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'Administrators implement new severe weather policy' by Nick Pilcher

In order to better prepare and protect the student body from natural disasters like last year’s tornadoes, Harding has passed an updated severe weather policy, which instructs everyone on campus what to do in case of a severe weather emergency.

Student Association (S.A.) President Brian Bush presented the policy yesterday in chapel.

According to Buddy Rowan, vice president for finance, the severe weather policy does not differ greatly from the old policy.

“The new policy that we’ve set up is very similar to the old policy, but we have planned further ahead with this one and know exactly what will be done in case of an emergency,” Rowan said.

Harding’s new severe weather policy includes an organized phone tree, which will be used to quickly notify dorm managers in the case of an emergency.

With this telephone tree setup, the chief of security presses a button on the phone in the security office, which immediately contacts all the building managers, alerting them that they need to get everyone in that building to a safe place.

Before the revised plan, there was no system for shutting down certain buildings. However, with the updated policy, every building has a manager whose task is to shut it down in case of severe weather.

The policy is expected to be used primarily in the case of a tornado, but is not limited to tornadoes.

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The new plan is partly a result of the tornadoes that swept through White County, last January. In one destructive night, more than 20 tornadoes hit Beebe, McRae, Center Hill, Little Rock and cities all over central Arkansas. As a result, one member of the Seacoy school board, who lived in Center Hill, was killed.

After the tornado, Harding’s administrators decided that a publication of the school’s severe weather policy would greatly benefit the school should an emergency weather situation arise again.

The new plan can be found in every building on campus in the form of a diagramed map. This map gives detailed information on evacuation policies and safety concerns in case severe weather should once again occur.

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‘Better Than Ezra’ to provide alternative to country

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T he Student Activities Committee (S.A.C.) will present the alternative rock group Better Than Ezra, from the Benson Auditorium tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

Davis cited They Might Be Giants and 10,000 Maniacs as alternative groups who have made appearances in recent years.

“The S.A.C. has typically brought country groups to Harding because they sell extremely well in this area,” Davis said. “However, we strive to please all of the students through the concerts we bring, that is why we decided to book Better Than Ezra. They appeal to a different audience.”

Davis said that Harding lays out the same set of guidelines for groups like Better Than Ezra that it does for all music groups—they are expected to play to a "family audience."

“We explain to all groups that we are a Christian University and that we uphold Christian principles,” he said. “Better Than Ezra, as well as all bands we bring to Harding, respect what we stand for.

Better Than Ezra, which hails from New Orleans, has toured together since playing its first gig in 1988.

The group consists of guitarist and lead vocalist Kevin Griffin, bass player Tom Drummond and drummer Travis McNabb.

The band is currently touring to support their latest album, "How Does Your Garden Grow?" According to Elektra Entertainment, the group’s record company, the album offers a change of direction from their earlier repertoire of guitar-edged rock.

The change is due, in part, to the group’s dabbling in a number of different instrumental mediums.

On several of the album’s tracks, band members experiment with instruments like the harmonium, optigon and vibraphone.

“They put on a good show; they got the audience into it,” Jason Monaghan, sophomore, who saw the band in concert last year, said. "They’re one of the bands [on the 1997 Warp tour] that impressed me.”

Monaghan also said the group played a variety of songs, both from their earlier and more recent albums.

Although "How Does Your Garden Grow" is finding success, Better Than Ezra’s grassroots following was built on their two previous albums.


The group is currently touring with Sixpence None the Richer; however, they will not be opening for Better Than Ezra on Saturday.

Davis said that Harding traditionally does not include warm-up acts in its concerts.

Davis said Harding hosts such concerts with the intent of making the events pay for themselves, rather than earning a profit.

He said the proceeds from ticket sales will go toward paying for the band, advertising for the show, catering for the band and their crew and paying for sound and lighting services.

He estimates more than 2,000 people will be in attendance.

The group will be in Seacoy only on the night of their performance.

However, Davis said there will be a “meet and gret” after the show where a number of audience members will have an opportunity to go backstage and visit with members of the band.

About 90 percent of those participating in the “meet and greet” session following the concert will be Harding students, according to Davis.

Tickets will be on sale today from 12-6 p.m. and tomorrow beginning at 6 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium ticket office, at a cost of $10 for students.

