

**Grove Physical Education Building**

*Goodbye Grove*  
*Thanks for the memories*



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# Grove Physical Education Building

*F*or almost 46 years, the Grove Physical Education Building has served the Hendrix campus as the center of Warrior intercollegiate athletics, intramurals and physical fitness. Named in honor of **Coach Ivan Grove**, the \$750,000 physical education facility was dedicated on Oct. 12, 1961.

A cornerstone of the Hendrix campus community, Grove also has served the greater Conway community in many capacities. Over the years, Hendrix has invited the community to the facility for Warrior Basketball Camps for Girls and Boys, Swim Camps and lessons and Grove has been home to the Hendrix Aquakids Swim Club. Conway High School used the pool for many years for practice.

Today, Grove Gymnasium is home to NCAA Division III intercollegiate programs including Warrior basketball and volleyball and swimming in the Robert "Bob" Courtway Pool. The pool area was named for Coach Courtway who was hired as the head swimming coach in 1961 and later became athletic director and chairman of the physical education department until his retirement in 1992.

For more than 40 years, Grove was host to the annual Hendrix Swim Classic, the annual Hendrix Relays swim meet and the annual Hendrix High School Invitational swim meet. The college also hosted a U.S. Swim Meet in 2001, drawing 14 teams and 270 swimmers.

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*Grove doesn't present a specific memory as much as a general essence of home. It was a place where I always felt like the person that I wanted to be... a fan, an athlete, a student, a friend. I took classes there, played sports there and made everlasting friendships there. Most importantly, I felt like I belonged to something truly special when I was within those walls. Thank you, Grove.*

— Katie Helms '99





*Coaches Hutto and Strange.*

## About this booklet

*Over the past few months, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette sports writer and 2003 Hendrix graduate Doug Crise interviewed a variety of people involved in the athletics, wellness and kinesiology programs at Hendrix. Most of the articles in this publication grew from those interviews. Space limits kept us from printing all the stories he wrote. You can find expanded versions of the stories here and other information on the Hendrix Web site at [www.hendrix.edu/grove](http://www.hendrix.edu/grove).*

Grove also houses offices and classrooms for the Warrior coaching staff, the kinesiology department, a sports medicine room and weight room. Memories of former coaches and student athletes are preserved in display and trophy cases that line the walls to commemorate Warrior Hall of Honor members, team championships, All-Americans and exceptional Warrior athletes and accomplishments.

The Grove Physical Education Building will close at the end of the 2006-07 academic year taking with it four decades of memories and accomplishments.

Hendrix's new Wellness and Athletics Center, currently under construction, will open in summer 2007. The \$20 million center and surrounding athletic fields are being constructed east of campus on the corner of Siebenmorgen and Harkrider streets. **Danny Powell**, executive director of athletics, recreation and wellness who has served as athletic director since 2002, is leading the transition.

We hope that this commemorative booklet featuring a few highlights from Grove's rich history honors the legacy of all who played, cheered, coached, taught and learned inside its walls.



# The Grove Legacy

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hey were everywhere.

They had flooded out from the retractable plastic bleachers and extended themselves against the walls on each end of the gym. Some were on the floor itself, forming a loud, rambunctious and decidedly orange and black ring around the playing surface. Plenty were close enough to be heard clearly — this was not always a good thing — by players and officials alike.

There were, and would be, plenty of scenes like this inside the Ivan H. Grove Physical Education Building and Gymnasium. But this one, a 1990 game against cross-town conference rival Central Arkansas, was captured perfectly by a photographer, with a photo of the cramped gymnasium eventually ending up on a wall in basketball coach **Cliff Garrison's** office.

It was, and largely still is, the best way to describe Grove Gymnasium when words couldn't. The 1990 season was a turning point for the college gymnasium, beginning a slow but steady trend toward less cozy and more functional college athletics facilities. By the end of the decade, the Hendrix basketball team would be playing in visiting arenas of glass and steel, taller buildings that took the crowd upward and further away. The swim teams, also, would feel a change, as simple, cozy pools became expansive "natatoriums."

These structures had many things that Grove didn't. Space. A bit of extra shine. Up-to-date climate control. More, and bigger, offices. Seats with actual seatbacks. But few conveyed the sense of welcome that came from Grove. At other colleges, athletics facilities were becoming massive structures that didn't fit with their bucolic surroundings. Grove

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**Gymnasium  
and man  
both leave  
their mark on  
Hendrix**



Gymnasium was just a nondescript brick building a few steps from the cafeteria, with a few young trees to shade the walkway leading to the front doors.

Grove Gymnasium was basic, possibly even by the standards of the early '60s. But to those on the Hendrix campus when it opened, it was cutting-edge, an understandable reaction by students accustomed to playing in a barn.

### Grove Gym was a step up for Hendrix

Axley Gymnasium, Grove's predecessor, was a smaller, sporadically-lit gym with a wooden outer structure that would have made it look equally at home on a stretch of farmland. The rural motif carried over to the inside, with the windows and wooden support struts all giving off an impression of half gym, half stable.

"That's a pretty good explanation of it," said **Lawrence Mobley**, coach of the first Hendrix team to play in Grove. "It had just the basics, you know? A full size basketball court, two dressing rooms."

Following a disastrous 7-15 campaign during the 1960-1961 season, Mobley saw his fortunes pick up once the plans for Grove were set in motion. Once the blueprints for the new building were ironed out and approved, Mobley had something to show prospective recruits that proved better surroundings were ahead.

Mobley himself had played at Hendrix, and did so under the new building's namesake, Ivan Grove. Grove would later be the one to boost the young Mobley into coaching, helping him land a position at nearby Conway High School shortly after graduating. And of course, it was Grove who welcomed Mobley back in 1960 when he was named the school's fifth basketball coach.



