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Spring break campaigners prepare to serve, evangelize

Some make last minute efforts to allocate additional funds for trips

STAFF WRITER

High gas prices have caused many Harding students to reevaluate their driving habits. On a national news report, the average U.S. price was $1.66 per gallon last week. This was $1.16.

Students are planning to travel across the country, usually car pooling and getting help from parents to pay for the gas. "There [gas prices] aren't affecting me," freshman Mike Thompson said. "I'm getting a ride home [to Colorado] with a friend and we'll split the [price of] gas."

Gas prices aren't affecting junior Ryan Aherin either. He plans to drive to Arizona for the break. "I've got a small car, so it won't be that much," Aherin said.

Some students have simply stopped buying as much gas as usual in order to make up for the high prices. Senior Becka Jameson said she can't afford to spend $20 to fill up the gas tank in her Honda Prelude. "I haven't completely filled my gas tank since the prices went up," Jameson said. "It's really expensive. I used to pay $5 to fill it up and it seems like it takes another $5 to fill it up now." Some students, like senior Ben Taylor and junior Sara Wright, are saving money by avoiding unnecessary trips.

Taylor said it usually costs between $22 and $23 to fill up his Honda Accord, so he tries to make the gas last as long as possible. "I'm not letting it affect my big trips, but I'm trying to cut back where I can," he said. "If I don't really have to go somewhere like Wal-Mart, I'll postpone it so I can save gas."

Wright said she and her friends save time and gas money by making trips in groups. "If you travel as many trips as Little Rock as usual," Wright said. "My friends and I go together for longer trips."

Other students are looking to save travel time by flying during spring break. "Airline fees are running from $158 to $350 on major airlines. Timing and convenience are also an issue," a passenger said. "It's easier because it takes less time," a passenger on the same flight said.

The high gas prices are not preventing people from traveling. "Some students have yet to secure their spring break plans. I hope to make road trip plans to visit friends," senior Lora Mathey said. "The prices won't really affect me; I'll find a way."
Controversial game leaves bittersweet taste

Final season game combination of one part heart break, five parts triumph as tournament looms

The Rhodes was jumpin', jumpin' but the destiny children were the foes in maroon. The Bisons' perfect home record hopes were torn asunder last Saturday night and the wound is still open. We were so large, we "fireazed" the Rhodes. Boo-yah-or boo, depending on whom you are. Dr. Burks started our jumping routine and the crowd was buzzing with anticipation. It seemed as if we were on the tip of chaotic frenzy. Then, senior guards Earl Vault started stripping—providing us with a push over the edge of madness. We won the tip off. Pandemonium.

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ECONOMIST Robert Shiller wonders why we have such faith in the utter rationality of markets when we ourselves can be kind, you know, irrational. Bad judgment, lossy information, half-baked strategies—there are times when money brings out the worst in people, that's why Prof. Shiller's retirement dollars are invested with a company whose lead-headed thinking stands out in a world where impulse and infatuation are bucking intelligence and insight.

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Day of Outreach, remix

Thousands of students take to Searcy streets to participate in second consecutive event

TOGG RAMSEY
Staff writer

A part of Wednesday's Day of Outreach, students were found talking to the elderly in nursing homes, playing with small children in child care centers, picking up trash along the streets, talking to widows and shut-ins in their homes and hanging out with students in the schools, all in an effort to assist the citizens of the community.

"I felt that it went extremely well," senior Jeffrey Hubbard, Student Association Spiritual Life chairman, said. "God blessed this effort by putting excitement and joy in the hearts of the volunteers. Everything was pulled off without a hitch. No problem came up that was too difficult to fix."

Around 200 faculty and staff members and 2,000 students participated in this year's Day of Outreach. They donated their time to about 100 projects at various locations throughout Searcy.

One group went to the Searcy Early Learning Center, a preschool program for 6-weeks to school-age kids, to clean classrooms, play with the kids and assemble playground equipment.

Mindy Madewell, director for the center, said the group was amazing and they saved her a month's worth of work.

"They cleaned the entire parking lot and building, scrubbed the walls, put together all the Nintendos and they assembled all the playground equipment that was too big for me," she said.

"They were amazing." The members of the group were excited about making an impression on the kids at the center.

"As young adults, we have a responsibility to make a positive impact on children," sophomore Lindsey Fox said.

Denise Miller, the faculty sponsor for the group, wanted to do more than that; she wanted to make an impression on the Harding students.

"I just wanted to help the students learn to be more service oriented," she said. "The community around you can only be affected if you actually interact with it."

A group of Pi Kappa Epsilon social club members and members of the Harding Film Studies Association planted flowers along the bike path on Main Street.

"This job teaches us the value of work and work ethic," freshman David Moore said. "This is tough work, but it's worth it. We just want to help in any way we can."

The physical science and biology departments worked together to help clean up Gin Creek behind the Ganus Athletic Center.

