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STUDENTS APPRECIATE

Event planners say service builds solid relationship between university, community

CHRISTY CANADY
Student Reporter

Twelve-year-old Demi Mears, her brother Garrett and their friends Regan and C.J. Gullely were full of excitement when they entered the White County Fairgrounds Tuesday night.

The children said they were looking forward to eating a lot of free food and spending time with a lot of college students.

"We heard there was food, and we were ready," they all said.

Mears and her friends were among the approximately 300 Harding students and Searcy citizens who mingled at the Searcy Sampler, a free dinner that offered an assortment of foods from local eating establishments.

The event, held at the White County Fairgrounds, marked the end of Searcy Appreciation Days, in which students and faculty worked to establish relationships with the community and thank Searcy for the hospitality and service that it offers to an often-exclusive Harding campus.

McDonald's, Dairy Queen, Pizza

Hut, Pizza Pro, Super China Buffet and Ryan's Steakhouse and Buffet provided the food.

When attendees voted for their favorite cuisine of the evening, New China Buffet won with nearly 50 percent of the vote.

Mears said that she enjoyed China Buffet's food and the time spent with other Searcy residents.

"I think it's cool the community in Searcy can get together and have varieties of food like this," Mears said.

The Mears and the Gulleys heard about the dinner from Harding students who visited with them while collecting cans in the Cloverdale neighborhood.

"We were out in the yard and college kids came by and talked to us and invited us," Marla Mears said. "I think [the dinner] is a pretty neat thing."

Event co-chairmen Rodney Keeton and Sio'Bhan Russell said they were pleased with the turnout and Searcy Appreciation Days as a whole.

"It was great to interact at the Sampler and spend time with the community and to be a part of them," Keeton said. "When you looked over



Freshman Gary Kirby sludges through a swampy field collecting trash as part of a Searcy Appreciation project March 2.

the crowd, you couldn't distinguish between students and [Searcy residents]."

Keeton said he hopes next year's Searcy Appreciation Days will build upon the foundation laid this year and form a solid relationship with the entire community.

Approximately 1,300 students and faculty participated in a variety of activities, included writing thank you notes to area businesses, visiting nursing homes to give residents manicures, painting, and delivering goody baskets to city workers.

Youth Corps members hosted a basketball tournament, which provided a unique opportunity for high school students to receive attention from Harding students. Two teen-agers walked away with an X-Box and a Nintendo Game Cube.

"Word will get around about that," Keeton said, predicting greater attendance at the tournament next year.

Russell said Searcy Appreciation is a great way to build a heart of service.

"As Christians, we are called to serve, not be served," he said. *

Lectureship to feature alumni, lunch sessions

SARA VAN WINKLE
Student reporter

In an effort to increase student participation, the 2004 Student Lectureship will offer additional lectures at night and during lunch March 8-9.

The lectureship will feature Harding alumni, along with current students, as speakers.

Senior Ryan Bond, co-chairman of the event, said these changes are some of the ways the Student Association, along with the event committee, is trying to make lectures more relevant to students' lives and to increase student interest.

"We were trying to create some sort of novelty with the lectureship," Bond said. "We were just trying to create a different atmosphere for the students with [the night and lunchtime] lectures."



BOND

Although Student Lectureship usually only features current students, recent Harding graduates Nathan Bills, Charles Kiser and Shannon Cooper will speak at night sessions. Bills will speak at the Downtown church of Christ at 8:30 p.m. Sunday. Kiser and Cooper will speak in the Heritage Auditorium at 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, respectively.

Bond said he hopes this will attract more upperclassmen to the event, which he said typically draws more underclassmen.

"The upperclassmen either know [Kiser, Cooper and Bills] or will be familiar with them," Bond said. "We thought it might be a really healthy and inspiring perspective to bring those guys back to see what their lives are like [and] see what advice they have."

At the 11:45 lunch session, food from the cafeteria will be provided in the Hammon room so students can listen to a lecture while eating, Bond said. The speakers for the lunch sessions are senior Sam Peters on Monday and junior Ruth Anne Cox on Tuesday.

SA President Michael Campbell said the lunch talks are different in that students aren't "just going to a classroom to hear somebody talk."

The lunch presentations will give students with tight schedules easier access to the lectures, Campbell said.

Like the lunch sessions, every lecture will be shortened to 30 minutes instead of lasting 45 minutes to an hour. Also, instead of having lectures in many different rooms across campus, all female lectures will be held in McInteer 350, and all male lectures will be held in McInteer 146.

"By having the lectures in two rooms, the students don't have to wander all over campus," Bond said. "Hopefully, that will encourage more attendance."

The theme for the lectureship is "Christian Living Today." Bond said he thinks the topic will have "multiple applications" to students' lives.

"The reason we chose that topic is because it's not something that's often addressed," Bond said. "We as a committee think there are a lot of issues about living [as Christians] today. Times have changed since four years ago or two years ago."

The main purpose of the lectureship is to give a voice to students who have knowledge or an experience that they want to share, Bond said. "I think it's always empowering to be able to speak to your peers on something that you feel passionate about," he said.

Campbell said he hopes the speakers learn and grow from their preparation time for the lectures. He also hopes students who wouldn't normally come to the lectureship will turn out for the event.

"Part of the purpose is to edify the people to grow and stretch their faith," Campbell said. *

STUDENT LECTURESHP

- Student Lectureship, March 8-9
- Kicks off: Sunday, 8:30 p.m., Downtown church of Christ
- Theme: "Christian Living Today"
- Harding alumni, students will lecture



Freshman Carole Johnson participates in Searcy Appreciation March 2 by helping paint a local building. Around 1,300 students, faculty and staff members participated in the two-day event, which began March 1, organizers said.

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SATURDAY 3.06

SUNDAY 3.07

MONDAY 3.08

TUESDAY 3.09

WEDNESDAY 3.10

THURSDAY 3.11

FRIDAY 3.12



SOURCE: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE

Fallen soldier honored at OC

Oklahoma Christian University bestowed an honorary bachelor's degree Feb. 18 to a student soldier who died in Afghanistan.

Kyle Seitsinger, a sergeant in the Army Reserves, was called to duty in Afghanistan in November 2003 with 12 months remaining to get his degree. He and seven other soldiers died when a weapons cache exploded Jan. 29.

Seitsinger was majoring in journalism and Spanish at Oklahoma Christian, where he served as editor of the campus newspaper for two years.

Before attending the university, Seitsinger graduated from Wentworth Military Academy in 1993 and served a 6 1/2 year tour of duty in the U.S. Marine Corps.

At the presentation ceremony at Oklahoma Christian, Seitsinger's parents, Dan and Jo, and his sister Katie accepted the diploma in his honor.

Beebe and McRae schools to merge

Beebe and McRae school districts took steps this week to prepare for consolidation.

The Beebe School District delivered a proposal Tuesday outlining plans for an interim school board, staff contracts, graduation procedures and facility use.

In response, the McRae School Board said most of the conditions of the agreement are favorable, but it would like to see a few minor changes, like having additional representation on the interim board.

McRae is one of 57 small school districts that is being forced to consolidate under Arkansas' new education reform laws.

Treasury changes design on nickels

The U.S. Treasury announced this week that 180 million redesigned nickels have been minted and shipped to the Federal Reserve banks to go into circulation.

The treasury had announced in April that two new nickel designs would be released this year. The first new design features the Jefferson Peace Medal, which displays clasped hands and a peace pipe overlapping a hatchet, instead of Thomas Jefferson's estate, Monticello. Jefferson's face remains on the front of the coin.

The second new design will be released this fall and replaces Monticello with an image of the keelboat used by Lewis and Clark when they explored western America.

'Gigli' named worst picture

Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck were among the "winning losers" at the 2004 Golden Raspberry Awards Feb. 29.

Razzie voters picked the couple's movie "Gigli" as 2003's worst picture, Affleck as worst actor, Lopez as worst actress and the two as worst screen couple.

Sylvester Stallone and Demi Moore were "dishonored" for supporting actor and actress.

FACES IN THE CROWD

Brian Newberry, Senior



Hometown:
Hendersonville, N.C.

Major: Computer engineering

Social club: President of Kappa Sigma Kappa

Favorite restaurant:
Georgetown One Stop

Favorite band: the Beatles

Favorite video game: "Mario Kart" for Nintendo 64

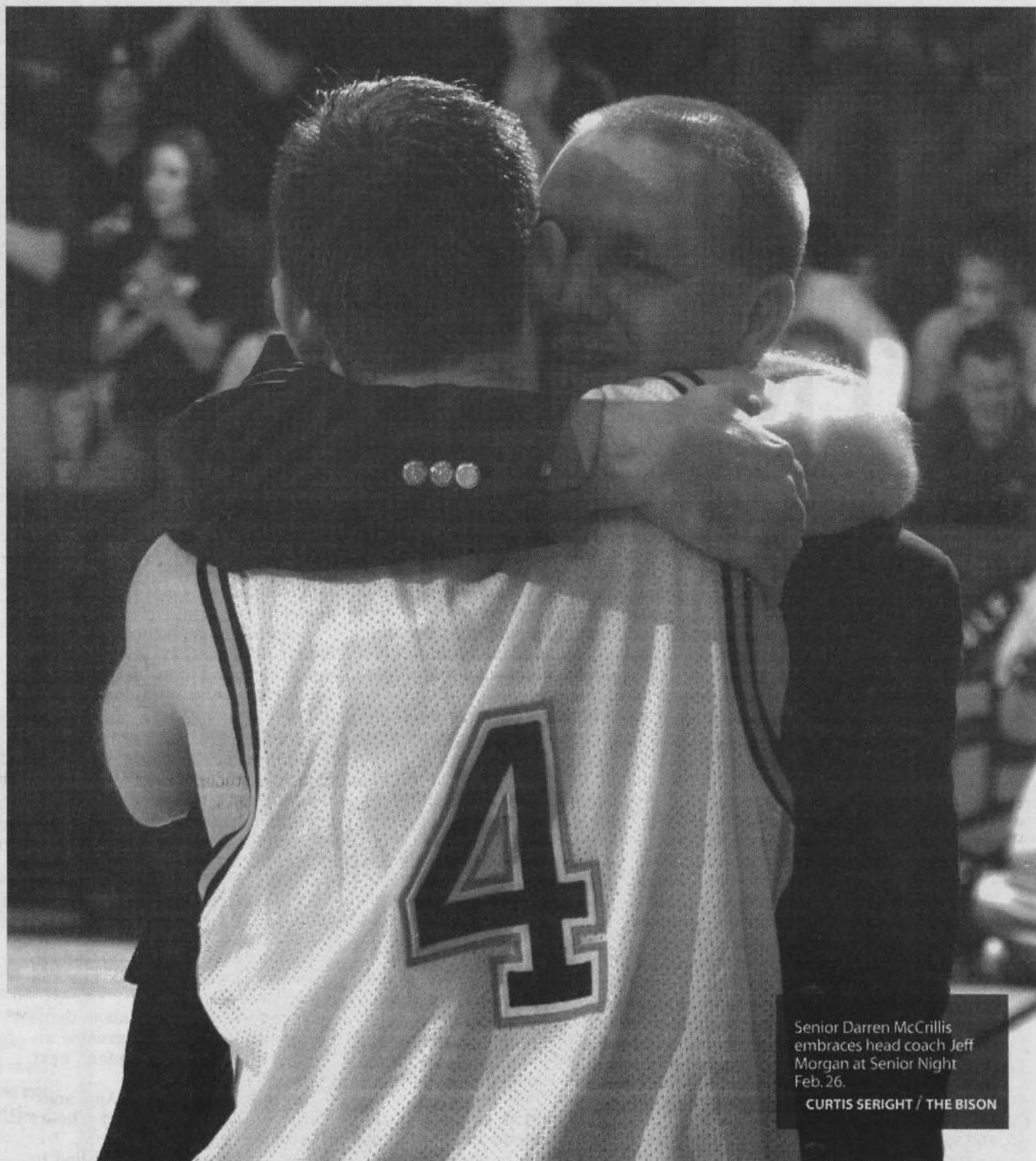
Most memorable Harding moment: Backpacking trip through the Richland Creek Wilderness in more than 8 inches of snow.

