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Racist rants embarrass state

The Cookie Jar
Ryan Cook Editor

I know I might be a little late getting my two cents in on the Nolan Richardson controversy, but spring break and Spring Sing have somewhat clouded my column calendar for the last month.

For those who have been unconscious this semester (or who absolutely ignore Arkansas and/or sports news), Richardson was fired as the University of Arkansas' men's basketball coach March 1 after several February tirades in which he all but asked to be let out of his contract.

During his 17 years at the helm, Richardson led the Hogs to an NCAA title in 1994 and the NCAA championship game in 1995. This made him quite a popular figure here in the Natural State, where we take our Hogs very, very seriously.

But the 2001-02'backs had struggled to a dismal 8-20 mark. A sensible man would know that a down season is not the time to initiate dismissal unless that's what he truly wanted. Richardson got what he asked for — the door. But then he reconsidered and demanded his job back.

Richardson appealed his firing to UA System President B. Alan Sugg, who investigated and found "no evidence of discriminatory conduct or motive."

Now only time will tell if he will re-re-sort to suing the university, a scenario that would be laughable if it wasn't real.

It wasn't the first time Richardson had positioned himself as the victim because of his race. In fact, he's had a history of doing so.

Some players and fans protested the firing, shocked that insulting his employer and fans could get a coach termi­nation. Sadly, because of Richardson's immor­tality antics, Arkansas' new coach, former Kent State leader Stan Heath, must endure accusations that he fanned the fires of those who think Richardson's firing was racially motivated.

Heath is clearly a qualified candidate for the job and should not have to endure such doubts.

He has said that he would replace the Richardson debacle has replaced Bill Clinton as the first thing people outside of the state associate with Arkansas. As much as I like getting Clinton out of the spotlight, I'm not so sure this is a step in the right direction.

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The Treatise

Guest Room

Dale Guice Guest writer

If we all could contribute something good to our country, we could eliminate poverty and anguish in our nation. If we would contribute instead of take, we would keep our families safe.

We are not now that strength which old days
Mondial earth and heaven; that which we are,
One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Maiden time and fate, but strong to will
'To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield' — from "Ulysses" by Alfred, Lord Tennyson

London, 1939
Near the city's East End, where the rough, old men in the working clothes can be heard whispering the tune of "God Save the Queen" as they saunter down to the city's acidic-smelling bus stops on their journey to and from work, German forces are knocking down near-old walls and intimidiating the cloudy skies with bombs that fly like angry, wounded dudes. The Blitz is now.

As if she were directing a children's choir during an evening at some well-worn abbey, the Queen steps carefully among charred rubble, and waves like a graceful street mime, gently pointing into the air as if she's spinning a plate on her long, ringed in­ fingers. As the bombing progresses and the war escalates, the city becomes colder and colder, and the snow won't stop; it falls in diagonal slices like sharp lightning bolts, peppering the city's smoldering skyline with frozen energy as it collects on the tops of the old shops that seem to have been here for as long as the monarchy itself.

Speak out: What restaurant do you want in Searcy?

"I would be excited if Cracker Barrel came to Searcy."
Allison Worth, graduate student

"Probably Chili's, because it has such a fun atmosphere." Sio 'Bhan Russell, sophomore

"On The Border, because we need some good Mexican food in Searcy." Brandon Tittle, sophomore

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**Bush speech set for Thursday**

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Barbara Bush, the second woman to both have a husband and a son elected President of the United States, will conclude the 2001-2002 American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series when she speaks Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium.

Despite a surge in demand for her on the American speaker circuit, Reely said Bush was selective about which venues she chose to address reputation.

"The demand for her as a speaker really increased after her son was elected president," Reely said. "She's not normally on the circuit but, when we approached her about coming to Harding, she agreed. She didn't have to be briefed on Harding — she already knew about the university. It's a nice complement to Harding that people like her know about us."

