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Baseball
The Bison tied two out of three games against Central Arkansas last weekend to set a school record for victories in a season and qualify for their first Gulf South Conference Tournament. For up-to-date baseball team news, see page seven.

Local ministry
A small group of Harding students have been spending their weekends this semester on short trips to encourage congregations around the region. For more on this student-led ministry, see page six.

In brief

• The Business Team was named second-runner-up in overall performance and first-runner-up in business report category at the 39th Annual International College Business Strategy Competition April 11-13 in San Diego. The team’s activities centered on formulating goals and strategies for Horizon Inc., a simulated athletic footwear company. Team members included seniors Julie Newman, Kelly Dowdy and Joseph Grady. Mike Emerson, professor of accounting, is the faculty sponsor.

• You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown continues its run today through Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Little Theater. Tickets are $5.

• Final exam time change requests are available in Dr. Dean Cronk’s office in Administration 102. If the teacher agrees to the time change, the form must be signed by the teacher, then taken to the business office and the $10 change fee paid. You must give the receipt to the teacher in order to take the exam out of schedule.

• Dead Week begins at 5 p.m. Tuesday and runs through 5 p.m. Friday. No final exams are to be scheduled during this time of preparation for final exams.


ITS to manage Apple labs, cut staffing
Officials say changes will save money, increase efficiency of lab operations

Christy Canady
Staff writer

The exorbitant cost of continuous technological upgrades and maintenance—coupled with the need for professional support spurred a decision to transfer the operation of the three Macintosh computer labs on campus to Information Technology Services.

The decision changes the hierarchy of lab operators and, most notably, will drastically reduce the number of operators assigned to monitor the Macintosh labs, including the one in the Donald W. Reynolds Center for Music and Communication.

Jonathan Picklesimer, manager of academic information systems, said the art, biology and communication departments each approached ITS at different times in recent years seeking additional support for their Macintosh labs.

The labs will now be a student-run organization that answers to ITS, with each lab being assigned a student supervisor responsible for hiring, scheduling lab workers, troubleshooting and contacting the right people when problems arise, Picklesimer said.

Cutting the number of hours the labs are staffed also means that some students who currently work as lab operators will have to find new jobs in the fall. With only one full-time employee managing four PC labs and providing support for three others, assuming responsibility for a single Mac lab was not feasible, officials said. Taking over the three Mac labs together, however, means ITS will handle another 70 computers, making it plausible for the department to oversee the new operation, Picklesimer said.

"Sufficient interest and a larger volume of computers justified hiring additional personnel in the IT department," Picklesimer said. Faculty in each of the art, biology and communication departments are currently responsible for general lab maintenance, purchasing and upgrading software and hardware and scheduling lab operators.

Keith Cronk, vice president for ITS, said the upcoming change should increase the efficiency of those academic department employees in charge of lab management.

"They [the faculty] will be able to spend their hours on their classes instead of in the lab," Cronk said. "We will be able to group them together and purchase software and upgrades in bulk at a reduced price, resulting in significant financial savings for the university overall."

Cronk said the new plan would be financially beneficial for the university, creating a windfall that would eventually free up some of the students' technology fee dollars. However, despite the promise of a more substantial budget, the university has scheduled a $25 technology fee increase for the next academic year.

"We will now be able to manage the labs as a resource of Harding in the most effective way," Cronk said. "ITS has always managed PC labs. Now we are just extending that service to the Mac labs."

Due to current budget concerns, students will also have to deal with the absence of lab operators during the day. According to Picklesimer, next year's budget will only allow operators to staff the labs from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and from noon to closing time on weekends.

Many students have affirmed that certain support services are needed from ITS, but question whether assuming total control of the labs is in the best interest of students.

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Lambrecht, Scharff in presidential runoff today

Freshman Justin Sain casts his ballot in Wednesday's Student Association election. The polls will be open again today from 9:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for a runoff between junior Zac Lambrecht and senior David Scharff for SA president. The sophomore male representative office will be contested today as well.

Lambrecht cited student ideas as the highlight of his week of campaigning.

"I want to tell you all how excited I am for all of your input," he said. "I promise, with your help, to make this the best year yet." Scharff was not available for comment Wednesday night.

