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More than 1,000 students participate in tornado relief effort

by Amanda Jones
Pitts, Jean people editor

Among the ruins of Beebe, McRae and Center Hill remain few structures untouched by the devastating tornadoes that ripped through the area on Jan. 21. "I heard that half of the businesses and homes of McRae were destroyed, and after seeing the town, I believe it," junior Shawna Breeden said. "The tornadoes just zigzagged back and forth across the town leveling entire buildings."

Similar damage occurred in Beebe and Center Hill. "Debris and trash were everywhere. There was a church that was completely demolished and Bibles and song books were scattered everywhere," Michael Felker, one of the student leaders of the Beebe relief group, said. "We saw large pieces of tin wrapped tightly around trees. It was really amazing how one house could be demolished and the one next to it would be okay," Meredith Morris, a volunteer at Center Hill, said. "We found a lot of photos and one of the residents started telling us all about who was in the picture, where it was taken, and so on, but it was like we were going through their memories and picking them up," senior Kim Gorton said. "The shock had kind of worn off and they had decided that it was time to start putting their lives back together," Breeden said.

Harding students faced these problems as they entered the town in an attempt to rebuild the lives and spirits of those in the communities. Harding quickly reacted to the need of those in surrounding communities and organized a relief effort Monday. "We couldn't just stand by and do nothing while there were all those people in need," S.A. President Chad Gardner said. "So many Harding students were already involved because of the closeness of the tornadoes to our campus and the damage they caused. It was good to serve these people and, since we couldn't do it financially, we did it through helping them clean up what the tornado left behind."

Just as the tornadoes had instantly destroyed the towns, the relief effort also had to be planned quickly in order to help the victims get their lives back together as soon as possible. "We really didn't have a lot of time to plan the tornado relief effort. Dean Terry Davis and I drove around to survey the devastated areas on Sunday to find out where we were needed most. We then made contacts in Beebe, McRae and Center Hill and asked them to plan for us to come out the next day and have things for us to do," Gardner said. "Many of our contacts were made through area churches, city officials, fire departments and the Department of Transportation."

More than 1,000 students participated in the project. "The SA had an emergency meeting to work out some of the plans for the relief effort and we didn't know how many would show up and volunteer, but we prayed about it and knew that God would take care of the numbers," Gardner said. "We were overwhelmed with how many students showed up." The SA had anticipated about half of that number. Some students expected less damage in the towns than what they encountered. "There is a difference between hearing about a tornado on TV or in the radio and actually seeing the effects of one in person," Gorton said. "At the time when the tornadoes hit, I wasn't that frightened, but, after seeing the effects of it, it made me realize how severe something like that can be. Most of the time when something like this happens, we think, just let me and my friends get through this, but we don't look at the big picture and how it affects others around us. So, it really makes you feel good to do something that someone else would do for you if it had happened to you in your town."

While many students didn't have the chance to talk to the victims, a few were able to visit and comfort them. "There was one man that I talked to and he was telling me that, for the past few months, he had been down on mankind and felt that there weren't many people that were ethical or good anymore. After the tornadoes went through and here were all these people coming from everywhere to help rebuild, his faith was restored," Gardner said. "It wasn't just the victims who were touched; many volunteers were humbled by the attitudes of the victims. "Each of the victims of the tornadoes was in high hopes and high spirits, and I just can't imagine having to face something like that and how I would react to it," Gorton said. "They are handling it very well."

Harding students were thankful for the others who came out to help. "The large turnout of volunteers made me very proud that they would take time to serve, and it makes me feel very positive about the campus leadership that are leading us in," junior Alan Howell said. "I was glad that so many people took advantage of being excused from classes and the chance to do something good for someone else," Gorton said. "The student body continually amazes me with their dedication to serve. It is really encouraging to be a part of this," Gardner said.

