

HARDING

WINTER 2018

ALL IN ONE DAY





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On Nov. 9, 2017, we tasked photographers Abigail Cooper, Noah Darnell, Sterling McMichael, Jeff Montgomery and Abby Tran with the mission of documenting moments showing everyday life at the main campus.



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Moments to remember

By BRUCE D. McLARTY, *president*

WHAT A WONDERFUL FALL semester we have had at Harding. One of the things I love most about this University is that every day is blessed with commonplace happenings that come together to build our remarkable community of mission.

In this issue, *Harding* magazine captures one of those days in the life of this university in pictures. From before sunup to after sundown, these images showcase a typical day on campus beginning on page 14.

While just one day is captured in this pictorial, every day during the fall was filled with activity, service, achievement, remembrance and fun as revealed through some of my posts on Twitter.

AUG 21 What could possibly be better than an eclipse on the first day of school!?!?

AUG 22 Learned today that the @HardingU graduate speech-language pathology program is re-accredited through June 30, 2025!

AUG 27 We'll start @HardingU chapel tomorrow morning with a prayer for those facing the devastation of Hurricane Harvey.

SEP 7 Packed house at "Meet the Firms" today in the Founders Room. I had no idea there were so many blue suits on campus

SEP 16 @Harding_MSOC Scores Three Second-Half Goals to Defeat Southwest Baptist #HUBisons

SEP 28 The house is packed for MIDNIGHT MADNESS @HardingU tonight!!!!!!

OCT 20 Fantastic performance of "Annie Get Your Gun" in the Benson Auditorium tonight! Incredible talent on (and behind) the Harding stage!

OCT 21 It was so good to have Nicholas Smith's family on campus for the dedication of the Nicholas Smith recreational area at Gin Creek today!

OCT 28 Rialto is filling up for the free community showing of the Harding Read movie, The Hiding Place!



NOV 1 Update on @HardingU Relay for Life fundraising total: \$18,005.23!!!!!!

NOV 7 Eva Kor engaged, charmed, moved, taught, convicted and inspired the huge and grateful crowd at the ASI speaker series in the Benson tonight!

NOV 14 Thanks to the impressive group who organized tonight's @TEDx event @HardingU!

NOV 27 The @HardingU Christmas lights are on!

DEC 9 The @HardingU support for @Harding_FB in TX, today was incredible! 1000+ at @HardingAlumni tailgate including @HardingUBand & cheerleaders!

DEC 12 Best story of the day: Elisa Bruce McMurrey graduated today after starting at Harding in 1983. Amazing persistence! Congratulations, Elisa!

The year 2017 was full of these and many other blessings too numerous to count. I'm thankful we were able to share these moments in 2017, and I'm delighted to go on this 2018 journey together. 🙏

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THE TOP IMAGES FROM OUR FALL PHOTO CONTEST 📷



TOP ROW: First Place: Alexandra Regida, Second Place: Claire Fergeson, Third Place: Ka'Neal Brown. MIDDLE ROW: Ka'Neal Brown, Abigail Cooper, Sterling McMichael. BOTTOM ROW: Macy Pate, Roosevelt Presley, Mike Wood.

PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

Participating in the Global Missions Experience market, Chris Magadu from Zimbabwe sells his wares as mission-minded attendees purchase and then prepare and eat a meal as part of the sensory hands-on cultural opportunity. GME was held at Tahkodah on Sept. 21-24, 2017.

PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY





Mobile app debuts on campus

EXCITEMENT WAS IN THE AIR Nov. 29, 2017, as Harding launched a much anticipated mobile app for students, faculty and staff.

The University first began working toward creating the app in summer 2016 when Assistant Vice President for Information Systems and Technology Mike Chalenburg brought together a team of people across campus to regularly meet and discuss ideas. After selecting a vendor, Modo Labs, the team began developing outlines for sections of content and identifying the information that should be included from a student's and faculty or staff member's perspective.

"Assembling the group was vital," Chalenburg said. "We could

have had an app without them, but it would be plain and would have lacked the vision and content that we currently have and will have in the future. Several folks in IS&T have been invaluable in working out

the authentication and personal content areas of the app that greatly increase the value."

The app features content that can be seen on both harding.edu and Pipeline, which is the University's student information and action portal. It was created to be both informational and functional and host all of the important items essential to navigating life on campus all in one location. The design of the app is a reflection of both the design of the University's website and Pipeline. The color schemes complement each other, and landing pages feature a dominant image at the top — a similar design to harding.edu.

Senior public relations major Cassidy Colbert appreciates the effort the Harding team put into making a single digital space for many tasks with which students have to be organized. Her favorite app functions are the directory and chapel sections because she accesses them often, and they are easy to use.

"The app allows for everything that we need to be in one spot so that we are not opening multiple tabs and logging into our Pipeline account every time," she said. "Having the different sections that are well organized by academics, student life, events and personal with everything that you may need for each area makes it less stressful to keep up with student business and easy to navigate life as a student."

A student can check chapel information, including absences, schedule and announcements; look up menu options and cafeteria meal plan use; and sign out of residence halls among other actions. Faculty and staff members can access pay stubs, view vacation details and submit vacation requests, and fill out timesheets in addition to other options. Some app options are available to both students and employees, like accessing people search and a departmental directory and browsing campus events. Future plans for the app include adding personas for future students and alumni and creating custom channels app users can opt into and receive messages that pertain to a specific topic or group.

MBA enhances program

THE PAUL R. CARTER COLLEGE of Business Administration announced an enhanced MBA program in the Graduate School of Business in October 2017.

Now fully online, the Master of Business Administration program has been re-engineered to deliver a top-notch, Christ-centered curriculum and is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs. Structured with working professionals in mind, the online format allows for increased flexibility and maximum engagement with other participants in an online environment. Students can log on to complete coursework when it is most convenient for them

and join synchronous events for real-time interaction. Additionally, the University has reduced the per-hour cost of the program to make it accessible to more students seeking an MBA.

Courses are taught by award-winning COBA faculty who also provide students with one-to-one academic advising and support.

"The revamped MBA benefits students by providing rigorous coursework with the flexibility to attend classes wherever they are and finish at their own pace," said Dr. Allen Frazier, dean of the college. "Additionally, we are able to tailor specialized classes and offerings to specific interests such as health care, logistics and entrepreneurship."

The MBA program is built on a master schedule platform that reflects course availability for up to

five years. This allows students to plan their program track from start to finish, and with the eight-week block scheduling, they may choose to complete the MBA program in as little as 18 months.

MBA candidates may enter the program in a cohort, a group of students who have committed to completing the program on the same schedule track. This cohort structure offers a support network of fellow students who are going through courses together, making them more likely to stay on track and finish their MBA on schedule. Additionally, when at least eight students commit to complete a cohort track together, all receive a tuition discount for the duration of the program.

To learn more, visit harding.edu/MBA.

PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

Harding's new mobile app provides needed information at your fingertips.

QUOTABLE

"Forgive your worst enemy. It will heal you and set you free. **Forgiveness is the best revenge.** Forgiveness is an act of self healing, an act of self liberation, an act of self empowerment."



— Eva Kor, ASI Distinguished Lecture Series speaker Nov. 7, 2017

PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

Summer Academic Institute launches Honors Business Experience

HONORS BUSINESS EXPERIENCE, a new summer academic program for high school juniors and seniors, will be offered June 15-29 as part of the Summer Academic Institute. In collaboration with the Honors College, Dr. David Kee, assistant professor in the Paul R. Carter College of Business Administration, is helping start the program facilitated by University faculty members, local business people and entrepreneurs to give students firsthand exposure to the world of business.

The Summer Academic Institute gives students still attending high school the opportunity to take college-level courses for credit. As part of Honors Business Experience, students will tour factories and major companies' facilities, and some will take part in a real-life branding project for a Little Rock, Arkansas, sports team.

"All of the faculty involved will share their personal life path in business," Kee said. "They also will help prepare students for the rigors of a college career. They will participate in interactive coursework and modules that replicate what students face every day."

Kee shared that both of his children participated in Honors Symposium, and not only were they given access to talented and interesting professors, topics and themes, but they also met other students with aspirations to achieve something meaningful in life.

"Their fellow classmates became their roommates and best friends even to this day," Kee said. "Harding's Summer Academic Institute provides students with a foot in the door of high-quality Christian education. Now with Honors Business Experience added to the program, students seeking to enter the business world will be a step ahead in their preparation for a business related major and life beyond."

In addition to Honors Business Experience and four sessions of Honors Symposium, the department of art and design offers its own specialized Summer Academic Institute program. From July 13-27, Honors Art and Design will include hands-on studio projects, lecture, discussion and field trips. Participants will experience historical and modern image making and visual communication by viewing award-winning art collections, learning skills from practicing artists and designers, and producing a student art and design exhibition.

Learn more at harding.edu/summeracademic.



SPOTLIGHT



Director of Multicultural Student Services **TIFFANY BYERS** describes how she gained a global perspective in college and why she aims to instill the same in her students.

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO HARDING?

When I graduated from high school in Augusta, Arkansas, only about 30 miles away from Harding, the University was not even a consideration for me. I had never been on campus. I thought that it was a private, expensive school where I wasn't sure I would fit in.

By the time I took my first job here after graduating from University of Arkansas, I had come to know Harding as a really great place. I knew a lot of students who attended and did very well. I worked in the payroll office for seven years, and I loved it. I was able to be around Christians on a daily basis — it was just a wonderful experience. I consider Harding almost like a treasure that was right next door to me. I just didn't realize how much of a treasure it was. I think it took my going away and getting an education and experience at another school to show me the value that was right here in my backyard.

HOW DO YOUR EXPERIENCES FROM COLLEGE HELP YOU COUNSEL STUDENTS TODAY?

What I love about this job is that I get a chance to interact with so many students who look like me. That doesn't necessarily mean looking like me as a woman or as an African-American but looking like me as someone having certain struggles in college. I was not prepared academically, socially or emotionally when I went away to college. It was very difficult for me to adjust. In the apartment complex where I lived, I had neighbors from Iran, Pakistan, Egypt and all over Africa. I had more international neighbors than I had American neighbors. It took a couple of years to come out of my shell and get to know them, but I made some of my best friends in that little community where we lived.