Favorite TV show: "The Simpsons"

Favorite dessert: Cherry cheesecake

Favorite movie: "River Runs Through It" or "Dumb and Dumber"

WEEKLY WINDOW



Senior Darren McCrillis embraces head coach Jeff Morgan at Senior Night Feb. 26.

CURTIS SERIGHT / THE BISON

CAMPUS IN BRIEF

Computer lab survey meeting

Academic Information Services will hold a meeting in Olen Hendrix 106 at 3:30 p.m. March 9 to gather student input concerning the operation of public computer labs.

Students will be given the opportunity to fill out a survey offering feedback about how the labs are run.

Paula Kirby, director of Academic Information Services, said previous surveys have led to new computers, additional software, improved monitors, longer lab operating hours and increased training for lab workers.

Travel Services appointment

Mel Sansom, vice president for finance, announced Feb. 24 that Harding will add an office of Travel Services.

Bill Spear, formerly the director of groups sales at the World Travel agency in Searcy, will be the director of Travel Services.

As his first task, Spear will help Harding obtain accreditation as a travel agency, a process that will take 120 days, according to Sansom. Once accredited, the office will handle travel arrangements for university business.

Sansom said he hopes the office will eventually offer vacation plan-

ning services to faculty, staff and students.

Spear, who has worked with Harding to arrange travel for international programs and campaigns, has 27 years of experience in the travel industry.

"Love Letters" performances

The play "Love Letters" will be performed in the Little Theatre at 7 p.m. tonight and Saturday. Tickets will be sold at the door and cost \$4 or are free with the Pass.

The two-character cast consists of seniors Tom Meadows and Natalie Graham, who are completing their senior capstone theater projects. Robin Miller, associate professor of communication, directs the play.

The play begins in late 1950s New York and follows the romance and friendship that grows between a boy and a girl as they correspond through letters throughout a span of 50 years.

Career Fair rescheduled

The spring Co-op and Career Fair scheduled for Thursday, March 4, was postponed until Tuesday, March 30.

The Fair will be in the student center lobby from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

COMING UP

- 3.06 Baseball vs. Henderson State, Arkadelphia, Ark., 12 p.m.
- 3.06 Lacrosse vs. University of Missouri Rolla, Rolla, Mo., 2 p.m.
- 3.07 Baseball vs. Henderson State, Arkadelphia, Ark., 1 p.m.
- 3.07 Women's open house, 6:30-8:15 p.m.
- 3.08 Student Lectureships
- 3.09 Student Lectureships
- 3.09 Baseball vs. LeMoyné-Owen, Memphis, 1 p.m.
- 3.09 Tennis vs. Dallas Baptist, Dallas, 1 p.m.
- 3.10 Men's tennis vs. University of the Ozarks, home, 3 p.m.
- 3.11 Women's tennis vs. Arkansas Tech, Russellville, Ark., 1 p.m.
- 3.13 Baseball vs. UCA, home, 12 p.m.
- 3.14 Baseball vs. UCA, home, 2 p.m.
- 3.15 Spring break begins
- 3.19 Baseball vs. East Central, home, 3 p.m.
- 3.20 Baseball vs. East Central, home, 12 p.m.
- 3.23 Baseball vs. LeMoyné-Owen, home, 1 p.m.
- 3.23 Tennis vs. Christian Brothers, home, 2 p.m.
- 3.23 Trumpeter Crispian Steele-Perkins, Administration Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- 3.25 Tennis vs. Delta State, home, 2 p.m.
- 3.25 Beaux basketball tournament, Rhodes, 6 p.m.
- 3.25 Singing Under the Stars, Front Lawn, 10 p.m.

Grant gives scholars aid for graduate school

AARON MILLER
Student reporter

Harding is in the process of selecting 22 students to participate in the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, a federal grant meant to prepare students for graduate school.

The U.S. Department of Education approved Harding in October to receive \$220,000 for its first year of the four-year grant. Then, Harding named Dr. Linda Thompson as program director in December.

The McNair program is designed to provide instruction, experience and mentoring that will help students coming from low-income families, first generation students — those whose parents did not earn college degrees — and minority students apply to graduate school.

"Our services are all aimed at helping students be competitive in the graduate admissions process and ready for the rigors of graduate school when they get there," Thompson said.

One of the ways the program will benefit students is by offering workshops and activities that aim to develop communication skills. It will help students prepare to take the Graduate Record Examination, locate sources of financial aid and apply for graduate school.

The program will also include trips to research conferences and universities.

In addition, McNair students will be given the opportunity to intern for 10 weeks this summer doing research.

A faculty research mentor in the field in which the students wish to earn their doctorate will guide each intern as they complete a literature review, attend classes on research techniques and writing skills, and research and write a paper of publishable quality.

Tuition will be waived and a living allowance for room and board will be provided for each intern. Interns will receive stipends of up to \$2,800.

Students will also receive credit hours for the work.

The McNair program, like Upward Bound and Student Support Services, is a federally funded "TRIO" program, which is rooted in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Harding is one of 179 colleges in the nation to receive the McNair grant.

The McNair Program, which was started in 1989, was named in honor of one of the seven crew members killed in the space shuttle Challenger explosion in 1986.

Students can apply for the program until March 31 at the Lee Academic Center 109. Anyone wanting more information should call 279-4028. ■

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MOMS IN SCHOOL

Mothers work hard to balance homework, homemaking

MEGHAN MICHAELSON
Copy editor

Many college students are looking forward to April for sunny weather, Easter and Spring Sing, but senior Mary Darden is counting down the days for different reasons. In little less than a month, Mary is expecting her first child, a girl she and her husband Jason will call Alayla Jade.

"I'm nervous, excited and happy," Mary said. "Every emotion you can feel, I'm feeling it."

Aware of the big changes coming in their lives, Mary and Jason are busy preparing.

"We live in the Village Apartments, so we have an extra room," she said. "Right now, we have been getting it ready [for the baby]."

The Dardens also plan to sell their Mustang because it is too small for a family.

Mary said she has received a lot of support from friends like junior Courtney Daniels and graduate student Raquel Collins, who are also student mothers.

"We have been given so many things like old baby clothes and bottles," Mary said. "Older student moms know what it is like to not have a lot of money."

Courtney said she is also grateful for the support of friends. She and husband Torrance "Tank" are the parents of 1-year-old Jackson. Although the couple has tried to arrange their school schedule so

that one or the other is with Jackson, Courtney said she sometimes needs help.

"[During] my Tuesday-Thursday classes, my friend Tressa [Tucker] watches Jackson for about an hour while Tank and I are in class," Courtney said.

Jackson does occasionally attend classes with Courtney and has been since he was just a week old.

According to Courtney, he even has his own student I.D. card. Courtney said she is appreciative of her professors' acceptance of her priorities as a parent.

"The best advice I can give is to ask questions and do research. It has helped me to think 'I can do this.'"

MARY DARDEN, SENIOR

"They [the professors] allow me to take Jackson to class and understand when I have to take him to the doctor," Courtney said.

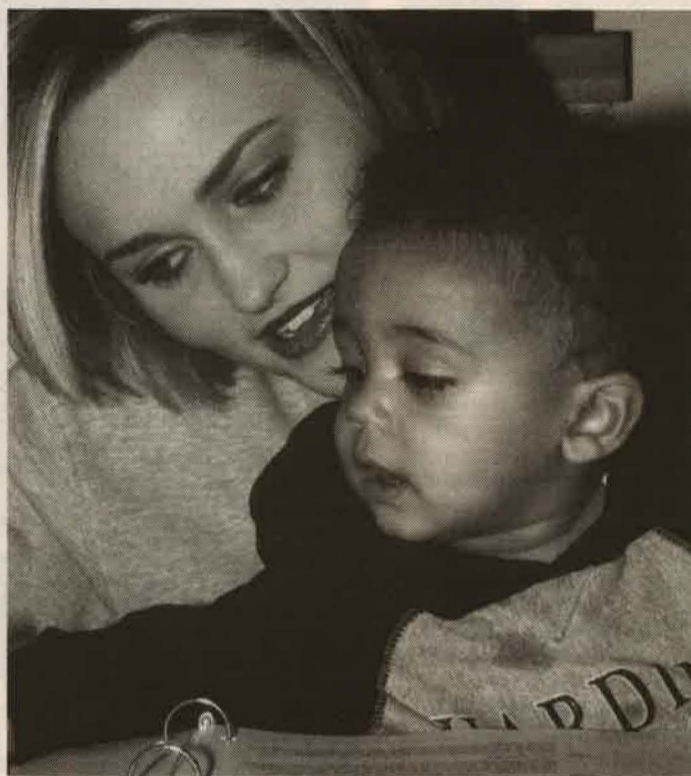
Mary said she is also grateful for her professors' support.

"[Dr. Sheila] Sullivan [associate dean of the College of Nursing] gives me advice about her own experience with her kids and keeps up with how I am doing," Mary said.

According to Peggy Huckeba, assistant dean of students, even though there is no official program to work with student parents, the administration is willing to do what it can.

"Our goal at Harding and at Student Services is to meet students' needs," Huckeba said. "We try to meet with the individual and see what we can do."

Huckeba said Student Ser-



CURTIS SERIGHT / The Bison

Holding her 1-year-old son Jackson, junior Courtney Daniels studies for her Leadership Strategies class. Like many student mothers, Daniels has to divide her time between school and family.

vices excuses student parents from chapel one at a time so one parent can care for the child when needed.

Courtney said she does not attend chapel on Tuesdays and Thursdays and stays with Jackson, but on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays the whole family attends together.

"Tank and I met in chapel," Courtney said. "So it is kind of like everything has come full circle."