Students, professors and volunteers joined together to reach the same goal, and each ended the day feeling the toll of the hard labor. "I am tired, but I feel really good because I was able to serve," Howell said. Since all students did not have the chance to participate, a relief effort is being planned for Saturday for those who still want to help those in need.
I watched with amazement as a huge number of students gathered at the front of the Benson Auditorium after chapel. Although I was unable to participate, I felt a certain amount of pride in the fact that these 18-locked in the Benson with out of my eyes. A Labrador Retriever, I goggles to keep the water toddler) and attempted to ing me a dog when I was his movies (Benji the Hunted, Benji the explicably became stranded in some on a mountain and being involved in mountain. Maybe you remember Benji. All of course, Benji always scared of one dog barking may be overcome The way we dress probably does not help matters either. "Causal Friday" has expanded to encompass every weekday. "Dressing up" often means sacrificing in a shirt for the warmth of a sweater. We are also confronted with movies such as "Reality Bites" that portray people our age as selfish, sex-crazed, dope-up losers with zero ambition, planning to spend our lives leeching off of our parents. We read and hear about super-stars our age who trash hotel rooms and beat their girlfriends. I feel proud because I know that at least a long, hopefully not forever the Harding community) boldly challenge this unfair stereotype, not with arguments, but by action. Such as that displayed by the volunteers for the tornado clean-up, by those who bought gifts for children in Romania, by those who spend time with children in the Big Brother/Big Sister program and by countless numbers of others whose actions often go unnoticed. In past editorials I have been critical of many young adults' apathy regarding politics, current events and history. I still believe that every person - regardless of age - stands to benefit by being aware of bills politicians are passing, even if it is something as seemingly remote and insignificant as social security. However, I also believe that the "slacker" label may have something to do with the fact that our generation is not as caught up in consumerism and materialism as previous generations may have been. If I am a "slacker" because I would rather be happy than make a million dollars, then I will gladly wear the label, etc. Perhaps it is youthful idealism, but I believe people our age have a more global, outside-of-our-country awareness. We realize that there is a world outside of the United States (and even North America), and because we have explored this world via Eurorail or Internet, we have more of an identification with and concern for our fellow human beings everywhere, from Argentina to Chile. The 1,000 plus students who helped clean up in Beebe, McRae and Center Hill on Monday demonstrated this concern and love to our fellow Arkansans. Maybe they even prompted a sermon that begins with, "Kids today..." and ends with "we can be proud of them." I am scared of dogs. Let me rephrase that - I am really scared of dogs. I am so scared of dogs that given a choice between standing on the beach while a category-five hurricane passes over me or being locked in the Benson with a Labrador Retriever, I would ask if I could wear goggles to keep the water out of my eyes. My parents recognized that I was afraid of dogs at a very early age (I was bitten when I was a toddler) and attempted to rid me of this fear by buy- ing me a dog when I was about 7. This proved to be an excellent idea, as this meant I could be afraid of my own dog instead of bugging someone else's dog by being scared of it. The dog was a cocker spaniel, and I named him Benji after the dog movie star at the time. Maybe you remember Benji. All of his movies (Benji the Hunted, Benji the Stalked, Benji the Rabid, etc.) followed the same basic script, in which he in- explicably became stranded in some sort of wilderness, like a really big mountain. Of course, Benji always made it back to his owners, but not before having numerous adventures that usually included befriending a cougar, saving four or five children who were also inexplicably stranded on a mountain and being involved in a helicopter chase. My Benji did not quite live up to his namesake. If you had dropped my Benji on a mountain, he would have run in circles for minutes and then tried to mate with various trees. Eventually, he would have found a dog he could safely run against. I was afraid of my own dog. Seeing that my Benji was a hyper dog does not do him justice. His very existence seemed like an attempt at Ritalin on canines. Due to this, I was even more scared of him than I was of other dogs. We gave Benji away, at which point I believe he went to work in an electrical plant, powering large areas by running on a treadmill for hours on end. I'm glad things worked out for him at least. However, the highlight of my dog- fearing career came about five years ago when I ran from a three-legged dog. Have you ever seen a three-legged dog try to chase someone? You need to. Terminally ill patients should be shown tapes of this in hos- pitals to lift their spirits. Apparently the value of the fourth leg cannot be underestimated, as the dog kept flying into the fourth step, violently bouncing his head against the ground. I find it ironic that, while I was re- treating in fear, this animal was prac- tically killing itself trying to get to me, adding brain damage to its already substantial handicap. Stastici- cally, this dog had a better chance of striking oil than biting me. Of course, someone had to tell me about all of this later, as I had run to southern Canada to get away from the limping preda- tor. I'm proud to say I've gotten better after that humiliating occurrence. It's been a long, hard road, but I've come to where I can occupy the same room as a dog, provided he is tied to furniture. But the fact is, I probably will never fully overcome this fear. This especially applies to little dogs that run around you like mosquitoes and bark all the time. I believe these animals are spawns of Satan. One of my best friends has a dog like this, and I think it would make an excellent candidate for a study on how far little dogs fly when shot out of canons. What is the key to overcoming fears like this, even in the smallest way? Refusing to give up. It would be easy to say that I was just meant to be scared of dogs. I had bad experiences as a child and suffered great embarrassment as an adolescent. It often felt like the deck was stacked against me. All I feel like is that we can do nothing about our fears, like there is nothing we can do to stop them. But giving up to the fear says you can't beat it. The key to beating a fear is to confront it. Everyone is scared of something - heights, water, public speaking, the Ebola virus, tree bark weirdos. You should talk to somebody about that.) It's easy to accept these things as our flaws and just give up on them. But we've never defined fear that way before. Christians we have the power to overcome all things, including useless fears that hold us back. We'll probably never eliminate these quirks, but we can slowly improve on them. That's something, isn't it? But a future problem lingers for me - what if I someday have a child who wants a dog as a pet? These children could actually want to have a dog in our home! Can I tell my daughter when she looks at me with those little eyes, begging for a little doggie she can call her own? It's going to be a tough situation. I'll have no choice but to take the manly way out and do what anybody in my position would do. I'll tell her I'm allergic.
Title IX does not hold schools responsible for student-on-student sexual harassment

