Looking for the finish line

President David Burks, followed closely by All-American cross country runner Jacob Brotich, approaches the finish line of the Star for Peace 3K race April 15 and 1000 students participated. The race was sponsored by the service organization One raised money for the Student Association's Omega Project.

Ju Go Ju, Ko Jo Kai
recapture Spring Sing

MEGHAN MICHAELSON
Copy editor

After all of the long hours of work, Spring Sing has come and gone. And as the dust settles, many believe Spring Sing 2004 was the best show in a long time.

"Each subsequent year is the best year," Dr. Steve Frye, Spring Sing director and associate professor of communications, said. "Every show has a different feeling. I feel we succeeded in realizing the theme of the show."

Many students who participated came out with a new sense of unity and friendships with those that they worked with. Frye said he was gratified by the club's willingness to work together.

"The clubs were extremely cooperative," Frye said. "It showed in quality of the performance, and it showed in friendships offerings. I couldn't be more pleased."

According to Frye, more than 12,000 audience members attended Spring Sing this year. "I was amazed at the size of the crowds and their enthusiasm," Frye said. "There were standing ovations for all five performances."

Ju Go Ju and Ko Jo Kai won the John H. Ryan Sweepstakes award for their show, "Scoutin' for Badges." Gamma Sigma Phi, TNT, Zeta Rho and friends' show, "I Spy, Private Eye," tied for first runner up with Delta Chi Delta, Kappa Gamma Epsilon, Kappa Kappa Gamma and friends' "Rags to Riches."

Chi Sigma Alpha and Regnas took second runner up with "Always Look a Gift Horse in the Mouth." Chi Kappa Rho, Chi Omega Pi, Delta Gamma Rho and friends took third runner up with "Your Field or Mine."

The club directors voted to recognize "Your Field or Mine" with the Spirit Award, an honor given to the club that best displayed a Christian attitude during the preparations.

Sophomore Carrie Wittor, director of "Scoutin' for Badges," said creating the show was exhausting, but the production went better than she expected.

"After all of the work and tiring practices trying to coordinate the show, I don't think that we could have done a better job," Wittor said. "This show will definitely be something to remember."

Decorated general, war leader to speak

Faulk to finish year's ASI lecture series

LISA LAUTERBACH
Student reporter

The American Studies Institute will welcome highly decorated Four-Star Army Gen. Tommy Franks to campus April 22 as the next installment of its Distinguished Lecture Series. Franks will speak in the Benson Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Franks, who retired from his military career in August 2003, was commander of the U.S. Central Command for three years and led during some of the most trying times in U.S. military history, including Sept. 11 and wars in both Afghanistan and Iraq.

Franks began his military career in 1967 as a second lieutenant and served in combat as an artillery officer in Vietnam.

In 1990 he was chosen to participate in the Army's Degree Completion Program and attended the University of Texas at Arlington where he received a degree in business administration.

Franks spent time between two tours in West Germany at the Armed Forces Staff College and the Pentagon. He has since received many honors including the Defense Distinguished Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and the Purple Heart.

Franks was also named Time magazine's person of the week in March 2002.

"He's the highest profile personality in the post 9/11 era other than former New York City Mayor Rudy Guliani," said Reilly, associate executive director of ASI. "After he retired last summer, we began working to get him here."

Franks, who is often described as a soldier's soldier, offered valuable insight on war and its predictable costs, Reilly said.

"It's the real thing — a good speaker, humorous," Reilly said. "He really knows what's going on right now."

Reilly added Franks' work is easily relevant considering the recent events surrounding National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice and the 9/11 commission. The title of Franks' presentation will be "The Campaign Trail — Afghanistan to Baghdad and Beyond, and the Global War on Terrorism — From Policy to Practice."

Franks spoke at an ASI event in Dallas Feb. 28. Nearly 500 people attended the event, and Reilly said he's received a very positive response. Senior Jonathan Bryan attended the February presentation.

"I thought he was one of the best ASI speakers I've heard," Bryan said. "Because of the subject matter, I expected him to be very serious — but he was surprisingly entertaining."

Candidates file to run for SA offices

SARA WAI WINKLE
Student reporter

Students interested in running for offices in the Student Association turned in their meet-to-file forms Thursday in order to begin preparing for the April 28 elections.

According to Dr. James Barnes, SA sponsor, there are 10 positions open on the SA for the 2004-2005 year, including president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and a male and female representative from the sophomore, junior and senior classifications.

Male and female representatives will be elected next fall.

As of press time Thursday, six students had submitted interest forms for SA president — Jimmy Hoff, Allan Kirk, Brad McCormick, Gregory Goodstein, M. R. Simms and Kyle Thompson, who is currently attending Harvard University in Massachusetts.

Before these meet-to-file sessions are over the student service officers must approve their standing with the university. These requirements include having at least a 2.50 GPA on 92 or more academic hours.

In addition to these requirements, the potential presidential candidates must turn in petitions with 50 endorsement signatures by April 21. Once appointed, the presidential candidates will present campaign speeches during chapel Monday, April 20.
OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE

Starr to dean Pepperdine Law School

Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel for the Whitewater investigation in 1994, was appointed dean of Pepperdine University School of Law April 6. Starr will assume the position Aug. 1.

As a partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Washington, D.C., Starr also led the investigation in the affair of former president Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky.

Pepperdine President Andrew K. Benton said Starr was chosen because he was the "best candidate from a field of eminently qualified candidates."

"His career has exemplified the highest ethical standards and unfailing personal and professional integrity," Benton said. "He will serve as a role model not only for our students, but for the entire Pepperdine community."

Local teenager charged with arson

A White County teenager was arrested April 8 and charged with arson for the April 5 fire that destroyed a workshop at the residence of a county justice of peace.