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The old belief that "beauty is truly in the eye of the beholder" has never been more true than it is today. The classical ideas of beauty seem to be slowly evolving and widening with every GAP and Nike ad that flashes on television. This highlights the simple and distinct variations of beauty occurring across cultures and body types. However, in an effort to reverse any progress that may or may not have been achieved by tolerance and appreciation of appearance, Ron Harris, 66, recently added a new superficially twisted chapter to society's continuing obsession and struggle for the perfect skin, eyes, nose and lips. Realizing that the search for the perfect appearance may be a frustrating and futile task at the age of 15, 20, 30 or even 40 years of age, Harris claims to have found a solution.

Through his web site, Harris, a former photographer, is attempting to market the unfiltered eggs of supermodels to be used in vitro fertilization for couples who cannot conceive. The web site showcases young models who are willing to sell their bits and pieces of reproductive DNA, via the internet, beginning at a humble $15,000.

The anonymous donors are reported in the Nov. 8 issue of Newsweek to range in age from 20 to 26 years and from a narrow 5"6" to 5"7" in stature. Harris claims: "It's a scam," says Arthur Camplan, noted in Newsweek as one of the nation's leading bioethicists. "A beautiful person will not necessarily beget a beautiful child. Even reproducing the world's most perfect nose is meaningless if it doesn't go with the chin below."

Potential customers should not forget a few important concepts: only half of a child's genetic makeup comes from the mother, and even if both parents do in fact have a seemingly flawless appearance, recessive genes are always a potential factor.

The creation and subsequent process of life is never a guarantee; and it will always find a way to surprise the expected and invalidate what has been a logical and calculated guess.

Harris' idea is not all that unique. Graduates of Ivy league schools have been selling their genes for several years to prospective parents who hope for intelligent, exceptional and successful children.

Yet, the fact that Americans are showing interest in a disgusting process that exploits children is horrifying. Will a child who is conceived through such a process be nothing more than a horrible disappointment to those who do not have the blonde hair and blue eyes of the marketed parent?

As humans, we should place less importance on one's hair color and more on their character; and as Christians we should be more concerned with our character than our appearance.

Harris should not be trusted to partner potential parents with children who do not yet exist.

More importantly, we need to examine just how far our society has gone in order to arrive at the point where a select few parents would choose beauty as the most important characteristic of a child.

While cliche, the old adage "Beauty is only skin deep" still rings true. Perhaps we all, especially Harris, need to be reminded of that fact.
Experimental treatments deceive patients

Two-year-old Elyse MacEwen died of complications from cancer treatment. She suffered from a rare form of childhood cancer.

Doctors offered her family three choices. They could do nothing and let her die, they could have infected her organs removed and then follow up with chemotherapy or they could use a new experimental drug. A drug that was described as the most up-to-date treatment available.

It was not until after the treatment, her parents were informed of the risks and asked to sign a consent form. Shortly later, Elyse died. Elyse's life could have been saved.

The standard treatment was available and highly effective. Her parents were not informed of the drug's dangers until it was too late. These incidents are all too common.

Patients are either misled or not warned at all about the risks posed by certain treatments. Investigations have shown that researchers using experimental drugs neglect to record or report serious adverse reactions to drugs. In the Oct. 19 issue of U.S. News & World Report, a review on 1,000 FDA spot-checks found that 213 researchers failed to obtain proper consent from patient, 364 failed to stick to the approved research plan and 140 did not report adverse reactions from patients. Cheryl Arens, one victim interviewed in the U.S. News & World Report article, had a brain tumor which caused her to have seizures. Doctors told her the removal of the growth through surgery would stop the seizures. When they persisted after the first surgery, her doctors recommended a second.

The night before the surgery, a nurse came in and asked Arens if she would allow doctors to administer a test drug. Upon hearing that the drug was experimental and not FDA approved, Arens said no. After recovering from the second operation, Arens reviewed her medical records and discovered that she had been given a dose of an experimental drug.

The drug was being studied to help diagnose cancer cells; however, Arens tumors were not cancerous. It is not known if she was harmed as a result of the drug.

Sherri Margalit's breast cancer returned after five years of remission. Several doctors recommended surgery, radiation and normal doses of chemotherapy. Others suggested high-dose chemotherapy, which uses the drug Taxol.