For Raquel, balancing motherhood and school has been a way of life, for she has been a student mother since her senior year of high school.

She and her husband, Santiago, are raising two daughters, Jasmine, 5, and Naylie, 1, all while attending graduate school at Harding.

According to Raquel, the most difficult part of being student mother is finding time to relax.

"Between work and school

and family, it is usually hard to find time to do anything for yourself," Raquel said. Raquel said she would advise mothers-to-be to make sure they take care of themselves as well as their families.

"Workout for 30 minutes or anything else you like," she said. "Just find time for yourself. It will help a lot."

As a mother-to-be herself, Mary also has some advice to pass on.

"The best advice I can give is to ask questions and do a lot of research," she said. "It has helped me to think 'I can do this.' If you can find another mom to help form a support group, it definitely helps."

Mary said the support she receives from her family and friends will be assets for her in this new stage of her life.

"It will be a challenge, but I know I have support if I need it," Mary said. "It will be a challenge, but I'm ready for it." ■

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Students find ways to pay Uncle Sam

DEANN THOMAS
Managing editor

For many students, working through the rest of the spring semester is difficult enough without the added worries of meeting the April 15 tax deadline.

Several possibilities exist for students who need to file taxes.

The students in Harding's senior-level tax preparation class get hands-on experience by filing taxes for students and local residents. The free service is offered in Mabee 126 from 3-5 p.m. every Monday through April 12. Since 22 students are involved in the class, they rotate what weeks they help with the service.

David Allen, associate professor of accounting, oversees the service, which is in its 18th year. He said his students will help file about 200 tax returns this year.

"It's real life experience for the students," Allen said. "It's also good for Searcy and for the Harding community."

Besides appreciating the work experience, senior Travis Carr said he enjoys working with the service because he gets to meet new people and help them with a task that can be stressful.

"Filing taxes seems to overwhelm a lot of people," Carr said. "Sitting down with them and helping them organize everything is always a good thing."

Students can also get help with their taxes from local certified public accountants. Some companies, like Allen Wade Turner and Associates, offer discounts to college students. Buddy Wilson, a CPA at Turner Allen Wade, said the company will prepare basic W-2 tax returns for students for \$50 rather than the usual \$65. He said prices vary with the amount of information that is turned in.

"[We offer a discount] to bring in some business and also to help out the students," Williams said. "We want to offer students something reasonably priced where they can make sure everything is accurate."

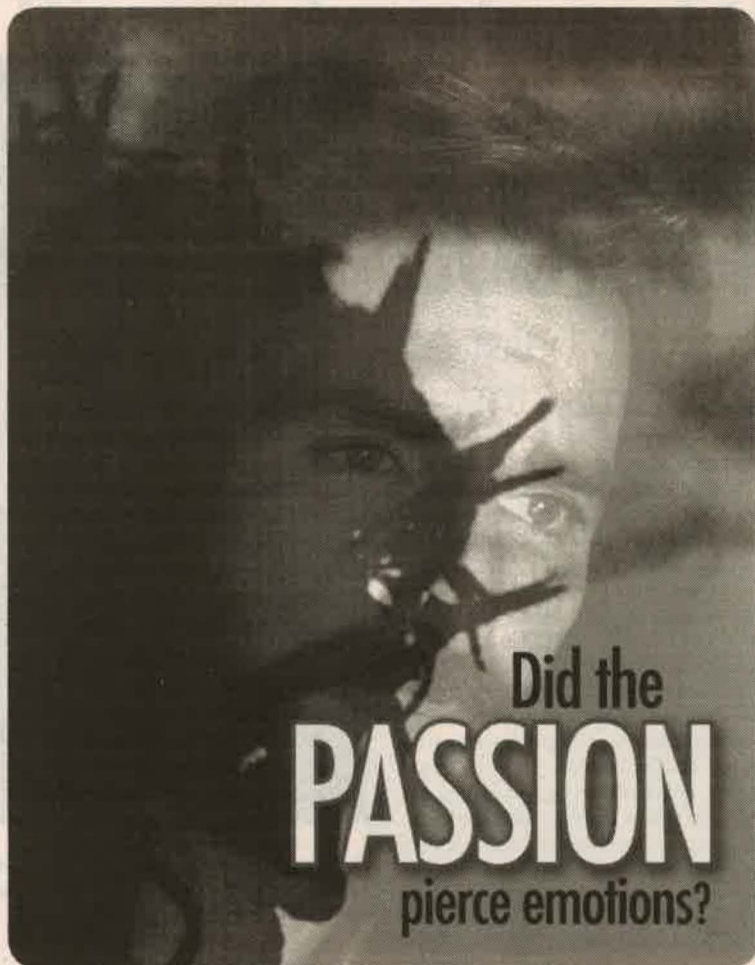
Senior Steven Heilman said he has his family's financial consultant in Pittsburgh, Pa., file his taxes. The consultant

knows the family through Heilman's father's business and provides more personal service than going to bigger accounting companies.

"We drive 40 minutes to get her to do our taxes because she is so friendly and goes out of her way to help," Heilman said. "She even helps me plan ahead."

However, some students, like senior Jo Province, file taxes on their own. Province said her parents will check to make sure everything is accurate before she mails in her forms, but that she feels filing taxes wasn't as stressful as it is perceived.

"It's not as scary as I thought it would be," Province said. "I thought it would be a huge, complicated process, but it wasn't."



EMILY WADE
Student reporter

The whip lashing through the air as Roman soldiers scourge Jesus.

Mary and Jesus laughing over a table Jesus built. Simon of Cyrene shouting angrily at reveling soldiers.

Mary clinging to the lifeless body of her son.

Images like these have lingered in the minds of those who have experienced "The Passion of the Christ." While people have reacted differently to the scenes, most would agree Mel Gibson's portrayal of the last days of Jesus' life had a stirring impact on their own lives.

"It made me physically ill, but it also made me spiritually aware of what Christ did for me.

"The people around me were shocked. When the credits rolled no one moved, you could only hear tears."

Jessie Ellis, freshman.

"It was emotionally exhausting. I started crying the first five minutes and didn't stop. I don't think it's possible for anyone to watch it and not be changed."

Kyndall Garner, freshman.

"It truly captures the pain, suf-

fering and love in a visual manner. I thought it was interesting how Satan was portrayed and the emotional hold it [had] over people. There was no bar between the spiritual and physical realm."

Trisha Timmerman, senior.

"I felt like everything that was happening was my fault. Well, rather, I know I caused it. After it was over I was physically, spiritually and emotionally exhausted.

"I wanted to stand-up and shout to stop the movie. The hardest part was when Mary ran after Jesus when he was carrying the cross."

Valerie Goodale, junior.

"The part[s] I found most moving and surprising [were] the Mary scenes. I never really pictured her there all the time; the emotions were drawn on her face.

"I had only focused on Christ, but the realism of her son made it more captivating."

Brittany Jamison, senior.

"It's hard to describe because when you read it, it's different. Every time he got whipped, I jumped.

"I jumped with every sound. Even though I am a Christian it changed [me]. No one will be able to watch it and not be changed."

Kyle Chandler, junior.

TAX SEASON

- Tax deadline, April 15
- Business students offer free consultations, Mondays, 3-5 p.m.
- Local accountants give discounts.
- Some students depend on family members and family's financial consultants.
- Some students prepare and file tax returns on their own.

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New drug causes concerns

JENNIFER NACIN

Iowa State Daily (Iowa State U.)

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — A muscle-growing drug designed to fight muscle-wasting illnesses may have implications for athletic departments across the country if made available in the medicinal market.

There is concern among American sports officials that the new drug, a gene for insulin-like growth factor-1 (IGF-1) — originally designed to help people with muscle-wasting illnesses such as AIDS or muscular dystrophy — could be used illegally to build "superathletes."

The drug is virtually undetectable and could make users' muscles larger and stronger without much effort.

The drug is being tested at the University of Pennsylvania, where trials showed a 15 to 30 percent increase in the mass, strength and endurance of the muscles of lab rats after they were injected with a gene-manipulated virus.

Officials in the Iowa State University athletic department said they had not heard about this study and were surprised to hear what it could do. They said

they were concerned that, if the drug does work on humans the way it is supposed to, it could have damaging physical side effects on anybody who takes it for performance-enhancing purposes.

Mark Coberly, head football athletic trainer for Iowa State, said the entire athletic community would be concerned about illegal use of the drug.

"To level playing fields, you would like people to perform with their own natural abilities," Coberly said.

The NCAA has strict regulations against the usage of performance-enhancing drugs and gene therapy.

"It's very closely monitored [now], with drug testing by the NCAA and our own drug tests," Terry Allen, associate head foot-

ball coach, said. "[The NCAA] can come in at any time, at least three times a year."

Allen said Iowa State and members of the Big 12 Conference conduct additional random drug tests on student-athletes throughout the year.

Coberly said if the gene therapy was released for human usage, it would not go unnoticed.

"I'm sure that the appropriate governing bodies will take whatever action is necessary, if needed," Coberly said.

Marc Shulman, team physician at the Thielen Student Health Center, said there may not be cause to worry because results in lab rats may differ from results in humans. "It takes a lot of research to see if it works the same in humans as it does in lab animals," Shulman said.

Douglas King, professor of health and human performance, agreed.

"In terms of some aspects of physiology, there are some differences in rats and humans," King said. "The bodies may not deal with [the drug] in the same way."

Although there is concern physical damages could occur from using this muscle-building gene therapy, good results are possible for those who need to take it.

"There are a lot of good things that come from gene therapy," Shulman said. "It has to be in the right patients at the right time for the right reasons."

He said a good example of the appropriate use for this type of gene therapy would be in patients experiencing significant loss of muscle mass because of muscular dystrophy.

Shulman said for now, he expects more concern for non-athletes who aren't sanctioned by any organizations and would take gene therapy drugs to enhance their appearance. He said they could be at greater risk of physical harm due to side effects including liver damage, testicle and ovary changes and mental disorders. *

MUSCLE DRUG

• A muscle-growing drug has been developed to fight muscle-wasting diseases.

• The athletic community fears the new medicine will be misused to build athletes' muscles.

• Drug not tested on humans yet.

*911

Some emergency dispatchers not advising resuscitation technique

SHAUN PARCELS

Daily Collegian (Penn. State U.)

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Emergency dispatchers in cities across the country are eliminating mouth-to-mouth resuscitation from the instructions they give 911 callers attempting to administer CPR.

Instead, dispatchers in cities including New York, Cleveland and Chicago are instructing callers who do not know CPR to focus on giving only chest compressions to victims of cardiac arrest until rescuers arrive.

According to an article published last week in USA Today, confusion or reluctance about administering mouth-to-mouth resuscitation often costs heart-attack victims precious minutes.

Dan Tancibok, 911 director for Centre County, Pa., said his dispatchers haven't changed their procedures and will continue to instruct 911 callers to perform both chest compressions and rescue breathing.

