Students show love and attention to needy kids

by Janna Shero
Bison staff writer

For the third consecutive year, Harding students have reached out beyond their comfort zones to embrace Silver City Courts' underprivileged children and parents for a few hours in an effort recognized as the City Year, Harding students have parents for a few hours in an Silver City Courts' under sophomore nursing major comfort zones to embrace Bison staff writer went so smoothly because moved by the unity among professor of English, has participate in the carnival. Both Wilson and Gummere said they were uplifted by the children's receptivity. "It goes against everything our parents told us about talking to strangers," Gummere said. "The kids would hop onto our shoulders and hold our hands, and they didn't even know our names."

At the beginning of the afternoon, a little boy named Junior found serendipitous Ben Stewart and wouldn't leave his side all afternoon except for a bathroom break, Stewart said. "I think we were a help to the kids," Stewart said. "Usually, they don't have anyone to play with, and they could feel safer with us there." Silver City Courts is one of Little Rock's biggest crime problem areas, according to Wilson. Police, who supervised the carnival, told Stewart that the children would not normally be playing outside like they were.

Gummere was impressed by her fellow students' enthusiasm and hard work. "They were so patient with us," she said. "Some helped tie balloons at 2 a.m. It was the small things that made this carnival work."

"All of it changes me," Wilson said. "I was really touched by the students' participation. They did exceptionally well. They trusted in God and trusted us to direct the carnival for them."

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There are terrifying creatures lurking on our campus. Yes, I have seen them, and I've made it out alive. I feel that I am one of the lucky ones, because somehow, I've made it through the past four years without being sucked into the mire these beings create. I have been successful in avoiding them. But sadly, I have seen too many of my friends and acquaintances succumb to the creatures—and for this I am very sad.

I am sure that you too have seen the creatures of which I speak. They are something I have labeled the two-headed monsters. In my years at Harding, I have witnessed the winding temperatures of springtime, the creatures emerge into the daylight.

They seem to draw strength from the sunshine and from the aroma of nature's blooming flowers. Yes, it is inevitable that with the flowering of spring comes the gestation period during which the creatures emerge from their darkened rooms and hallways to exhibit themselves on Harding's front lawn.

These two-headed monsters can be found on any sunny day, outstretched on blankets or on Harding swings. Their tentacle-like fingers intertwine in and amongst the hairs on their multiple heads. They wriggle and writhe until passersby become nauseous from the very sight. This disgusting display has forced many of our number to flee the front lawn—never again to enjoy an innocent stroll across campus. These creatures, these two-headed monsters, have overtaken our campus and I believe that it is time for us to send them back to their dark, musty caves.

In all seriousness, I have noticed that there seems to be an inexplicable phenomenon that occurs on our campus about this time every year. Sadly, it is a phenomenon that involves an enormous number of our student body. This phenomenon is commonly referred to as the "If-1-see-a-couple-making-out-on-the-front-lawn-I'm-gonna-puke" syndrome and it is one that causes a great deal of discomfort to those of us who do not enjoy seeing two tongues running simultaneously.

Last Saturday morning, as I walked across campus to do some research in the library, the beauty of my morning was ruined when I came across two students suffering from this syndrome. They were doing things on the front lawn that I've been taught should be reserved for the marriage bed.

I do not understand why this has been allowed to go on for so long. We make jokes about students striving to obtain their M.B.S. degree. Our study seminars for men of God and women in God's service. We listen to men like Adrian Hoffman speak in chapel about preserving our purity. And yet, on any given warm, spring day, we can find several couples exhibiting their passion. I know that I cannot be the only person who sees something wrong here.

I guess the question that needs to be directed towards Harding's exhibitionists is: What in the world are you thinking?

Do you really believe you are blinded by love everyone who is forced to walk by your little love-fest is just as blind? Because if this is your logic, let me assure you, we are not blind.

We see every grope, every wriggle, even roll you take on your blanket. We hear every annoying giggle and every lipsmacking kiss. And guess what? We hate you.

It is one of my greatest hopes for Harding University that we will someday hunt down these two-headed monsters and put them at the top of the one-to-four list.