Some are more cowed in legal rhetoric, such as the language of Title IX. Title IX is the section of the 1964 Civil Rights Act that deals with equal opportunity in schools. That's why, for example, there are women's sports teams that get equivalent funding at public schools across America. The key is that, in those cases, there was explicit Congressional intent to include that area in Title IX.

Joa Biskupic wrote on Jan. 11 in the Washington Post that the decision of the appellate court that heard the case stated that "Congress must unambiguously detail all the conditions that accompany a grant" so that schools know where they stand. The lawyer for the school district went on to say "nothing in the language of Title IX puts a district on notice that it could be held financially responsible for student-on-student sexual harassment." The district court that first decided the case maintained that "sexually harassing behavior of a fellow fifth grader is not part of a school program." Another issue they raised that distinguished the case from the decision last year holding schools liable for harassment committed by teachers against students was that no school officials were involved in the harassment.

In my daughter's right to an education is wrong, even if disciplinary action should take place in the school or at the highest level of the court. The federal courts are not the appropriate venue for pressing claims. Disciplinary action should take place in the school or at the highest level of the school district. There are many compelling reasons to leave the issue to the schools.

A few days ago, the Supreme Court heard arguments on whether schools can be held liable for student-on-student sexual harassment that occurs on school grounds. Is this a correct interpretation of Title IX? Does the problem go beyond legal jargon?

What appalls me the most is the fact that schools are opposed to adding a new level of liability for schools in federal courts that is less effective and overreaching. The power to discipline should remain in the schools because that was the intent of Congress, that's the course taken by the Supreme Court and it is the most effective, least costly method of preventing these incidents from ending up in court.