Tancibok added that chest compressions combined with rescue breathing have led to several "confirmed saves" in which untrained individuals were able to successfully administer CPR and restart a victim's heart before rescuers arrived.

MORE ONLINE

For more information about 911 rescue services, visit www.americanheart.org.

The change gained momentum last month when doctors from a dozen cities decided to make the change to compression-only instructions for untrained 911 callers. The switch is meant to allow untrained individuals to focus on giving chest compressions until rescuers trained in mouth-to-mouth resuscitation arrive.

Victims of cardiac arrest require immediate CPR, said Linda Van Dyke, the training coordinator for Alpha Community Ambulance Service.

"Once [someone goes into] cardiac arrest, their survival rate goes down every minute," Van Dyke said. "After 3 to 5 minutes, the survival rate is pretty low."

Centre County dispatchers are trained to follow American Heart Association guidelines, and the county's policies are reviewed by the Seven Mountains Emergency Medical Services Council, said Tim Nilson, the regional training coordinator for the council.

The council is contracted by the Pennsylvania Department of Health to advise emergency medical service providers in Centre, Mifflin, Clinton and Juniata counties on all pre-hospital emergency care.

"Our medical advisory committee will most likely discuss the change at their next meeting in four to six weeks," Nilson said.

Tagni McRae, a spokeswoman for the American Heart Association, said the change to eliminate rescue breathing is consistent with their recommendations.

In a prepared statement, McRae said, "The simplicity of this modified technique allows untrained bystanders to rapidly intervene."

The American Heart Association is not planning to eliminate the practice of teaching mouth-to-mouth. *



FFH ready to fly

Christian music has been rapidly rising in popularity and experiencing explosive growth over the past several years. Christian concerts, as well, have gained the same notoriety with groups playing to large audiences across the country.

We feel that it is time that Searcy uses its resources and facilities to bring live Christian music to this area. A committee has formed of interested members of the community who share this vision and are passionate about seeing it come to fruition.

The first concert has already been booked for Friday, April 2, 2004, featuring FFH, one of the hottest Christian groups in the country. They have 6 number one hits and their most recent CD, *Ready to Fly*. The album soared to the top of the charts only a few weeks after its release. You can find more information about them at their Web site www.ffh.net. Appearing with them will be Big Daddy Weave, a new and up and coming group, and solo artist Warren Barfield.

Where: Searcy Outdoor Event Center

When: April 2, 2004 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 in advance: \$15 at the gate

Ticket Outlets: Carmichael Center. 279.1010

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Quattlebaum Music: 268.6694

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We hope that the people of this area will share the same excitement that we have about bringing Christian music to Searcy. Our goal is to make this an annual or biannual event so that the people of this area can know the tremendous blessing that God can bring through Christian music.

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'I don't want to GROW up.'

Memories of toys from childhood linger into adulthood.

EMILY B. WADE
Student reporter

The rumors are sad, but true. After 43 years of plastic paradise, Barbie and Ken are going their separate ways.

Barbie, the most famous doll in the world, met Ken on a television commercial in 1961. While these two are in Splitsville, and while you are mentally dividing their assets, take time to reflect on some toys from the good old years.

Students, reach back into the toy chest of your mind. Boys, do you remember G.I. Joe and My Buddy? Girls, remember Candy Land and Kid Sister? It seems that each year toy marketers come out with new, fast action toys, but who can replace Mirco Machines, LEGO, Hot Wheels and Cabbage Patch Kids?

"I had more than 30 Mirco Machines when I was growing up," freshman Jesse Bynum said. "I played with them all over the house. The worst was when my mom or dad would step on one I had accidentally left out."

An endless amount of toys fills shelves throughout the country.

Parents today have to know as much about what is the latest, best, sparkliest and most animated toys on the market as

they know about the rise and fall of the stock market. However, back in the day, toys didn't have lasers, gadgets or voice activation systems; rather most of our toys only required batteries.

"When I was little I had a Gloworm," senior Lindsay Allen said. "Its batteries went out in church, and I started crying hysterically. I thought some one had killed my Gloworm. My mom had to take me outside to explain to me about the battery thing."

Over hysterical tears and hurting parents, toys from yesteryear made children use their imaginations, causing them to make up their own character voices and weapon sounds.

Boys challenged superheroes with ventriloquist voices and space rocket sounds while girls imitated friends for their dolls' tea parties.

"I had the whole Strawberry Shortcake set," senior Cortney Pangle said. "I would play for hours in my bedroom by lining my toys up [on] my day bed. I am an only child, so I had no choice but to

make up the voices for my dolls."

While those growing up without siblings relied on their own imaginations for playtime, some students had sisters and brothers to help them create new games.

"My sister would put makeup on me, which would usually end up being a disaster," senior Alisha Frazier said. "Then we would play with our My Little Ponies. We would watch the cartoon and act it out as the show played."

These toys evoke memories back to a time when life was simplified into nap time, snack time and playtime. That time doesn't have to be over for

us, but the toy thing, well that should probably go, at least soon.

For all the Barbie fans, the doll promises to remain friends with Ken. Her spokesman, Russell Arons, vice president of marketing at Mattel, said Barbie finally called her relationship quits because Ken failed to commit and give her a ring. Hey, just because she can't bend at the joints doesn't mean she can't think for herself.

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LINDSAY ALLEN, SENIOR

Mr. Potato Head

George Lerner "grew" the roots of Mr. Potato Head with the production of plastic face pieces for fruits and vegetables. In 1952, Hasbro, Inc., produced the first plastic Mr. Potato Head. This toy immediately made history by becoming the first toy to be advertised on television.



Barbie

In the early 1950s, Ruth Handler pitched the idea of a three-dimensional doll to Mattel, Inc., the company founded by her and her husband, Elliot. Mattel, Inc., rejected the idea, and Barbie did not make her debut until 1959 at the American Toy Fair in New York City. The doll's name comes from the name of the Handler's daughter, Barbara.



LEGO

Kirk Christiansen, a Danish carpenter, started manufacturing wooden toys in 1932. Two years later, the toys adopted the name LEGO. The name is formed from the Danish words "leg godt," meaning "play well." The wooden toys began to make way for the traditional plastic brick in 1949.



Hot Wheels

Mattel, Inc., introduced Hot Wheels to attract boys as Barbie had attracted girls. The miniature vehicles have sped into the rooms of children since 1968. On Hot Wheels' 30th birthday, Mattel, Inc., celebrated the production of its two-billionth vehicle.



Etch-a-Sketch

Ohio Art Corporation created the Etch-a-Sketch in 1960. Considered the world's first laptop computer, the toy is recognizable by its red frame and two white knobs. Etch-a-Sketch provides hours of creating images on a flat board filled with aluminum powder.

Toy Timeline: A look at toys that have amused children for decades

Variety of MP3 players rock the market

The good and the bad of four MP3 players

BRANDON SUBLETTE
Student reporter

With all of the portable hard drive MP3 players on the market, it is difficult to determine the features and components essential in a unit to purchase.

Weight, design, sound quality, gigabytes (GB) and price are all factors in selecting a particular unit. Although there are a multitude of admirable players out there, four seem to rise above the competition.

Apple iPod Mini (4GB)

As a predecessor to its older brother, the iPod, the iPod Mini is leading the market with its chic design and petite dimensions.

Through the iTunes Music Store you can select from a music library comprised of 19 different genres ranging from country to alternative that you can preview to buy anytime on Mac or PC.

• Debut: Feb. 16, 2004

• The Good: A mini click wheel for enhanced durability and stability, more than 70 hours of music, notable sound quality, design, games and skin exteriors that come in five colors: silver, gold, blue, pink and green

• The Bad: No recording compatible, no radio, battery is not user-replaceable, 1.8-inch hard drive, expensive

• The Cost: \$243-\$249

Creative Nomad Jukebox Zen NX (30GB)

The Zen is the most for the cheapest. It's just a little bigger than the other big dogs, Apple's iPod and Dell's DJ.

• Debut: Sep. 18, 2003

• The Good: Low price tag, 30GB (largest in its class), USB 2.0/1.1 compatible, user-replaceable battery

• The Bad: Bland design, not recording compatible, no radio

• The Cost: \$238

Dell Digital Jukebox DJ (15GB)

The idea behind this novel technology is lucid and intuitive.

• Debut: Oct. 27, 2003

• The Good: Largest display in its class, boisterous design, remote, extended battery life, "on-the-fly" play list creation, voice recording.

• The Bad: No radio, no line-in recorder, albums do not play in order, more money for less memory

• The Cost: \$249

Rio Nitrus (1.5GB)

The lightweight and miniature design is the

frontrunner for the future of diminutive MP3 players.

• Debut: Aug. 22, 2003

• The Good: Lightweight, convenient for walking or exercising, easy operation, innovative 1.5GB one-inch hard drive (smallest in its class), more than 20 hours of music

• The Bad: No radio, no recording function, no carrying case, no remote

• The Cost: \$152-\$199



cd&dvd New releases

March 9-23

CDs

Usher, "Confessions"

This album features 14 new R&B songs, including the single "Yeah!", a collaboration with Lil Jon and Ludacris.
Release Date: March 23
List Price: \$18.98



DVDs

"Mona Lisa Smile"

Julia Roberts stars with Kirsten Dunst and Julia Stiles in the film dubbed as an all-girls version of "Dead Poets Society."
Rated: PG-13
Release Date: March 9
List Price: \$28.95



Weezer, "Weezer" (Original Recording Remastered)

This digitally enhanced version of the band's 1994 debut album "Weezer" includes two discs, the blue album and a disc of rare tracks.
Release Date: March 23
List Price: \$29.98



"Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat"

Mike Myers stars as the mischievous Cat in the film version of Dr. Seuss' book "The Cat in the Hat."
Rated: PG
Release Date: March 16
List Price: \$26.98



'Haunted Mansion' opens door to mindless humor

STEPHANIE SHEA
Student reporter

Obviously attendance must be down at Disney theme parks. It is the only explanation I have that would explain making "Haunted Mansion," a fright comedy based on a park attraction.

The good news is "Haunted Mansion," rated PG, brings to the attraction to life. Finally you understand why ghosts are haunting that dirty, spider web-filled, iron-gated mansion that you have stood in a two-hour line to see.

The film begins with the attraction's familiar, ghoulish music. The movie tells how the now broken-down house was once a flourishing and splendid fortress owned by Master Gracey (Nathaniel Parker).

Gracey, an accomplished Southern gentleman, falls in love with Elizabeth, a beautiful woman considered to be beneath Gracey's stature.

Ignoring the advice from his trusted butler Ramsley (Terence Stamp), Gracey plans to marry Elizabeth. Elizabeth, however, cannot face ruining the life of her one true love. Rather than live without him, she commits suicide — or does she?

Heartbroken, Gracey hangs himself, thus causing all who would live in Gracey Manor to be cursed forever.

