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**Student Association sponsors first ‘service weekend’**

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Room staff writer

The Student Association sponsored two service projects during this semester—the Inner City Carnival and the Rake-N-Hunt. Both projects are part of the S.A.’s L.A.S.T. (Living And Serving Together), which stands for Living and Serving Together, is set for this weekend, Nov. 8th.

"I am really hoping that every student will take advantage of the L.A.S.T. weekend," President Ryan Alan said. "It’s a great opportunity to make a difference where we are. Many times people that service projects take too much time and hard work. These projects each take up only one afternoon and are great chances to serve the community."

The Inner City Carnival has become a favorite project among students. This is the third year Harding will be involved with the carnival. Students will volunteer at the Ganus Athletic Center at 9 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, for a church service before leaving in a caravan to North Little Rock. After mass, students will transport students to the Silver City Courts housing project. The carnival will last from noon to 2 p.m. The carnival is held in conjunction with the River City Ministry program sponsored by churches of Christ in Little Rock.

"Last year we had 200 students participating in the carnival," Lyndsay Allan, carnivals co-director, said. "We need anyone and everyone who is interested to just come out and play with us in Little Rock.

Twenty booths will be set up at the carnival where students can play and interact with children. Some of the booths include a ring toss, bean-bag toss, basketball hoop, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, sucker board and fishing game. There will also be a clothing and toiletries booth where parents of the children can come and get necessities. According to Allan and her co-director, Leslie Daniel, the focus of the carnival is the children. "The carnival is a good way to put our faith into action," Daniel said. "It’s a really good cause — the children appreciate it so much."

This is the third year Harding is set for the newest service projects because a lot of the work that is put into it goes unrecognized," Allan said. "The best service is unknown service."

Many students are participating this year for the first time and feel stuff like this back home." Jasmine Floagg, sophomore participant, said, "I really am looking forward to getting into the community. It is so comforting to give back to others."

"Other students this year are carnival veterans. "The reason I’m going back to the carnival is for the kids," senior Mark Cross said. "I love to see them relations; I love to spend time and forget about their problems for a while. It is also good for us to get out of the Harding bubble and open our eyes to see what the real world is like."

The other service project of the L.A.S.T. weekend is the Rake-N-Hunt scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 8, which is open to any student who wants to serve. "The goal of Rake-N-Run is to get the entire city of Searcy in one day!"

Senior Matt Tibbles is responsible for the idea and execution of this project. "I really got the idea from one of my friends who is in youth ministry," Tibbles said. "The idea was discussed a little bit at the end of last year. This year, I told Ryan about it and he said he would love for the S.A. to get involved with it."

According to Tibbles, students will meet Saturday at 10 a.m. and break up into large groups that will first go to the various neighborhoods in Searcy. After covering the large neighborhoods, the groups will then go around and rake the smaller ones. The project will end at 6 p.m., followed by a devotional that is open to anyone who wants to come.

"The city of Searcy is excited about the project," Tibbles said. "The city service clubs are behind us all the way."

According to the yards, students will leave fliers that list the different congregations of churches in Searcy. "Really is a great opportunity to reach people for Christ in the community of Searcy," Tibbles said. "We can serve the Lord by serving the community."

Both the Inner City Carnival and Rake-N-Hunt still need students who are interested in serving others. Students interested in helping with the Inner City Carnival should contact Allan, Daniel or their class officers and continue to listen for announcements about meeting times. Students interested in helping with Rake-N-Rake should contact Tibbles.

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**Soccer approved for fall 1998 season**

Shelie Sals

Room staff writer

Women’s soccer is coming to Harding. Funding for a women’s soccer team was approved Friday, Oct. 27, by the Board of Trustees. According to Athletic Director Greg Hendren, this makes it the first official season in the fall of 1998.

The team will compete in the Lone Star Division, Hendren said. "There will be limited scholarships available and that the University wants to be looking to hire a coach."

Hendren said he believes that there will be a need of incoming freshmen who will be interested in playing for the new team.

