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Leland Kaiser to speak on health management

By Nick Pilcher
Bison staff writer

For most college students, health care plans are not a major area of concern. But as the time draws nearer for students to step out of the classroom and into the workforce, health care becomes a more timely topic.

Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Auditorium, health care professional Dr. Leland R. Kaiser will speak about the future of health care in the United States, as part of the American Studies Institute’s Distinguished Lecture Series.

Throughout his career, Kaiser has touted a simple message to Americans – a healthier society is within our reach.

Kaiser is the founder and president of Kaiser Consulting, a health care consulting firm located in Boulder, Colo.

He is a writer, lecturer and health policy analyst at the forefront of the healthier communities movement in the United States.

He also holds an appointment as Associate Professor in the Executive Program in Health Administration, Graduate School of Business Administration, University of Colorado at Denver.

Students, faculty adjust to new password, firewall system

By Robert Henson
Bison staff writer

Passwords. Firewalls.

Most students noticed the new password system on all campus computers at the beginning of the school year. However, what they did not know were the reasons for the change.

The system, which requires students to log onto computers and the internet, has been implemented largely to improve resource allocation, according to John Nunnally, one of the faculty leaders of the DormNet program.

Many of the advanced searching databases in the library are designed for academic use, which means Harding pays less for those services because they are only used by faculty, staff and students.

Without a password system, anyone could walk into a campus lab and access those systems.

This lack of control would cost the school large amounts of money in increased subscription rates for the services.

In a general sense, Nunnally compared the password system to seat belts – if cars had always had seatbelts, then their use would be second nature and no one would complain. Similarly, if Harding students had always been using the passwords to access the internet and other services, such as word processing and research databases, they would not consider the requirement bothersome.

Nunnally also hopes to clarify any confusion regarding the updating of passwords.

Within the last ten days to two weeks of a password cycle, users will be prompted that their password is about to expire.

Some have taken this to mean that they must immediately change their password, which is not necessarily the case.

Nunnally said the five week limit is much longer than some professions require for their employees.

In some settings, passwords have to be changed at least once every two weeks.

Nunnally mentioned the possibility of greatly increased personal storage and more sophisticated software because Harding now can track each of its users.

"Getting used to the password is just a matter of educating the users," Nunnally said.

"People are finally getting used to the password," said David Gardner, DormNet assistant.

Though many students may have relatively little to worry about now in terms of health care, the information that Kaiser will provide will prove useful for students once they have taken the next step into the workforce.

Dr. Bob Reely, associate executive director of the American Studies Institute, expects the presentation to be pertinent to a wide array of academic majors, not just those in the health care field.

He also believes this occasion will be of an intellectual and personal interest to the students.

"For health care majors it should prove to be very interesting, but health care benefits will affect all students that land a job after college," Reely said.

"Leland Kaiser may not be as good-looking as our recent former Miss America speaker, Heather Whitestone-McCallum, but we still expect a great turnout," Jennifer Burton, senior, agreed with Reely.

"[Healthcare] will be important to all of us one day, but right now it is especially important for those studying in the health fields," she said.

As a health futurist, Kaiser has been responsible for sparking audiences worldwide to discard their old ideas about health care and welcome new opportunities to design a healthier society.

Kaiser holds post-graduate degrees from the University of Denver, University of Colorado and University of Pittsburgh.

His areas of training include clinical psychology, social psychology, higher education, health care administration and public health.

An Honorary Fellow in the American College of Medical Group Administrators and the American College of Physician Executives, he has received numerous national awards and honors including the Award for Friend of Nursing (1998); Award for Excellence in Volunteerism (1994); and First Annual Recognition Award, The Healing Health Care Project (1991).

Kaiser is the author of more than two dozen books, all written on a specific subject, journal articles, videotapes and the book, Mapping Your Future: A Lifework Planning Guide for Health Care Professionals.

The lecture is being co-sponsored by the White County Medical Center, the White River Area on Aging and North Arkansas Human Services Systems.