The consent form stated that Taxol may cause numbness and tingling in the hands and feet, but rarely caused difficulty walking. Margalit was unable to walk for six weeks after quitting treatment. Later, she learned that information provided by the manufacturer stated the procedure could be painful.

We should always look for new cure and better drugs to help treat serious diseases; but we cannot allow people to be harmed in the name of science.

Even if a patient is dying, their last moments should be spent as comfortably as possible, not in extreme amounts of pain.

Speak Up

If you had a fatal illness, would you consider trying an experimental treatment?

Chad Bye, senior

"I probably would, because I would have nothing to lose."

Jeremy Sivia, senior

"Yes, because if I was going to die it wouldn't matter anyway."

Jeff Cummings, sophomore

"Sure. At least it might give you a few more years."

Megan King, freshman

"I would have nothing to lose if I tried the medicine."

Facing the Issues

Should experimental treatments be used on those suffering from deadly illnesses?

Experimental treatments a worthy risk

Cancer is one of the leading causes of death among infants, children, teens and adults in the United States.

For years, the standard treatment for most types of cancer has been chemotherapy, radiation or surgery. Doctors and scientists have worked to perfect the methods of treatment available, but they are still far from a cure. New and innovative techniques are being developed everyday to help fight cancer and other debilitating diseases that chronically affect millions around the country.

Some of the treatments are extremely risky, while others are ineffective. In some cases, the treatment can complicate the cancers or cause death. However, those cases are the exceptions and not the norm. The majority of experimental treatments are studied in depth and tested on animal subjects before human trials are even considered. These human trials have led to remarkable breakthroughs, revealing treatments that have a high success rate and few side effects.

One recent area of cancer research concerns the generation of transforming growth factor-beta-1 (TGF-beta-1), which is generated by certain types of tumors. TGF-beta-1 inhibits the multiplication of new blood vessels and reduces the development of secondary tumors (metastasis).

Treatments that affect TGF-beta-1 levels could be successful in restraining the progress of metastasis, as well as affect the growth of tumors, according to Dr. Rakesh Jain from Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston, in the October issue of Nature Medicine.

Critics of new treatments should remember that standard treatments were once experimental. Chemotherapy, one of the most successful cancer treatment methods, has several negative side effects, such as hair loss, nausea and fatigue.

Other standard treatments cause severe blood clots. By conducting more studies, doctors have discovered that the use of oral anticoagulants, a substance that hinders the clotting of blood, can be used with regular treatment to reduce the effects. Doctors routinely prescribe oral anticoagulants following venous thromboembolism.

The rate of reappearance after a first episode can be distinctly decreased by extending the interval of anticoagulant therapy from four to six weeks to three to six months, especially among patients with permanent risk factors. Other treatments, besides those used to fight cancer, rely on human trials. Drug companies develop new medicines each year to treat heart disease, high blood pressure and menopause.

Hormone replacement therapy (HRT) used to be the subject of a fierce debate. Now, almost all international experts agree that HRT is highly effective for improving the quality of life of women suffering from acute symptoms of menopause, according to Dr. Trudy Bush, professor of Epidemiology and Preventative Medicine at the University of Maryland.

"HRT and its associated benefits are not being utilized to the extent they should be," Bush said.

"HRT is a way to delay premature aging."

Bush accurately reflects the opinions of many experts in various medical fields. Although there are some risks involved with experimental treatments, the benefits far outweigh the risks.
Tentmakers club calls students to local mission fields

By Amanda Rush
Bison staff writer

The first day of November brought more than the beginning of a new month to Harding's campus, it also signified the first meeting in several years for Tentmakers, an organization designed to encourage and promote self-supported team missions amongst students upon graduation from Harding, according to Rosa Cochran.

"I would like to see a major student movement come about where students think more strategically about where they go after they graduate," said Cochran.

One of the main goals of Tentmakers is to acknowledge that God calls people to do ministry through, yet beyond, a chosen vocation.

Cochran said the basic theology of the club comes from I Peter 2, a passage that discusses the concept of all Christians being "the priesthood of believers."

"We speak incorrectly when we say that only the people who are on the church staff are ministers," Cochran said. "I think that this falsity contributes to passivity in the church."

The concept of tent making also draws from Acts 18 and I Thess. 2:1-12. Cochran said these passages make it apparent that although the apostle Paul chose to accept church support in his mission work, there were also times when he chose to support himself by his vocational skill of tent making.