"Right now, there are two independent women’s teams made up of Harding students playing in the Little Rock League. According to junior Alme Wilson of Talco, Texas, the teams received funding from Harding this year for uniforms, but are not eligible to participate on a NCAA level yet."

According to professor of accounting, David Johnson, has played a large role in helping the women’s team for Harding. "We’re trying to help provide money for the team and get teams organized," he said. "We have two independent teams that have been practicing on a regular basis. With two seasons already under regulations already in existence, we have a strong nucleus of players to start with," Johnson said.

Johnson is excited to see women’s soccer coming to Harding. "So many times students come to Harding, giving up full sports scholarships, because they want to be in a Christian environment. They want to be here; they aren’t here because they’ve been bought. It would be nice to be able to offer them a sports program with soccer," he said.

Tryouts for the two independent women’s teams were held earlier during the semester. They are now scheduling each other and trying to schedule games with other schools as well. Unfortunately, regulations state that schools can only have a certain number of games and practice time, so schools already under regulations have a hard time making plans for next season. The teams started. We’ve waited a long time for a women’s soccer team at Harding and we were definitely ready to put all the hard effort it takes to make a great team for the school," Humphrey said.

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**In the news.**

- Ronald Winson, a New York jeweler, bought a 5.5-carat diamond, the finest ever graded by the Gemological Institute of America, for $1.3 million at a Sotheby’s auction.
- Jonathan Nicholson of the University of Arizona, Joseph Burns of Cornell, Brett Gladman of the University of Toronto and J.J. Kavelaars of McMaster University in Canada discovered two small moons orbiting Uranus—one 100 miles across and the other 50 miles across—bringing the number of moons circling the seventh planet to 17.
- John Loyd, a forensic scientist, testified in New York that the FBI had post-9-11 evidence in the World Trade Center bombing investigation, making it impossible to say who committed the crime on Feb. 26, 1993, explosion that killed six.
- John Pinter, vice president of the Popa Hall of Fame, is lobbying Milwaukee officials for a monument to his beloved singer, as well as a statue of a paddle player to be built on a Lake Michigan island and outfitted with high-speed email, an observation deck and lasers that can be "seen a score miles away."
- Alan Chenery, a West Virginia man, convicted of murder, robbery and rape in a nationwide crime spree, suffers from multiple personality disorder, according to an evaluation from the State Hospital in Little Rock. According to a forensic psychologist at the hospital, Chenery has at least three personalities: one named David, a 76-year-old man named after a dead-year-old woman named Stacy.
- Amin Abdal-Farhat was described as "hysterical" and "uncontrollable" as he came out of the delivery room because his baby, the Cairo, Egypt woman, whose doctor told her to expect twins, was born with only one.
- The baby, who weighed 4.4 to 4.95 pounds, were all healthy.
Every year, during November and December, it seems as though the world takes on a certain holiday attitude. We all start counting the days until Thanksgiving break, then we number the ones until we leave for Christmas. For some, these final weeks of the semester are their final hours before they head home for the holidays. The spring semester rolls around, and we have to begin counting the days until graduation: a long project or paper, or even finals week. By the time registration for the spring semester rolls around, we begin to lose track of time. We are often on a roll, finding a job for after graduation - never taking a moment to reflect on the semester, or the time we have been in school.

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As I considered the topic for this article, I thought about the attitude I had today when I was typing this article the first time. Somehow, after it was finished, I accidently erased it. As some staff and I searched for it on the hard drive, I inwardly groaned when we couldn't find it. Because of this experience, I have decided to write about the groans and complaints that are heard ringing from the Benson and Administration Auditoriums when students are asked to stand and sing during chapel. I am aware that not everyone loves chapel. There are days that I wish I could go home and crawl back in bed. Just because we would choose not to be in chapel is not justification for what has been going on. I am aware that sometimes after we have come to chapel doesn’t always mean we are worshiping, but when we begin a song, a prayer or a devotional thought, then we each are in the presence of God. I am convinced that God has a sense of humor. Just look at me, and you can see that to be true. But I am also sure that God can be really serious at times. I would pray that we, as Christians, would have respect enough for the Creator of the Universe that we would be honored and humbled to be able to stand and praise Him. The writer of Hebrews says it best when he writes:

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire." (Hebrews 12:28-29).

