HUG students raise $3,100 for Nebraska friend

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Staff writer

Distance could not beat the generosity of students at Harding's Athens, Greece, campus. Around 40 students raised $3,100 this semester for Marcella Fenske, one of their classmates' friends, whose Mediterranean home sits far from the shores of Porto Ratti.

Fenske, a 1999 Harding graduate, suffered more than 25 percent of her body and face when a fire broke out while she was cooking dinner Sept. 13.

Family members said Fenske's extensive burn treatments, including skin grafts, could total $1 million. Fenske and husband, Dale, do not have insurance.

Junior Trevor Goertzen, a student at HUG, grew up with Fenske. Upset by the news of Fenske's injuries and troubled by her need for money, Goertzen told her story and asked for prayers during chapel meetings and through campus outlets.

At the suggestion of Dr. Dale Morey, professor of Bible and faculty sponsor of HUG this fall, the HUG students decided to raise money to help with Fenske's medical expenses.

"I wasn't thinking we would raise more than $1400 or $1500," Goertzen said. The group not only met Goertzen's expectations, but they exceeded them by a few thousand dollars.

"The majority of the $3,100 came from personal contributions," Goertzen said. "It was much more than I would have dreamed.

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Congressman, Olympic medalist to bring more than speech to campus

ASI speaker Rep. Jim Ryun to help register voters, encourage cross country teams

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Rep. Jim Ryun of Kansas will see more of Harding than just the audience during his speech Nov. 17—he planned a full day of student interaction before his 7:30 p.m. lecture.

Ryun, who will speak in the Ben­son Auditorium as part of the Ameri­can Studies Institute's Distinguished Lecture Series, will start his day in chapel with his sons, Drew and Nick. He will attend a voter registration drive in the student center from 9:45-11:15 a.m. and encourage the National Championship cross country teams will participate in the NCAA Division-1 National Championship Nov. 22. Ryun will also speak at a pre-meet and encourage the teams, and his sons will run with the teams at their practices.

"He's a tremendous guy and a great Christian," Gaymon said. "It's nice to know we have someone like him in our Congress.

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For the second straight year, both the Bison and Lady Bison cross country teams have the opportunity to compete for a national championship.

Five of the seven participating Bison finished in the top 10 on route to Har­ding's clinching the NCAA Division-II South Regional Championship Nov. 8 in Atlanta. Senior Jacob Roth finished in first place with a time of 30 minutes, 35 seconds in the 10K race. Finishing just behind Roth in second place was junior Peter Kogel with a time of 30:51. The other Bison placing in the top 10 were seniors Scott Wiete in fourth, and Maciek Mierczko in fifth, and junior Reed Fisher in seventh place.

The Lady Bison cross country team finished in fourth place overall at the South Regional Championship Nov. 8. Harding was led by the top 10 finishes of senior Janet Kogo in fourth place with a time of 21:49 and junior Helen Singler in seventh place with a time of 22:04.

Kogo led for the majority of the race, but fell behind when she ran off course more than 100 yards in the wrong direction.

"I think everybody there knew who the [female] runner in the region was," head coach Steve Gaymon said.

Each of the top finishers in both the men's and women's competition were named to the All-South Region team.

The top four placing schools receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Division-II National Championship Nov. 22 in Cary, N.C., on the campus of St. Augustine's College.

Members of the cross country teams are preparing themselves both mentally and physically for the nationals next weekend.

"Right now everyone is trying to get focused," Wietecha said. "We're kind of ner­vous. We're just trying to stay healthy and run the race of our lives.

"Gaymon recognizes the importance of nationals, but is trying to keep the runners from being intimidated. He believes the men's team has a great opportunity to finish in the top five in the country with an outside shot of winning the title.

"If they stay relaxed and don't get intimidated they will do very well," Gaymon said. "They have a lot of confidence, they'll race against anybody, they don't care who they are.

Because cross country is as much a mental sport as physical, the runners are trying to focus only on running and avoid the im­agination that comes with competing for a national championship.