Another less significant reason is the potential for overuse. Again, the mere fact that a precedent might be overused is not sufficient reason to reject it. This case, however, allows for an alternative to prevent Justice O'Connor's fear that "every one" of these incidents might end up in court. The actions of G.F. are clearly wrong. No one is maintaining he was wrong. No one is maintaining he should have done something to stop it. Of course they would.

A few years ago, my daughter attended a school where a fifth grade student in Georgia repeatedly taunted a classmate, both verbally and physically, saying he wanted to "get in bed" with her, and at other times, according to a Newsweek article, "grabbing at her breasts and crotch." The mother of the child sued the school district in a federal court. She was represented by her daughter's right to an education is wrong, even if disciplinary action should take place in the school or at the highest level of the school district.

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What should students be able to sue a school if they are sexually harassed by another student while on campus?

Kim Mogel, freshman

"I don't think so. You can't baby sit everyone to make sure they are being good.

Jason McClown, junior

"The school should not be held responsible for the actions of a student. The school cannot control what the students do because [the administrators] would have to watch every student all the time.

Candy Power, senior

"No, not unless the school knew about the situation and failed to take action.

Ryan Kirksey, freshman

"If there is a continuing problem that has occurred before and is known by school administrators or faculties, steps should be taken to discipline the individual.

Facing the Issues

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October Hurricane Mitch walloped across the Latin American country of Honduras leaving once fertile river valleys flooded, homes destroyed and whole communities devastated. In response, several local groups — including some affiliated with the University — have begun planning avenues of relief for those areas of Honduras still in need. In fact, Steven Edelhuber, youth minister of the College Church of Christ, has already led two relief trips in the past two months.

Edelhuber has been connected with mission work in Honduras for the past 10 years and has watched the successful efforts of Christians multiply into a congregation of more than 200 members in Trujillo, Honduras, the base of mission efforts in the area. His personal connection to the people and communities of the region brought Edelhuber into immediate action after the hurricane struck.

A few days after a first trip [Dec. 15-Dec. 22] was basically a fact-finding mission,” Edelhuber said. While nearly three months had passed since the hurricane and subsequent flooding, Edelhuber found a serious lack of recovery in the agricultural areas.

“Although repairs on the cities have progressed, the rural areas seem to be getting worse. Everything was washed away. An area that used to be a lush, beautiful valley is now basically a mud flat,” he said.

Edelhuber also found frustrated communities of people that wanted to work but, because of a serious lack of supplies, had no means to do so. According to Edelhuber, the situation was so desperate that rescue workers could not physically reach one banana plantation in the Aguan River Valley.

With this in mind, Edelhuber returned on New Year’s Day with a group of 15, including several members of his group and two Christians from Oregon who had learned of the trip through the Internet.

Edelhuber’s group focused on the hard-hit villages of Musicales and Sinal. Although the participants of the relief trip worked hard — often working 18 hours a day — Edelhuber said that the locals worked harder.

“When we arrived, they [the locals] literally took the tools out of our hands,” he said.

While there, the group, with community help, built two houses and left materials for three more.

Although a tremendous amount of work was accomplished, many schools remain closed and families homeless.

“Things will not improve unless we do something about the situation,” Edelhuber said.

Doing something is exactly what track and cross country coach Bryan Phillips has in mind for the 32 athletes, athletic trainers and others that he will lead to Honduras over spring break.

In addition to those led by Phillips, 14 others, under Sandy Berryman, associate professor of nursing, and Kathy Martin, director of the School of Nursing’s baccalaureate program, will join the group in a medical mission effort.

“We are going to do as much as we can and build as many houses as we can,” Phillips said. Building the homes includes putting up outside posts, walls and tin roofs with the home’s family and church’s help alongside the students.

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April Edelhuber, Carly Timms and Kara Caldwell (1-r) set the corner post for a house. They arrived in Honduras on New Year’s Day to help repair the villages of Musicales and Sinal that were hit hard by Hurricane Mitch in October.

