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Classes decide year's leaders

Freshmen to vote in runoffs today

From Staff Reports

Four freshman class positions on the Student Association will be decided in a runoff election today from after chapel until 4 p.m. in the student center.

David Flatt and Akinbade Akindeji will compete for freshman class president; Blake Harris and Samatha Craft will compete for freshman vice president; Rosa Colon and Erin Starns will compete for freshman secretary/treasurer; and Will Brown and Charlie Walker will face off for the freshman men's representative position.

In Wednesday's election, the student body voted junior Laura Kaiser to the SA's executive council as secretary/treasurer. The junior class elected James Hopper president; the sophomore class voted Jana Pearson president; and the freshman class decided Molly Brooke Threadgill will serve as the women's representative to the SA.

In unopposed races, seniors Lindsey Webster, Colleen Kinsella, Jim Wallingford and Kristin Barnes; juniors Carla Venable and Cynthia Noah; and sophomores Kendall Pfeifer and Jenn Malmstein won class officer positions.



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Chen Hui, Lily Niu, Wendy Guo and Grace Jiang listen as Dr. Milo Hadwin answers questions Sept. 10 after their first Harding chapel experience. As part of the Sino-American Studies Institute, 16 Chinese scholars are pursuing master's degrees in education at Harding this year.

Chinese scholars study on campus

BRE WOOD
Student reporter

As part of the Sino-American Studies Institute, a subdivision of Harding's American Studies Institute, 16 Chinese educators are pursuing graduate degrees on campus this year.

The scholars, all from the Hunan Province, are participating in a 12-month program to receive master's degrees. Once completed, they will return to China and resume teaching at various universities throughout the Hunan Province.

Having all received a bachelor's degree from various universities in China, the 16 students will be working towards a Master's of Science in Education.

Preparation for the Chinese Scholars Program began two years ago when Dr. Milo Hadwin, lecturer of Bible, was teaching English at a Chinese university. Hadwin, along with Xu Yunzhao, the vice governor of the Hunan Province, started making plans for a program that would enable Chinese university teachers to return to China from the United States with master's degrees that would increase their prestige in China's educational field.

Editor's Note: In the next issue, the Bison will begin a series of articles profiling one of the Chinese scholars.

Weathering the STORMS

Hurricanes rip through lives of students' families

VALERIE HENDRIX
Student reporter

What senior Cairey Tai will remember most about Hurricane Ivan is not the sounds of the storm, but the silence that followed.

Tai, a native of Kington, Jamaica, lost contact with her parents for six days after the hurricane cut a destructive path across the island country.

"It was frustrating because I was here, and they were there," Tai said. "I felt like I was supposed to be with them, but I couldn't pull myself out of school."

When Tai finally spoke with her family on Sept. 15, she was relieved to discover they had escaped unharmed, though not untouched by the storm's fury.

"My mom said the house shook so hard that it seemed like someone kept trying to break in," Tai said. "She said she is going to have to replace the doorknobs."

Hurricane Ivan was the ninth hurricane to form in the Atlantic since the beginning of August.

Only a week before Hurricane Ivan hit Jamaica, junior Brian Hall rushed home to Vero Beach, Fla., when weather forecasts revealed the eye of Hurricane Frances was headed directly toward his hometown.

Although his house was barely damaged, Hall said the storm destroyed the landscaping and flung uprooted trees into neighboring homes.

Vero Beach suffered from widespread flooding and power outages, Hall said.

"All the street lights were

ripped out, and most of the aluminum roofs of gas stations were missing," Hall said.

Listening to winds in excess of 100 mph created tense moments for Hall and his family.

"It was scary enough to make me anxious, but it also gave me a sense of awe," Hall said. "Everything was different [after the storm]; it seemed unreal that the town could look so different."

One week after Hurricane Frances tore through the Sunshine State, some residents are still waiting for power to be restored, Hall said.

However, life for residents of Vero Beach is returning to normal, he said.

While Hall headed south to ride out Hurricane Frances with his family, freshman Steven Collins decided to not return to his home in Palm Springs, Fla., when the storm hit.

"I am glad that I was in Searcy, because I would have been terrified of Hurricane Frances," Collins said. "But in some ways, I wanted to be there with my mom and dad."

Although his parents were alone in Palm Springs, Collins' older brother, junior Chris Collins, waited out the storm in Searcy with him.

Chris Collins said God protected his family throughout the storm. The only damage to their

home was the loss of a few shingles and broken windows.

"The winds slowed from 144 mph to almost 115 mph, and the hurricane that was the size of Texas shrunk to about 100 miles in diameter," Chris Collins said.

The two brothers kept in touch with their family through cell phones and received many calls from their mom during the critical hours.

"She must have called at least 50 times the first day, but now she has slacked off to a couple times a day," Chris Collins said.

This is not the first time the brothers have feared for their family and home because of a hurricane.

In 1992, Hurricane Andrew, a category 5 hurricane, hit Miami with an intensity that caused \$30.5 billion in damage.

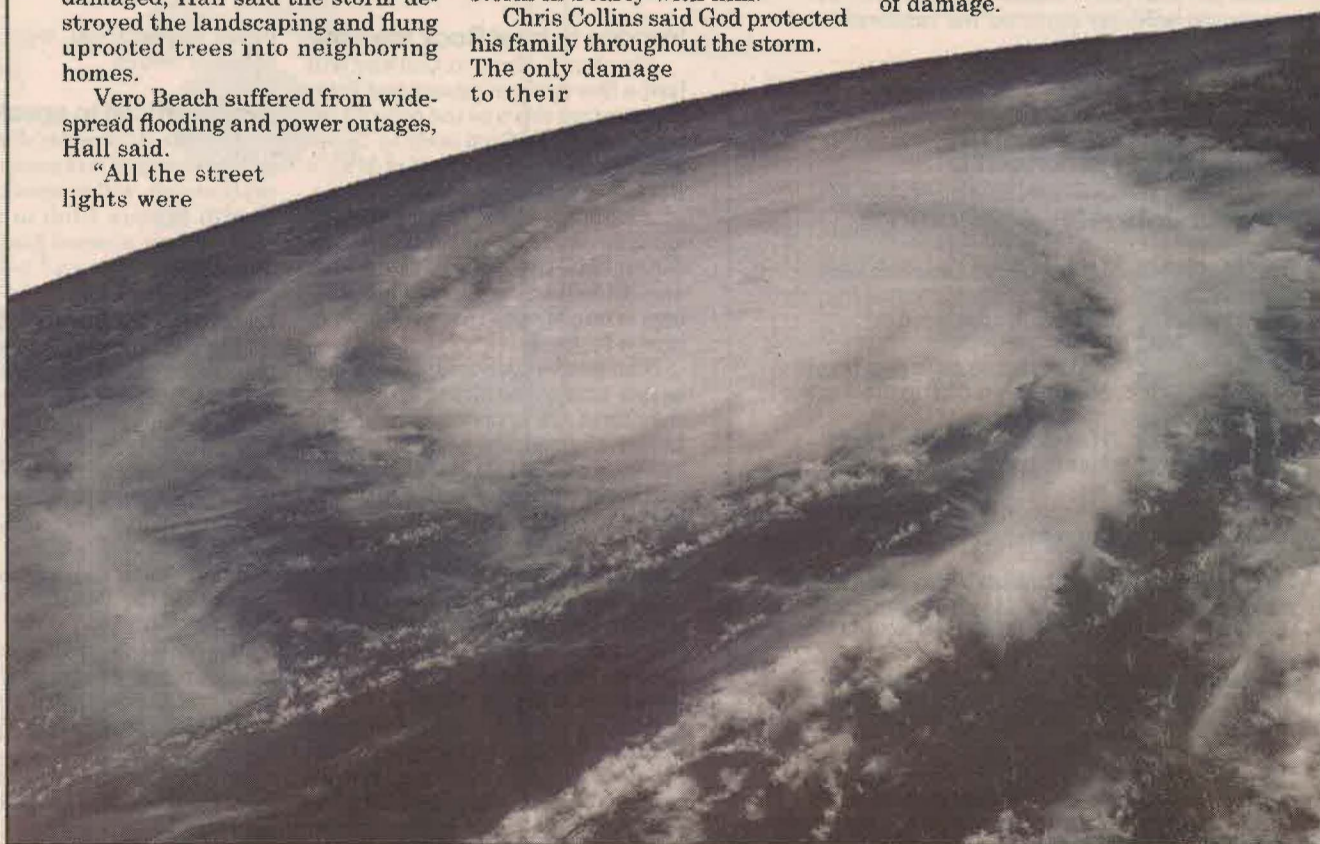
Even though he was only 7 years old, Steven Collins can remember experiencing Hurricane Andrew.

"It sounded like a freight train, but louder and a lot closer," Steven Collins said.

Only two other Category 5 hurricanes have occurred since the record-keeping began, one in 1935 and one in 1969. Both causing hundreds of deaths and millions of dollars worth of damage.

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kept trying to break in."

CAIREY TAI, senior



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OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE

Pepperdine school may lose majors

Pepperdine's Seaver College of Letters, Arts & Sciences may cut degree programs in advertising, international business, humanities, public relations and P.E. due to a \$1.6 million budget cut.

David Baird, dean of Seaver College, said \$1 million of the budget cut will be used for a computer system and a retiree health benefits package.

The other \$600,000 will be used within the college, enriching some existing programs and creating new ones.

Local council refers tax to voters

The Beebe City Council announced Sept. 10 that a property tax increase that the council passed last October will be referred to voters in the Nov. 2 elections.

After the council passed the increase last year, former mayor Mike Robertson circulated a petition to have the increase from 1.8 to 3.5 mils be referred to voters in a referendum election.

The petition collected more than the necessary amount of signatures, but nothing was done about the election.

Robertson sued the city to force the vote. The city agreed to put the issue on the ballot and to pay Robertson's court costs.

State receives failing college grades

The State of Arkansas earned average and failing grades when it comes to providing affordable college education for low- and middle-income students.