Only then will we be able to walk across our own front lawn without hearing the sounds of the indiscrète.

Andrea Stark

The ethical debate concerning cloning

by Ashley Miller

Bison staff writer

"Is cloning playing God?" This has been a heated controversial topic since the recent cloning of a sheep which produced an identical clone. Many people have become skeptical, wondering if we should clone. After hearing about the many benefits, scientists have yet to attempt cloning humans, but is it a possibility? If this possibility is reached, the family unit would no longer be needed.

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Time, March 10, 1997"

by Christy Pittman

Bison staff writer

This summer, while watching the movie Multiplicity, a comedy about cloning, not once did I think the possibility of cloning would ever or could ever become reality. In fact, I would have laughed at the thought and confidently stated it impossible.

Well, for once, I am wrong.

Researchers at the Roslin Institute near Edinburgh, Scotland, pulled off the supposed scientific impossibility and have found it quite simple, which would strike fear in all of us.

At first thought, the amazing fact that we can produce exact replicas of animals and possibly humans is exciting. But, it’s the second thought that is not so comforting. Don’t think cloning wrong, a lot of helpful research could come from this, but as humans, some of us tend to want what could be beneficial to something harmful.

Knowledge is power. And I believe the knowledge to create life is every scientist’s dream. It is ultimate power, the ability to create a living organism whenever we so desire.

The impossibility the scientific world has overcome is mind-boggling. No longer are mommy and daddy animals a necessity for reproduction. "Endangered" will be a word ranging in the dictionary soon. And I don’t mean tigers! Split a few embryos and Ding Bang Boom! The problem is solved. Is or it just beginning?

I almost feel as if the scientific world is dragging us into an episode of Lois and Clark. An innocent scientist finally accomplishes his dream of a successful clone which would enable him to save endangered species and possibly human beings. But alas, an evil villain steals the scientist’s formula and with it creates an army of clones in an attempt to rule the world. Two presidents (if told you this was scary), three first ladies, and even a couple of little girls running around causing mass chaos.

Okay, that was a little far-fetched. In all honesty, scientists have yet to attempt cloning humans, but it is a possibility. If this possibility is reached, the family unit would no longer be needed.

God’s plan of a mother’s love and a father’s guidance would slowly vanish amidst the power we would hold to create our own on our own.

I truly believe the problem with today’s society, including vicious crimes of murder, rape, kidnapping, abuse, etc., can all be linked back to problems in the family. Imagine a world with no families (in the true sense of the word). What order would there be in society? If that day ever comes, I will pray that my days on earth are over.

Scientists may call this new knowledge the amazing fact that cloning could provide cures for genetic diseases like cystic fibrosis and hemophilia. These are common diseases for which scientists have been unsuccessful in trying to find cures.

The study of cloning has the power to give people who have medical illnesses of all kinds, hope. According to the NBC Evening News, scientists say that cloning could provide cures for such diseases as sickle-cell anemia and diabetes, and it could help to further the study of cystic fibrosis and hemophilia. This is a topic which needs to be discussed and researched in the future.

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As we consider the possibility of cloning human beings, we should consider that not all "good" things come from God.

"Imagine not having the difficulty of finding compatible bone-marrow donors for leukemia patients. All of these problems could possibly be solved if scientists and researchers are allowed to further their studies of cloning and apply what they learn. Their studies could contribute to even improve health care products.

Do you really believe that cloning could also replenish endangered species, create disease resistant animals and cows that would produce milk with no ulcers? Many people believe cloning could venture out of control and, without some restrictions, it will—just like anything else. If we decide not to legalize cloning, I feel that there will be an increased likelihood of uncontrolled use. People will use their own private laboratories to clone for the wrong reasons.

Because of this, I feel that there should be some restrictions involved. According to the March 20, 1997, issue of Time, President Clinton took the first tentative step toward answering these questions, charging a federal commission with the task of investigating the legal and ethical implications of the new technology and reporting back to him within 90 days. I feel this is the only way to put some limitations on this act.

