Future of scholarship threatens students in financial need

Rachel McCuiston
Staff Writer

Thousands of Arkansas students depend on receiving the Arkansas Academic Challenge scholarship each year to help finance their college careers; however, the criteria to receive the scholarship may soon be tightened, costing students their choice of college.

The Arkansas state legislature is reconsidering scholarship funding for the 2001-2002 school year, which may hurt families that depend on the money to pay for higher education. The purpose of the Arkansas Academic Challenge scholarship, a non-lottery based scholarship, is to encourage Arkansas residents to attend Arkansas universities, which in turn helps the state's economy by keeping more people in the state.

According to Lavada Stoney, financial aid counselor, Harding currently has 266 students who receive the scholarship due to changes in the criteria, such as increasing the income level requirement, which may influence students to return to Harding next year.

The latest debate concerns whether the scholarships could prevent students who need the money from attending Harding. The current financial criteria are that the combined income for a family of four can't be more than $70,000, and the latest proposal to reduce the income to $50,000 would potentially threaten thousands of college-bound students.

Some academic requirements to receive the scholarship are to have at least a 2.5 grade point average and a 19 ACT score, but even those criteria are subject to change, Stoney said.

Waiting on the legislature to act on the scholarship amount, which is currently $2,500, is a year that can be frustrating because universities are unsure of what to tell incoming and current students, she said.

Mike Williams, assistant vice president for admissions and student financial services, said Harding has been a lead sponsor of the scholarship at the legislature because the university thinks it is a great program to help Arkansas students finance their education.

Harding is concerned, however, that changes in scholarship eligibility will affect Harding students, but most area students are not concerned for students statewide because of the economic implications of the change.

Some students depend heavily on the scholarship money to come to Harding. "The scholarship is convenient and easy to get a hold of," freshman Aaron Chism said. "But, if [funds] were cut, I wouldn't be able to stay at Harding." Senior Jacob Baker, another scholarship recipient, said cutting the scholarship would affect him but it would not prevent him from returning to Harding. Reducing funds would affect any college student because they have become dependent on that money to pay for their college and a grade.

"I think it's important that Arkansas rewards its students for their academic achievements," Baker said.

Williams said the admissions office encourages Arkansas residents to contact their state legislature to increase awareness of the need for the scholarship.

"We try to mobilize students and alumni to speak out against [the cuts]," he said.

Athletic Center addition planned

Construction of $1.5 million wing to begin in May

Ryan Cook
Copy Editor

Construction is set to begin next month on a $1.3 million, 13,000-square-foot expansion to the Gurus Athletic Center. The addition, which is planned for the south end of the building, will include a 4,817-square-foot strength and aerobics area, which will be more than three times the size of the current room, a new physiology and exercise laboratory, a computer lab, additional classroom and storage space, and four faculty offices.

The project has been under consideration for several years, according to Dr. Wilt Martin, chairman of the kinesiology department. An $850,000 challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich., made the addition possible. A 1972 Kresge grant was instrumental in construction of the GAC.

Marshall said the total cost, including equipment, will approach $1.5 million. The project is slated to be completed in December.

In addition to greatly expanding the area available, the new exercise room will have a partition which will allow part of the room to be used by a class or a small group.

"We have some faculty ladies and some young ladies on campus that are more modest and don't like to be in with the men," Martin said. "So we have an area that we can partition off.

Martin said the new exercise room will hold approximately four times more equipment than the current facility.

"The students are wanting more space and more equipment," Martin said. "We've obviously had more treadmills, more aerobic, more weight equipment, more steps, more stuff."

Currently housed in the science building, a new physiology and exercise laboratory will be a large part of the addition.

"It will be similar, although there will be more research space in the lab," Martin said.

The laboratory will include a testing area capable of being segmented into multiple use areas. The laboratory will also have an environmental chamber for research projects conducted under constant and controlled conditions, plus rooms for EKG and hematology studies.