Another huge adjustment was the size of the classrooms. It was not unusual to be the only African-American in a class of 350 students. It was very hard connecting with people and definitely hard connecting with my teachers. A lot of times when students come in, I see myself. I know how much I needed encouragement to see things through, and I want to be that for other students.

IN WHAT WAYS ARE YOU CONNECTING STUDENTS TO THE RESOURCES IN YOUR OFFICE?

I make it a point to reach out to our minority students because I've found that they are the ones who are not willing to come in. I've seen students walk back and forth past the door to the Center for Student Success and not come in. I think it's embarrassing to say "I need help" or "I'm having a hard time." I know that was my struggle. I send emails and a lot of cards in the mail, trying to personalize our relationship so that they will know I'm not just here warming a seat. I'm really here for them, and my door is always open. Some students are very receptive, and some are not. It's a challenge reaching those that are not.

I'm also a sponsor for the Multicultural Student Action Committee and help them coordinate cultural events. They get together for cultural functions and have the opportunity to build relationships and experience the rich diversity in and around Harding.

WHY IS MULTICULTURAL AWARENESS VALUABLE TO STUDENTS?

College was a growing experience for me to challenge myself to make new friends. I must admit I had many preconceived notions about people that proved to be wrong. I am thankful for my experience because I learned to have respect for other cultures and the beauty they bring to the world. The Multicultural Student Action Committee aligns with a principle of Harding's mission statement to "promote citizenship within a global perspective by developing a Christian understanding of and respect for other cultures through an emphasis on liberty and justice." Our world is ever-changing, and students have more opportunities than ever to travel the world and experience the richness of diverse cultures. It is vital for students to be willing to appreciate different cultures and be comfortable sharing their own. Through awareness, students are allowed to recognize diversity and have compassion for issues that affect others. 🌍

PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY

MY VIEW NATHAN GUY

Being different

In the New Testament, Jesus ministered to and taught people from all walks of life — from the religious elite to the "least of these." His tactics were loving but direct, honest and countercultural. In 2018, being direct, honest and countercultural is not perceived positively. If we are called to be like Jesus, what should teaching, ministering and sharing about our faith look like in a time when disagreement is associated with hatred, shame and judgment? We spoke with Associate Professor of Bible Nathan Guy to capture his perspective.

WHEN WE LIVED in the so-called "post-modern" era, disagreement was all the rage — challenging paradigms, offering alternative positions and calling for multiple voices. Many Christians were encouraged by the desire for openness but concerned about the dwindling interest in objective truth. But things are changing. We might now be entering a post post-modern era where a clearly defined set of cultural values are held sacrosanct, and dissenting voices are judged as wrong

prepare a pre-Christian culture. This means three things.

First, we must re-evaluate our assumptions. Simply quoting a Bible verse or suggesting certain values are "obviously" right or wrong will yield precious little fruit. We must build from the ground up, showing what concepts like truth, love, justice, meaning and peace actually are — in Christ.

Second, we must allow authentic, loving behavior to take the lead over verbal critique. How we live — shining like lights in the world, drawing people to Christ's beauty and goodness — may be the catalyst for further invitation to consider questions of truth.

Third, we must not retreat from encroaching darkness but fill darkness with light.

Christianity is often painted as an anti-intellectual, fear-led mob that seeks only to banish those who disagree. Let us be different. Let us re-engage our culture through knowing, loving and serving those



or even malicious simply for challenging the controlling narrative.

I would suggest that in such a time as this (as we enter a post-Christian era), we adopt the first-century mindset that sought to

around us. Instead of being known for what we are against, let us recapture a thirst for knowledge, relearn the art of Christian persuasion, and reaffirm a commitment to consistently live what we say we believe. 🌍

PHOTO BY JEFF MONTGOMERY



NEWSMAKERS

ATHLETICS

Men's head basketball coach **Jeff Morgan** will be Harding's new athletic director. He is taking on the role held by **Greg Harnden**, who is retiring after 21 years as athletic director and 31 years at the University. Morgan will continue coaching basketball and add the athletic director duties starting in August.

CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

Dr. **Ann Brown** was named director of the McNair Scholars Program in October 2017, replacing Dr. **Linda Thompson** who retired.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Dr. **Shawn Fisher**, assistant professor of history, presented two Veterans Day panels at the Little Rock Central High School Museum on Nov. 10-11, 2017, one of which was presented alongside Elizabeth Eckford of the Little Rock Nine.

The *Petit Jean* yearbook was awarded the Associated Collegiate Press Pacemaker recognizing it as one of the top six yearbooks in the country. **The Bison** was named a Pacemaker finalist and one of the top 40 student newspapers in the country. These awards were presented at the National Media Convention in Dallas on Oct. 25-29, 2017.

COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND MINISTRY

Jordan Guy, assistant professor, successfully defended his dissertation at Asbury Theological Seminary to earn a Ph.D. in biblical studies with an emphasis in Old Testament in September. His dissertation is titled "Whoever Is Among You of All His People, Let Him Go Up! A Literary-Rhetorical Analysis of the Exile and Restoration Topos in 1-2 Chronicles."

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Dr. **Meredith Jones**, associate professor, was appointed as director of Harding University Northwest Arkansas on July 1, 2017. She successfully defended her dissertation at Harding University to earn an Ed.D. in educational leadership Sept. 18, 2017. The title of her dissertation is "Effects of Teaching Level, Subject Area, and Degree on Grades 5-12 Educator Learning Modes."

Mitch Walton was selected as director of Harding University North Little Rock on July 1, 2017.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

Dr. **Rebekah Rampey**, associate professor of biology, was appointed as the chair of the biology department effective at the end of the spring semester. She replaces Dr. **Ben Bruner** who is returning to full-time teaching.

Dr. **Charles Wu**, associate professor of engineering and physics, received the Air Force Salutes Award on Sept. 20, 2017.

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Greg Muse was named director of advancement Dec. 1, 2017, replacing **Larry Arick** who retired after 20 years of service.

UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

Candice Moore became director of marketing in August 2017, transferring from the office of parent and alumni relations.

Dillon Holsonback joined the office as marketing coordinator in July 2017.

Jonathan Murphy was hired as news director in September 2017.



HUBrave hosts sexual assault panel discussion

IN OCTOBER, HUBRAVE hosted a panel discussion titled “Truth vs. Myth: An Honest Talk About Sexual Assault” for the campus community. It was the first event as an official campus organization for HUBrave, which stands for “Bisons Responding and Advocating for Victim’s Empowerment.”

Speakers included HUBrave co-sponsor Stephanie O’Brian, Assistant Professor of Behavioral Science Sam Jeffrey, Associate Professor of Social Work Kim Baker-Abrams, Associate Professor of English Stephanie Eddleman, HUBrave President Caitlyn Denison, Professor of Communication Jack Shock, and Assistant Vice President of Student Life Zach Neal providing different voices and angles on the topic of sexual assault. The panelists were selected by members of HUBrave who offered names of individuals they felt would provide valuable perspectives on sexual assault.

“We wanted to have conversations about what it looks like on this campus, what Harding’s policies are, and truly just spread education and awareness about many of the different perspectives of sexual assault and how it can happen both in terms of violent happenings and also in relationships,” O’Brian said.

Topics discussed included definitions of sexual harassment, violence and consent; the University’s policies and practices that follow reporting of sexual assault; the role of privacy and media in reporting incidents; and how acts of sexual violence can emerge in relationships.

“Nobody can add to or detract from your value as a person,” Jeffrey said at the event. “Your value was established at the cross, and nobody can change that. The only person at fault in a sexual assault or rape is the assaulter or the rapist — period. End of statement. There is no situation where that blame shifts from that person.”

O’Brian and Denison also provided encouragement to the audience, shared their own experiences as survivors, and challenged others to think critically about the issue.

“As someone in this audience listening to this, it’s your duty now to be a shield for someone else because this is us versus the people who think it’s OK to do these kinds of things,” Denison said.

O’Brian said this event was one of many panel discussions HUBrave will host this year, and the organization encourages questions and dialogue on their Facebook page, HUBrave.

Top 10 rankings given by Wall Street Journal

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL named Harding in a list of top 10 schools for engagement and a list of top 10 schools for inspiration. The Wall Street Journal and the Times Higher Education College Rankings publish annual college rankings based on surveys that ask college students across the country about their learning and living environment.

According to the Wall Street Journal, 20 percent of a school’s total assigned rank is based on the engagement category, which pulls from more than 209,000 survey responses. In 2017, each ranked school in the engagement category was represented with a minimum of 50 survey responses. Harding was ranked No. 8 and was the only Arkansas school included in this category.

“I’m not surprised at all!” said junior Megan Ledbetter. “This is what Harding is all about, and when people talk about the Harding experience, they talk about these aspects of campus that come in addition to a good education. Harding is Harding because of the people who are here.”

Top Schools for Engagement were described as “colleges with the highest scores for how engaged students feel they are with their professors and their education.”

“There are so many resources available to students in each department as well as campus wide like the library or the student success center,” Ledbetter said. “I am glad that Harding was not overlooked in this

study by the Wall Street Journal because Harding spends a great deal of time and effort striving to help its students succeed academically and belong socially. This is what Harding is all about.”

The University was also listed as No. 9 on the Wall Street Journal’s list of Students’ Top Schools for Inspiration behind schools such as Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Brown University, Dartmouth College and Harvard University.

This list was compiled using survey responses from students who answered the question, “Do you think your college provides an environment where you feel you are surrounded by exceptional students who inspire and motivate you?”

“A lot of times people have trouble putting their finger on what makes them love their time at Harding, but I think people are at the core of that indescribable feeling,” said junior Kaleb Turner.

Though the responses from this survey were not factored into schools’ total rankings, the results communicate the heart and sharp minds of the University’s student body.

“Our friends make leaving for the summer heartbreaking and make returning from break a celebration, and our professors push us to discover our passions and our place in the world,” Turner said. “It really is the people at Harding that have made this a community we love and cherish for a lifetime.”

