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Inside

Spring workers

Gerald and Ruby Heavener work together to keep Harding's numerous gardens looking good. For more on the couple's efforts, see page seven.

In brief

• The final theater production of the spring opens Monday in the Little Theater. "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," directed by junior Jena Fritz, is a new version of the musical based on the classic comic strip by Charles Schulz.
• Showtimes will be Monday, Tuesday and April 26-28 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $5.
• The Student Association will sponsor the final dorm open houses for the spring semester. Women are allowed to visit the men's dorms from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. Monday, while men will be allowed in the women's dorms Thursday at the same times.
• In the April 5 issue of The Bison, the article about chapel plans for the fall contained an error. The article quoted Daniel Cherry as saying students can present their friend's IDs to obtain chapel passes for them in the Benson Auditorium. This is incorrect. As always, each student must be present at the time or she signs up for a chapel seat in the Benson.
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Goodbye to a dear tradition

The Cookie Jar
Ryan Cook
Editor

While I know that the next month will be filled with notable moments as I prepare to graduate, there is one event coming May 3 I will mourn.

For those of you who don't want to break out a planner or calendar and, for some reason, don't have the end of the semester implanted in your brain, May 3 is the Friday of Dead Week—the last day of classes.

But it won't be just any last class day for the spring. It will mark the end of the last time in the foreseeable future that the Harding family will have spent an entire school year in a unified chapel.

Under pressure from soaring enrollment numbers, university officials were forced to plan a split into two chapels this fall. Students have already been invited to sign up for the new, smaller chapel in the Administration Auditorium.

Officials' plans to minimize the loss include duplicating programs on consecutive days in the two chapels and possibly using closed-circuit broadcasts when needed. I hope these efforts will be successful, but I still fear something will be lost.

There's just something special about those days where everyone is in chapel each week. As I think about the number of lunch conversations I've had in the last four years about the day's events in chapel. Now we'll have to remember that those in the other chapel may have no idea what we're talking about.

Although I understand that the administration had no choice but to somehow split this chapel fall, it will be hard to hear Dr. Burks' annual camaraderie speech with the knowledge that more than a year in a unified chapel.

The other day I sat down to watch my favorite team, the Houston Astros, defeat an archival, the St. Louis Cardinals, in a 12-inning, 7-6 victory courtesy of a Daryle Ward walk-off home run. This marathon of a game lasted more than three hours and 45 minutes, included 12 different pitchers and took up my entire Sunday afternoon.

And you know what? I couldn't have been happier.

What I need in my life are more days like those spent at the ballpark. I don't care if it's called Eissen Field or Astors Field or if we're at the field down by the train tracks— if my life reflects baseball, you can come find me on the high road.

It will be difficult to hear Dr. Burks' annual camaraderie speech with the knowledge that more than 500 students aren't present.

While I am already sad at the prospect of this semester being my last in chapel, the knowledge that the incoming freshman class—having been saved in a loss to full venue is truly a loss.

I'm about as far from a morning person as possible, so I am frequently among the whiners about chapel's early hour.

But, when I wake up enough to focus, chapel is certainly a valuable time of worship and an inspiring way to start the day.

Whether it's split or not, be sure to enjoy and benefit from it while you can still.

After you graduate, you'll wish you were able to start your day praising God with more than 3,000 friends.

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HU economics team qualifies for 24th national competition

Renee Lewis
Staff writer

W ith a win at the Mid-South Regional Students In Free Enterprise Competition under its belt, Harding's economics team is perfectioning its performance for the national competition in May.

Seniors Elizabeth Juhl, Daniel Schlarmann and Jordan Hix; juniors Elizabeth Hendrix and sophomore Travis Newell make up the team. They will join faculty advisor Dr. Don Diffine, professor of economics, in Kansas City for the international SIFE Competition May 12-15.

SIFE is an organization composed of teams from 1,000 different universities and colleges from around the country.

"When we first started competing in nationals, there were only 30 to 40 schools represented," Diffine said. "Now there are over 1,000 top-notch schools competing with us.