In another hotly contested race, senior Liz Baiocchi beat junior Lauren Honea in polling for SA secretary. But Honea will serve as senior female representative because no one ran for that office. Cronk said the SA Executive Committee approved that plan at a recent meeting.

"A special situation arose this year," Cronk said. "Although Lauren Honea lost in the SA secretary race, there was no senior women's rep elected. So we named Lauren in that capacity."
‘Home’– A state of mind

The Cookie Jar
Ryan Cook
Editor

"Home is where one starts from."
—T.S. Eliot

On the evening of Nov. 12, 1997, I arrived on the Harding campus for the first time. It was dark and cold, but even in those moments many had already welcomed me, not knowing what to expect.

During a layover in St. Louis, however, I saw a view from a plane that I've never forgotten. Out my window were eight people from Ohio wearing gray Harding t-shirts similar to my own. We immediately struck up a conversation. No one seemed to be praising God in song to pass the time until our flight to Little Rock.

I felt that I had landed in another dimension. Coming from a land where most congregations couldn't manage triple digits, chapel was absolutely amazing. Discussing God and Jesus in class? Smiling at people as they crossed campus? These were not things that I had ever experienced in my world.

I arrived as a freshman Aug. 20, 1998. At the time, I could have counted the number of people I knew on campus on one hand. Understandably apprehensive, I certainly got a slow start on the campus social scene. However, I soon discovered a thriving Harding trait — I could be myself and fit in.

Life in the renamed "Harding Bubble" has also provided me home base for my career and, if the "Marriage Factory" has its way, for my family. My experiences here have given me amazing chances to develop career skills and personal potential.

More importantly, Harding has fostered a spiritual focus in me that, frankly, no other environment could duplicate. This is something I learned from the home environment to which I belong: Harding has given me an understanding of Christ and the way in which I should live my life. The spirit of this institution has given me a sense of confidence in my own ability to meet challenges and overcome obstacles. Harding is a place of strength, growth, and purpose.

Jon Singleton, senior
The Bison

10 Harding people to meet before graduation

The Bison

Guest Room
Chad Lawson
Copy editor

Like a shoebox full of well-studied baseball cards and broken childhood memories, my heart remains full of the memories and people who shaped my years on the plainside. Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Barnes... I can still remember those days, final days of elementary school the spacious cinder block walls, stripped of the personal, abstract art of my classmates; the ceremonial washing of the dusty green chalkboard; the way the Delta summer air bruised my cheek when the schoolhouse-doors were flung open for the last time — at the moment that ultimate, drearily bound schoolour independence.

But as those years dip away like the drying leaves from a slowly burning candle, nostalgia dies and is replaced by the fast, raging flames that sweep us into the throes of immemorial memory. Memoriy is shadowed back to share space with the antagonistic sensations on the backs of baseball cards.

Those are the bells still ring like those that signaled the end of my elementary years, and I'm reminded of the relationship with one teacher who taught me the basic lessons that now seem complicated — and more important than ever. While at Harding, these 12 people reminded me that those one-simple lessons I learned as an elementary student are always applicable, even in the busy days of even adulthood. It's not what I learned at Harding, but what I learned from Harding.

Roll Brewer, professor of English: As a lost freshman, unsure of my surroundings and even of myself, the challenge of mastering English here was daunting. But as one of my teachers, Dr. Brewer taught me to appreciate writing. His teaching style, and I'm grateful for having had an opportunity to learn from him.

Dennis English, English department chairperson: I have one more thing to do for Dr. Orgen. As the faculty leader of HUE in 1999, I wasfortunate enough to spend time with him as a student and a friend. His advice, as well as his dedication to his students, defines him.

Sherry Organ, assistant professor of English: Mrs. Organ is my friend. She's always willing to listen, as well as share her own experiences and feelings.

We all wish more students had the opportunity to meet and work with these people.

S peak out: What are you doing this summer?

"I'm graduating and working at Camp Hunt."
Jon Singleton, senior

"I'm planning on doing the Heifer Project, then I'm taking part in the Theatre tour."
Jimmie Douglass, junior

"I will be voluntering at a few camps and missions and working with Excel Communications."
Beth Huguenard, freshman

Who knew that one or more of these uplifting moments could take place... at an airport?