The issue also brings up such questions as, "Is cloning all that different from genetically engineering an embryo to eliminate a genetic disease like cystic fibrosis?" and "Is it so far removed from in vitro fertilization?" In both of these processes, reductiveness is going on and if we accept these, why can’t we accept cloning? According to Time, to produce Dolly, it took 277 trials and errors. Obviously, this process was not perfected overnight, nor can the question, "Should we clone?" be answered overnight.

"A new study is finding that the timing of an egg can cause problems. "Female eggs are like clocks, and the timing of the sperm is important," says M. Robert Kimmel, vice president for research at the Oregon National Primate Research Center. "The age of the egg determines how long the sperm is active.""

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Historical Happenings

On April 25, 1967, the first law legalizing abortion in the United States was signed by Colorado Governor John Arthur Love. The law allowed therapeutic abortions in cases in which a panel of three doctors agreed unanimously.

On April 25, 1945, U.S. Army Lt. Albert Ketsebue encountered a single Soviet soldier near the German village of Lechitz, 75 miles south of Berlin. Their patrols saluted one another; soldiers of both nations embraced and exchanged toasts. The Allied armies of East and West had finally met.

April 25 is National Arbor Day. The goal of Arbor Day is that United States citizens will learn the importance of trees to our way of life.

Letter to the Editor

To the editor of the Bison:

Harding's intramural program is outstanding, offering students the chance to compete in all kinds of sports. However, one of the most thrilling and increasingly popular sports has been completely ignored: hockey.

With teams in St. Louis, Dallas, Oklahoma City and Memphis, it is amazing that Arkansans are completely ignorant of hockey. The majority of Arkansans still have the disillusion that hockey is a foreign sport played only by "Canucks" in the frozen tundra of Canada. There is no mention of hockey by any of the news stations. They feel that high school and sometimes even junior high sports are more newsworthy than the NHL. Nor is there any coverage of hockey in the Bison, even with the Stanley Cup playoffs only days away.

Harding can solve this problem fairly easily by installing a smooth concrete surface surrounded by a chainlink fence. There are many hockey fanatics on campus eagerly waiting for something like this to happen.

Hopefully it will.

Sincerely,

Patrick Peterson

Editor's Note:

This space is being reserved for student submissions to the Bison each week. To be considered for publication, send your letter, poem or pencil drawing to Box 1192 two weeks before publication date. All submissions must include the signature and phone number of the writer.
McKinney recognized for academic excellence and spiritual focus

by Karin Springer
Bison staff writer

Among the many students who have striven for academic excellence during their time at Harding, Phil McKinney is one who came here with his mind set on higher goals. McKinney, 23, a youth ministry major, was one of the 20 students who received Outstanding Student Awards in chapel last Wednesday for superior academic achievement.

While some departments simply chose to honor the student with the highest grade point average, the Bible department took several factors into consideration. "This was an academic award, so we had to focus on grades," said Dr. Tom Alexander, dean of the College of Bible and Religion. "But we're pleased to find someone with a high academic standard like Phil who also has a quality character." Doing well in school is not always been one of McKinney's priorities. During some "rough teenage years in the wrong crowd," McKinney quit school at 17 with no further aspirations than to be a construction worker. That summer, however, an experience at Green Valley Bible Camp changed the course of his life. "I had long hair and a beard, and I didn't want to be there. But someone asked me to lead a devotional one night," McKinney said. He did -- and had 15 responses, including three requests for baptism. "I got the feeling that God was showing me He had more planned for my life than I did," he said. With this life-altering incident, McKinney decided to take his GED exam and attend Harding in order to study youth ministry.

He impressed his professors from day one with his exceptional motivation to work hard. "I think Phil came here determined to do well," said Dan Stockstill, McKinney's adviser. "He doesn't just do what's required, but puts in a lot of voluntary effort." This motivation, McKinney said, arises not from a desire to be the best, but from a quiet appreciation for God's many blessings.

He counted the wisdom he has gained from the Bible faculty among these blessings, along with the scholarship he received when his funds ran out in 1994. But, in McKinney's mind, these blessings were topped by yet another "God gave His Son for me, and I want to give my life for Him," he said, "I couldn't ever deserve what I've been given, but I want to express my thankfulness by working hard and giving my all to what I do, whether I'm studying for school or working." McKinney has had plenty of opportunities to manifest his gratitude during his youth ministry internships with the Downtown congregation in the past two years.