"The physical plant crew has enough to do without picking up the trash that we throw out," senior Bill Ganus said. "A lot of times people don't think about the difference it makes when you throw out a Snicker's wrapper, but I've picked up about 75 wrappers today."

The Pied Pipers and a group of students visited Sydney Deener Elementary and shared silly songs, stories and games with the children.

Trey Talley, a graduate student and member of the Pipers, said the kids were excited that the Pipers were there.

"We did some stories and songs in a different way than they usually see," he said. "Usually Little Red Riding Hood is a little boring, but we incorporate the kids and let them participate."

Nine-year-old Cory Harris was especially impressed with the Pipers.

"They did flips and all kinds of stuff," he said.

Eight-year-old Cody Starks agreed. "They danced and stuff like that," he said. "They were awesome!"

President David Burks was also present at the school and he witnessed the student's reaction to the Pipers.

"The kids were clearly excited," he said. "They love the Pied Pipers, it's a great experience for them and it's a great effort on the part of the student body to get out into the community."

Hubbard said the Day of Outreach touched the community in ways that most of the volunteers may never realize.

"Reports of gratitude and appreciation were already coming in by Wednesday night," he said.

"Service helps us put our faith into practice," senior Jonathan Storment said. "It's one thing to sit in Bible class and it's another thing to actually go out and do the things we learn about. We want to be Jesus, not just learn about Him."

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Memphis offers fun alternatives to Searcy

RENEE LEWIS
Contributor

Planning a trip to Memphis soon? Make sure to plan the trip according to the duck's schedule at the Peabody Hotel on Union Avenue.

For more than 76 years, every day at 11 a.m., four hero and one drake waddle from their duck castle on the roof down to the first floor of the lobby to spend their day lounging and splashing in the Italian marble fountain.

Their day ends at 5 p.m. when they waddle back up the red carpet, ride their own elevator and return to their home nearby the sky to rest before the next day.

"That's a big thing there," sophomore Heather Jernigan said. "Huge crowds come. It's cute. They just waddle down their red carpet into the swimming pool."

The duck tradition is just one that helps make Memphis a mecca for Southern culture and history. Memphis claims Elvis Presley, rock 'n' roll, the Grizzlies and a zoo, among other attractions.

"You can go inside the bird exhibit," Leazenby said. "It's like birds everywhere. The lorikeets would fly down on your shoulders and you could just play with them."

For the music lovers, Memphis offers a plethora of choices. Beale Street showcases jazz and blues musicians every night. A block from Beale Street, guitar lovers get the chance to strum the guitars the professionals use at the Gibson Guitar Factory.

More familiar to Harding students is The Orpheum Theatre. Students travel to Memphis regularly throughout the year to watch operas and musicals at The Orpheum.

Junior David Johnson saw the love story, "La Traviata" his freshman year at The Orpheum and has been hooked on the opera ever since.

"I have to say it was very enjoyable," Johnson said. "I kind of went in with low expectations because I had heard aria out of context before. It was great. Maybe the rareness of the experience had something to do with that." Johnson recommends the opera experience to those who have yet to embark on the adventure to The Orpheum.

"It's something that you would want to do at least once," he said. "If you like it you may want to do it again someday. It could be like another movie."

Whatever the want or desire, Memphis will probably deliver. With museums, sports teams, the Pyramid, Graceland, the zoo, shopping malls and centers, parks and restaurants on practically every other street corner, Memphis promises a good time for most everyone except for football fans.

"There is something for everyone," Dent said. "I love living here. A pro football team would be nice, but it's not that important."

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Miss Greater Searcy

The Miss Greater Searcy pageant is a preliminary to the Miss Arkansas pageant. The pageant will be held on March 22nd at the Searcy High School Auditorium and requires a sponsor fee of $125. The rules are as follows:

- Contestants must be a resident of White County or have gone to at least one semester of higher education in White County
- Contestants must be at least 17 years of age and no older than 24 years of age on or before 10/01/03

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The movie begins by taking the audience back to the 1860s in time to see that Virginia has decided to separate from the Union and join forces with the Confederate Army. Slowly the plot of this Civil War movie begins to unfold giving a glimpse into what it must have been like to live during this tumultuous time in our nation’s history.

The main characters of the South, Robert E. Lee, played by Robert Davak, and Stonewall Jackson, played by Stephen Lang, carry most of the four-hour-long movie. A number of appearances by Jeff Daniels as Col. Lawrence Chamberlain give us a view from the Northern side of the line.

These three characters made up for the lack of depth that many of the other characters in the movie showed. Although the movie presented the war from many different perspectives, most of the movie was based around the story of Jackson’s contribution to the Civil War, which he calls the South’s “second war of independence.”

