Students to spend summer ‘vacation’ sharing the gospel in numerous countries

BJ Marshall
Bison staff writer

Summer is almost here, and the school year's end is in sight, ushering in visions of sun, fun and relaxation. Many students can't wait for the hustle and bustle of school to end so that they can begin their blessed three-month period of doing absolutely nothing. A select few, however, have chosen to devote much of their vacation time to serving people in distant lands as part of the university's summer campaigns program.

Each year several hundred Harding students volunteer their time to travel long distances and perform skits at numerous children's schools during the day, as well as lead gospel meetings and Vacation Bible Schools in the evenings. Photo by Tonia Davenport.

"For the first three weeks, Nathan Mellor is leading a campaign to Brisbane," Burks said. "For the second three weeks, I will take over in Toowoomba. Our goal is to help the church there in terms of getting the word out about a gospel meeting that will be conducted in the city. I will be leading a group to serve in the church area," Burks said.

Sophomore nursing major Wendy Green, who is a part of the Australia team, said, "I'm really excited about our team. Our leaders are so focused, and at the meetings I've seen such a silly side of Dr. Burks and Nathan that I didn't know existed."

Harding is contacted each year by various church groups, which make a request through campus ministry to Dwight Smith to receive missionaries. At the beginning of each term, teams of campaigners raised their own funds in order to pay for their travel expenses and housing arrangements.

"We have to turn down many of the requests because there aren't enough volunteers to fill their individual needs," Smith said. Smith and his wife Barbry are leading a group to Stirling, Scotland. They will have 10 students in their group to help continue the ministry there.

"We will be in Scotland for roughly six weeks in each of three cities: Stirling, Dundee and Peterhead," Smith said. "We'll be singing in shopping malls and on street corners and performing puppet shows for the kids," he said.

Senior Rebekah Long will be one of the students accompanying the Smiths to Scotland. "Ours is mainly a musical campaign," she said. "We'll be doing a lot of singing, and we will also pass out leaflets in the towns. We will visit some of the schools there and perform skits for them, which they call sketches," Lowe explained.

"It's kind of interesting," Smith commented, "that last year we were invited to a Catholic school, and when we left, the priest there encouraged his students to attend our Bible classes. Two of the students were baptized as a result."

Senior Jay Gentry is a repeat campaigner who will experience his second year in Szolnok, Hungary. He is one of a group of 10 students who will be led by Dr. Ken Hobby, a professor of psychology.

"The first couple of weeks we will basically get to know the Christians in Szolnok and its neighboring cities," Gentry said. "For the last four weeks, we will be reaching English from the Bible from the book of John, primarily. We will also be trying to make contacts for the church, and it's been successful in the past," he said.

Hobby's daughter, Anessa Westbrook, along with her husband, Tim, is currently stationed in Szolnok. They are both Harding graduates and are being aided by Billie Brooks, another Harding graduate.

"Hungary's official religion may technically be Roman Catholic, but in actuality it's agnosticism," Hobby said. "Very few Hungarians are from any type of religious group. There are Christians there, but they have no concept of the church. Teaching English to them serves as a sort of mass screening device because it identifies those who are truly interested in learning the Bible," he said.

The group in Hungary also plans to spend time in Vienna, packing and trimming approximately 6,000 Bibles for Slovakian Russians.

"There is a Bible school which is managed by Tim and Anessa for the more experienced Christians where they will be taught how to interpret the Bible and be trained for leadership. It will serve as an extension of the campaign itself," Hobby said.

In all, 22 campaigns are being conducted, with 302 students participating. The others include 10 AfriCamps, one to Kenya and another to Uganda, led by Jan Linck and Mark Berryman, respectively.

Laron Carter is leading a group to Sydney, Australia, and Luk Brazy will take a team to Belgium. Ed Myers and Steve Keil are leading a campaign to Brazil, while a trip to the Czech Republic will be led by Ed Higgins botham and Howard Nor- lorn.