Letter to the editor
Professor unhappy with mayor story

To the Editor:

Last week's Bison article on Christians in the mayoral race was very disappointing to me. In focusing on the two members of the Church of Christ in the mayoral race, the article seemed to imply that neither the present mayor, David Evans, nor the Democratic nominee, Belinda LaForce, are Christian. I don't know the mayor personally, but I have heard many positive comments about his character and able administration from Christians whose opinions I trust. I am also a Harding University student, and I have been a Harding community member for a number of years. Her family has been committed to Christ. Second, the article seemed to equate membership in the Church of Christ with exclusivity to some particular kind of Christ. All Christians should desire, as Christ did, the unity of believers in Christ. The government of Harding has been to be "just Christians," as is the early church. A motto from our past past that aptly describes them is "We are not the only Christians, but we are Christians only." Historically, we have pursued that goal imperfectly, sometimes discounting others. But our reliance on holy scripture versus traditions, and on guidance by the Holy Spirit, prods us back toward that goal and requires that we continually examine what it means to be disciples of Christ. It's a worthwhile goal, and we must pursue it aggressively but humbly.

Finally, I want to address comments concerning the upcoming election and student participation. While many students may have a legal right to vote, I encourage them to become informed about the relevant candidates and issues before doing so. As a moderate Republican, I typically prefer Republican candidates. However, party affiliation means relatively little in local elections, as compared to state and national elections. I believe that the student body is not about to regret the decision it made in the mayoral race. The Bison did not intend to imply anything about the faiths of Evans or LaForce. We apologize for not making this clear more.

David Johnson, professor of finance
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Lab takeover causes concern, but ITS says it will save money

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Janice Gary Lana, a public relations major, said she spends at least 15 hours per week in the Reynolds Center Mac lab working on class projects and frequently needs the assistance of the lab operators. Like many other students who are accustomed to having help on hand, she said he has doubts about decreasing the number of hours the labs will be staffed.

"I think it will hinder the progress of the work being done in the Mac lab," Lana said. "The lab operators help so much when we have questions, and they are the ones who have keys to the lab upstairs and allow us to check out the software programs we need."

Senior Brooke Ginnings is not concerned about the lab takeover and is looking forward to being with the lab operators help so much when I'm on a tight time crunch."

Even though the 2003 budget is already fixed, Fickler said ITS hopes to be able to expand service hours as students need additional support in the future.

Sophomore Amanda Griffin, who frequently uses the PC labs in the Ezel and Mabet buildings, said she is concerned about the changes ITS is planning on implementing next year, including the $23 per semester increase of the technology enrollment fee.

"They're charging us more, but providing less service," she said. "It makes me question where my money is going."


**Aloha, Malibu Mike's**

Jaime Fahs

Building a raft to carry them down the secrets of the new world they had decided to raft the Little Red River near Pangburn. Evans and Dahl, both avid fishermen, entertained the idea of an hour and a half, Evans and Dahl weren't prepared to battle was nature's going to be a tornado or something." Dahl and Evans found shelter in their small tent, but not for long. "The winds were packing up and we had to lay in the tent to keep it from blowing away," Dahl said.

Finally the rain and wind started to subside and the young explorers felt like they could go by land to look for help. "We just didn't know where we were," Dahl said. They saw some lights along the river and decided to see if they led to any help. The lights they had seen were those of the Pangburn Search and Rescue squad. A man who had helped Evans and Dahl put their raft into the river was worried that the two had drowned because of the severity of the storm. "I was a little worried that we were in trouble or something," Dahl said. "But I was still glad to see them." As it turned out, the search and rescue wasn't the only group looking for Evans and Dahl. Divers had set up to start dragging the bottom of the river, and a helicopter was standing by if the men were recovered successfully. Pangburn police officials also greeted the two students on the banks of the river. An ambulance was on the way. Evans and Dahl's raft survived the trip and both men said they would do it again. "I am already planning another trip for next semester," Evans said.

**Several summer campus changes set**

Ryan Saul

Upon their return to Harding in August, students can expect to see some changes. A new women's dorm and the new fitness center in the Ganus Athletic Center are the most notable projects.