Students with questions can contact a computer center operator at extension 4545.

What is going on...

Joyce Kennard, 58, a California Supreme Court justice, was arrested for investigation of drunken driving. Kennard was stopped by police after an officer saw her driving on a flat tire on California 101 in Sausalito and pulled her over.

Richard J. Ahrens, 19, of Mount Maron, N.Y., suffered severe injuries, and Michael Loebbacka was charged with assault and leaving the scene of an accident after the two got into an argument at a party. As Ahrens ran after Loebbacka’s departing car, but inadvertently hooked himself to the bumper and got dragged 1 1/2 miles.

Joseph Cameron Tiffany, 39, of Littleton, Colo., is recovering at a Denver hospital but may still lose a couple of toes after his golden retriever, Samson, shot him in the foot. The accident happened after Samson accidentally stepped on one of Tiffany’s own guns that he had inadvertently left on the ground while hunting.

Stanley Cameron, 58, a wealthy Florida developer, was sentenced in Fort Lauderdale to 85 years in prison for killing six men when he drunkenly rammed his speedboat at an estimated 60 mph into a slow-moving cabin cruiser in the dark along the Intracoastal Waterway, along the state’s coast.
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Just some thoughts... oh, those mid-semester blues

I am tired. No, I am not just sleepy in need of a good 20-minute power nap, I am thoroughly and completely exhausted.

Between the pledge books and midterm grade reports, there seems to be very little energy and enthusiasm left over.

An insightful friend of mine, who foresaw the stress that this semester would surely bring, sent me the following story she received at the beginning of the year. She somehow saw what I never did.

"Do you ever come to the conclusion that you have simply over-extended yourself? You serve on too many committees, your grades are low, and you've never been happier. And then you will desparately need that break.

I also realize that I am not alone in my state of complete fatigue. It seems that all over the Has, many students are walking around with the half-asleep, half-stressed, frazzled look on their faces.

S.A., student body busy with upcoming projects, activities

Well, this semester is flying by. I can't believe that we are already talking about preregistration for next semester and that Homecoming and midterms are already behind us. Homecoming weekend was a lot of fun and successful for several reasons, but I want to share with you what the Board of Trustees had to say about our efforts and involvement as a student body.

Thursday, Oct. 21, the Board’s Student Life Committee met with several students and discussed what has been going on so far this semester. We talked about "Rudolph to Romania" and the Hurricane Relief Effort, as well as the Dimension Rio concert and other activities the student body has been involved in.

Many of the board members commented on how active we are as a student body, and how great it is to see a servant attitude on this campus.

If we remember, we were already busy, you should have heard them when we told them what was coming up. They were really excited about this year, which will take place very soon.

This project is where the names of needy families are collected from local schools and churches, and the whole student body buys canned goods and other food items. The food is then distributed to the families, helping them to have a wonderful holiday.

It is a great project because we are impacting the lives of people here in Searcy. We have the opportunity to show the love of God to people in our community. We also get to experience that love as we come together as one to fill a desperate need.

Also on the agenda for this semester is the Angel Tree Project. Perhaps the most enjoyable of our service projects, students choose an angel from the tree in the student center, and buy a gift or gifts for a child who would not otherwise have a very good Christmas.

Just imagine how excited these young people are when they receive gifts that they weren't expecting because they have parent(s) in jail.

Even though the holiday season is about more than just material possessions, it is still a great way to be a servant of God.

Well, those are just two of the upcoming campus events that I am really excited about. We also have a concert coming up that just a few people are talking about.

It's been a long time since I heard this much excitement over a campus concert. Better Than Ezra will be here Nov. 13, and I can't wait! Don't miss this event.

The Student Association (S.A.) and the Student Activities Committee (S.A.C.) are working hard to insure that next semester will be just as exciting as this one was.

The S.A. held a retreat yesterday where the class officers and S.A. representatives took a day to focus our minds and set goals for the rest of the year. Some really exciting ideas came out to the forefront, and it looks like a jacked-up spring is coming.

