Campus overcome with 'Umoja' movement

SA project looking to raise $25,000 in African aid

Jeffrey C. Hunter
Editor-in-chief

In addition to the usual frenzy that surrounds Spring Sing weekend, the Harding community has something else on its mind this week — Umoja. The Student Association kicked-off one of its most ambitious fund-raising events ever in chapel Thursday. The week-long Umoja Project, whose name is derived from the Swahili word meaning unity, will raise more than $35,000 for humanitarian aid to two locations in Africa. "Our goal is to unite the student body to do something we are very capable of doing," SA president Michael Campbell said.

Approximately $17,000 of the total will go toward sending medicine and equipment to a hospital in Nimule, Sudan. The facility, which sits on the country’s southern border, serves more than 60,000 war refugees who fled their homes after years of civil war. The remaining $8,000 will be used to help construct a safe, reliable water supply for the Chepkajony School in Kenya. "These people need so many things," Campbell said. "In addition to their spiritual needs, they need clean water and medicines. We are also helping to solve some of their physical problems." Campbell said the Umoja Project is one of the SA’s biggest events in recent years.

"This is by far the most ambitious project in a long time," Campbell said. "This is more of a chance — more not on a limb. But it is something that we are fully able to accomplish if we just try." Students, faculty and community members will have opportunities to participate in the project. In addition to collecting donations in chapel on April 8, 9 and 15, individuals can also contribute all week by using special campus mail envelopes to mail donations.

Disagreement still reigns over county jail issue

Steven Profaizer
Student reporter

Officials of White County and the city of Searcy remain locked in a power struggle regarding the location of the new county jail. However, recently released survey reports detailing potential jail locations pointed both sides of the conflict toward compromise.

William Mosley, a surveyor from General Land Services of Hot Springs, created the reports after Searcy Mayor Belinda LaForce hired him to perform inspections and analyze possible locations for the new facility.
The surveyors included a 13- to 20-acre location on the Roseann Motel property on Race Street across from Wal-Mart, a 6.5-acre location on Quality Drive near the hospital, a 17-acre location at the southeast corner of Eastline Road and Booth Avenue, and a 13-acre location at the northwest corner of Eastline Road and Booth Avenue.
The study of the potential jail sites was necessitated by the conflict surrounding the county’s previously proposed site at 1600 Booth Road, a location in Searcy’s industrial park.
The Searcy Planning Commission rejected the county’s request to reserve the property Jan. 6. This decision was then backed by the Searcy City Council, who denied the county’s request to permit construction of the jail at the Booth Road location Feb. 10.
"The proper place for the facility would be in the industrial park, but of the options surveyed by the city, the Roseann property has the best potential," White County Judge Bob Parrish said.

Some Searcy officials believe the Roseann property would benefit the city more if used in other capacities.
"The main reason why the jail does not belong on the Roseann property is that it is a prime piece of commercial property," LaForce said. "That piece of property could be used to attract a large commercial business, like a Cracker Barrel or a Circuit City. I just cannot see the benefit in giving up a valuable piece of either commercial or industrial property for this facility."

SA election process begins next week

Brandon Sublette
Student reporter

In preparation for the April 28 election, students running for positions in the Student Association will begin the campaign process next week.
Candidates must file an intent to run by April 14. After filing an intent, candidates must file petitions April 21 to be included on the ballot. Candidates for officer positions must file a petition signed by 50 students, while candidates for class representatives are required to have 25 signatures.
Candidates for SA president will deliver a speech during chapel April 26. Current SA President Michael Campbell said he thinks the SA is important because it acts as a mediator between students and the administration. When students submit complaints or improvement ideas, the SA takes them to the administration.
Campbell said it is important that candidates have a clear vision of what they want to accomplish.
"It is imperative for potential candidates to have confidence, a solid vision and strong character," Campbell said. "It is also a learning experience, you would never think how strenuous it is to motivate people."
OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE

ACU graduate wins Pulitzer Prize

An Abilene Christian University alumnus won a Pulitzer Prize — journalism's highest award — Monday.

David Leeson, a 1978 ACU graduate, is the senior photographer at the Dallas Morning News. He and his partner, Cheryl Dazey-Myers, won a Pulitzer for their coverage of the 2004 Iraqi invasion.

Dr. Cheryl Bacon, chairman of ACU's journalism and mass communication department, said she always knew that Leeson would be the first ACU alumnus to earn a Pulitzer.

"David brings a passion and sensitivity to his work that is rooted in a deep concern for humanity," Bacon said. "He understands the ways in which people learn about and are affected by photographs.

Arkansas claims he married actress

A man claiming to be Kim Catrall, star of 'Sex and the City,' asked for another hearing Monday in the divorce suit he filed against the actress.

Charles Taylor of Bradford, Ark., said he and the actress married 25 years ago in Little Rock and had a child together.

A judge ruled in the first hearing last week that Taylor did not have enough evidence to support the claims and dismissed the suit.

Mayor calls for statue's reopening

The mayor of New York City argued with the federal government Monday to reopen all areas of the Statue of Liberty to visitors.