### Ivan Grove's legacy reaches outside the gym

Born in 1894 in Denver, Colo., Ivan Grove grew up in an era when being an athlete meant all sports, all the time. Arriving at Henry Kendall College (which later became The University of Tulsa), Grove enlisted with the football, basketball, baseball and track teams, becoming a four-year letterman in each. As a quarterback, Grove led the Kendall football teams to undefeated seasons in 1916 and 1919, scoring a nation's-best 194 points during his final year.

After earning a coaching certificate from the University of Michigan in 1922, Grove began a career that took him to Oklahoma Baptist University and the University of Arkansas before he settled at Hendrix in 1924. He soon became the kind of on-campus figure who was addressed as "Coach" by

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athletes and non-athletes alike, a figure synonymous with the Hendrix College athletic program. Grove served as the head basketball coach until 1946, head football coach until 1955 and head track coach in 1958. Ivan Grove was the Hendrix athletic program for more than 30 years, serving as the college's Director of Athletics when he wasn't teaching or coaching.

Grove posted a 261-145 record as a basketball coach; good for a .643 win percentage that still stands as the College's best. Similar success followed in track and football, none of which came as a surprise to those who knew him. Though known primarily as a motivator, Grove was also naturally adaptive to the sudden swings of competition, often switching gears midway through a game if he saw a tactical advantage.

"He had an outstanding grasp," Mobley said. "When the games changed, he could change too."

### Making history, humbly

Coach Grove was also known for having a solid sense of history, but he seemed almost unaware of the history he made personally. In 1948, the *Arkansas Democrat* named Grove its "Arkansan of the Year" in its Sunday magazine. Spots in the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, the NAIA Hall of Fame and the University of Tulsa Hall of Fame would follow, all of which Coach Grove accepted with an air of modesty that bordered on embarrassment.

So it's likely that Coach Grove felt righteously uncomfortable when he arose on the morning of Oct. 12, 1961, and went to attend the official dedication of the building that would bear his name. At a cost of \$750,000, the college had constructed a decidedly un-barn like building complete with an indoor swimming pool, classrooms, a weight and fitness room, locker rooms for home and visiting teams and, of course, a new and improved basketball gym. A crowd of more than 1,500 gathered for the opening, which was capped by a dedication address by Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles.

It turned out that Coach Grove would stay just long enough to get used to the smell of the new paint. He retired in 1962, shortly after Mobley returned to Hendrix to coach the basketball program. But even after giving up the reins entirely, Grove retained an active interest in Hendrix College athletics.



*Though we were scheduled to graduate on the old Bailey Library patio, a rainstorm dictated that the class of 1996 would celebrate commencement in Grove. Besides the joy of getting that diploma in my hand, I most vividly remember the rising temperature that day in Hendrix's last remaining un-airconditioned building; and gymnasium acoustics giving the choir and wind ensemble a slightly new sound.*

— Amy Meredith  
Forbus '96

— Doug Crise '03

# Men's basketball

The  
AIC-NAIA  
years:  
1961-1992

When **Cliff Garrison** walked into Grove Gymnasium in 1972, he didn't stop to wonder if he'd arrived. He didn't wonder how large a jump this would be from his last head coaching job at a high school. One of his beliefs as a player, first growing up in the western Arkansas delta town of Forrest City then later at Arkansas Teachers College, was to simply play as hard as he could for as long as he could, then to look at the scoreboard once it was over.

It was a philosophy he would later share with his players, but for now, in his first year as head basketball coach at Hendrix College, it was also his career approach.

The team Garrison took over in the spring of 1972 had gone 12-13 the previous year. He set to work, focusing his players on defensive pressure and sharing the ball.

Garrison's first team finished 15-11, the best record at the school since the 1963-1964 season. After finishing just one game above .500 the following year, Hendrix broke through with a 19-11 record in Garrison's third season. The win totals increased over the next few years, but a conference championship proved elusive.



## Local talent puts Hendrix in the game

Hendrix College wasn't the only basketball program in the city to start accumulating victories.

The late '70s were heady times for Conway High School: a 36-0 season and a team of standout players from which to recruit. Garrison nabbed guards **T.J. Ticey** and **Austin Sullivan** — and after a year's wait while he sampled Division I play with the Razorbacks — **Lawson Pilgrim**, a 6'-6" wing who could run the floor and jump like a seasoned college-level player.

## More than talent needed to overcome injury

Pilgrim arrived on campus and immediately felt like he was taking his first breath after a year underwater. He didn't mind that being a basketball player was decidedly less of a big deal at Hendrix. He didn't care that sportswriters didn't mill around Grove after every practice. He didn't mind that he was expected to go to class, and that there would be no safety net if he failed to do so. In every sense of the word, Pilgrim felt like he was home.

Garrison was elated. He was also antsy. Rules prohibited Pilgrim from playing during his transfer year, so Garrison was left with the most talented practice-only player in the state of Arkansas. But he soon found more than talent in his young star player. Pilgrim had made it his charge to out-work and out-

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run each of his teammates every day of practice, despite holding no chance of dressing out.

That enthusiasm would be ground down considerably the next season. Three years after suiting up for Conway High School, Pilgrim was finally ready to play again in his hometown. Then tendonitis set in, a condition that robs a player of quickness, explosiveness and, most of all, leaping ability. And the only cure is rest.

"That's like telling a kid he can't eat candy when it's sitting there all around him," Garrison said.

Pilgrim had had enough of rest. He wanted to play, and he informed Garrison that he would be doing just that. Playing on little more than guts and basketball knowledge, Pilgrim averaged 10 points per game while helping Hendrix finish with a 23-8 record. But what was regarded as a basketball miracle inside Grove wasn't taken nearly as warmly by some of the Warriors' more cynical fans, who expected more from Pilgrim.