"It's a little bit mind blowing," Wietecha said. "This is the best team we've ever had. With the team we have we know we have an outside shot of winning it all. It'll also be kind of a homecoming for three of our guys [from North Carolina].

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Students flying home for Thanksgiving break may run into long lines and delays.

The U.S. Transportation Security Administration warned of additional hassles this season due to increased passenger traffic and the reduction of more than 7,000 screeners.

Tricia Wallis, owner of World Travel in Searcy, said students will face large crowds at the Little Rock airport.

"The Thanksgiving holiday is the most heavily traveled holiday of the year in the state," Wallis said. "With so many people traveling, things can get kind of hectic."

The American Autoimmune Association estimates that 36 million Americans will travel more than 50 miles from home this Thanksgiving. More than 4.6 million will be flying—a one percent increase from last year.

Not Wallis said air travelers should prepare for long waits when flying nationally.

"Be there a little earlier than usual," Wallis said. "I recommend at least two hours before your flight.

According to Wallis, Internet shopping is one way to find great deals on airline tickets.

"If you shop online and find a price that you can live with, buy it," Wallis said. "Investigate your options but don’t wait too long."

Wallis said shopping early is a key to finding an affordable ticket during the Thanksgiving season. It’s hard to find a ticket right now," Wallis said. "We’ve been booking Thanksgiving airline tickets since summer."

Freshman Michelle Horton, from Lubbock, Texas, purchased her $300 ticket during the summer. She said flying was an appealing alternative to the 13-hour drive, but the cost was disheartening.

"Flying home will be too ood," Horton said. "I just don’t want to fly alone. I just wish I could have gone home at least once this year, but it is no expense."

Students who wish to fly home but have not purchased a ticket are not too late. Wallis said, but they should expect to pay a high price for an available seat.

Staff writer Lindsey Lowe contributed to this report.
The healing touch

Third-world patients benefit physically, spiritually from Harding medical missions

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The College of Nursing sends nursing students to foreign countries every summer on health care missions, Some of the locales visited include Guatemala, Haiti, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Kenya, Mexico, Montserrat, Panama, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda and Nigeria. A group spent four weeks in Nigeria and two weeks in Ghana this summer. The group participated in helping create community health care and obstetrics.

"We get to do so much more in Africa than we are able to do here," senior Jessica Grant said. "We actually get to deliver babies [and] help in surgery."

The students finished their clinical hours required for the College of Nursing while in Africa, but also brought home many stories and memories. Grant and senior Charity Nix both recounted the story of Junior, a young boy who had been brought to the hospital with typhoid fever.

"He had diarrhea because of complications," Nix said. "He wasn't expected to live. We had brought strong antibiotics with us and gave them to him. We changed the dressing on his wound, counseled his parents and became really close to him. We made sure he was always taken care of and had something to drink.

The day that we left, he got to go home from the hospital!"

Grant said some of the Africans were fantastic about the trials in their lives.

"We met a little 6-year-old girl missing her right leg," Grant said. "When I asked if she had any complications, she said no. It was a part of her body that was just removed.

"The next morning, she was up and walking around. She was just wonderful, very optimistic."

"We have to look at the patients holistically — their physical, emotional and spiritual health included. We will try to share a love of Christ with them."

— Junior Jennie Dixon

MISSION MINDED

A 9-year-old African girl who is missing a leg received crutches from Harding students who were on medical missions this summer.

"We want to run well in front of the home crowd." Kyamon said. "I have to think I'm just as good as the guys I run against."

"I just try to run as hard as I can to glorify the Lord," Rotich said. "I think I'm just as good as the guys I run against."

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Children are source of laughter, snack

AARON RUSHTON

Big Guy, Big Mouth

Kids make me laugh the laugh that comes just from being happy and laughing not necessarily because something funny happened. And that's a very good laugh.