The U.S. Secretary of the Interior announced last week that although the statue's pedestal would be reopened in July, the viewing area in the crown would remain closed because it does not meet fire, building or safety codes.

Mayor Mike Bloomberg said he disagrees with the decision because it gives victory to the terrorists.

"This is a symbol of America," he said. "Come on, let's stand up and have some guts. If we have to have the security people there, let's do it, but let's get it open."

Evolution case will go to trial

A federal judge ruled March 31 that a lawsuit filed to have disclosures about evolution removed from textbooks in Cobb County, Ga., should go to trial later this year.

Six Cobb County parents sued the school system in August 2002, claiming that the stickers on the inside cover of science textbooks promote the teaching of creationism and discriminate against other religions.

The stickers read: 'This textbook contains material on evolution. Evolution is a theory, not a fact, regarding the origin of living things. This material should be approached with an open mind, studied carefully and critically considered.'

FACES IN THE CROWD

Caryn Faith Parker, Staff

Position: Circulation assistant in Brackett Library

How long have you worked at Harding? Three years.

Hobbies: Playing guitar, quilting

Favorite quote: "Tomorrow is always fresh with no mistakes in it." Anne Shirley of "Anne of Green Gables"

Favorite part of job: "I supervise 45 student workers, and that's a lot of fun. I don't have to make lesson plans or grade books, but I get to serve students."

Least favorite part of job: "Having to charge students when they don't return library books"

Interesting fact: "My sweetest sign, Nathan D. Swanson [of the Army National Guard] just returned from Iraq. I'll get to see him April 25."
ANDREA MARTIN
Student reporter

When senior Tony Garcia began playing the trombone he did not have international recognition in mind. "My music director said, 'Your face looks like a trombone playing face,'" Garcia said. "'Really, I just have big lips.'"

Following the advice of his teacher to play trombone, Garcia headed down the road toward accomplishment. Homeschooled since the sixth grade, Garcia began taking private lessons in seventh grade with Nathan Hefft, the teacher who told Garcia of his "trombone face." He began on a "penshooter," a beginner's trombone without a F valve. Garcia proved to have such an aptitude for the trombone that after only a month of lessons he was invited to join the Hilltop Baptist Academy band. A month later Garcia moved up from the poshooter to a Holten trigger trombone.

Apparently his childhood training paid off. Garcia found out in February that he is one of the three finalists in the Robert Marsteller Competition, an international scholarship competition for trombonists between the ages of 19 and 22.

To enter the contest, participants were required to send in an application, a recording of a 6 to 10 minute trombone solo. Garcia said he was surprised when he got his notification e-mail. "I screamed for 10 minutes," Garcia said. "I was not expecting it at all."

The finalists will perform in the last round of competition on June 16 at the International Trombone Association’s convention in Ithaca, NY. The winner will receive a $300 cash prize and an alto trombone, which Garcia said is worth between $2,000-3,000.

"Since [they are] such expensive instruments, people don’t usually try to purchase an alto trombone, because it’s more common to play tenor," Garcia said. "However, there are a lot of cool solo alto pieces, and learning to play an alto trombone would be really cool."

Garcia began competing in trombone competitions based on encouragement from Mike Chance, assistant professor of music. As Garcia's teacher for five years, Chance said he is proud of Garcia's latest accomplishment.

"Making finals is a major achievement for anyone," Chance said.

Garcia was one of 40 students who entered the competition. The other two finalists are Matthew Al-lison from San Francisco University and Crystal Booker from Indiana University. Garcia said the two schools are known for having quality music programs.

"The two other finalists are from the top schools in the nation," Garcia said. Garcia said he believes the competition will help his musical career.

"I do have to do with connections in the music business," he said. "It helps get my name out there."

Garcia said. "[It] is good for possibilities down the road."

Along with singing his own, the recognition should help Harding's music department.

"I want other people to use this as a recruiting tool to pull more people into the music department," Garcia said. "It may help boost the department status and credentials, so people will realize we have a good music department."

As for his trombones: "I wait a picture in to the ITA, but it isn’t on the Web site yet," he said.

Jail site remains unresolved, mayor wants dispute settled

White County voters passed a permanent half-cent sales tax for construction of a new $11 million county jail Oct. 7. That tax went into effect Jan. 1, but conflict over the site of the jail has prevented proceeding with its construction.

"We ought to have already broken ground on the project, yet we haven’t even been able to get a site settled on," Parrish said. "We want this facility in Searcy, but we just can’t seem to find a piece of property we want that the city of Searcy will agree on."

Unfortunately for the taxpayers of White County, the delays are now turning into dollars.

"Every day we’re not moving forward with this project is a day of increased costs for the taxpayers," Parrish said. "Due to rising costs associated with steel, fuel, concrete and labor, the project has likely risen by a cost of near­ly $300,000 already."

The increased project costs are largely being generated by a worldwide steel shortage, which has raised the cost of steel by approximately 60 percent over the last five months.

LaForce agrees that steps need to be taken in order to start construction on the new jail.