"I'm convinced that we need church-supported workers, but even more persuaded that we need to emphasize a work force that sees themselves in a more active and continuous role in helping the church grow," Cochran said.

Another major goal of Tentmakers has established to place a self-supported team of workers each year from Harding in an area that needs churches.

"Instead of picking a job, moving to a town and then finding a church, we would like to change people's mind-set so that they choose a church and a town first," Cochran said.

Tentmakers will also provide opportunities for the student body in an area that needs churches. Many students are excited about that exposure, according to Pete Vane, senior.

"I hope to learn how to put together a group to go and help a church—and in doing that, inspire other people to do it too," Vann said.

Tentmakers is part of Timothy Club, the umbrella organization for students with Bible-related majors.

Although the organization consists of mostly vocational ministry majors, it is open to any student interested in vocational ministry opportunities.

"Even though I can't do vocational ministry as a major, this gives me the opportunity to be involved in it," said Ashlee Johnson, sophomore.

"I was attracted to tent making as a philosophy because it satisfies my desire to go into ministry and also satisfies my desire to work in my profession," Vann said.

Because Tentmakers has not been an active organization for several years, the group is currently looking for a logo.

Cochran said anyone who is interested in submitting a design should contact him for more information.

Those involved in organizing Tentmakers are excited about encouraging more people to consider themselves ministers in furthering God's kingdom.

"We want to dispel the myths regarding missions being for only a small percentage of persons," Cochran said.

Business Department offers on-line graduate curriculum

By Justin Lacey
Bison staff writer

Distance learning is a popular concept these days.

Graduate students in the School of Business have been using the Internet to complete course work and interact with each other since the fall of 1998, according to Dr. Budd Hebert, professor of business.

This fall, graduate students in the business department are taking online courses in organizational behavior, managed care, and marketing management. The courses last six weeks.

Dr. Steve Williams, director of the business program, said the strength of the online courses lies in their ability to encourage interaction among students and faculty members.

In order to participate, graduate students must have a computer with online access and use it every day to respond to discussion questions posed by their professors.

"By requiring both MBA [Masters in Business Administration] students and faculty to be online every day, this program allows the two to enter into a closer relationship than is sometimes possible in the classroom setting," Williams said.

Another advantage of online courses is their widespread availability, thanks to the worldwide reach of the Internet, according to Williams.

"Students can be anywhere in the world and take advantage of these courses," he said. "It gives the students more flexibility in completing their graduate work."

Current students from all over the United States as well as South America and South Africa are enrolled, said Williams.

Several of the courses are being taught by adjuncts. Joe Reddick, a professor from Michigan, is teaching organizational behavior, while Elaine Griffin, a professor at David Lipscomb University, is teaching managed care.

This semester, Hebert, the only Harding professor teaching a course is teaching marketing management.

Hebert describes the online course as a more discussion-oriented environment than many classroom settings.

"A student enrolled in the online courses is able to get into the heads of the other class members because he or she is reading and responding to the class discussion daily," Hebert said.

He also believes that the online course environment lends itself to more positive reinforcement than is found in the usual university classroom.

"Since the posting of discussion questions and responses leaves a permanent record, I have to be more careful about the comments I make," Hebert said.

"When I praise a student online, everyone else in the class and as a result, they live up to that standard."

One of Hebert's favorite memories from this semester involved an opportunity that allowed him to not only discuss marketing management principles, but also his Christian values.

"One of my students posted a message requesting prayer after the death of one of his good friends," Hebert said.

"As a result, the class discussion shifted focus to the more important things in life and I was able to share my faith with my students."

The program allows students to take as many as five courses online as part of their graduate school experience.

However, they are still required to come to Senney and complete the rest of the required coursework.

Only a limited number of online courses are offered each semester.

Graduate students can register for courses next semester in accounting theory, managed care, human resource management and corporate strategy, according to the registrar's Spring 2000 schedule.

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Students, faculty ‘Walk for Life’ to raise funds for pregnancy center

By Alva Liamatta
Bison staff writer

Besides being good for one’s health, some students and faculty members hope to prove that walking can save a life.

The Friends for Life Pregnancy Center and the Students for Life organization on campus sponsored a Walk for Life, Sat., Oct. 30, to raise money for the pregnancy center.

In all, the walk raised more than $16,000 for the center.