The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education grades the nation's 50 states on an individual basis in areas such as college preparation, enrollment and graduation.

Arkansas earned a failing grade in affordability because of an increase in tuition prices and a lack of increase in families' incomes.

The state earned C's in students completing education, percentage of students going to college and how well students are prepared to enter universities, as well as a D plus in benefits.

Martha Stewart asks to start sentence

Even though Martha Stewart plans to appeal her conviction, she announced Sept. 15 she is willing to start her five-month prison sentence as soon as possible.

Stewart was convicted in July of obstruction of justice and lying to investigators amid insider-trading allegations involving the sale of ImClone Systems stocks in late 2001.

Talk show host gives 276 new vehicles

In celebration of her talk show's 19th season, Oprah Winfrey presented a new Pontiac G6 to each of her 276 audience members Monday.

Winfrey told the Associated Press that the audience members had been selected based on letters sent by friends and family members.

"We're calling this our wildest dream season, because this year on the 'Oprah' show, no dream is too wild, no surprise too impossible to pull off," Winfrey said.

FACES IN THE CROWD

Angela Johnson, sophomore



Hometown: Bearden, Ark.

Major: Undeclared

Favorite on campus food: Nacho salad of Tortilla Fresca

Hot dog or hamburger: Hamburger

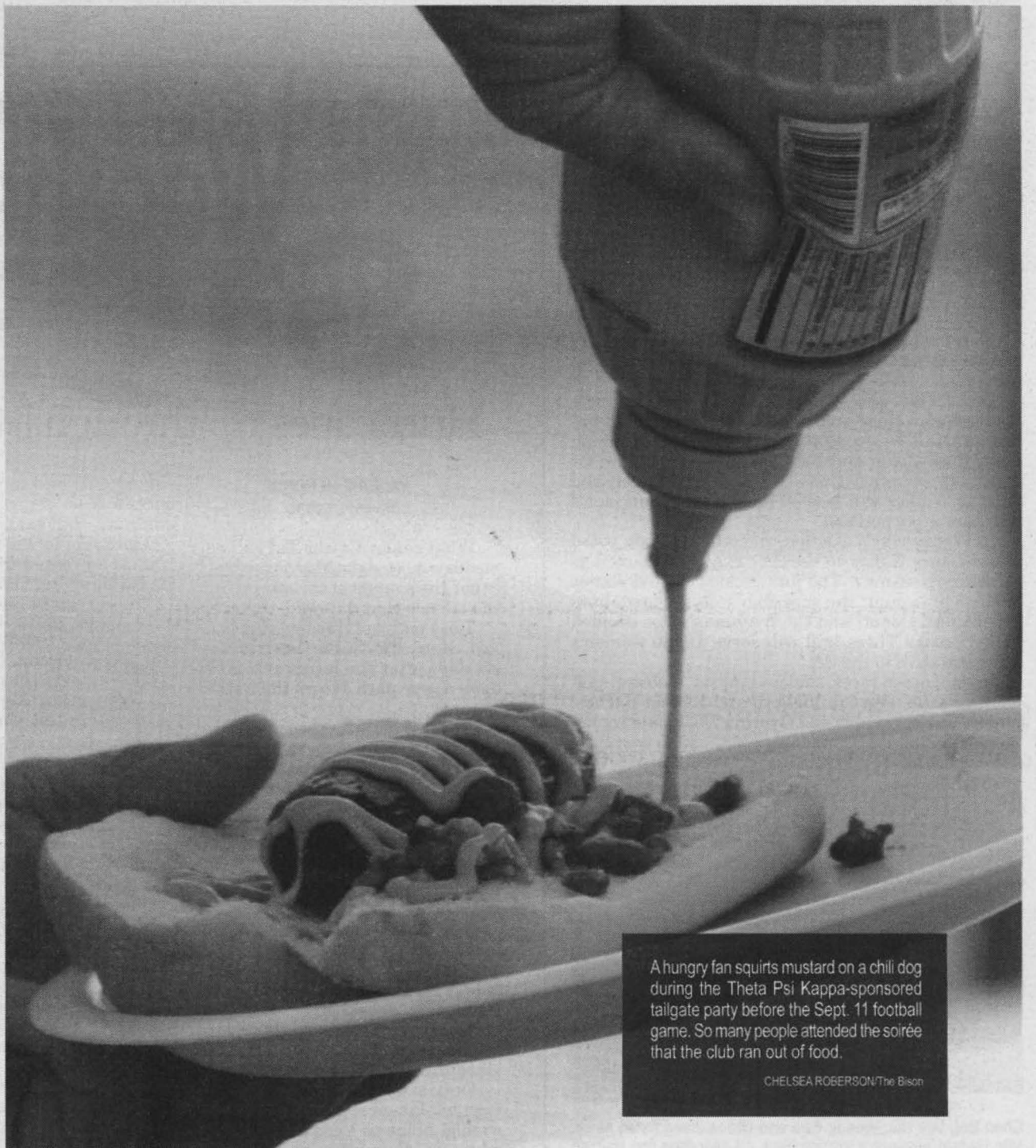
Mexican food or Chinese food: Definitely Chinese

Favorite Harding moment: "I've enjoyed every moment I've had at Harding, especially those where I've been meeting new people."

Favorite band or artists: "I'm a Beatles fanatic. If I see anything with the Beatles on it, I want it."

If you could go on vacation anywhere, where would you go? "Johnstown, N.Y. — it's beautiful there in the foothills of the Appalachians. I went there on a mission trip in July 2001."

WEEKLY WINDOW



A hungry fan squirts mustard on a chili dog during the Theta Psi Kappa-sponsored tailgate party before the Sept. 11 football game. So many people attended the soirée that the club ran out of food.

CHELSEA ROBERTSON/The Bison

CAMPUS IN BRIEF

Hendrix to host Rock the Vote

Hendrix College in Conway will host a free outdoor concert and voter registration drive at the school's intramural fields from noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, as part of MTV's Rock the Vote campaign.

Although MTV is stopping at various colleges and universities throughout the country to encourage students to vote, Hendrix College is one of only three colleges to host a festival.

The festival will feature opening bands and a headliner band, but they have not yet been announced. Before the concert begins, Arkansas' elected officials and candidates will have the opportunity to speak to the crowds.

Lecture series opens Sunday

Author and historian David Barton will initiate the 2004-05 American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series in the Benson Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 21.

Barton is the founder and president of WallBuilders, a national pro-family organization that distributes historical, legal and statistical information and helps citizens become active in their local schools and communities.

Barton has authored numerous

books on historical, legal and educational issues.

UAMS official to speak to club

Tom South, director of admissions at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, will be speaking to the Health Science Club in room 113 of the Pryor science building at 5 p.m. Sept. 30.

Lectureship begins Sept. 26

The 81st annual Lectureship with the theme "He Loves Me!" will be held Sept. 26-29. The event is sponsored by the Institute for Church and Family.

In addition to English lectures, the Lectureship will feature Hispanic sessions led by Fernando "Butch" Sandoval.

Shon Smith will open as keynote speaker in the Benson Auditorium at 7 p.m. Sunday.

On Monday, Jeff Jenkins will speak in the Administration Auditorium at 9:45 a.m., and Jimmy Allen will speak in the Benson at 7 p.m.

Jeff Payne will lead the 9:45 session Tuesday, and Dean Bryce will lead the 7 p.m. session.

Dave Bryce will lead the Wednesday morning session, and Neale Pryor will speak Wednesday night.

COMING UP

- 9.17 Baseball movie night - Jerry Moore Field "Sandlot," 7 p.m., "The Natural," 9 p.m.
- 9.17 Graduate student application deadline for comprehensive finals
- 9.18 HUD Cup ultimate frisbee tournament
- 9.18 SA movie - "King Arthur," Benson, 8 p.m.
- 9.21 ASI Speaker - David Barton, Benson 7:30 p.m.
- 9.23 Bison volleyball, 7 p.m.
- 9.24 Football movie night - First Security Stadium "Remember the Titans," 8 p.m.
- 9.24 Lady Bison soccer, 5 p.m..
- 9.24 Bison soccer, 7:30 p.m.
- 9.25 Bison football, 6 p.m.
- 9.25 HUGSR Leadership Council Dinner
- 9.26 Lady Bison soccer, 1 p.m.
- 9.26 Hispanic Lectureship: Fernando "Butch" Sandoval, 7 p.m.
- 9.26 Lectureship, Shon Smith, Benson, 7 p.m.
- 9.27 Lectureship, Jimmy Allen, 7 p.m.
- 9.28 Lectureship, Dean Bryce, Benson, 7 p.m.
- 9.29 Lectureship, Neale Pryor, Benson, 7 p.m.
- 9.30 Lady Bison soccer, 5 p.m.
- 9.30 Bison soccer, 7:30 p.m.
- 9.30 "A Walk in the Woods," Little Theatre, 7 p.m.

Students run auction Web site

MARANDA ABERCROMBIE
Student reporter

A laptop computer selling for \$250.

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It is all available at HUBuy.com, a student-run auction Web site reminiscent of E-bay that is available to the Harding community.

Senior Luke Dockery and junior Jonathan Towell started HUBuy.com in the spring of 2004 as a way for Harding students, faculty, staff and alumni living in Searcy to sell an assortment of products more easily within the area.

The idea first came to Towell, an information technology major, and Dockery, an international business and Spanish major, after seeing all the flyers on bulletin boards around campus.

They saw a need for an easier way of selling and buying products from the Harding community.

"Who wants to carry around 15 little pieces of paper with phone numbers on them just to call and find out the thing you wanted has already been sold?" Dockery said.

An auction site like E-bay would be the best way to solve the problems resulting from bulletin board trading, Towell said.

"I am personally convinced that an auction is the best way to sell limited goods," Towell said.

The Web site offers several benefits, like being able to go to one place and find an assortment of items for sell, not having to deal with shipping times and charges, and speeding up and simplifying

the purchasing process. Since the Web site's launch last spring, it has received updates with new features and graphics. Even though it is still a work in progress, about 170 users have registered on HUBuy.com.