"The lab will be designed to help classes for our exercise science program as well as other students," Martin said. "We screen cholesterol, body composition and that sort of stuff."

The computer lab will house 17 IBM-compatible systems and will be designed for use by the kinesiology department, including evaluations of exercise physiology and human body performance.

Martin is also excited about the two "state-of-the-art" class rooms.

"We always have a shortage of classroom space," he said. "That's going to help us.

"Also as part of this project, an old storage area near the swimming pool will be renovated into an athletic training room.

The parking lot section running behind the GAC will remain, although 11 parking spaces will be lost in the expansion.

The wellness center is part of the $12.5 million capital expansion and renovation projects of Harding and Surgery's five-year Diamond Campaign. To date the university has raised $9,057,636 in gifts or pledges toward the capital goal.

Payment of the Kresge challenge is contingent upon the certification by Feb. 1, 2002 that the remaining $3,442,364 has been raised.

The announcement was made by John E. Marshall III, president of the Foundation, and President David Burks. The grant is the latest in seven such challenge grants the Foundation has awarded to Harding, totaling $3,442,364.

The Kresge Foundation has a long legacy of support for higher education. The Foundation's mission is to "encourage those projects at Harding. We are grateful for its continued support, and we are now working diligently to meet the conditions of this latest challenge grant."
Dear Editor:

I would like to commend this young man for his insight and compassion. I want to thank him for encouraging us to take the time to talk to vets and to thank them for the sacrifices they made. We are what we are because of the courage. It is encouraging to see that this generation better understands and appreciates all the sacrifices that have been made throughout the years, all the way back to our Founding Fathers, so that they might have the freedoms they enjoy today. Many generations past took for granted and abused those freedoms. They did not realize that freedom is not free.

In 1971, I got a POW/MIA bracelet. On it is the name of a young Marine; the date is 30 April 1968. You were supposed to wear the bracelet until the soldier came home. In 1973, I watched as a plane landed at Clark Air Base and the POWs disembarked. I stood in the middle of my parent's living room and cried, as one former POW said to his knees and kissed the ground. I still wear fig. Bruce Stahl's bracelet and my husband's Vietnam ribbon to honor all who served.

Sincerely,
 Vickie Willmuth
ServiceMaster Administrative Assistant

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Dear Editor:

I just read the article in the March 9 edition of The Bison by Michael Chaffin.

"I would be in the Air Force. I had thought about joining my sister. I came to Harding."
Jon Cheek, freshman

"I would love to be a wedding planner. I just finished helping my sister plan her wedding."
Alethea Pate, sophomore

"I always wanted to be a firefighter. My dad is one, and I always thought it was exciting."
Kyle Hattenburg, junior

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Field experiences
Teachers trade classroom lectures for lessons on the open road

Natasha Jaworski
Staff Writer

By the time a student gets to college, field trips seem to be a thing of the past. But several courses at Harding are offering trips to give students a much more hands-on feel for the subject matter.

The history department offers The Era of Civil War 1850-1877, taught by Dr. Paul Haynie, professor of history. The course includes a three-day field trip through Tennessee and Mississippi. The class visits the tomb of Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forest in Memphis and Fort Gibson in Mississippi, as well as battlefields from the Civil War such as Brices Cross Roads, where Forest had a famous Southern victory, and Shiloh in western Tennessee.

"I actually have the class do a reenactment of the battle with water pistols," Haynie said. "The Northern students [are] on one side and the Southern students [are] on the other side." Haynie said there is no prerequisite and the majority of students who take the class are not history majors.

"The students get a whole new sense of the Civil War by actually standing where they fought and bled during the battle," he said. One of the most memorable moments is the mass grave of Confederate soldiers at Shiloh. "There are around 700 men buried there," Haynie said. "It gives history more of a sense of reality and respect to see and experience the battlefield."

Another trip offered by the English department is a study tour of New England. Started in 1979, its one of the longest-running field trips at Harding.