After constructing an addition to the Ganus to house the new fitness center, strength and aerobic equipment was ordered to complement the already-existing equipment. According to Dr. Wilt Martin, kinesiology department chair, 6,000 pounds of new fitness equipment, including elliptical steppers, treadmills, stationary bikes and new strength equipment, will be in the new center. Due to facility concerns, free-weights were not part of the new package, Martin said.

Along with the new equipment will be more room for students to exercise. There has been an area of the new fitness center designed to allow privacy for students to work out. Martin hopes crowding problems will be reduced, as well.

"I don't think there will be any more crowding problems being that the new area is roughly 5,000 square feet," he said. "It should be able to hold four times the amount of people."

Martin said the university's goal is to have the new fitness center available for students and faculty by the first day of intersession. With the plans to open the center this summer, students already appear to be excited.

"I am looking forward to seeing the new gym and actually going to work in an uncluttered environment," freshman Malaya Evans said.

Just down the road from the fitness center will be the new, yet-to-be-named women's dorm, which showcases features similar to that of Shore Hall. Women will have a courtyard area and dishwashers to complement their suites.

The field south of Shore Hall and the new dorm will be converted to a wildlife garden with paths for students to walk through. Flowers will be arranged in noticeable patterns and shapes.

"This is just something we hope will help the campus look nice," said Buddy Rowan, vice president for finance and chief financial officer.

Students who enjoy nature will soon notice that Hardin Park will be better lit. A series of streetlights is also being installed on the south side of the park, and existing lights on the north end of the park are being replaced.

Many of the changes occurring this summer were initiated by the Class of '97. Phillip Runyon, a senior, said, "In addition to White, Dr. Ed Higginbotham, associate professor of education, and Dr. Helen Lambert, associate professor of biology, will retire this academic year. Lambert is one of three retiring professors among retiring professors. "I may even take a class to be nouns on Italian." Students who have had White for classes think highly of her attitude and her ability in and out of the classroom.

"She is an amazing person because of her desire to make time to meet students' musical and personal needs," Emily Hill, a senior music major, said.

In addition to White, Dr. Ed Higginbotham, a 42-year veteran of the classroom, "I plan to travel and spend time playing with my grandchildren." Higginbotham served as super­intendent for Harding Academy for 15 years before deciding in 1991 to teach full-time at Harding.

"I'm looking forward to doing the things I haven't had time to do," Lambert said. "I plan to spend more time with my husband in reading, studying and in Christian service."
Student-produced films to debut next weekend

Heidi Walden
Staff writer

Three student-produced movies will make their debuts May 3 and 4 at Harding.

Director Brock Williams will screen "Poor Yorick" in the Administration Auditorium at 7 and 9 p.m. Tickets cost $2 each.

Described as a "mockumentary," a movie filmed as a documentary that depicts fictitious events, "Yorick" supplies a behind the scenes look at what happens backstage at a play.

Williams, a senior electronic media major, said he got the idea for the film while acting in the play "Black Comedy" last fall.

"We had so much fun backstage one night I thought that it would make an interesting movie," Williams said. The movie, which is expected to last between 30 and 40 minutes, was filmed in one weekend in the Administration Auditorium. But, despite the film's relatively short running time, Williams said more than 200 hours were put into the production.

"I wanted to do something to put on a resume and anything to do with a film I'm interested in," said junior Russell Phillips, the film's promoter.

Sophomore Steve Thompson's "Mismatch" will be presented at 8 and 10 p.m. in the Little Theater. Admission to "Mismatch" will be free.

Senior Jordan Lundy's "The Accuser" will be screened in the Omni Hall in the Reynolds Center (room M201) at 7 and 9 p.m. Admission to "The Accuser" will be free.

"Poor Yorick," films involving senior Aaron Brooks. Williams, senior Jordan Lundy and sophomore Steve Thompson will all debut their original films next weekend.

Alan Pryor remembered

Heidi Walden
Staff writer

The son of a Harding professor who recently lost a yearlong battle with cancer will be remembered for his sense of humor, competitive nature and unrelenting spirit, according to those who knew him best.

Alan Neale Pryor, 40, died April 8, at his home in Paoli, Penn. The son of Dr. Neale Pryor, professor of Bible, and Treva Pryor, fourth-grade teacher at Harding Academy, Pryor was a professor at North Drexel University in Pennsylvania and also worked for Texas Instruments before he was weakened by the colon cancer that eventually claimed his life.

