**Convenience store to open on campus**

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Editor

Students will find a helpful addition to campus next semester, while having to part ways with an old standard. The Dec., Gift Shop located in the student center will close its doors Dec. 13 in order to make room for a campus convenience store.

Plans were finalized earlier this month to close down the gift shop and make the campus more up to date by adding the store. "It is something that students will really enjoy," President David Burks said. "We like to keep the campus in with the times."

The convenience store, which has yet to be named, will feature items that students can't always be able to purchase such as a loaf of bread or a carton of milk or even eggs.

"We'll offer things like frozen meals, Ramen noodles, two liters of Pepsi and cereal," Steve Ritter, director of food service, said. "We are even considering offering Ben and Jerry's ice cream along with the store." 

Many other schools have built similar stores on campus. "Many of our stores are really similar, it will be a convenience store," Judy Bumpous said. "I'm going to shop there."

"I'm sad," said Judy Thompson, student. "Would have more of a gift shop flavor."

While some are pleased, others are disappointed to see the gift shop go. "I'm sad," four-year store manager Judy Bumpous said. "I'm going to miss it. I love working here, but it won't be as fun."

Students will be able to use their declining credit balance on any item in the store. Plans are also in the works to extend the business hours of the convenience store beyond those of the gift shop.

"A convenience store would offer a better selection," junior Bethany Thompson said, "It would have more of what the students would want.

Besides the changes to the gift shop, there is also discussion about putting food outlets in other areas of campus. "We are interested in putting another one of these, or a food supply of some sort on the south side of campus," Burks said. "It's a long walk for the students to have to make between classes."

There is optimism that the plans could come to fruition as early as next fall, giving students classes in the Reynolds and Ganus Athletic centers a more practical eating option.

The convenience store in the student center is expected to be open by the end of January.
It’s beginning to look a lot like tradition

Jeremy D. Beauchamp

The View From Here

It’s finally the time of year to wassail and fret over what gift to get that special someone. This time of year I like my trees flocked and my pudding figgy. It is officially Christmastime.

This month is soaked with tradition and culture. The Christmas spirit is prevalent in the atmosphere with the/theabi-riated grippe on the bottom for 20 percent off of the original price. I love the smell of capitalism in the morning—never is it stronger than this time of year.

Besides giving and receiving gifts, Christmas is special for family togetherness. Having not seen a glimpse of my family in five months I am especially excited about the holiday.

This year, as usual, my mother threatened to buy a fake Christmas tree. The tree has always been a point of contention between us. I’m more Charlie Brown and she is more the rest of the Peanuts gang. I just don’t stand for a fake tree. Every year people complain that they just don’t “treat Christmas spirit.” The problem is, they don’t have a real tree. A real tree doesn’t just provide sap and fire hazards; a real tree fills any house with that homey smell of yesteryear. Christmas just has to do it differently. We all know that absence makes the heart grow fonder.

In any case, once again I am hoping some time in prayer over the holiday. Thankful for my grandma’s eggnog. Christmas is special for family togetherness.

Our View: Fire never a laughing matter

The events of the night of Nov. 20 were unsettling for two reasons. First, the second floor of the cafeteria was on fire. Secondly, if the fire was not disturbing enough, the conduct of a handful of our fellow students certainly added a sour note to the scene.

As flames damaged part of our campus, students flocked to the site to take part in the "party of the year." Some students brought marshmallows and sticks; more for laughs than for snacking.

Other students tried to dance the safety lines and push and provoke security, only to run into the crowd for protection.

While Searcy (firefighters braved smoke and flame, students chanted “Leave it alone; let it burn” and “The roof is on fire...let [it] burn!”

When the hose was turned on the roof, the crew went up —along with some boos, fearing that the hose would be ending the party. Still others, upset that they couldn’t join the multitude, chose to vent their pent up frustration on Resident Life Coordinators.

Others joked at who prays for safety of those burning. Some watched from the roof of the Honors College and others waited from trees.

The "party of the year" was one of the lower moments of this semester for this student body.

Maybe most of the light-heartedness was a result of the crowd and the strangeness of the event. Still, what was shown that night was an overall lack of respect for our campus and our community. Our firefighters, our administration and ourselves.