There were lots of talks that year, private talks between Garrison and Pilgrim about adversity, perseverance and pride. Garrison had always been fond of interweaving life lessons into his basketball instruction, but rarely had a player embraced the full meaning of those lessons like Pilgrim.

"Coach Garrison was more like a father to me," Pilgrim said. "He literally directed and re-directed my life."

### When it all comes together

And then it just seemed to click. The 1979-1980 season was about as straightforward as happy endings get for all involved. At full strength, and leading a roster that featured a total of six Conway products, Pilgrim posted a team-best 17.1 points per game. The Warriors rolled to a 23-5 finish, ending the regular season with a 94-75 blowout of Harding University and capturing Hendrix's first regular season conference title since 1932.

Pilgrim was later named second-team NAIA All-American, one year removed from being a hobbled, grounded jump shooter. The Warriors repeated one year later, again finishing 23-5 and advancing to the third round of the District 17 tournament before falling to Henderson State by three points. Pilgrim upped his scoring average to 21.4 points per game to go along with 8.3 rebounds, again giving him All-American status, this time on the first team.



### Men's basketball standouts during the Grove years

#### ALL-AIC OR ALL DISTRICT NAIA PLAYERS

Joe Murphy – 1965

Kent Ritchie – 1965

Dewayne Nash – 1969

Danny Thomas – 1972 & 1973

Tom Poole – 1974 & 1975

Andy Balenton – 1976 & 1977

Bobby Acklin – 1978 & 1979

Austin Sullivan – 1979 & 1980

Lawson Pilgrim – 1980 & 1981

Herman Hammons – 1981

Mark Calvin – 1982 & 1983

Kerry Evans – 1982-83-84

Wyndell Hunt – 1985 & 1986

Cordell Caviness – 1987-88-89

Jackie Banks – 1990

Tim Pickering – 1991

Kyle James – 1991

William Kellybrew – 1992



# Men's basketball

The  
SCAC-NCAA  
years:  
1992-2007

Men's basketball  
standouts during  
the Grove years

## ALL-SCAC PLAYERS

Kenny Gunderman:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Team – 1993

Jason Rhodes:  
1<sup>st</sup> Team – 1995 & 1996

Mike Eddy:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Team – 1997

Travis Wood:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Team – 1997

Nathan Tumlison:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Team – 1997

Robbie Lentz:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Team – 1998

Jason Bland:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Team – 1999

Sabian Murray:  
1<sup>st</sup> Team – 2000

In the winter of 1991-92, Hendrix decided to meld athletics with its academic philosophy and move to the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC), a member of NCAA Division III.

This meant athletic-based student aid was history. Student-athletes could receive aid based on need or on their academic performance, but Division III schools may not award athletic scholarships. It was, the college reasoned, intercollegiate athletics at its most pure.

To learn more about Division III, Garrison sought help from Jack Berkshire, a successful coach at Atlanta's Oglethorpe University, who guided the Stormy Petrels through the transition to Division III.

Berkshire told Garrison to give it time. Non-scholarship players, he had found, tended to be resilient, dedicated and, best of all, whip-smart on the basketball court.

Armed with that, Garrison set off to build a competitive D-III team. The first building block was from Highland High School, a rural school in the Northeast Arkansas town of Hardy.

**Jason Rhodes**, a senior post player, stood out despite Highland's five-at-a-time substitution patterns. He was 6'-4", good size by small high school standards. But beyond that, he ran the floor and hit outside shots like a small forward.

It took a while for Garrison and Rhodes to connect, but once they did it soon became clear that Rhodes, Garrison, Hendrix and NCAA-Division III were a good fit.

Hendrix finished 9-15 in its inaugural (1992-93) SCAC campaign, with Rhodes coming off the bench and struggling to find confidence in his shot. He found guidance in an unlikely source, junior **Kenny Gunderman**. A 6'3" forward from Hattiesville, Ark., Gunderman was a seldom-used walk-on forward at the end of the Warrior bench in the final AIC year. He chose to stay on after the transition not just for the academics (he would later become an investment banker for New York's Lehman Brothers) but also because he saw the move to Division III as a chance for him to get more playing time.

Gunderman found more minutes, and finished his career as a second-team all-SCAC selection. He also served an important role as a basketball tutor for Rhodes and fellow freshmen Richie Lamb and Greg Vines.

"Kenny was the key to the transition," Garrison said. "He set the tone for the work ethic."

Rhodes entered his sophomore year with recharged confidence and an eagerness to put Gunderman's advice to work. Though his efforts in the preseason netted him a spot in the starting lineup, injuries kept him out

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of uniform for two thirds of the season. As the year wore on, the Warriors took a younger and younger look, with plenty of minutes going not only to Greg Vines but his brother, Stacy, a quick-handed point guard who transferred in from Southern Arkansas University. Also arriving on campus were **Judd Holt**, a guard out of Denton, Texas, and local product **Nathan Tumlison**.

The next year brought in yet another batch of freshmen, led by a talented Texas forward named **Robbie Lentz**. With Rhodes, the Vines brothers and others coming back, the central core of the team looked to be more or less unchanged. Which, considering the results of the previous two seasons, was not necessarily a good thing.

But something seemed to change, especially with Rhodes. First unsure of himself, then injured as a sophomore, Rhodes went into pre-season pickup games with an intensity his teammates hadn't seen before. In fact, it bordered on anger. And by the time the SCAC pre-season polls had come out, with Hendrix tacked on near the bottom of the league, the attitude had spread.

"The chemistry was good," Garrison said. "You could call it a chip on their shoulder or a determination to show people what they could do. They were on a mission."

Or as Rhodes put it, "We were tired of losing."