He also served as a deacon for the King of Prussia Church and taught Sunday school with Kerrin, his wife of 10 years.

Other survivors include his three children, Lindsey Pryor, Dylan Pryor and Nicole Pryor; and one sister, Lori Sloan, assistant professor of marketing.

"Alan was a man who crammed about 50 years of life into 40 years and lived life to the fullest," Treva Pryor said of his son at a memorial service held at the College Church of Christ. "I was a real go-getter and active in school. He was a member of the Sub-T social club and played sports."

Pryor studied computer science during his time at Harding, graduating in 1984.

"Alan always said that he did not know what he was going to do but he would do it with all his might," Treva Pryor said.

After graduation, Alan Pryor received his master's degree at North Texas University.

Last March, Alan Pryor was diagnosed with colon cancer and decided on a 10-month course of chemotherapy in the hopes of coaxing the cancer into remission.

"He knew that his death was coming, but it was still hard to faze," Sloan said. "We felt joy for Alan because we knew he had moved on to a better place."
A happy homecoming

Dr. Lou Butterfield, professor of communication, helps his wife Sandy through a crowd of several hundred supporters who attended her homecoming last week. Sandy Butterfield was hospitalized for more than two months after being injured in a car wreck on U.S. Highway 67 near Bald Knob.

HU nursing majors attend convention

Jessica Moore

Six students and one faculty member from the College of Nursing recently traveled to Philadelphia for the National Student Nurses Association annual convention. This year marked the 50th anniversary of NSNA. The theme was, "Embracing professionalism in nursing that I had not been aware of before," Wilkins said.

During the week, students attended focused sessions directed at trends and issues in the nursing profession, visited exhibitors from hospitals and graduate programs, participated in the House of Delegates, and saw a little bit of Philadelphia.

Walker was nominated and ran for the national position of "Imprint" editor. "Imprint" is the publication of NSNA. Walker came in second in the competition to lead the publication, and will serve as the alternate editor.

The nursing profession needs a Christian voice," Walker said. "We take ... our profession and faith for granted here at Harding, but it isn't like that everywhere. More Christian nurses and nursing students need to get involved on the national level."

Senior Maurine Free said she valued the experience. "Going to the national convention opened my eyes to the extensive opportunities in nursing," she said.

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Get forms in the Bible office.
Bisons reach tournament, set school record in wins

Heather Gray
Staff writer

The Bisons broke Harding's record of 28 wins set in 1994 and locked up the third seed in the Gulf South Conference Tournament as they took two of three from Central Arkansas last weekend. The team hopes to ride the momentum of the accomplishment through the final series of the season this weekend as they face division champion Delta State.

The record-setting game was played Sunday against the Bears in front of a home crowd of 545. The team putting the Bisons in front 1-0. Junior Steve Smith also hit a homerun. The Bisons reached tournament, set the Harding record for wins in a season at 30, breaking the record of 28 set in 1994 with their April 21 victory, and extending the margin with a 7-6 victory over Lyon. The Bisons have allowed the fourth fewest hits in the GSC. The Bisons have also surrendered the fewest earned runs in the conference.

Baseball (30-12 overall, 14-6 GSC): The Bisons are headed to the conference tournament following an 8-3 victory over the University of Central Arkansas April 21. The team also set a new school record for victories in a season with 30, breaking the record of 28 set in 1994 with their April 21 victory, and extending the margin with a 7-6 victory over Lyon. One. The Bisons also set the Harding record for wins in a season at 30, breaking the record of 28 set in 1994 with their April 21 victory, and extending the margin with a 7-6 victory over Lyon. The Bisons have allowed the fourth fewest hits in the GSC. The Bisons have also surrendered the fewest earned runs in the conference.

Tennis teams win at-large bids

Senior Eva-Lena Axelsson prepares to return the ball to her partner during a recent practice. The Harding women reached the semifinals of the Gulf South Conference Tournament before losing to Ouachita Baptist. Both the men's and women's teams earned at-large bids to play in the NCAA South Regional Tournament May 3-5.