Throughout Daniels, his brother, Thomas, and their good friend, Killrain, the audience is introduced to the origins of their friendship and the difficulties they face as they make sense of the war. The main part of the movie focuses on the battle at Fredericksburg, Va., where the South has secured the highlands which put the North at a definite disadvantage. As the boys in blue stream in front of a golden sunset, we know what is waiting for them.

One of the most heart wrenching scenes is when some of the soldiers in the Confederate Irish regiment realize they are fighting the Union Irish regiment. The pain in their eyes is seen as they discover who they are fighting. The war has turned brother against brother and friend against friend. When the battle is over a soldier remarks, “Their bravery was worthy of a better cause.”

While this movie shows a lot of battle scenes and focuses on the war, there are also many scenes about families and how the war is affecting women and children left at home to fend for themselves.

We see what happens when families are forced to say goodbye to the men who are going away to fight, what Christmas is like for them. We know what is going to happen during the winter months on the battle at Fredericksburg, Va.

While the movie shows a lot of battle scenes, it doesn’t rank as events unimportant. There are some of the good things about it through to the end of the movie.

I would recommend this movie to anyone who has an interest in the Civil War. If you are going to spend four hours in a movie theater, you are going to want to see this movie. If you are going to want to see some of the Saddest parts of the Civil War, then you are going to want to see this movie. If you are going to have some interest in the subject. The second half of the movie is much better acted than the first, so just sit tight if you feel that the first half is moving a little slow.

I thought the movie should have spent less time on the melodramatic sequences and focused more on portraying different battle scenes. Some of the angles seemed bland and I thought it needed to have more focus on the unique parts of the battles rather than on the same shots of lines of men marching.

Make sure you wear something comfortable and don’t forget to bring some candy!
EMILY SANE
Contributor

Preparing for the upcoming golf season, freshman Travis Lauterbach puts the ball and hopes it will reach the desired destina­
tion. The destination is not a hole at the end of a fairway, but a target across his dorm room.

"I do whatever I can to pre­
pare, including putting in my room," Lauterbach said. He has also practiced by hitting at the range whenever possible.

Lauterbach, along with his teammates, has experienced a de­
lay in practice due to the snow

and ice that invaded Seary last week.

The golf season opens March 24-25 at the Arkansas Tech Invi­
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The team will compete in three

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Springs. At each meet, the team hopes to improve.

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THE GOLF SEASON OPENS MARCH 24-25 AT THE ARKANSAS TECH INVITATIONAL.
Ryan Morgan said, "They do that by using their size and contesting shots." The Bisons are near the top of the GSC in many offensive categories, while the Lions are near the middle of the pack. "They do good things off the dribble and try to attack you," Morgan said. Morgan said the Bisons will need to challenge the Lions for rebounds. "We are going to have to do a good job on the boards and not give up any second shots," he said. "That will definitely be a challenge." The championship game is at 3 p.m. Sunday. The tournament championship game represents an automatic berth in the DII Tournament. Visit www.harding.edu/thebison for updates and a special tournament edition of The Bison on newsstands early next week.

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**Reddies top Bisons despite record crowd**

Ryan Cook
Sports editor

The Rhodes Field House, known around the state and the Gulf South Conference for its lively, intimate atmosphere, finally revealed a weakness Saturday. It can only hold so many people.

Nearly 3,500 people were on hand to witness Harding’s 77-74 loss to Henderson State, according to officials, shedding the old school record for attendance by more than 200.

"That was pretty awesome," coach Jeff Morgan said. "That was probably the best college basketball atmosphere this state’s seen in a long time — in Division II, maybe ever. The turnout was incredible."

The arena, which officially holds 3,000, was essentially filled during the Lady Bisons’ game. When more people attempted to come in for the men’s game, there were simply no more places to sit or stand.

For safety reasons, Harding security stopped allowing general admission entries before the men’s game started. Several hundred disappointed fans were turned away.

"The season, which always garners a larger-than-usual crowd. But numerous Henderson State fans and prospective students visiting for Bison Daze pushed the Rhodes beyond capacity.

The large crowd didn’t seem to intimidate the Reddies, who shot 59.5 percent for the game and made 14 of 18 shots in the second half.

"If you look at the stats, you’re kind of surprised we were in it and had a chance to win it," Morgan said. "They hit some tough shots."

Senior Aaron Farley and juniors Darren McClure and Chad Ware scored in double figures to lead the Bisons, but Tarveres Uzigue and Mike DeGray scored more than 20 points each for the Reddies.

HSU led 32-30 at halftime after a back-and-forth first half. The Bisons trailed the entire second half until a layup by senior Carl Vauti tied the game at 73-73.

DeGray scored three points in the last minute, and the Bisons couldn’t counter. Warren’s 3-point try at the buzzer was blocked.

For the first time this season, enough Rowdies were present for the record turnout to become the largest women’s crowd in GSC history.

"It was a great game to go out on," said senior Heather Lawrence, who set career highs with 25 points and 21 rebounds. "It was very exciting."