Two groups will travel to England this summer – one team to Birmingham led by Morris Ellis, and the other to Aylesbury with Ken Davis. Chuck Hickie will take a team to Bremen, Ger­many, and Eugene Under­wood and A巴基 Hamilton are heading up a team going to Debrecen, Hun­gary. Shawn Daggett will lead a group to Italy, and Brent Rogers will lead a group to Japan.

Two campaigns are headed for New Zealand, Brinndon Knapfs team will visit Garden City, while Gordon Hogan's group will stay in Tauranga.

Shawn Spradley is taking a small group to Russia, and the Harding chorus has 52 students ready to travel throughout Russia and Eastern Europe. Another Scotland campaign will be led Fred Jewell to Edinburgh. Owen Olbricht plans to take a group to the Northeastern United States, and Ava Conley will lead a campaign to Vene­zuela.
Have you ever read the book "All I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten"? The author simply says that all of the basic lessons are taught at the age of 5. I feel that way, too, but my version is that "All I need to know in life I learned at Harding University." Perhaps these examples will help you understand...

All I need to know in life I learned from the men of Delta Chi Delta. From this group of 70 men, I have learned countless lessons of life. I have learned they know that a hug can brighten a gloomy day, you can never eat too much pasta or gelati, train rides are the most fun when six people are packed into one compartment, and that a day in Florence is almost heaven. I’ve also learned that some bonds can never be broken, Carl and Frankie Mitchell are the best inspiration, and friends really can be friends forever.

All I need to know in life I learned from my roommates. The one and a half years that I have lived in Seacy Hall have been the best years of my life. From my roommates – Maria, Andrea, Melissa, Beth, Sasha and Ashley – I have been educate in many ways. I’ve all learned to redefy clothes and the end of the world, clothes look best when they are borrowed, and that it is never quiet when you are trying to sleep. They have also taught me that confidences are important, laughter and the best medicine and friendship is golden.

All I need to know in life I learned from the Bison and Petit Jean seniors. Working with these two crazy groups of people, I have mostly learned that you can survive on only two hours of sleep per night. Specifically, from Philip, I have learned how to shoot rubber bands and "know like a boy." Melissa the Business Manager has taught me how to make fun advertisements, Karen has shown me how to tastefully draw cartoons, and Sonus and Melissa the Copy Editor have taught me lessons in grammar. From our photographers – Gary, Jeff and Chip – I’ve learned that deadlines are everywhere and that Tuesday nights are not the most interesting. We’ve also learned that we never taste in music, realized that everything doesn’t have to be perfect, and that life goes on, deadline or not.

All I need to know in life I learned from professors. I have learned to respect my teachers and I have taught them more than just textbook knowledge. From my teachers, I have learned to think practicing hard and play safely平时, I have learned that class runs more smoothly when started with a prayer, being friends with a professor can be one of the most beneficial relationships to have, and that they know a lot more about life than we give them credit for. In the end, they have taught me about all aspects of today, but still aim for the future.

My time at Harding is quickly coming to an end and an era of catching up with me. I know that the lessons that I have taught – by friends, professors or strangers – will influence me forever. In 15 days, I will look back on the last four years of my life, and that life goes on, deadline or not.

Are the tobacco companies acting responsibly? They try to act responsibly, but others refuse to cooperate

Diane Grubbs
Bison staff writer

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Crash course in stress management

Jeff Krinks

Bison columnist

Have you had a lot of work to do this week? I have. I would tell you all about it except that I’m tired of retelling the story. You know – the one about the 10-page paper, the overwhelming project, etc. I won’t bore you with the details.

You may be one of two types of people: the kind that won’t rest until everything is done or the kind that is still resting at this moment, hoping the papers will write themselves. I tend to be the former. If something is due, I have to get it out of the way before I can concentrate on anything else. That can be stressful.

So let’s talk about stress as we approach the last week of classes.