Years later Jim Evers (Eddie Murphy) comes along as a realtor who just doesn't know when to stop working. Evers and his family are driving out of town for their vacation, and Evers makes one last stop.

Upon arrival, Ramsley's ghost greets the family at the door and quickly shuffles them to the dining room where they will dine with Master Gracey.

As they eat in front of a massive fireplace, a torrential rainstorm blows over the estate, floods the grounds and leaves Evers, his wife, Sara (Marsha Thomason); tough daughter, Megan (Aree Davis); and son, Michael (Marc John Jeffries) stuck at Gracey Manor for the night.

The family soon realizes that Sara bears an amazing resemblance to the late Elizabeth. That's when they find out the meaning of their visit and realize getting away will be a complicated mission.

This film is just mindless entertainment. The story's only purpose is to allow Murphy time to flash his phony smile, tell terrible jokes and run around the mansion aimlessly.

If you are not a big fan of slapstick films, or if you are pinching your pennies, do not stress.

I would recommend that you do not waste your time or money on this movie. I only enjoyed a few of the scary parts.

If you want a good experience, take a trip to Disneyland or Disney World to see the real-life Haunted Mansion and ride the roller coasters. At least that way you will be getting your money's worth.

The Student Association movie committee will show "Haunted Mansion" in the Benson Auditorium at 8 tonight. Tickets cost \$2 or are free with the Pass.



A&E GUIDE: Harding's menu for entertainment outside the campus borders.

COMEDY

Bill Cosby

Actor and comedian Bill Cosby will provide laughs at the Orpheum Theatre at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. March 28. Tickets can be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets prices range from \$45.50-\$49.50. Call (901) 523-3000 for additional information.

MUSIC

Aerosmith

Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame 2001 inductees Aerosmith will rock the Alltel Arena in North Little Rock at 8 p.m. March 19. Classic rockers Cheap Trick will open for Aerosmith. Tickets are on sale at www.ticketmaster.com. Prices range from \$30.75 to \$65.75.

PERFORMING ARTS

David Copperfield

Magician David Copperfield will mesmerize audiences at the Or-

pheum Theatre at 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. March 23. Tickets can be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets prices range from \$37.50-\$44.50. Call (901) 523-3000 for additional information.

Shrine Circus

Aerial artistry, astonishing animals and graceful gymnasts will entertain crowds at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the Midsouth Coliseum in Memphis. Tickets are available at the tent entrance or at www.ticketmaster.com. Prices range from \$11 to \$13.

SPORTS

Memphis Grizzlies

Reigning NBA Most Valuable Player Tim Duncan and the defending world champions San Antonio Spurs visit the Grizzlies at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Memphis Pyramid. Tickets are available at the door or at www.ticketmaster.com. Prices range from \$5 to \$140.

The Grizzlies host the Los Angeles Clippers at 7 p.m. Fri., March 12, at the Memphis Pyramid. Tickets are available at the door or at www.ticketmaster.com. Prices range from \$5 to \$140.

Memphis Riverkings

Two-time defending Central Hockey League champion Riverkings take the ice against the Laredo Bucks at 7 p.m. today, at the Desoto County Civic Center in Southaven, Miss. Tickets are available at the door or at www.ticketmaster.com. Prices range from \$5 to \$24.

THEATER

"Just Be a Man About It"

Memphis' Orpheum Theatre presents "Just Be a Man About It" at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets can be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com. All tickets are \$23. Call (901) 523-3000 for additional information about shows.

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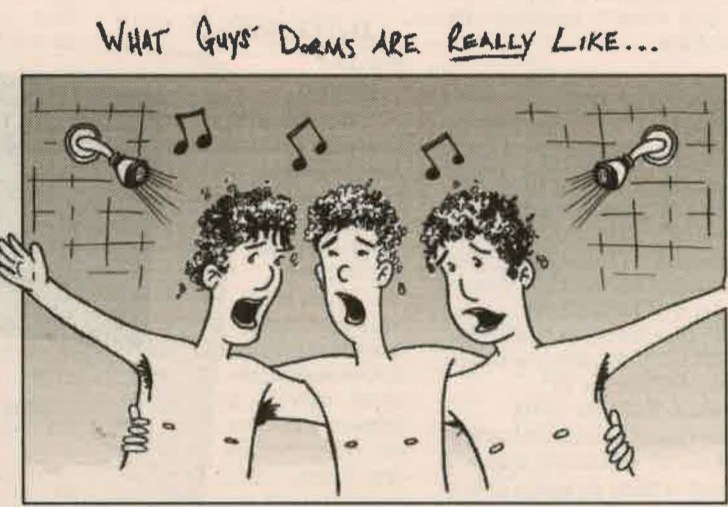
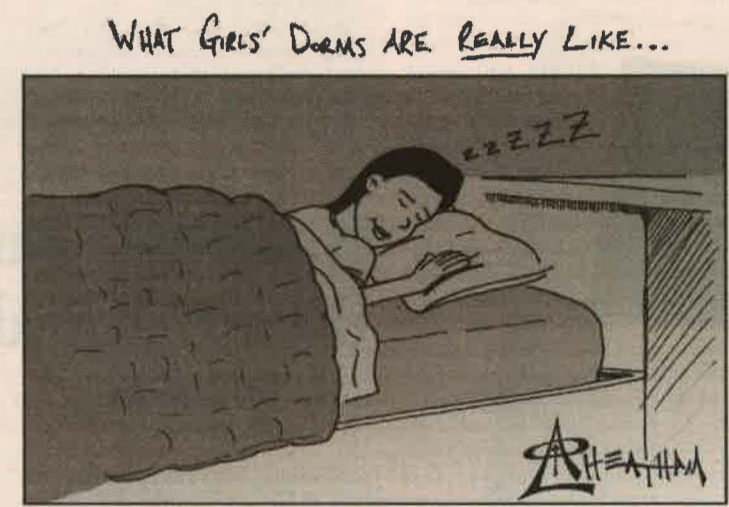
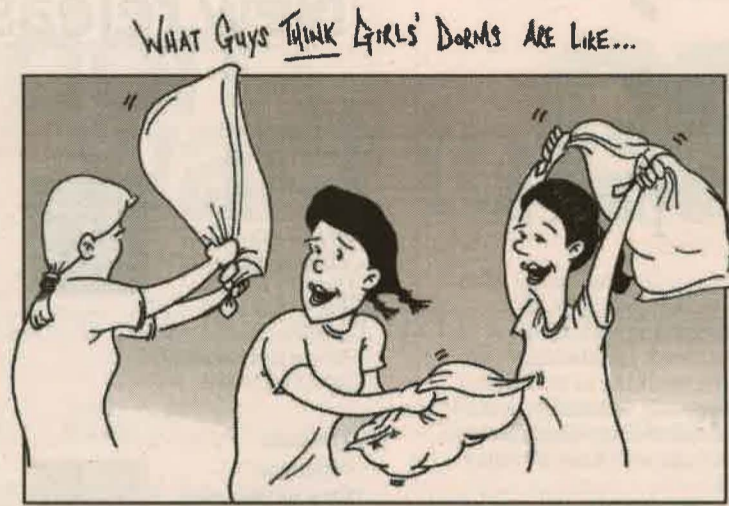
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Senioritis strikes again

When fear comes, faith brings peace

Eight a.m. ... Again? Blindly I reach to shut off my alarm, mentally grasping at the remaining threads of that wonderful place between sleep and awake. I think to myself, "Maybe if I just lay here quietly it won't find me." No such luck.

The relentless morning beckons. It sounds a lot like my roommate who greets me with an annoyingly optimistic "time for school, sunshine!" (There are days that I absolutely love my roommate but those days don't start until at least 10 a.m.)

I groan and bury my face into the pillow, trying to keep the worries and frustrations of college life from taking over as consciousness set in. She turns on the Switchfoot CD, a much needed source of motivation for us because, like so many others, today looks like it will be "one of those days." Any hope I had of just forgetting my obligations, turning over and going back to dreaming has been diminished.

If you haven't been able to tell already, I'll make the official announcement. March signals spring for some and outside couple time for others, but for those of us that have only three months until graduation, it denotes a spiral into the inevitable: senioritis. That's right folks, the cliché has hit the fan. In true senioritis fashion, I had to force myself to sit down to finish writing about how much I don't want to write this column.

There are times that routine guides my feet around campus since my mind has apparently gone into early retirement. I long for a time that my inspiration doesn't come in the form of a tall raspberry white mocha. I look forward to the freedoms of summer and, believe it or not, the commitments of a career (hopefully).

AMANDA SEMBER

Guest Room



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Somewhere in between 20 credit hours and endless 10-page papers that I know teachers love to read just as much as we love to write, I lose focus. I lose that drive. I forget that this isn't all there is to life.

Believe me, it's easy to do when your planner looks like a Jack Pollock painting. I don't want to deal with the influx of job fair flyers, loan consolidation offers and tips on how to "conquer" career indecision that suffocates my mailbox. Some of you know what I'm talking about. Every call from home turns into a game of guessing which relative or family friend will ask the infamous, "So what are your plans for after graduation?"

The Centers for Disease Control may be putting up the defenses against SARS and mad cows, but they have overlooked how to vaccinate this yearly epidemic.

When days like these hit, I try to refo-

cus my sights, not on graduation, but on the cross. When a restless spirit breaks my concentration, I ask God to quiet my heart and give me patience. When I have become weary of the classes and the workload, a simple song reminds me that I am meant for something more. When this world and its pressures try to burden me, I need to remember peace because He has already overcome the world (John 16: 33 NIV).

I encourage any others tired of school in the words of another Switchfoot song I can't get out of my head: "I dare you to move."

I dare you to run as Paul said in Hebrews 12, "with perseverance the race marked out for us ... considering Him ... so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." (NIV) Three months left and we will finish strong because He is strong.

There is only so much growing you can do in one place. At a certain point, you start to get edgy and yearn for a new atmosphere, a brand new way of life. That, I believe, is part of what senioritis is. It's the readiness to move on. The excitement and willingness to meet new people and try new things — elsewhere. In light of this, senioritis can be a good thing; a call to action, to change something mundane in a life that God meant to be purpose-filled.

True. I'm counting down the days, greeting each one with part anxiousness, part sadness and part exhilaration. I take my tests and hand in my assignments, (typed and on time no less!), but when I grow anxious about the future, I am thankful for the One who holds it in His hands.

AMANDA SEMBER is a guest columnist and student reporter for the Bison. She may be contacted at AKSember@harding.edu.

As far as scents go, Aaron 'nose'

Let's face it: unless he has an untrained dog, no man is willingly going to buy an air freshener. You may be asking yourself why this is so. Well fret not, gentle reader! Your Harding University *Bison's* very own hard-nosed investigative humor columnist Aaron Rushton has the answer.