Camp Shiloh counselors demonstrate Christ’s love to underprivileged children

by Misty Mathews
Staff writer

Thinking of going to summer camp in January may seem unusual, but veteran camp counselors from Harding, five months is too long to wait for their opportunity to serve the kids of New York.

Camp Shiloh is the kind of summer camp most kids attend. Shiloh focuses on children whose lives are affected by poverty and are encouraged by college counselors that show them the love of Christ. Shiloh was formed by members of churches of Christ in 1951 and is located on 104 acres in the Catskill Mountains of New York.

Shiloh’s contact for Harding University, senior Michael Neal, started planning early to help recruit Christian college students to be counselors to more than 300 kids during seven weeks of camp. “It’s my job to get things organized on campus and be the go-between person for the camp. I put up fliers, schedule and conduct meetings, and handle the applications,” Neal said.

Coordinating 32 staff members from Christian universities is a big job that is taken on by Lori Bumpas, executive director. She also organizes neighborhood programs and spring break campaigns for the camp.

Not only do the children learn from the college counselors, but they also are known for teaching the college students a few lessons. “Shiloh isn’t your typical summer camp. It has changed my life so dramatically. The children taught me more in one summer than I could learn in a lifetime. I’ve learned to expect the things God has given to me so much more,” senior Sallie Chase said.

Neal also said that Shiloh has taught him a few lessons. “It has definitely given me a fresh perception of things, and I don’t take things for granted anymore. I look at people who are less fortunate than me in a whole different way because of the time I spent with the kids,” Neal said.

Being a camp counselor at Shiloh may sound like an easy summer job, but senior Randi Roper strongly disagrees. “A summer at Camp Shiloh is anything but easy. It takes everything you have to continue day after day, but God gives you the strength and it seems to increase each new day,” she said.

In fact, the first two weeks, counselors have to do a lot of work to get the camp ready for the summer. Last summer, the counselors rebuilt the swimming pool themselves, saving the camp a lot of money by not having to hire an outside company to do the work. “I was first introduced to Shiloh through dirt under my fingernails and scrapes on my hands and knees,” Roper said.

“There is more to Shiloh than those things. It’s wiping away a child’s tears and listening to late-night stories of them living in a nightmare. It’s watching them discover joy and unconditional love. It’s introducing them to a Savior in a life that lasts past all of their heartache. That’s when you know your life has been changed forever,” she said.

The last week of camp is reserved for kids that the staff invites back. The kids they want to invite back sometimes surprise the counselors. “The kids we thought were troublemakers at the beginning of camp are sometimes the ones we choose to come back for the last session because we want to spend another week with them,” Chase said. “It is really surprising when you realize how much they have changed your life and what a difference you have made in their lives,” she said.

Coordinators for Shiloh encourage all those interested in a life-changing experience to join the staff for nine weeks this summer. Interested students should contactNeal at 501-279-4807. For more information about Shiloh, contact Lori Bumpas at 212-737-8258 or email at: ShilohNYC@aol.com.
10,000 Maniacs concert receives mixed review

by Sara Hardesty
Staff writer

The country music genre has been well-represented at Harding in the past, but for years, students have been clamoring for more variety in the live shows at the Benson Auditorium. Finally, the Student Activities Committee answered them by bringing 10,000 Maniacs to campus Jan. 16.

Advertisements for the Maniacs, a fairly well-known pop-rock band, were plastered around campus, and they received mention in several chapel announcements. The excitement level for the upcoming concert seemed high. Yet, when the band took stage, only about 700 people were sitting in the audience.

"Based on an informal survey we took on campus, people said they would like to see 10,000 Maniacs," freshman SAC member Kim Hobbs said. "They thought that it would be coming to the concert."

The SAC has received a number of requests to bring non-country music on campus, but finding an appropriate band is a challenging process, according to Student Activities Director Jim Miller.

"We have to make sure bands don't promote anything that opposes the Harding code of conduct," Miller said. "We also try to find things that students will enjoy, which is hard to do with so many different tastes. We want a balance in the stuff we bring. We're trying to please 4,000 people, even though that's basically impossible.