Kim Richley, director of the center, said the main purpose of the walk was to increase public awareness and to raise funding for operating expenses.

“We goal was to have around 120 participants, so we were real pleased with the turn out,” she said.

Dr. Bob Reely, director of the American Studies Institute and a sponsor of the Students for Life pro-life service organization participated in the Walk.

Students for Life, a pro-life organization, usually holds a walk on campus each semester, but decided to join with the pregnancy center to create a walk that would reach the entire community, according to Reely.

“With a busy world like today where not everybody can turn out in the support of a pro-life walk, the strategy of getting sponsors for people who did participate was beneficial,” Reely said. “Of course I’d always like a bigger turnout.”

Several students helped with the walk, either by working one of the registration tables or by actually walking in the event.

Eric Birckholtz, freshman, did both. He said the walk was a way to help out a valuable center.

“It is important to let other people know about the importance of protecting life, especially the lives of the unborn,” Birckholtz said.

“Raising money for the local pregnancy center was important to me because they do a lot of good work. They try to convince mothers to not have abortions and provide care for mothers who decide to keep their children.”

Abbey Drayton, senior, said participating in the walk is important for college students, even after a stressful pledge week.

“I think it is important, because it’s something that is a part of life,” she said. “We are going to school to try to be better citizens and to try to make a difference in this world. I think as part of that education, we need to do things. That is why I think service projects are so important.”

Open three days a week, Friends for Life, located on 914 E. Race Street, offers pregnancy tests, post-abortion counseling and education, as well as adoption referrals and government assistance.

More than 153 women have used the center since its opening, according to Richards.

Reely noted the importance of Harding’s involvement for the center.

“I appreciate the Students for their involvement,” said Reely.

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Inner-City Carnival rescheduled for this Sunday

By Elizabeth R. Smith
Bison editor

After threatening rain clouds caused the Silver-City Carnival, also known as the Inner-City Carnival, to be cancelled two weeks ago, the event has been rescheduled for this Sunday.

Students wanting to participate will meet at 9 a.m. at the Bison Athletic Center. Although a formal worship service is not scheduled before students depart for Little Rock, communion will be offered, according to Alan Howell, co-director of the spiritual life committee.

Transportation will not be provided, although carpooling to Little Rock will be coordinated with students’ vehicles.

Howell estimated more than 400 students for this Sunday’s events.

“I think that there will actually be more students this time than would have shown up two weeks ago,” said Howell. Pledge week is over and people will have more time to participate.”

The carnival will entertain inner-city Little Rock children with dunking booths and games like a bean bag toss and cake walk.

Those students with a meal plan who want to eat at the carnival must sign up after chapel today at the Benson Auditorium stage.

Howell does not expect Sunday’s weather to be a problem.

“It should be sunny and warm.” he said.”I am expecting this to be a really great event.”

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The Bachelor: predictable plot highlighted by worthwhile performances

By Amanda Rush
The Bison staff writer

Last Saturday, a friend and I decided to see the campus play The Importance of Being Earnest, written by the Irish playwright Oscar Wilde and directed by Jenny Moses, graduate student. Never having seen or read the play, I had no idea what to expect. I had only heard that it was definitely worth seeing.

The Importance of Being Earnest tells the story of two young men who are both about to get caught in their lies, ultimately prevail.

The characters are at the higher end of England’s social spectrum and portray the amusing affects of the social set in turn-of-the-century England.

The play begins with Jack Worthing (Nathan Smith) and Algernon Moncrieff (Matt Ustinov) discussing relatives, women and bachelorhood. Jack is in love with Algernon’s older sister Cecily Cardew (Rachel Barrett), talking about his best friend over lunch. When he can’t get out of the ending, however, it was funny and, like everything else in the play, unexpected. Best assured, all did end well.

Throw in a couple of British accents, two love-struck girls, an impertinent butler, a semi-pompous clergyman, a nanny who writes novels and drills German, an overbearing mother and a cockney maid, and you have this delightful recipe for comedy and entertainment.

The sets and costumes for the show were simple and effective. The most creative prop was the two live love birds rented from Ann’s Bridal Boutique.

Not only were the props creative, but intermission was almost as entertaining as the play. The set for Act 1 was taken down and the set for Act 2 was put up by Lane the butler (Bryan Adams) and Merriman the maid (Diane Perkins).