NSF grant awarded

DR. JAMES HUFF, assistant professor of engineering and director of engineering assessment, and Dr. Jeremiah Sullins, associate professor of behavioral sciences, collaborated on a project titled “Inclusion, Exclusion and Socialization in Engineering Programs — Investigating Key Affective Socio-psychological Mechanisms in Professional Formation,” that has been awarded nearly \$500,000 by the National Science Foundation. This is a three-year collaborative project between the University of Georgia and Harding. With the contributions of Sullins and colleagues at UGA and the supportive work of the Beyond Professional Identity research group, Huff will serve as the lead investigator for the program of research activity associated with this grant.



CAMPUS SOCIAL



Kendall Ramsey I’m very thankful to have attended Harding. College is what you make it, and Harding helped make my college years a blast. It is so nice to have faculty and staff who care and sincerely want you to succeed. Joining a social club was one of the best choices I’ve ever made! Love it!

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017



Nate Bell @NateBell4AR @PhyllisMBell gave an inspiring #TEDx Talk at @HardingU tonight. I’m extremely proud of all she’s overcome & her many accomplishments.

NOVEMBER 14, 2017



Carla Beckham Chapel today was amazing! To God be the glory for all that he’s doing through Harding and HIZ!

NOVEMBER 16, 2017



Tammie S. Hacker I am so grateful for the Harding experience of my college days and for the experiences that I’ve continued to have through the years! Harding friends are the best!

NOVEMBER 23, 2017



Angela Sheffield @angieshef My daughter FaceTimed me to share her last @HardingU campus lighting with me. It was happy, beautiful and touching. Thank you @emsilly101.

NOVEMBER 27, 2017



EVENTS

MARCH 15

Arts and Life Series: Newpoli

Winner of the 2016 Independent Music Award for “Best World Traditional Album,” Newpoli, an Italian folk music group, performs a program of music from the south of Italy laced with influences from all of the surrounding Mediterranean cultures in the Administration Auditorium. harding.edu/concertseries

MARCH 19-21

Abundant Living Senior College

Abundant Living seeks to encourage, inspire, equip and challenge older Christians to make the kingdom of God their number one priority during their retirement. Through senior college, partici-

pants enjoy classes in Bible, history and practical aging, all offered on the University’s campus. abundantlivingseniors.com

MARCH 29-31

Spring Sing

Faster than a speeding bullet and able to leap buildings in a single bound, more than 20 social clubs present the struggle between the forces of good and evil in Spring Sing 2018 “Heroes and Villains.” harding.edu/springsing

APRIL 13

Arts and Life Series: “Wardrobes and Rings”

David Payne as C.S. Lewis returns with Marc Whitmore and Meg Ellisor to

perform “Wardrobes and Rings.” In this play, we join C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien for one last visit, tempered by thawing humor, confession and reconciliation. harding.edu/concertseries

MAY 5

Spring Commencement

Students from the University’s nine colleges are honored as they walk across Benson stage to receive their diplomas. Bachelor’s through doctoral degrees are awarded during three ceremonies. harding.edu/graduation

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

BY THE NUMBERS

BRACKETT LIBRARY

375,136

Number of print books and microform titles

3,823

Number of pages in the library’s longest book, *AHDS Drug Information 2017*

4

Ranking of the Harding Read selection, *The Hiding Place*, in the fall semester’s top books checked out

1664

Year of publication for the library’s oldest book, *Compendium locorum theologicorum ex Scripturis Sacris, Et Libro Concordiae... collectum / opera et studio Leonharti Hutteri*

3.125

Number of inches tall of the library’s smallest book, *A Collection of Hymns for the Use of the Methodist Episcopal Church (1846)*

9

Number of librarians

9,089

Number of total entries in the Harding Remembers database of plaques and bricks on campus



Comeback Bisons

By SCOTT GOODE, assistant athletic director for sports information

AFTER LOSING THEIR FIRST three games, most concluded the end of the regular season would be the end of the road for the 2017 Bisons football team. But the Bisons went on a roll, responding with eight-straight wins including a 24-17 road victory over Arkansas Tech University in Russellville in the regular season finale.

The Bisons, under first-year head coach Paul Simmons, had only appeared in the NCAA's Super Region 3 Rankings a couple of weeks earlier. The Bisons were not in the super region top 10 in the first rankings release but appeared at No. 10 when the winning streak reached six games. A victory over East Central (Oklahoma) the following week in the final home game pushed Harding up to No. 7. With seven teams reaching the playoffs in Super Region 3, the victory over Tech sealed the Bisons' second-straight and

fourth overall trip to the NCAA Playoffs.

The team received the No. 7 seed and began a postseason journey that carried them almost 5,000 miles through four road playoff games and the deepest run into the playoffs any Harding team has ever made.

The Bisons' playoff opener came at the No. 2 seed University of Indianapolis on Nov. 18. The Greyhounds entered the game 11-0 and champions of the Great Lakes Valley Conference with Division II's longest winning streak at 15 games, an 11-game home winning streak, and Division II's most efficient passing attack.

Indianapolis junior quarterback Jake Purichia had thrown only two interceptions all season. Against the Bisons, he threw two interceptions on the first drive. Harding linebacker Sam Blankenship intercepted a pass on the Bison goal line but fumbled the ball on the return. Three plays later, Christian Witt intercepted Purichia again.

The weather pregame included 25-mph winds and rain blowing sideways. It calmed a bit during the early part of the game, and Harding held a 14-10 lead with 5:32 left in the second quarter when weather struck again. Lightning in the area forced a delay of more than two hours as teams returned to the locker room for what turned out to be a very long almost-halftime. When the storm cleared, the teams returned to the field, and the game stayed tight.

With 13:38 left in the game, Purichia completed a 47-yard touchdown pass to Malik Higgins to give Indianapolis a 24-21 lead. The Bisons forced the Greyhounds to punt on their next drive, but the punt pinned Harding at its own 4-yard line with 10:28 left. The Bisons covered the 96 yards in only three plays: a 68-yard run by Grant Kimberlin, a 3-yard run by Cole Chancey, and a 25-yard touchdown run by Terrence Dingle to put Harding ahead

27-24 with 9:09 left.

Indianapolis drove to the Harding 1-yard line and had second-and-goal when the Bisons called timeout with 2:05 left on the clock. Harding stuffed running back Al McKeller, who rushed for 144 yards in the game, for a 1-yard loss on second down. Purichia fumbled the shotgun snap on third down and fumbled the snap again as the holder on a potential game-tying field goal.

Harding took over, ran out the clock, and began getting ready for the second leg of the playoff journey a week later in Ashland, Ohio.

Freshman fullback Cole Chancey rushed 29 times for 165 yards and tied a school record with four rushing touchdowns to lead Harding to a 34-24 victory over ninth-ranked Ashland.

The Bison defense limited the Eagles to only 70 rushing yards and sacked All-America quarterback Travis Tarnowski four times.

With the victory, the team began preparation for the Super Region 3 championship game, which also served as the national quarterfinals.

Ferris State, who finished second behind Ashland in the GLIAC, was the next opponent, and again the Bisons were on the road. This time the destination was Big Rapids, Michigan.

The Bisons controlled the ball for more than 41 minutes in the game, rushed for 303 yards, and drove 62 yards late in the game to set up Tristan Parsley's 20-yard, game-winning field goal with no time left. The kick gave Harding a 16-14 win, its first Super Region championship, and its 11th-straight victory.

The defense again was solid in the game, limiting Ferris State to only 221 yards, forcing two turnovers, and sacking Bulldog quarterback Reggie Bell four times.

The storybook season came to an end in Commerce, Texas, on Dec. 9. Texas A&M-Commerce quarterback Luis Perez, the Harlon Hill Award winner as the best player in Division II football, passed for 288 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Lions to a 34-24 victory in a game streamed worldwide on ESPN3.

Senior slot back Grant Kimberlin had his best game as a Bison, rushing for 107 yards on



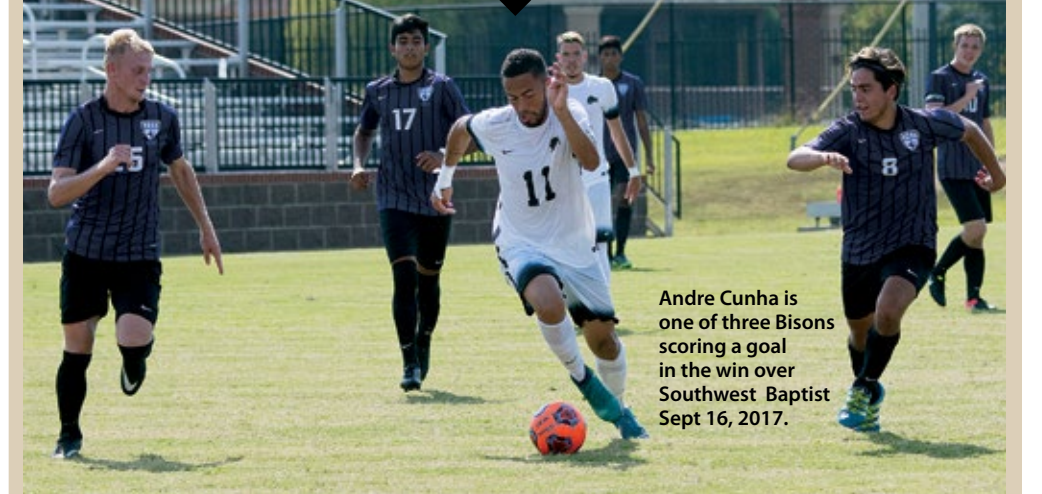
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Senior Zach Shelley scores on a 5-yard gain on the first play of the fourth quarter against University of Indianapolis. The Bisons won their ninth-straight game of the season 27-24.

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BY THE NUMBERS



Andre Cunha is one of three Bisons scoring a goal in the win over Southwest Baptist Sept 16, 2017.

130 Tackles by junior linebacker Sam Blankenship, the most by a Harding player in a single season since the NCAA standardized tackle stats in 2000

30 Conference championships won by men's cross-country. No. 30 came this season as the Bisons defeated six other teams to win their second Great American Conference championship and first since 2013.