Even if you are the latter, if you’re like me, you’ll be done with your work before you go, you have probably felt that edgy sensation when you almost didn’t finish your work on time. You might never say, “I’m stressed out,” but you’ve thought it. I don’t say that phrase often, but I think it on occasion.

The craziest recommendation on how to deal with stress that I have ever heard comes from Dr. Richard Carlson’s best-seller, Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff... and Its All Small Stuff. He says to lower your tolerance to stress.

It may seem like Carlson has lost his mind, but, actually, he has a very good point. By lowering our tolerance to stress, we have less to “stress out” about. By raising it, we allow ourselves more things to do and, therefore, more stress to use out.

We’ve been taught to admire the person who says, “I’ve been working really hard. I’m so stressed out” because they’re tackling more than we are.

However, a simple law exists in our emotional states, according to Carlson. Our current level of stress will be exactly that of our tolerance to stress. Notice that the people who say, “I can handle lots of stress” will always be under a great deal of it. If you raise your tolerance to stress, you’ll have all that much more.

Imagine a glass of water. If you have a tall glass, it can hold a lot of water. If you get a glass that has a lower rim, it can’t hold as much water. Likewise, if we lower our tolerance to stress, we won’t have as much.

You may be saying, “I’m all for self-improvement, but how do you lower your tolerance to stress?” Never fear, Carlson goes further.

One way is to notice the onslaught of stress before it becomes too overwhelming. If you catch yourself feeling helpless, it’s time to stop what you’re doing. When you find your mind shifting into overdrive, it’s time to back off and relax. My personal tendency is to make a list. I got it from my mom. I think she single-handedly kept Post-it notes in business. They’re on the refrigerator, the counter top, the cupboards and even on the car dashboard.

One thing I’ve tried to do when I get stressed out is to put away the list. When I see all the things “To Do,” I can’t rest until they’re done. Most of the time they’re things that aren’t vital for life to continue. I like to have “power sessions,” where I get it all done in one fell swoop. Better yet, a short walk around campus seems to clear the air.

There’s no need to worry that you won’t get it all done. When your mind is relaxed, you are able to be more effective in what you do choose to accomplish. Just remember, life isn’t an emergency.

Carlson also recommends asking yourself the question, “Will this matter a year from now?” In a few isolated instances, it might, but in most cases it won’t. Whether it’s an argument with someone, a mistake or a lost opportunity, chances are it won’t matter May 1, 1999. Asking that question may not reduce stress in your life completely, but it might give you a bit of perspective on what really matters.

Though Carlson has some pretty good advice, the obvious authority gave us an important reminder. In Matthew 6:25 and following, Jesus said, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Isn’t life more important than clothes?” Later He said, “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

If you’re going to make a list, put God at the top. If you’re going to get stressed out, be sure you pray before it gets out of hand. And if your concerns will matter a year from now, ask for His guidance.

These last couple of weeks will be bittersweet for many of us – especially those of us graduating. I hope you’ll lower your tolerance for stress so that you can do the things that are really important. Be sure to make time for those who matter most in your life. And have a great summer!

Conversation starters...

• May 1 is the birthday of Cheerios. They were introduced in 1941.

• May 2 is Martin Z. Mollusk Day. If Mollusk, a hermit crab, sees his shadow on the first Thursday in May, summer will arrive one week early.

• May 8 is VE Day, celebrating the 1945 victory in Europe when the German Army surrendered, ending World War II.

• May 15 is Nylon Day. The first nylon stockings went on sale nationally in 1940.

• May 16 is graduation.

Therapy

“Do you always do that?”

“Do what?”

She motioned to my hands, “Distract yourself.”

I glanced at her, then back at the innocent-looking object I held. “It’s just a Rubik’s cube. It doesn’t distract me; it gives me something to do with my hands.”

While she considered my response, I again took in the details of her sparsely decorated office. A long mahogany desk sat imposingly between her sewing machine and rows of titles by authors with unpronounceable names Marched in orderly rows on the bookshelves behind her.

“Why do you feel the need to do something with your hands?” Her question was like my inspection. “Why not place them in your lap or at your sides?”