Maybe from now on when you are asked to participate in chapel, you can do so as this song says:

"You are beautiful beyond description, too wonderful for words, too wondrous for comprehension, like nothing ever seen or heard. Who can grasp your infinite wisdom? Who can fathom the depths of your love? You are beautiful beyond description—majesty enthroned above. And I stand, I stand in awe of you. Holy God through whom all praise is due, I stand in awe of you."

May we remember that, when we stand, we are standing for Him and not for anyone else!

Conversation starters...

- November is peanut butter lover's month. Peanut butter was invented in November of 1895.
- November is International Creative Child and Adult Month, designed to help people appreciate the importance of creativity in themselves and others.
- Nov. 7 is Republican Elephant Day. Illustrator Thomas Nast first used the elephant as a symbol of the Republican Party in 1874.
- Nov. 11 is God Bless America Day. Kate Smith first sang Irving Berlin's "God Bless America" on network radio in 1939.

Join the Walk for Life...

We were told in a committee by an attending nurse that the little arms and legs stop twitching and suddenly stilled as the scissors are plunged in. People who say "I feel your pain," aren't referring to that little infant.

What kind of people have we become that this "procedure" is even a matter of debate? Can we draw the line at torture? And baby torture is what it is! If we can, what has become of us? We're all incensed about ethnic cleansing. What about infant cleansing?

Congressman Henry J. Hyde, in "An Assault on the Moral Foundation of our Democracy," has said, "There's no argument here about when human life begins. The child who is destroyed is unimpaired, unimpaired human and unimpaired brutally destroyed."

The reason I believe so strongly about saving the life of a child is that all babies in the womb are human. I also believe that everyone has a chance at life and that there is a risk in everything we do.

There are so many other choices that a person has other than taking the life of a child. There are many couples who are unable to have children and would make wonderful parents for a baby. I understand that there are cases in which a girl or boy must be afraid to tell her parents, that, too, is a serious thing. Think about how hard it is for you to be in a doctor's office and feel the pain of the child's life.

Here are a few facts about abortion from Sing A Little Louder by Penny Lea:

1. In the United States, it is legal to abort any baby up until birth.
2. Every day in America, nearly 4,400 babies die painful deaths by dismemberment, chemical poisoning, lethal injections into the heart, being torn limb for limb, and now, partial birth abortions.
3. Abortion has two victims—the baby and the mother. Many women who have abortions suffer physically, as well as from anxiety, grief, infection and sterility. Death is also not uncommon as a result of having an abortion.
4. Only one percent of abortions are performed as a result of rape or incest. Most abortions are done as a form of birth control because the baby is considered "inconvenient," "too expensive" or a "burden."

On Saturday, Nov. 8, Students for Life and College Republicans are sponsoring the annual Walk for Life. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Benson lobby, and the walk begins at 9 a.m. The fee is only $5, and we will be finished by the beginning of the Student Association's Take-N-Run. There will be two gift certificates presented at the end, but you must be present to win. Hot chocolate and donuts will be provided, compliments of ARAMARK.

The proceeds from the walk will be going to the Scarey Friends for Life Crisis Pregnancy Center, which plans to open in January of 1997. Does anyone need all the support we can get, so please make plans to help save the life of a child.

The Right for Life Crusade, Inc., states: "If he is not alive, why is he growing? If he is not a human being, what kind of being is he? If he is not a child, why is he sucking his thumb? If he is a living, human child, why is it legal to kill him?"
Not all congregations enjoy a friendly environment or have access to highly trained Christian counselors. The Institute for Church and Family Resources (ICFR), a new University-based organization, hopes to remedy this situation.