As I've said, I love little kids, and little kids love me. From then 3-month-old Addison Butler, who fell asleep in my arms on Baby Day in my speech and language development class second semester of my freshman year, to 3-year-old Gary Wilson, an incredibly sharp boy at my church (he's a Batman fan), to all the kids I've ever worked with at church camp and all the kids in my Scout troop back home, I really am just a big fan of kids.

I follow in the footsteps of my parents as they're learning something they find interesting. For instance, I can sit down with Andy and Matthew, a couple kids, and I met over the summer, and tell them everything I know about the cartilage in the middle of the terrible thunderstorm, no less, and they're both sitting there and laughing about every single thing I'm going on about. This is especially impressive since not 15 minutes earlier little Andy was breaking into tears when the wind picked up — that's how scared of storms he is.

What did I next, I suppose, could be seen as a little more sentimental. Since Andy wasn't so much scared of the lightning anymore, I put them outside the next day. After a few weeks later by attaching a pair of live ducks to his outfit. When I finally heard, he was outside of the hospital, and the speech therapy is supposed to be making a little progress. And don't even get me started on the sparkle in that kid's eyes.

Boardwalk, Park Place and a diploma

College, like Monopoly, has rules that must be followed

ANDREA MARTIN

mattata” or some other archaic-sounding catch phrase.

Confession two: I am not good at Monopoly. Actually, my feelings toward the game are borderline hatred. And (brace yourselves) I have been known to kick the pug out of the board after a few hours of playing. Why? Because I lack the killer instinct and I don't care about money. But, I do get a kick out of Lillinker/bill Cosby “Kids Say the Darndest Things” kind of way. I mean kids make me laugh that deep, hearty, entire-body, gut laugh. Kids make me laugh the laugh that comes just from being happy and laughing not necessarily because something funny happened. And that's a very good laugh.

Being a human jungle gym also lends me to a kinder disposition on kids. After months away from home, I walk toward my home congregation and gain about 400 pounds. Immediately, around eight p.m. and once the Spider-Man T-shirts bounce out of the pews and onto my arms, legs, back, chest and sometimes even pre-calculus in one semester and decided that was not exactly the God plan had planned for me.

I doubt you realize what angst I felt trying to churn out something for this column. I have felt immense pressure this week to pen something wonderful — worthy of at least a small parade. It's not often I get to voice my opinions to such a public forum, and I don't want to piddle it away. I, like Jane Austen's Elizabeth Bennett, am "unwilling to any sort of a separation between editors and students, welcoming letter to the editor which adheres to ethical and professional standards and is no more than 300 words. Signed columns appearing in the Bion are the views of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the official policy of the Harding University administration. Undersigned columns represent the view of the editorial board.

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Mission-minded

Students should take advantage of opportunities to serve

For the past three weeks, the Bison has published a series of stories outlining a few of the many mission opportunities available to Harding students.

From inner-city outreach, to personal Bible studies, this is indeed a mission-minded student body. As an institution, Harding is unique in many ways, but its emphasis on missions makes it even more special. The university, along with local congregations and student groups, goes to great lengths to help students find opportunities to serve.

During the academic year, this is a campus of more than 5,000 Christian students, but it is also a launch pad for groups traveling across the globe to share the Word during their time off.

It is true that there are mission opportunities all around us—even on this campus—but that should not necessarily be used as a reason not to take advantage of the unique opportunities presented to the student body.

Money is often an issue when considering mission opportunities. Many students are under the impression that Harding’s campaigns are financed out-of-pocket. To the contrary, students are encouraged to raise money from friends, family and congregations to fund their participation.

Daniel Cherry, director of spring break campaigns, said that in his seven years of working with campaigns, he has never seen a student not able to raise the needed money. In addition, many campaigns are very inexpensive—some cost less than $50.

Campaigns also consume students’ valued time off from school, requiring much of one’s spring break or summer vacation. After a rigorous semester, breaks are greatly appreciated; but one should not be too quick to discount mission opportunities as hindering recuperation.

“Many potential campaigners don’t realize that serving on a spring break campaign actually energizes many students over the week,” Cherry said. “Spending a week in a remote location, meeting people and seeing lives changed is truly spiritually invigorating.”