The teams spend the academic year preparing and presenting projects to students from elementary to college age. These presentations are geared to assist students in understanding the economy and the free enterprise system.

"This year we presented 35 different projects," Juhl, the team's co-captain, said. "We teach children the basics about free enterprise. We also teach high school students some things they need to know on how to survive in the working world."

The team prepared a variety of projects this year through which high school students learned how to formulate a budget and prepare for a job interview. Elementary students learned the importance of handling their money wisely. Elementary students also participated in the "Cookie Factory Project."

The students who prepared cookies were divided into advertising, baking and packaging groups. Once ready, theforemen sold them to "The Cookie Store," where students could spend their wages as the project ended.

Nearly 12,000 school-age students were taught more about the economy through the team's projects.

"This year has involved a lot of hard work," Hendrix said. "But it has been enjoyable teaching and reaching so many school children."

Different from any other organization at Harding, the competition lasts all year for the team. The team prepares and presents the various projects during the fall semester.

"What a lot of students don't realize is that this is an eight-month long competition," Diffine said. "This is such a daunting task to get someone to stick with it all year long. It really takes a special person to stay committed to this."

The spring semester is spent combining all of the projects into one final report. A presentation is made highlighting all of the group's work. This year, the team titled its presentation "Free Enterprise - Supporting the System that Supports America."

"Harding's been involved with SIFE for 27 years now," Juhl said. "We've gone to nationals 24 times. Each year we've gotten better, had stiffer competition and the judges' criteria gets tougher."

Lions Club plants campus chapter

DeAnn Thomas
Staff writer

The newly formed Harding chapter of the Lions Club sent its charter on April 5 to become the second university-based Lions Club in the state.

The club is a full-fledged member of one of the world's largest service organizations. The group plans to devote time to serving the community and helping young people and the underprivileged.

"Our main thrust is people with sight disabilities, but we really serve everyone," said Bill Oldham, the club's sponsor.

As one of its first fundraising projects, the club will hold a car wash Saturday in Searcy. The money raised at the car wash will be used to sponsor a child's attendance to a session of Uplift, two-week long summer camps held on the Harding campus.

The club is also planning a charter dinner May 4 for both the members of the Searcy Lions Club and the Harding Lions Club.

"This is just a chance for the two Lions Clubs to get together and to meet each other," said Danny Eng, president of the Harding chapter.

Eng and the rest of the students involved said they are excited about having the new club on campus.

"Being involved in the Lions Club is a good way to serve the community," Eng said. "It records your interest in the community and connects you to a whole network of people."

Eng also cited the automatic transfer of membership from one location to another if a member moves, in addition to increased prestige for resumes as a benefit of the organization.

The Lions Club, which is sometimes referred to as the "knights of the blind" for its work with the visually impaired, has more than 45,000 members worldwide. According to Oldham, the organization is responsible for assisting the blind, raising money for various causes and aiding emergency relief. After the recent Memphis floods, the Searcy Lions Club raised more than $10,000, Eng said.

There are about 20 students involved in the new club. They said they are anxious to recruit more people and to get involved.

"The Lions Club is new," junior Ryan Hogan said. "I'm really excited to see how it grows and forms."

Hogan said he believes the Lions Club is a good way of reaching out to people and getting involved with the community.

"I've always been into volunteer work," he said. "The Lions Club is a good way to extend this, and it has a very prestigious role in the community."

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Barbara Bush concludes ASI series

Former first lady speaks about White House life, commitment to literacy

Chad Lawson
Copy editor

Reading from a list of important things she learned through her life as a quiet observer of American politics, former First Lady Barbara Bush addressed this year’s American Studies Distinguished Lecture Series April 11 in the Benson Auditorium.

Bush, whose husband, President George Bush, appeared at Harding as part of the ASI’s 1997 lineup, encouraged students to be actively involved with teaching and public service as possible careers.

"Life moves pretty fast," said Barbara Bush, the only first lady who lived to see her son elected to the office her husband once held. "We need to take an active part in our communities, especially after September 11. Our children must come first... the most important job is caring."