Air fresheners are manufactured entirely with women in mind. Guys don't actively seek out things that make their room smell good. Before I'm barraged with contradictions from any guys reading this article, read me out. I will gladly concede to you that men use air fresheners but only to cover or remove bad smells that are already there. I will admit, without hesitation, that a big ol' pile of dirty laundry can generate an equally big ol' pile of funkiness. This is where air fresheners come in. To be entirely truthful, in a man's hands, an "air freshener" becomes more of an "air un-stink-ener."

A big reason guys don't exactly go for aerosol smell-good is because, more often than not, it just smells sissy to us. I'm not saying I don't enjoy the smell of a good pine forest, but some of the scents Lysol, Renuzit, Febreze and those other companies come up with are a bit ... well ... out there.

And what in the world is "original" supposed to smell like? Everybody's got an "original" scent. Lysol brand spray disinfectant cleaner, original scent. Febreze fabric refresher, original scent. McDonald's two-all-beef-patties-special-sauce-lettuce-cheese-pickles-onions-on-a-sesame-seed-bun, original scent. SBC Arkansas Searcy Smart Yellow Pages Area

AARON RUSHTON

Big Guy, Big Mouth



I'm hard at work developing a line of air fresheners that are specifically designed for me. I mean, men.

Code 501 June 2003 Issue, original scent. Original scent is all over the place, and it's just crazy.

But don't worry! Here at Aaron Rushton Labs, we never stop working for you. I know, I know, you're all impressed that I can be not only a hard-nosed investigative reporter but also a chemist that never took chemistry.

I'm hard at work developing a line of air fresheners specifically designed for me. I mean, men.

First on the list, and a personal favorite of mine, is the "Philly Cheese Steak" aerosol. Thin sliced sirloin on a toasted hoagie bun, with Swiss cheese, sautéed onions, peppers and mushrooms ... all in a spray can, releasing a gentle deli-fresh mist into the air.

Other scents available include "Nachos" (complete with fresh cut jalapenos, refried beans and fresh ground beef), "Pizza" (in five varieties: cheese, sausage, pepperoni, supreme and anchovy, which tested surprisingly well among cat owners), and "AstroTurf."

Not only are air fresheners highly marketed towards women, shampoos,

soaps, aftershaves and colognes are all designed with women in mind. This is perfectly understandable as I am much more concerned about how Courtney thinks I smell than how Carl thinks I smell.

But still, I think we could stand some equality between the sexes in the personal hygiene aisles of Wal-Mart.

Clairol, the company that produces the Herbal Essences line, has caught on to their lack of male consumers and are introducing a new line to be called Carnal Essences. "Steak & Potatoes," "Mesquite BBQ" and "Fried Catfish" will be in the initial wave of products, and, depending on success, will be followed by "Chili Dogs," "Grilled Ham & Cheese" and "Bacon Cheese Double Whopper."

Now, as far as aftershaves and colognes go, I really don't care if my aftershave or cologne smells like food. Again, it's not for my enjoyment. I want to smell attractive to my girl, not necessarily anybody else. However, if my girl were to show up for a date with a few drops of garlic Tobasco behind her ear, I'm certainly going to be a happy man.

I'm sure you've noticed that this has pretty much been all food. Well, you know what they say ... The quickest way to a man's heart is through his stomach. So if you have to use his nose to get to his stomach, I suppose that will still work.

AARON RUSHTON is a humor columnist for the *Bison*, and everything he says should be taken with a very large and very sarcastic grain of salt. He can be reached at (501)305-8453, or by e-mailing AaronRushton@hotmail.com. Your mileage may vary.

JEFFREY C. HUNTER

A Word In Edgewise

You might be a Harding student if ...

It has been a pretty slow news week for the *Bison*. Thank goodness for the Internet.

We occasionally scour the Net for any mention of our university, because you never know when (and where) you might find something that would make a good news story.

Sometimes a story is brought to light, but usually little is gained from the search. On a good day, however, the Web's great void coughs up some really interesting things.

Below are some funny puns collected this week from "You might be a Harding student if..." — someone's long-forgotten personal Web site. Please note that the site was last updated in 1997, so some of the older ones were taken out because they made little sense.

Some are cheesy, some are exaggerated, and some are so true that it's scary. Enjoy.

You might be a Harding student if ...

- ▶ You bring an engagement ring on a blind date.
- ▶ You have two full drawers of club T-shirts.
- ▶ You have the Pass.
- ▶ You are the reject of the marriage factory.

- ▶ You have dated the reject of the marriage factory.

- ▶ You are the marriage factory.

- ▶ You have slept in a train station in Europe.

- ▶ No matter where you go — Little Rock or Memphis — you always run into at least three other Harding students.

- ▶ The dorm mother flushed your goldfish down the toilet.

- ▶ Your curfew is later at home.

- ▶ You're a victim of the Mabee challenge.

- ▶ Pizza Pro knows you on a first name basis.

- ▶ You have survived Jimmy Allen's Romans class.

- ▶ Your day is not complete until you check your club box.

- ▶ You have participated in a discussion on whether it is "Harding Bison" or "Harding Bisons."

- ▶ You know what the letters DCB stand for.

- ▶ You have ever referred to anyone as "That person who sits in front of me in Bible."

- ▶ You plan your sleep patterns around chapel skips.

- ▶ A true sign of loyalty is sitting in your friend's chapel seat while they finish up a term paper.

- ▶ You have ever gotten angry at a character in a movie for botching up their chances at an engagement (dag nab it, we take those seriously here) and/or made commentary (rude or otherwise) because of it.

- ▶ You refer to the "passion pit" as an actual geographical location.

- ▶ You sleep through the cafeteria's lunch hours on Saturday.

- ▶ The security people don't scare you.

- ▶ The words "Function," "Hayride," "Beau," "Queen," "DCB," "Spring Sing," and "Chapel" are in your working vocabulary.

- ▶ You have ever eaten meal express more than once a week.

- ▶ You are a male and you find yourself at 2 a.m. at Waffle House.

- ▶ You are a female and find yourself at 2 a.m. in an escape-proof fortress.

- ▶ You think someone is a rebel for wearing shorts before 2 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Letters to the editor may be submitted to HU Box 11192 or thebison@harding.edu.

Editorialists should sign work

I have been following the articles that have been put in the school paper without a name or signature to identify the author for some time now. I know the fine print says that unsigned articles are the work of the editorial board. However, I worked on a school paper for a long time and am aware of how this kind of thing works. I know that only one of you actually wrote these articles regardless of the fine print disclaimer. Personally, I hold similar views to yours (which are decidedly conservative in tone) and I applaud what they say.

However, it carries the appearance of cowardice to say that you believe something and not stand up for your beliefs by signing your name to them. Are you afraid to be known as a conservative? If you are not, then you should have the integrity (and may I say, the intestinal fortitude) to actually claim your beliefs as your own.

When you write these articles and do not sign them, the student body wonders whether this was just another article written by the higher-

ups of Harding or something that one of our peers actually believes. Valid questions, I think. Appearances do indeed matter, so buck up, pull up your pants, and say who you are. There are others who believe the same things and will stand up with you on such matters, but we cannot do so if you refuse to say who you are.

Gabriel T.L. Roper, junior

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TALK BACK

What are your plans for Spring Break?



"Going home to Hunting Beach, Calif., with my roommate and five girls; show[ing] them around Hollywood and teach[ing] them how to surf."

— Chris Hanvey, junior



"For the first part of the week, I'm going to Branson, Mo., for the College of Business Leadership Colloquium. It should be an exciting learning experience."

— Kevin Redd, senior



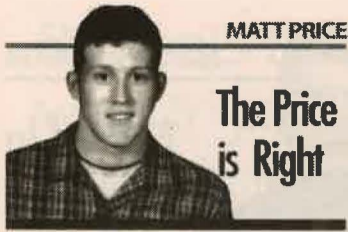
"I am going on a spring break campaign to Fort Worth to work with the Fortress Church. We're planning to work with kids and do a couple service projects."

— Shannon Ellis, freshman



"I am going home to spend time with my family and sleep, sleep, and sleep some more."

— Mandy Black, junior



MATT PRICE

The Price
is Right

Being a fan is kid stuff

It is amazing to me that after four years in college I am thinking like a child for the first time since my days on the playground.

This semester, I have had the great opportunity to participate in the "Friends Program" with my girlfriend Emily Sane, the Petit Jean athletics editor.

Our little buddy is eight-year-old Kyle. He is a second grader at Sidney Deener Elementary School. He likes Jeff Gordon, the Chicago Cubs and Harding basketball.

Emily and I thought it might be a good idea to start bringing Kyle to Harding basketball games towards the end of the season. At first, I wasn't sure if he would have a good time, but Kyle proved me wrong.

I bet no matter how disappointed you were about not attending the Harding-Henderson State game at the Rhodes you didn't cry like our little buddy.

To Kyle, the Rhodes Field House may as well be the Staples Center.

At the final home game of the season, Kyle found himself sitting on press row sandwiched between Terry Britt, sports editor of The

Kyle is a sports fan in a world where there is no BALCO, sexual assault cases or million dollar contracts.

Daily Citizen, and me. He was on top of the world.

While I updated the real time stats

of the Lady Bisons game against the Golden Suns on the Internet, I observed Kyle as he watched the game while chowing down on McDonald's.

To Kyle, the ladies' disappointing record didn't matter. He still planned on cheering his little heart out. If he screamed while a Golden Sun shot a free throw and she missed, Kyle felt he had contributed to the game.

In his mind, anything is possible. Buff the Bison could be real. Chad Ware could be a top NBA draft pick.

Kyle is a sports fan in a world where there is no BALCO, sexual assault cases or million dollar contracts.

Kyle reminds me of myself at his age. Somewhere along the way I forgot how to be a real sports fan. I forgot how to cheer at the unbelievable.

I forgot how to look at sports through innocent eyes.

As the night progressed and the men's game tipped-off, I regained some of that childlike attitude I clearly needed.

The delivery on the alley-oops from Emmanuel White to James Profit was as smooth as the Taco Bell drive-thru attendant handing me a Gordita.

If Harding games were nationally televised, those high flying dunks would be a shoe-in on Sportscenter's Top Ten Plays of the Night.

Plays like that sent my inner eight year old into frenzy.

Perhaps in some ways, professional sports haven't lost all innocence. Maybe all that has changed is the way we watch them.

I hope next season someone else picks up Kyle as a little buddy. He has a lot of great lessons to teach.

He's also a great Rowdy-in-the-making.

Bisons drop two of three at West Florida

MATT PRICE
Sports editor

The Bisons dropped their second straight series to a Gulf South Conference Eastern Division team Feb. 27-28, losing two of three against the University of West Florida in Pensacola, Fla.

The Bisons were disappointed with the weekend's results.

"We definitely came back with a bitter taste in our mouths," head coach Shane Fullerton said. "We expected to beat them. If we went down there again this weekend we'd expect to beat them again."

The Bisons now stand at 9-5 overall as they head into their first conference series of the season against Henderson State in Arkadelphia Saturday and Sunday, an outing the Bisons are ready for.