8 Number of women's cross-country runners who have earned first-team all-conference honors all four years. Senior Madison Drennan placed fifth at the 2017 GAC Championships to earn her fourth-straight honor.

7 Goals by sophomore Christian Ramos, the first Harding men's soccer player to earn United Soccer Coaches NCAA Division II Men's All-Central Region honors. Men's soccer was the regular season GAC champion this season.

51 Career goals for junior women's soccer player Bethany Sutherland, breaking the previous record of 48 set by Kendyl Washburn from 2004-07

148 Blocks for junior volleyball middle blocker Zoe Hardin, the most in the GAC. Hardin was also fifth in the GAC in hitting percentage, 10th in kills, and earned American Volleyball Coaches Association honorable mention All-America.

nine carries with a 51-yard touchdown run. He also caught three passes for 60 more yards.

With the loss, the team ended with an 11-4 record one season after the Bisons went 13-1 and reached the national quarterfinals. Even though they progressed farther than last year's team, they were ranked sixth — the same as the 2016 team — by the American Football Coaches Association poll. Harding's 24 wins over the last two seasons are more than any other team in Division II.

Harding's offense set a school record with

5,128 rushing yards, and Chancey broke all of Harding's freshman rushing records, rushing for 1,337 yards and 15 touchdowns.

Two Harding players — junior linebacker Sam Blankenship and senior offensive lineman Gavin De Los Santos — earned first team All-America from the Division II Conference Commissioners Association and landed on the AP Division II All-America teams. It is the first time Harding has ever had two players named to the AP team in the same season.

The conclusion: Never count the Bisons out.



FIVE PHOTOGRAPHERS CAPTURE IMAGES OF ONE DAY IN THE LIFE

The day that was Nov. 9, 2017, looked similar to many others on campus. With a high of 63 and a low of 38, even the temperature was close to normal on this sunny fall day. As the sun rose at 6:36 a.m., the campus slowly came to life. Later as the day grew dim, activity peaked until fading away for a night's rest.

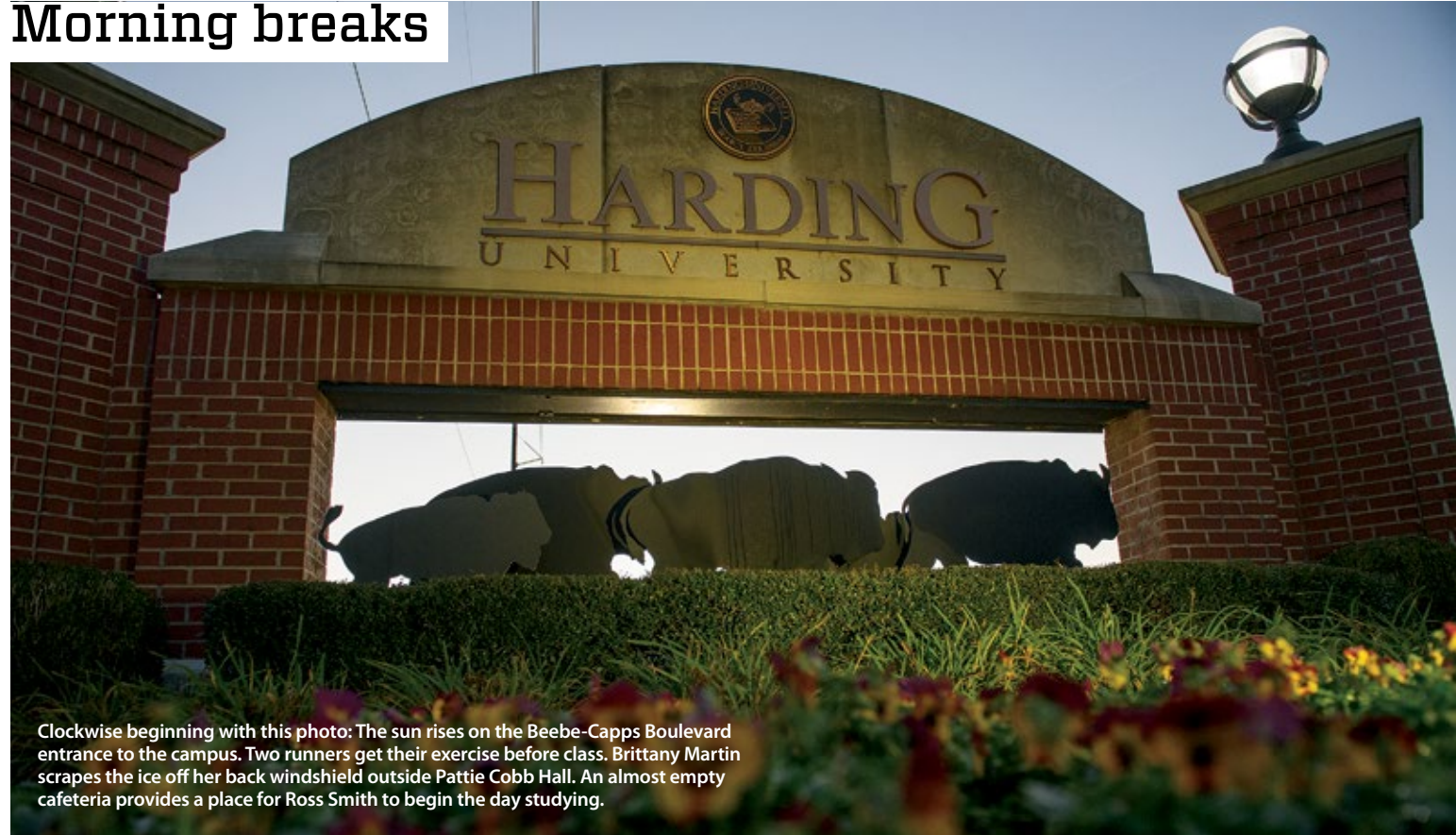
But in every day, there are moments that set the 24 hours apart. All of the collective activity can be broken down into a community of mission that is building friendships, gaining knowledge, sharpening skills, making memories and growing in faith. The ordinary gives way to glimpses of the extraordinary, and that's what *Harding* magazine set out to record on this particular day.

Although a typical day with nothing notable on the calendar besides the much-welcomed muffin chapel, that Thursday came alive with classes, chapel, rehearsals, practices, labs and more. Abigail Cooper, Noah Darnell, Sterling McMichael, Jeff Montgomery and Abby Tran captured thousands of images we condensed to give you a portion of the moments that constitute one day in this place we call Harding.

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HOURS

Morning breaks



Clockwise beginning with this photo: The sun rises on the Beebe-Capps Boulevard entrance to the campus. Two runners get their exercise before class. Brittany Martin scrapes the ice off her back windshield outside Pattie Cobb Hall. An almost empty cafeteria provides a place for Ross Smith to begin the day studying.



Campus awakens

Two students venture to class at 7:50 a.m. as the campus comes to life.



Moments of the morning

Clockwise from top left: College of Business Administration Dean Al Frazier holds a breakfast meeting with the COBA student advisory board. Pat Rice swims laps at the Ganus Activities Complex. Mingming Jiang goes over her accounting notes in the COBA Cafe as she prepares for a test. Assistant Professor of Theatre Dottie Frye gives a tour of the Ulrey Center to visiting students from Cabot Public Schools. Zach Heard, Paul Pearson and Josh Syrotchen work together in Assistant Professor of Business Ellis Sloan's investment class.





9 and 10 a.m.
means chapel

Clockwise from top left: Muffin chapel is one of the highlights of the semester as students enjoy the treats waiting for them on the C.L. Kay Plaza. Grant Clemens records 9 a.m. chapel in the Reynolds TV studio. Assistant Dean of Students Brandon Tittle speaks in chapel on the topic of adoption. From the eagle's nest in the Benson, student workers run the audiovisuals for the screens.

Clockwise from top left: Pilot Ken McConaughay prepares the University plane for a flight to St. Paul, Minnesota, for a presidential reception in Afton. Assistant Professor of Music Jay Walls directs the Chorus in a rehearsal. Paul Peterson hangs cascading lights preparing the campus for Christmas. Students eat and fellowship on the front lawn.

Afternoon arrives



An active afternoon



Clockwise beginning with this photo: Dedicated at Homecoming, the Nicholas Smith Recreational Area at Gin Creek provides a tranquil spot for late afternoon outdoor activities. Mid-afternoon finds marketing, communication, public relations and graphic design students talking with Jay Hall from Promos and Logos at a networking mixer in the Rhodes-Reaves lobby. Natalie Clark focuses on her organic and biological chemistry lab work. While the football team practices on the field, Kendall Nacenceno works on his vaulting. Athletic training student Carter Ness treats D.J. Radabaugh.



Clockwise from top left: Armstrong Hall resident Jacob Doak folds a shirt in the nearby laundromat. Even after 10 p.m., Ganus Activities Complex is busy with basketball games. The cafeteria provides a place for early evening socializing. After midnight, Levi Wallis enjoys playing Xbox from the comfort of his bed in Allen Hall. Campus security provides cart rides for students' safety. Women's intramurals flag football competition is intense on a cool evening.