Barbara Bush complemented Harding students on many service projects they take part in, adding that she was happy to see a younger generation heeding the call for public service. "Our president" made shortly after last year’s terrorist attacks. A champion of family literacy, Barbara Bush said reading was the key to slowly improving the quality of life in America’s future.

"We need to teach children the importance of developing character," she said. "And if we keep talking to children, maybe they’ll listen. You’ll never regret time spent with a child... but there never seems to be enough time. Reading to a child instills in them a love for reading."

While introducing her to the capacity-filled crowd, President David Burks lauded Barbara Bush’s independent accomplishments, including her long-standing commitment to improve family literacy.

"She is one of the finest ladies you could ever find," Burks said. "She means so much to our country... for what she has done in her own right."

Calling herself "the luckiest woman in the world," Barbara Bush said she was blessed with a loving, giving family. As the mother of both President George W. Bush and Fla. Gov. Jeb Bush, Barbara Bush said she was proud of what her family has been able to accomplish.

"The American family worries me," Barbara Bush said. "Don’t forget your family... hug your children and hug your spouse. Don’t wait. Trust your children, and you’ll do a great job."

Barbara Bush’s message resonated with many audience members, including those preparing to become teachers.

"Her presentation was applicable to us," said Sara Beveridge, a senior who has spent this semester student teaching. "Her character showed through her speech. I have a newfound admiration for her... I’m going to be a history teacher, and someday, I will be able to tell my kids about this. It’s exciting."

Others were impressed with Barbara Bush’s delivery, which was best case when she was posed a cache of tough questions from the diverse audience.

"I encourage people to be involved with ASI as much as possible," senior Bekah Cody, vice president of membership, said. "These programs offer us great chances to widen our horizons as students and as citizens."

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Although student interest in the ASI fell this year, student leaders hope that interest will grow in years to come.

"We’re trying to get the word out about the great knowledge and opportunities ASI offers," Cody said. "It’s difficult to get people to stick with something with everything else that is offered at Harding."

American Studies Institute sponsoring patriotic programs

The Bison In Depth April 19, 2002
The work behind the beauty
Couple teams up to plant dazzling spring foliage on campus

Jaime Fahs
Staff writer

As the weather begins to change, the Harding campus is becoming alive with activity and color. In the late afternoon, one is likely to find a couple gathered under a tree reading or watch a sweaty team of students engaged in a heated pick-up game of ultimate Frisbee.

"I love this campus in the spring," junior Jennifer Cole said. "It is one of my favorite things about this school!"

Not only has the change in temperature brought more life to the campus but it has also brought more work for the grounds crew, especially Gerald and Ruby Heavener. The hard working and friendly couple is the sweat behind the university's 200-acre campus.

The Heaveners, who have worked side by side at the university for the past four years, arrive at Harding early each morning. Their day begins as they load shovels and buckets into a small, white golf cart decorated with an American flag and ride through campus eyeing weeds and surveying the work ahead.

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The Majestic' looks back

In Review

Sarah West
Staff writer

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ometimes your life comes to a fork in the road, and you have to decide which path to take. It's a decision that can either make or break you. Sometimes, the most difficult decisions are the ones that shape who you are.

Jim Carrey and veteran character actor Martin Landau star in this post-World War II drama about Peter Appleton, a screenwriter accused of being a Communist by members of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Soon after Peter's film, "Sand Pirates of the Sahara," debuts, the mayor is killed. The death of the mayor leads to the downfall of the film, and Peter's life begins to deteriorate.

To the town's residents, Peter becomes a symbol of their pain. They believe that if he hadn't made the film, the mayor would still be alive. Peter's mistakes and his guilt lead him to become a recluse. He withdraws from the world and lives a solitary life.

But then, something unexpected happens. Peter is visited by an old friend, who reminds him of his past mistakes and his potential for greatness. Peter realizes that he cannot let his past define him. He must find the courage to face his demons and work towards redemption.

The film, "The Majestic," is a powerful reminder that sometimes, the most difficult decisions are the ones that shape who we are. It's a story about forgiveness, redemption, and the power of second chances."