To use the Web site, those interested must register by entering basic contact information at the site.

A confirmation e-mail will be sent to those who register, which will send the user back to the site so they can begin making transactions.

Pictures of the items for sale and their current prices are posted on the Web site. Putting a product up for sale is free, unless the seller wants to purchase extra display features. New items are

posted daily, and all items may be purchased by check, cash or PayPal.

For some items, users also have the option to select the "buy now" option to skip the bidding process.

After an item is purchased, the seller either delivers it in person or through campus mail, which gets rid of shipping charges and makes the delivery process faster.

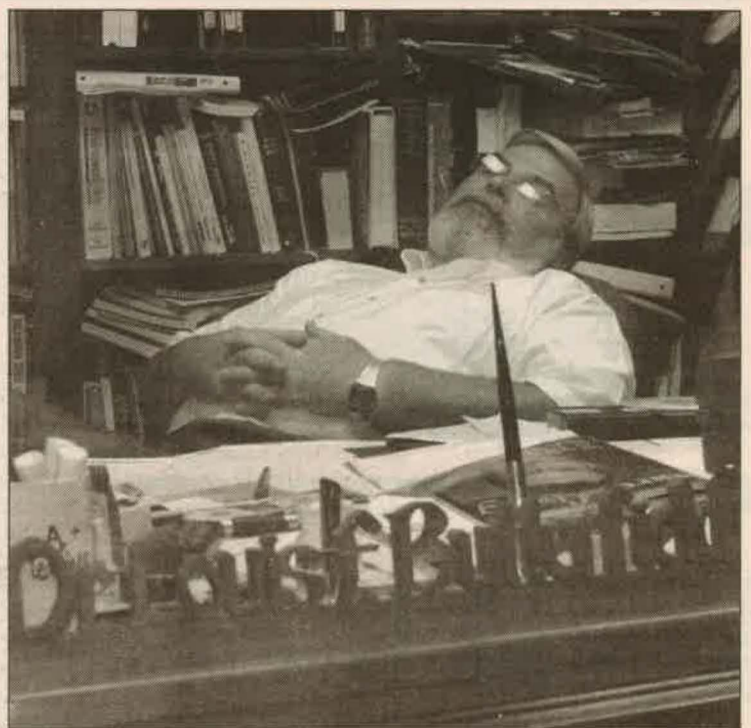
Senior Ashley Sims, a frequent user of E-bay, said that delivering and receiving items through campus mail made HUBuy.com superior to other auction sites.

"I think it's even better than E-bay because you can still find anything, but you don't have to deal with shipping," Sims said.

Items are immediately removed from the site once they are sold, so students do not have to worry about wasting time on something that has already been purchased.

Some used textbooks are already being sold on the Web site, and even though Towell said that was not the only purpose for the site, he agreed that it would be a definite option for students at the end of the semester.

"If people want to use the site to sell used textbooks, it will definitely make things cheaper," Towell said. ■



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Dr. Lou Butterfield, professor of communication, rests in his office after classes. After spending a semester traveling for the Center for Christian Broadcasting, Butterfield said he was ready for a break.

Professor travels country for broadcasting center

ALEXIS OLIVER
Student reporter

When Moses had spent 40 years in Egypt and another 40 years as shepherd, God sent him on a great mission to free the people of Israel.

After 30 years of teaching at Harding, Dr. Lou Butterfield, professor of communication, said he felt God sent him out on his own mission.

Last spring, Butterfield used his faculty sabbatical to go on a "missionary journey" to promote the Center for Christian Broadcasting, a ministry dedicated to using talents in the broadcast field to create audio and video presentations for churches.

Butterfield, who had the idea to start the broadcasting center about 30 years ago, said the center is using radio, TV and developing a Web site that will be a "one stop information source for the church and those seeking to learn God's will."

"My whole life has led to this," he said. "I really feel like Moses. Just like Moses, I have spent two thirds of my life working to prepare for this mission."

Butterfield said the center is addressing six areas: growing up and dating, marriage and family,

holes in the heart, addictions and recovery, evangelism, and service to the church.

Butterfield said one of his goals for the center is to develop a DVD series entitled, "Coming of Age," which will be targeted to girls between ages 10 and 13 and presented in an "Oprah-style" format.

Butterfield traveled more than 7,000 miles during his journey last spring, spreading information about the center and raising funds. First, he traveled to the North, visiting the Carolinas, Ohio, Iowa and Indiana. After returning to Searcy for a week-long break, Butterfield drove south to Mississippi and Florida.

One of the aspects of the center that Butterfield is most excited about is that his son, Ryan, is a part of the staff. Ryan Butterfield graduated from Harding seven years ago with a degree in advertising.

"I am so excited about having my son on the team," Lou Butterfield said. "...It is always wonderful when your kid thinks what you're doing is important enough that they would like to do it too."

Despite his dedication to the center, Lou Butterfield said he missed teaching last spring.

"I've taught for 30 years, and I love the kids and the interaction," he said. "They keep me young; they keep me thinking." ■

"My whole life has led to this. I really feel like Moses. Just like Moses, I have spent two thirds of my life working to prepare for this mission."

DR. LOU BUTTERFIELD,
professor of communication

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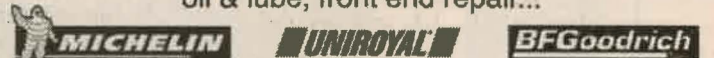
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The steps from the old Sears Honors House now stand as a bookshelf in the new building. The old house, built in 1935, was destroyed this summer.

Sears Honors Center steps into new facility

SARAH BROWN
Student reporter

When the Honors College moved its headquarters from the Sears Honors Center, built in 1935, to a newer building on the same street last spring, the college took steps to remind students of the department's former home.

Solid oak steps, that is — from a stairwell in the old house.

When Honors College graduate assistant Justin Beller heard the house was going to be torn down to make room for a new education building, he thought the new honors building should have a reminder of the old. He asked Dr. Jeff Hopper, dean of the Honors College and International Programs, for the steps to make a bookshelf for the new honors center.

"Everybody who worked there ... was really attached to the house, and I just thought if there was some way you could carry that into the new house that would mean a lot to them," Beller said.

Hopper and President David Burks approved Beller's request.

Beller sanded down the steps, built an oak frame for them and used them for shelves in a bookcase which is now in the Sears Honors Center, a renovated house at 704 E. Center St.

The original Sears Honors House, with its angular stone façade, was a longtime fixture on Harding's campus.

When its first location interfered with an earlier building project, it was transplanted to its final location on East Center Street.

A second move would have been too costly, Burks said, and the house was bulldozed this summer.

Senior Everett Reed, an honors student, said he was sad to see the house destroyed because he liked how the old stone exterior contrasted with the predominately brick campus.

However, he said he was pleased with the new honors center, which was completely renovated this summer and now has wooden floors, plush leather couches and a bright, 50s-style kitchen.

"I'm glad [the university] is still committed to caring about advancing the honors house ...

"Everybody who worked there ... was really attached to the house, ... if there was some way you could carry that into the new house that would mean a lot to them."

JUSTIN BELLER, graduate assistant

that they're committed to doing that financially," Reed said.

Hopper also said he was pleased with the university's support for the new honors facility.

"I don't know how the university could have been nicer to us,"

he said. "They really honored our students."

He was especially grateful to the physical resources department for working to make the building as nice as possible.

The Sears Honors Center is bigger than the old facility and can host larger events, like picnics and the weekly Chili Day.

Hopper said the building helps bring students in the Honors College together.

"It is a place that gives the program an identity," he said. "We need a place to call home. Having a physical location to identify with is very important."

However, Reed said people should remember that the building does not define the program.

"The people here are what's going to define the character of the house," he said. ■

Election decisions draw near

DEANN THOMAS
Managing editor

With 46 days left until the Nov. 2 elections, college students will soon face their first election decision — whether to vote by absentee ballots in their hometowns or to vote in Searcy.

While some states, like Virginia, ban students living in dorms from voting in elections, Arkansas does not have any laws regarding the issue.

Dr. Kevin Klein, chairman of the Department of History and Social Sciences, said the key is voting in the election that the voter is most informed about.

Klein said local government officials often stress the importance of absentee voting for college students because they fear the students will vote ir-

responsibly because they do not know the local issues and people, and because they will leave soon without having to deal with the results of the votes.

"The best advantage to voting absentee is that you're voting in the constituency you are part of," Klein said. "You probably know more about what is going on."

At the same time, since students pay sales taxes in Searcy, they have a right to vote locally, Klein said.

Senior Kevin Chastine registered to vote in Searcy when he arrived at Harding from Louisville, Ky.

"It was easy to register in the student center, and I can vote in the Heritage center," Chastine said. "It's so convenient."

Also, Chastine, a political science major, said he recently took

a class in Arkansas state and local government that made him interested in voting in Searcy elections.