According to sophomore Joe Bookwalter, who has worked alongside McKinney at Downtown, his friend has a strong zeal to serve God. "His past helps him in his work," Bookwalter said. "He has suffered through some of the same things the kids are experiencing and can relate. The kids love him." After he graduates in May, McKinney will work full-time with the Downtown youth. Considering his motto, "believe in yourself, but believe even more in what Christ can do through you," he will, no doubt, graduate from that job, too, with an award and highest honors.

Further award winners were Joe Hinton in the art department, Laurie Swain received the biology department award while Stan Pounds won the award for secondary consumer science, Anna Jones received the nursing award, and Mary Turner was recognized by the physical science department.

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Criminal justice curriculum to be implemented next fall

by Jacob Gump
Bison staff writer

Keeping in touch with student demand, Harding is adding criminal justice to its list of majors. The major will be a joint program between the behavioral and political science departments. To teach courses in the new major, a new professor with an academic emphasis in criminal justice will be hired next fall.

Dr. Kathy Howard, an associate professor of sociology, has been planning the curriculum since last summer. According to her description, it "suits a variety of needs for the student. For several years, students have shown an interest in a program of this nature; we are pleased to have it ready and off to such a great start."

A major strength of the program is that it offers students a variety of choices upon graduation. Students can find work in the field using their bachelor’s degree or go on to a variety of graduate schools. "Many of our students will use this degree as a stepping stone to further their education," Howard said. "This major is an exceptional choice for our pre-law students."

The program involves exciting internship opportunities, usually with local legal-oriented jobs.

"Our interns will work in a variety of situations, such as law enforcement and corrections," Howard said. "This will in turn provide an opportunity for our students to learn what it is really like to work in the field."

Already, about 15 students have declared criminal justice their major, and several more are pursuing a minor in the field. The program will require students to fulfill 36 hours of requirements for the major and 18 hours for the minor.

The new major will be an added opportunity for students who are interested in the legal field as undergraduates or for those who choose to attend graduate schools in a related area.

Information about the major or minor in the field can be obtained by contacting the behavioral science department.

Crouch places top priority on students getting their mail

by Scott Lohis
Bison staff writer

Kathleen Crouch serves as supervisor of the post office on Harding’s campus and does all she can to ensure that students are happy with their mail delivery. Crouch said she considers her 27 years at Harding "enjoyable and a very good experience overall."

Crouch hasn’t always worked in the post office. Her first job at Harding was in the Pattie Cobb cafeteria, but in 1982, she moved to her current position where she manages all post office functions. Crouch said that she enjoys interacting with students and finding solutions to their problems. "When students are dissatisfied with their mail, or it’s coming in messed up, I enjoy working with them and then becoming friends with them later," Crouch said.

One of Crouch’s favorite stories from her time in the post office occurred when the post office was asked to deliver a very special gift between a boyfriend and girlfriend about five years ago.

The student had placed an engagement ring in a potato chip can and had the post office hand deliver it to his soon-to-be fiancée. The delivery went well, and the couple were later married. Commenting on other unique mail items Crouch said, "We get a lot of unique crafts, especially around Christmas and Valentine’s Day."

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Andrew Baker, the student association’s spiritual life director, is the recipient of whipped cream and pie filling during a pie throwing contest at ARAMARK’s spring carnival. Photo by Kami Wentz.

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CAMPUS EVENTS

THE PREACHER’S WIFE will be shown tonight at 6:30 and 9:30 in the Benson Auditorium. It will also be shown tomorrow at 8 p.m. The cost is $2.

Today is the last day to drop a class for the semester.

King’s Men and OEGE are sponsoring a follow-up blood drive on Monday, April 28, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Heritage Auditorium.

Harding Place Retirement Community is looking for students interested in volunteering to help residents unpack and settle into their new homes. They also need volunteers to accompany the residents on outings and errands and to serve as companions. Call 305-3100 for information.

Don’t forget the MADD Dash which will be held today, April 26, at the Steinmetz Israel Community Center.