Rendezvous revival

Faculty member reopenst historic eatery

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Lots of faculty members run - come watch 'em sweat!

Many prizes at the race

Get forms in the Bible office.
Coaches announce recruits

Jeremy Beauchamp
'Sports editor

Next year will bring a few new faces to Harding athletics. Hopefully their names will be making headlines, too. Harding coaches have been busy preparing for next year, enticing players from around the nation to come to Searcy to compete in intercollegiate athletics.

As usual, head football coach Randy Tribble started things off and turned in a list of incoming players from both high school and junior colleges. Of the more notable signees, Tribble mentioned Texans Steven Murphy, a wide receiver from Tyler Junior College; Dejuan Patton, a running back from Mt. Pleasant High School; and Kyle Weiss, a cornerback from Lake Highlands High School. Other signees include: Reggie Killette, defensive back; Michael Lewis, wide receiver; J.J. Rogers, corner back; and Cam Rowan, quarterback.

"All the guys we signed are going to add to our program," Tribble said. "Of course, we expect an immediate impact from our junior college players."

He's a special player with a lot of ability that can add some depth to our secondary," Tribble said. The football team is not yet finished signing players. Tribble has commitments from eight other players.

The volleyball and soccer teams, two other fall season sports, have also been busy recruiting. Volleyball head coach Keith Giboney recently signed two highly touted Texas high schoolers. Lesley Maxwell, a 6-2 middle blocker out of Kingwood High School, has won a plethora of academic awards, as well as a District 22-5A championship. Syndy Veitenheimer, a 5-9 outside hitter from Windthorst High School, was named first team all state this year, and was the state champion in the 100 meter hurdles last year.

Head soccer coach Greg Harris is preparing to welcome in his first recruiting class. Harris has announced the signing of two players known for their offensive touch. Hillary Rosenbaum, a midfielder from Avon High School in Indiana and Megan Fletcher, a forward out of Georgetown, Texas, signed letters of intent April 10.

Both the men's and women's basketball teams have been actively recruiting as well. Head men's coach Jeff Morgan has announced the signing of Two Rivers Community College post player Yahaya (pronounced yah-yah) Ibrahim and freshman guard Matt Hall out of DeQueen High School.

"We are really excited about Yahaya and Matt," Morgan said. "Yahaya plays extremely hard. He will be hard to keep off the floor."

Harding Lady Bison head basketball coach Brad Francis started recruiting for next semester in the fall, signing three high school players. Francis also plans to sign one more player before next year. The players signed so far are post players Haley Hammond and Misty Tuley, both from Texas, as well as forward Chelsea Simpson out of Oklahoma. All three players are listed as 6 feet tall.

"They give us a little added size that we've been looking for," Francis said. "[Hammond and Tuley] will give us some depth at the post position."

The past year has been a productive one for Harding's intercollegiate sports teams. Both the men's basketball team and the volleyball team reached the conference tournament in their sport and the tennis teams and the baseball team are primed to do the same. The coaches are planning to do the same in every sport, but a team is limited or excels by the strength of its recruiting class. Only time will tell and next year's games are the proving grounds.

Record-breaking weekend in sight for Bisons; chance to clinch tournament berth

Heather Gray
Staff writer

After sweeping a three-game series last weekend against Ouachita Baptist University, the Harding baseball team faces another important series this weekend.

Harding plays a doubleheader against the University of Central Arkansas at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Jerry Moore Field. The Bisons will close out the series Tuesday with a noon at Fayetteville.

"If our defense, our offense and our pitching are as good as they have been, then we'll definitely take the win," junior pitcher Matt Walter said.

Harding is not only facing the challenge of playing UCA this weekend, but trying to beat the school record of 28 wins.

The current season record for Harding is 28 wins. These next games give the Bisons a chance to set the new record. "We know that we are the best all around team," Cone said. "We all have the same goal of getting to the Gulf South Tournament." Walter said. "We've proven to ourselves by making it this far in conference play and winning. "Now we want to show it off at the tournament."