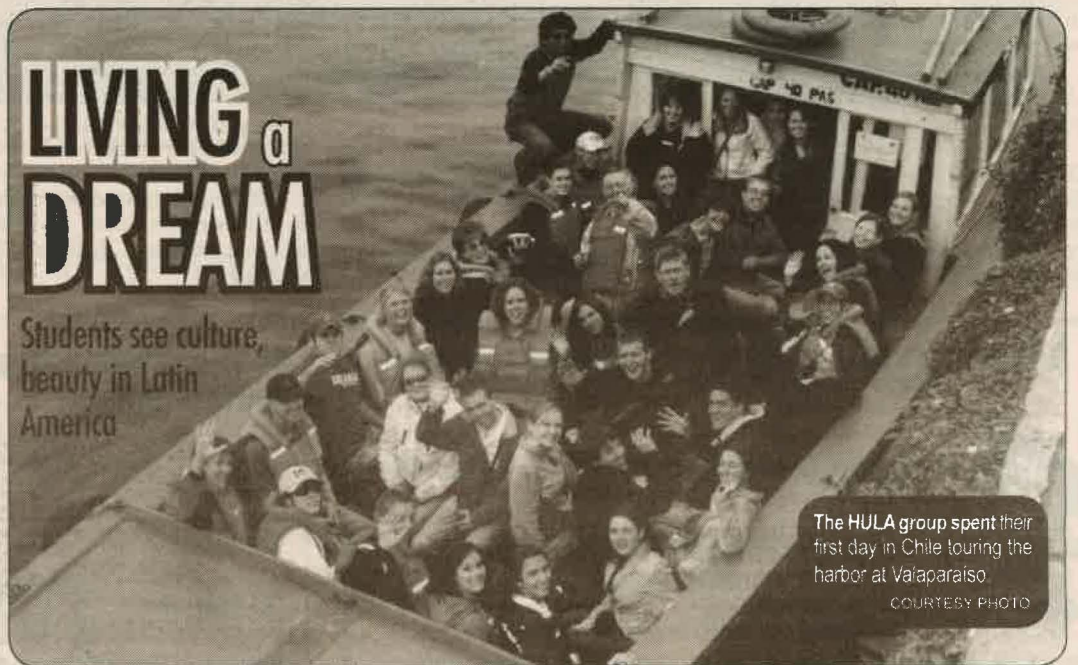
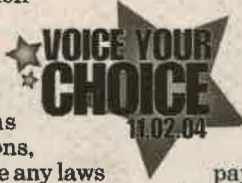
The deadline for registering to vote in Searcy is Oct. 4.

Students who choose to vote by absentee ballot instead should contact election officials in their hometowns. In Arkansas, the election officials are in the county clerk's office.

Also, absentee ballot request forms are available for 39 states at www.DeclareYourself.com.

Senior Alexa Pippin said she chose to vote by absentee ballot, because she wanted to have an impact on local issues in her hometown of St. Louis and also on the national elections.

"My state is a swing state, so I want to make sure my vote counts," Pippin said. "Plus, there's a lot of issues specific to Missouri that I want to vote on." ■



Editor's note: The following article is the personal account of sophomore Lindsey Lowe, a student attending Harding University in Latin America this fall.

LINDSEY LOWE
Contributor

Dreams of waking to a breathtaking view of the vastness of the ocean have become a reality in Viña del Mar, Chile.

Through the language and cultural barriers, we have been learning that this is indeed a different world.

We have found that even the simplest tasks, like ordering food or asking for direc-

tions, are more difficult than we had expected; still, we are trying to learn from each experience and enjoy the newness of our surroundings.

Because none of us speak fluent Spanish, we frequently resort to makeshift sign language and charades to communicate.

For example, when attempting to purchase lunch meat, sophomores Kelli Blank and Hannah Gordon started to "gobble" and run around like turkeys.

Although many things separate us from the Chilean people, Christ is the one who unites us. Worshiping with the church in Viña was amazing. When we sang and stud-

ied together, I felt a closeness that only the love of our God can explain.

Still to come for the fall 2004 HULA group is a week at the Portillo Ski Resort in the Andes, white-water rafting, visits to Machu Pichu, the Atacama Desert and other exciting trips.

The time we have spent here in Viña del Mar has already been as exciting as anything I have ever experienced.

Living and studying here has given each of us the opportunity to soak up this culture and will, no doubt, help shape the people we are rapidly becoming. ■



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An Educator's LEGACY

New education building pays tribute to retired teacher's service

REBECCA STEFFAN
Student reporter

A retired teacher, Wilma Stephens Thornton still looks at the world through an educator's eyes. She speaks with wit as she reminisces over the past 41 years of her career. It is her dedication to her students and her vocation that has put this remarkable woman's name on Harding's new education building.

The 95-year-old educator began her career in 1926 at the age of 16. She attended night and summer classes part time for 22 years until proudly receiving a bachelor's degree in education from Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway in 1949.

"I became a teacher for several reasons," Thornton said.

"There was a great need, and there were no other jobs for women to do in small communities."

Thornton said her father was a big influence on her career decision.

"My father urged me to be a teacher because it was such a respectable profession," Thornton said.

"When we played church, my older brother would be the preacher, but when it came time to play school, I was always the teacher, no questions asked,"

WILMA THORNTON



Photo courtesy of the President's Office

Harding's Wilma Stephens Thornton Education Center is scheduled to be complete within one year.

While growing up Thornton said she taught her five brothers and sisters, even during playtime.

"When we played church, my older brother would be the preacher; but when it came time to play school, I was always the teacher, no questions asked," Thornton said.

Though having spent several years teaching in smaller schools around Arkansas,

Thornton said she spent the majority of her time at Sheridan High School.

"I was at Dogwood for a few years until it consolidated and became Sheridan High School in 1939," Thornton said.

In her first year at Sheridan, Thornton was given the special education classes consisting of poor and disadvantaged students with learning disabilities.

Thornton said simple tasks gave these students a sense of pride in themselves, and with patience and perseverance, she was able to teach these students how to read and understand.

When the men of Sheridan were sent off during World War II, Thornton began teaching other subjects, like social studies. It was in the sixth grade social studies class that Thornton had her daughter as a student for the first time.

Betty (Thornton) Uree, former English and journalism teacher at Harding, said having her mother was a good experience because she was such an excellent teacher.

"Sometimes I didn't feel like it was fair though," Uree said.

"Because my mother tried so hard not to play favorites, I didn't get to have any special privileges."

Thornton's son, Ray, also had his mother for a teacher at Sheridan High School.

"He was extremely smart," Thornton said.

"He had a hard time trying not to chime in too much. When he thought I was wrong, he would say 'Mother, I think it was like this.'"

Thornton's example of educational excellence carried over to her children, who both pursued careers in education.

Ray Thornton has advanced in his education and career, later becoming president of the University of Arkansas and Arkansas State University.

He was a U.S. Congressman for 12 years, presiding over two different Arkansas districts during this time. His term as Justice of the Supreme Court of Arkansas will expire Dec. 31.

As an employee of Harding for 25 years, Uree said that her decision to teach English and journalism was tremendously influenced by her mother.

"At first I thought being a teacher would be too hard," Uree said. "But after I had a family, I came to realize what a wonderful career it was — being able to keep the same schedule with my children and come home with them."

Many of Thornton's former students have become successful doctors, lawyers and preachers, something she said has been gratifying to her.

"There were so many wonderful moments when I would hear of students succeeding," Thornton said.

Thornton said she believes she, in turn, has benefited from her career choice in many different ways.

"I think I understand people from different backgrounds more now," Thornton said. "I also feel that through my teaching experience, I became a good counselor to my two children."

Thornton said a couple of the high points of her life have been meeting former President Jimmy Carter and traveling throughout the country, speaking at student council conventions.

All throughout her life, Thornton said she has never lost her desire for knowledge.

Her coffee table exemplifies this as it displays family photos, newspaper clippings and several best-selling novels.

Harding's Wilma Stephens Thornton Education Center will include distance learning labs, Smart Step Literacy lab, the resource center, curriculum lab, the Center for Math and Science Education, graduate and undergraduate programs, the school counseling center and the Diagnostic Reading Clinic.

The total time estimate for construction completion of the new education center is one year. ■

Wilma Thornton shovels the first load of dirt in preparation for the structure that will bear her name.

Thornton began her career in 1926 at the age of 16.



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Wilma Thornton listens to the speaker at the groundbreaking ceremony July 30.

SUGAR & SPICE FOR JUST THE RIGHT PRICE

Local grocers mix up the Searcy store blend

COLBY BLAISDELL
Feature editor

At twilight, the gentle glow of Wal-Mart's immense parking lot lights seem to beckon consumers from all over Searcy.

With its claims of always low prices and extensive variety, the retail giant can sometimes overshadow its competitors, causing consumers, especially students, to forget about other shopping alternatives.

"In my opinion, Wal-Mart is the one-stop shop," senior Aaron Miller said. "I can get my IBC root beer, Hot Pockets, batteries and contact solution all at the same place."

But the Wal-Mart Supercenter isn't the only place to buy groceries. In fact, 18 stores are listed under grocers in the Searcy phone book.

Kroger may be one of the most popular substitute among students. Although some Kroger items have higher prices than Wal-Mart, Kroger often offers special deals, like the Kroger Plus card.

Harding Academy sophomore Alan Cochran, the son of Dr. Ross Cochran, associate professor of Bible, said his family often shops at Kroger for its grocery needs.

"It has such a good location," Alan Cochran said. "Plus, it's so cheap with the shoppers' card."

Both Kroger, 1401 E. Race, and Sexton Foods, 600 E. Race, have locations closer to campus, which

senior Bethany Reed said makes shopping more convenient.

"Wal-Mart is just too much of a drive," Reed said.

Senior Will Dockery said Sexton Foods is not only nearer, it offers certain specialties he likes.

"I go there because of the meat deli," Dockery said. "They have the best meat, and it's pretty cheap too."

Senior Cheryl Calhoun said time also plays a role when she's deciding where to shop.

Calhoun said she prefers speeding up the buying process by shopping at stores that are less crowded.

"There are always so many people at Wal-Mart," Calhoun said. "It's overcrowded, and sometimes it just takes forever to go through the lines."

Here's where a final, shadowy contender comes into play: East Park Grocery. This wild card store is a discount grocer, selling items at deeply discounted rates.

On any given day, boxes of Little Debbie snacks might cost 99 cents, or Handi-Snacks could be sold five for \$1.

The selection varies, but the owners capitalize on having low prices.

After all, sometimes lower prices can make the deal.

"Since I'm a poor college student, I'd consider price before convenience," junior Kristi Compton said. "I'd pick the Wal-Mart brand of soda even if it only saves a few cents." ■



CHELSEA ROBERSON / The Bison

Junior Nora Jacobs looks at a box of Pop Tarts at the Wal-Mart Supercenter. Jacobs said she and her friends prefer to shop at Wal-Mart because of the prices.