Appropriate to the romantic nature of the show, they took the opportunity to flirt with each other rather shamelessly while changing the sets. All of the actors were wonderful. Each character seemed real and identifiable, and the comedic characteristics of each were portrayed with style and just the right amount of seriousness to add to the amusement.

I am always impressed with the talent of Harding’s student actors. The cast of The Importance of Being Earnest was no exception. An added bonus to the already terrific show was the drawing for gift certificates. Lucky audience members received certificates to Midnight Oil, Ryan’s, The Big Ragoo, Traildust, Dixie Cafe, Western Sizzlin’ and Frozen Delights during intermission.

My own surprising win of a gift certificate to Traildust was an appropriate addition to such an enjoyable and entertaining evening.

‘The Bachelor:’ predictable plot highlighted by worthwhile performances

By Elizabeth Bratton
The Bison staff writer

Last Friday marked the opening of The Bachelor, a romantic comedy about a man who has 24 hours to get married in order to inherit millions of dollars from his rich grandfather (Peter Ustinov).

Jimmy (played by Chris Raduadng) and Marco sees the meaning behind this ridiculous word and knows that before long he will be languishing into marriage.

Then the audience watches Jimmy’s floundering attempts to break up with his most recent girlfriend over lunch. When he can’t find the right words to say, he listens to the woman in the next booth describe how she has just dumped her boyfriend. Needless to say, he uses the same approach to let this one go.

As soon as Jimmy gets up from his seat, the woman in the next booth, (Ann, Renee Zellweger) says that she has enjoyed having lunch with him. She marks the beginning of a three year relationship.

Both Jimmy and Ann enjoy the single life and although they are together, neither seems to want to move to the next level—marriage.

Yet, after a meeting with his eccentric grandfather, Jimmy decides it is time to pop the question. He plans a dinner at the Starlight Room, a restaurant where men under 30 try out their charm and they are planning to propose to their girlfriends.

The dinner goes smoothly, until Jimmy decides to propose. His speech is not quite the swept-you-off-your-feet type. He finally looks her in the eye and says, “You win.”

When Ann reacts negatively, he makes a bad situation even worse by telling her their relationship has finally gone to “that place.”

The scene that follows are typical of a man who knows he has messed up, and is trying to win her love back.

All this is complicated further when Grandpa passes away a few weeks later. Grandpa announces his hidden fortune, $100 million dollars, in his will and says that Jimmy will be the recipient of the inheritance, but that he must fulfill his “sacred duty to pass on his genetic make-up.”

The will states that Jimmy has to marry before 6:05 p.m. on his 30th birthday or no inheritance will be given. Ironically, or perhaps predictably, Jimmy’s 30th is the next day. What is a guy to do?

Jimmy seeks out Ann, who turns him down a second time because she is still not convinced that he is ready for marriage. This sets him off on a wife-hunting rampage, tracking down every girlfriend in memory, including characters played by Brooke Shields, Mariah Carey, Katherine Heigl and Rebecca Crowe. In all, he proposes a total of 10 times, with the same disastrous outcome each time.

After a long talk with a priest, Jimmy realizes that he really does want to change over to the “other side,” and become a married man. He finally realizes just how important Ann is to him.

I would give this movie a thumbs up, but that would be based upon the actors ability and not the screenplay.

After sitting through this movie, I found myself wondering how many times the same plot can be recorded and more importantly how many times the viewing public will buy it.

Although this is a somewhat new twist, The Bachelor is really nothing more than Romany Bride meets Tugger Mutiny.

I would encourage you to see this movie if you are a fan of either Chris O’Donnell or Renee Zellweger, their performances are exceptional.

If you are not a fan and want to see this movie, wait for the video. Otherwise, you are spending six dollars for a movie you have seen several times before.

The Bachelor, PG-13, is playing in a number of local theaters including, Cinema 5 in Searcy; Silver Screen in Cabot; Bridgeside Village, Lakewood 8 and Riverdale 10 all in Little Rock; and Tinseltown USA in Benton.
Excitement builds for ‘Rhodes Rowdies’

Bisons, Lady Bisons enthusiastic about upcoming season, expect continued success

By Bryan Jobe
Bison staff writer

There’s a quiet, but ever-present mood flooding the campus.