"White County is currently in great need of this facility because of the condition and space restrictions of the current jail," LaForce said. "The need for this facility needs to overcome any conflict surrounding the issue. Those involved need to meet at the table and talk this out. We need to settle this dispute and proceed with the construction of this facility."

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Dog has her day
Scott and Janis Ragasdale's pet dachshund, Maddie, basks in the admiration of students. The proud pooch was one of the contestants in the faculty dog show held Wednesday during chapel.
Bottlecap creates new Foil

EMILY W. WADE  
Student reporter

A yellow Pop's twist cap changed the way senior Jonathan Reinhart and junior Jeremy Elliott and Tay­lor Carr looked at their dream. "I was walking across the park­ ing lot between [Graduate Hall] and the library and saw the [bottlecap]," Carr said. "When I picked it up, it had a $3.00 note printed inside. This was the answer to the problem."

The problem: these three men were unhappy because Harding lacked a creative outlet geared solely toward the Humanities. They wanted to develop a magazine that would give students the opportunity to submit short stories, essays, photography and other creative works, but they didn't have the money to fund such a project.

"Harding didn't have a forum for an artistic expression through writing, which is very unusual for a university," Elliott said. "It makes for an incomplete student body because one can't express [his or herself] except through art or music."

Using the rebate money from the Pop's cap, the men printed the first edition of the magazine they named Shook Foil, in April 2003. They sold the magazines for $2 a piece, which they put back into their account to fund the next issue.

While the men hoped to publish the magazine each semester, they could not publish in the fall because most of the publishers were overseas. However, this semester's edition of Shook Foil will be available mid-April.

The staff made up of students prepares each issue. An editor is assigned to each section and reviews the submissions.

The staff meets to pick the final entries, but the author remains anonymous except to the section editor.

This helps eliminate biases that could possibly stem from the contributors. Anyone can contribute to the magazine.

Occasionally, graduate students, faculty and even non-Harding related individuals have contributed.

The name of the magazine sparked from a Gerard Manley Hopkins poem that reads, "The world is charged with the grandeur of God. It will not frame itself from shook foil."

"Art is the reflection of God's work," Elliott said. "Just like human beings contain images of God, so does their artwork. This passage reflects what we are trying to do through our magazine."

These men are not worried about the future of Shook Foil. They think it as the magazine grows, it will become even better.

"Scribblers is our recruiting tool," Reinhart said. "I have confidence that someone will come along and pick up where we will leave off. We have a relatively large staff, so experience is there; it's willingness that we need."

Anyone who is interested in contributing to the magazine should e-mail shookfoil2004@yahoo.com. Late entries will be accepted but are not guaranteed to appear in the upcoming issue.

School construction continues on schedule

Engineering addition to be ready in August

MEGHAN MICHAELSON  
Copy editor

Despite a few delays, the con­ struction of the addition to the science and engineering building is on schedule. President David Burk said Wednesday.

Burk said the delays were caused because of a late shipment of steel last fall, and the current worldwide steel shortage.

"Our main problem then was getting the metal studs for the building," Burk said.

Site superintendent Bryan Rob­erson explained that all forms of steel, from the large pieces that form the frames to the small studs that fit the large pieces together, must come from an outside source.

"You can't just order steel," Roberson said. "You have to be on a waiting list. Right now a lot of nations are waiting for steel for building."

Roberson, of Little Rock-based James H. Core Inc. said he and his workers did not waste time waiting for steel shipments.

The crew began working on other elements of the building, such as installing the dry wall, electrical components and the outer brick walls. However, Roberson said they now have all the steel they need, and the building should be finished on schedule.

"We should finish the second story in July, and we'll finish the third story later," Roberson said. "It will be fully operational in August."

Although the original plan for the science and engineering building addition called for only the foundations for a third floor, the administration decided in January to add a third floor. Burk said the university wanted the option to use the third floor for expansion in the future.

The walls and roof are complete, but no inside work will be done for now. "

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Campbell said there are many ways people can get involved with the project in addition to simply giving cash donations.

"Above all else, we can all pray for the people we are trying to serve and the success of the project," Campbell said. "Besides giving money, they can write notes to people in Africa; they can go to the many events during the week. There are many things that they can do to help.

The SA has also partnered with Pizza Pro on Beebe Campus.

For every Umoja Project voucher presented at the time of sale, Pizza Pro will donate $1. Vouchers are available in the student center.

"Run For Their Lives," a 5K race sponsored by the service organization One, will begin during chapel April 15.

The $35 entry fee will benefit the Umoja Project.

Proceeds from the annual Battle of the Bands will go to the Umoja Project. The event will be held at the White County Fairgrounds at 6 p.m. April 15. Admission is $10.

The SA Movice Committee will present "Cheaper by the Dozen" at 9 p.m., April 16 in the Benson Auditorium. For students who do not use the Pass to get into the movie free, the $2 admission fee will go toward the Umoja fund.

A key aspect of the fund-raising effort is taking advantage of one of Harding's ongoing rivalries, Campbell said.