The teenager received a juvenile citation and was released into his parents' custody, Searcy police Lt. Tim Webb said.

The fire caused $15,000 worth of property damage.

Man convicted of four DIs released

An Arkansas man whose sentence was commuted by Gov. Mike Huckabee last week was released from prison Tuesday.

Eugene Fields, who was sentenced to six years in prison for his fourth offense of driving while intoxicated, had served 7 1/2 months of his sentence.

Without the governor's commutation, Fields would have been eligible for release June 1, according to Dina Tyler, a spokesman for the state Department of Correction.

Robert Presley, Crawford County's chief deputy prosecutor, argued that the release date would not have been until August and said he was disappointed about the commutation.

"The issue is that we want to send a strong message that driving while intoxicated is wrong and that it's dangerous," Presley said in the April 15 issue of the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette.

Child survives on Gatorade and noodles

A 5-year-old California girl who was trapped for 10 days after a car crash that killed her mother was recovering well at a hospital Wednesday.

Highway workers found Ruby Bustamente, 5, trapped for hours in a car on March 31 near a guardrail on California state Route 60. Her mother, Norma, had died within minutes of the crash, according to a hospital spokesman.

Family members say the girl survived by drinking Gatorade and eating dried noodles that she found in the car.

CAMPUS IN BRIEF

Organ to fill dean position

Dr. Dennis Organ, professor of English, has accepted the position of dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, effective June 1.

Organ has been chairman of the English department since 1981 and has served as executive director of the Alpha Chi honors society since 1994.

In addition, Organ has served on various campus and national committees and organizations.

Organ will be replacing Dr. Larry Long, who will replace Dr. Dean Priest as vice president for academic affairs June 1. Priest decided to step down due to health-related reasons and to get back into full-time classroom teaching.

Alexander named director

Harold Alexander, a counselor in the Student Support Services, has been appointed full-time director of the Academic Advising Center and assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, effective June 1.

Alexander, who has worked with student support services since 1991, began working with the advising center in 2001, where he advised undecided majors and served as part-time director of advising.

New PA program approved

The administration approved a new master's level physician assistant program. President David Burks announced in a faculty e-mail April 9. The program is planned to begin fall 2005.

Dr. Michael Murphy, a medical doctor, has been named director of the program.

Murphy, 1977 Harding graduate, earned his medical degree from the University of Missouri in Columbia and has held academic appointments in family medicine residency at Southern Illinois University, the University of Tennessee and Cox Health Systems.

COMING UP

4.16 "Cheaper by the Dozen," Benson Auditorium, 52 presents to benefit Umoja Project, 8 p.m.

4.17 Lacrosse vs. Truman State University, Columbia, Mo., 11 a.m.

4.17 Baseball vs. University of Arkansas at Monticello, Monticello, noon.

4.17 "The Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring," Benson Auditorium, 7 p.m.

4.18 Lacrosse vs. University of Kansas, Columbia, Mo., 11 a.m.

4.18 Baseball vs. University of Arkansas at Monticello, Monticello, 1 p.m.

4.18 Women's open house 6:30-8:15 p.m.

4.21 Baseball vs. Lyon College, Batesville, Ark., 3 p.m.

4.22 AIS speaker series: Tommy Franks, Benson Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

4.22 Singing Under the Stars, Front Lawn, 6 p.m.

4.22 "Not Picture Perfect," Front Lawn, 6 p.m.

4.24 Ultimate Frisbee Tournament, intramural fields, 9 a.m.


4.24 "Not Picture Perfect," Front Lawn, 6 p.m.

4.25 "Not Picture Perfect," Front Lawn, 4 p.m.

4.25 Baseball vs. Ouachita Baptist, Arkadelphia, Ark., 1 p.m.

4.27 Harding Awards, Heritage Auditorium, 7 p.m.

4.30 "The Boys Next Door" Little Theater, 7 p.m.
Fresh design, people stories fill new book

STEVEN PROFIZER
Student reporter

A student overcomes injuries from an accident so severe paramedics thought he was dead.

A student receives a reality check when he watches his friend die while training for a swim competition.

A student sees Courtney Cox and Jennifer Aniston while he unknowingly has corn stuck in his teeth.

These are all real stories about real Harding students that will be included in this year’s Petit Jean.

We tried orienting more of the yearbook toward Harding students,” senior Renee Lewis, Petit Jean editor-in-chief, said. “In the past, the stories in the people section of the yearbook have been largely based on activities. This year, we included a lot of full-page stories about Harding students themselves. These are interesting stories that people will really want to read.”

Lewis said the people section of the Petit Jean is only one area of the book that underwent changes. There is a new section named “leadership,” and the general appearance of the yearbook received an update as well.

“We paid a lot more attention to the design this year,” Lewis said. “Most of the time, yearbook staffs focus on getting as much onto a page as possible. This year we used fewer photos and focused on making it less overwhelming to look through.

A lot of the Petit Jean’s staff’s efforts were focused on overcoming obstacles along the way, Lewis said.

With the launch of the new Banner system, the staff lost its yearbook indexing program. This meant that staff members had to go through every portrait and club photograph in the yearbook to manually compile the page numbers for each person.

Another major obstacle was encountered during an attempt to make things more efficient and convenient for the staff members.

In last year’s Petit Jean, most of the candid pictures were shot digitally, but the student portraits were made with film cameras. This year, all of the photographs contained in the Petit Jean are digital images.

“The advance to digital was supposed to make everything much easier, I was told,” Lewis said. “It didn’t happen.”

Issues arising from the photography studio led to a mix-up of names and pictures—all of which the staff had to sort out.

“We faced our share of problems this year, but we didn’t let them overshadow all of the work we put into the yearbook,” Jim Miller, director of student publications, said. “We got through it all, learned a lot and feel good about what we accomplished.”