Energy and anticipation run high as the time draws nearer with each passing day. This emotion cannot be stopped.

It will continue to grow until the students venture into the only safe place to release their pent-up excitement – the Rhodes Memorial Field House.

It can mean only one thing – basketball season is just around the corner.

The Bison and Lady Bison basketball teams tip off for the first home game, Nov. 30.

The women will face Southern Arkansas University at 6 p.m., and the men will follow approximately 20 minutes after the end of the women’s game. They will take on the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

The Lady Bisons are looking forward to the upcoming season, according to Kelli Fager, junior.

“The team has a lot more depth this year than we have had in the past,” Fager said. “This will give us more energy at the end of games when we need it most.”

The relatively young Lady Bison team plans to use their quickness as an advantage, according to Krista Anderson, junior.

“Our defense has the ability to suffocate an offense and cause turnovers,” Anderson said. “We can make things happen with continued pressure on the ball handlers.”

As any successful team can prove, one vital attribute of a winning organization is chemistry between players.

“We get along great and work well together; we can always improve on team chemistry,” Fager said. “That will come with increased playing time in real game situations.”

With five new members added to the Lady Bison roster, player roles have become an issue, according to Anderson.

“Each player has a role on the team that must be filled in order for us to be successful,” she said. “Everyone is willing to play their part in doing whatever it takes to win games.”

From the men’s locker room, Chris Hardaway, senior, said the Bisons are also optimistic about the new additions to an already strong returning team.

“Because of the six new players, we have depth in all positions now,” Hardaway said. “It’s good to know that anyone can step up and play when needed.”

This year’s team has several positive qualities that stand out, according to Coach Jeff Morgan.

“Our bench contribution will be a key factor for us this season,” he said. “This added depth will allow us to always have fresh players on the court.”

Arnand Etame, junior transfer, said the Bisons’ inside game promises to be one of their strengths this season.

“Our big men are quick and can be a real physical presence in the paint,” he said. “We’ll make it complicated for offenses to get good looks at the basket.”

While the Bisons look to dominate offensively, the players consider defense to be one of their strengths.

“Our quickness will help to provide full court pressure on ball handlers,” Etame said. “We have the ability to cause more turnovers leading to more transition points.”

In addition to the team’s strengths on the court, Morgan said he is impressed with the energy and motivation that surrounds the team.

“We have a team full of great athletes with a lot of energy,” he said. “They know how to play hard from start to finish and should be fun and exciting to watch.”

Morgan said most of the players’ excitement can be traced to the contagious energy of one of their teammates.

“Lenny Bert [junior] has an intensity that seems to spread to the other players,” Morgan said. “His attitude is infectious to the other players and a great asset to the team as a whole.”

Harding welcomes six new faces to the team this season. Joining Etame, Danny Jeske and Dwayne McDonald are junior transfers. The Bisons also added three freshmen, including Jay Brogdon, Aaron Farley, and Michael Jackson.

Through careful scheduling, Morgan said he tried to accommodate the loyal “Rhodes Rowdies.”

“Every home game that we play this season will be while students are on campus,” Morgan said. “Last season we played some games while the students were away for the holidays, and it just wasn’t the same.”

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Razorbacks vs. Volunteers
Arkansas seeks revenge after last season's heartbreaker

As we approach this week in college football, one game stands out above the rest, especially to fans of the Razorbacks, who live in SEC country. While this rivalry doesn't have decades of history, it has provided its share of excitement.

So, I offer this history. Tennessee vs. Arkansas. From Past to Present.

Past
In 1997, Arkansas endured another 4-7 season under Head Coach Danny Ford. Razorback fans were fed up. Wanting to return to the glory days when their beloved Razorbacks were a national powerhouse, they fired Ford. After a lengthy search for a new head coach, Arkansas found the answer in the very enthusiastic Houston Nutt.

In 1998, he was given the job of turning Arkansas back into a winning program. Nutt did that and more. He got the entire state to believe in him and his team.

In just eight games, Nutt and his undefeated Razorbacks were ranked in the top ten for the first time since 1980.

Head Coach Phillip Fulmer and his Volunteers were also re-building in 1998. All-American Peyton Manning had graduated, along with several other NFL draft picks. In addition, Tennessee lost prized running back Jamal Lewis for the entire season by the fourth game.