GROCERS AT A GLANCE

Serving size: 4 grocery stores; Servings per container: 7 items

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2% Milk, 1 gallon	\$2.77	\$2.99	\$2.79	\$2.79
Bread, only the cheapest	\$0.64	\$0.88	\$0.50	\$0.79
Dial soap, 3 count	\$1.78	\$2.15	\$1.57	\$2.45
Tide detergent, 40 uses	\$7.44	\$5.99	\$6.99	\$7.79

Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet

Truckers' twang strikes a chord

DANIEL RAMBERGER
Student reporter

Bringing a mix of southern-rock and hillbilly-retro country to fans across the nation, Drive-By Truckers released its sixth album, "The Dirty South," Aug. 24.

DBT, formed in Athens, Ga., in 1998, has gained a considerable following from across the country since its June 2003 release. "Decoration Day," received critical success.

Although DBT have not found widespread commercial success, the band is famous for their live shows, and through relentless touring, has made an almost cult-like fan base.

Fans of the band will find that with the new album, DBT has not

strayed too far from what has made them popular. "The Dirty South" includes 14 tracks that will please long-time fans.

The opening track on the new CD is titled "Where the Devil Don't Stay" and has the familiar darker undertones that are a signature of many of their songs.

The DBT, led by front-man Patterson Hood, have traditionally sang songs about the lifestyle in the deep South, and this album is no different.

Through its storytelling lyrics, the band portrays what Southern living is like for many people in and around Muscle Shoals, Ala. [where forming members from].

In the track "Tornadoes," the band sings about a Southern town that is hit hard by a tornado, and

the aftermath that went with it.

One of the great things about the DBT is that when listening to their music, the listener can really feel connected to the band on a personal level.

Since the Truckers write their own lyrics, fans can really feel the genuineness of the band. One fan described The Dirty South as "Southern history from the past 150 years."

There is something special about DBT lyrics and storytelling that makes the listener feel like they are apart of the song.

The Dirty South will not leave fans disappointed. It is a good mix of songs about years gone by and the modern day Southern lifestyle. For listeners not familiar with the band, it can be described as a 21st century version Lynrd Skynrd.

Although "The Dirty South" may lack a radio single, it is definitely 72 minutes worth of some good ole' Southern rock 'n' roll. ■

★★★★☆ 3.5/4

- See Drive-By Truckers at Juanita's in Little Rock Oct. 13
- Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door




Monster melee disappoints

DENA K. POWER
Student reporter

If you are interested in the freaky world of sci-fi movie monsters and the way they damage, blow up, slash and kill everything around, then "Alien vs. Predator" is right up your alley.

If plot and character development are more important factors to you, then don't watch this movie.

Director Paul W. S. Anderson ("Mortal Kombat" in 1995 and "Resident Evil" in 2002) has successfully brought another movie based on a computer game to the box-office.

In this coming together of two extraterrestrial species, a team of human explorers, archaeologists and scientists get

caught in the middle of it all because billionaire Charles Bishop Weyland's (Lance Henriksen) satellite picks up a heat surge in the Antarctic.

Yes, there are humans in this movie who are on Earth (this time), and, yes, they were lured to this subterranean Antarctic hunting ground to be hosts for those classic, acid-blooded, slimy, gut-busting, movie aliens.

A few predators get sent every century to an alien-infested territory to go through a "rite of passage" ritual by fighting dozens of aliens, and trying to survive in the process. Before the predators can go and participate in this ritual, they need to have something to fight, so they lure the humans for use as Alien hatching victims.

Once the Alien monsters hatch from their human incubators, the predators start the real battle. Incredible fight scenes between these two sci-fi icons ensue and the people get killed by one of the feuding extraterrestrials.

The predators are just as tough and scary as ever and the Aliens multiply like rabid

monster rabbits — a good recipe for awesome fights. It's not all just a battle of movie monsters because Antarctic guide Alexa (Sanaa Lathan) teams up with the remaining predator to ensure her survival. Kind of an odd couple, but it's a movie so just go with it. The two fight their way out with a gargantuan Queen Alien right on their tails.

"Alien vs. Predator's" six predecessors: four "Alien" and two "Predator" movies, had R ratings for graphic gore, violence and terror. With the PG-13 rating, the cursing and gore has been cut to a minimum in the latest movie, and it seems they cut the plot too.

The movie is fairly easy to follow because it is basically a "lots-of-people-then-everyone-dies" kind of movie. To the average moviegoer, it isn't going to be that great. It may not even be that spectacular to "Alien" and "Predator" enthusiasts.

The conflict between the two movie monsters ends up seriously down playing the intensity of the conflict between the predator and Schwarzenegger in the first "Predator" movie. How much of a sissy did the first predator have to be to get sent to fight the future governor of California and lose?

Information about the sequence of all the "Alien," "Predator" and "Alien vs. Predator" movies wasn't readily available, but it seems that "Alien vs. Predator" is more of a transitional work between the two franchises. The first two "Predator" movies were set on Earth in the 1980s and 90s, and the four "Alien" movies were set in the very distant future. "Alien vs. Predator" is set in present so it would be number three in the "Predator" movie sequence and a prequel to the "Alien" movies.

Overall, this movie raises a lot of questions, and if you want to at least understand where everything is coming from in "Alien vs. Predator," watch the other "Alien" and "Predator" movies first. Beware though of their substantial amounts of gore and cursing.

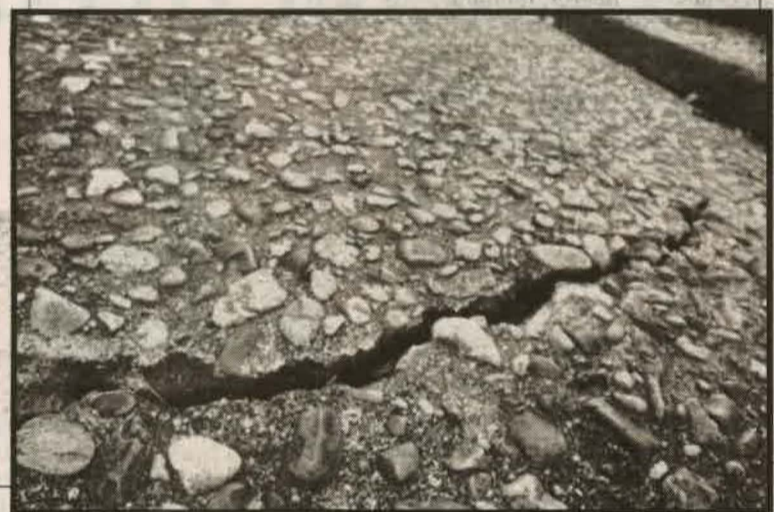
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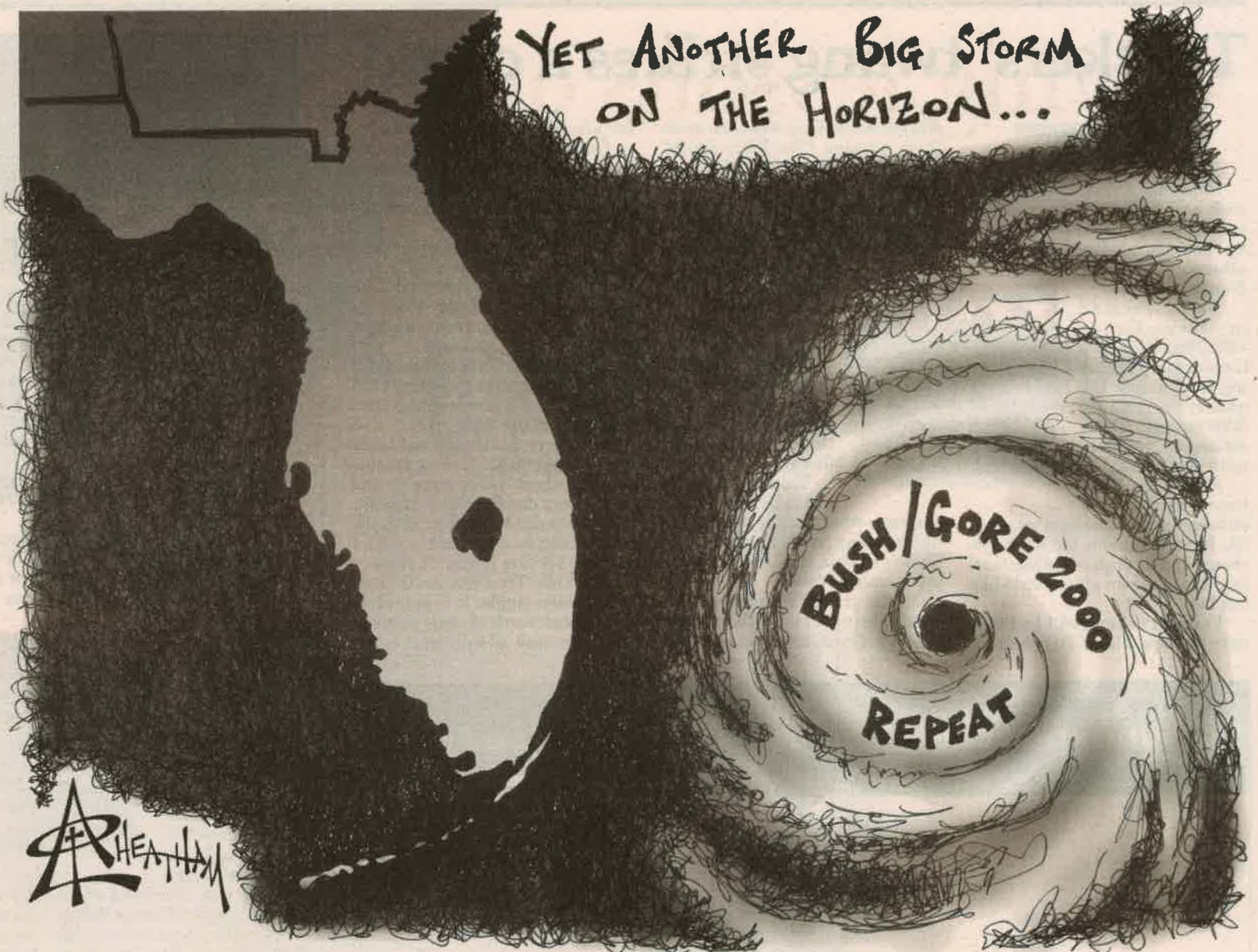
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Fight the good fight for freedom

For those of us who attempt to view the war on terror with some sense of optimism and a realistic hope for better days ahead, there is little to be encouraged by when reading the newspaper or watching television. It seems that the news media are concerned only with events that portray the war against terror in a negative light.