“So I have a manual fixation now?” My intentional smirk was meant to let her know that the point when I had taken sessions like this one seriously had long since passed. The sound of crossing leather from my freshly reupholstered chair destroyed the quiet of the room as I slowly stretched my legs out and crossed them at the ankles. I set the Rubik’s cube, orange side up, on the small table beside me. “Maybe I’m just nervous.”

She responded to the line as her predecessors had. “Are you nervous?”

“I said maybe.”

“Why?” Better yet, tell me why you think you’re here.”

“My mother thinks I’m crazy... you know, depressed.”

With practiced deliberateness, I pulled the brim of my baseball hat lower so that my eyes were hidden in its shadow.

“I need to see your eyes,” she said immediately. “Why don’t you take off your hat? She accepted a slight adjustment as obedience. “Now which do you think you are, crazy or depressed? They’re not the same.”

“I thought therapists didn’t call people crazy. At least, they’re not supposed to.” Are you sure you’re licensed?” His eyes narrowed with suspicion. “Do you even have a degree?”

“Oh course I do. My diploma’s on that far wall behind you,” she gestured with her clipboard. “Would it make you feel better to see it?”

Eager to put between us more distance than the desk provided, I got up and walked to the wall. The parchment was encased in a nondescript frame and proclaimed that one Miss. Elizabeth Rosark held a doctorate in psychology.

“So what kind of grades did you make?” I asked, still inspecting the diploma.

“AS and a few BS.”

“What do you make BS in?”

“I don’t remember, and it’s not important right now,” she said. I detected a tinge of impatience in her voice from across the room and exploited it.

“It’s important to me. You could misdiagnose me and make me spend 18 months in a white room with soft walls.”

A slight expression on lips, and she laid her pen down and settled back into her chair. “You’re not taking this meeting very seriously.”

“Very perceptive of you,” I mumbled.

She ignored me and added, “May we should call it a day... unless there is something besides my academic career you’d like to talk about?”

“Nope. Then you’re free to go.”

Once outside her office, I pulled the door shut with a soft click and celebrated with a little jog. I had to go back at some point, I knew, to retrieve my Rubik’s cube still on the table next to my chair. Still, temporary freedom was better than none at all.

— contributed by Carol Binn
College Republicans host a debate of two candidates

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Bison staff writer

The College Republicans (CR) will be hosting a debate on Monday, May 4, in the Heritage Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. between the two candidates vying for the Republican senate nomination. Fay Boozman, a state senator and doctor from Springdale, Ark., and Tom Prince, former mayor of Little Rock, will discuss their views on national topics such as gun control and goals of the Senate, as well as on international issues. Instead of the usual panel of judges, Dr. Tom Howard, head of the history and social sciences department, will serve as moderator. However, all of the questions will be prepared by students. J.A. Wiser requested that students send questions to Box 12758.

"It will be interesting to hear what the candidates think about the issues that concern students," Jamie Hutchens, a freshman general science major from Oakland, Calif., said.

This is the first debate that the College Republicans have sponsored, but it wasn't originally their idea. Wiser said, "Because Harding is the largest private university in Arkansas and has an active CR group, members of the state party asked us to hold the debate. We decided that, with our excellent facilities and our mainly Republican student body, a debate could be a success."

However, when the club began planning the debate back in January, they had no idea how timely and important it would be. "In the most recent Arkansas Democrat-Gazette poll, 59 percent of Republican voters were undecided. In light of those numbers and the fact that the primary is less than three weeks away, I think that events like this are desperately needed. We hope to get the students and the community involved so that White County voters can make a decision," Wiser said.

Harding isn't the first university to hold a debate this year. The University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and Ouachita Baptist University have also held debates. Harding's debate is the last one that will be held on a college campus before the primary. The format being used here is also quite different from that of the other schools. Beth Bratton, a sophomore public relations major from Cabot, Ark., said, "Ouachita's debate was very laid back. We decided that a more structured format would work here."