Well, I hope that your week has been a good one. I also hope that your instructors are kind to you. Finals are just around the corner, so don't get caught off guard.

It is also my prayer that your walk as a Christian is taking you closer to God each day. If you find yourself in a rut, get help from friends, pray about it - whatever it takes. Just be sure that God is No. 1 in your life.

We can all have the concerts, movies and service projects we want, but if God is not at the center of our lives, we are lost.

Remember that others see who you are, and that it matters who is truly important.

The FDA says that labeling GE foods would mislead the consumer. Since the FDA says it is safe, there are no rules for the companies to make sure that they are producing products of integrity.

I am not against technical progress. What I am against is not being able to make my own choice about what I put into my body. We have the right to food labeling.

- Branden Crouch, freshman

Graphic engineering should require food labeling

Editor's note: The following is an excerpt from a letter in response to the Oct. 29 Facing the Issues, "Is genetic engineering ethical?"

I recently read your editorial on genetic engineering (GE). I have been very interested in this subject ever since I saw that Greenpeace dumped tons of GE soybeans in front of a federal building in England last semester. I thought that the student body needs to know about what I have found on this subject.

Europe, Japan and Brazil have denied the use of GE products in their countries. A professor at Harvard said ignorance is the reason that they do not use GE products.

First let's look at nature's way. A strand of DNA (or lots of genes stacked together) from the mother and the father join together, thus, junior has blue eyes or brown and so on. In GE they take a plant, like a tomato, and scientists can turn on or off a gene that they see as desirable or not.

They can also clone genes so they can replace ones they don't like with ones they do. In GE they take a plant, like a tomato, and scientists can turn on or off a gene that they see as desirable or not.

I am thoroughly and may not have already completed my three weeks and summer sessions) by Harding University.

It is then that we reflect on our commitment to the Christian principles that we all wish to proclaim.

However, being tired is more than just a feeling of being overwhelmed. We are no longer functioning at our best or giving the best that we can to our friends, family or God. It is then that we reflect on our workload rather than our character.

Just as our bodies need sleep, our souls and spirits need to be refreshed as well - buy a cookbook, call an old friend, watch your favorite movie or maybe learn how to fish.

So, while you and I may still have a lot to accomplish this semester, it is important to keep our deadlines and commitments in the proper perspective. After all, those deadlines are for our keeping, not the other way around.

As for now, I think I will go take a nap. Wake me up next week.

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**Opinions**

**Students loss is credit companies gain**

One tank of gas: $16. Dinner for two at The Dixie Cafe: $15. The latest compact disc to climb the Billboard charts: $15. Three Wal-Mart trips in one week: $60. A weekend visit to McCain Mall: $75. The look on a college student’s face as he or she pulls the credit card bill for these purchases out of the mailbox: priceless.

Many students have already plowed in the credit card game. Two-thirds of all college students carry credit cards, with one in five carrying his or her checkbook? Surely, that would have sufficed, right? Students loss is credit companies gain for these purchases out of Justin Lacey’s hands. Between 1990 and 1995, the average outstanding credit card balance of households headed by someone under the age of 25 increased from $885 to $3,721, according to a June 9, 1997, U.S. News and World Report article. These increasing balances are good news for the credit card companies, who make a profit only when card holders carry balances.

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**Facing the Issues**

Is it ethical for credit card companies to market to college students?

Credit cards offer benefits to students

Picture this scene. A group of students strolling down the street heading to Little Rock for dinner and a movie. Suddenly, they hear a noise, bump-thud-bump. A collective groan is heard as they realize they have a flat tire.

“So now what?” they mutter to each other. Not to fear, one enterprising student pulls out a credit card she keeps on hand for emergencies. The group calls the tow truck, gets towed to the nearest gas station, replaces the tire (which she also puts on her car) and heads to Little Rock. Thank you, credit cards.