Their answer to these seeming plights was a swarming and aggressive defense, first-year quarter-back Tee Martin and a big play offense. Martin and the defense did something for Tennessee that had not been done in 42 years; they earned the Volunteers a No. 1 ranking by the eighth game.

In front of 107,000 screaming fans, the Hogs and Vols finally met up.

Arkansas came out and proved to the nation it could play with the best, by taking advantage of two Tennessee turnovers and scoring two quick touchdowns. The Volunteers then, in the second quarter, countered with a field goal and later, a touchdown pass as the first half ended.

In the first half, Arkansas controlled the game. Their defense swarmed to the ball, and their offense took advantage of several Tennessee mistakes. The Vols, on the other hand, played horribly, giving up the big play on defense and looking lazy on offense.

In the second half, Tennessee's defense looked rejuvenated, but another mistake cost them three points. Arkansas led 24-10. Tennessee's offense finally got it together and scored ten points in the third quarter.

The fourth quarter started with a lot on the line — the No. 1 ranking of the Volunteers and national prominence for the Razorbacks.

The quarter was a defense-controlled game. Tennessee's defense blocked an Arkansas field goal attempt and later caused a safety. The score was 24-22, in favor of Arkansas.

With three minutes left, Arkansas punter to the ball to Tennessee. The Vols had to get in field goal range to have a chance at winning the game.

But Arkansas' defense would come up with the big play. Tennessee turned the ball over on downs. With a little under two minutes remaining, all the Hogs had to do was run out the clock.

With 1:13 left in the game, Arkansas lined up. What happened next cannot be described.

A 110-yard kickoff return up the middle, Arkansas recovered the fumble. Something like this would never happen again in a million tries. The play will always be known as one of the craziest in college football history.

Tennessee then marched 44 yards for the touchdown, propelling them to victory, 28-24.

With the game in hand, Arkansas choked. Tennessee took the game and momentum all the way to the National Championship. Arkansas never seemed to overcome "The Fumble."

Present
Revenge is the only thing on Arkansas' mind. They have had tomorrow's game against Tennessee marked on their calendars since last year's loss. The Razorbacks have had somewhat of a roller-coaster year, going 5-3 in their first eight games.

Tennessee is, once again, in the National Title picture, ranked No. 3. Arkansas wants nothing more than to whip the Volunteers in Fayetteville and ruin their hopes of repeating as National Champs.

It will be a hard-fought battle, but Hog fans, go ahead and mark next year's game on your calendar because on Saturday, Tennessee will send you back home squealing, again.

By Landon Horton
Bison sports editor

Last Saturday, the Bison football team met with great anticipation their biggest rivals, Ouachita Baptist University (OBU). The Bisons silenced the Ouachita homecoming crowd as they trampled the Tigers 41-7.

This victory, Harding's ninth straight over OBU, improved their season record to 6-4, with one game remaining.

Luke Cullins, senior quarterback, backed, had his third straight game of 300 passing yards and three touchdowns. His numbers in two of those games earned him national recognition as Player of the Week, an honor awarded by the National Weekly Football Gazette.

"I'm proud of the record, but it all comes down to winning," Cullins said. "They aren't as sweet when you don't win the game."

Besides Cullins accomplishments, a number of other individual and team records were set Saturday. Marc Fager, senior receiver, climbed into third place on Harding's career receiving yardage list. Drew Colton, junior receiver, also tied a school record of 11 receptions in a game. As a team, Harding compiled 29 first downs, the most in the school's history.

There is also potential for more milestones this weekend, as the Bisons close out their season. Cullins is 56 yards shy of 2,500 passing yards on the season. Fager needs 107 receiving yards to move into the top spot as Harding's career receiving leader.

The Bisons will look to accomplish these goals tomorrow at 2 p.m. as they face the Bulldogs of Southwest Oklahoma State.

Though the Bulldogs have a losing record this season, they have the top-ranked passing defense in the nation, holding their opponents to a mere 53.7 passing yards per game. This makes tomorrow's match-up even more interesting, since Harding's passing offense is No. 1 in the conference at 275 yards per game.

"We're going to stick with our game plan," Cullins said. "We know we will get guys open. Just have to get it to them."

Fager is looking forward to the challenge of setting the record against such a good defense.

"I'm really excited," he said. "It's a great opportunity, but it's definitely going to be tough against the No. 1 defense in the nation."

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