We’ve heard in chapel this year about being a campus of character, about showing our integrity, yet we show it by embarrassing ourselves in front of the city and faculty and staff.

The seriousness of the fire is definite. More than $900,000 worth of damage and the jobs of some Searcy staff members were possibly at stake. Maybe it wasn’t that we actually wanted to see it burn down, we just got caught up in the idea of a party. Maybe we just forgot who we are.

We have a very respectful and appreciative student body, most of the time. We just let ourselves get carried away in the moment. Problem is, the cafeteria isn’t the Berlin Wall; it’s part of our school. The thing about the students at Harding is that we want to walk away with more than an education. People choose Harding for the Christian environment. Next time, in whatever form the opportunity arises, let’s not let ourselves down.

Restaurant dining rules to eat by

In this age of modern conveniences, the American public has shifted away from the traditional home cooked dinner toward the quicker and easier lifestyle of dining out. With the lack of activity in small towns like Searcy, students too are following society’s move toward the local restaurants.

With this in mind, I think it’s time the general public was clued in to a few etiquette rules they should follow when dining out. After all, the last people you want to offend are those that prepare your food.

First thing to remember when approaching the hostess at a restaurant is that you are not the only customer wanting to be seated and everyone you see when you walk in has been waiting longer than you.

Counting aloud the open tables in your line of sight will not work to your advantage. Tables usually remain open for a reason, and it won’t do you any good to sit at an open table with-out a server to wait on you.

Counting down the 15 minutes that the hostess quoted you will not get you seated any quicker either. That time is just an estimate and that there are no buzzers that alert a table that you have waited your allotted time and their time is up.

When you finally get seated, remember that the answer to “Hi, how are you?” is not “sweet tea,” “can we get some rolls” or my personal favorite, “dead silence.”

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Speak out: Is it wrong to let children believe in Santa?

"Of course kids [should] believe in Santa Clause. It’s fun and kids need to have an imagination. Let kids be kids." -Stephenie Sexton, junior

"I never believed in Santa. I have never regretted it." -Brian Lam, freshman

"My parents didn’t let me believe in Santa so I have mixed emotions about it." -Krista Abernathy, sophomore

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Economist Robert Shiller wonders why

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Cajun Sam’s brings bayou to new venue

EMILY HOGGARD
Staff writer

Cajun Sam’s is the latest restaurant to inhabit the “old Purple Cow” building on the corner of Pleasure Street and Beebe-Capps Expressway. The restaurant recently moved from the small drive-thru building on Race Street to this much larger facility, which does still have a drive-thru.

Upon entering the new location of Cajun Sam’s, my party and I were greeted warmly by a fellow Harding student who was working as the hostess. We were seated immediately in a booth on the far side of the restaurant.

As we walked across the room, I noticed the new décor. Cafe Orleans, the previous restaurant at the same location, had somewhat of a French and Mardi Gras theme for its decoration. Since New Orleans is famous for Cajun food, Cajun Sam’s was able to keep most of the same adornments.

Our waiter was prompt in welcoming us and taking our drink order. As we began to browse the menu, I saw mostly the items I expected to see. I have eaten at Who-Oats in Bald Knob many times; the two restaurants share owners. The regular entree selection is made up of crawfish, shrimp, catfish, frog’s legs, alligator and etoufee. Sandwiches like “po-boys” are also available, as are “hubcap” burgers.

The regular entrees come with a side item and a trip to the food bar. Red beans and rice are available on the food bar as well as salad with fresh boiled shrimp. My meal happened to come with the food bar, fried crawfish tails and crawfish etoufee.

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The food tasted scrumptious. The etoufee was just spicy enough to be Cajun, but not too spicy for those who usually do not like hot food. My in-laws shared an entree of the fried catfish. It was juicy and did not taste too “fishy.” One portion of fried catfish contains more than 10 pieces of fish.

Someone came by our table often to refill our drinks. Our glasses were always filled with sweet tea (which was very good). My only complaint would be that it took longer than I would have wanted to receive our check. But, by the time we were ready for our check, the place was filling up rapidly, so the slight delay was understandable.