The Bisons played a nail-biter against Ouachita last weekend in the final game of the series after slaughtering the Tigers 16-7 and 9-5 in Saturday's doubleheader. OBU jumped out to a 5-0 lead Sunday, but couldn't hold on for the final victory.

With freshman Justin Cone's hitting and a good outing for the Harding bullpen, the Bisons came back to beat the Tigers.

Cone hit his fourth double of the season to score seniors Kenny Sprunger and Gary Albright and cut the OBU lead to 5-3. Cone later scored on a balk to bring the Bisons within one run.

In the eighth inning, redshirt freshman Jake Kirby connected with a fastball hitting a home run with one man on, securing the win against Ouachita.

"We really wanted to win that game," Cone said. "So, no matter the score, we had to step up and play to our best ability. The final score proved that." The three-game sweep over OBU gives them an even better chance of going to the Gulf South Conference Tournament.

Harding's overall record of 26-10 is 12-5 in conference play before weekday's game against Crichton College.

The game against Crichton was in lieu of a cancelled game against Hendrix College, which was originally scheduled for Tuesday.

Results of Wednesday's game were unavailable at press time.

Bisons in Brief

Baseball (26-10 overall, 15-5 GSC): After a sweep of Ouachita Baptist last weekend, the Bisons hope to clinch a berth in the GSC Tournament this weekend. If the Bisons can take two of three games from the University of Central Arkansas Saturday and Sunday, they will clinch the third seed in the GSC West and tie the school's season win record.

Tennis (Men 16-4, 1-2 GSC; Women 17-6, 4-2 GSC): The men's tennis team swept Lyon College 9-0 at home April 16. The women played a hard-fought match against 5th ranked Ouachita Baptist, losing 6-3. Graduating senior Eva-Lena Axelsson earned her 50th career victory in the match, becoming only the ninth Harding player to accomplish the feat. Senior Laura Tollett won her 50th match April 12 against Brown University. Next up for the teams is the GSC Tournament, being held in Florence, Alabama this weekend.

Track: Sophomore Tyler Komerke broke his own school record in the 400 meters at the John McDonnell Invitational at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville last Sunday, with a time of 47.90. Senior David Scharff ran a Nationals provisional time of 9.15.24 in the 100 meter hurdles at the event. The team will travel to Kansas to compete in the Kansas Relays this weekend.

Golf: The Bisons finished 13th at the GSC Invitational held April 15-17 in Hot Springs. Harding's best individual performer, sophomore Dustin Taylor, shot 256 for 54 holes.
Sports April 19, 2002

Golf team hits clubhouse after tough season

Michelle Stebbins
Staff writer

The Harding golf team ended its season this week at the Gulf South Conference Invitational, held in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The 54-hole tournament, held April 15-16, featured 14 teams from six Southeastern states.

"We're all really excited about the tournament," senior Aaron Farley said before leaving for Hot Springs. "It feels like we can do really well. Everyone has been working really hard and trying to improve their individual game." The team finished 13th, with a score of 934.

The Bisons' best performance of the season came from senior Jared Smith, who shot 76 and tied for 46th place. Smith continued its season at the Arkansas Tech Collegiate Classic, held in late March in Danville, Kentucky. The players' first-day performance placed the team ninth out of 11 teams.

They were only two strokes behind Southern Arkansas and had a strong opportunity to move up in the field. The team finished in 10th-place. Smith was Harding's top finisher, with a two-round total of 158. At the UCA Invitational in Conway, held earlier this month, the Bisons opened with a collective score of 324, giving them an eighth-place tie.

Sophomore Matt Blansett shot a season-low 76, closely followed by Smith with a 77.

At the close of day two of the tournament, the Bisons fell to 10th with a score of 652, their second-best score of the season. Blansett and Smith, who tied for 32nd place at 158, were Harding's top finishers.

For the overall season, Smith has the lowest individual average with a 80.86.

"He's our leader," Farley said. "He has a lot of talent and has the ability to go a long way."

The other top five individual scoring averages are junior Matt Plant at 83.16, sophomore Doug Sanders at 83.67, Blansett at 83.88 and graduate student Stephen Finley at 84.36.

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