If this debate proves successful, the club is ready to take on another one in the fall between the Democratic and Republican candidates. "One of the Republican contenders has told us that if he gets the nomination, he will request that a debate be held here," Wiser said. "That would be a wonderful opportunity because this senate race has already been named as one of the hottest of this election year. A debate held in the fall could earn national media attention."

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Against the Grain - the mission of Harding University becomes a reality

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Bison staff writer

Harding tradition has grown and changed tremendously since it began in 1924. However, one very important thing has remained the same - Harding's mission. The mission statement explains the University's unique desire to offer more than just an academic degree but to also instill and nurture spiritual values.

For some time, President David Burks entertained the thought of writing a book that would outline and emphasize Harding's special mission. After two years of intense planning, writing and revising, his basic idea has become a reality and it will be available just in time for Harding's diamond anniversary.

Burks said his enthusiasm for the idea was rekindled several years ago while working with Roy Spence, a member of the American Studies Institute Board. "He made the statement that he thought Harding's unique desire to offer more than just an academic degree but to also instill and nurture spiritual values.

Against the Grain - the mission of Harding University becomes a reality

Dr. David Burks and Kay Gowen discuss the aspects of Burks' book, Against the Grain. The book is to be released in the fall of Harding's 75th anniversary year. Photo by Tonia Dunlap.

Board of Trustees, President's Council members, staff, faculty, students, churches, parents and the Searcy community.

Burks said that thought has been given to using the book as a part of freshman orientation. "It is 24 authors' perceptions, not just one. In that sense, it's a pretty good statement of what were trying to do at Harding. I think it could be beneficial to people who are learning more about the work at Harding."

Against the Grain will be accompanied by a compact disc, entitled Sounds of Harding. Dr. Jeff Hopper, professor of music, approached Little with the idea. Two months ago, Hopper gave Burks and Little some examples of what he had to be included on the CD. The committee added some material and

Hopper spent hours collecting stories from old records, 8-track tapes and video footage. The disc contains 11 tracks that incorporate sounds and voices from Harding's past and present.

One of the tracks is called "Presidents of the United States," and includes quotes from Presidents Ford, Reagan, Bush and Clinton, all talking about Harding. Another track, entitled "Blanketing the Globe," covers Harding's international aspects. Other tracks cover the music of Harding, leadership, athletics and evangelism.

The CD will be located in a plastic sleeve inside the back cover of the book. The package, which will sell for $19.95, will be available in August as Harding kicks off its 75th year.

Marshall selected as graduation speaker

Jami Boyd
Bison staff writer

Dr. Stanley Marshall, founder, chairman and CEO of the James Madison Institute, will be sharing his vision for graduates at commencement Saturday, May 10, at 10 a.m.

Marshall is a member of the American Studies Institute Advisory Board and is the former president of Florida State University in Tallahassee.

"Dr. Stanley Marshall is one of the best known people in higher education in America today," President David Burks said.

Burks met Marshall while getting his Ph.D. in Administration of Higher Education at Florida State University in 1974. Marshall served on the Florida State University faculty for 20 years, from 1958 to 1978, and was president there from 1969 to 1976.

He earned a bachelor of science degree from Slippery Rock State College (now University) in 1947, and a master's and doctoral degrees from Syracuse University in 1950 and 1957, respectively.

At Florida State University, Marshall was named Omicron Delta Kappa's "Man of the Year" and was a recipient of the University's Gold Key Award.

Marshall served in the United States Army in Europe between 1943 and 1947. He has served as chairman of the Leon County United Way and has served on the board of Tallahassee Memorial Regional Medical Center and Tallahassee Area Chamber of Commerce.

In 1995, Marshall was one of nine members of the Constitution Commission on Cabinet Reform. He was appointed in 1997 as one of 37 members of the Florida Constitution Revision Commission.

Marshall is a member of the Florida Constitution Revision Commission.