"With it being conference time our guys are anxious and ready to go," Fullerton said. "This is what the season is for us: doing well in conference."

The non-conference season allowed the Bisons to rotate different players in different positions and allowed Fullerton to experiment with different line-ups. Fullerton believes the team has plenty of depth with which to work.

"We know a lot more about our team," Fullerton said. "But we definitely aren't settled on a set line-up."

The Bisons traveled to Pensacola in order to face a tough opponent with no conference implications to prepare for their conference season.

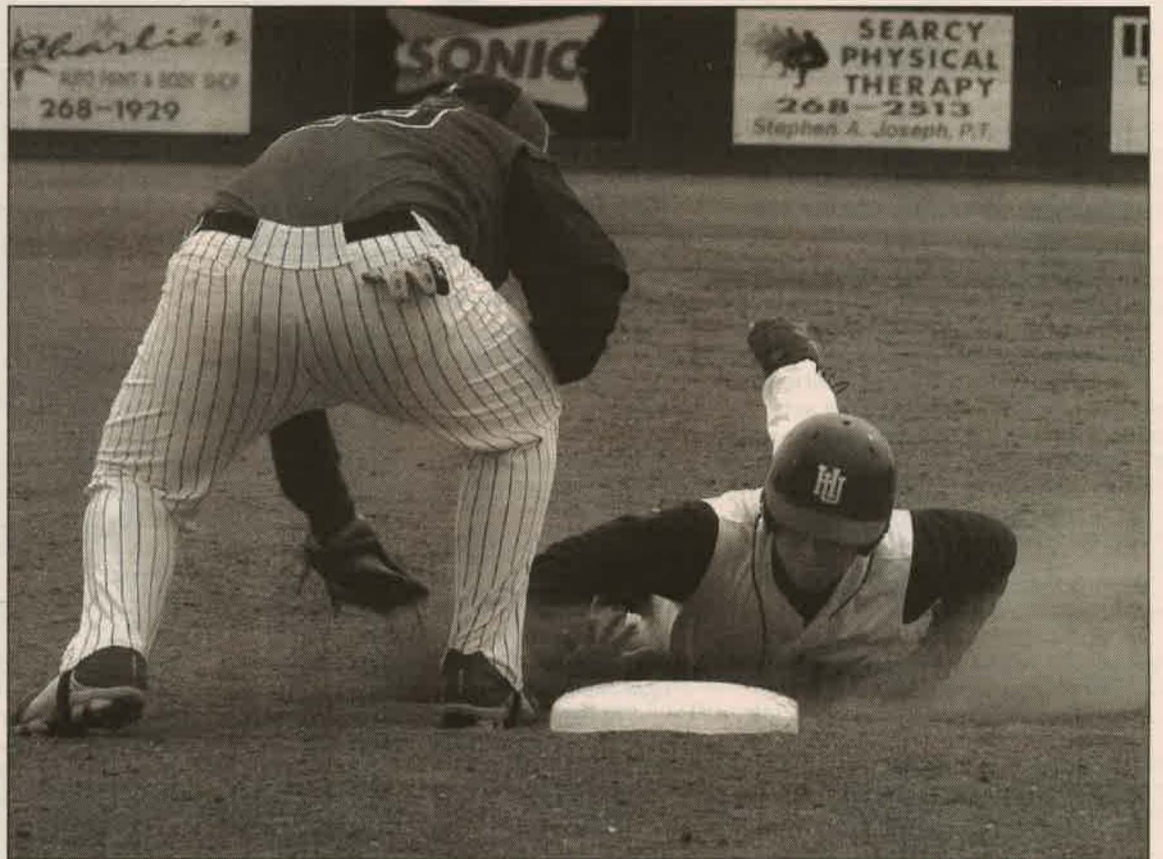
West Florida is the defending GSC Eastern Division champion. The Argonauts also held the best team ERA in the conference last season.

UWF pitchers maintained strong pitching skills against the Bisons, allowing only four runs between three games.

"They did a great job of maximizing everything given to them as a pitching staff," Fullerton said. "But we had as weak an outing offensively as we've had all season."

Argonauts pitcher Todd Androsko had Bison batters baffled in Game

One at Pelican Park Feb. 27. Androsko (2-2) allowed just two hits and three Bison base runners, while striking out 11 dropping Harding 7-0



Sophomore pitcher Brandon Kimbrough slides back to first base to avoid being caught stealing. The Bisons will begin the Gulf South Conference season Saturday in a doubleheader against Henderson State University in Arkadelphia.

in a complete nine inning game shutout.

The first hit for the Bisons came in the first inning when junior first baseman Justin Cone singled to left center with two outs, extending his hitting streak to 10 games.

The Argonauts put two runs on the board in the first off Bison senior righthander Justin Goodrich when first baseman Ryan Fillingim scored second baseman Owen Davis and third baseman Patrick Cottrell with a single to center.

West Florida scored one run in the third and put two runs across in the fifth and sixth inning. Fillingim led the Argonauts offensively going 3-for-4 with one run scored and three batted in. Cottrell went 4-for-4 with two runs scored and one batted in.

The Bisons only other hit came in the ninth when senior shortstop Ben Neely drove a pitch to left field.

Goodrich allowed six runs of ten hits in six innings of work. His record falls to 2-2 on the season.

Senior Bison pitcher Mark Connett continued his winning ways in Game Two as the Bisons held off the Argonauts 3-1. The righthander allowed one earned run off

three hits while striking out seven in a complete seven-inning game. Connett improved his record to 3-0 on the season.

All of the scoring for both teams occurred in the first inning.

After Neely fouled out to begin the game, junior second baseman Jake Kirby walked setting him up a free tour around the bases. The second baseman stole second and then advanced to third on a failed pick off attempt.

Cone followed with a walk of his own. Senior third baseman Morgan Trotter then lined a double to left center scoring Kirby and Cone making the score 2-0.

The Bisons tacked on one more run when junior left fielder Sean Camilleri scored Trotter on a sacrifice fly to right to give the Bisons a three-run lead.

The Argonauts lone run came in the first. Cottrell doubled to right with two outs. Fillingim followed with a walk. Then designated hitter Matt Wood singled to right field scoring Cottrell.

Trotter led the Bisons offensively hitting 1-for-3 with one run scored and two batted in.

Junior right fielder Tim Bowser added two hits for the Bisons. Cone was hitless in Game Two, snapping

his streak at 10 games.

"We maximized our chances in the second game," Fullerton said. "Mark Connett had a great outing. We hit better and had good pitching. But we weren't satisfied with just winning one out of three."

In Game Three on Feb. 28 the Bisons fell 3-1 to the Argonauts.

West Florida scored first in the second inning when after Davis doubled to left field, center fielder Ross Wise scored the Argonaut second baseman on a single to right center off Bison junior starter Brandon Kimbrough.

The Argonauts tacked on one more run in the sixth inning and another in the eighth off Bison junior reliever Larry Lovett.

The three runs scored by West Florida was enough cushion for starting pitcher Bryan Lee who allowed no runs, five hits and five strike outs through 8 1/3 innings pitched.

The Bisons scored their lone run in the ninth when Trotter scored on a throwing error following a Camilleri single.

Kimbrough (1-2) took the loss for the Bisons. The lefthander allowed two runs of seven hits with three strikeouts. *

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Two-sport Bisons thrive on competition

MICHAEL ALLEN
Student reporter

Harding has its share of student-athletes, but among those ranks are few who participate in two sports throughout the school year.

For these athletes, competing in more than one sport has been a way of life for as long as they can remember.

These athletes spend countless hours lifting weights, conditioning or practicing their jump shot.

Even though much of their time is spent on working out and trying to stay in shape, these athletes believe that all of the hard work will pay off in the future.

Some enjoy the thrill of the competition. The feel of playing competitively and putting forth their best effort makes them want to compete constantly.

Junior Leanne Lackey has spent the past three years playing for the Harding women's volleyball team.

Following volleyball season, Lackey joined the women's basketball team.

Lackey gave the injury-plagued squad a contribution as a reserve forward. In 19 games, Lackey averaged 3.9 points per game, 2.5 rebounds per game and 13 steals.

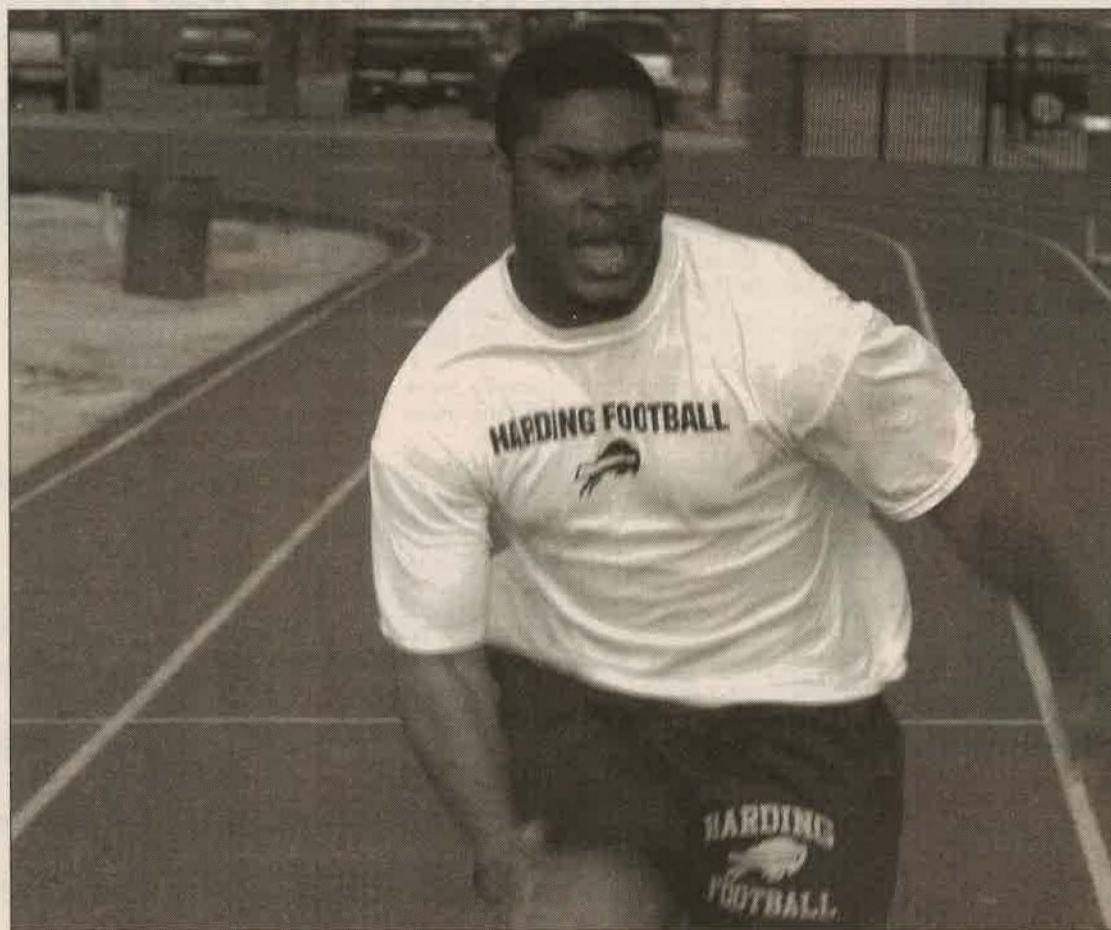
Lackey said that going straight from volleyball to basketball has kept her in good shape.