Credit cards are not all evil, and can actually be a wonderful tool. What if one of these students had been carrying his or her checkbook? Surely, that would have sufficed, right? Probably not. Many places will not accept checks, especially not from young people.

Credit cards are not only handy during emergencies, but they are more practical than simply relying on a checkbook or even an ATM card. Credit cards do have a downside.

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In 1998, more than 14 million students were enrolled in U.S. colleges and universities, according to the National Center for Education Studies. College students also have tremendous buying power. The buying power of students is about $100 billion, according to the National Center for Education Studies.

College students are a huge market. Many financial institutions are discovering that college students are actually quite responsible. In fact, 51 percent of students at four-year institutions and 66 percent at two-year colleges hold down some sort of job, according to an article in the July 1998 issue of Bank Marketing.

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College is supposed to be a time when students learn how to be independent. Handling finances is part of the maturing process.

So what is the answer? While there may not be a clear one, let’s explore the situation further.

The biggest benefit a student can gain from owning a credit card is a chance to establish a credit history. A credit card in a student’s name allows them to start building a credit history, something that will come in handy when applying for graduate school loans, buying a car or even renting a first apartment. It is possible to run up huge bills and damage one’s credit rating. However, college is supposed to be a time when we learn how to be independent. Handling finances is part of the maturing process.

Credit cards are accepted in places where personal checks are not and are safer to carry than cash, according to an article in the February 1998 issue of Career World.

Why would companies want to give credit to unemployed university students? College students are a huge market. Credit card companies are taking advantage of college students, who are often unprepared to understand the fine print associated with credit cards.

A recent survey conducted by the Credit Card Company of America found that 78 percent of college juniors and seniors do not realize that the best way to figure out the overall cost of a loan is to look at the interest rate. Many card companies “congratulate” students on qualifying to skip a monthly payment. Students who obtain credit cards through campus sign-ups are, in fact, more likely to carry balances than those who obtain their cards elsewhere, according to the U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

Lawmakers in New York and Massachusetts are working to ban credit card marketers from universities in those states altogether.

Until legislation is passed and junk mail from credit card companies is immediately filed in the trash where it belongs, remember: Credit card debt free. It’s everywhere you want to be.

**Speak Up**

Do you have a credit card, and how often do you use it?

Melissa Williamson, junior

“**Yes, it is only for emergencies.**”

Marty Hill, freshman

“**Yes, but it is only for emergencies and extra-curricular activities.**”

Josh Turner, freshman

“**Yes, I use it way more than I need to. Just because I have the card doesn’t mean that I have the money.**”

Jeri Place, junior

“No, I can’t afford it and I don’t think it would be a good idea for me since I am jobless.”
Back to school
Seniors return to university for classes

By Mark Bannister
Bison staff writer

Last week, senior citizens from across the nation gathered in Searcy to attend the 1999 session of the Harding University Senior College.

The college offers seniors the chance to become students again and learn about a variety of subjects.

This year, participants took classes in archeology, history and finance.

The classes included Archeology and the Bible, taught by Dr. Dale Manor, associate professor of Bible; Capitalism and Christianity, taught by Dr. David Johnson, associate professor of finance; From Moonlight and Magnolias to Coke and the Centennial, taught by Dr. Kevin Klein, associate professor history.

At the majority of the 49 attendees were actually Harding alumni, according to Dana Evans, event coordinator for Alumni Relations.

"It was such a wonderful experience," said Betty Boerner, a 1950 graduate of Harding. "The professors were so wonderful.

They taught us more than I thought I could possibly learn in a single week.

"It was great, and always is," said Homer Anderson, whose wife, Myra, graduated from Harding in 1961. "This is our second year here and we will most definitely be back again next year.

Senior College was not just open for alumni.

"It was so amazing," said Lois Archer, who did not graduate from Harding but came along with friends. "I'm definitely thinking about coming back next year. I had so much fun.

However, for most of the seniors, Harding's campus is not a new place, but one with many familiar, familiar faces.