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Barbara Barnes recognized for 33 years of service in intramurals

Janalyo Williams
Bison staff writer

A legacy at Harding University, Barbara Barnes has spent the last 33 years serving as director of the Women's Intramural Program. She was hired by President George Benson as a teacher of kinesiology and was moved in to the intramural position in 1965. This year, she has decided to take early retirement.

When Barnes took over the program, there was no equipment, no budget and very little interest. More than three decades later, she is proud to say there has been $150,000 invested in the facilities and area events.

"I'm thankful to have known and loved her," said Mouser. "Barnes will be greatly missed. The progress she has made will be difficult to match. I hope she will not be a stranger to the fields because her presence is so moving, but above all, I hope she gets all the happiness she deserves," Haines said.

Editors named for 75th anniversary student publications; Petit Jean wins awards

Indie Perita
Bison staff writer

The Bison and Petit Jean have named editors for Harding's 75th anniversary student publications; Petit Jean wins awards.

April Mouser, a junior Spanish and print journalism major from Colorado Springs, Colo., was chosen Bison editor. "I want to increase readership by covering a wider variety of people and activities," Mouser said. She said she would also like to include an entertainment page that would focus on both campus and community events.

Mouser hopes to include more faculty and student participation in the opinion pages, perhaps with a photo opinion poll that ties in with the facing the issues columns. Mouser has worked as a Bison staff writer and has edited her high school newspaper.

Stacey Baysinger, a junior public relations major from Sorrento, Fla., was chosen as Petit Jean editor for the 1998-99 school year. "I'm honored..." Baysinger said.

and a little bit nervous about the responsibilities, but I'm excited about the experience and the relationships that we will build through it," Baysinger said.

Baysinger has special plans for the anniversary edition of the yearbook. "I know it will have to be special because of the 75th anniversary. My goal is not only to capture what goes on during the year but also to mingle pieces of the past into it," she said.

Awards have also been announced for past publications. The 1996-97 legislative Media Association meeting April 16.

In individual categories, the Petit Jean won first place for its cover and second place for its end-sheets and theme division pages. The sports section took first place for layout and also had a first place photo and first and third place stories.

Heather Allison, editor, said, "We did much better than last year. I don't think the book was that much better, it just competed better."

The Petit Jean also received honorable mention for its opening and closing sections, student life section, social club section and for a feature photo. Allison acknowledged the writers, photographers and section editors as important players in putting together a winning publication.

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Four track members win All-Conference

Philip Murphy
Bison Sports Editor

The Harding Bisons placed three students on the 1998 Lone Star All-Conference Track and Field Team while the Lady Bisons placed one.

Seth Crunn, Jerry Martin and Jonah Tanui represented the Bisons while Calister Ubah represented the Lady Bisons.

Crum was given the award based on his performance in the 10,000 meters, while Martin was honored for his performance in the 5,000 meters. Tanui was given the award for his performance in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

Ubah was named All-Conference based on her 100-meter performance. "I performed real well in the conference meet, but I wasn't too happy overall because I tended to pulling my hamstring," Ubah said. "I think this year will make our team stronger because we did well and we will have a lot of returning runners."

Harding proves it belongs in NCAA

Philip Murphy
Bison Sports Editor

Don't worry about returning to your seats, fastening your safety belts and placing your trays and seats in their full, upright, locked position because it's not going to be that bumpy a ride after all.

Harding University athletics have proven they can make a smooth transition into the NCAA Division II. Many students were excited about the transition from the NAIA to the NCAA but were skeptical about Harding's chances of competing in one of the toughest conferences in the nation.

Harding has successfully blended into a conference that has some of the top athletes in the world. Along with others, thought that Harding would experience a year of losses, and we would just have to be able to shrug them off as growing pains. I'll be the first to admit that I underestimated our athletic program.

The Bisons have matured into fierce competitors that must be handled with caution. For the most part, we've held our own. We've proven that Harding is not only a great school for educating Christian scholars but also for producing some of the best athletes in the world.