"The turnout for the show was about what I expected," he said. "It did not tilt the scale one way or the other in terms of groups we will have in the future."

Country music has been more successful here than rock music because of its large and loyal fan base.

"When we bring country bands in, all the country fans come out and support them, no matter who the band is," Assistant Dean of Students Terry Davis said. "When you branch out into the rock genre, as we are attempting to do, people say they don't like a particular band, and they don't come."

Some students went to the concert just to try something new and support rock music at Harding.

Many students have asked the SA to bring contemporary Christian bands to Harding, but present University policy is not to allow bands to play on campus that blend instrumental music and worship.

"These bands definitely blur the lines between entertainment and a worship service," Davis said. "They often have prayers, sermons, and invitations, just as a traditional worship service does."

According to Davis, the school won't endorse certain bands of many of these bands expres in their live shows. The University's approach to dealing with this problem has been simply to not bring on campus any band that might attempt to link entertainment with religion. Yet, at the 10,000 Maniacs concert, the band played a song about the birth of Jesus Christ, which some students viewed as a token effort to connect with the audience.

"I thought it was a pretty weak attempt to reach us," freshman Aaron Ethridge said.

Moments after playing the song, the band's lead singer mentioned that they would have a new album coming out soon, "if the gods allow."

"I don't see what the big deal is about Christian bands," Rachel McCuiston said. "If we can have a band like 10,000 Maniacs, who refer to 'the gods,' why can't we have a band that believes in the real God?"

Construction on Cathcart Hall should fix pressurization problems

by Alva Liimatta
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"We are always under construction." This Harding University motto effectively describes the sounds and construction sights heard and seen around the campus. At this time, Cathcart Hall is getting some long-needed repair.

For the past few weeks, Cathcart residents have not been able to use the third floor kitchen or study room. What lies behind these closed doors is much more than a few toolboxes and construction materials. Cathcart is having a dehumidification system installed on top of the roof. The vents will flow throughout the dormitory.

When Cathcart was built in 1951, air conditioning was not a priority. In 1990, central air was installed to give relief and comfort to the residents. This air conditioning, however, did not come free of charge from nature.

Each time the door of Cathcart opens, air is sucked in because the building is not pressurized. The high vapor pressure comes from outside and pushes warm moist air toward the interior of the building. The everyday activities of the girls, such as showering, vacuuming, sleeping and laughing adds to this heat, and as the warm air rises, cooler air is pulled into the low-pressure areas.

The new dehumidifiers were designed to fix this problem. Ronnie Burkett, the physical plant director, said, "We are putting a fresh air unit on the roof. The dehumidifier will bring the outside air and pressurize the building with dry air. The dry air will leave the unit through the three central vents in the hallways," he said.

High vapor pressure seeks lower vapor pressure; thus, the warm moist Arkansas air is driven through cracks and holes in buildings, condenses and can contribute to the deterioration of building materials.

"[The problem] developed when the building went to full-time air conditioning," Danny DeRamus, head of plumbing and electric, said. "It is rather like when condensation builds on the outside of a glass. Moisture comes into the dorm conditioned and can breed bacteria. We are taking care of that problem by taking the outside air and dropping the moisture."

DeRamus said that the project began during Christmas break and is expected to be finished within the next three weeks.

Freshman Nhu Ta said she has been somewhat inconvenienced because of the construction. "A couple of times I wanted to go in and study or bake something, especially when we first got back, and the cafeteria was closed," she said.

Freshman Angela Boltsius said, "It'll be great to not hear that sucking noise when I open my window, but the drilling at 7:00 in the morning has got to stop."

DeRamus Nieves Snowden said she was bothered by the humidity early in the year. "Especially in the beginning of the year, it was always musty," she said. "One of my friend's window ledges was molding. Her window would not shut tightly, so it would get rain on. A few days later it would smell." Although inconvenient by the blocked-off study room, Snowden has found alternate ways of keeping up with her classes. "My roommate goes to sleep early, so I like to go upstairs to the study room, but now I will go in the hallway or closet or even in the bathroom to study," she said. "I think construction is necessary to get desired results and I can sacrifice the kitchen and study room for a couple of months, if that's what it takes."