Executive Director Howard Norton said that he wants a family in upstate New York to have access to the same resources a Scarey family may obtain by walking into the McNeer building. "A Christian college such as Harding is a pool of talent that draws from all over the United States and the world," Norton said. "Our goal is to unite forces to produce the products people need."

The idea for such an organization began with a conversation between Dr. David Burks, Dr. Carl Mitchell and Nathan Mellor. According to ICFR's mission statement, it will offer options to "embattled families and churches (who are seeking practical responses to growing threats to biblical values virtually unprecedented in American history)."

ICFR's priorities for the coming year include publications, a Web site and a national family hotline. Norton, who edited Oklahoma Christian University's Christian Chronicle for 15 years, said the organization plans to develop a new publication for the Brotherhood. Another publication in the works is a high school curriculum for Sunday morning classes and Wednesday evening studies. Mellor, an alumnus and the assistant director of ICFR, said, "It will be Bible-based and user-friendly. We're looking for people who have been creating similar curricula for years."

Mellor also directs Uplift Summer Camp, which will now be under the direction of ICFR. He travels one day each week to churches across the state and country to gain support. "The church and family are the two most important things in life," Mellor said. "A strong church helps the family. ICFR integrates them." ICFR also plans to develop a distance learning project. This includes the Internet, interactive video and videotapes. According to Mellor, all of these resources are designed to get families back into the church building. "It's a national outreach," Mellor said. "Families won't be attracted to the church unless they're able to heal. We have to show them what Jesus and the Bible offer are the true solution to the problems facing families in America."

Norton and Mellor admit that the mission of ICFR is similar in scope to that of nationally known Focus on the Family. "Focus on the Family is an organization to us of what can be done. But it's just that; it focuses on the family," Norton said. "We're not changing the way the government looks on the family; we're changing the way the family looks on the family."

Norton wants students to get involved. "The student body is a great way to learn about the family. They are much closer than most of us to what they consider the real problems," he said.

Mellor said, "We are still in the planning stages. People call ICFR very ambitious, but we believe it's definitely a dream worth shooting for."
Circle K defines image and purpose

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The excitement is contagious in the music and communication departments, where the plans that will move the departments from their respective locations are progressing rapidly. The Communication Department went on a walk-through with the architect last Thursday and discussed elements, completion dates and color motifs for the new Donald W. Reynolds Center for Communication and Music, which has been under construction since the spring. The Music Department was unable to tour the building formally and postponed their walk-through until the beginning of next semester.

The new building will provide the music department with an entire wing in which to function, and it includes many new facilities. Among them are a recital hall, a choral hall and an omni hall that can be used as a multi-purpose classroom. The plans also provide for a music library and practice rooms, each furnished with a piano. These rooms especially will be a drastic improvement over those in use now, which "don't all have pianos, are not acoustically isolated and are too small," Dr. Arthur Shearin, chairman of the Music Department, said.

The plans for the Communication Department are no less elaborate. New classrooms and offices will bring all of the faculty and classes together in one building. Therapy rooms will allow students to treat communication disorders while teachers monitor them with video cameras. This will give patients more privacy while still letting teachers observe. The new building will also include a new television studio and facilities for radio production.

Both departments are enthusiastic about the move. Since 1973, the Communication Department has been located in the Ganus building, which was originally built as a student center and has been modified over the years. The Music Department is looking forward to the superior acoustics as well as the extra space the new building will afford. "We're very pleased with the quality of the construction and the appearance of the building," Shearin said. Those new facilities will also allow both departments to do all of their work in one building instead of moving around campus. Classes for Music Appreciation will be held in the omni hall instead of in the science building, and communication classes will no longer be spread among the Ezell, Administration and Ganus buildings. "We're really glad to be able to bring the entire department together," Dr. Michael James, chairman of the Communication Department, said. The departments will share common space, such as the lobby, the lounges and the study rooms.

The construction of the building is on schedule; it will be in the dry by mid-December and is expected to be finished in time for the fall semester of 1998. A fountain is planned for the front of the building to complement the brick and cut stone. A new south entrance to campus from the Herb-Stepp Expressway will be paved for the convenience of students, faculty members and visitors. Inside the building, a Macintosh laboratory will be open to all students.