Day fades into night





Connections



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1949

Stephen Eckstein has taught a class on a spiritual A-bomb, an outgrowth of an article he wrote in regard to the A-bombs of 1944, at Green Lawn Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas. He served in World War II. (2605 N. County Road 1700, Lubbock, TX 79416)

1959

Lewis ('57) and **Charlene Stewart** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 1, 2017. They are both retired from Georgia Southern University where Lewis taught in the College of Business, and Charlene taught in the College of Education. They have two sons. (211 Wildwood Drive, Statesboro, GA 30458)

1968

Phillip Jones retired as the school counselor for the Goreville (Illinois) School System after 30 years in education. He also served as minister for the Goreville Church of Christ for 30 years and is now the full-time minister for the Vienna (Illinois) Church of Christ. (P.O. Box 272, Goreville, IL 62939)

1970

Su Zanne Hampton Pace has authored two poetry books, *Pages of Water and Iron* and *Memories and Pleasures Now*, under the pen name Emily Laurel. The books can be found on Amazon.com. (3235 Junior Place, Shreveport, LA 71109)

1973

Gregory G. Pauley concluded a 42-year career with American Electric Power, one of the nation's largest investor-owned utilities. He retired as the company's president and COO of its Kentucky operations. He and his wife, **Kathryn Henderson** ('72), have three children and 10 grandchildren. They attend Holly Hill Church of Christ where they oversee the ladies ministry. (105 Waterford Circle, Frankfort, KY 40601)

1976

Timothy D. Stidham was honored for his 30 years of service to the church of Christ in Los Alamos, New Mexico. He began at the church as youth minister and served in the capacity for five years. In 1992, he became pulpit minister. His wife, **Tanya Anderson** ('78), has served as women's minister since 2000. They have four children. (2345 Diamond Drive, Los Alamos, NM 87544)

1983

Lisa Chapman retired from Shell Oil Co. She worked 34 years in information technology. (1206 Catskill Drive, Missouri City, TX 77459)

1993

Amy Cavender Cho joined Truxton Trust as associate wealth adviser. She joined Truxton Trust from a private law practice, where she primarily focused on estate planning. She earned her Doctor of Jurisprudence at Nashville School of Law. She is a licensed Tennessee attorney and a member of the Tennessee Bar Association and Nashville Bar Association. (2148 Hillsboro Valley Road, Brentwood, TN 37027)

Steven Nutt married Suzanne Hodge on Sept. 2, 2017. Steven is CFO at Community National Bank and Trust of Texas. (4210 W. State Highway 22, Corsicana, TX 75110)

1995

Karen Monk Garner was invited to join Sigma Theta Tau International. She also completed a Master

Known for his in-depth, thought-provoking lessons, **Tim Stidham** has delivered 1,172 sermons, taught Sunday evening classes called "The Table," and led Wilderness Trek encampments and rafting trips since coming to Los Alamos, New Mexico, 30 years ago.

'76

of Science in Nursing with a specialty in nursing education from Chamberlain College of Nursing. An adjunct professor at Harding, she is married to **Jeremy** ('96). (207 Crain Drive, Searcy, AR 72143)

1998

Daniel Norton is a student in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management's Executive MBA Program. (1204 Boxthorn Drive, Brentwood, TN 37027)

1999

Nick Kennedy is president of Surf Air, which recently purchased Rise Air. He started Rise Air and was its chief executive. He is married to Dr. **Angela Sholl** ('97). (6822 Tulip Lane, Dallas, TX 75230)

Tyson ('98) and **April Campbell Ledgerwood** announce the birth of a daughter, Kaylin Arya, Sept. 19, 2017. Tyson is fine arts coordinator/21st century director, and April is a homemaker. (1128 N. Grayson St., Hobbs, NM 88240)

2003

Jarod Varner is regional vice president for transit management at First Transit. He is responsible for transit management operations and supporting current customers. He serves on the American Public Transportation Association board of directors as well as the National Transit Institute Advisory Board. He earned a master's in public administration degree from the University of North Texas. He is married to **Paige Tenery**. (4316 Austin Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72116)

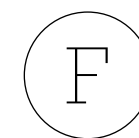
2004

Michael Anderson has been promoted to managing director-acquisitions at Westmount Realty Capital LLC. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a master's in land economics and real estate. He is a member of the Real Estate Council and is a licensed Texas real estate broker. (3334 Regent Drive, Dallas, TX 75229)

Andrew Goodman joined Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson's staff as director of policy coordination and legislative outreach Jan. 2, 2018. He was chief legislative aide to the president of the Arkansas Senate. He and his wife, **Chelsea Wilson** ('05), have four children. (101 Maple St., Cabot, AR 72023)

Craig Vick is chief financial officer at Collier's International Arkansas. He is a volunteer in the AR Kids Read Program, giving time to children who need some extra help with their reading skills and is a youth basketball coach at Central Arkansas

Pro-bono fide



FROM HIS TIME AS A STUDENT at Harding, Russell Brown ('99) knew he wanted to work in public service. He landed an internship with then Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee his senior year that led him to an early career in government.

"I liked interacting with the ultimate decision makers, city counselors, mayors and county commissioners," Brown says. "I enjoy participating in public meetings. Not everybody likes to get up and make a case and have your arguments dissected and analyzed or argued against, but I enjoy it."

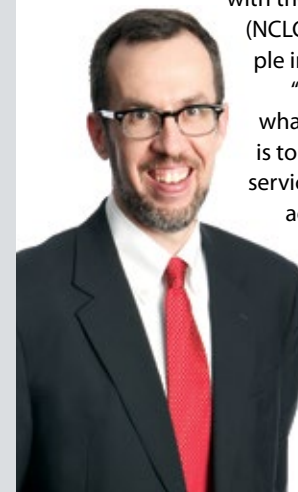
After graduation, Brown and his wife, Emily Haas ('00), moved to Indiana where he worked on a congressional campaign and went on to work in state government for Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon. While working for O'Bannon, he decided to enroll in the McKinney School of Law at Indiana University in Indianapolis where he attended part time in the evenings.

"I looked around and realized that everybody around me who was higher on the organizational chart was either 20 years older than me or had a law degree. So I saw [law school] as an opportunity to advance my professional career."

After his first year of law school, Brown began volunteering with the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic (NCLC) providing pro-bono legal services to people in the community.

"I immediately started to see the value in what [the clinic does]," he says. "The philosophy is to go out into neighborhoods and offer legal services to clients who otherwise wouldn't have access. They also do preventative legal education seminars often in some of our homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters and community centers."

Upon finishing law school and passing the bar in 2007, Brown decided to start a legal clinic at his church. The Southeastern Church of Christ in Indianapolis has functioned as an NCLC intake



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Christian Schools. He is married to **Carrie Stake** ('06). (1801 Wellington Woods Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211)

Lauren Smelser White successfully defended her dissertation and has received a Ph.D. in religion from Vanderbilt University. She has been appointed assistant professor of theology at Lipscomb University. Her husband, **Jason**, is a private-practice dentist in Franklin, Tennessee. They have two children, Everette and Abel. (1106 Stonewall Jackson Court, Nashville, TN 37220)

2006

Charles and **Cara Elliott** announce the birth of a daughter, Charlotte Elaine, July 26, 2017. Charles is a lawyer, and Cara owns her own business. They have another daughter, Elizabeth Blake. (2627 Summerwind Drive S.E., Decatur, AL 35603)

2007

Ben and **Rachel Delk Burkhart** announce the birth of a son, Joshua Alan, Aug. 10, 2017. They also

site for the past 10 years. In 2011, Brown joined the board of directors of NCLC where he currently serves as secretary to the board.

Twice a month the clinic opens to the community, and Brown helps coordinate a number of volunteers, both lawyers and non-lawyers, who help people meet with an attorney and get free legal advice.

"For us, it has been a great opportunity to engage with the community. We have church members who serve as greeters. They help people come in, get the paperwork filled out, and keep them company while they're waiting. Often they'll pray with folks if they request it. They tell them about services and programs the church offers like our food pantry and preschool. There are a number of ways for people to connect with us."

Altogether the NCLC serves about 10,000 people each year through the 18 intake sites, almost all low-income individuals who fall well below the federal poverty level, including many immigrants.

"The immigration portion is a big part of the clinic. When [NCLC] started, which is largely still true, none of the other secular pro-bono legal services providers offered immigration services. It's philosophically an area of emphasis because nobody else is doing it, and we all feel called by our faith to provide that service to our neighbors."

While the NCLC is designed to help community clients, it is often the volunteers who come away feeling the most rewarded.

"I always feel like I get more out of my two hours at the intake session than I probably give just because I know that somebody else is benefitting from my legal education and my legal experience."

When Brown isn't volunteering with the NCLC, he works professionally as a zoning and real estate lawyer for Clark, Quinn, Moses, Scott & Grahn LLP where he was named partner in 2015.

"I enjoy trying to help communities do something that's for their ultimate good. It's a good opportunity for me to interact with public employees and make positive contributions in our communities for a lasting impact."

For Brown, it is not just about waking up, going to work and coming home at the end of the day.

"I think there's more expected of us, not just as lawyers but as people of faith. So I want to continue to try and find ways to make a difference for folks in my community, for my clients, and for the public at large." 🙏

— Jonathan Murphy

PROFILE | RUSSELL BROWN



Life on the road

PROFILE | CHELSEA ROBERSON TUTTLE



ROWING UP IN AN AIR FORCE FAMILY, home for Chelsea Roberson Tuttle ('07) meant moving around. After graduating from the University, Tuttle adopted the same method, this time with a home that literally moved around. Since her first camper van, Tuttle and her husband, Christian, have lived in an ambulance, bus and Swiss army vehicle — traveling the country from the comfort of their own home.

"I had always had it in my head that I wanted a house on wheels," Tuttle says. "When I lived in San Diego, I bought the camper van and lived in it for about a year, and that was kind of the beginning of the mobile living situations. I think my mom was relieved when I sold it because she thought I had gotten it out of my system. But the opposite had actually happened."

Her next "mobile living situation" was an ambulance she and Christian converted into a camper while living in Colorado. They nicknamed it the "Campulance" and traveled extensively throughout the country in it.

"We gutted it, saving the things we wanted, to make way for what are essentially the two



key items for a camper: a bed and a kitchen solution," Tuttle says. "With the Campulance, we had shelves and outdoor storage, so one of them folded down into an outside kitchen quite nicely." They upgraded to a small school bus, which required more renovations than the ambulance but gave them more living space.

"We were living at a campground in Montana, and most of the guys there were living in tents. We felt like we were in Buckingham Palace. We could stand and walk around, and it had a full kitchen."


While the bus' size was a luxury, it also created issues when it came to maneuvering off road, so the couple traded the bus for a Pinzgauer, a six-wheel drive Swiss army vehicle. The Tuttles lived in the vehicle for a year, spending six months of that in Baja, California.