During this trip, students tour New England, including the homes of famous authors such as Robert Frost, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Nathaniel Hawthorne and Herman Melville.

Students who take the trip, which is only offered during intersession, stay in New England for 10 days in an 18th century inn and experience an Atlantic coastal village.

"Students also have a rare opportunity to hold very old manuscripts of text by such authors as Emerson at the Harvard library," said Dr. Larry Long, distinguished professor of English and the director of the trip. "It is great experience for students and they come away with a real immersion into the lives of the authors."

Advanced Clothing Apparel and Apparel Design by Computer students took a field trip last week to view the fast-paced world of fashion at the Apparel Mart in Atlanta.

"We were hired as temporary staff to produce and orchestrate a show at the market," said Dr. Terri Rine, assistant professor of family and consumer sciences. Rine has been taking a group of students every spring for nine years.

"This gives students an amazing opportunity to be behind the scenes and to experience the excitement of working with designers, models and buyers," Rine said.

It is required for all fashion merchandise majors to go to the market twice before they graduate.

"The second time, the students really get more of a feel for what is going on and are more active," Rine said.

Dr. Monte Cox, assistant professor of Bible, teaches a unique Bible class, Living World Religions. Rather than a study of Christianity, it offers a study of other religions of the world, including Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism and Islam.

The students get to experience these faiths firsthand during a weekend trip to Chicago.

"The trip leaves a lasting impression on the students because they are able to see real people that really believe in these faiths," Cox said.

The class leaves on a Thursday and returns on a Sunday. Cox says this trip, which was first offered three years ago, is a very emotional experience.

"Some of the best moments in the trip are at the hotel where we have amazing devotionals together," Cox said. "To be able to actually experience the different faiths is much more memorable and emotional than just reading about them."
Heifer Project provides practical knowledge, encourages assistance for those in poverty

Myca Haynes
Staff Writer

What do an Appalachian cabin, a Guatemalan vegetable garden and a group of nomads have in common? They are all part of the Global Village located at Heifer Project International in Perryville, Ark.

For the past nine years, students enrolled in Health Care Missions have traveled two hours to Perryville to spend one night in the life of a person from an underdeveloped area of the world.

The class is taught by Jerry Myhan, associate professor of nursing, and Mark Beryman and Sam Shewmaker, missionaries-in-residence.

"The Global Village helps students to develop appreciation for how much they have compared to the rest of the world," Myhan said. "The things that we take for granted in our lives — our everyday blessings — are great!"

This class isn't just for nursing majors. Students in the class study specific health problems for third world countries, but they also study culture, worldview and how to communicate cross-culturally.

As the students arrive at the Heifer Project, they are given a guided tour of the farm and the Global Village. During the overnight stay in the Global Village, students are randomly chosen to live in the different villages as family units. The villages consist of a shelter, a latrine, an area of land and a few animals that are common to that culture. Each family is given an allotment of resources. There can be up to seven families in the village. The villages represent the world with Africa, Asia, Guatemala, Appalachia, nomads, refugees and a barrio. The Guatemalan family has a garden and rabbits, the Mexican barrio family is given rice; and the Appalachian family is given vegetables and firewood.

The purpose of the Village is to communicate and share resources. The Guatemalan family has an overabundance of vegetables while the barrio family has barely enough rice to feed the entire family.

The families are made up of students in different roles ranging from mute or crippled to healthy. Each family is also given a "baby" — a water-filled balloon.

These families must trade and barter for their meat and water supply. Whether they trade milk for eggs or work for vegetables, the Global Village tries to convey the message that there are enough resources in the world, but the key is to figure out what can be exchanged.

During the night students not only barter for food but build fires and live as a villager from that country.

Senior nursing major Karen Hinds was in the Guatemalan village last weekend. Her role in the family was to be mute. She also helped care for their baby.

"It was a wonderful experience," Hinds said. "I should try to live more simply and ultimately help meet the spiritual needs of others by first helping them meet their physical needs."