To be fair, I concede that all aspects of the war against terror need be reported, including those events which are neither positive nor encouraging in nature. However, with me, it is a major point of contention that there are numerous positive developments that have taken place in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks that are rarely discussed.

I would like to take this time to talk about some events and developments that should be a major source of encouragement to not only the citizens of this country, but to people around the world who value freedom, democracy and the dignity of human life.

Within months of the terrorist attacks in September 2001, the U.S. military and allies removed the Taliban from power in Afghanistan. This was a regime that murdered thousands of those who opposed them, and held women in extremely low regard.

In return, it was an encouragement to hear the news that for the first time in Afghanistan's history, women were going to be allowed to compete in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

Officials are currently making preparations to hold Western-style elections in which the decision of who should lead the great country of Afghanistan will be made by the people instead of terrorist dictators.

In December 2003, Saddam Hussein, despised Iraqi dictator and long-time U.S. nemesis, was captured while hiding in a foxhole near the city of Tikrit, Iraq.

Hussein appeared a mere shadow of the man who had tortured and tormented the people of his country for decades

— jailing or murdering those who dared to speak out against his regime.

This was a man who used chemical weapons against his own people and orchestrated the beatings and torture sessions of national athletes that did not perform up to his level of expectations.

Should we not celebrate the removal of such a man from a position of power? Of course we should. Millions of Iraqis can now call themselves free as a result of Hussein being removed from power. Although there is much work that remains to be done (that's probably an understatement), the citizens of Iraq can now reasonably look forward to a future in which they will enjoy the benefits of living in a peaceful and democratic nation.

We must stay the course and fight the good fight for freedom and security, here at home and abroad. In doing so, we begin the process of helping to make life better for those we liberate, at the same time removing terrorists and leaders one by one, who are a threat to our own national security. It may take decades to completely accomplish our objectives and numerous setbacks and casualties will be suffered along the way.

In the mean time, rejoice with the millions of Iraqi and Afghanistan people who can now call themselves free. Be comforted in the fact that prominent Muslim nation, Pakistan, now fights for the same cause as our own. Take heart in knowing that brighter, more peaceful days lie ahead.

Recall that as President Reagan conducted the Cold War during his administration in the 1980s, his detractors were plentiful and predictions of doom and gloom carried the day, much like they do now.

In spite of the multitude of naysayers who swore that his policies would result in catastrophe, the Soviet Empire was defeated and the Berlin Wall in Germany

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ALAN ADAMISIN

Guest Room

went crashing to the ground. How tragic would it have been if President Reagan had allowed world and public perception of his policies to influence his decisions in such a way that we had not won the Cold War?

May the leaders of the free nations remain steadfast, committed, united and resolved to defeating this ruthless enemy that threatens the very principles upon which this great nation was founded.

If they succeed, our children and grandchildren may yet inhabit a world in which terrorists no longer terrorize, where freedom and the dignity of human life is valued by all nations.

Historians in decades and centuries to come will regard the war on terror to be the great challenge of our time. Of that, there is no doubt.

Will they write fondly of a coalition, led by the United States of America, that would not accept living in a world dominated by terrorist thugs, or will they chastise us for succumbing to an enemy that could have been defeated had we stayed the course and ignored the warnings of those who doubt our cause?

I believe that history will commend us for displaying a resolve that did not waver in the face of extreme adversity.

For generations to come, the civilized world will be grateful for President Bush, his administration, and allies for courageously confronting and defeating this evil foe.

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Giving lessons on laughter

Note: To achieve the proper effect I'm going for with the following paragraph, I need you to do me a favor and imagine thick rolling fog, red and blue lasers shooting up from the floor and a screaming electric guitar solo.

Welcome to Harding University Fall 2004! Woo!

(OK, I'm done; you can turn off the special effects now.)

I'm in an awkward position here, as one of the *Bison* (a Harding University student publication) humor columnists. I realize that humor is a highly subjective thing. Personally, I can laugh at anything. Some people, however, wouldn't know a joke if it jumped up and kicked them in the nose, which I would actually find pretty funny.

But I do hope that throughout the course of the year I can entertain and amuse most of you, and offend a minimum number of you. Let me go ahead and apologize now if I hurt anybody's feelings, I promise I didn't mean it. (Well, OK, there is one glaring exception... If you're an accounting major, expect the occasional literary barb aimed your way.)

I realize full and well that being funny isn't easy. I think it's safe to say that I realize this a great deal better than the majority of people. People often ask how I can be so funny all the time, and what I can do to help them be just as funny as I am.

So now, I am proud to say that yes, you too can be the life of parties and the only reason some people ever pick up the school newspaper! It's humor made easy, the Aaron Rushton way, with the Aaron Rushton Guaranteed Laugh Kit!

Here's what you do!

1. *Think of a situation where it would be acceptable for you to be humorous.*

► Good examples include: large meals, parties, long car trips, and knock-down drag-out fights with that punk you've hated since first grade. Yeah, him. You

AARON RUSHTON

Big Guy, Big Mouth



know who I'm talking about.

► Bad examples include: Your funeral, operating rooms, chainsaw testing facilities or the dentist's office. The dentist's office is already a black hole of suffering and misery, and while that seems the ideal place to be funny, anything you say is immediately killed by the fact that everybody sitting in that building will at one point in the day have a sharp metal pokey thing in their mouth while a 57-year-old man with bad-tasting rubber gloves tries to hit every single exposed nerve in the cavity he's currently guilt-tripping you about.

2. *Consider your audience.*

► If you're going to be attempting humor for an audience that has graduated high school, feel free to use a college-level vocabulary to evoke laughter. This is perfectly acceptable. If the joke works with little words, it works better with big words. Shout a lot.

► If you're going to be attempting humor for an audience that acts as if they're running on the brain capacity of a half-eaten jar of Crisco, skip

on down to step 2b and read your final instructions.

3. *Consider a shared topic for satirization (making fun of) or humorous discussion.*

► It is entirely possible to have intelligent and humorous conversations about calculus, but it might be wisest to avoid attempting to do so with the kid at Taco Bell who has a problem counting out change for a five on a \$4.50 order.

► Similarly, girls... Whatever weird

female thing it is... We guys don't know, and we don't want to know, and no matter how funny you think it is, the only thing it's doing is scaring us away from marriage forever.

4. *Be original.*

► Stand-up comedians get paid to do their thing, so let them do it, don't go around mooching their stuff. I don't get paid, I just get instant celebrity status on a campus of about 4,000. Don't steal from me, either.

► Avoid clichés like the plague.

► If simply telling a joke, feel free to add on. Don't turn it into a two-hour lecture, but feel free to embellish and/or exaggerate if it will serve to make the story funnier.

Remember, though... the first time, you let it go. But the second time when somebody's eyes roll into the back of their head and they fall over asleep only to wake up as they hit the table... you should probably get to the punch line soon.

5. *Timing really is everything!*

► Everything is funny if you're staying up until 4 a.m., but if you're getting up at 4 a.m., nothing is funny.

6. *Send me \$10, your topic, your time, your audience, and your situation.*

► I'll write something up for you, complete with vocal inflection instructions so you can read it aloud and really hit the punches in all the right places, assuring your position as the "funny" friend.

2b. *Sure-fire funny for morons.*

► "Pee-pee and doo-doo, doo-doo and pee-pee, gimme some candy."

So there it is: "How to be funny" in six easy steps; two-and-a-half if you're dealing with idiots.

See you next time.

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STEVEN PROFAIZER



Yada, Yada, Yada

Botulism and bumps in the night

I never lick the spoon. I used to have no problem with it, but now only thoughts of disease dance in my head if I even consider licking the spoon used to dip soup out of a can.

I can thank my 9th grade biology teacher for that little quirk.

One day in class he decided to tell us a story about *clostridium botulinum*, apparently a soup-loving bacterium that produces one of the world's deadliest toxins.

Luckily for us, however, the bacterium can't take the heat. If you just microwave the toxic food, you can chow down on all the *clostridium botulinum* you want.

Every once in a while though, some of this stuff gets into improperly canned goods, and a poor unfortunate soul licks the spoon.

While only a few outbreaks involving two or more people happen in the United States each year, you might not be so anxious to pop the cold soup in your mouth now that you know you're entering yourself in the death lottery.

Go ahead, think I'm crazy, but we all have our little irrational fears.

When I was younger, I used to run up the stairs after turning off all the lights on the first floor at night. For some reason, I was convinced that if I could make it to the top of the stairs, all the people who hung out in my house and waited for the lights to go off so they could get me would leave me alone.

Truth be told, if you're ever in my house late at night and stay very quiet, you can still hear me run up those stairs every once in a while.

A few weeks ago, I was watching Jay Leno interview director Quentin Tarantino, when he asked what Tarantino was afraid of.

He said something like, "Rats. I know it's totally irrational. I mean I know I could beat up a rat. You know what I would do if I found a single rat in my house? I'd go get a stray cat, throw it in my house and say, 'Listen, this isn't any type of cute pet thing. In fact, you don't even have a name. From now on, the only thing I'll refer to you as is rat killer so that you never forget what you're here to do.'"

I'm not quite sure how these little fears get so out of hand, but once they get a foothold, they are near impossible to lose. They just become part of your life.