"Basketball is a game that I have always loved to play," Lackey said. "When I made the team, I knew that it would be very difficult to play two sports in one year. But, after all of the intense workouts and games for volleyball, I felt that I was in good enough shape to play basketball."

The two-sport athletes believe that although participating in two sports in one year may be physically exhausting, it helps them prepare for the upcoming season in their second sport.

Freshman Troy Baker, a defensive lineman, on the football team, is also participating in track and field this year. He throws the shotput, discus and hammer.

Baker said even though he came to Harding to play football, he still wanted to be able to continue his track career.



Two-sport athlete, sophomore Dejaun Patton practices running sprints in preparation for the track season. Patton splits his time between the football and the track teams.

"If not more than anything, track definitely helps me in getting the explosion I need for football," Baker said. "Keeping all of the necessary muscles in shape will definitely help me be ready to compete at a high level next year."

Senior starting center Grant Taylor and sophomore running back Dejaun Patton both believe that participating in track and field has also enhanced their football talents.

Taylor said working out in track and field has helped him with his footwork and balance which are vital for him to compete in football.

"Track and field definitely has helped me improve my footwork," Taylor said. "To work out in both sports goes hand-in-hand with trying to become a better athlete."

Athletes believe that all the hard work they do is a challenge.

Sophomore Abby Rodenbeck, who runs both cross-country and track and field, said she found it difficult to adjust

to the different sports.

"Each day, each sport presents another new obstacle that I love to try and overcome," Rodenbeck said. "By participating in one sport, I am working on making myself better for the other."

With the rewards earned in

participating in two sports, there are also setbacks.

The athletes struggle in finding time to juggle both school work and practice.

There are many nights where test cramming is the only option because of preparing to go out of town for a game or a meet.

These athletes also say that it is almost incomprehensible to find time to conduct social lives away from sports.

Between the games and practices, there is very little time to be spent with friends.

But all of these athletes said the sacrifices are worth it.

"This is what makes me happy," Taylor said. "I love the competition and the thrill of going out and doing my best against others."

STANDINGS

NBA
(as of 3/3/04)

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division			
	W	L	GB
New Jersey	37	22	-
New York	26	35	12
Boston	26	36	12.5
Miami	25	36	13
Philadelphia	24	36	13.5
Washington	19	39	17.5
Orlando	17	45	21.5

Central Division			
	W	L	GB
Indiana	44	16	-
Detroit	38	25	7.5
Milwaukee	32	27	11.5
New Orleans	32	28	12
Toronto	26	34	18
Cleveland	24	36	20
Atlanta	20	40	24
Chicago	18	42	26

Western Conference

Midwest Division			
	W	L	GB
Minnesota	43	17	-
Dallas	39	20	3.5
San Antonio	39	21	4
Memphis	36	24	7
Houston	34	25	8.5
Denver	33	29	11
Utah	31	30	12.5

Pacific Division			
	W	L	GB
Sacramento	44	15	-
LA Lakers	38	21	6
Portland	29	30	15
Seattle	27	33	17.5
LA Clippers	25	34	19
Golden State	25	34	19
Phoenix	20	41	25

Tonight's Games:

Atlanta @ Orlando
New York @ Toronto
Washington @ Boston
Cleveland @ New Orleans
Houston @ Minnesota
Dallas @ San Antonio
Indiana @ Utah
New Jersey @ Golden State
Seattle @ LA Lakers

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GRANT TAYLOR, SENIOR

SPORTS BRIEFS

Harding cheerleaders holding clinic, tryouts

A clinic hosted by the Harding cheerleaders for all women desiring to tryout for the 2004-05 squad is continuing in the gymnastics room in the Ganus Athletic Center from 7-10 tonight.

Tryouts will be held Saturday in the Rhodes Field House 8 a.m. or 1 a.m. depending on the outcome of the men's basketball game.

The tryout will consist of six specific requirements for those participating.

Women who audition must be prepared for a cheer portion, which will focus on basic motions and cheerleading techniques.

They must also prepare their own sideline routine based on the cheer taught at tonight's clinic.

Those trying out must be able to perform a toe touch and one other jump of their choosing.

Participants will be grouped together for a stunt portion of the tryout in order to demonstrate the ability of performing basic stunts.

Women must successfully perform the pom routine taught at tonight's clinic.

Participants will also be responsible for specific gymnastics requirements in the tryout.

Those with any questions should contact cheerleading sponsor Kellee Blickestaff at hucheer@cablelynx.com.

Men, women's tennis defeat John Brown

Harding's men and women's tennis teams found success March 3 at the Harding tennis courts, collecting wins against John Brown University.

The men defeated John Brown 9-0 and are 23-0 against the Golden Eagles.

The women won 8-1 and are 17-0 all-time against John Brown.

Junior Milena Chisaca and freshman Margareta Dujmovic did not lose a game against John Brown, winning 6-0 in straight sets.

The women rebounded from an 8-1 loss to the University of Central Arkansas in Conway

March 1. The ladies improved their record to 6-4 overall.

The men found success in three straight matches. The Bisons defeated Hendrix College March 1 for the second time this season 8-1.

Both teams looked to capitalize on the road March 4-5 against Christian Brothers University in Memphis and Delta State in Cleveland, Miss., respectively.

Results from the matches were not available at press time. The teams' next match will be in Dallas March 9 against Dallas Baptist University.

Lady Bisons 8, John Brown 1

Singles competition:

1. Milena Chisaca (HU) def. Jennifer Trenchard (JBU) 6-0, 6-0
2. Catherine Carui (HU) def. Aja Martin (JBU) 6-1, 6-0
3. Margareta Dujmovic (HU) def. Nicole Ediger (JBU) 6-0, 6-0
4. Sara Campbell (HU) def. Melanie Regier (JBU) 6-1, 6-0
5. Briana Lutes (HU) def. Silvy Perkins (JBU) 6-1, 6-1
6. Raynisha Robinson (JBU) def. Denise Pascuzzi (HU) 6-0, 4-6, 10-8

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Freshman Peter Kosgei stretches before a track practice. Kosgei is one of six Bison runners who qualified to participate in the NCAA Division II Indoor National Championship March 12-13. Seniors Scott Wietcha, Jacob Rotich, Janet Kogo, Tyler Kemmerer and freshman Przemyslaw Bobrowski also qualified.

Indoor National Championship on the line for six Bison runners

ASHLEY KELLUM
Student reporter

The Harding indoor track team is again on its way to the NCAA Division II National Championship Meet March 12-13 at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.

The NCAA released its final list of qualifiers for the meet March 2.

Six Harding runners have posted national-qualifying times in their respective events.

Harding's qualifiers include seniors Scott Wietcha, Jacob Rotich, Janet Kogo and freshman Peter Kosgei in the 5,000-meter run, senior Tyler Kemmerer in the 400-meter dash, and freshman Przemyslaw Bobrowski in the one-mile run.

The team members are confident that they will finish in the top eight in their events, which will qualify the runners for All-American status.

"I'm hoping to run the 5K under 14 minutes, 15 seconds," Wietcha said. "That goal is pretty attainable for me."

Wietcha, who hails from Columbia, S.C., qualified for the national meet in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 14:30.87 at the

NEXT MEET

NCAA Division II
Indoor National Championship
March 12-13
Reggie Lewis Center in Boston

Tyson Invitational.

The Bisons and Lady Bisons finished their regular indoor seasons Feb. 13-14 at the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark., and the Missouri Southern State Invitational in Joplin, Mo.

Wietcha, Rotich and Kosgei ran side-by-side, finishing within seconds of each other in the 5,000 meters.

At the Tyson Invitational, all three set new personal best times and reached provisional qualifications for the indoor national meet.

Wietcha broke the school record of current teammate Rotich when he won the 5,000 meters.

That school record lasted only a few hours before Kosgei became the third Bison to hold the 5,000-meter record in the same day.

Kosgei finished in 14:29.48, just ahead of Rotich at 14:31.19.

Senior Tyler Kemmerer, who is scheduled to compete in

the 400-meter dash at the National Meet, ran a school-record 47.62 in this event at the Tyson Invitational.

Kemmerer's time was the third fastest in the NCAA-II this season.

Many on the team believe Kemmerer will finish in the top five at nationals.

Bobrowski, who won the mile run in 4:09.06 at the Tyson Invitational, said he believes he has a good chance of placing in the top five as well.

This year the team has more qualifiers than 2003, when the Bisons sent only three runners to the indoor national meet.

Wietcha said the team has been fortunate to be so successful in the indoor season this winter.

"We are not in as good of shape as we could be for indoor," Wietcha said.

He said head coach Steve Guymon put more emphasis on training for the outdoor season because there is more of a chance for Harding to qualify for nationals in May, when "nationals really count."

The outdoor season runs March 11 - May 8.

If the runners qualify for the NCAA Division II Outdoor National Championships, they hope to double-up in events, giving the team more points as the runners place in more than just one or two events. ■

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SCOTT WIETCHA, 5,000-METER RUNNER

PIZZA PRO SPORTS CHALLENGE

This week's key match-up features a 'Tobacco Road' match-up with North Carolina vs. Duke. Will the Blue Devils win and earn a top seed? You must decide! Last week's big winner was sophomore Andrew Goubrough. The prog nosterator with the most points will win two free buffets with drinks from Pizza Pro in Searcy. Playing is simple. Just predict the winners of each game and the exact results of the tie-breaker. Then tear out this form and drop it in the Sports Challenge box on the ledge next to the U.S. Post Office window by 10 p.m. Friday.

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- NCAA Basketball (3/6)**
- N.C. State @ Wake Forest
 - Mississippi State @ Alabama
 - Memphis @ Cincinnati

- NBA (3/6)**
- Memphis @ LA Clippers
 - Detroit @ Denver
 - Sacramento @ Miami

- NHL (3/6)**
- Nashville @ Ottawa
 - Montreal @ Los Angeles

Tie Breaker:

NCAA Basketball

Guess the winner and exact score of Saturday's game.

North Carolina @ **Duke**

*Editor's picks are in bold



CURTIS SERIGHT / The Bison

Dribbling on to playoffs

Junior guard Edward White looks for an open lane on the road against Arkansas Tech Feb. 26. The Bisons played the University of Georgia in the first round of the Gulf South Conference tournament in Tupelo, Miss., March 4. Results from the game were not available at press time. If victorious, the Bisons will play in semifinals Saturday.

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