and played on the softball team. He coached basketball and Little League baseball. He is survived by his wife, **Jina Anderson** ('95); two children, Tyler and Molly; his parents, James and Hilda; and three siblings, Janet, Jeremy and Jeffrey.

Cecilia Blanche Still Rogers ('97), 64, of Cave City, Arkansas, died May 4, 2015. She was a high school English teacher for 12 years and a member of the United Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband, Richard; three children; Amanda Hamilton, Katie Newman and Patrick; three siblings; Billie West, Bob Still and Jane Andrews; and four grandchildren.

Kirk Workman ('99), 39, of Carrollton, Texas, died Sept. 4, 2015, from melanoma cancer. He received his Master of Social Work with health care specialization from University of Houston. His first position was at West Texas Rehabilitation Center followed by social work manager at Parkland Health and Hospital system's department of care management where he won the CIRCLES award. In 2012 he moved to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children where he served as director of family services. His last position was director of care transitions management at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Denton. He was a member of Riverside Church of Christ in Coppell, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Dana Veach; three children, Daniel, Mary and Amelia; his parents, Bill and Luanne; and a sister, Kristy Andrews.



In a ceremony held Oct. 15, 1990, Brackett Library was dedicated. Formerly Beaumont Memorial Library, the facility was expanded, renovated, and named for Bob and Sandy Brackett of Vero Beach, Florida, who had donated the majority of the funds. The new library had more than five miles of shelves and technology that allowed for quicker, better access to materials. Today, the library tallies more than 365,000 volumes and more than 350,000 visits yearly.



Ain't nothing but a Bison

By DUTCH HOGGATT, professor of communication

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT ELVIS PRESLEY, things like blue suede shoes, Graceland and even white, shiny capes might come to mind. You probably would not link the King of Rock 'n' Roll to Harding. But the University actually had a part in the start of his career and the history of rock as we know it.

It started in May 1946 when then Harding College purchased Memphis, Tennessee, radio station WHBQ-AM for \$300,000, the equivalent of nearly \$4 million today. Thomas Thompson and his wife established the station in 1925, and WHBQ became a Mutual Broadcasting System network affiliate in 1944.

The College purchased the station at a time when the school was considering a move from Searcy to Memphis. At the time, Harding had 300 students and 40 faculty. The commercial station was to be used for public service programming and radio training. An urban legend says WHBQ's call letters stood for "We Have the Best Quartets" — a reference to Harding College's vocal groups.

WHBQ added substantially to the financial stability of Harding. Its annual net receipts averaged about \$60,000, equal to the amount of interest on a \$2 million endowment. By 1947, Harding's radio station was debt free. President George S. Benson turned the station into one of the college's richest assets by using it to obtain a television license for WHBQ-TV.

In 1949, WHBQ hired disc jockey Dewey Phillips. Phillips' off-the-wall personality attracted a diverse audience — male and female, country and urban, black and white, rich and poor. His on-air persona was a speed-crazed hillbilly with a frantic delivery and entertaining sense of humor. "Tell 'em Phillips sencha," he screamed wildly to his teenage listeners. He played a great deal of rhythm and blues,

country music, boogie-woogie, and jazz. Phillips was "cutting edge" and is described as one of the first "shock jocks." He pushed the boundaries of cultural norms using ambiguity, innuendo and suggestion, and playing songs that had risqué lyrics. He would often play music that no other stations would play. He was known for talking over songs and commenting on songs and artists. If Phillips did not like a song, he would often remove the record from the turntable and throw it on the floor. The studio floor was littered with broken records.

Phillips was the leading radio personality in Memphis for nine years and brought rock 'n' roll to the Memphis airwaves by playing Howlin' Wolf, B. B. King and Muddy Waters on his nightly radio show. His zeal for rhythm and blues legitimized the sound and set the stage for both Elvis' success and the rock 'n' roll revolution of the 1950s.

Phillips hosted a popular nightly three-hour radio show titled "Red, Hot and Blue." The radio show was the first to be simulcast on radio and television. The first half of his nightly show sold out for five consecutive years. Phillips' show made more money for the station than most of the



other programs combined. As a teenager, Elvis Presley listened to the Grand Ole Opry with his parents and Phillips' "Red, Hot and Blue" with his friends.

"Daddy-O-Phillips" is part of rock 'n' roll history for being the first major disc jockey to play Elvis and subsequently to conduct the first live, on-air interview with him. In July 1954, he was the first deejay to broadcast the young singer's debut record, "That's All Right/Blue Moon of Kentucky."

Phillips was fired in late 1958 when the station adopted a Top 40 format, phasing out his freeform style. He spent

the last decade of his life working at smaller radio stations, seldom lasting long. Phillips was a heavy drinker and longtime drug user, mainly painkillers and amphetamines, which contributed to his manic on-air behavior, and died of heart failure at age 42. The popular musical "Memphis" is based loosely on his life and career.

Harding College sold WHBQ AM and TV to General Tire and Rubber Company in 1954 for a net profit of \$2.5 million.

In 1955 General Tire purchased RKO Radio Pictures.

Today, WHBQ-AM is owned by Flinn Broadcasting, which, coincidentally, owns the University's commercial FM station KVHU 95.3 ("the Voice of Harding University").

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Enjoying the cascading lights on campus, a couple relaxes following the annual lighting ceremony Nov. 30, 2015. This Instagram post on Harding's page garnered 1,085 likes.