While Bush hasn't made available her notes for the address, Reely said he expects the former first lady to talk about literacy, one of her favorite causes.

"She has contributed a lot to proving literacy," Reely said. "It should be a very patriotic, enjoyable evening." Since leaving the White House after her husband lost the 1992 election to Bill Clinton, Bush has continued in her public service. Bush has volunteered and supported hundreds of charities and other humanitarian causes over the years. She serves as AmeriCares' ambassador-at-large, as a Mayo Clinic Foundation board member and supports many other organizations.

Bush's primary focus throughout her life of public service has been improving family literacy. In 1989, she helped develop the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. The organization's main purpose is to increase literacy throughout the United States.

"I strongly believe that if every man, woman and child in America could read, write and comprehend, we would be much closer to solving many of our nation's serious problems," Bush said in a release on www.barbarabushfoundation.com.

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**University revisits policy on delivery of questionable mail**

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"I understand that the school is trying to do something that is good," junior Jason Davis said. "But the point is that basic individual rights should be upheld."

A survey conducted by The Bison found that many other regional universities affiliated with the Church of Jesus Christ do not hold similar policies. But The Bison did not inquire about the nature of the schools' postal facilities as opposed to Harding's.

Officials at Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, Tenn., Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas, and David Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn., acknowledged that all mail items addressed to students at each respective university are eventually made available, even if they are deemed objectionable.

"We can't be selective when we are delivering mail," Ronnie Fair, director of mail services at Lipscomb, said. "We have to act as agents of the postal service."

While Harding officials admit that errors were made in the recent implementation, they stress that the policy is not new, and that the recent review is considered an act of clarification by the administration.

"This is just a reaffirmation of what is already implied in the student handbook," Crouch said. "This is a policy that has been followed for years.

Students with questions regarding the delivery of periodicals or other mail items are encouraged to contact the campus post office.
Mission for Mars

Wilson, students work with NASA projects

Dr. Ed Wilson, professor of chemistry, lectures his physical chemistry class Wednesday morning. Wilson is leading a group of Harding students in a series of projects for NASA. One of their current efforts is designing robots to search for water on Mars.

“This has been a great opportunity because we’re learning hands-on. I have learned more through this experience than from reading a book.”

Bill Ganus, sophomore

Junior biology majors Beth Probst, Ali Allison and Nicolas Evans and freshman biology major Callie Matthews are assisting Wilson in the research.

Harding is one of seven universities in Arkansas to be a recipient of these projects. The book is written by trying to turn him on the power-line crew, showing him the dark side of life, the two authors look forward to next year.

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The entire process takes 10 years, Long said.

"Over a year, we study every single aspect of the university and analyze how we're doing," said Long, who also serves as Harding's associate vice president for academic affairs. "We're in the process of developing a plan to submit to an accrediting agency."

The Higher Learning Commission is the part of the North Central Association that accredits universities and will subsequently determine Harding's accreditation status. Harding President David Burks heads up the NCA board.

In the spring of 2003, a group of administrators and faculty from other schools, having read the self-study, will visit Harding. They are consultant evaluators appointed by the HLC to visit universities for three to five days to look at the facilities, read over school records, interview students, faculty and staff, write reports and make a recommendation to the commission regarding Harding's reaccreditation.

"Students who graduate from an accredited university have better chances to go on to graduate schools," Long said. "Government programs won't fund unaccredited schools."

Standards that determine a school's accreditation are changing and Harding will be one of the first schools to go through the new standards. The school must meet five new standards and explain how it meets those standards. The first is the university's mission and integrity. The NCA encourages colleges to "...studentize" according to Long. The second is planning for the future.

"We'll talk about our strategic planning," Long said. "We perceive that to be a strength." The third standard is learning, which emphasizes more than the fact that the university offers courses in a particular area of interest.

"Every single degree program has to have some outcome assessment system in place," Long said. "We test how well they learned what we wanted them to learn in that major.