Throughout the project, the amount of each group raises will be tallied, and a winner will be declared on April 16. Students are able to designate whether their money goes to "Texas" or "the world" at each event.

"Whoever wins will get to have bragging rights on campus," Campbell said. Despite the ambitious total, Campbell predicts that the SA will be successful.

"I know we are capable, so I know we will rise to the occasion and reach our $25,000 goal," Campbell said. "And I also have a lot of faith in Texas pride."
No wait to move up housing ladder

HEATHER FREEMAN
Student reporter

The process for making housing assignments underwent changes this semester, partly due to Huns- ney, Harding's new networking system. Students who apply for privileged housing must put on a waiting list based on when they turned in their applications. Instead, housing assignments are based on a student's number of accumulated credit hours.

For example, a student with 120 credit hours is able to sign up before a student with 60 credit hours. As the spots fill, Patty Barrett, director of residence life, creates a waiting list of remaining students, still based on the number of hours. This gives students with more hours priority with housing assignments.

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If you first turn to learn to read the labels. Most of those words look long and scary, but they are the key to your success. Simply reading the list of symptoms from which any given medi­cation is promising to rid you of is not enough.

Many generic versions of over-the-counter med­i­cations are just as effective as brand names, and they cost much less.

To be sure they are comparable, note the names of active ingredients and dosages on the labels.

If you see a “Compare with Vicks Sinus” for example, it is a sign that the two have the same active ingre­dients. If you are allergic to any dyes or preservatives, or if you avoid sugar in your diet, read the inactive ingre­dients list.

Here are just a few guidelines to help you choose wisely among the medi­cations available over the counter:

Pain and fever: Acetaminophen (‘s-ent-a-MINE-oh-fin), or Tylenol, also frequently called Non-Acetaminophen Pain Relief, is a great choice. Acetaminophen will damage the liver if taken in quantities exceed­ing the recommended dosage or in combination with alcohol, so be very careful. Aspirin (salicylic acid) and ibuprofen (also known under brand names like Motrin or Advil) relieve pain and lower fever. They also have an anti-inflammatory property, which comes in handy with muscle and joint pain. Both aspirin and ibuprofen should be taken with food because they can irritate the stomach.

If you have headaches or migraines, Excedrin is an excellent choice. Be­cause it contains acetaminophen, aspirin and caffeine. Therefore, a pill of aspirin and your favorite caffeinated beverage will have a very similar result.

Red flags: Avoid those if you have stomach pain, ulcers or a sensitive stomach. It is important to avoid as­pirin if you suspect you have some sort of virus, a cold, chicken pox, or mumps.

Congestion: The best choice is Sudafed, or pseudoephedrine (s oo-daf-ed-PRINE). It should help you with congestion. Remember, it does little for a runny nose or any other cold symp­toms. Pseudoephedrine may cause, for example, high blood pressure, anxiety and nervousness, or keep you awake all night.

Many over-the-counter allergy and sinus products contain pseudo­ephedrine. You should not take more than one product with pseudoephed­rine in it at a time; for example, do not take Sudafed along with Tylenol Sinus. Also, if taken for a long time, pseudoephedrine becomes less effective. If your congestion persists, see a doctor.

Red flags: do not take if you have a history of seizures or a heart condition or high blood pressure.

Although nose sprays like Afrin can be a wonderful relief for congestion, they should be used with great caution because the rebound congestion caused by the active ingredient in the spray causes a high addiction rate. A better choice would be a simple saline spray. Saline spray can be used as frequently as you wish for unlimited periods of time.

Red flags: never use decongestant nose sprays, such as Afrin, longer than three days.

Coughing: The treatment you chose depended on the desired effect. To help loosen and get rid of secretions, drink plenty of water and do not take a cough suppressant. Instead, take a cough medication that contains an expectorant, such as guaifenesin.

To suppress an irritating cough, use Robitussin DM. It is the DM (dextromethorphan) part that real­ly works. Dextromethorphan is the most potent over-the-counter cough suppressant you can find and has few side effects.

Cough sprays that contain expec­torants tend to have a bad taste. If you do not like the way Robitussin tastes, try Delym. If only active ingre­dient is DM, if you prefer to have cough medication in a pill, look for DM in some combination products, such as Advil Cold & Sinus.

Red flags: if you have strong, forceful coughing, beware of the lozenges. They are the perfect size to choke on, which is easy to do in a coughing fit.

Allergy/Runny Nose: If you have severe allergies, over­the-counter medication may not be what you need. However, for a little hay fever or a runny nose caused by a cold, Chlor-Trimiton Allergy will do wonders. It contains chlorphen­iramine (kloe-fron-EER-a-meen), an antihistamine that is less sedating than Benadryl. However, it is still likely to cause drowsiness, blurred vision and dry mouth.

Doctors will use this medication in the form of a liquid or nose spray.

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Peters family lights up Spring Sing stage from day one

DEAN THOMAS
Managing editor

Even though Spring Sing has changed a lot over the years, it has kept many of its original family ties. In fact, senior host Sam Peters’ father, Stacy Peters, was one of the first Spring Sing hosts, and his mother Kathy McKinney Peters was one of the show’s creators.