Hendrix opened the season with a 78-63 win over Westminster. The Warriors then beat Austin College, Williams Baptist, Maryville and LSU-Shreveport. The team went into its conference opener against Rhodes College undefeated at 10-0, then proceeded to beat the Lynx 77-71.

Seemingly overnight, Rhodes became a dual threat, icily confident in his outside shot and fast enough to reach the basket before taller, thicker defenders. **Stacy Vines**, the lone senior, had not only become a leader at point guard, but cemented himself as a fearsome perimeter defender.

The team came together, ending the season with a 19-5 record and an at-large berth in the NCAA tournament. The team faced Millsaps, a team it had trounced to win a spot in tournament play, and was defeated 79-67 in its first NCAA appearance.

As a new season began, Hendrix was greeted by something new: expectations. No longer picked at the bottom of the SCAC, and with Rhodes returning after making the all-conference team as a junior, the goals had suddenly changed. To meet the new demand, Garrison brought in a class that included transfers **Chris Nail**, **Matt Hill** and **Mike Eddy**, as well as freshman **Jason Bland**.

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## Men's basketball standouts during the Grove years

### ALL- AMERICAN PLAYERS

Lawson Pilgrim:  
NAIA-2<sup>nd</sup> Team & 1<sup>st</sup> Team –  
1980 & 1981  
Jason Rhodes:  
NCAA Div. III-2<sup>nd</sup> Team – 1996  
Andrew King-  
Freshman All American Team  
NCAA Div. III – 2006

### NEIL MARTIN AAU AMATEUR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Austin Sullivan – 1980

### CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR Players

Kerry Evans:  
Arkansas Democrat  
Player of the Year – 1983-1984

Jason Rhodes:  
SCAC Player of the Year –  
1995-1996

Lawson Pilgrim:  
Top Vote Getter AIC &  
NAIA District 17 –  
1979-1980

Andrew King:  
SCAC Newcomer of the Year –  
2005-2006

### HONORABLE MENTION ALL-AMERICAN PLAYERS

Danny Thomas:  
NAIA – 1973  
Tom Poole:  
NAIA – 1974-1975  
Austin Sullivan:  
NAIA – 1979-1980  
Kerry Evans:  
NAIA – 1983-1984  
Wyndell Hunt:  
NAIA – 1986  
Cordell Caviness:  
NAIA – 1989  
Tim Pickering:  
NAIA – 1991

### NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Kerry Evans: NAIA National Free  
Throw Champion – 1983-1984  
Matt Secrease: NCAA  
National Free Throw  
Champion – 2005 -2006



*"Kenny was the key to the transition. He set the tone for the work ethic."*

— Cliff Garrison

The talent lived up to the expectations, as Hendrix posted a 21-5 regular season record, and brought the College more than a tournament berth. It brought the first NCAA National Tournament game to ever be played in Grove Gymnasium.

The Warriors' first-round opponent that Thursday night was Stillman College, a historically

black college based in Tuscaloosa, Ala. With a full-house crowd similar to those seen for the Hendrix-UCA games of years past, the Warriors zoomed past Stillman 97-85. Two days later, the Roanoke College Maroons defeated the Warriors ending the most successful men's Division III campaign in school history.

Weeks later, sleeping back home in Cherokee Village during spring break, Rhodes woke up to a phone call from Garrison, telling him he had been named SCAC Player of the Year. He had finished the season leading the team with a 20.7 points per game average, the best by a Hendrix player since Lawson Pilgrim's 21.4 average during the 1979-1980 season.

Rhodes would later go on to be named a 2nd team Division III All-American, having scored 1,340 points during his four-year career to go along with 599 rebounds. He returned to Hendrix shortly after graduating to work for Garrison as an assistant coach, and went on to coach the Warriors for one season following Garrison's retirement in 2003.

In 2006, Rhodes was elected to the College's Hall of Honor. During the induction ceremony in Hulen Ballroom, several members of the two national tournament teams joined him. As he had done throughout his playing career, Rhodes seemed eager to duck discussion of his personal accolades, calling attention again and again to the contributions made by teammates.

Like Garrison, he points to the chemistry aspect, noting that the togetherness he experienced with his teammates later evolved into lifelong friendships.

**Dan Priest**, a seasoned D-III coach who came to Hendrix from Ohio Dominican University, coached the Warriors through their last three years in Grove. His teams added to the list of accolades, including **Matt Secrease** being named the 2005-06 NCAA National Free Throw Champion and **Andrew King** being named to the NCAA D-III Freshman All American Team.

# Women's basketball

Since attending seminary was the other option he considered before going into coaching, **Chuck Winkelman** was more than open to the concepts of faith and miracles.

But this was pushing it.

Winkelman had the letter that had been sent to his boss, athletic director Cliff Garrison, from the girl in tiny Walnut Ridge, Ark. She had written Garrison, sight unseen, asking about athletics at Hendrix College. She was going to be a doctor, she said, and was attracted to Hendrix's pre-med program.

She also, if it could be worked out, wanted to keep playing basketball.

What Winkelman saw on the accompanying videotape had to be some kind of mistake, he thought. The blonde-haired guard he saw on his television screen had Division I-level talent. Winkelman watched five minutes of videotape then shut it off, his mind was racing. Who was this girl? Did she really want to come to Hendrix and play Division III ball? Who else was after her?

Even before taking a single shot in Grove Gymnasium, **Lauren Turnbow** had gotten the full attention of the Hendrix basketball staff. It wouldn't be the last time.

## Turnbow turns up the volume

By the time Turnbow was off to medical school, she had two Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year awards, four All-SCAC honors, two All-American mentions and 1,762 points that, at the time, made her the conference's all-time leading scorer.