Fourth on the list of educational standards is discovery. The emphasis of discovery is on lifelong learning, scholarship and research. Engagement is the last criterion. It focuses on how close the university's ties are with the community, alumni and the church, to name a few.

Long said students should be aware of the university's reaccreditation efforts. Students do not need to know about the process, they will be included and solicited for information," Long said. Harding's first accreditation occurred in 1954, and the university has continually been approved for accreditation since that time. Long said he is optimistic about the outcome this time around, as well.

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Long leads work on reaccreditation

HU faces evaluation by regional group

Sarah West

Staff writer

In an effort to help Christians strengthen their relationships with God, Harding is hosting the Wings and Men of God conferences. At the gender-specific meetings, groups of men and women will gather to worship God and motivate each other. The conferences will take place April 12 and 13.

Women in God's Service, sponsored by the marriage and family therapy program, is designed for women of all ages to encourage and uplift one another through a series of breakout groups and speakers that will address physical beauty, conflict resolution and leadership. "For Such a Time As This" is the conference's overall theme, taken from the book of Esther.

Dr. Sherry Pollard, a counselor in the marriage and family therapy clinic, has overseen the conference since it began eight years ago.

"By delving deep into scriptures and using their practical application in our lives, I feel this will be an uplifting and encouraging experience for everyone," Pollard said.

Cherie Yecke, secretary of education for the state of Virginia, and Priscilla Brown, a former teacher in Harding's English department, are scheduled to address those attending the conference. Yecke will speak about leadership and how women can develop stronger societal roles. Brown will discuss challenges she has overcome in her life.

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"Funeral Procession"

2nd place
Timothy Nance
"Nostalgia"

3rd place
Katie Rutland
"Precedence"

Non-fiction

1st place
Jon Singleton
"The Temptation of Judas"

2nd place
Yahina Moss
"The Long Black Rifle"

3rd place
Joseph Lowery
"The Segues of Maladroit County"

Fiction

1st place
Chad Lawson
"Searching for an Encore"

2nd place
Jason Ashlock
"Fireworks"

3rd place
Alex Lambeth
"The Knight and the Ogre"

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Ryan Colon
"I Knew That You Love Me the Most"

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IMDB is movie fan's dream

In Review

Christy Canady
Staff writer

W hat began as a dream to create a simple tool that movie fans would find useful and fun has become one of the hottest sites on the Internet. Entertainment critics worldwide hail the Internet Movie Database, which was created in 1990 from a movie newspaper article, as one of the most usefule resources on the Web.

The IMDB is the most comprehensive movie guide around, cataloguing more than 250,000 movies produced since the beginning of cinema. The Website incorporates the latest news in the entertainment industry with a surprising number of features to keep movie enthusiasts occupied for hours. It includes search engines for a number of categories relating to films. Visitors to the site can search by movie title, talent, plot, memorable movie quotes and even movie characters.

It curiosity has you wondering what movies Julia Roberts has ever been cast in or what movies Steven Spielberg directed in the 1980s, check out the IMDB. It's all there. Or, if you're like me, you hear people quote lines from movies in casual conversation but don't know what movie it's from. Instead of pretending to know the movie particular, I really wanted to find what in the world they're talking about, find the nearest computer and search for the quote on the IMDB.

The Internet Movie Database
http://www.us.imdb.com

The former home of Café Santa Fe, just south of the Harding campus on Beebe-Capps Expressway, sits empty after the eatery closed earlier this semester. The Searcy location struggled to make a profit and closed after around two years.

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Track team set to run into new era

Jenna LaCaze  
Staff writer

Harding's track coach has said he will step down at the end of the season to pursue a full-time teaching position in the university's kinesiology department.

Bryan Phillips will be replaced by Steve Guymon, who presently heads the cross country and track programs at Cordova High School in Cordova, Tenn. Guymon is scheduled to begin his new position in August.