But this one night is not the only night students can experience the Heifer Project. For the seventh year, students can experience the Heifer Project during Intersession by taking Cross-Cultural Missions.

This course, led by Dr. Monte Cox, assistant professor of Bible, meets Global Literacy requirements and provides a more in-depth study of the Global Village as well as training in the areas of livestock management, water treatment, sanitation and intensive gardening.

Throughout the two weeks, students work on projects in the Global Village during the morning and attend classes in the afternoon. For three nights, students stay in the Global Village, acting out the roles of their assigned villages.

This class benefits both future missionaries as well as those who are going to live in the United States. Missionaries learn how to increase crop yield because most of the people in the world live on small farms. They also learn how to use little or no technology to cook and provide sanitation to villages.

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For the people who are going to stay in the United States, they learn that they can help the poor by helping others.

"I have to remember that I have other demands with their travel schedules and that it is a ministry, not a social service," Stockstill said. "It is easy to make Theatron your only focus but I have to remember that I have other things going on in my life that I can't neglect."

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Faces in the Crowd

Student returns to college after semi-pro career

Citing a desire to complete education, senior postpones dreams on football field

Editor's Note: This is a continuing series featuring unique members of the Harding community.

Jalaina Tyree
Staff Writer

When the month of May approaches, most students think of summer break, graduation or the job hunt, but senior Shaylon Hart is thinking of the National Football League draft.

Even at the age of two, Hart had already found his love - football. He played in high school for two years, including Texas A&M and Mississippi State, but decided to go to Kilgore (Texas) Junior College for two years.

After that, Hart was ready to move to a bigger school that could offer more.

"I liked Harding because the people here were so friendly," he said.

So Hart, an information technology major, came to Harding in the spring of 1998 to begin training with the Bisons.

Hart had two successful seasons with the Bisons. He had 40 catches, six touchdowns and ran for about 750 yards during the 1999 season. He ran out of eligibility to play college football after the 1999 season, but Hart was not ready to stop playing his favorite game.

So Hart decided to find an NFL agent (former Minnesota Vikings Alfred Anderson) and try to break into professional football.

It was too late to enter in the NFL draft when Hart made his decision last spring, so the Dallas Cowboys, who had been scouting him, sent Hart to Topeka, Kan. to play arena football with the Topeka Kings. The Cowboys wanted to see how well he played in that environment while allowing him to get more experience.

Arena football, founded in 1987, is played indoors on a 50-yard field, as opposed the 100-yard field in the traditional game.

"It's different going from a big field to a small field," Hart said. "It was a good experience. It's a fast-paced game. It's good for your resume if you want to go play at the next level, they can look at your film at that level."

The Kings qualified for the playoffs and, by the time their season ended, it was too late for Hart to enroll for the fall semester.

He returned to school this semester and plans to graduate in July.

"Education is very important to me," Hart said. "If football doesn't work out, I'll always have my degree to fall back on."

In March, Hart, as well as three other Bisons, went to the NFL combine. This week end event brings together players from all over the nation to demonstrate their strengths and talents. Athletes are tested and rated in various physical exercises from running to weightlifting. The best are given a closer look by NFL teams and are typically the first to be chosen in the draft.

"I did pretty good," Hart said. "Now I just have to sit back and wait on the results."

He hopes to be selected in the NFL draft later this month, but Hart said he will try to get signed as a free agent if he's not drafted.

Hart has participated in several of these combines before, including one offered by the new XFL. The XFL, a new professional league associated with the World Wrestling Federation, did call him and ask him to play this season, but Hart declined because he had already enrolled for the spring semester at Harding.

Hart also had the opportunity to go to Germany with a friend to play there, but decided his education was more important.

Hart is not worried about the future. "Lord willing, I'll get to play, but football is not forever," he said. "I want to do something in the information technology field."