It would be easy to say that Turnbow made women's basketball at Hendrix, or that she even made Winkelman's career. But the truth is that before either arrived, the just-born women's program was already on the verge of becoming one of the most surprising success stories in the SCAC.

## Women's basketball arrives with D-III

Women's basketball was added to the college's list of intercollegiate athletics when the College moved to NCAA Division III. The sport attained varsity status at Hendrix in 1992, joining seven other programs in the SCAC. From the start, the Lady Warriors looked little like an expansion team, finishing their first season with a 7-7 record in conference play. The next year, led by the tandem of **Holly Larkin** and **Amber Vann** — both All-SCAC first-team selections — Hendrix finished only behind Centre College in the conference standings, earning co-Coach of the Year honors for inaugural coach **Mike Ritchie**.

Ritchie left Hendrix in 1995 to work at the Division II level, having turned the Hendrix program into a contender in less than two years. He also left behind a talented corps of players that included the scoring duo of **Mandy Williams** and **Casey Collins**, who would both go on to earn all-conference honors. The

**Young team  
wins respect  
early**

*I was a member of  
the 1996-1997  
(SCAC Conference  
Champions  
— 14-0 — to my  
knowledge the only  
women's team to  
go undefeated in  
conference play  
since the program  
began in 1992)  
and 1997-1998  
women's basket-  
ball teams. The  
memories made at  
Grove were  
definitely some  
of the best  
times of my  
college life!!*

— Laura Hanlon  
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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL RECORDS IN GROVE GYM

### ALL-AMERICANS

#### Lauren Turnbow:

Kodak Honorable  
Mention All-American,  
2000; DIII News  
All-American, 2000

#### Meg Frazier:

Kodak 1<sup>st</sup> Team  
All-American, 2001;  
DIII News 1<sup>st</sup> Team  
All-American, 2001;  
D3hoops.com 1<sup>st</sup> Team  
All-American, 2001

momentum built by Ritchie made finding his replacement a difficult task for the school's administration. Whoever came in after Ritchie would be expected to build upon Hendrix's already unlikely success without missing a beat.

The College's choice of a young high school coach from Texas with no professional college-level experience as head coach of women's basketball surprised some. But Hendrix and Chuck Winkelman turned out to be good for each other.

In Hendrix, Winkelman saw a school similar in size and focus to his own alma mater, tiny Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn.

"When I stepped on campus, I knew right away that I was home," said Winkelman.

That's not to say he felt comfortable. Winkelman breezed through the early parts of his job, assessing his returning team and formulating his offensive and defensive systems. But the similarities between high school and college ended when it was time to recruit, a new — and initially scary — process.

### Hard work rewarded with victories

Perhaps motivated by sheer fear, both of the recruiting process and of allowing the suddenly successful program to putter out on his watch, Winkelman dove into work and was quickly rewarded. Led by Williams and Collins, both scoring over 16 points per game, Hendrix finished 21-5 in Winkelman's first season, earning a berth in the NCAA tournament.

The next season, Turnbow moved to Conway.

With Turnbow scoring over 16 points per game as a freshman, the Lady Warriors posted a 14-0 record in conference play during the 1996-1997 season. Though Turnbow would capture conference Player of the Year honors — unheard of for a freshman — it was a support system of Williams, **Amanda Stephens** and **Kim Ralston** that enabled Hendrix to host a first-round NCAA tournament game, where the Lady Warriors trounced Savannah College of Art and Design 76-54.

An 11-3 conference record the following season wasn't good enough to net a third-consecutive post-season berth, but Turnbow's 18.5 points per game were good enough to grab another Player of the Year award and a spot on the SCAC first-team.

### Frazier shows up on the scoreboard

But by now, Turnbow had company in the Lady Warrior scoring column. Winkelman's latest find was **Meg Frazier**, a sharpshooter from C.E. Byrd High School in Shreveport, La., who Winkelman says "was looking at liberal arts colleges from the get-go." Winkelman beat out conference rival Centre to recruit Frazier, and she rewarded her coach's efforts by scoring over 16 points per game in the 1997-1998 season, good for a spot on the all-conference team.

With the presence of Frazier, along with post players **Mollie Scarbrough** and **Jessica Atkinson** and three-point specialist **Maggie Harrington**, Turnbow ended

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL RECORDS IN GROVE GYM

### SCAC HONORS

1992-93

Holly Larkin (1<sup>st</sup>)

1993-94

Holly Larkin (1<sup>st</sup>)

Amber Vann (1<sup>st</sup>)

Caroline West (HM)

Sara Purdom (HM)

1994-95

Mandy Williams (1<sup>st</sup>)

Kim Ralston (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Sara Purdom (HM)

1995-96

Mandy Williams (1<sup>st</sup>)

Casey Collins (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Keri McAllister (HM)

Amanda Stephens (HM)

1996-97

Lauren Turnbow (1<sup>st</sup>)

Johnise Simmons (HM)

Kim Ralston (HM)

1997-98

Lauren Turnbow (1<sup>st</sup>)

Jessica Atkinson (HM)

Whitney Elmore (HM)

1998-99

Lauren Turnbow (1<sup>st</sup>)

Mollie Scarbrough (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Jessica Atkinson (HM)

Meg Frazier (HM)

1999-2000

Lauren Turnbow (1<sup>st</sup>)

Meg Frazier (1<sup>st</sup>)

Maggie Harrington (HM)

Jessica Atkinson (HM)

Mollie Scarbrough (HM)

2000-01

Meg Frazier (1<sup>st</sup>)

Maggie Harrington (HM)

Jessica Atkinson (HM)

Mollie Scarbrough (HM)

2001-2002

Mollie Scarbrough (HM)

2002-2003

Erin McKenzie (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Jamie Ball (HM)

2003-2004

Tori Huggins (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Jamie Ball (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Erin McKenzie (HM)

2004-2005

Jamie Ball (HM)

Bonnie Hicks (HM)

Tori Huggins (HM)

Erin McKenzie (HM)

2005-2006

Tori Huggins (1<sup>st</sup>)

Bonnie Hicks (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Kyra Shachmut (HM)

Cacey Smith (HM)

her career with another NCAA win, beating Maryville (Tenn.) 56-44 before a packed house in Grove Gymnasium. That capped a 22-5 season, sending the Lady Warrior program into the 21st century as a bona-fide conference power.