In 1973, when many of Harding’s sister schools already had musical productions, Joe Schleider and Linda McClellan Gregory decided Harding should have its own musical production.

“We were looking for a fun way to work together and showcase the talents at Harding,” Gregory said. After researching other school’s productions during the summer, the two students contacted friends about putting the show together.

Mrs. Peters, Jerry Palmer, and a committee of students volunteered to organize the show, and Dr. Jack Ryan, now professor of communications, agreed to be the faculty sponsor. The students made most of the arrangements, including selecting two hosts and two hostesses.

Mr. Peters said the first show featured the hosts and hostesses and the Harding student band Soundtreader more than the show itself because the organizers did not know how many clubs would participate or how well the clubs would perform.

However, Mr. Peters said even though the hosts and hostesses received more limelight back then, the show featured vocal music and involved less choreography and stage presence than it does today.

“I was always a singer, not an entertainer,” Mr. Peters said. “The guys now move around the stage like they have more coaching and directing.”

In the first year, Spring Sing drew a crowd of about 2,000 to 2,500 people to its two performances in the Administration Auditorium. Four judges chose the best show from among the 15 shows performed by brother and sister social clubs.

“It was definitely an experience,” Mrs. Peters said. “The first show was more than three hours long. Everyone just jumped right in and did a good job.”

After the first year, Ryan increased his involvement by directing the club shows while Dr. Jeff Hopper, now director of the Honors College and international programs, directed the hosts and hostesses.

When Hopper left the show in 1986, Steve Hodder, a Harding alumnus who had directed Soundtreaders in 1974, replaced him. As Ryan continued to work with Spring Sing, he said he never imagined it would become as large as it is now.

“We never thought that far ahead,” Ryan said. “We were pleased to see it growing, but we didn’t really start dreaming about how big it could be until the Benson Auditorium was built in 1980.”

About 12 years ago, social clubs separated from the traditions that brother and sister clubs have to work together. The clubs formed new alliances and started allowing non-club members to participate.

In 1984, Dr. Steve Frye, associate professor of communications, and his wife, Dottie, a lecturer in the communications department, took over as Spring Sing directors. Ryan became the show’s producer. Cladice Stockstill joined the staff as associate producer in 1997 and is now producer with Ryun as executive producer.

With five performances each year, Spring Sing has attracted about 12,000 people per year for the past few years, according to Ryan. He attributes the growth in attendance to the show’s quality and to a continuity that is maintained by having family members involved in the show’s production.

“With experience the show has gotten better and better,” Ryan said. “That contributes to growth because word spreads. When you leave the show and get a mailing about the next year’s performance, you have a memory of a quality show you would like to see again.”

The club shows are now ranked by 24 judges, who vary from local residents and past hosts and hostesses to Broadway directors. The Peters have returned to Spring Sing as judges several times and have attended every show except one.

“Some years are better than others, but that just depends on taste,” Mrs. Peters said. “I’ve always enjoyed going to Spring Sing, and I’m really excited about this year since Sam is going to be a host. It’s fun for us to hear Sam talk about all the preparations and everything because we remember when we were a part of it.”

Because Sam attended Spring Sing with his parents so often, he knew he wanted to be a host someday like his father had.

“I dreamed of it as I was growing up,” Sam said. “After three years of trying, I finally got it. I’m thrilled.”
Freshman Matt Hewes kicks his feet up Tuesday during "I Spy, Private Eye." Zeta Rho, TNT and friends' show. Cast members work together to catch a mysterious villain throughout the show.

SPRING SING SHOWDOWN

"Snow Be It!
Kings Men, Omega Lambda Chi and friends
As feuding skiers and snow tuxedo creeps shoot arrows at each other, the performers build a stage and aide the sides of the Bison Auditorium.

"Rags to Riches!
Delta Chi Delta, Kappa Gamma Epsilon, Tri Kappa and friends
In "Rags to Riches" the performers portray a group of poor students. The show includes a scene where the cast members struggle to find food and brownies are reminiscent of the professional group's theme.

"Scoutin' For Badges
Jo Ge Ja, Jo Jo and friends
Dressed in traditional Girl Scout and Boy Scout uniforms with a Spring Sing twist, the core members remember childhood days spent selling cookies, roasting marshmallows and enjoying the outdoors.

"Always Look A Gift Horse in the Mouth"
Chi Sigma Alpha, Regina and friends
"Always Look A Gift Horse in the Mouth" tells the story of the Trojan War, complete with a king, a prince and a 20-foot fake horse.

"I Spy, Private Eye!
TNT, Zeta Rho and friends
A group of investigators search for a mysterious villain that must work together to apprehend him in "I Spy, Private Eye." "We are searching for the bad guy throughout the whole show," junior Tim Pratt said. "He hides right in the middle of all of us, but we can find him. Then, in the end, we work together and -- wham! We catch him."

"Your Field, or Mine?"
Chi Omega Phi, Delta Gamma Rho and friends
Two teams take the field for a football game. Cast members battle as they make rough calls throughout the game until the outcome of the game coming down to the last play before the show.