"I had two seniors that attended Harding back when it was in Harper, Kan.," Archer said. "It was the dream of every child at that time to go to college. Even though I didn't attend Harding, the school has always held a very special place in my heart.

For Boerner, it has been a pleasant surprise to see the campus growth.

"It is so gratifying to see the improvements and expansion that the school and the town have both experienced through the years," she said. "I have been around to see many of these buildings being built, and as an alumni it means so much to me.

"Being here brings back so many memories," Anderson said. "I was a student here for three years, and I get to see a lot of professors who were upperclassmen when I was here, such as Dr. Wimfred Wright and Dr. Dean

Aside from all else, the seniors did come here for the education.

"On Friday, when Dr. Manore handed out our diplomas from what he called the 'Cracked Pots Dig School,' we were all just so happy," Archer said. "It was very special knowing that I could get out of the house, go back to school and learn something new.

"The week has been a blessing for us all," Boerner said. "You get a chance to learn something new from professors who know so much."

Aramark employees dish out decades of service, make memories on campus

By Nick Plicher
Bison staff writer

In the cafeterias at Harding, students have come and gone over the years, but some employees have remained with Harding for several decades.

Willie Rowe is the dish room supervisor. He began working in the cafeteria's dish room in 1966. During the time that Willie has spent as an employee, the cafeteria has undergone several major changes.

Willie shared some of his memories of the old cafeteria.

"When I first started working here, there were no soft drinks. The students could only drink ice tea or water," he said.

Before Aramark came to Harding, only three entrees were offered for each meal and the vegetables were à la carte. With Aramark came the addition of soft drinks, as well as an expansion of the cafeteria.

Willie's sister, Lorene, better known to her students as Polly, greets students every day as they file through the cafeteria doors.

Polly, a native of Holly Springs, Ark., began working in the cafeteria in 1965. She has been working at the cash register for the past 25 years.

Polly likes to fish, make quilt tops and work in her garden. She said one of her favorite parts of working in the cafeteria is being around young people.

She thinks the students at Harding have always been very kind and respectful, and said, "Being around young people keeps you going."

Corine Brown has worked in the cafeteria for 32 years. She has worked positions including line server and head cook. She now serves as the kitchen supervisor.

When Corine first began working in the cafeteria, she said that one of her favorite parts of working in the cafeteria was being around young people.

"Since I spend most of my time in the kitchen, I don't get a chance to see the faces of most of the students. But I do get to work one on one with some of the student workers, and I really enjoy that," she said.

LouEllen West was born in Searcy where she has lived all her life.

For the past 14 years, she has worked in the university cafeteria. Since the addition of Pan Geo's lines two years ago, LouEllen has served as the Pan Geo's supervisor.

LouEllen enjoys working in the cafeteria and considers it a "calm place, free from typical, big university worries."

When she is not working, LouEllen likes to fish with her husband and two children.

Nancy Davis began working in the cafeteria bakery 24 years ago. Now she serves as the bakery supervisor.

All agreed that they enjoy working with Harding's student body.

"We try to please the students as much as possible," Davis said.

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Rain postpones '99 Inner-City Carnival, S.A. to reschedule

By Alva Liimatta
Bison staff writer

A ray of sunshine peaked through the gray dismal clouds at 9 a.m. last Sunday giving hope to the more than 300 students who were planning to go to Silver City Courts in North Little Rock to put on the Silver City Carnival, known on campus as the Inner City Carnival.

However, rays of sunshine were few and far between as the Student Association (S.A.) was forced to cancel the carnival due to the weather.

Alan Howell, and Kristen Coleman, Spiritual Life Committee co-chairs for the second year in a row, had been planning the event, along with the S.A. and 70 spiritual life committee members, since September.

In order to plan the carnival for another weekend, Coleman said the S.A. would have to look at Harding's calendar, check with Silver City and with Pied Pipers. According to Coleman, the S.A. will announce the new date next week.

"The carnival is such a fun time and such an awesome act of service," Coleman said. "I just hope the students will come out next time and maybe we will have an even bigger crowd."