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Great pizza should be treasured. When Melrose Pizza went out of business two years ago, it was a travesty for Searcy. The absence of their slow-cooked, Chicago-style stuffed pizzas reveals all too well how much of a gimmick the promise of hot pizza delivered to your door in 20 minutes is. Perhaps Searcy would have been better off to have never had Melrose if that meant we would still believe Pizza Hut/Inn/Pro and Mazzio’s cooked good pizza. I, for one, refuse to accept that. I think it unfortunate, though, that a pizza connoisseur must travel to find what he or she loves.

But travel one must. There are several excellent pizza parlors in Arkansas. One of the closest and best is Tommy’s Famous in Mountain View. But even closer, in Little Rock, is the U.S. Pizza Company.

U.S. Pizza has seven locations in and around Little Rock and one location in Fayetteville. From Searcy, perhaps the easiest to find is in North Little Rock at 3325 Pike, but I usually go to the parlor at 5254 Kavanaugh in Little Rock proper. Two friends and I went to this one recently.

The atmosphere at this restaurant is cozy. It is popular and thus rather busy, particularly on weekend nights. Though the seating is tight, it is also welcoming. We conversed easily over dinner; at the same time a woman at a table near us read a novel.

But what stands out at U.S. Pizza is the pizza itself. The menu immediately warns that you should not be there if you wish to eat fast: “We use old fashioned stone hearth ovens which require a minimum of 25 minutes cooking time,” it reads. And believe me, the pizza that comes from those stone ovens is well worth the wait.

We ordered two. U.S. Pizza boasts a range of specialty pizzas, from the Chloroplast Blast— which includes everything from zucchini to broccoli—to the artichoke and roasted garlic pizza. Specialty pizzas are either olive oil or red sauce-based. U.S. Pizza also has the normal, single-ingredient pizzas (such as pepperoni). We ordered one olive oil-based specialty pizza and a red sauce sausage.

The specialty pizza was by far the better of the two. Called Dave’s Favorite Pizza, it is made with olive oil, garlic, chicken, spinach, anchain pepper, feta, alfredo sauce, jalapeno peppers, yellow squash, spicy tomatoes and pepper jack, mozzarella and parmesan cheeses. Yes, the pizza was spicy, and we left off the garlic, but it proved to me again that chicken belongs on pizza as much as cheese does. As well, it completely refuted the notion that pizza without red sauce isn’t pizza, which is what the major chains seem to say.

On the other hand, the sausage pizza was not as impressive as Dave’s Favorite. Maybe my taste buds have been ruined by all the franchise here in Searcy, but I actually like a sausage pizza from Pizza Pro as much as I did U.S. Pizza’s. Pizza Pro’s tomato sauce is sweeter and thus offsets the spicy sausage taste, and, for some reason, I like that.

U.S. Pizza also serves a variety of sandwiches, and readers of the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette voted their salads some of the best in Little Rock.

The service was decent. Our server was attentive, and while he didn’t fill our glasses every 10 minutes, he did make sure that we had enough of whatever we needed. They have a lot of carry-out traffic at this restaurant, so the workers are kept busy. Overall, the service is good, but be aware that you may hit a spurt of heavy business and become lost in the rush.

Finally, the price. Prices at U.S. Pizza range from cheap to reasonable. U.S. Pizza serves two pizza sizes, 10 and 13 inches. The 10” is enough for two people. If ordering a specialty pizza, expect to pay at least $15 total; however, you can order a single-topping pizza for $8 or sandwiches for less than $5. Salad prices are comparable to the sandwiches.
Bisons and Lady Bisons hope for strong play-off results

by Julieta Gil
Staff writer

The Lady Bisons and Bisons' basketball seasons have remained busy both during and since the break. Both teams have good records, and statistics have improved over last season.