Members of the Communication Department and Dr. Neale Pryor listen to architect Jeff Prince as he explains the benefits of the new Reynolds Center for Communication and Music. The newest addition to the Harding campus is scheduled to be completed by the fall of 1998. Photo by Jeff Montgomery.

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EXPECT GREAT THINGS
Bryan Burleson
Bison staff writer

Having a sensational season end in the first round of nationals competition, the Bison basketball team, like a feeding frenzy of sharks, have tasted victory. The Bisons posted a 17-11 record in 1996-97 and are looking this year for higher goals.

Seven seniors, a junior transfer, two prospering freshmen and one injured sideline make up the established men's basketball team.

Returning starters are 6'9" senior Carlton Bryant at the power forward spot and 7'0" senior J.H. Duke at the other power forward position. Both are expected to receive an All-Star bid by the end of the season. A four-year starter with a career average of 10.7 ppg and 4.5 assists a game, 21.1" senior Cliff Miller will play point guard. Matt Durial, also a 5'11" senior who led the Southwest region in assists last year and averaged 7.5 points a game, will be at the other guard spot.

A 6'8" junior, Brent Adams will be in the point position, and the lone sophomore, 6'2" Felix Jones, is at the other guard position.

Other key returnees are Sammy Usery, a 5'10" senior who averaged 5.6 points a game last year, and Calvin Dovenos, who was injured in the 1995-96 season and did not play the 1996-97 season.

Sophomore guard LEVAR Floyd, who averaged 4.8 points a game, will play a key role in the Bisons' run for national recognition this season.

Newcomers to the team are a junior transfer from Abilene Christian, 6'7"point guard Steve Meadors, a 6'5" freshman guard, Scott Guttery, who averaged an astounding 19.5 points a game as a high school senior and 6'4" freshman Bryan Turner from Bayouville High School in Arkansas. They hope to add fuel to the steaming Bison basketball program.

Three redshirt freshmen from last year will add youth and energy, Clint Spencer (6'5"), Ryan Semanchik (6'2") and 6'4" David Duke, who is coming back from an injury early last year, are all looking for playing time. With plenty of eligibility left, their hard work in practice will pay off for the starters and will get them experienced for later games.

Coach Jeff Morgan looks to take the Bison squad through a rough schedule in the Lone Star Conference. Harding is part of the North Division, which includes Oklahoma Baptist and six Oklahoma teams - Cameron, Central State, East Central, Northeastern State, Southwestern and Southeastern.

Outside their division, the Bisons will play tough southern teams like Abilene Christian and Angelo State, with long road trips to West Texas A&M and Eastern New Mexico.

The Bison team is sprinkled with talent in height, experience and depth. Morgan's only concern is that the team's work ethic and chemistry. At Midnight Madness, the Bisons looked energetic and healthy and the student body appeared ready for another winning season. Morgan and the Bisons are focusing on a national title run.

The Bisons will play their first game of the season at home against a tough Christian Brothers University team.

This will be their only game before rival Abilene Christian University travels to Harding on Nov. 20 for the first Lone Star Conference game of the 1997-98 basketball season. Both Bison and Lady Bison basketball squads will face the ACU Wildcats in the newly renovated Rhodes Memorial Fieldhouse. Fans are encouraged to attend a pre-game ceremony before the Lady Bisons 6:00 game.

There will be a formal presentation of the new gymnasium opening to the basketball programs. There will also be a presentation given in honor of a former basketball player from Harding.

Junior point guard Steve Meadors dunks during a drill at practice. Meadors is a transfer student from Abilene Christian. Photo by Channing Bradford.
Cross Country team nears final meet

King Puckett
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The Harding University women's cross country team made a strong showing at the Lone Star Conference championship meet by coming in third, with 13 teams participating. The Lady Bisons were led by sophomore Cherri Scharf, who finished seventh in the conference with a time of 18:47 in the 5000-meter race, barely missing her personal best time of 18:40. Scharf was also named to the Lone Star Conference All Academic Team because of her 3.52 grade point average in psychology.