"Let the Good Times Bowl"
GATA, Shantih and friends
The GATA and Shantih show takes cast members to a bowling alley for a Friday night on the town. According to sophomore Shantih Hopkins, the group practiced eight to nine hours a day for the week before the show.

Sophomore Katie Casey gazes at the audience during an ensemble performance at dress rehearsal Tuesday. Dress rehearsal cost $2, and all proceeds benefited international campaigns.
Secondhand shopping provides students with economical clothing alternatives

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Student reporter

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GALLERY

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Spring Sing is fine time for rhyme

I f you're just here for Spring Sing, this is a funny thing. I was going to do an article about a helium particle, but my study of the matter left me mad as a batter. I thought it might be funny to do some gags about money, but then I came to realize I'm very facially unwise. So now, like some Muppet song, I'm just moving right along. Thoughts of storms flood my mind, humorous topics of every kind. I have to stop griping and I have to start typing. Inspiration shall come, or maybe it won't. I might even write about the stain on my pant.

Spring time is here, the trees are now green! "Amore" is in the air, know what I mean? Everyone's crazy now that the flowers are out. Love makes us nuts, that I don't doubt. Guys spend their money on ridiculous things, like really big choco­lates and really small rings. Girls send their clubs all into a tizzy, ring ceremo­nies make everyone dizzy. Engagement is nice, and I'm sure marriage is great, but what's a guy got to do just to get a simple date? I shower twice daily, and my hair's pretty nice. I just want a burger, not wed­ding vows and rings! Hey, sometimes you lose and some­times you win. What can I say? Single's not a sin. Bachelor life's alright if you know how to do it. Take it from me, there's really nothing to it. Guys can be good company, believe me! It's true! But guys, there's nothing wrong with being a little weird. But I've been truthful all along! But you know how to do it. Take it from me, there's really nothing to it. Girls can be good company, believe me! It's true! But guys, there's nothing wrong with spending your money on you.

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I'm a fan of President Bush; I think John Kerry's a little weird. But you know who I would really like? A man named Frank Beard, if you're not familiar with my principal was a bit of a jerk. After all, he ran his high school. What a miserable place to work.

I don't like to dwell on the past, so let us sadly forth! I'd like to take this time to make fun of folks up north!

On second thought that might not be the nicest thing to do. Don't worry all you crasy Yanks, it's nothing personal against you. But man it sure gets hot down here, ye­ally hot, real fast! I'd sure go for another ice age, with a chilled Arctic blast. I'm a pretty big guy, and I tend to be real hot. If I can't get air conditioning I'd rather just be shot.

When it's hot, everything's sticky, and I move really slow. I cast my eyes heavenward and say "How about some snow?" And God, of course, rejects it, which is His Divine Right. I'm still really glad the temperature drops at night.

But if you're here for Spring Sing, I hope you enjoy the show! I'm not a fan of musicales. I don't think I will go. With the exception of "The Blues Brothers," singing and dancing's not my thing, but I have to say I was really surprised when I heard Dan Aykroyd sing. He was Ray Stantz in Ghostbusters, my all-time fa­vorite flick. Did you know that he's Canadian? His accent's not too thick.

I hope you liked this article, it was a hassle just to write. The problem with this column is that it keeps me up at night. I have to do something funny each and every time. I certainly hope you not­iced that I made this one have words that sounded the same.

AARON RUSHTON

Big Guy, Big Mouth

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CALLING ALL LEADERS

The Student Association needs more to step up

While Harding's Student Association has had a very strong history of accurately representing the student body, a few things are needed to ensure the organization's future success: more strong leaders and more representatives.

One does not need to be reminded of the importance of representation. Without a strong, motivated and vocal Student Association, representation for students is at a minimum.

We encourage students to join in the process. Every eligible student should at least consider running for a position in the SA. Sometimes on this strong and leadership skills are found outside the normal campus spotlight.

With every student added to the university's ever-growing population, the division between administration and students grows larger. Harding has always held great satisfaction over the personal relationships that exist between the two segments of the university society. However, one cannot expect such close connections to continue as the university grows.

While growth and expansion are good, they come with unintended consequences. If the student body grows much larger, their problems might be more difficult to see, their dissenting views might be more difficult to hear, and their new ideas might be unintentionally blocked from surfacing.

This can all be prevented by modifying the SA's representation methods for a greater number of members.

The university should consider assigning student representatives of other classes as an example of progress.

Using the formula that Abilene Christian University uses to assign representatives, for example, Harding's SA would grow to include at least 60 representatives where there are currently only eighteen.

This is an excellent approach; we encourage students to consider running for a position, and we encourage the administration to consider allowing the SA to grow and change to meet the needs of today's student body.

JEFFREY C. HUNTER

A Word In Edgewise

Texas Pride: More than just hot air

Remember the Alamo?

If you're a Harding student, you should know about it. If you're a history buff, but because there are more than 500 Texans on this campus that won't let you forget it.