"Our season started in November. We have really gotten better because we are working together a lot better," senior guard Stephanie Barron said.

The Lady Bisons have four games left to play — all at home. "Our season ends the last week of February and the next games will either be on Thursdays at 6 p.m. or on Saturdays at 2 p.m.," Barron said.

The Lady Bisons count on depth, "We have a great team; there are many new faces on the team, and they do better than everybody thought. The new guys fit in well in every respect," said senior forward post Susan Reiss.

Adams added that the team is not the same in some regards. "The team feels a little different because of the new faces, but we all work great together," he said.

The Bisons have a record that, in their opinion, is good for the team: 11-6 overall and 4-3 in conference play. Nine games are left before the season is over — three games will be away and six will be at home.

"We really expect the best [for the rest of the season] and we expect the crowd to be there that always supports us so much and makes us feel excited," Adams said.

The Bisons and the Lady Bisons both play tomorrow afternoon in the Rhodes' Memorial Field House against Ouachita Baptist University. The women will tip off at 2:00 and the men follow them at 4:00.

The men and women will also play next Thursday, Feb. 4, against Southeastern Oklahoma State University at 6 and 8, respectively.
Intramural and club sports are getting underway

by Ryan Cook
Staff writer

With the spring semester well underway, intramural and club sports have continued for both men and women.

The main activity between now and Spring Break is basketball. Any student can participate with their club or with basketball. Any student can participate.

Sports have continued for both the 21st. Intramurals began for women on the 25th due to severe weather on the 20th and the men on the 25th.

There are no rule changes from last year, but there is one improvement in the men's program, according to Men's Intramural Director Jim Gowen. "Where we've had two courts in the past, we now have four basketball courts," he said. "We'll be able to play more games each night and won't have to quit as late each night."

Among large men's clubs, Seminoles are the defending champions for A, B, E and F teams. The middle club titles are wide open because Knights became a large club this year.

Knights won all levels of middle club basketball last year, A through E. Chi Sigma Alpha is joining Knights in the large club division.

"Intramural sports is not really tough competition between pro teams, but it really is a good time to come out and play for the love of the sport itself and to exercise good sportsmanship. It's a really good time to meet people," said Tim Shephard, a member of King's Men.

"It's great getting to know other people and having the competition," Thomas Norton, a TNT player said.

The women's clubs are playing at four levels. There are nine A teams, seven large club B teams, five medium club B teams and 10 C teams.

Shariith is the defending large A champion. Other champions in 1998 included Kappa Gamma Epsilon (middle A), Delta Gamma Kho (large B), GATA (middle B) and Ju Go Ju (C).

"We are really looking forward to the season," Women's Intramural Director Jessica Moore said. "We want to encourage everybody to come out and watch because the ladies really love to play basketball."

Clubs are taking a trial run in bowling this spring. Club bowling will be held four Tuesday nights, beginning Feb. 2.

Charlie Howell, manager of the Bison Lanes, is allowing the clubs to use the lanes without charge in teams of four. The men's and women's clubs with the highest total scoring will win a two-hour bowling party for their entire club.

Men's table tennis began this week in competition with both singles and doubles tournaments.

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Women's Basketball

Emily Prysock

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Favorite Athlete: Dale Murphy
Favorite Team: Harding Bisons

Thoughts on season:
"I believe we have reached a level of play that will give us a good chance of winning the conference. Basketball is so much fun when you are playing with a group of people who are your best friends and share common goals."

Dream after college:
"I hope to begin a family and teach math at the secondary level."

Most embarrassing moment:
"My most embarrassing moment occurred during a game against Ark. Tech. My freshman year. On my 3-pt. shot that would have tied the game, I got the ball wedged between the rim and backboard. They had to stop the game and get another ball to knock down the one I shot."

Comments to the student body:
"Your attendance at our home games means so much. Thank you for supporting us."

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