The same is undoubtedly true for all mission opportunities. This may be the only time in one’s life where energy, time, youth and support are available to such great quantities, to be used in service for the kingdom. There are so many people that need to be reached, and so little time.

Students should not pass up the opportunities before them. It is obvious that circumstances do not allow everyone to participate in some of the more hands-on mission opportunities like spring break campaigns, international summer campaigns or medical missions, but that shouldn’t stop anyone from being a missionary.

Sowing the seed of the kingdom can be done at all times and in all places. Harding offers a precious opportunity to extend the reach of one’s service to people throughout the world who may otherwise never hear the good news of Christ. It is an opportunity worth considering.

TALK BACK
What do you like about Harding? What would you change if you could?

“I would change the location to a big city. I like the Christian atmosphere and Christian professors.”

Beth Holden, senior

“I like clubs, Spring Sing and the bookstore. They shouldn't send grades home.”

John Fyffe, freshman

“I feel safe here, and I love the feeling of community. I don’t like that Harding demands a lack of self-expression.”

Tina Maxwell, freshman

“I love being with all the great people here. I think we should have some place to watch movies ... with people of the opposite sex.”

Arielle Cox, sophomore

Give me a break (literally)

I have been infected with the heinous disease that rolls around at the end of every fall semester. Apathy, dwindling attention spans, slight twitching, foaming at the mouth—they’re all symptoms. I can’t concentrate in class. I can’t study for tests. I can’t form coherent sentences.

I’ve been in Searcy way too long. Get me out of here.

The solution to this epidemic is simple. Please, give me a break—a fall break.

I enjoy Harding’s abnormally long Thanksgiving break. But by the time the week in late November finally rolls around, I’ve had enough. I’m not the only one. There is no further than the pre-Thanksgiving exodus for proof.

One, or maybe even three class days before the Thanksgiving break, students flee campus as if it were plague-infested.

A little time off early in the semester would be a great inoculation for the devastating disease. I’m not asking for much, just a long weekend.

The administration should knock off a Thursday and a Friday from the schedule somewhere in late September or early October and set us free.

Looking at the numbers, a fall break is really not too much to ask. We have 79 class days (including final exams) this semester. I contrast, Abilene Christian University and Lipscomb University have 75 and 76 days respectively. Both have a fall break.

A fall break would probably have very little educational impact. Vanderbilt University only has 69 class days during the fall semester, and I wouldn’t dare call the academically inferior to Harding.

Under some circumstances, the loss of academic days would pose a problem, but most faculty members should be able to accommodate two fewer days on the schedule. (Suggestion: Eliminating tests would save a bundle of class time.)

A fall break would also give everyone a chance to get out of town for a while. It may not be difficult for the faculty to spend all semester in Searcy because they have roots here. Most of the student body, on the other hand, is more or less transplanted in foreign soil.

As much as I love Harding, it’s just not home for me. And as much as I enjoy Searcy’s quaintness, I’m not exactly among the thousands who live like millions wish they could.

Perhaps the university should model its calendar after Lipscomb’s. In addition to a week for Thanksgiving and a fall break, Lipscomb also dismisses classes for Labor Day.

I’m not sure exactly why Harding does not recognize Labor Day, but I know it is not because we don’t spend ample time laboring.

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Memories and madness: Take time to think about it

As the school year recedes, so does my hairline — and my brain power. Strange thoughts harry me back to simpler times. The work and wear of the year has brought me to the fetal position. Come next week, I shall spring forth from the womb of classes and enjoy a Thanksgiving week free from rest and loaded with school projects. Oh the joys of the holidays.

Until that time, I remain in a vegetative state, with synapses misfiring and visions of kittens playing with balls of yarn floating around my head. I'm not alone, but I probably should be. Here are some thoughts and memories I've entertained this week, all under extreme duress and for no clear reason.