Miller is not the only one pleased with the outcome of all the work put into this year’s edition of the Petit Jean.

“A lot of people have worked really hard on this yearbook, and seeing it all come together we’ve been able to put together,” junior Kelli Oehreberger, Petit Jean yearbook editor, said. “It’s really special to me to work on something that people will keep and look back at for the rest of their lives.”

In chapter April 29, the yearbook story officially reveals the theme and cover design for this year’s book, as well as announce the faculty member to whom the book is dedicated.

“Even with all the hurdles we had to jump over to finish this yearbook, I couldn’t be happier with this year,” Lewis said. “I got to work with a truly amazing staff, and I think the students will realize that when they look through this year’s Petit Jean.”

Distribution of the yearbooks is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. April 30-31. The location of distribution will be announced that week in chapel.

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STUDENTS WANTED FOR SATURDAY’S DASH

ANDREA MARTIN
Student reporter

Mothers Against Drunk Driving requests more student involvement in the 21st annual MADD Dash scheduled for April 17 at 8 a.m.

The race is a combination of a 5k run, a 1k run, and a 1/2 mile fun run. The members of MADD sponsor the race annually to raise money for equipment for on-site alcohol testing, to sponsor posters and easy contests, and to assist people who have been affected by drunk drivers.

A hat, .80 Harding students participate in the Dash every year, according to J.D. Yingling, associate professor of Kinology and director of the race.

To encourage participation, the Dash entry fee is $10 prior to the race and $15 on the day of the race. Dr. Paul Paulus, professor of Bible and former director of the race, said compared to other benefit runs, the MADD Dash is inexpensive.

"Several hundred runners participate each year," Paulus said. "We probably couldn't do the race without Harding students."

As another incentive to run, MADD is encouraging a competition between Harding social clubs to see who can get the most participation. The winning club will receive a plaque and a pizza party. Yingling said.

After receiving encouragement from social club members and professors, senior Jonathan Teal, a member of King's Men, signed up for the Dash.

"I saw the need to help out," Teal said. "It's a good program that is run across the nation. It's a good service activity to do.

In addition to needing runners, MADD needs volunteers to help direct traffic and other activities. "I'm Kappa social club is directing traffic at the 5k course, and the Kinology Club is helping at the finish line.

All volunteers will receive a free T-shirt for their efforts. Paulus said many MADD members and Dash runners participate because a drunk driver has affected them.

"Students have had family losses and participate," he said. "With 18,000 killed a year, drunk driving affects virtually everybody."

Snowy's MADD began the race after Harry Miller, who was Scoury's director of parks and recreation, was killed by a drunk driver. Miller had laid out a race course called the Skyline Scamper as an activity for the city. After Miller's death, Paulus asked Miller's course as the 1k for the Dash and named it in Miller's honor.

Students interested in the MADD Dash can contact Pollard at 279-4765 for information. For general MADD information, students should contact Pollard at 279-4554.

"We can find a place for your abilities to be used," he said.

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ANNUAL SILVER CITY CARNIVAL

MEGAN MICHAELSON
Copy editor

The Student Association will once again host its Silver City Carnival in the Silver City housing authority in Little Rock from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 24.

The carnival will feature 15-16 games, such as a ring toss, a football toss and a moon bounce in the shape of a turtle. The carnival will also serve hotdogs and cold drinks to local youth.

Senior Robert Meyer, chairman of the carnival, said the event is an outreach method sponsored by the SA and the Silver City church of Christ. According to Meyer, what once began as a Sunday event for the school youth grew into a ministry for the community.

"We started something new [last year] by moving it to Saturday," Meyer said. "We distributed flyers to attract people not usually associated with the church.

"Even kids who started coming to the church after the carnival." Meyer said. "We hope to see something like that happen again.

Sign-ups for the event will be available next week, and Meyer said anyone is welcome to come.

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Students to perform improv show on lawn

LISA BLOUNT  Student reporter

A student-directed improv show, "Not Picture Perfect," will play for an audience of all ages next weekend on the Front Lawn.

The shows will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 23, and Saturday, April 24. The Sunday, April 25, show will start at 4 p.m. The show is free; however, concessions will be available at a small price in order to support the show’s expenses.

Upperclassmen may recognize the similarity of this show with the production of "Harding Life: Unscripted" in spring 2001.

Junior Troy Cook, the show’s director, said he is excited about this show, which he put together as part of his junior seminar. "Being in "Harding Life Unscripted" was a great learning experience," Cook said. "During that show, I saw some ideas that I wanted to change, so I built on those changes and added some other things to form this show idea."

Other inspirations also come from Cook’s high school theater experiences and his freshmen experience with Harding’s theater group, Paper Piecs.

Cook said 15 individuals will be improvising each night, and around 30 people will be involved behind-the-scenes needs. These 13 members will be divided into four improv groups each night. Each performance will not only be a show but a contest as well. Judges will rate performances, humor, props and outstanding character development.

Throughout each performance, groups will lose points and gain them back. In the end, the group with the most points wins for the night. Sophomore Kim Toliver, one of the show’s performers, said it reminded her of a TV game show.

"It’s kind of like ‘Who Wants to Be a Millionaire,’ but the points really do matter," Toliver said.

Another performer, sophomore David Skelton, said he looks forward to seeing what the groups will bring to the show each night. "Every night will be a different show," Skelton said. "When you throw four different people together in a different group each night, every person’s talents are used to create a uniqueness not found in the previous show."

Some of the members of the show have had previous theater/improv experience, and some have not. Skelton said although he didn’t have a theater department in his high school, he tried to be involved in several theater productions at Oklahoma Christian University before transferring to Harding.