More than $1,200 was raised by the student body to pay for the carnival, according to Howell.

"We had a popcorn bowl, a Tupperware container and about 10 Walmart bags full of change," Howell said. "Simmons First Bank is counting all the change for free and that's a big help to us."

Howell said that he has fond memories of last year's carnival. "I just remember the smiles. That's the biggest thing that I take away from the Inner-City Carnival," he said.

"I think of the actual day [last year] and how fast it went by, and how I didn't want it to be over," Coleman said. "I was completely overwhelmed by the love that the Harding students showed," she said. "I was so proud of Harding for the work that was put into it. That's what I think of."

Planned activities included a basketball tournament and 14 individual booths operated by volunteers who, in many cases, received donations from local vendors.

There were booths for face painting, food and Christian music to be staffed by Mike Lewis, senior.

A clothing supplies table, a sucker board, big bubbles, a cake walk, helium balloons, arts and crafts, balloon animals, a bean bag contest and a dunking booth were also planned.

Greg Sublett, minister for three years at Silver City Courts Church of Christ, looks forward to the rescheduled event.

"It's just a real positive day for the kids that come, and it has been a big boost to the community," Sublett said.

"It has also allowed us to recruit Harding students to work in the community."

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges elects 63 seniors to organization

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Emily Brown
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Third Heaven shares God's message through song

By Angela O'Carran
Bison staff writer

At one time or another, every person wonders what Heaven looks like, or even what Heaven smells like.

But Harding students found out in chapel last Monday just what Heaven sounds like - Third Heaven, that is.

Third Heaven is a cappella group comprised of six young men from all over the United States who are now a part of the Harding family.

Chris Edmerson, Justin Houston, seniors; Marcus Thomas, C.J. Holt, juniors; Adrian Mullins, and Darrell Wirowow, sophomores; all transferred from Southwestern Christian College in Terrel, Texas this semester.

The members of Third Heaven have known each other for most of their lives because their parents all attended college together.

Yet, they have only been singing together as Third Heaven since the Student Association (S.A.) talent show, Sept. 17. They did, however, sing in a chorus together while students in Texas State University started performing.

"We started this group after all of us began getting together to pray for one another," said Mullins. "From there we just started performing." Edmerson is most responsible for coming up with the name Third Heaven.

He said it is a comparison to Heaven on Earth, the Heaven in the sky and the Heaven that people are constantly trying to reach.

The group plans to continue singing together while at Harding, but does not plan to continue as a group beyond that.

"We just friends that come together, but five times each week to praise the Lord and sing," Mullins said.

Thomas and Houston have also chosen to participate in the campus group. The Good News Singers, which requires several hours of additional practice each week.

Yet, according to Holt, the group cannot sing enough.

"Singing is a gift that God gave us, and all that we want to do is share it with Harding and anyone else who wants to hear our ministry. Singing for the Lord is our main focus, our main goal," Holt said.

Life is Beautiful" a moving masterpiece of love, beauty

By Dr. Mark Elrod
Bison guest writer

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At one time or another, every person wonders what Heaven looks like, or even what Heaven smells like.

But Harding students found out in chapel last Monday just what Heaven sounds like - Third Heaven, that is.

Third Heaven is a cappella group comprised of six young men from all over the United States who are now a part of the Harding family.

Chris Edmerson, Justin Houston, seniors; Marcus Thomas, C.J. Holt, juniors; Adrian Mullins, and Darrell Wirowow, sophomores; all transferred from Southwestern Christian College in Terrel, Texas this semester.

The members of Third Heaven have known each other for most of their lives because their parents all attended college together.

Yet, they have only been singing together as Third Heaven since the Student Association (S.A.) talent show, Sept. 17. They did, however, sing in a chorus together while students in Texas State University started performing.

"We started this group after all of us began getting together to pray for one another," said Mullins. "From there we just started performing." Edmerson is most responsible for coming up with the name Third Heaven.