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The menu at Cajun Sam's, which is located on Race Street in the former Rally's drive-in next to Hastings, is broken into four main categories: price from $4.95 for chicken salads.

Sam's started serving when we were in high school and our fans always wanted more," sophomore Joel Hoggard said. "That's why we're in this talent show — not for us, but for our fans."

Seniors Jared Page and Adam Hesselleode, SAC chairpersons, are in charge of producing the show this semester, said Jim Miller, director of student activities.

"Jared and Adam had full responsibility of seeing the auditions and making the tough choices of who will perform tonight," Miller said. "There were

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Harding plays host in tennis invitational

Teams perform well, look ahead to conference tournament

Michael Chaffin
Staff Writer

Most colleges host invitations to test themselves, and to get in as much tennis in as they can with little travel.

Last Friday and Saturday, Harding hosted the Harding University Invitational Tournament. Among the teams invited were Freed-Hardeman, East Central (Okla.), Henderson State, Delta State, Northeastern State (Okla.) and Drury.

The men finished third, going 1-1. The Bisons started off the tournament Friday defeating Henderson State 5-0, with junior Jacobo Martinez and freshman Rodrigo Cervantes both winning their singles matches. Harding went on to sweep the doubles matches also.

Later that night, Harding battled Gulf South Conference rival Delta State until the bitter end, but suffered a heartbreaking 5-4 loss.

Martinez won both of his matches that day; the teams of Martinez-Cervantes and Tamindzi-Balota also won both of their matches on Friday.

On Saturday, the Bisons were unable to play their scheduled matches due to rain.

The Lady Bisons began the tournament with Northeastern State taking the match 5-2. Senior Laura Tollett won her match 6-2, 6-3 and then she and her doubles partner, junior Eva-Lena Axelsson won their match 8-6. The Lady Bisons followed the first-round loss by blanking Drury University 9-0. Eva-Lena Axelsson won her match without losing a single game. The only Lady Bison to give up more than three games was sophomore Carolina Banuelos, who shut her opponent out 6-0 in the second set after a 7-5 first set comeback.

The Lady Bisons continued winning Saturday with a 94-shut out over East Central. Juniors Pernilla Axelsson and Beth Boebittos both shut their opponents down, not losing a single game.

Eva-Lena Axelsson continued her dominance, giving up only one game in a 6-0, 6-1 win. Tollett and freshman Sara Campbell also defeated their opponents giving up only one game each.

Eva-Lena Axelsson and Tollett walked away with a perfect record in the tournament, and the teams of Pernilla Axelsson- Banuelos and Tollett-Eva-Lena Axelsson also had perfect records.

"Both teams did really well overall," coach David Elliott said. "We were expecting to win our last couple games before we were rained out.

With only a few more matches left on the schedule, Harding hopes to earn a good draw for the conference tournament April 20-23.

Harding athletes go the distance, earn conference academic awards

Sarah Madden
Staff Writer

Each year, there are many Harding students who not only excel in athletics, but also in academia.

This year, Harding once again has many athletes who have been honored for the way that they are able to perform in both of these areas.

Sophomore chemistry major Jay Brogdon was named to the Academic All-Gulf South Conference team after a vote by the conference's sports information directors. Brogdon, a forward, is the only member of the team with a 4.00 grade point average and the first Bison recipient of a GSC academic honor.

Joining Brogdon are five Lady Bison players named to the GSC 2000-01 Academic Honor Roll for having a 3.20 GPA or better. They include seniors Josie Anderson, Krista Anderson and Jennifer Williams, and sophomores Susan Berry and Heather Lawrence.

Earning Academic All-District honors this year were senior soccer goalkeeper Jodi Besenyei and junior cross country runner Sara Treat.

Besenyei, a marketing major with a 3.71 GPA, became the first Lady Bison soccer player to win the award.

"I feel honored, I wasn't expecting it," Besenyei said. "It just takes time management. Being in the business department has helped me because it's one of the main things they teach you.