Freshman Michelle Stauges said doing an improv show is different from anything she’s ever done in theater. "It’s a challenge," Stauges said. "You have to get to know your comfort zone and pull things out of your head that you never thought you’d come up with..."

Besides the theme of "Pirates of the Caribbean" with Toliver and trying to make that make sense," Toliver said getting to know fellow cast members makes the improv easier. "It’s a good thing that the rehearsals for improv shows is not knowing the people you are working with," said Skelton. "Once you start hanging out more and more, you can read people better. You start to know where they’re going to go with a joke."

Sophomore Minah Thomason agreed with Toliver. "Working with people you don’t know yet is tough, but the interaction with each other has become my favorite part of doing this show," Thomason said. "Improv is the type of thing that I’m comfortable with. I’m a very spontaneous person."
Crossing stress lines can affect headache patterns

LINDSAY ROBINSON
Rocky Mountain Collegian (Colorado State U.)


The three sometimes seem to be interrelated. Life can be stressful. Stress can cause headaches.

Tension-type is the most common headache, caused by muscle tension in the neck, scalp and shoulders. These headaches are characterized by a nagging pain in the back of the head where the neck and skull meet.

These headaches can be triggered by both physical stress, such as eye strain or bad posture, and emotional stress.

"When we perceive something as stressful or worrying, we activate our fight or flight response, and one of the things that happens is generalized muscle tenseness, which, over time, can create muscle pain and sometimes leads to headaches," said Jennifer Thomas, a graduate student assistant with the Colorado State University Counseling Center's Stress Management Program.

According to www.headache.org. 70 to 80 percent of people suffer from occasional tension headaches.

Suzanne Simons, executive director of the National Headache Foundation, said sometimes a stress "lets down," when people finally get a break from stress, can cause tension headaches.

"Some people work under stress really well, and a lot of times people make it through the week; then on the weekends they get headaches," Simons said.

Weekend tension headaches can also be triggered by staying out late or sleeping longer than usual during the week, because this strays from the body's normal sleep cycle.

Most experts advise against taking over-the-counter medication regularly to combat tension headaches.

"I think stress can be problematic in small doses but it is not fixing the stress that is the headache problem," said Thomas.

"You could be taking Advil for months trying to get rid of your headache, but unless you stop thinking about how stress is causing the problem, you might be doing it for a long period of time," Thomas said.

McIntyre said an anti-inflammatory drug such as ibuprofen is the best bet for those who decide to take medication.

Instead of popping pain pills, experts suggest first pinpointing the source of stress. Simons recommends keeping a headache diary to identify when headaches are most likely to occur and what causes them.

"Recognizing what it is that is your trigger is the most important thing," Simons said. "Stress in small doses can be good, you need to recognize when you cross the line."

It is possible to keep a tension headache from growing after the pain has already started. Experts recommend relaxation techniques such as controlled diaphragmatic breathing, guided visualization and progressive muscle relaxation, which involve successively tensing and releasing the muscles.

Another strategy is body scanning, searching your body for any kind of tension you might be having and just letting it go, reduce that tension," Simons said. "Becoming aware of the tension you might be holding in your neck or head or face is a big step."

Stretching, self-massage, exercise and hot showers can ease tension headache.

This trend has also caught up with fast food restaurants. Subway was among the first chains to embrace the low-carb fad with its introduction of Atkins' diet-approved wraps. Then, other major chains rolled out their own plans: Burger King and McDonald's are now advertising a bunless burger wrapped in lettuce.

Dietetic professionals caution consumers to remember that low-carb does not mean calorie-free, and, in the end, it is always important to see the bigger picture and evaluate your diet as a whole.

Carbohydrate free doesn't mean calorie free. Low-carb foods can still be high in calories.
Footwear fashion walks into 21st century ‘in style’

AMANDA SEMBER
Student reporter

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For the MGE 1150 APR1, 16, of when walking) came into appearing and reappearing acts. “Flip-Flops— For the Office or the Beach?” that what we know today as flip-flops (so named because of the sound they make when walking) came into existence around 2000 B.C. Originating in the warmer climates of the world, they were the (only) style before they became “in style.” They were created as a basic item to protect the soles of feet when walking outdoors; the toe strap made sandals easy to wear. Since its initial role as an item of necessity, the flip-flop has done flip-flops in the fashion world. It is a trend famous for its disappearing and reappearing acts. Latest designers have rendered them reinvented and ready for wear with any outfit.

Flip-flops with two-inch pump heels, flip-flops with light-up thongs, flip-flops with diamond encrusted sides. Your sneaker never had it so good. They are sold in every imaginable fabric and heel/sole height in prices ranging from $5 from Old Navy, to $405 from Gucci. They come in a variety of materials and natural materials in any color and design you can imagine. They are another item that makes sandales easy to wear.

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As a native of Florida, Carson understands the necessity of the open-shoe, especially in the heat of a Southern summer. "Some of the sandals they’ve come out with are so cute," Carson said. "If you wear them right it just makes the outfit.” Flip-flops are accessories filed under a menagerie of categories; casual wear, beach wear, shower wear and now work wear. In a time of casual Fridays for 9-5ers, flip-flops have been making an appearance at the office.

However, Corby O’Connor, business etiquette columnist for The New Jersey Star Ledger, warns against this merging of the casual and corporate world. As far as flip-flops are concerned, don’t even consider wearing them to your job unless you are a lifeguard. Not only are they casual to the extreme and indicate you don’t take your job too seriously; they pose a safety hazard to your feet."

Flip-flop feedback

1. Why do you wear flip-flops?
   "Comfort," "My feet can breathe easier." "To shower at camps." "They’re low and light for a warm sunny day." "I’m always running late, and flip-flops are quick and easy to put on." "I don’t like wearing socks.