- I invented a word today: "radical." In case you've missed it, radical is a combination of the two words "rad" and "ical." Some would mistakenly call it a rip-off of the word "radical," but that is not true. Right now, the word means nothing, but it will soon. You can send in meanings for the new word if you want, but I only said I invented a word. I never said I assigned it a meaning.
- My favorite parts of the board game Life were getting married and cashing in children. Life was more fun than life is, unless you had a jerk cousin who changed the rules to make himself win every time. If you had a cousin like that, then life is more fun than Life.
- If I could live any television character's life, it would be Kevin Arnold, of "Wonder Years" fame. Except, I would dump Winnie. Like that.
- "Silverhawks" was better than "Thundercats." There, I said it.
- Mario's dreams must feature weightlessness because in "Mario 2," neither Mario nor Luigi could kill by stomping their enemies anymore. Conversely, the Brothers Mario could touch, and throw the baddies. Looking back, it's strange to think that "super Mario Bros." beget "Mario Bros. 2," which then beget the master, "Super Mario Bros. 3." Two just doesn't fit. How did bottles of potion send you to alternate universes, and what in blazes was up with Luigi's crazy jumping legs? The world may never know.
- A majority of people believe that they can win any debate simply by saying "think about it." As if that simple phrase is the missing link between stupidity and brilliance.
- "Sometimes one plus one actually equals three. Think about it." "OK... Ah, there it is. Thank you for the primer. I understand completely now."
- "I had a dream yesterday that the roof had gone so right wing, that we not only flew in a circle, but we changed our style to allow the misspelling "eccardal" to spell the proper "nuclear" to aid in pronunciation. Later I dreamed that Howard Dean was president and sporting a bandana emblazoned with a Confederate flag at a Middle East peace summit. Then I woke up — crying.
- There are two things in life that astound me. I forgot the first one, but the second is the letter "X." It is the picture of pointlessness. The job of "X" in language can be filled in for by either "E" or the combination "EK." Letter "X." The power of the English alphabet.

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offensive linemen, Justin Beller, Kevin
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against Henderson State Oct. 18. Twelve seniors will play their final game as Bison Saturday against Ouachita Baptist.
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"It's been here for five years," Tribble said. "It's this week's dedication and love for the game have been con­
tinued by the other players.
"Collins said his five-year career as a Bison has been a blessing. "It's been great to play with these guys. I've developed friendships that will last a lifetime."

"I don't want to have a
Senior kicker Coy Nance

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"On Saturday's game also holds great importance to him. His four-year career.

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Bisons look to team chemistry for success in 03-04 season

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The 2002-2003 basketball campaign saw the Bisons achieve their most successful season since joining the Gulf South Conference. A 21-9 record was good enough to earn the Bisons a trip to the NCAA Division-II National Tournament.

However, with the loss of Aaron Farley and Jason Makte, the Bisons' two top scorers from last season who graduated in May, voters in the preseason GSC poll didn't foresee the Bisons achieving that type of success in 2003-2004. The Bisons were picked to finish fifth in the nine-team Western Division.

But don't tell that to the upset Bisons. The GSC will add a fifth team to the conference tournament in 2003-2004. The Bisons plan to return to the tournament as well as qualify for the national NCAA Tournament.

"If we can surpass what we did last year even though we lost a couple of top scorers," senior guard Darren McCrillis said. "We have more players that can score instead of just two or three. We're kind of under pressure, but we work well in pressure situations. I think we'll do a lot of good stuff."

The Bisons return two starters from last year's squad, senior forward Jay Brogden and senior center Yahaya Ibrahim. Brogden averaged six points a game last season while compiling 3.4 rebounds per game and adding 25 blocks. Ibrahim averaged 6.6 points per game with 3.7 rebounds a game. Ibrahim will miss action for the next three to four weeks with a partially torn ACL.

"It hurts not having his size and physicality inside," head coach Jeff Morgan said, "but we'll be able to get the new guys some experience."