Day in and day out you hear about how great it is over in the "promised land." You've certainly reminded that in Texas, the roads are better, the grass is greener and the Dr Pepper is sweeter.

You are attacked with annoying state facts, like that Texas is the world's biggest university, biggest hospital and biggest jail.

And just when you think you've heard it all, the phrase you hate the most slaps you across the face: "Texas was its own country once."

Then your face turns red, your fists clinch, and you go into an indignant rage.

Oh, the joys of being a Texan.

Non-Texans might be impressed by the old amount of pride we harbor, but we're just as confused by the lack of progress in the last 40 states.

Why don't you love your state just as much as we love Texas? Why don't you show your friends from Wisconsin, for example, wear cheese hats to the chapel and yell with all your might when the bigger state is called?

Our pride might be genetic. Or maybe we're brainwashed. (Or perhaps you're just jealous. I don't know."

I don't have an answer for the Texas pride mystery. But I do know that it's not just a lot of hot air.

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TALK BACK

Are you satisfied with the food and atmosphere in the student center?

"Yes, because I think it's a fun place to hang out and wait for friends. The food is good. I think there needs to be a Taco Bell." - Melanie Stanley, freshman

"Yeah, I think that new shopping area is great. I can buy Sour Patch. I love kids whenever I want!" - Tim Pruitt, junior

"I personally think we should have more choices of foods in the student center besides what we already have." - Cassy Withrow, sophomore

"It's a nice break from the ox, and it's a good place to hang out with friends." - Gabriel Smith, freshman

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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LETTER POLICY

The Bison welcomes your views on issues of interest to the Harding community. Letters to the editor from students, faculty, administration and the student community are encouraged.

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Bisons shock Delta, take two of three in weekend series

BY MATT PRICE
Sports editor

Last weekend started as one the Bisons would like to soon forget. However, the way the Bisons ended the week may never be forgotten.

As the Bisons arrived home from Magnolia, Ark., after being swept by Southern Arkansas University, the team learned it would be without the services of junior catcher Brandon Grippe, who was forced to take a leave of absence following the March 28 death of his mother.

As the team bumbled around Girne for support, it had to prepare for a non-conference home doubleheader against Central Baptist College March 30.

The Bisons rebounded from the weekend by sweeping the Mustangs 12-0 in game one and 6-2 in game two.

The hardballers pounded out 22 hits between the contests, and sophomore righthander Michael Davis struck out six in a no-hitter, the second of the season for Harding and just the fifth all-time in school history.

The Bisons then prepared for their weekend opponent, conference foe Delta State, whom the team had just beaten once in 15 previous meetings (a 6-4 victory at home last season).

Delta State ranked first in the Gulf South Conference Western Division and fifth in the country, according to the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper.

Harding spotted a 2-0 conference record after the second inning of the division standings just ahead of Ochita Bapts., who finished fifth in the conference.

In game one of the three-game series at Jerry Moore Field, the Bisons put senior righthander Mark Connett on the mound to face the eight-time conference champs at the beginning of the season.

With Boyd launching a three-run home run in the third inning, a big corner for the Statesmen was isolated for the rest of the game.

In the rubber game, down two runs in the fifth, Harding jumped on the board when junior center fielder Brandon Kimbrough scored off of a double from sophomore first baseman Ben Boyd.

Delta State increased the lead to 5-1 in the seventh inning.

However, the seventh became easy time for the Bisons who put together a rare comeback when Boyd launched a solo home run, his second of the year.

The Bisons tacked on three more runs to tie the game.

In the eighth, Harding took the lead when Connett, into the game as a pinch runner, scored off of a single by Neely making the score 6-5.

Goodrich held the Statesmen scoreless in the ninth, earning the complete-game win as the Bisons took two of three from the Statesmen.

The righthander allowed five runs off seven hits with two strikeouts and improved his record to 4-2 on the season.

Goodrich said the game was crucial in turning his final season around.

"I needed to re-establish myself and get back in the groove the way I was last year," Goodrich said. "I got the adrenaline going today, I just needed to throw strikes to get the job done."

Fullerton said the series against Delta meant a great deal to the team mentally and emotionally.

"This weekend could represent a big corner for us as we turn in this season," Fullerton said. "In the whole scheme of the season I'd rather finish strong than start strong and not finish."

With the wins, Harding improved its record to 4-3 in the GSC, 17-15 overall.

This was DSU's first weekend conference series loss since 1998, with SAU moving into the top spot.

Harding will face Christian Brothers in a three-game conference series beginning with one game today at 2 p.m. at Jerry Moore Field. The series will conclude with a doubleheader starting at noon Saturday.

Student reporter LISA BLOUNT contributed to this report.

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The dedication of this Harding super-fan can be seen upon walking into his Administration Building office. His shelves display a collection of Harding sports memorabilia, including the game balls from the first football and basketball games won after he became president of the university in 1965, each signed by a collection of players.

They are accented by a signed baseball and volleyball—proving his athletic awareness is not limited to Harding's first collegiate sports, football, and basketball. Although some of them happened more than 60 years ago, Harding University Chancellor Clifford Ganus can still relive the details of Harding sporting events—from the players to the score to the weather, he can tell many of the stories as if they happened yesterday.