"The military vehicle is definitely a conversation starter. We've met so many people because of it, and sometimes it takes 30 minutes to get out of a gas station parking lot because people just want to come over and talk and look at it. We've had people ask to take pictures sitting on it."

Because of the size of their vehicles, the Tuttles seldom travel on the interstate; they can only get up to 55 miles per hour. Exploring the country along back roads opens them up to seeing more sites and making new friendships along the way.

"Traveling has opened doors to relationships with people who we otherwise wouldn't know," Tuttle says. "You discover a lot staying off the interstate. You end up talking to people at a gas station and then you get an awesome recommendation for a hot spring nearby or somebody offers to let you park in their driveway for the night. It restores my hope in humanity sometimes."

Recently, the couple parked their home on wheels, trading it for a more stationary option, living in a house together for the first time.

"It is a huge adjustment, but it's an easier transition back into house living than it is out of it. The stressful part of traveling nearly full time comes from having no permanent home and having to rely on others for that stability. So it's nice to have a home base we can travel away from but still come back to."  — Jennifer Hannigan

2009

Sean ('10) and **Laura Reeder Driggers** announce the birth of a son, Jack Caleb, Aug. 4, 2017. They have another son, Charlie. (605 Ember Lane, Mansfield, TX 76063)

Eric ('11) and **Rachel Steele Giboney** announce the birth of a son, Edwyn Kent, Sept. 24, 2017. They live in China where Eric works for Tianjin Zhi Yang Cross-Cultural Consultants. (Qing Xiu Yuan 3-2-201, Liu Jiang Road, Hexi District, Tianjin, P.R. China, 300061)

2010

Sandra McGrew joined Ghidotti Communications to run its new content communications division. As director of content marketing, she manages the agency's web-based news and events platform, called The Arkansas 100; oversees its website and podcast; and devises digital content marketing strategies for clients. (601 Napa Valley Drive, #637, Little Rock, AR 72211)

2011

Collin and **Katie Fittz Harwell** announce the birth of a daughter, Ella Ruth, July 15, 2017. Collin is owner and president of Prairie Pet Food Ingredients, and Katie is the executive support manager for Refrigeration Design Technologies. (103 Omaha Court, Waxahachie, TX 75165).

Caleb and **Ashley Ward Mitchen** announce the birth of a son, Luke Kenneth, Dec. 13, 2016. They are both employed as financial analysts at Walmart Stores Inc. (4007 S.W. Grace Farms Ave., Bentonville, AR 72712)

2012

Mark ('10) and **Courtney Carter Wagner** announce the birth of a son, Hudson Dale, July 19, 2017. Mark is the math instructional facilitator at White County Central Schools, and Courtney teaches kindergarten in the same district. They also have a daughter, Nora. (105 Dean St., Searcy, AR 72143)

2013

Levi ('12) and **Reatta Williams Walker** announce the birth of a son, Asher Finn, March 10, 2017. (335 N. Spruce Ave., Bartlesville, OK 74006)

2015

Rebecca Neely was named Volunteer Services Coordinator at Arkansas Children's Northwest Hospital. (7526 Peony Place, #104, Springdale, AR 72762)

Ansley Watson has become a reporter for "Good Morning Arkansas" on Little Rock, Arkansas, ABC

affiliate KATV Channel 7. She previously worked for two years as a morning reporter and journalist at NBC and FOX affiliates in Marquette, Michigan. (5500 Highland Drive, #1124, Little Rock, AR 72223)

Passages

Geraldine Richards Jameson ('45), 93, of Bald Knob, Arkansas, died Oct. 2, 2017. She was a member of the United Methodist church. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Jr. She is survived by three children, Ken, Gary and Beth Carty; and eight grandchildren.

Joe Shaver ('46), 91, of San Antonio, died Aug. 6, 2017. He earned his bachelor's from the University of Missouri and was the first in his family to graduate from college. He spent a short time in Japan in the Army during World War II. Upon his return, he and his wife, Bea, moved to Aruba where he was employed by Lago Oil. While there, the couple established the first church of Christ in Aruba. In 1962, he transferred to New York City to work in the controller's office at Exxon. After retiring, he settled in San Antonio, working for his son's company, Precious Stones Unlimited. He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, **Bea Barde** ('56). He is survived by three children, Cynthia Hopkins, Susan Johnson and Neal Shaver; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Arthur Peddle ('47), 92, of Nashville, Tennessee, died Sept. 28, 2017. He was a preacher all of his adult life and preached for churches in Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, South Carolina and Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his first wife, **Georgia Jenkins** ('48), and a daughter, **Jenny Beth** ('75). He is survived by his second wife, Orlean Lonnie; four children, **Arthur** ('70), **Rosalind Grace** ('72), **Georgina Kee** ('73) and Joel; two stepchildren, Lori Daugherty and Teri Briley; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Madge McCluggage Lewis ('48), 90, of Little Rock, Arkansas, died Aug. 20, 2017. She was a talented pianist and taught elementary music at Mars Hill Bible School, Crowley's Ridge Academy and Central Arkansas Christian. She served as a minister's wife in Alabama, Idaho, Arkansas and Mississippi as well as around the world. The highlight of her later life was her work with Partners in Progress in Southeast Asia. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Claude** ('49). She is survived by six children, **Tim** ('71), **Maurine Jones** ('72), **Joel** ('74), **Laura Wright** ('77), **Cheri Smith** ('84) and **Jon** ('87); a sister **Marcielle Hicks** ('44); 20 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

Glendon Farmer ('49), 91, of Conway, Arkansas, died Aug. 27, 2017. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict. He received a Master of Education from Peabody College and a Doctor

of Education from University of Tennessee at Knoxville. He taught in schools in Williford, Arkansas, and Bragg City, Missouri. He later served as business manager for Florence (Alabama) City Schools and then as superintendent. While there, he worked to implement desegregation. A lifelong learner, he memorized long passages of poetry, devoured books from every genre and engaged in systematic studies of such topics as the American Civil War, Middle Eastern History and the ministry of the apostle Paul. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Geraldine Holloway** ('59). He is survived by three children, **Sherry Holder** ('76), **Patti Summers** ('82) and **John** ('88); a sister, **Eloise Hayre** ('59); seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Rue Porter Rogers ('51), 89, of Piggott, Arkansas, died Sept. 21, 2016. He taught in the Piggott School System for 35 years after serving in the Army. He was a member of the church of Christ. He was preceded in death by two sons, David and **Ben** ('75). He is survived by four children, **Beth Brewer** ('80), **Brent** ('80), **Edgar** ('84) and **Ru Anne Rogers** ('88); and nine grandchildren

Eula "Eudie" Faith Voigts ('55), 82, of Granbury, Texas, died Dec. 17, 2016. She loved to sing and participated in a variety of choral ensembles. She worked several secretarial and receptionist jobs. She taught Sunday school, led women's ministry activities, and along with her husband facilitated 41 Marriage Encounter Workshops across the country. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, **Carroll** ('58); four children, **Bob** ('75), John, Sue Epley and Julie Derrick; a brother, **Bob** ('52); 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Edgar Ray McAlister ('58), 81, of Lewisville, Texas, died Aug. 10, 2017. He earned a master's degree from North Texas State University and was award-

PASSAGES | GLENDON FARMER

Having witnessed the inequities of education during the Jim Crow era, Dr. Glendon Farmer found himself responsible for implementing the desegregation of Florence (Alabama) City Schools. He believed deeply that it was important and provided a steady hand to the district, navigating community concerns and opposition by meeting with parent groups for months to guarantee a transparent, successful process.



ed a Ph.D. in marketing and credit management from Ohio State University. He was a professor emeritus of the University of North Texas where he was a member of the faculty from 1963-2005. He is survived by his wife, **Anita Martin** ('59); four children, Deanna Spence, Stephen, Stuart and Mark; a sister, Robin Rachel; and nine grandchildren.

Juanita Lawrence Davis ('60), 80, of Wichita, Kansas, died April 1, 2017. She earned her master's in guidance and counseling from Kansas State University while teaching English, speech and journalism at Manhattan Junior High. She then served as a middle school counselor for 15 years in the Derby School District in Wichita, Kansas. She counseled at a church in Orlando, Florida, for another 15 years. She is survived by three sons, Brent, Brian and Kelly; two brothers, Orville Lawrence and Paul Lawrence; and six grandchildren.

Pansy Lee Beene Wells ('61), 78, of Searcy died Sept. 18, 2017. She was a member of West Side Church of Christ. She is survived by her husband, **Jerry** ('65); two children, **Kim Knight** ('83) and Jeffrey; a sister, Brenda Chism; and five grandchildren.

Billy Joe Thrasher ('61), 78, of Columbia, Tennessee, died Sept. 29, 2017. He also held degrees from Florida College, George Peabody College at Vanderbilt University, and Arkansas State University and received his doctorate from the University of Arkansas. He spent more than 40 years in the field of education serving as a classroom teacher, coach and athletic director from grade school to junior college level. He was in administrative roles as assistant principal, principal, superintendent and president in both private and public education. He was honored as Outstanding Educator in 1969 by the State Jaycees, was included in Who's Who Among American Educators, and

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was a member of Phi Delta Kappa honor society. He served on the Arkansas Advisory Council for Secondary Education, the Arkansas Council on Economic Education, and Tulsa Private School Advisory Council. He was a charter member of the board of directors for Maury Alliance Chamber of Commerce. He was a Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow and a 1999 graduate of the first Leadership Maury Class, the Vision 20/20 Board, the Maury Technical School Board of Directors, and the National Christian School Association who selected him as the 2006 Administrator of the Year. He was a volunteer on the Tuesday Crew at Columbia Academy where from 2014-16 he served as interim athletic director. He was a deacon at West Seventh Street Church of Christ and was named along with his wife, Barbara, as Harding's 2017 Distinguished Alumni. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, **Barbara Godsey** ('63); two children, **Tim** ('84) and **Christy** ('90); and two grandchildren.