So whether you circumnavigate every sewer grate you pass, speed up every time you drive over a bridge, or refuse to sleep with your closet door open, know you have a friend who doesn't remember the sweet taste of cold soup straight off the spoon.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stand up for Christian principles

I just wanted to let you know that I appreciated the editorial in the [Sept. 10 issue of the] *Bison*.

Christians (myself included) need to be willing to stand up for our principles and not let ourselves be intimidated by others' world views.

Larissa Collier, sophomore

LETTER POLICY

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TALK BACK

What is your most irrational fear?



"I have a big fear of spiders. I don't really know why; I just do."

— Ariel Cox, junior



"I am afraid that one of my bike wheels will just fall off while I'm riding around."

— Evan Bacon, freshman



"I'm afraid to eat bananas because I've never had one before, so I've developed a fear of them."

— Nicole Reece, senior



"I have this fear of the boogiemán under my bed. Every night I jump into bed a few feet away from the bottom, just in case."

— Rachel Mosby, freshman

Cross Country teams return four All-American athletes

SARAH CRIST
Sports editor

With two runners awaiting NCAA clearance during the season opening meet, the Bison cross country team took the Memphis Twilight Classic by storm Sept. 11, placing six team members in the top 10 and finishing first as a team.

"Most of the 17 schools we ran against were Division I schools," coach Steve Guymon said. "I was proud of the way our guys ran."

While awaiting clearance from the NCAA, senior Maciej Miereczko and freshman Julius Kosgei ran the four-mile race independently, finishing in fourth and eighth place respectively. Walking away with the individual win was sophomore Peter Kosgei, who set a course record with a time of 00:19:09.82. Also finishing in the top 10 were senior Reed Fisher and sophomores Przemyslaw Bobrowski and Artur Kern.

The Bisons return with three All-Americans: Peter Kosgei, Miereczko and Fisher, and welcome junior Jake Conley, Kern, Bobrowski and Julius Kosgei. The team fin-

ished third in the nation last year and would like to improve on that title this season.

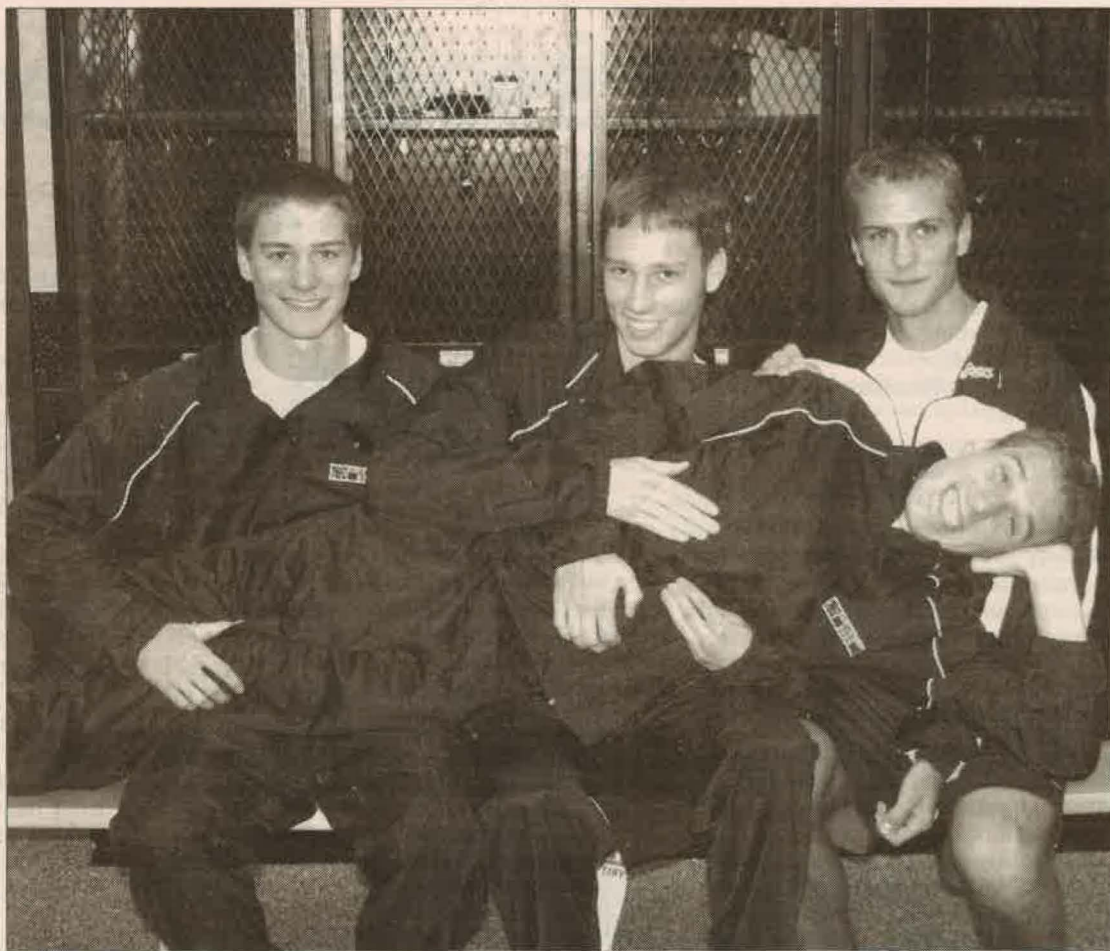
"We want to grow as a team this year and hopefully do even better than last year at nationals," Fisher said.

The Lady Bisons are also ranked first in the NCAA south region and fifth in the nation. Senior All-American Helen Singoei finished fourth in Memphis last weekend while freshman Kalina Sztayn placed fifth in the three-mile race.

"Our goal for the women this year is to get the conference title back," Guymon said.

Both teams are back in action Saturday at the Missouri Southern Stampede in Joplin, Mo., where they will compete against some of the top Division I schools including Oklahoma University and Oklahoma State University.

"The girls have finished second [in this meet in the past], so hopefully we can keep that record, and the guys will have a chance to go up against the University of Arkansas so it will be a good weekend," Guymon said.



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Cross country team members freshman Mark Ellis, junior Jake Conley, freshman Will Ellis and freshman Jordan Conley (lying) share a bond that lasts beyond the lengths of a cross country meet. While twins Mark and Will and brothers Jake and Jordan push each other while running, they also encourage and motivate each other to do their best.

Brotherhood extends beyond track

JACLYN ROBERTS
Student reporter

Although they may not always be best of friends at the end of each practice like an episode of "Full House," these athletes share a relationship much closer than just cross country teammates.

The brothers have learned to use their bond to work together with the rest of the team and set the squabbling aside.

Freshman Jordan Conley and junior Jake Conley started running cross country in junior high when Jake followed his older sister's footsteps.

Jordan took off in his brother's tracks, but when all was said and done, both runners had received the running gene from their father.

Having the same interests is an ingredient that keeps the pair close because it gives them something to do together, Jordan said.

"I don't like running by myself, so it's nice to have Jake always there to go," Jordan said.

The Conleys said having a brother can be a major advantage because brothers can eliminate the desire to relax on the recliner when no one else is there to suggest a mile or two around the block.

Freshmen Mark and Will Ellis, a set of twins on the cross country team, also know how to press each other on toward a goal no matter where they are.

"He automatically motivates me, even when we're on vacation."

Will Ellis, freshman

"He automatically motivates me, even when we're on vacation," Will said.

Being twins, they have an even greater advantage when it comes to challenging each

other. They have been competing next to each other in athletics since high school, both cross country runners as well as soccer players.

"We have this connection while playing soccer," Mark said.

It is almost as if the two can activate challenges between one another. They said they have tiffs every once in a while, but nothing harsh enough to hinder their drive.

These two have been known to conquer 80 miles of running

each week. "When he does something, I feel like I have to be able to meet his mark because I'm his twin, so I usually push myself to be even greater," Mark said.

Being related to a teammate is a definite advantage for athletes, providing a constant source of motivation to strive to be the best.

"Another advantage is waking each other up even if we have to set a couple of alarm clocks," Jordan said.

Jordan and Jake share a dorm room so that when the early morning rays shine through their window at 6 a.m., attempting to wake them for practice, the stronger brother can pull the other out of his bed.

The Wills understand how difficult mornings can be.

"Early in the morning is usually the hardest time to be [Mark's] encourager," Will said. "But we enjoy running together, and our built-in motivation is what keeps us pushing on." ■

FOR THE RECORD

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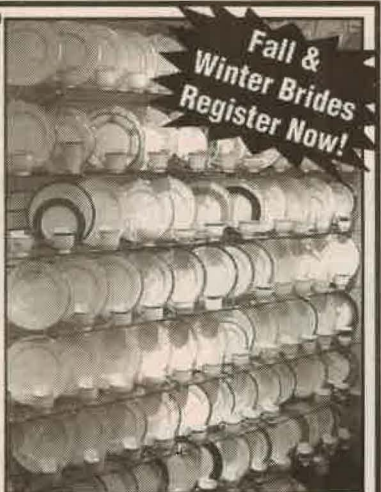
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Lacrosse team brings sport to Arkansas

JENN BONZAGNI
Student reporter

The lacrosse team has a vision: to bring lacrosse to the students and faculty of Harding, the community of Searcy and eventually to all of Arkansas.

What started as a few guys playing on the front lawn with taped-up street hockey goals and some tennis balls has quickly evolved to a competitive club team finishing both third in its division and ranking 21st of the 86 teams in the U. S. Intercollegiate Association Division B.

Sophomore Kyle Kuepker, vice president of the lacrosse club, said the team's vision for the upcoming year was to win its conference, make it to playoffs and ultimately win the Division B Nationals in Minnesota.

Going beyond scores and statistics, Kuepker said the team's ultimate desire was to gain more respect from the Harding community.

Kuepker said as the only lacrosse team in Arkansas, they want to increase awareness of the sport and will have rosters and programs available at the games to explain the rules. They also want to get the community involved through workshops in

the elementary schools to expose children to the game.