"The teaching position will give me more time with my family," said Phillips, who has coached at Harding since 1990. "I've enjoyed my years coaching. My best memories are of the long van trips getting to talk to the guys and girls. The relationships that I have developed with them are very important to me. My kids love the runners—they think that they are great."

Athletic Director Greg Harnden said Phillips will be missed as a coach.

"We appreciate the great job Bryan has done leading us from NAIA Division II to NCAA Division I," Harnden said. "His overall record speaks for itself, and the great season is attributed to the great job he has done."

The runners said they look up to Phillips for the relationships he's forged with them.

"Whenever I think of a coach I will think of him," said Andrew Schafft, a senior from Spartanburg, S.C. "He has changed me a lot. He taught me that where I am with God is what is most important."

Phillips took an active interest in more than just his runners' abilities on the track.

"I enjoy coach Phillips because he not only cares about our performance in the track, but he cares about our lives off the track as well," said sophomore Gary Luna, a sprint runner from Richmond, Texas. "He is someone we can really talk to."

Guymon has won numerous awards for his coaching success.

"The Commercial Appeal," in Memphis, named him Track Coach of the Year, as did several other organizations in Tennessee.

Guymon spent 10 years as the recruiting coordinator and assistant cross country and track coach at the University of Kansas before he began his five-year stint in Tennessee.

He said the position will be a great opportunity for his family.

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Fantasy fever infects campus

Rene Lewis  
Staff writer

Fantasy baseball, football, golf, hockey, NASCAR, soccer, wrestling, and baseball all have fantasy versions that people can participate in online. With the Major League Baseball season already underway, baseball fans have been busy drafting players for their online fantasy teams. In order for a team to succeed in fantasy baseball, it has to employ enough players with solid statistics. Points are accumulated by the player's performance in real games. "I look for players that can help us in each category," senior Jeffrey Hubbard said. "I look for players that can help in all five hitting categories. It's like killing birds with one stone."

One of the most common programs for fantasy baseball is on www.yahoo.com, and offers four different types of fantasy baseball: a free fantasy game, a free salary cap-styled game, a premium fantasy game and a premium salary cap-styled game. The salary cap-styled game gives each team a weekly salary to spend on players and a certain number of trades.

Chad Joce, assistant director of admissions, is the commissioner of his fantasy league on Yahoo! As the commissioner, he has veto power over trades and sets up the league of 10 teams at the beginning of the season.

As Joce did, some choose to create their own leagues.

"We created a private league," Joce said. "That way we get to invite whoever we want to play with. It gives us a chance to play with our friends from Scarry and all over the country."

Some of the main reasons people play fantasy baseball are to keep up with baseball, keep in touch with different people and relax and have fun.

"This gives me a way to stay in better contact with my brothers," senior Josh Steed said. "I also pay better attention to all of baseball rather than just the one team that I follow."

Through some services, such as the Fox Reggie Jackson Fantasy Baseball Challenge, money is awarded at the end of the season. In the Fox Challenge, prizes awarded range from $25 all the way up to $10,000 for first place. However, others play for the simple joy of competition.

"It's about bragging rights," Chad Joice, assistant director of admissions, said. "Guys are into competition. This is just a way to have fun with it."

Hubbard's league awards a trophy and a steak dinner at the end of the season. Although he has the chance to win a steak dinner, Hubbard said he would still enjoy the game without the incentives. "It's just fun," Hubbard said. "It helps me keep up with the sport and it's fun competition."

Whether you love baseball or just the competition, it is still not too late to sign up or create your own private league with your friends.