2. Where do you think the idea came from?
   "I invented it," "a designer," "Greek sandals," "ancient Egyptians," "a very lazy person," "don’t know.

3. Strongest outfit you’ve ever worn/ever flip-flops with?
   "He was wearing shorts with long black dress socks. "My sister wore flip-flops to her prom," "long-sleeved shirt, pants and flip-flops." "With a kimono." "Suit and black socks.

4. Socks with flip-flops, why or why not?
   General consensus was a no. Two exceptions were answers of "not unless you come from Maine," and "yes, it looks European.

5. How cold is too cold to wear flip-flops?
   Answers went as high as "95 degrees is too cold," averaged at "when the temp gets below 50," one said "freezing," and some die-hard fans stuck by "Never!"

6. How cold is too cold to wear flip-flops?
   General consensus was a reasonable. "You’re never too old." A couple answered, "When your feet start wrinkling," and others had had enough of 60 and 62-year-olds wearing them.

7. Where do you buy your flip-flops and for how much?
   A lot of Wal-Mart shoppers here, others frequent Old Navy, Lands End and the Gap. Prices went as high as $20 and as low as free (the person gets flip-flops from home).

"Answers provided by students in survey."
The growing number of Chinese restaurants that have taken Searcy by storm. Chinese buffets appear to be a restaurant trend, with two new buffets opening in the past year and a half. Great service, variety, and value appear to be driving this trend.

Each establishment is coated with vibrant Chinese architecture, atmosphere, and wall-sized pictures of the old Eastern culture. Located on the west side of the city is Jade Garden, 130 N. Poplar St., who has held the reigns of the Daily Citizen's "Searcy's Best Restaurant" award since 1988. The 12-year-old establishment prides itself on the best Chinese, the freshest meat and the finest mustard and vegetables around.

"We use all natural ingredients and spices," Jeannie Rous, manager of Jade Garden, said. "We do not use food coloring or MSG.

Jade Garden's had success and off the buffet corresponding with a non-smoking atmosphere allows patrons to enjoy the good food in a clean and fresh environment. Some of the new items on the buffet are the sesame chicken, peanut fried chicken, fried chicken and grilled chicken teriyaki.

Lunch is served Tuesday-Sunday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. for a moderate $5.95 and dinner is Tuesday-Saturday 5-8 p.m. for $7.75. At the Jade Garden, you are sure to sample some of the best Chinese in town.

One block west of Jade Garden is China Star, 400 E. Race Ave., where you can find Great Food at a Great Price. The Four Sisters Restaurant is the front runner for the new style and taste of Chinese food. By integrating a separate 20-person smoking room, a luscious 30-to-40-person room filled with vibrant murals and effervescent dragons and phoenix enters, this establishment is the largest Chinese restaurant in Searcy.

The décor is in class of its own with chandeliers, a 100-seat exist in fish tank, fluorescent lighting, designer glass bordering each booth, door archways imitating Eastern art, a 1500-pound rock sculpture, and a buffet that uses more than a $6 dinner at the Jade Garden, the dinner buffet at China Star is $7.25. We guarantee that the Jade Garden is the closest restaurant to Eduardo's, Miss China, Star, and the fourth restaurant closest to the Oriental Airlines Terminal, Roderick's and the Chinese slate slab and appetizer.

The fried shrimp with onion is one of the best sellers, Kuan Weng, manager of the China Star, said. The "peanut chicken is also a favorite at this restaurant."

Because the buffet is located in the center of the restaurant, it is an interesting area for diners to go to get all the meats, as well as all the vegetables available to them.

The buffet consists of three rows of delicious food including self-serve Blue Bell Ice Cream and American-style deserts, as well as the continuous American foods and appetizers.

"We are the best, plain and simple," Ming Zhuang, manager of New China, said. "No one has more food or room for the customers than New China.

The 8-month-old gargantuan of a restaurant will hold up to 300 patrons seven days a week with the buffet running 11 a.m.-4 p.m. for lunch, 4:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. for dinner and Sunday buffet 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. The buffet is $5.95, the dinner buffet is $7.95 and the Sunday buffet is $7.25 all day not including the generous 10 percent off with a Harding ID.

The fourth restaurant closest to the Oriental Airlines Terminal is the Chinese slate slab and appetizer. The Chinese slate slab and appetizer is made up of more than 100 items and is the closest restaurant to the Oriental Airlines Terminal, Roderick's and the Chinese slate slab and appetizer.

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McNews and Starbucks-filled lives

Today, young professionals who hop on the Green every morning and ride to 42nd Street have five minutes to catch up on the world while sipping their white raspberry mochas from Starbucks on the way to work. That's just got even more time, newspaper editors say. They're right. Only 41 percent of Americans ages 18-24 read a daily newspaper, according to the American Journalism Review. Something has to change. Editors face this dilemma every day when they see updated circulation numbers.

Although most editors want to stick to the purist level of journalism, many have jumped on a bandwagon — the McNews bandwagon. Since the 1980s when USA Today (or the McPaper) disrupted traditional journalism, large city newspapers have been fighting for Generation X and Y's attention.

McNews, editors say is calling it, gives readers quick tidbits of the world in small briefs with large, colorful graphics and pictures.

In 2002 the Chicago Tribune recognized this when it developed RedEye, a daily tabloid that battles for the Internet generation with fresh stories and gutsy headlines.

"It's like a McDonald's hamburger," Bob Davis, the senior advisor for RedEye, said at an editorial staff meeting in 2002. "Who's going to say his? It's a quarter. If you want a gourmet meal you go to Charlie Trotter's. If you want a burger on the fly you buy this thing. We're not the Chateaubriand. We're a burger."