Because lacrosse is not a school-sponsored sport, the team falls under the guidelines of a social club, though they require a lot more money due to traveling. The team's source of income mainly depends on fund-raisers such as selling Pizza Pro coupon books, waiting tables at Charlie's Pizza and selling T-shirts and winter hats.

"We really appreciate everyone who has supported us in the past and continues to support us," coach John Weber said. "[We are grateful] for our sponsor, Dr. Jim Carr [executive vice president], and for Charlie's pizza, both of who have helped in any way possible, and for all of the students who have supported us both monetarily and by coming to our games."

A president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, spiritual life director, equipment manager and coaches hold yearly positions on the lacrosse team. The team consists of a unique combination of players from nearly every sport: hockey, football, basketball, soccer, etc. Some members had never picked up a lacrosse stick before joining the team.

"In our second year, we had seven new people that had never



Chelsea Roberson/The Bison

Senior John Tomassoni, offensive coordinator of Harding's lacrosse team, works on his skills during a Sept. 13 practice. The team practices on the intramural soccer fields every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for about two hours each day.

played before and 13 who had only played for one year (that being the previous year), and we placed third in our division," Weber said. "In one year, we were able to compete against teams with experience because of the talents of our athletes. The skill level rose enormously."

The team holds open tryouts at the beginning of every fall semester and encourages anyone interested in playing to join the team.

Senior John Tomassoni, spiritual life director and one of the founders of the team, said he thinks they are prepared for the new school year.

"What were previously new players are now athletes," Tomassoni said.

Senior Joey Tennison said the lacrosse team is growing, not only in numbers but in athletics and in unity.

"These guys are playing because they truly want to," Tennison said. "It is their dedication to the sport and one another that has brought them this far."

"We're a close knit group because we've been through struggles with one another. We have to work it out, otherwise it will tear us apart," he said.

Tennison said they truly desire to bring the sport to Arkansas.

"We want to be recognized as a fully funded school team and to make the sport grow in the



SARAH CRIST
From the Bleachers

Family memories return along with Sunday football

As I enjoyed my first Sunday afternoon watching the 2004 NFL season kick off I could not help but remember being younger and cheering for the same team that my Dad or Poppo was.

Every Sunday after church my family and I would go home and change into our sweats, eat a wonderful home-cooked meal and hurry to finish the dishes just in time for the day's big game to start. At the end of the game we would fall asleep as if we had just played in the game and deserved a nap.

Thanksgiving dinner brought a new set of rules to my family. Dinner was planned around the Dallas Cowboys game; nobody dared to cheer for the other team.

The women slaved away in the kitchen, talking all morning long and fixing every dish imaginable while the men played dominoes and talked about game strategy. Dinner was served on Chinet plates, and the leftovers were covered and put into the refrigerator for supper that night.

By the time the Cowboys fell apart so had any hope of my family being able to crowd into my great grandmother's tiny living room.

Now, sitting in my dorm room 10 years later, enjoying what used to be a family tradition with many forms just does not seem right. I come home from church, put my sweats on and wish that the die hard fans of Sunday afternoon football were surrounding me, not to mention the taste of a home-cooked meal. ■



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The sports challenge has returned! Here's your chance to outguess the sports editor. The person who does wins two free buffets with drinks from Pizza Pro in Searcy ... one less night to fix dinner! The best part is — it's easy. Rip this form out of the paper, fill it out (including the EXACT score of the tie-breaker), and drop it in the Sports Challenge box on the ledge next to the U.S. Post Office window by 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24. Good luck!

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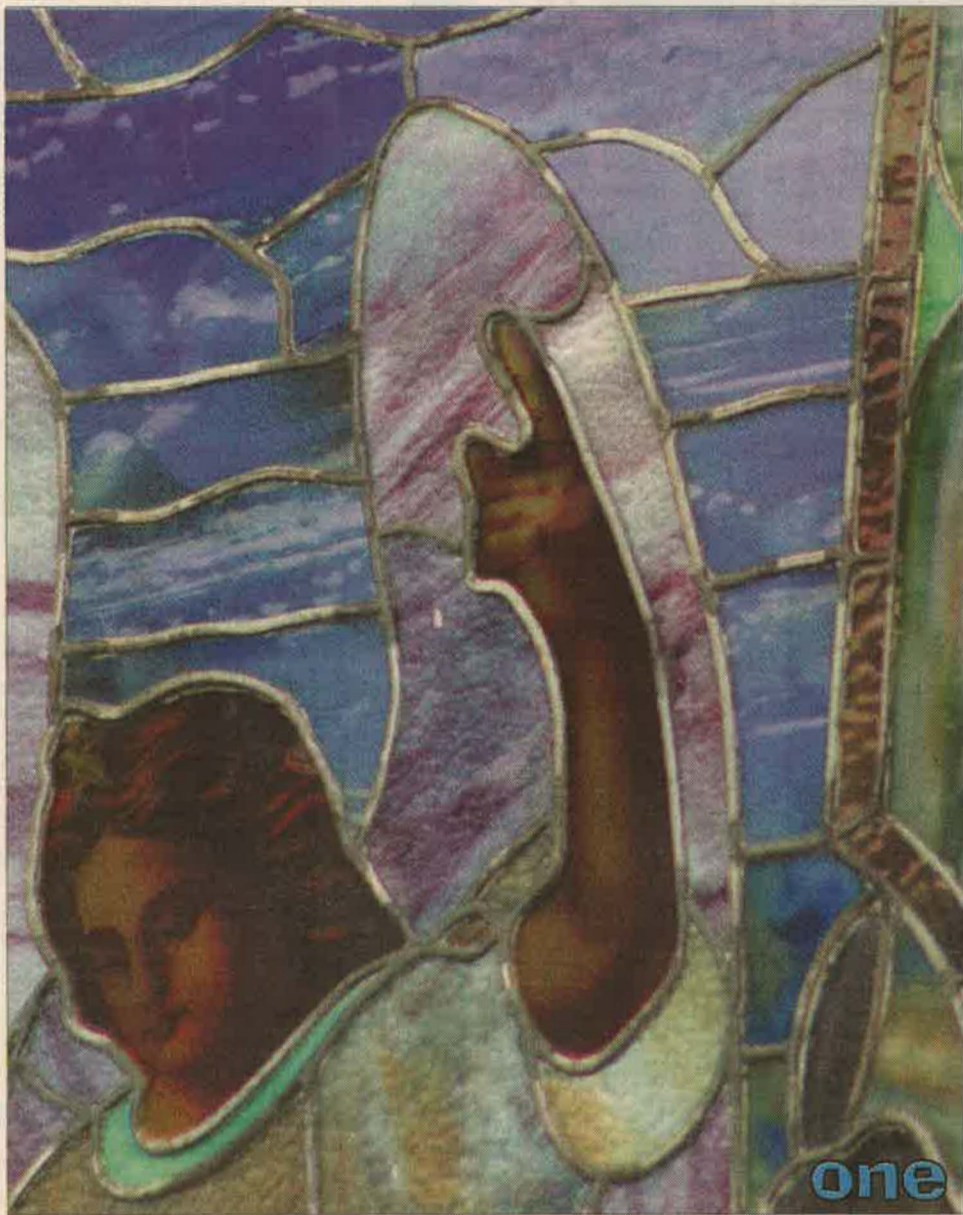
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Tie Breaker:
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Guess the winner and exact score of Monday's game
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*Editors picks are in bold

I SPY

Campus-wide game stems from childhood memories



Most of you have played the game "I Spy" before. Though many variations exist, the context in which it is played is usually the same. Most of us played this as kids during some form of a road trip, most likely a family vacation with one too many relatives crammed into the car for an unacceptable number of hours.

The concept is for one person to "spy" something, and then state that they are spying it, along with a clue as to what it might be.

For example, if I am spying the bison head by the main stairs in the student center, I would then say, "I spy with my little eye, something brown and fuzzy."

I'm sure you all get the idea; so let's move on.

This week I'm mixing things up a bit. Not that there is much to mix up, seeing as you've only been exposed to the Through The Lens page once, but it's still something a little unusual.

By looking at this page, you – yes you, are participating in a school-wide version of I Spy. No long road trips. No annoying little brother or sister in the back seat pestering you. No parents in the front seat telling you to shush while their favorite Neal Diamond song fills the warm stale air of the car.

What makes my version of "I Spy" even better, besides freedom from the cramped airtight space of the family Studebaker, is the prizes.

Thanks to the generosity of some of Searcy's local businesses, I am able to offer gift certificates from Dairy Queen, Lenny's, Casa Brava, Pizza Pro, Ryan's Steakhouse, Grandpa's BBQ and Midnight Oil. Now I know I've got your attention, because, for college students, nothing hits the spot quite like free food.



CHELSEA ROBERSON

To See and Be Seen

Basically, you have to guess where my photos are from. For the most part, they are all located in Downtown Searcy and within a few miles from campus.

Send your responses to campus box 11192 with your name, phone number, and box number, along with the location of the photos and the photo numbers, on an index card or sheet of paper.

I will draw 10 random names from all of the correct submissions. Please submit all answers by Sunday at curfew. I will notify the winners by Tuesday and you can come pick up your prize.

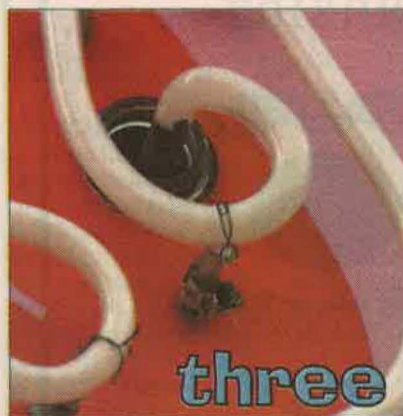
In the Oct. 1 issue of the *Bison*, I will post the locations for all of the photos and the winners of the contest.

So if you're really bored this weekend, or you just need some exercise, take the paper out for a walk and you might just be rewarded with free food.

Last week I told you to look more closely at everything in and around the Harding campus, and this week I issue a challenge to do so outside the bubble.

Good luck and happy spying.

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