He said it is a comparison to Heaven on Earth, the Heaven in the sky and the Heaven that people are constantly trying to reach.

The group plans to continue singing together while at Harding, but does not plan to continue as a group beyond that.

"We just friends that come together, but five times each week to praise the Lord and sing," Mullins said.

Thomas and Houston have also chosen to participate in the campus group. The Good News Singers, which requires several hours of additional practice each week.

Yet, according to Holt, the group cannot sing enough.

"Singing is a gift that God gave us, and all that we want to do is share it with Harding and anyone else who wants to hear our ministry. Singing for the Lord is our main focus, our main goal," Holt said.

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Season of surprises continues, bowl picture remains unclear

As we enter the last month of college football, I would like to take a look back on what has happened so far this season. As usual in sports, we have been rewarded with many surprises.

First, I want to comment on the whole Peter Warrick mess. Let’s see—you are the best player in the country and the most fun to watch when the ball is in your hands. You are the leading Heisman candidate, and you play for the top-ranked team in the nation. You are in the spotlight, getting ready to make millions in the NFL, a role model to thousands of kids and you jeopardize it all for some very cheap clothes! How would you make a decision like this with so much on the line? Wait a couple of months and buy the whole store with your fair because of their weak schedule. My advice to Virginia Tech—finish strong and beat Florida State for the championship.

As for Alexander, Tennessee did a number on him by practically shutting him down and punting him so much that he missed last week’s game against Southern Mississippi. Thus far, it has been an interesting season and I’m looking forward to the last few weeks.

This week, the Lady Bisons will play their last two conference games at home. Tonight they will compete against Texas Woman’s University at 7 p.m., and tomorrow they will face Texas A&M-Commerce at 5 p.m. Both games will be in Brown-McCorkle Fieldhouse.

The game against UCO on Friday was really close, but we came through at the end,” said McKenzie Kemmerer, junior. The games against UCO and Cameron were crucial to the Lady Bisons because the two schools are currently third and first, respectively, in the Lone Star Conference North Division.

“These two games determined how important the last two home games are,” Coach Keith Giboney said.

The Lady Bisons’ success this weekend added to an exceptional season, bringing their overall record to 25-9 and their conference record to 8-2. This success has assured them a spot in the post-season conference tournament.

The tournament, which will be held Nov. 11-13, will include the top three teams from each of the Lone Star Conference’s two divisions. Harding is currently second in the north division behind Cameron University. The tournament will be hosted by West Texas A&M University, the first place team in the south division and the only unbeaten team in the conference. West Texas A&M is currently ranked No. 3 in the nation.

Giboney said both Texas Woman’s and A&M Commerce are solid teams, but he is confident in the Lady Bisons’ abilities.

“We still have to play well and keep our game up, but we’ve done very well at home this season,” Giboney said. “Coming in new, I didn’t have a lot of control over who I would be working with, but I was blessed to have a good group of girls who have come together.”

According to Giboney, the team has steadily improved throughout the season, especially the last two-thirds of it.

“We maintained a high level of play,” Giboney said. “Hopefully we will continue to improve a little every day.”

It is important for the Lady Bisons to do well in these last games and maintain their second place status, according to Giboney.

“The better we do in the conference, the lower-seeded team we get to play in the tournament,” Giboney said.

When we fill your prescription, all you have to say is,”

“Bill it to my dad.”
Fishing: A 'luring' hobby

By Jennifer Burton
Petit Jean social club editor

"Fishing…”

That familiar phrase from childhood seems glaringly absent from our fast-paced society. However, many faculty members and students have discovered what some have known for years—fishing is a great way to relieve stress and escape from life.

"Fishing is so different from what I do all day long that it is territorially relaxing," said Dr. Larry Long, dean of Honors College and the College of Arts and Humanities.

I like fishing because it’s fun. During the summer I go fishing a couple of times a week, but during the school year I can only go sporadically," Heath Carpenter, sophomore, said.

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