Even if the smell of the burger lures readers in, that doesn't mean all Generation X and Y members are happy with this trend. Many young professionals feel insulted. Rachel Smolkin, 29, and a former Scripps Howard reporter, said in a November 2003 American Journalism Review editorial piece that these two generations are smarter than newspaper editors give them credit for.

"Is this really the way the newspaper industry plans to ensure its survival? If tykes are willing to savor an 870-page Harry Potter [book], then surely we in the Gen X and Y crowds can slog through an 800-word newspaper story.

Although there are a few young journalistic purists left out there, most are realistic with the McNews trend. There are a few theories explaining this trend.

One, we just don't have enough time. We work. We study. We work. We study. We work. ...We get the picture. Throw catching up with the world into the mix, and we're sure to re-serve a bed in the rugby room for our selves.

Two, maybe we just want to know — not the whole story. We want a story, and a McNews blurbs will give us just enough info to hold our own with the Fortune 500 execs. Three, maybe we just don't care about the world around us, and we want appearances to say we do. Buying a newspaper for mere appearance sake is no reason to buy a newspaper. However, I'd admit, while in New York City or Boston, I've wanted to look more like a local New Yorker or Bostonian, so I'd pick up the Post or the Globe. Shaming me.

I hope none of these theories hold true for you. Having the freedom to know as much about the world as we possibly can is a blessing. Being in touch with our surroundings is a right and an obligation of the American citizen.

Whatever our reasons for grabbing the least amount of news we can from a newspaper we need to re-evaluate. We are given this right to know.

Good for you for making it this far in this column. I'm probably preaching to the choir right now. Believe me, you need to read the words on these pages. Not only to know what's going on, but also because there's a slew of people who work hard to put this together for your every week. Just ask the 150 or so people on campus today for the annual Arkansans College Media Association conference. These attendees represent Arkansans college students publications staffs, and they know how difficult and time-consuming it is to produce publications of this stature every week. Ask our professors too. I bet they'll tell you we need a break.

Nonetheless, we want you to know these numbers.

By Brandon Sublette

February 2003

Editor's note: Illustration Zach Cheatham has the week off, so deep from the Bison's archives comes this cartoon by Noah Fence from the Nov. 22, 1985 issue.

McNews and Starbucks-filled lives

College students need to exercise their freedom to know

RENEE LEWIS

Just Ramble

As young people, we should use that right and soak up all the information about the world we can, even if that means we have to read the Gray Lady word for word.
The birds keep singing
Spring surroundings offer a sweet temptation

The sun is shining. The birds are singing. The flowers are pretty. And academic excellence is the furthest thing from most of our minds right now.

Instead of studying in the library for that International Relations test tomorrow morning, we would rather be playing on the front lawn with our buddies.

If we’re going to be honest, we need to say that walking from class to class is a TEMPERATURE MEDIUM for most of us.

Seeing those who don’t have anything to do but bask in the warmth of being a part of International Relations every day makes us miss class.

We are all in the same boat right now. School life is hectic, and we want to be anywhere but in a classroom. We want to go to Heber and work on our tans, but duty calls.

For now, however, let summer be your future reward; and let working hard be your present attitude.

Fourth, we think as Christian men and women. Glorifying God can be done through studying too. God did not design us to be lazy.

He designed us to work for his kingdom. Our potential is probably an A in International Relations. Oh, the thought.

Nothing bad could ever come from working hard and doing our best in, yes, even International Relations.

So for now, trade in the beach blankets and sunscreen for a cup of coffee and your International Relations book. You won’t regret it. We promise.

PDA: Where do we draw the line?

While I do not advocate vulgar displays of affection in public, I was offended by the April 9 letter "Enough with the PDA." I feel that, to an extent, some singletons on campus are overly sensitive about what defines gross PDA.

I am married and know couples, other than my husband and I, who can kiss and hug each other in public without offending anyone. So when do we draw the line? We can’t give up quite yet. We’re paying to go to school. We need to get our money’s worth and accomplish what we came here for — to learn. Learn?!? Yes. Even in the 80-degree weather we need to learn.

Class isn’t over until the university says it is. (Even the Bison can’t publish a final issue until the adviser says so.)

So how do we overcome this summer fever-type disease? We get a clue for one. No more pity parties. We are not the only people struggling to get through this semester. All of our peers want to quit too.

Second, we encourage each other. Tough love works. When your roommate wants to go outside and slack instead of studying for International Relations, stop him. He’ll hate you for the evening, but when he gets an A on an Elrod test, he’ll thank you.

Third, let us try a fast-approaching summer vacation motivation. Soon enough we’ll pack up our rooms and have plenty of basking and playing time.

LETTER POLICY

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

Letters must be signed, contain a phone number for verification and be no more than 300 words in length. The Bison reserves the right to edit letters for clarity, brevity and length.

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try to set records for longest lip lock any more than the next person, but we do have to respect their right to be affectionate as much as said couple should respect our right not to be a voyeur.

Temperance on both sides is recommended.

Couples should keep other people’s sensitivities in mind, but angles should be reasonable about what is obscene, and we should all deal with each other with love. I suggest that if a twosome offends you, rather than yelling out and drawing everyone else’s attention to said exhibitors, you might ask them to stop. Yell "PDA Patrol" and "Get a room!" only angers people and makes the couple think you are, in fact, a Rizzled’s words [from his April 9 letter], "just a pathetic loser who can’t partner up.”

The advice I’m in favor of finding out who was responsible for the lapse in intelligence, but I’m tired of being a part of the political spectrum getting in the way of the truth. No more tell-all books. No more tyrannical questioning. No more evasive testimony. Just give the people the truth, and get on with it.

Our weak women have made us forget who was really responsible for the attacks. Neither President Bush, President Clinton, the CIA or the FBI were in the cockpits of those airplanes. Terrorists were.