Overall, my dining experience was very pleasant, and I will return. Harding students can now add wonderful Cajun seafood to the traditional list of eating choices in Searcy.
Who's Who recognizes 64 Faculty names students to prestigious organization

KIRA LEIGH  Staff writer

Who's Who has a good reputation... It's a national program that has been around for years.

Dr. Jerome Barnes, director of special projects

"When we get those back, we check their grade point average and hours. You have to be a senior with a 2.5 GPA. We also check service to the community and all-around leadership.

Once all this is done, the next part belongs to the students. "I had to fill out a form for my nomination," senior Allison Morrow said. "It was sent to me by the psychology department and from Dean [Peggy] Huckeba's office." The form asks for information about the student and their activities in college. Students are told to list things such as social clubs, Alpha Chi memberships and missions work. The information that students supply is combined into a ballot for faculty voting. "The faculty gets this, and then votes for them," Barnes said. "We then send the top 60 names to Who's Who." As well as national recognition, the honor brings the student many other benefits. "It's a big honor," Morrow said. "Your name goes into a national book, and it helps with scholarships for graduate school." Barnes believes there are many advantages to the Who's Who program.

"They publish a book that goes to the libraries every year, and the students are given an opportunity to buy the book as well as some other things to show," Barnes said. For many seniors, the Who's Who award makes graduation more exciting.

"It's an honor you don't always feel you should deserve," Morrow said. "A lot of people deserve it. I'm very happy and honored that someone thought that I was worthy."

Graduates feeling bittersweet about end of school career

Matt Price  Staff writer

On Dec. 14, more than 200 seniors will walk through the Benson Auditorium to receive their diplomas in the December graduation ceremony. Many seniors see graduation as the next step in their life.

"I'm excited, but I'm also a little nervous because of insecure plans," senior Amy Sauls said. "But I can't worry about that right now."

Sauls, who will receive a communications management degree, said she has enjoyed her time at Harding, and believes it has been a positive influence on her life.

"My last three and a half years were the best times of my life," Sauls said. "I've grown a lot, I think. I've grown as a person."

Following graduation, Sauls plans to move to Nashville where she will begin her job search. Sauls is also considering dedicating time to the Avanti Italia missionary program.

Senior Jon Holman said he is experiencing a variety of emotions toward graduation.

"I have mixed emotions," Holman said. "On one hand, I'm excited. On the other hand, it's like oh my goodness, I've grown up!"

Holman said he has no regrets about his decision to attend Harding.

"I made the decision to come to Harding to be in a better environment," Holman said. "Harding has helped me grow spiritually through school and classes."

Holman will receive his degree in economics. Following graduation, he plans to enter Harding's CPA program.

"I'm feeling out the job market now, hopefully within a few months I can find a place to work," Holman said.

Holman believes the friendships he has made at the university are his greatest reward.

"[Harding] has been a lot of fun," Holman said. "I've made a lot of good friends. Besides education, that is the main thing I have received here. [The friendships] were something I couldn't have gotten at another school, good Christian friends that I can count on."

Holman, who transferred to Harding in 1996, also values the relationships he has made with Harding teachers.

"Moving from a state school, I've had different kinds of teachers," Holman said. "I've been able to make a relationship with teachers here that are very caring."

Senior Chandrey Buck said she is also feeling mixed emotions toward graduating.

"I'm really excited, but I'm sad at the same time," Buck said. "I'm graduating early and all my friends are here."

Buck said she values her experiences with her friends and her club.

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Amy Sauls, senior

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Buck has also enjoyed establishing relationships with her teachers at Harding.

"Having smaller classes brings more interaction with teachers. I've gotten to know them and will keep in touch with them," she said. "You get to know them you really care and that's something you can't find at a state school."

Buck said she has found her time at Harding valuable but believes there is an upside and a downside to attending Harding university.

"Sometimes I felt sheltered," Buck said. "There's not as much preparation for the outside world that you find at a state school. I think there may be a culture shock after graduation. At the same time, I think there is a reason for the rules. You can mature without facing those other things. You can grow stronger in your beliefs."

Buck will receive a degree in business management, but does not plan on beginning her job search immediately following graduation.