David William Fouss ('66), 74, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, died Oct. 22, 2017. He received his master's degree from Southeast Missouri State. He was a teacher, coach and administrator in public and private schools in six states. He was honored as an Outstanding Young Educator of the South in 1982, was inducted into the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Hall of Fame, and received the Distinguished Service Award from the Ohio Association Track and Cross-Country Coaches in 2000. He was a former dean of students at Ohio Valley University. He was named Administrator of the Year at Warren High School in 2001 and Ohio Southeast District Athletic Administrator of the Year in 2002. He taught Bible classes; served as pulpit minister for two congregations; and was a deacon, Bible school director, VBS director and elder for congregations where he attended. He is survived by his wife, **Mary Elizabeth Mattmiller** ('66); two sons, Jonathan and Todd; two brothers, **Douglas** ('66) and Dana; and three grandchildren.

Frank Lynn Pennington ('69), 71, of Ardmore, Oklahoma, died Sept. 30, 2017. He volunteered for missionary work to Japan upon graduation. He was an associate minister, youth minister and minister in Oklahoma and New York. He was a teacher in New York, Mississippi and Oklahoma. He and his wife opened their home to care for foster children. The loss of his right leg in 1999 became a motivating factor for him, and he entered the Endeavor Games in Edmond, Oklahoma, in 2001. He also was invited to the International Endeavor Games in San Diego. His left leg was amputated in 2004, and he learned to walk with prosthetic limbs. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Hunt; seven children, Angelyn, Coy Jones, Cynthia Jones, Sandra Thach, Ryan, David Wilson and Timothy Hunt; his mother, Darlene Pennington; a sister, Marcia Liggon; 14

grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Douglas McArthur ('71), 75, of Clarksville, Tennessee, died Aug. 9, 2017. He served in the U.S. Army and retired from General Motors after 30 years as a machinist. He was a member of the church of Christ at Trenton Crossing and on the board of directors for Metro Detroit Youth Chorus and Michigan Christian Youth Camp. He is survived by his wife, Diana; two daughters, **Deborah Letsinger** ('83) and Denise Cameron; two siblings David and Patricia Rose; and six grandchildren.

Elizabeth Ann Dixon Rodenbeck ('73), 66, of West Plains, Missouri, died Aug. 28, 2017. She completed her master's in education from Missouri State University in 1986. She taught school for 37 years and was a lifelong member of Brandsville Church of

Christ where she taught Sunday school. She is survived by her husband, **Larry** ('73); three children, Jay, Ty and **Abby Harris** ('06); and a brother, Joe.

Dorothy Peters ('75), 64, of Mesquite, Texas, died Aug. 4, 2017. She received a master's in English from Texas Tech University. She taught high school English in Weslaco and Ferris, Texas. She is survived by two sisters, Annette Parker and **Linda Smith** ('76).

Alita Sowders Gable Carter ('75), 64, of Deatsville, Alabama, died Oct. 25, 2017. She taught at various times both in the classroom and in church. She was the founding Director of Bright Beginnings Preschool as a ministry of the Burnt Hickory church in Marietta, Georgia. She taught and mentored, not only in churches, but also on multiple mission trips. She was preceded in death by her

first husband, **Mark Gable** ('75). She is survived by her husband, Ron; her mother, Shirley Sowders; three sons; **Travis** ('00), **Alan** ('04), and **Jared** ('04); three stepchildren, Sandi, Tammi and Ryan; her sister, **Apryl Evans** ('76); and 18 grandchildren.

Warren Ray Grogan ('75), 66, of Beebe, Arkansas, died Nov. 14, 2017. A retired master sergeant, he proudly served in the U.S. Air Force for 24 years as a military training instructor and combat arms instructor. While a combat arms instructor, he mentored his students and his CATM teams, and he showed them what real leadership was. He was a member of the Beebe Church of Christ where he served as a song leader. He also served as a song leader at the Beebe Retirement Center. He was very active in the Disabled American Veterans and worked part time for the Clinton Presidential Library as a security guard. He is survived by his wife, **Susan Clark** ('75); four children, Davis Beasley, **Diana Riddle** ('00), Julie Jones and Annie Beasley Ginn; his mother, Mary Ruth; two sisters, **Ruth Ann Dawson** ('71) and Bonnie; and seven grandchildren.

Neal Alan Organ ('76), 63, of Cypress, Texas, died Oct. 27, 2017. While at Harding, he participated in the A Cappella Chorus and Belles and Beaux. In recent years, he performed with the Texas Master Chorale. He loved sports, especially LSU, the Saints and the Astros. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, **Ruth Woods** ('75); two children, Alex and Allison Phillips; and a brother, **Dennis** ('66).

Joe Dale Hodges ('78), 66, of Searcy died Sept. 6, 2017. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and Arkansas Air National Guard. He was a member of the church of Christ. He is survived by his wife, **Laura Cowan** ('77); two children, **Jacob** ('10) and **Jennifer** ('17); his mother, Martha; and five siblings, **Geoff** ('80), Jay, **Vivian Davis** ('71), **Laurie Bishop** ('89) and **John** ('98).

Linda Roll Brizendine ('79), 59, of Kansas City, Missouri, died Jan. 19, 2017. She spent 26 years as a nurse starting at St. Joseph Hospital and ending at Shawnee Mission Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Roger; two sons, Erik and Luke; and two siblings, **David Roll** ('70) and **Barbara Fowler** ('75).

Patricia Ann Johnson Jackson ('90), 68, of Searcy died Sept. 4, 2017. She was a minister's wife until her husband, Danny, died. She continued to serve the Lord as a Sunday School teacher and youth minister. She is survived by four children, Jody, Bart, Casey and Ashley Goodwin; and 11 grandchildren.

Andrew White ('96), 46, of Madison, Alabama, died Dec. 3, 2017. He had a gift for drawing and composing in various mediums. He also loved sports and was a little league baseball coach. He is survived by his parents; **John** ('68) and **Sue** ('68); two sons, Jacob and Cason, and a brother, **John Gregory** ('90).



Beloved librarian

By WINNIE BELL, *Brackett Library director from 1975-90*



HEN ANNIE MAY ALSTON LEWIS MOVED in 1962 to Memphis, Tennessee, to be librarian at the then Graduate School of Religion, Shirley Birdsall was chosen to be the new head librarian at Harding, and I was her assistant. Shirley had experience as a law librarian in Louisiana. She moved into Sewell Hall apartment building where my sister, Mildred Bell, and I lived. We became friends and eventually formed the Best Cooks Possible (BCP) club made up of the Bell sisters, Shirley, Geneva Combs and Edwina Pace. Each week one of us would prepare supper for the group, and all enjoyed the fellowship as well as sharing recipes and life stories.



When Shirley was still new to the position and wanted to go home for the weekend, she hesitated, asked me about it, and at my urging, decided "I'm the head librarian, so as the boss I get to decide if it is OK." She took me with her a couple of times to her home in Texas as we enjoyed each other's company.

As librarians we made many trips together to meetings of the private colleges in Arkansas, going yearly to the Arkansas Library Association where we both held offices, and made a few trips to National Library Association meetings. Shirley shared with me the money Harding paid for her to attend the meeting so that we each only had to pay one-half the price. One year we attended the American Library Association in New York City,

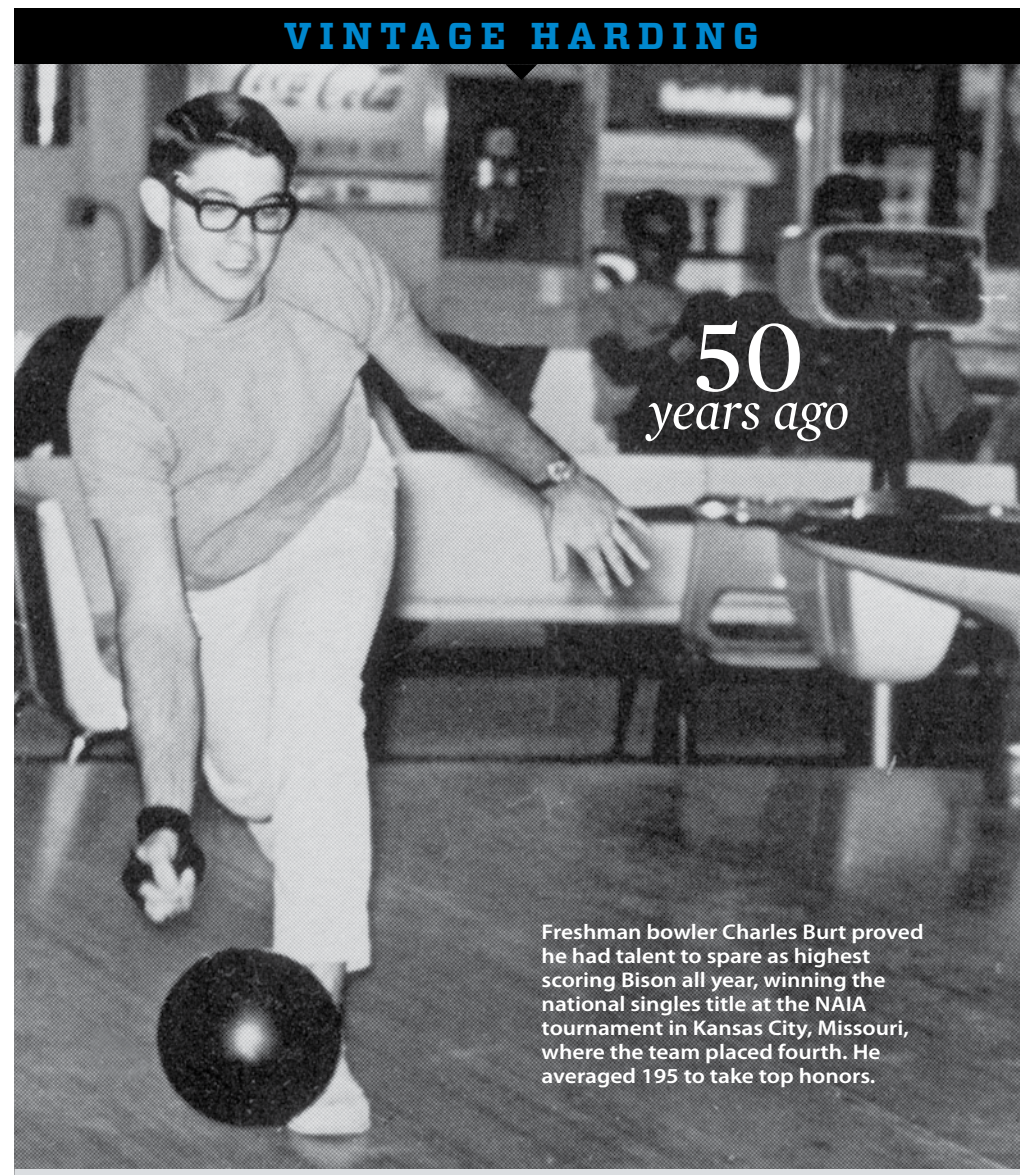
traveling there with a bus of Arkansas librarians and staying on the seventh floor of a large hotel. The bus was loaded with librarians, only two of whom were male, making for interesting rest stops and restroom lines. Most of us could laugh at the inconvenience instead of being upset. We shopped on Fifth Avenue in New York City and ate at an underground restaurant. Another trip was to New Orleans to the Southwestern Library Association convention. Shirley knew people in both places, and she saw to it that we had every opportunity to see and do everything possible.