Bisons in Brief

Baseball (21-9 overall, 7-4 GSC): The Bisons split their second doubleheader in a row Tuesday, this time dropping the opener against University of Arkansas-Monticello 7-1, then rebounding to win 13-2. The offensive slaughter was led by sophomore third baseman Morgan Trotter, who went 5-5 with a home run and four RBIs. The Bisons return to Searcy to take on conference rival Arkansas Tech in a doubleheader Saturday beginning at 1 p.m., with another game scheduled Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Tennis (Men 12-3, 1-0 GSC; Women 14-3, 2-0 GSC): According to the latest Intercollegiate Tennis rankings, Harding's women's tennis team is ranked 22nd, while the men kept their ranking of 23rd in the nation. Both teams competed in the Harding Invitational March 29—the men went 1-1 while the women went 2-1 before Saturday's competition was rained out.

Track: Harding sophomore Ryan Bond won the 400 meter hurdles at the Big Cat Classic in Memphis, March 30, turning in a time of 50.50. Harding's next meet is this week at the Texas Relays in Austin.

Golf: The Bisons finished 10th in the University of Central Arkansas Invitational Tuesday, despite shooting 652, their second-lowest score of the season. The Bisons will compete in the Freed-Hardeman Invitational April 8-9.

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**Arkansas Tech @ Harding**

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**Tennis teams tighten grip**

Jeremy Beauchamp
Sports editor

Harding's men's and women's tennis teams continue to flex their muscles as the second half of the season is in full swing. The women are 14-3 overall following a 9-0 rout of Arkansas Tech April 2, while the men are 12-5 overall heading into a match against John Brown April 10.

Both teams were in action March 29, as Harding played host to eight other schools in the Hardin Invitational. The women posted a 2-1 record in the weather-shorted event, defeating Drury and Southern Arkansas. The men finished the tournament 1-1, dropping a match to Delta State, but defeating Eastern Central 6-0. Saturday's matches were canceled due to rain. Other teams invited included Freed-Hardeman, Southeastern State, Oklahoma City and Arkansas Tech.

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**Strike what? Baseball alive and well**

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It's springtime again, and I find myself ignited by the flames of love. I think about my love often, and can concentrate on nothing else for three solid hours at a time. My love makes my heart beat faster, makes me cry, makes me jump for joy. However, she is not my love alone, I share my love with millions. She is baseball, and she is back in full bloom.

You can't begin spring properly without the Boys of Summer. As the madness of March comes to a close, the ambivalence of April takes center stage. The month is a baled out one for bleacher bums and sandlot stars, but also serves as salt in the wound for the many still nursing wounds left by strikes and Yankee dynasties. Still others are hesitant to get too excited, fearing more strikes, higher ticket prices and contraction.

I remain loyal to The Game. Let others be fooled by politics and money, I still believe that The Game is pure. Baseball isn't about one man or one team. Bud Selig isn't baseball. George Steinbrenner isn't baseball, and neither is his money. Baseball is the feeling you get when you step into the batter's box and position your feet where you always have. It's the memories that shoot through your mind every time you hear the crack of the bat or the clear thud of the ball hitting the glove. It's the pride that courses through your blood when you think about an injured Kirk Gibson pumping his right fist hol­ bing towards second base after belting a 3-2 Dennis Eckersley fastball over the right field fences to win the first game of the 1988 World Series, 5-4. (You have yours; I have mine).

I don't enjoy paying $20 just to avoid a bloody nose at a ball game, nor do I like the Yankees and Braves winning so many pennants. Yes I believe that contraction is a terrible thing, and that it takes a sick world to try to snuff out a former World Series champion (Minnesota). The fact of the matter is, every time I go watch a professional game, my knees get weak when I step out into the stands and look around the beautiful stadium. I know that my life, no matter what I do, will always pale in comparison to time spent biting nails and daydreaming on third base in Little League.

Last year was one of the greatest in Major League history. Barry Bonds tied and broke the single season home run record, and league and fans were treated to one of the greatest World Series ever: the Braves winning so many pennants. Yes I believe that contraction is a valid concept of a salary cap, Montreal and the Yankees were canceled due to rain. Other teams invited included Freed-Hardeman, Southeastern State, Oklahoma City and Arkansas Tech.

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