Terrell Lee, father of graduating senior Alicia Breghy, will deliver the commencement address. Lee graduated from the Harding School of Religion in 1982.

Lee is a member of the Harding School of Religion's Advisory Council and is the preacher at Reidland church of Christ in Paducah, Ky.

Holman believes that other students can gain from the Harding experience as well.

"If students truly appreciate what is being set forth here, it's something they can take with them forever," Holman said.
Student filmmakers hope to find successful match on DVD

ANDREA MARTIN
Contributor

It comes as no surprise that a movie about the subject of dating would be a success on a campus where many people believe dating is so popular.

After more than two years of work, junior Steve Thompson and senior Jimmy DeSisso completed the romantic comedy "Mismatch." They created a film for a class and were required to have a premiere, Thompson said. "We held it in the Heritage Auditorium."

On May 2, the Heritage Auditorium was packed beyond capacity with junior Angela Spearman and 700 people. "We weren't expecting such a turnout," Thompson said. "It was amazing, we actually had to turn people away."

By the end of the weekend, Harding's campus was buzzing about "Mismatch." The success of "Mismatch" lasted longer than that weekend. "After the first premiere people were asking for copies of "Mismatch,"" DeSisso said. "Then we decided to create a DVD." DeSisso said the decision to make DVDs instead of VHS tapes hinged on their belief that most Harding students have DVD players instead of VCRs. But the decision may have deterred some potential buyers. "I think they should offer DVD and VHS," sophomore Ruth Anne Cox said. "That way it could target a wider audience."

However, Thompson and DeSisso have found quite a large demand for the movie. "We have already sold out," Thompson said.

"The demand for "Mismatch" is still present on campus, but it is up to Thompson and DeSisso to supply it."

"Over Thanksgiving break I received a new shipment and more will be available," Thompson said. "But the DVDs do not arrive ready to sell. The production is entirely in student hands."

"We burn the CD on a computer in the dorm room," DeSisso said. From purchasing the CD, burning the film and making the cover, production costs for the DVD run between $3 and $4.

"This [production] is another project to help me learn the process of making a DVD and I have made money too," Thompson said.

The DVD costs $5, and in addition to containing "Mismatch" it also includes a silent film entitled "Hope."

And for those few students hoping to marry, "Mismatch 2," dealing with long term relationships, is due to come out this spring.

COBA decides on new logo design

DEANN THOMAS
Contributor

Senior Casey Picker was presented a check for $750 on Nov. 21 for submitting the winning entry in the recent contest to design a new logo for the College of Business Administration.

Picker's design was chosen from among 260 entries submitted exclusively by students who are majoring or taking classes in the department.

Bryan Burks, dean of the College of Business Administration, said the reason they chose to hire a professional public relations person was to really look at what the College of Business and Administration stands for. "We want a sense of pride and unity within the department. We wanted our students to really look at what the College of Business and Administration stands for," he said.

He said he worked to make each of his entries have these characteristics, but also be completely different from each other. Throughout the design process, Picker relied on family members and friends to give him feedback and suggestions for the different designs. He said that overall the one that ended up winning was the one that had made the most favorable impression on everyone along.

"I think it has an overall good look to it," Picker said. "It is real simplistic and clean, which will make it easy to reproduce, and it looks nice too."

Burks plans to use the new logo on a collection of t-shirts, caps and other gift items that will be available on sale to all business majors starting next semester.

The logo will also be used on items that are used as gifts for guests speakers. The students who were the top 15 finalists in the contest will receive free shirts with the new logo on it next semester. Other students who entered the contest said they had fun creating designs without worrying about what the outcome would be. "I spent a lot of time coming up with new ideas and designs," said one student. "It was fun just being creative and designing regardless of what the outcome would be."
H ere it is, Thanksgiving Day 2002. Like most Americans, I am thankful for my health, my family, my friends, this great country and all the daily blessings that God has bestowed upon me and mine.

But I have something to add to my list this year. I can wholeheartedly say, "I am thankful for resourceful wives." "Resourceful wives?" you ask. Well, let me explain.