Finding a person who knows more about Harding University athletics past and present would be a challenge.

And even if an individual could be found who matched Ganus in category and times, it would be impossible to find anyone who could top his Bison athletics attendance record.

Ganus' involvement with athletics goes beyond his years as an official. Although he attended Harding during the 1958-59 period when the school did not have intercollegiate athletics, Ganus managed to find competition on the intramural field.

"I played every intramural sport available during my time at Harding University," he said. "I may not have been any good at some of them, but I was out there trying."

Ganus could be described as a Harding historian, especially when it comes to Bison athletics. The details of his recollections make one wonder if they weren't too sore on the sidelines.

It was freezing on the day in December 1972 when Ganus traveled to Oklahoma to watch the Bison football team play in the Cowboy Bowl.

"It was a very cold day," Ganus said. "I just stood there and watched."

The opponent was Langston College, boasting a roster that included defensive star Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson, who would later go on to play for the Dallas Cowboys.

Quarterback and kicker Tom Ed Gooden led Harding. True playoff stuff, the score went back and forth for the entire game.

Then, with less than a minute left on the clock and the score tied at 27, the Bison drove down the field and set up a 41-yard field goal attempt with only seven seconds remaining in the game.

"I remember running down to the end of the field and standing underneath the goal post to watch the kick," Ganus said. "We ended up winning 30-27."

Another of Ganus' favorite Harding sports memories comes from the more recent past.

It was the spring of 1987—play-off time, representing the best of college basketball. The Bison basketball team was playing in the NCAA Tournament in Conway against a tough University of Central Arkansas team.

The Bear standout player would soon make a name for himself in the NBA. Future performances as a member of the World Champion Chicago Bulls would make his name familiar to most. Scottie Pippen.

During the game, Harding was led by the performance of Tim Smallwood, who made an amazing seven three-pointers.

Although Harding was down at half time, the match-up remained a close game throughout. With 25 seconds left in the fourth quarter, the Bison squad made its way down the court, down by two points.

With five seconds to go, freshman Casey Kamper made a three-point bucket to put Harding up by one. Despite a last second-shot attempt by Pippen, UCA was not able to overcome the deficit.

"When we won I jumped down out of the stands and ran to be with the team on the court," Ganus said. "It was actually pretty high up too — it's a wonder I didn't break my leg."

It is a rare individual who can remember such detail and speak so passionately about events from the past. Ganus still enjoys watching them at almost any level of competition, whether it be a Harding track meet, his New Orleans Saints or the NCAA Final Four.

And while some may account Ganus' unparalleled recollections to his love for sports, it is obvious that his fervor runs deeper — to a love for a school and its mission.

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I believe to some extent that the success of a team is a reflection of the leadership of its players.

To be honest, I really didn't know how much respect to give the Connecticut Huskies before the NCAA tournament.

To start, they were an over-rated team after the AP and Coaches Polling continued to rank them in the Top 10 even after, what I thought, were ridiculous losses.

I hesitated even putting them in my Final Four.

But, a counter named Enoka Okotie soon changed my opinion.

Thanks to the efforts of Oko­

for and guard Ben Gordon, one of the col­

best inside.

Sure they slipped past Oka­

outside Duke by one point, and even though the Hus­

Tech Yellow Jackets in an 82-73 in Monday night's NCAA Championship game. This is just UConn's second championship. We should never have counted them out of the game and was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

During the game, CBS analyst Billy Piancasto said the championship game was not impressive at all as a whole with all the upsets and close scores.

1973 was a semi-final game against Duke. I wonder if I watched UConn play in the tournament.

The Huskies beat Vermont by 17 in the first round and Dayton also by 17 in the sec­

had the opportunity to have a last-second shot...

The kid is graduating in three years with a 3.75 GPA and a degree in finance. He could star in one of those NCAA-produced commercials that portray student-athletes preparing them­

in the leadership of the team.

The kid has been a top pick in last year's draft and he decided to leave school early.

Critics say that play at the college level is down because high school kids are electing to receive millions of dollars in the NBA instead of a degree in college.

Only if teams had a player like Okafor.
Believe it or not, Grizzlies earn playoff spot

MATT PRICE
Sports editor

"Say it." "See it." "Believe it." Signs adorned with these messages greet visitors as they enter the Pyramid, the current home of the NBA's Memphis Grizzlies.

The team wants fans to know that it's OK to say the "b-word." The Grizzlies are heading to the NBA playoffs for the first time in the team's nine-year history.

Ironically, the Grizzlies dashed the first playoff birth March 23 with a 98-86 win against the Toronto Raptors.

The Grizzlies, then in Vancouver, entered the league during an expansion beginning with the 1995-96 season. The Raptors last saw post-season action in the 1995-2001 season.

This year's playoff berth is the culmination of steps the organization took beginning in the 2001-02 season.

The Grizzlies introduced Jerry West as the team's president of Basketball Operations, showing signs it had no intentions of continuing to be a doormat franchise.

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