Hopefully our country’s sound mind will finally prevail in these situations — otherwise, we are in for a very long and uncomfortable stay in the asylum.

Congratulations to those clubs who were victorious in Spring Sing last weekend. It was an impressive show, but not nearly as impressive as the hospitality exhibited to our thou­ sack guests. We all laughed about the extra work that goes on when we have visitors (I didn’t even know there was a tub in my dorm, even be cleaned), but Harding knows how to make its guests feel welcome.

Many saw their first Spring Sing, and others were here for their 31st consecutive showing — sitting in the audience bellowing out the word of “United We Stand.” Either way, whether it was raining or calling them, this was a weekend for memories. I, for one, will never forget the two hours sitting in a dark, cold room that there was a disco ball hanging over the pulpit during chapel.

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As the year comes to a close, how are you dealing with the stress?
Do you have any specific techniques?

I’m on the lacrosse team, and I take my stress out on other players.

[David Miller, freshman]

If you’re trying to handle it by studying with people in class and getting tutu­ tors, it’s hard, but I’m going to try. This is my first semester at this school.

[Blake Smith, junior]

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[Elizabeth Barnett, freshman]

I have to sit down, take away all distractions and work. It helps me to go to the library and get out of my dorm room.

-Julie Selby, sophomore

I sit on my bed and eat peanut butter and M&M’s.

-Tripp Kellogg
correction eighth-grade spelling bee. Although all ing on and Pirates opened the majors. Maybe someday I'll say this to my kids.

Times he had the chance to win the last reputation of being the al finally won of the golfing world. Ally did occur. Knowns like Mike Weir and watching him win.

First green jacket April 11, I wish Mickelson would stop to call while I'm young. "Phil went out while I'm young," Polk said. "I think I can do it. I've seen the talent at some of these levels. I think I have an edge over a lot of the competition." Some smaller schools like Harding that don't receive national publicity, professional scouts start looking at players years before the NFL draft. The transfer of college dreams into a professional reality begins when the spring football season kicks off in March. The spring is a period when the scouts start tracking in and around the athletic complex in search of their next top draft pick. The focus is on the juniors that will be playing in their senior year the following season. Once a season concludes, professional scouts are required to call the coach of a university and inquire about prospective post-college players. The recruiters then come to visit the campus and start dissecting the players' skills, one by one.

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OK boys and girls, it's time for a new quiz. Don't worry it's really easy, just one question; multiple choice. Here we go:

Which of the following events occurred in 2003?

A. Jessica Simpson won an eighth-grade spelling bee.
B. William Hung was recorded a hit song.
C. Phil Mickelson won the Master's golf tournament.
D. The Tigers, Reds, Brewers and Pirates opened the MLB season with winning records.
E. Bob C and D.

If you answered E, you are correct! I know, I almost had to pinch myself too. Although all of these events were entirely unrealistic, two of them actually did occur.

I really believe Mickelson finally won a major. In the last 10 years, he had the reputation of being the Buffalo Bille or Alberta Braves of the golfing world. He was always the bridesmaid, never the bride. So many times he had the chance to win a major championship within his grasp. So many times the chance slipped away, and he was left with relative unknowns like Mike Weir and Shaun Micheel surpass him in many times the professional golfers. Even so, I'd still say the majors. Maybe someday I'll say this to my kids.

Pro scouts test players' draft dreams

BRANDON SUELLETTE
Student reporter

As NFL teams narrow down their top choices for next week's draft, former college players are preparing themselves to play at a higher level whether they are drafted or not.

After finishing his college career in 2003, Tim Polk believes he belongs on a professional football team. He is spending the off-season preparing himself so that scouts will also believe he belongs.

"Right now, I'm just focusing on working out in order to get stronger and faster," Polk said. "I need to focus on the stuff that is required at that level." Earlier this spring, Polk auditioned his talents in front of scouts from the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League. Polk said an array of players of every skill level were present to try out.

"There were a lot of guys out there that were good and some who aren't very good at all just trying to live out a dream," Polk said. "But, you can't be in awe of who you're with out there, you just do what you can do." Polk said he plans to attend a scout camp in June where all professional scouts will be on-hand looking to sign players to free-agent contracts.

The first test will test the shuttle run, the 40-yard-dash and the vertical leap. Polk said the scouts were the linebackers' recovery coverage skills. Polk said playing professional football is a top goal for him. He believes he has what it takes to improve and earn a spot on a roster. "I want to do it while I'm young," Polk said. "I think I can do it. I've seen the talent at some of these levels. I think I have an edge over a lot of the competition." Some smaller schools like Harding that don't receive national publicity, professional scouts start looking at players years before the NFL draft. The transfer of college dreams into a professional reality begins when the spring football season kicks off in March. The spring is a period when the scouts start tracking in and around the athletic complex in search of their next top draft pick. The focus is on the juniors that will be playing in their senior year the following season. Once a season concludes, professional scouts are required to call the coach of a university and inquire about prospective post-college players. The recruiters then come to visit the campus and start dissecting the players' skills, one by one.

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Arkansas Twisters linebacker Jami Holden (left) tries to shed the block of a defender at the team’s practice Tuesday. Holden is a former Bison, who played for Harding between 1999 and 2000. Holden is in his first season with the Twisters. Through two games, Holden has registered 3.5 tackles on defense and six yards on one carry as a fullback on offense.

MATT PRICE
Sports editor

Mom always said ‘Don’t play football in the house.’ The Arena 2 Football League’s Arkansas Twisters are trying to change her mind. Arena Football began inside Little Rock’s Alltel Arena in 2000. The Twisters were one of 15 teams to begin play during the Arena 2’s inaugural season. The league has since expanded to 28 teams and serves as “a farm-system” to larger leagues including the Arena Football League, Canadian Football League, NFL Europe and even the NFL.