As a Dallas Mavericks fan. My friends and I used to be the team. In 2000, I cheered long, loud and hard for the Mavs during their improbable fifth game comeback in the first round of the playoffs against the Utah Jazz. To my astonishment, I awoke the next morning to find I had completely lost my voice.

In answer to many prayers, I was unable to speak for an entire day. My future wife, Rachel, witnessed this spectacle and over the last few years has become as big a Mavs fan as myself. Even so, it recently came as a surprise when she told me that she had scored free tickets to the Mavericks opening night game against the Grizzlies in Memphis on October 30th. See, I told you she was resourceful!

She then wryly smirked that the tickets were courtesy of Dallas Mavericks' owner Mark Cuban himself! My startled body answered with a loud and resounding, "THUD!" Rachel then picked my suddenly crumpled and lifeless form off the floor and poured me into the nearest chair. As I came to, she told me how she had e-mailed Mark Cuban.

In the e-mail, she explained to him our three year banishment to Searcy, and how we were so poor we were eating imitation SPAM (real SPAM being beyond our meager budget), selling superfluous body parts for money (you only need one kidney after all) and so on.

Maybe I'm exaggerating, but this was the gist of the e-mail. He took pity on us and arranged for two tickets to be waiting for us at the arena. In the blur of a few short days, we were wearing homemade, tie-dyed t-shirts of Maverick black, white and blue and bound for The Pyramid on the banks of the Mississippi.

Upon arrival at the arena, we hastily put on our blue face makeup. And to show our solidarity we armed ourselves with a poster that declared our sincere love for the Mavs and our heartfelt thanks to Mark Cuban. Looking like vengeful Smurfs that had just escaped from a Grateful Dead concert, we entered the arena.

To our astonishment, we weren't the only Mavs fans at the game. Luckily, Carmen Johnson (aunt of the Dallas Mavericks head trainer) sat directly in front of us. She promised she would do whatever she could to get our poster autographed since she personally knew all the players. Upon hearing this, Rachel and I had a serious discussion about naming our first child Carmen. By game's end, we were all basking in the glow of the Mavs first win of the season (the Mavs have since compiled the league's best record of 16-1).

It was at this moment Carmen gave us the NBA equivalent of two backyard passes. It was a ditty real moment that mirrored a scene from the movie "Almost Famous." We were transported to a roped-off area outside the Mavs' locker room. We were on our 14th repetition of the mantra "we're going to meet the Mavericks" when I found myself shaking hands with Mark Cuban himself.

Suddenly stupefied and unable to form coherent sentences, I barely managed to ask Mark if the Mavs were going to win it all this year. He replied, "The first game is a start." He graciously posed for pictures with each of us. The Mavericks players slowly came out one by one. As they emerged from the locker room our new friend Carmen introduced us to each player as if they were family.

The first player we met was Shawn Bradley, who gladly signed our poster and posed for pictures. For a NBA "Bad Boy," Shawn Bradley is remarkably bountiful and gentle. I also asked him if the Mavs would win it all this year and he confidently replied, "that's our goal" and "we've got a good chance at it."

In short order we also got pictures and autographs from Steve Nash, Dirk Nowitzki, Michael Finley, Eduardo Najera and Raef LaFrentz.

Walking back to our car, we chanted our new mantra, "I can't believe we just met the Mavericks" passing for just a brief moment to say goodbye to Carmen. On the way home, my wife and I exchanged what I call the "I can now die happy" look since we had just lived every Dallas Mavericks fan's dream.

In an effort to prove we were both still possibly in the clutch of the same crazy dream, we exchanged simultaneous pinches, which thankfully resulted in multiple bruises of purple, black and red. Now being a bit easier to convince, we repeated the pinching again and again since the bruises could just as easily be part of our shared dream.

Eventually succumbing to the pain that only multiple pinches can inflict, we decided that our meeting the Mavericks must have been real.

So now a month later, I find myself celebrating Thanksgiving Day 2002 with plenty to be thankful for. So to my Thanksgiving list this year I joyfully add, "thankful for resourceful wives," and I still have the bruises to prove it.
After being picked to finish third in the Gulf South Conference’s West Division in the preseason coaches’ poll, the volleyball team exceeded expectations by winning the West, reaching the semifinals of the GSC Tournament and earning the school’s first bid to the South Central Regional.