Freshman Tia Tarole came in 16th for the Lady Bisons with a time of 19:22. Tarole's best time of the year is 18:36 in the 5000-meter race. "I am pretty happy with the way I have run this year, but there is always room for improvement, and I feel I haven't reached my full potential yet," Tarole said.

Sophomore Kelly Lauterbach finished right behind Tarole at 17 with a time of 19:24. Lauterbach's best time this year in the 5K run is 18:42. Lauterbach also made the All Academic Team with a 3.91 grade point average in elementary education. "I feel we have had a good season; all the girls have run their fastest times, which has been neat because we're in Division II and we have still done a good job," Lauterbach said.

Another sophomore, Diane Grubbs, came in 21st with a time of 20:35. Grubbs was also on the Lone Star Conference All Academic Team with a 3.52 grade point average in print journalism. Sophomore Katie Fant finished the race with a time of 21:35; she was also on the Lone Star Conference All Academic Team with a 3.91 grade point average in elementary education.

The Harding University men's cross country team also made a strong showing at the championship meet as they finished in third place out of 11 teams. Senior Seth Crum led the Bison men as he finished the 8000-meter race with a time of 26:56. Crum's best time in the race this year is 25:50. Crum also made the Lone Star Conference All Academic Team with a 3.45 grade point average in computer science.

Senior Tommy Noel finished the race in 16th place for the Bisons with a time of 27:36, but Noel's best time in the 8K this year is 25:40. "I feel our team really peaked and we did the best we could," Noel said.

Senior Jonathan Dandy finished the race in 22nd place with a time of 27:58. Dandy's best time this year in the 8K is 26:23. Dandy made the Lone Star Conference All Academic Team with a 3.97 grade point average in physics and mathematics. "Regional Directors will be held this Saturday in Nebraska. All five members of the women's cross country team will be competing at the championships, and we will be competitive," Dandy said. "The Bison men will be represented at the meet by Crum, Noel and Dandy."

Tie breaker

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Bisons face close rival

Philip Murphy
Bison Sports Editor

The Bison football team will face a Lone Star Conference rival as they head to Arkadelphia on Saturday to play the Ouachita Baptist University Tigers.

The Bisons hold a slight 19-17-4 edge against one of Harding's oldest rivals. The ties between Ouachita and Harding have always been strong because both institutions are in existence for similar reasons. The Tigers and the Bisons are the only two private universities in the state of Arkansas that support football programs.

The ties have grown even stronger since the two universities were the only ones from the former Arkansas intercollegiate Conference to find a home in the Lone Star Conference.

Ouachita has chosen Harding as its homecoming game, despite Harding's six-game win streak against the Tigers.

Harding's offense has gotten back on track after a 4-11-1 homecoming victory against East Central University. "I was pleased with the way we came out early and took control of the game against ECU," Coach Randy Tribble said. "We must prepare for Ouachita's wishbone offense, knowing that their running game is coming from the off option."

Tailback Chris Piersson is averaging 124 yards rushing per game and quarterback Luke Cullins is averaging 135 yards passing per game.

Sophomore Jeremy Thompson has been the surprise kick returner, knocking 24 of 24 extra points and his longest field goal being from 51 yards out.

OBU's offense is evenly distributed between their running and passing. Both prove to be very effective means of moving the ball.

Rico McClarity, their leading rusher, averages 4.6 yards per carry and has caught 17 passes for 183 yards.

Ouachita's quarterback, Matthew Wallace, has thrown for 1,100 yards and seven touchdowns on 65 of 155 passing.

"We were impressed by McClarity and wide receiver Damien Harris," Tribble said. "I'm happy for them and their last game of the year, so they will be ready for us."

The Tigers' defensive weapon lies in Ben McClarity and wide receiver Damien Harris, who have in a very tough team," quarterback Luke Cullins said. "They have a powerful defensive line."