Reggie Swinton, a member of the 2001 Twisters, is currently playing for the Detroit Lions as a kick/punt returner and receiver.

Despite failing to reach the playoffs in its opening season, the Twisters set the highest season attendance record in the league. Arkansas accomplished more than just setting attendance records in 2002 by earning its first playoff birth.

Last season, the Twisters had their most successful year to date. The Twisters fielded a strong defense led by last season’s Defensive Player of the Year Keith Carter, currently of the AFL’s Orlando Predators. Carter led the league with 14 interceptions. The team earned a second consecutive playoff spot and came within one game of one of the league’s Arena Cup championship.

The team has found its success through the leadership of head coach Gary Anderson, who is entering his fourth season as the Twisters’ top boss.

Anderson said the road to a successful 2004 campaign may not be as easy as one. As the team strives to earn a third straight playoff appearance.

“We’re just going to have to work harder,” Anderson said. “We’ve got a lot of young guys we’re teaching the game. Hopefully they’ll learn enough to play it and in the end have an even better season than last year.”

The Twisters opened the season strong at home April 3 beating the San Diego Riptide 48-28. However, the team could not get anything to work for them offensively on the road against the locally based Pocono Pirates April 9 and lost the game 22-13.

The team looks to improve on its 1-1 record Saturday at home against the Birmingham Stallions.

One of the team’s young players who is making his presence known is former Harding Bison Jami Holden who is in his first season of professional football.

“He’s unbelievable, we’re fortunate to have come across him,” Anderson said. “The guy is 100 miles per hour all the time. We’re lucky to have him.”


For the Twisters, Holden lines up defensively as linebacker. He has 3.5 tackles on the year. Offensively, Holden plays fullback and has one rushing attempt on the season for six yards.

Holden said there aren’t major differences between playing in the Arena 2 and NCAA Division II.

“The talent level is pretty close,” Holden said. “The game is a little faster because the field is so much smaller. But, there’s really not too many differences other than some rules. It’s still football.”

Holden said he’d love the opportunity to play football again and uses each game to learn more about the game.

He hopes to do well at this level in order to continue his professional career.

“I plan to take [professional football] as far as I can,” Holden said. “I’d like to advance to a higher level each year I play.”

The sport of arena football is unique to professional football because all the action is compacted into a 60-yard field. Sidelines are nearly absent from the game. Small rosters allow field players that have to play on both sides of the ball.

The game has established itself as being fan-friendly as games have expanded from coast-to-coast, even Hawaii has a team in the league.

Anderson said the fast-paced, in-your-face action of arena football keeps fans on their feet for an entire game. He encourages anyone who’s never seen a game to experience the atmosphere.

“There’s never a dull moment,” Anderson said. “Something’s always going to be going on. A lot of points are going to be scored. Someone’s always going to be going toward the end zone. If you want to take your family somewhere and have a good time, this is your sport.”

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**Hull golf tees off for GSC Championships**

**MATT PRICE**  
Sports editor

A finish in the middle of the pack at the 2004 Gulf South Conference Tournament would be a successful end to the Harding Bisons 2003-04 golf season.

"We realize that there are a lot more teams with more talent than us," Dr. Nicky Boyd, golf coach, said. "To finish in the middle of the pack would be a real victory for us."

Indeed, the Bisons will face stiff competition this weekend when they tee off at the Hot Springs (Ark.) Country Club.

Six of the 12 participating teams rank in the NCAA Division II South Region top 10, including defending GSC champion West Florida, who ranks first in the region.

Boyd said the reason the Bisons struggle to compete with other GSC teams is because Harding golfers play without receiving scholarships. This makes it difficult to recruit the top young players.

Three freshmen golfers account for much of the team's success in 2003-04. Through six events and 13 rounds, Drew Murphy leads the team averaging a score of 76.61 per game.

When the men's tennis team members take the court Saturday to face nationally-ranked Valdosta State in the first round of the Gulf South Conference Tournament, they should be ready.

The team faced four ranked teams throughout the season, including fifth-ranked Drury, ninth-ranked Ouachita Baptist, Delta State (6th from rankings) and Division I foe Arkansas-Little Rock.

Although the team dropped each of its matches to these teams, the players gained tremendous experience according to junior Stephen Paine.

"We had really good competition this year," Paine said. "Our young players had to get used to the tough competition."

The Bisons played beneficiary to there being only four teams in the GSC Western Division. All four teams automatically qualified for the GSC tournament.

The team is 1-3 in the GSC, 12th overall. The Bisons' lone conference win came against wireless Christian Brothers.

The four representatives from the Eastern Division all own national rankings.

Valdosta State, the tournament host, is ranked fourth in the country setting to College Tennis Online. The Blazers own the second seed out of the East Division.

The tournament's top team is second-ranked and undefeated West Florida. North Alabama owns the tournament's third seed and is ranked third nationally.

Lincoln Memorial, the fourth seed, ranks 36th in the nation.

Paine believes the teams Harding has faced this season compare to Valdosta.

"In correlation to this season, the tournament is going to be tough," Paine said. "We faced Ouachita and Drury who are top 10 teams. I think Valdosta will be pretty equipped." Despite a high national ranking, Paine hopes Valdosta will take the Bisons lightly in the first round.

"If we can have a good day, I think we can take them," Paine said.

Paine holds a 12-6 individual record on the year. He finished 1-2 in conference. His 12 wins tied freshman Ryan Roberts for the team high. Roberts finished the regular season 12-9 and also 1-2 in conference.

Paine believes a win against Valdosta in the first round would give the team the momentum it would need to advance to nationalals.

The Bisons must win the GSC tournament in order to qualify for the national tournament. The Bisons regular season record is not high enough to secure them a spot.