“I was very happy winning the GSC West,” coach Keith Gibney said. “It was great, I was also very pleased that we made it to the regional tournament. It was a great honor, it was beyond our early-season goals and we are happy that we have something to build on for next season.”

Selected as the No.5 seed for the regional tournament, Hardin faced No.4 Central Missouri State on Nov. 21 in the first round.

The Jennies, ranked 20th nationally, won the first two games of the match and went on to a 3-1 victory (30-23, 30-19, 30-32, 30-26).

“We didn’t start out like we wanted to, but we were able to hang around,” Gibney said. “I didn’t feel like we showed them our best game. I told the girls that even after the third game.”

The Lady Bisons hit just .203 over again and compete better in the cold conditions did well.

Harding’s other runners were sophomore Reed Fisher (39th, 32:36), freshman Maciej Mierczko (61st, 33:11), Wietecha (98th, 33:49) and freshman Ezekiel Koech (143rd, 35:19) and Ben Collins (157th, 36:26).

Although the women’s team narrowly missed qualifying for nationals, they had two individual qualifiers: junior Kengo and senior Hanna Haavikko. Kogo placed 15th with a time of 22:25 in the 6k race, and Haavikko placed 25th in 22:43. Both earned All-American honors as Kogo recorded the highest Lady Bison finish ever at NCAA nationals.

Dealing with temperatures in the low 30s, wind chill in the 20s, and heavy snow is not something the Bisons are used to. Fisher experienced difficulty adjusting to the course conditions, as well.

“The grass was so soft it was like running on a mattress. Your feet would just sink into the course,” he said. “The conditions affected everyone racing, but those who were accustomed to the colder conditions did perform better.”

With the harsh weather, narrower course and unmet goals, Wietecha said nationals was a disappointment for the men, who were expecting a finish in the top 10.

“It was a frustrating way to end the season,” he said. “We had been training at 95 to 100 miles since the summer — just for nationals. Nationals is what counts.”

Western State College (Colo.) won both team titles. Abilene Christian’s Alfreda Rugema won the individual men’s title (30:43) to lead ACU to a second-place men’s finish.
Rowdy return caps semester to remember

Walking into Rhodes Field House on Tuesday night made a historic semester for Harding athletics complete.

After a disappointing performance at last month's exhibition game, the Rhodes Rowdies were at a level rarely seen before late January.

"I thought that the best thing about [Tuesday] was the fans," coach Jeff Morgan said. "They were in mid-season form.

Just more than 2,000 fans - a number most Gulf South schools would drool over for their prime games - kept the noise coming by.

"The three-point chant, "OK," was inconsistent, the Rowdies did their best to throw the visitors off their game - as if the Bisons needed any help against the Rowdies.

The Bisons seem to be clicking already, and, with the team expected to make the conference tournament for another trip to the GSC Tournament, the crowds and excitement should only get better.

We'll see next semester if the basketball teams will give us a season to remember. But, either way, this school year has already given us one of the best seasons in Harding history:

- Football came within a single game of a Division II play-off berth, going 9-2 for Harding's best season in 30 years. Two slope days later (both literally and figuratively) the Bisons went on to the conference tournament as a team. But at least two Bisons seniors aren't finished yet.

Timm Love and Floyd Black - both recently named first-team All-GSC - have been invited to play in the Cactus Bowl, which is the DII all-star game. The game is Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. and will be broadcast on Fox Sports Net South Central.

On Wednesday, Love found out he has been invited to play in the GSC Classic on Jan. 25. An All-star game primarily for DI players, the game will be shown on ESPN.

As for the team's future, the coaches have already been on the road working to fill the holes left by 10 seniors.

- Volleyball made the GSC Tournament for the third-year in a row, but took the next step as a program by winning the West Division and qualifying for an at-large berth for the NCAA Tournament.

The team lost handily in the first round, but with only one conference, next season could be another one for the history books.

The team seems to be in fine form. Morgan's strongest program, was down a bit little from last year. The team finished 12-18 last year while the women just missed qualifying as a team.

The fact that 14th at nationals is in any way disappointing says something about the program!