To head coaches Shane Pullerton, Nicky Boyd, David Elliott, Jeff Morgan, Randy Tribble, Karyl Bailey, Bryan Phillips, Brad Francis and the rest of the supporting crew: Keep up the good work. Your leadership and insightfulness will help athletes and students create some of their greatest memories.

To the hundreds of Harding athletics: Keep striving to do the best you can. Your hard work and dedication to athletics does not go unnoticed. I hope each of you continues to strive to represent Harding to the best of your ability.

To the Bison fans: Never stop your support. The Rhodes Rowdies were a step in the right direction, but let's make it a step and not a plateau.

We have to remember that Harding students have more of a common bond than just the mascot of the Bisons; they have Christianity. And in Christ, everyone wins.

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Sports Notes

It's good news, really

Three of the Seattle SeaWolves' draft picks didn't have their eyes peeled to the hockey rink this season. Cornwall Inbecker Anthony Simmons watched the first 4 seconds of the season, because he had to get his French lunch. Seatle took him with the 15th pick.

On draft day, Nevada wide receiver Delbono Myles was along when the Seatle Seahawks called to tell him he was their fourth-round choice. Myles had stayed out all night in Las Vegas with friends.

Seattle's defensive end Carl Hansen was a bit embarrassed by his mother throwing a draft party for 50 friends. Hansen spent most of the time hiding in his bathroom, which is where he received a call from Coach Dennis Erickson informing him he was picked in the second round.

Hollow gesture

The New York Knicks' radio play-by-play man said doctors had to drill a hole in the side of Mallin Pearsall's head just to reset his fractured cheekbone. "Tears," replied analyst Walt "Clyde" Frazier, "with Zo, they didn't have to worry that they were going to find anything back there."

No parachutes

San Diego's Brown isn't your typical modern-day pitcher. For one thing, he's a sleepyhead.

Brown recently refused to wear long sleeves while pitching in San Francisco, which is known for its winds and chilly temperatures.

The former Florida Gator also refused to wear a jacket while running the bases as most pitchers do.

"I'm trying to run the bases and score runs, and I don't want to feel like I've got a parachute on," Brown said. "I don't slow enough as it is. I don't need any help.

To top all of that off, Brown was ejected by plate umpire Joe West on Tuesday night for arguing a called strike while batting.

Rhos to return

Mercelo Rois has recovered from an injury to his left elbow and will return so soon next week and play in Hamburg, Germany, after losing his No. 1 ranking for not competing in the Lipon Cup.

Tough decision

Steve Reichenbacher of the Chicago White Sox was telling George Mitchell declined to become baseball commissioner when he had the Senate but agreed to work as a peace mediator in Northern Ireland.

"This means he chose to try to resolve a dispute between Loyalists and Republicans that has cost thousands of lives and could still result in undesirable horrors rather than go anywhere near something involving Jerry Reineford and Bud Selig."
Knights and TNT win All-Sports for consecutive years

Bryan Burleson  Bison staff writer

As the end of each school year draws near, trophies for athletic excellence are presented to the clubs that dominated throughout the year.

The trophy that all clubs try to obtain through competitive play and long hours of late-night ball try to obtain through petition. It is a symbol of athletic dominance at the intramural level of competition.

Some claim that the trophy is worthless and insignificant but not to those who continually strive to achieve the honor of receiving the trophy and were successful in defending its title.

In middle club competition, Knights won the trophy for the third straight year, proving to be the dominant force in defending their title as All-Sports champions.

Knights athletic director Bobby Davis said, "We are really excited in winning the trophy again. It was a close race this year, closer than it has been in the past, so we had to step it up a notch. This being our third straight year, it's good to have successfully defended the title."

In large club competition, TNT once again reigned supreme, winning its sixth straight All-Sports trophy.

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Other Harding players were Jeff Powell with 85 in the first round, 83 in the second and 80 in the third, Brian Layton with 83 in the first, 81 in the second and 76 in the third; and Andrew Baker with 81 in the first, 81 in the second and 82 in the third.

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