Treat, who is a middle childhood education major with a 3.94 GPA, said she also must find time each day to study.

"During the season it's more of a motivation to study harder because I know I have to get it done," Treat said. "There's a lot of homework done on trips and I mostly just fit it in after practice."

Treat's coach, Bryan Phillips, said at least one member of the team has earned academic all-district honors in each of the last four years.

"Most of our runners are very good students," Phillips said. "It's a pretty good honor for them. They are disciplined enough that they are able to handle it pretty well, otherwise they wouldn't be out."

Both Treat and Besenyei now move on to the national ballot and a chance to earn a spot on the Verizon Academic All-American Team to be released next week.

There are two other athletes on the Harding campus that have been honored in this way and will also be on to the national ballot for a spot on the Verizon Academic All-American Team.

These students are senior Scott Penick, cross country and track runner, and senior soccer defender Marcus Wagner.

Both of these athletes are working on double majors along with their athletics. Wagner is a biochemistry and Bible major with a 3.90 GPA. He is one of only two Bisons to start all 18 matches in the inaugural season of Harding's men's soccer.

Penick is a public administration and economics major. He is a three-time winner and boasts a second-team Academic All-American honor.

"I was pretty happy about receiving the honor," Penick said. "I've been anticipating it and hoping to get Academic All-American."

Juggling both sports and academics seems comes naturally to Penick.

"I've been running track and cross country since the seventh grade and so I've just gotten used to it," he said.
Duke vs. Arizona: A Devil of a Cat-fight

Despite All-American Jason Williams’ sub-par performance, Duke took the lead in the second half and never looked back, thanks to Mike Dunleavy’s three-point barrage.

Arizona fought hard to stay in it, and at times threatened to regain the lead under the apt leadership of Coach Lute Olson. Both Woods and Williams found themselves with four fouls and it looked as though the game would go down upon who was more important to their team. It proved to be Woods.

Coach Olson seemed visibly upset after the game. He questioned the officiating, suggesting that Jason Williams should have fouled out early in the second half. As for Coach K and his Blue Devils, one look at their faces said it all. Especially for Battier, who got an earful from student I. K. Dunleavy and a coach who was too busy winking at the refs to catch the ball being deflected.

Duke seems primed to repeat next year if nobody decides to leave early. Carlos Boozer and Williams will make a great combination next year, plus they have the blossoming Dunleavy and a coach who many believe is the best in the game.

The Arizona Fan Account
Monday night set a new low for the Wildcats. The officiating was almost as ugly as Mike Dunleavy — almost. Jason Williams was giving Arizona its best game ever, and he plays for Duke. Williams shot five-for-15 and played with fouls during most of the second half. He showed up down the stretch after not getting called for his fifth and sixth fouls. Shane Battier, well, ok he’s good but he had nothing compared to Lauren Woods. Some critics like to call him a “soft” shot blocker. Obviously he isn’t if he gets called for four fouls. If those refs had been watching the right game, Arizona would have won. Woods’ fouls meant he had to kick back down the stretch and that is why we lost. Not because Battier is good, not because Dunleavy got lucky, not because Coach K is super-fantastic. We lost so the refs could add another zero to their six-figure salaries.

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Depending on the poll you looked to for guidance throughout the college basketball season, one of those teams started in first and the other in second. And that is how they finished the season.

Arizona started the game with all of the momentum, and it seemed as though the crowd was on their side. After increasing their lead to five early on, Duke came on hard.

Coach Olson seemed visibly upset after the game. He questioned the officiating, suggesting that Jason Williams should have fouled out early in the second half. As for Coach K and his Blue Devils, one look at their faces said it all. Especially for Battier, who got an earful from student I. K. Dunleavy and a coach who was too busy winking at the refs to catch the ball being deflected.

Duke seems primed to repeat next year if nobody decides to leave early. Carlos Boozer and Williams will make a great combination next year, plus they have the blossoming Dunleavy and a coach who many believe is the best in the game.

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