When at 42 years old she decided to marry Cecil Alexander and move to his home in Rochester, Michigan, it was a shock to all her friends. Another shock was that she was recommending me to be her replacement as library director. After much prayerful debate with myself over a two-day trip home, I accepted with trepidation as the alternative of someone who knew nothing about our library was unacceptable.

In later years, after Shirley had a long serious illness and spent weeks in the hospital, she finally improved and was able to do some fun things again. I sent out an invitation for someone to come stay with me in Crossville, Tennessee, while I was going to be alone for 10 days. My good friend responded and flew from Abilene, Texas, to Nashville, Tennessee, and I picked her up there. We had a great time and lots of memories to discuss, and she had McDonald's coffee most every day. She was such a great friend to me and many others. 📷

Shirley Birdsall Alexander ('54), 84, of New Braunfels, Texas, died Sept. 11, 2017. She earned her Master of Library Science from Louisiana State University in 1959. She was head librarian at Harding from 1962-75. She also served as a librarian at Louisiana State University Law Library, Oakland University, Rochester College and Abilene Christian University. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Cecil** ('58); two stepchildren, **Lisa** ('86) and Mark; and a brother, **Graham Birdsall** ('58).

VINTAGE HARDING



50 years ago

Freshman bowler Charles Burt proved he had talent to spare as highest scoring Bison all year, winning the national singles title at the NAIA tournament in Kansas City, Missouri, where the team placed fourth. He averaged 195 to take top honors.

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Arkansas' brush with the Beatles

By DAN NEWSOM

IT WAS 53 YEARS AGO THAT WALNUT RIDGE, ARKANSAS, met four mop-topped boys from Liverpool. In 1964, the Beatles came to America, and they appeared on "The Ed Sullivan Show" on Feb. 9. More than half of the American population watched the Beatles' performance that night, and that's what pretty much single-handedly launched Beatlemania in the United States.

Later that year in the first week of June, the top five songs in America were all Beatles songs — something not equaled since. During the course of the year, they toured the U.S., and on Sept. 18, 1964, they finished a concert in Dallas. Tired both mentally and physically, they only had one more concert to do in New York City before flying home to England. They needed a place to go where they could relax.

The man who was furnishing their charter plane, Reed Pigman, owned a ranch in Alton, Missouri, 63 miles north of Walnut Ridge, and the plan was that he was going to let the group go to his ranch that weekend so they could get away from everybody and everything. The problem was this: How do you get the Beatles to Alton? They did some research to find the largest landing strip in a secluded area that could accommodate the plane. It just so happened that the airport in Walnut Ridge had been used for planes during World War II as a training facility, and it was large enough to accommodate their plane.

The secret plan was that after the Beatles finished their Friday night concert in Dallas, they would fly into Walnut Ridge, get on a little plane, and fly to Alton. They would have a quiet weekend and fly back to Walnut Ridge on Sunday. They would then go to New York City, give their concert and go home. Late that Friday evening, the owner of the local hamburger joint, The Polar Freeze, heard a noise, so he sent three teenage boys to the airport to check it out.

And there they were. To the shock of the boys watching, a big plane landed and out walked John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr. Three of them got in a little plane while George, who was afraid to fly on little planes, got into a Suburban and away they went. As soon as they got home, the boys told their sisters. Later that night, the girls, one of whom was Carrie Mae Snapp who now runs the Beatles memorabilia store in Walnut Ridge, went to the airport, broke into the Beatles plane and stole a pillow.

When the girls got home, the father of the young lady who stole the pillow saw what they had done. They confessed, and he sent them back to the airport to return the pillow, which they did, but they kept the pillow cover. Carrie Mae still has that pillow cover to this day.

The next morning, Carrie Mae and her mother went to the local restaurant, and there they spotted a man presumed to be the Beatles' pilot. They started making conversation with him, trying to get information out of him as to when the Beatles were coming back.

He said, "Ladies, I can't tell you that. I'll be fired."



That didn't stop them from pestering him, and finally they were able to wear him down.

"All I will tell you is this," he said. "Don't go to church tomorrow morning."

So the next morning, there were around 300 people at the airport — mostly teenagers. They heard a little plane coming closer to the airport. It landed, John, Paul, George and Ringo stepped out, and soon a vehicle drove up. The Fab Four were shocked to see all the people there. They waved on their way to their plane, took off and went to New York City.

And that was it. Paul has performed in Little Rock as has Ringo. But as far as all four Beatles being there as a group, this was the only time the Beatles were all in Arkansas.

In 2011, some Walnut Ridge community leaders decided to come up with a way to commemorate the town's connection with the Beatles, so they formed a music festival called Beatles at the Ridge. Every year on the third weekend of September, they have the two-day music festival. The Friday-through-Saturday-night festival culminates with a Beatles tribute band. For five of the festival's six years, it has been a Branson, Missouri, band called the Liverpool Legends, formed by George's sister Louise Harrison. The festival has become one of the fastest growing music festivals in the South.

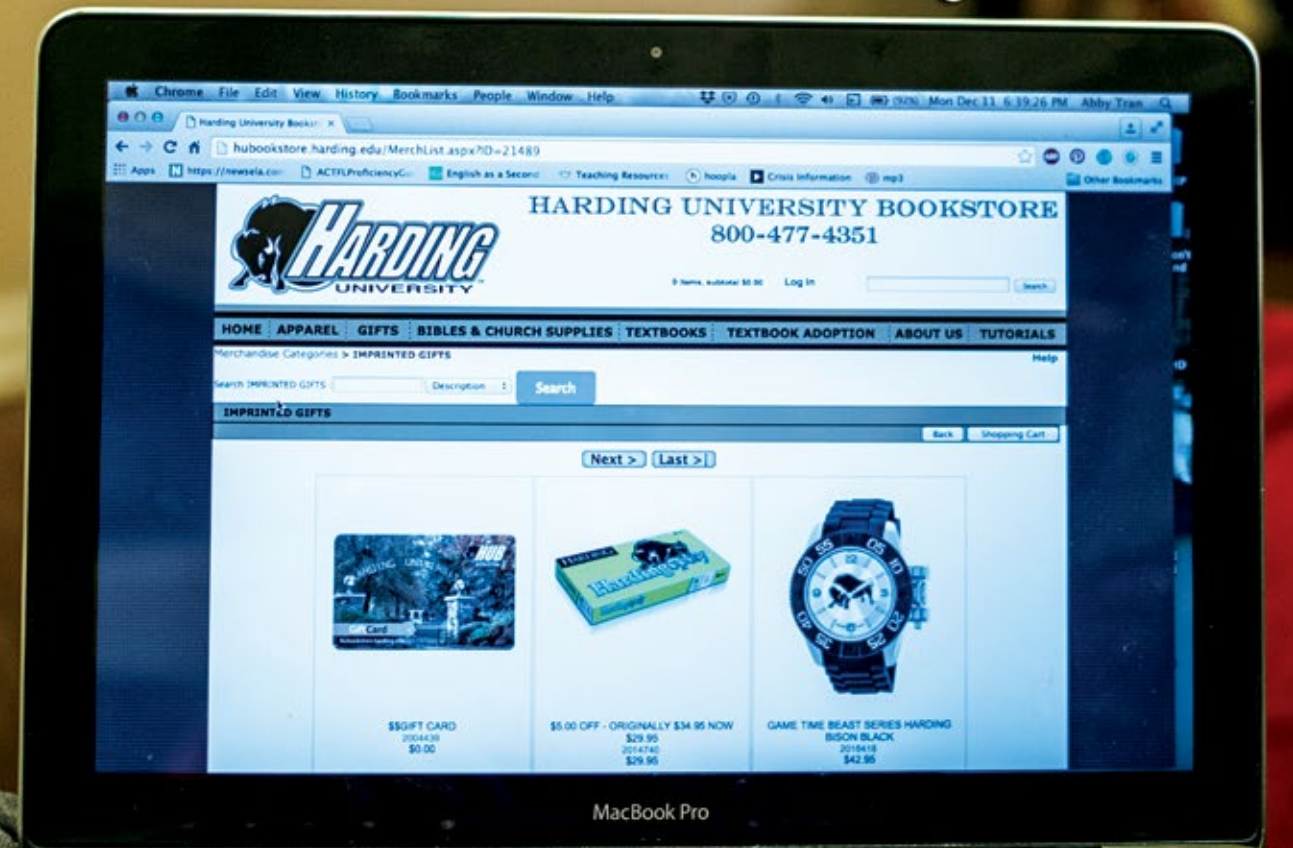
In Carrie Mae's store, there are poster-sized photographs commemorating the day the Beatles touched down in Walnut Ridge, and if you ask her, she will be happy to tell you all about it.

Dan Newsom ('74) has been a Beatles fan since he was 11 years old. He hosted a radio show on Harding's radio station, KVHU, called "Music of the British Invasion" under the pseudonym Johnny Harrison.

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