### SCAC picks up the pace

Meanwhile, the SCAC was experiencing a transformation. Whereas only a handful of conference schools had shared success in the past, the conference's other programs were beginning to catch up. Winkelman, having taken upstart, under-funded Hendrix to national prominence, was proof that any program could field a competitive women's team with the right amount of effort and talent.

"Lauren changed the landscape," Winkelman said.

With other schools off to find their own Lauren Turnbows, Hendrix finished 18-7 during the 2000-2001 season. The year was highlighted by Frazier capturing conference Player of the Year honors, with Harrington, Scarbrough and Atkinson continuing to serve as a formidable supporting cast.

The following year (2002-2003), when Hendrix managed only four conference wins, was an all-time low for the program. During the 2003-2004 season, Winkelman displayed some of his best coaching, leading a predominantly young team to a third-place conference finish. This was a vindication of sorts, since there wasn't a Turnbow or Frazier capturing Player of the Year awards. But he was also left wondering if he could continue to devote the time necessary to getting those types of players, especially with conference teams like Trinity and DePauw University building national reputations.

Soon after that season ended, Winkelman accepted a job at Pulaski Academy, a private school basketball powerhouse in Little Rock.

He left Hendrix with a 168-66 record, giving him the fourth-highest winning percentage in conference history.

### Huggins adds to the legacy

That same year, Hendrix named **Chris Hitchcock** as its third women's basketball coach in school history. Hitchcock posted back-to-back winning seasons during his first two years, with **Tori Huggins**, a precocious guard from nearby Clinton, breaking Frazier's single-season scoring mark in 2005-2006.

Huggins then began her senior season as a Women's D3 News All-American, sustaining a tradition of premiere players that began with Williams, Ralston, Stephens and Collins, and continued with Turnbow and Frazier.

# Swimming

## A pool full of memories

### ALL AMERICANS SWIMMING/DIVING

#### NAIA Men:

1961-69:

Clyde Brooks  
Bill Rogers

1970-79:

John Bumpers\*

1980-89:

Tony Ackerson\*  
Bryan Benafield\*  
Charles "Chuck" Chalfant  
\*David Guthrie\*

Also 1980 National Champion:

100m Breaststroke  
Rob Goering (Diving)  
Paul Henry\*

John Honeycutt\*  
Eric Hooschuur\*  
Also 1984 National  
Champion: 200m Butterfly

Rick Lee\*  
Eric Omundson\*  
Victor Rodriguez\*  
John Thomas

1990-92:

David Sexton\*

#### Men's Team Relay:

Randy Thomason, David Guthrie, Eric Omundson, Charles Chalfant (1980)  
Danilo Vicioso, Eric Hooschuur,  
Ken Wrobel, Victor Rodriguez (1984)  
Paul Henry, Victor Rodriguez,  
Rob Bradley, Eric Hooschuur (1985)  
Paul Henry, Bryan Benafield, Rick Lee,  
John Honeycutt (1988)  
Scott Lewis, Mark Henry, John Honeycutt,  
Mike Goodpaster (1990)

#### NAIA Water Polo Championship- 2nd Team:

Don Warren, Clyde Brooks, Eston Williams, Rick Wachter (1968)

**J**om Courtway '75 isn't 100 percent positive that he took the first swim in Grove Gymnasium, but he was only 9 when the building opened in 1961, so his lack of certainty can be forgiven.

But the rest of his memories remain razor sharp, the product of both a childhood spent in Grove and of carrying a name synonymous with the advancement of Hendrix athletics.

A native of Wynne, Ark., **Robert F. Courtway** arrived at Hendrix in 1961, just as Grove was opening its doors. Bob Courtway initially came to Hendrix to coach the swim team and teach classes in physical education. Though his resume would expand to track and field, tennis, cross-country, and athletic administration, a part of him never left the water.

Within years, Grove's regulation-sized pool was packed to the edges with area third-graders, a product of Courtway's program of swimming lessons for area kids, which grew into Hendrix AquaKids, competitive swim teams for boys and girls.

One of Courtway's most accomplished swimmers was **John Bumpers** who joined the team in 1969. Bumpers was a four-year letterman for the Hendrix Water Warriors, setting AIC conference records in five individual and two relay events. During his freshman year, he placed in both the 100 and 200-yard backstroke and the NAIA championships. In each of the next three years, he placed in both the 100 and 200-yard butterfly. Three times he was designated an NAIA All-American. Bumpers was also named the outstanding water polo player at the NAIA area I Tournament. After graduation, Bumpers provided leadership in the continuation of the Hendrix Aquakids.

Under Courtway's direction, **David Guthrie** also flourished. Making his Warrior debut in 1977, Guthrie was a member of the Hendrix Men's Swimming team for four years, scoring points in every meet in which he participated. The Water Warriors won the AIC championship in each of his four years. Guthrie thrived at the 1980 NAIA national championship meet, winning first place in both the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke. He also swam on the Hendrix





400-yard freestyle relay. Guthrie was named an NAIA All-American during his tenure at Hendrix.

As Athletic Director, Courtway's administrative duties took him away from coaching, but the college managed to build upon his previous success. In 1982, Hendrix hired **Jim Kelly**, who began his career in upstate New York before putting in a stint at Appalachian State University in North Carolina.