2002 Club All-Sports Champions

Women:
- Large Club A: Shantih
- B: Zeta Phi
- Small Club A: Omega Lambda Chi
- B: Kappa Gamma Epsilon

Individual Sportsmanship:
- Allison Marr
- Club Sportsmanship: Shantih

Men:
- Large Club A: TNT
- B: NCT
- Small Club A: King's Men
- B: King's Men

Track team prepares for last lap

Jenna LaCaze
Staff writer

Several members of the track team were successful at the Kansas Relays held in Lawrence last weekend, and will move on to compete in the Drake Relays, in Des Moines, Iowa, this weekend.

Jacob Rotich, a sophomore from Kapamba, Kenya, provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division II Outdoor Nationals meet in the 10,000 meters. Rotich ran a time of 30:32.63, which was a minute-and-a-half faster than the other runners. Rotich has now qualified in both the 10,000 meters and the 5,000 meters and will compete in the final event May 23-25 in San Angelo, Texas.

"I am excited about qualifying for Nationals." Rotich said. "I don't know whether to run [the] 10,000 or 5,000 meters."

Senior David Scharff also provisionally qualified for the Nationals at the Kansas Relays. He won his invitation in the 3,000 meter steeplechase. Scharff's time for the event was 9:21.88, his best second time this year. The Kansas Relays hosted more than 200 high school and college teams. Coach Bryan Phillips said he was satisfied with the results of last week's competition as well as the entire season.

"The guys and girls performed pretty well this spring," Phillips said. "I have been really pleased with their performances."

Senior Andew Scharff said he has enjoyed this season.

"A lot of athletes did really well," he said. "The atmosphere this season was really fun. We took advantage of being a team.

The runners attribute their success to Phillips, who accepted a full-time teaching position in favor of returning as coach. His decision was made out of a desire to spend more time with his family. Phillips said. Rotich attributes his success to the training programs that Phillips prepared for him.

"I think he is a wonderful coach," he said. "I have benefited very much from the training schedule he made for me. It is going to be hard to replace him."

Near the end of their track season, the Bisons have one woman and three men who have provisionally qualified for Nationals: sophomores Janet Kogo and Rotich, junior Tyler Kemmerer and senior David Scharff.

The team will run in the University of Texas in Arlington Open May 3-4. After that, the Abilene Christian Open is scheduled for May 9.
Sports

April 26, 2002

Thanks for playing: School year wraps up

It's the end of the school year at Harding, and what a short, semester-year trip it has been. It was the year of national unity and pride, the Year of the Cloee, the year the Rowdies boosted Bison basketball to the tournament — it was a good year.

This year track/cross country coach Bryan Phillips made us laugh and gaze in amazement as he did "the worm" across the Spring Sing stage, only to make us cry and gaze in amazement as he ended his coaching career where he always was — on top. Also, we cheered as Giboney's Girls bumped, set and spiked their way into the conference tournament.

More recently, we've witnessed the Bison boys of summer slide into their first tournament appearance in 10 years. Also, the Bison tennis teams received at-large bids to compete in the NCAA Division II South Region Tournament.

It has also been an exciting year for Harding's intramural club athletics.

For the ladies, Zeta Rho cruised through large club competition in B-D but couldn't sweep due to Shantih's crushing in A-team sports. For the small/medium clubs, Omega Lambda Chi was enriched in A and D while Kappa Gamma Epsilon was triumphant in B and C.

For the men it was more of the same. For the second year in a row, all the King's Men put together a strong showing to win A and B in the small/medium category. In paper, it just looks like TNT won the 1,988th time. In reality, Knights came to within one-half of a point to ending the "Decade of Dominance." TNT ought to remember the Titans when they look back on this season (which they probably won't). Should Titans have thrown the determining softball game? May it never be. It is sport and I should hope that no one would ever just roll over and die just so another team couldn't win.

I want to end this last column of the year with a few suggestions for next year.

Attendance: Come on, people. We show up for football and men's basketball. Let's try really hard to get more events. Don't you realize that you are helping pay for it? Let's try to get more out of our intramural and intercollegiate sports than we do out of our technology fee.

More: More club sports. Our intramural program is fantastic. I would just like to see a few more events added. Maybe a club tennis tournament, soccer for men's clubs and a golf driving distance event.

Final request: Please, to the men in charge, can we schedule a non-conference home basketball game against Pepperdine? Surely someone can get this last wish granted. Headline if we win: Bison Surf Waves. Boo-yah.

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