The theater department will present "Rosenzweig and Guildenstern Are Dead," beginning Monday, April 28, at 7 p.m. in the Little Theater.

Sign up today in the student center to pray for students and faculty members going on summer campaigns. The sign-up sheets will be on the a table in the Student Center auditium.

The senior art exhibit of Ashley McKelvey is being held today from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Stevens Art Gallery.

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Members of American Studies tour several Civil War battlefields

by Lance Lemmonds
Bison staff writer

Membership does have its privileges, as members of the American Studies Institute (ASI) Distinguished Student program found out during their tour of Civil War sites in Tennessee and Mississippi last weekend.

The ASI tour bus departed Searcy early Thursday morning on route to Memphis for a visit to the Nathan Bedford Forrest Memorial and Civil War Cemetery. Next, the tour carried students to the Shiloh National Cemetery Park, where they spent the afternoon viewing a video about the battle and touring the battlefield site and national cemetery.

“We got to participate in a re-enactment at Shiloh, complete with water guns,” Bob Reely, associate director of the American Studies Institute, said.

Dr. Paul Haynie, associate professor of history, served as tour guide and storyteller along the route. “Dr. Haynie made the tour very enjoyable with his stories and insight into the history of each battle,” Reely said.

The tour then traveled to Corinth, Miss., to view the Corinth Battlefield and the famous Crossroads of the South, the site where the two most important Southern railroads crossed, and where Gen. Ulysses S. Grant stationed his army in 1863.

Tour participants spent the night in Corinth and departed early Friday morning for Brice’s Crossroads National Battlefield, which was the battlefield where Nathan Bedford Forrest triumphed in his greatest victory of the war.

After leaving Brice’s Crossroads, the tour proceeded on to Tupelo, Miss., to stop at the Natchez Trace Parkway Headquarters for a film and a moment of rest and relaxation.

Then they traveled along the Natchez Trace all the way to Jackson, Miss., and further down to Port Gibson, Miss.

At Port Gibson stands the breathtaking “Ruins of Windsor,” the charred ruins of one of the largest plantation mansions in all the South.

The mansion had been burned down by Union troops, and Dr. Grant called his troops here on the way to victory in Jackson.

Students got the chance to tour the city Friday afternoon before departing for Vicksburg, Miss., and the Vicksburg National Military Park on Saturday morning.

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The tour continued at the Vicksburg visitor’s center for a video and then a tour of the battlefield and cemetery. The highlight of the Vicksburg visit was a tour of the old, ironclad Civil War era battleship, the USS Cairo.

“I really enjoyed visiting the mansion in Mississippi, and also the tour of the battlefield in Vicksburg,” ASI scholar J.A. Wiser, a freshman from Athens, Ala., said.

Before leaving Vicksburg to return home to Searcy, the tour bus traveled through the old city as the final activity on the Civil War tour.

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Track teams suffer from small size; individuals shine

by Alyne Hoover
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The Lady Bison track team placed third behind Abilene Christian and Angelo State, and the men placed fifth overall in the Lone Star Conference Division II track meet last weekend at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas.

For the first time competing in Division II, we did good," freshman Kelly Lauterbach said. "Our team is smaller and we don't have people in every event yet." Lauterbach took ninth in Division II in the women's 1,500-meter run (4:53:12.35) and the men's 1,500-meter run (3:54.90). "I wasn't prepared for the 1,500," she said. "The 800 is my best event. I raced the same guy in the 800 and 1,500. He was really strong and took first in both." Freshman Japheth Langat placed fourth in the 800, and junior Tomoki Nojo took fourth in the 1,500.

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Baseball team splits double header against Ouachita Baptist Tigers

by Lori Boduch
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The Bison baseball team split a double header Saturday afternoon with the Ouachita Baptist Tigers, winning the first game 1-0 and losing the second game 15-10.

These games brought the Bisons record to 16-25-1 after the afternoon with the Ouachita Baptist Tigers in a double header game that was strategical battle with the only positive," said Coach Shane Fullerton. "But, on this day, the Tigers proved to be too tough, scoring another two in the top of the seventh. Harding regrouped and scored another five runs in the bottom of the inning.

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