With an extensive background in competitive club swimming, Kelly brought an approach grounded not just in coaching, but in the science of kinetics as well. Two years after his hiring, Kelly was named Coach of the Year in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference, racking up the same honor in 1986 and 1989.

Women's swim team standout **Jill Bercen Sharma** blossomed under Kelly. A 4-year letterman in swimming, Sharma qualified for 8 national events in 1987-88, becoming a triple finalist in the 100 and 200 yard backstroke and the 200 yard individual medley. In 1989 and 1990 Sharma earned New South Intercollegiate Swim league (NSISL) All-Conference honors, was the NSISL high point winner and was named Arkansas NAIA Swimmer of the Year.

While Kelly was adding to Courtway's nine AIC championships, more changes were swirling about Grove Gymnasium. Volleyball was added as a varsity sport, while the men's basketball team was on its way to becoming one of the AIC's most successful teams of the 1980s. Courtway's final task, before retiring in 1992, was to introduce women's basketball to Hendrix. Drawing upon his early days as a basketball coach in the small Arkansas town of Wilson, Courtway coached women's basketball as a club sport before the program started varsity play in 1992.

After retiring, Courtway continued to serve as a volunteer track coach while remaining active in several community projects. He died in 1997, survived by his wife, Betty, along with Tom and siblings Bobby, John, Jeff and Susan.

Courtway's legacy included being named to both the NAIA and Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, the first swim coach honored by either. Not surprisingly, Hendrix dedicated the pool to the man who had spent so many hours making it a vital part of the city of Conway.

In a life full of accolades, it was having the pool named for him that meant the most to his dad, Tom Courtway said.

"We've got a lot of memories of that old building," he added.

## SWIMMING/DIVING

### NAIA Women:

#### 1980-89:

Jill Bercen\*  
 Karen Cormier\*  
 Carolyn Ellis  
 Sara Frysinger\*  
 Denise Goodson\*  
 Kathy Jones Lee\*  
 Bonnie Moser (Diving)  
 Rebecca Wacker\*

#### 1990-92:

Kristin Hague\*  
 Sara Hall\*

### NCAA Division III:

Britney McCarthy (2004-06)  
 (Diving)

### Special Mention:

Jill Greshowak:  
 3 times SCAC Diver of the Year,  
 15-year SCAC  
 All-Time Anniversary Team,  
 NCAA Division III  
 Post-Graduate Fellowship

### Women's Relay Team:

Cheryl Brandenburg, Debbie  
 Davis, Karen Brynell,  
 Marion Staab (1982)  
 Jill Bercen, Sara Frysinger, Karen  
 Cormier, Kathy Jones (1988)  
 Jill Bercen, Karen Cormier, Sara  
 Frysinger, Kerri Hoefs (1989)  
 Jill Bercen, Karen Cormier, Sara  
 Frysinger, Rebecca Wacker (1990)  
 Kristin Hague, Jill Bercen, Sara  
 Frysinger, Rebecca Wacker (1990)

\*College Swimming Coaches of America:  
 All-Americans



# Serving up memories

## Volleyball an integral part of Grove

*To my knowledge, Hendrix Women's Volleyball began during the '66-67 school year. I remember we played at Arkansas Tech during February of 1967 in an All-State Invitational Tournament. Karen Barnwell and I represented Hendrix on the All-Star team. Laura Bailey Parks was our coach.*

— Vicki Scott '68

**E**arlene Hannah remembers being approached by a student interested in starting a volleyball program at Hendrix not long after she started teaching at the College in 1974. Vicki Scott remembers playing volleyball in Grove in 1967.

The beginning of volleyball as a sport played in Grove Gymnasium may be murky, but the end is crystal clear. The Volleyball Warriors played their last intercollegiate game in the old gym on Oct. 26, 2006, ending their tenure with a 3-2 win over Williams Baptist College.

The win marked 100 collegiate career coaching wins for Head Coach **Mary Ann Schlientz**, who has been head volleyball coach for the Warriors since 2002. In her four seasons, she has accumulated a 46-101 record and has led the Warriors to their highest ever conference finish.

Schlientz's 100th win isn't the only record set during the volleyball team's final season in Grove. On Sept. 28, 2006, freshman **Jessica Varnell** served herself into the NCAA Record Books during Hendrix's volleyball match against Rust College. Varnell, a native of Granbury, Texas, served up 18 service aces in the Warriors three game sweep of Rust. The mark places her third on the all-time NCAA Division III "service aces in a three game match" list. Varnell's record marks the first time a Hendrix volleyball player will appear in the NCAA Division III record book for a single game record.

The 2006 Warrior volleyball team was one of the most successful in school history as they placed members atop the school's career digs list, career assists list, single season kills list and single season digs list. The season marks the most successful season to date under head coach Mary Ann Schlientz and for the program as a whole since 1999.

This year's success is built on the foundation laid by previous head coaches **Beverly Robison** (1999-2002) and Earlene Hannah (1975-1999). Hannah built the program from the ground up and oversaw the team's transition to NCAA-Division III play in the Southern Collegiate Athletics Conference in the early 1990s.

Hannah, a strong advocate of parity between men's and women's athletic programs, saw the move to D-III non-scholarship league play as a plus for the volleyball team, a team that continues to improve as it recruits ever-more talented student athletes.



# A transformation

When Earlene Hannah joined the Physical Education faculty 33 years ago, the program focused on teaching basic skills that Hendrix students needed to play sports or engage in recreational activities. Many of the classes she taught in Grove in those early years were designed to help education majors learn how to teach P.E. classes or coach team sports on the high school level. In those days, every coach was also a member of the P.E. faculty and most faculty members coached more than one sport.