Other key returnees from last year's team who should be in the starting line-up for the Bisons are senior forward Chad Wans and McCrillis. Wane is the leading returning scorer from 2002-2003. He averaged 9.9 points per game with 4.9 rebounds. McCrillis averaged 7.2 points per game in 2002-2003 while racking up more than four assists per contest.

"On that point, it would be easier," Morgan said. "Darrin, Jay and Chad have all played for us and they were freshmen. Yahaya is such a competitor. They've done a good job in practice as far as setting the tone. It's nice to have that many guys coming back to play different positions."

In addition to returning players, the Bisons now sport plenty of newcomers to add to the mix. Junior twins Edward and Emmanuel White will see immediate action at the guard position. They transferred to Harding last season from Northwest College in Wyoming. The Bisons are also awaiting the return of three other transfers who are currently not with the team.

Junior guard James Profit and Ceso Sprewell, cousin of the NBA's Latrell, and junior forward Hector Zayas will contribute as soon as they become eligible in December.

"Their energy level is going to be significant," Morgan said. "A lot of people would be worried about chemistry, but our guys like them. These guys are going to be hungry to just practice and get into games. All three of those guys are pretty talented."

Morgan notes that team chemistry will be the most important attribute this season.

"The chemistry is good," Morgan said. "All the guys like each other and the attitude is good as far as work ethic. It will be interesting to see how these guys play four or five games together."

The players also agree that they are thriving on the chemistry now.

"We get along better than any other team I've ever been around," Zayas said. "On the floor, we just have to get a feel for who can do what."

GSC Tournament main goal for Lady Bisons; Freshmen expected to contribute, coach says

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As the Lady Bison basketball team prepares to enter the 2002-2003 season, expectations are high to improve on last season's success.

"We're really excited and have very high expectations for this year," junior forward Tiffany Phillips said. "We had a good season last year and we're looking to improve on that this year. We're very confident."

Head coach Brad Francis said the team's attitude towards the season is not to stop short of earning a spot in the Gulf South Conference Tournament in March.

"I think our returning kids are wanting to go to the conference tournament," Francis said. "We have a lot of new kids coming to the program, they are trying to learn something and trying to get ready to play."

Senior forward Tiffany Phillips believes reaching the tournament is a goal the Lady Bisons can accomplish.

"Our main goal is to get to the tournament," Phillips said. "Every team strives for that and it's very Obtainable."

Seven freshmen will be called upon to raise their level of high school experience to match the intensity of the college game.

"The freshmen all come out of a different system, we're trying to get them used to our system," Francis said. "They've gotten a lot of things thrown at them. We're trying to wade through everything. But they are doing good as freshmen."

The freshmen's contribution will match that of returning starters Phillips, the team's lone senior, Simpson and sophomore guard Kendra Bailey.

"Those girls are our leaders, no doubt," Francis said. "They feel some pressure, but they want to be in that leadership position."

The Lady Bisons will have to compensate for the losses of one of last year's top scorers, Julie Hammitt, who averaged 11.9 points per game and Heather Lawrence, the conference's top rebounder with 12.1 per game.

"We lost a lot of experience [from last year's team]," Francis said. "We're trying to get the younger kids some experience. We're expecting them to contribute this year. They certainly have the ability."

In addition to the losses of the graduating seniors, the Lady Bisons lost two key players when sophomore Chelsea Simpson and junior Elizabeth Woodruff went down in the preseason with season-ending knee injuries.

"We lost two kids with experience," Francis said. "The loss of Chelsea is particularly hard because she was going to be a big part of both our offensive and defensive game. People are now being shifted to different positions."

The Lady Bisons will look to Phillips to regain the shooting touch she had last season. Phillips was the leading scorer on last year's team, averaging 13.3 points per game and shooting 30 percent from the free-throw line.

Phillips said she is excited about providing the team's offensive spark again this season.

"We're excited about the season and what's expected of me," Phillips said. "I want to do what the coaches and team expect me to do."

Phillips believes she can handle the pressure of being the team's top scorer.

"I feel some pressure, but it's pressure I like," Phillips said. "I want to be a leader."