Today, the Hendrix curriculum includes a vibrant kinesiology program, built on solid science and research. Kinesiology refers to the study of movement. In higher education, kinesiology is an umbrella term used to describe a multifaceted field of study in which movement or physical activity is the central focus. Physical activity includes exercise for improvement of health and physical fitness, sport, and dance, and involves special populations such as children and the elderly.

Hannah, who gave up coaching duties in 1999 to focus on the academic program, currently chairs the kinesiology department. She led a decade-long drive to transform and refocus the program, pushing for the addition of a faculty member with a Ph.D., which happened in 2001 when Dr. Jerry J. Mayo, associate professor of Kinesiology, was hired. In addition to his teaching duties, Dr. Mayo manages the kinesiology lab. Coaches Cliff Garrison and Jim Kelly round out the teaching staff. The College's commitment to the program is illustrated by its investment in the kinesiology laboratory currently housed on the fourth floor of the Donald W. Reynolds Center for Life Sciences. The laboratory is equipped to conduct a variety of human physiologic testing. It includes treadmills and cycles, computers and specialized software, and other testing equipment such as an electrocardiograph, a blood chemistry analyzer and various body composition analyzers.

The new Wellness and Athletics Center, scheduled to open in the summer of 2007, was designed to accommodate the growing kinesiology department and to provide the kind of state-of-the-art space and equipment needed to keep the program healthy for decades to come.

**Physical  
Education  
transforms  
into  
Kinesiology**

*Kinesiology —  
from the Greek  
words "KINEIN",  
to move, and  
"LOGOS", to  
study*



*Faculty in the Department of Kinesiology include (from left) Dr. Jerry J. Mayo, and professors Earlene Hannah, Jim Kelly and Cliff Garrison.*

# Memories of Grove

## Intramurals tie alumni to Grove Gym

While Grove Gymnasium is known to most as “Home of the Warriors” intercollegiate athletic teams, it also served as home of the intramural programs for Hendrix College before the Mabee Activity Center was constructed in 1978. Over the years, intramural sports at Hendrix have run the gamut from basketball, badminton and water polo to more recent additions like ultimate frisbee and dodgeball; but the programs’ objective has remained constant: to bring Hendrix students together.

The residence halls have a chance to earn President’s Cup points with every team entered for competition in intramurals. The hall with the most points at the end of the year carries home the coveted Cup. Students living in residence hall corridors and floors have come

together in good-natured (and fun) competition over the years, and in the process numerous memories have been made. Intramurals at Hendrix, and in Grove Gymnasium, have helped to create camaraderie among students and are just one of the many facets of the total Hendrix Experience for alumni.



# Warrior spirit

The athletic program at Hendrix College has a long and rich tradition in Grove Gymnasium that includes two spirit squads that support the Warrior's athletic teams. Cheerleading began in the early years of the College when orange and black were adopted as the school colors and the athletic teams were dubbed the "Warriors" as their official nickname.

Since that time the Warrior Cheer Squad has cheered for all home men's and women's basketball games. The cheer squad generates spirit among the crowd with sideline cheers and chants and with performing stunts, tumbling and pom style dances during halftime and time-outs. Their purpose is to encourage and generate school spirit and fan support of the athletic teams.

The Warrior Dance team was formed in 1993 by a group of Hendrix students with an interest in dance and a commitment to support athletics. Since its inception, the dance team has become a popular part of the men's and women's basketball games by performing a variety of dances from jazz to hip hop to pom at halftime of those games. They also assist the cheer squad in leading cheers from the floor.

Tryouts for both teams have traditionally been held in the fall of each year and include a week-long clinic and competition. Both the cheerleaders and dancers have invested much time and effort into making their teams talented, entertaining and spirited and an important part of the Hendrix College athletic program.

**Cheerleaders,  
dance team  
build Warrior  
spirit**



# The band played on

**Pep band  
kept playing  
with true  
Warrior spirit**

When **Carole Herrick** took the job of Band Director at Hendrix in 1980, the pep band was already a solid fixture at basketball games, at the homecoming bonfire and special alumni basketball games. **Dr. Ashley Coffman**, the first director in Grove, built the pep band into a Hendrix institution.

"It seemed like it was an institution that people weren't willing to do without," Herrick, who is now associate provost for Advising and Retention, said. "It's kind of a bother, in terms of, if you're not interested in having a band at your game, you kind of let it fade away," she said. "But [former head basketball coach Cliff Garrison] was always very interested in having that."

When Grove gym was refurbished around 2000, and a new sound system was added, the band began sharing musical space with recorded works the players wanted to hear. The band lived on, though, and its classic repertoire continued: fight songs and standard school spirit snippets accented by live renditions of popular music.

The pep band was composed entirely of volunteer musicians, ranging from six to 20 at each game. Students from a wide range of majors came out to play, and sometimes faculty members would even join in.

**Dr. David Hales** (saxophone), **Dr. Mark Sutherland** (alto sax), and **Dr. Warfield Teague** (trombone) each made guest appearances.

"People who liked to do it were really committed to doing it," Herrick said. "We bought them shirts and they kind of looked like they were a unit. Some people played every game for four years."

When Hendrix joined the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference in 1992, many of the athletic events moved to the weekend. Some students found it more difficult to devote weekend hours to the pep band, but the ones who wanted to were always there, Herrick said.

"I always really enjoyed working in Grove," she said. "The games were always highly energetic. That was the big sport on campus for those years, and they packed that gym. I mean, it's not a beautiful place, but there's a lot of school spirit in there, and we were happy to be a part of that."

Dr. Herrick turned the pep band baton over to **Dr. David Stern** in 2002, who passed it to **Dr. Karen Fannin** in 2005. The pep band, like the Warrior spirit, keeps moving on.



*Thanks for the memories*



Warrior coaching staff 2006-2007