Officials execute strategy of plagiarism prevention

ALEXIS OLIVER
student reporter

To help prevent plagiarism among college students because of more easily accessible internet resources, Harding administration said they have implemented a new internet program called Turnitin for a one-year trial run. As technology continues to advance, students are faced with new ethical decisions. Dr. Larry Long, vice president of academic affairs, said that academic integrity is starting to take on new dimensions. "It is a hot issue across the country," Long said. "There is a national interest in this problem." Dr. Dennis Organ, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, said also that plagiarism seemed to be more important nationwide. "The existence of the internet and the ease with which things can be copied increase temptations and ways of cheating," Organ said. Turnitin is an online resource that promotes greater writing and research skills because it detects plagiarism. Every professor at Harding has been given the option to use Turnitin. If they decide they would use the program, they will create a user profile on the Turnitin Web site and be assigned an account name and password. Students also register online also to get a class identification number and class enrollment password. Students and teachers will then submit assignments through the site. The site will search its database of Internet articles and return an originality report that analyzes how much of the content matches previously written works. Any matches are highlighted and linked to the source where they were found so the professor can check to see if plagiarism occurred.

Organ said this program will make it much easier than in the past when teachers would have numerous library books to compare with the paper. "It was very cumbersome for teachers to prove plagiarism," Organ said. "This new process will make it much more easily handled." Organ said that students will also have papers uploaded this year on Turnitin so that future Harding students won't be able to use their classmates previous papers. Long said there weren't any specific studies yet on the number of students who plagiarized at Harding each year. The use of Turnitin isn't necessarily to stop a plague of plagiarizing but to help students to know how big it is on campus, Long said. "We want to help protect kids against using other people's work inappropriately, whether purposefully or accidentally," Long said. Leaving out quote marks, not using proper references when citing a source and blatantly copying the entire paper word for word and claiming the authorship all constitutes plagiarism. According to www.turnitin.com, plagiarism has increased partially due to term-paper mills. "Term-paper mills are organizations that either sell or give away pre-written term papers for use by their clients. Digital term-paper mills are sites that exist on the Internet for the same purpose. Those online groups are not constrained by the need to generate revenue by selling their manuscript; the free sites typically receive their money from advertising," Ann Dixon, director of Brackett Library said. "I think that some students might really be innocent plagiarists. "Students don't really understand what plagiarism is, so they do not really know they are doing anything wrong," Dixon said. Merriam-Webster Online dictionary defines plagiarism as "to use and pass off (the idea or words of another) as one's own, to use (another's production) without crediting the source." Long said the administration is proactively engaged in raising the awareness of academic issues. "We are a people of integrity but it doesn't mean we can't be watchful," Long said. The Brackett Library has purchased Turnitin for one year and will examine it next summer to see if the program is worth purchasing for long-term use.

RENEE LEWIS
student reporter

Administrators have explored several options to eliminate the two-chapel system problem during the past several years. So far, none have met the expectations of the university. After trying two concurrent chapel systems, attempting to schedule a later chapel this fall and tossing the idea of an addition, was the Benson Auditorium, administrators hope they finally come up with a solution. President David Burks said the administration and vice presidents approved a staggered two-chapel system for the 2005-2006 academic year. "I was afraid that faculty and students didn't really buy into it," Oct. 12 faculty meeting, the university will have the go-ahead to form concrete plans. "I agree it is coming up for discussion at the next faculty meeting," Burks said. "If that discussion goes well and they still feel it's the best way to go, well, I'll likely announce that this is how we're going to do it." Dr. Larry Long, vice president of academic affairs, said the idea is to hold two chapels back-to-back at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. However, with that schedule change major adjustments need to be made to the academic schedule, Long said. Although many of the academic scheduling logistics won't be figured out until this system is officially approved by the faculty, Long said the proposed morning schedule will most likely follow the current afternoon class pattern. Instead of classes at 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m., classes will be scheduled at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and noon. "In essence, what we basically did is we took our current class schedule and we pushed it apart," Long said. "And all of a sudden in the class schedule we invented a new [class] time. We call it 9 a.m. — academically that doesn't exist here." If this two-chapel system is approved, students will register for chapel just like they register for classes. Most likely, an online system will be implemented next year as well, Daniel Cherry, administrative assistant to the president, said.

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This system has the potential to be a lot more user-friendly," Cherry said. Burks said that while he would like for this new system to be fall-only, the best way to keep academic scheduling as easy as possible is to make the change for system year-round. "Personally, I'd like to have everyone back together in the spring," Burks said. "However, from a scheduling point of view, it's very difficult because of the way the fall and spring classes work. "The deans also really feel it needs to be year-round," he said.

Sophomore Clyde Kemp said these changes may benefit the students.

"When you're in a smaller group, it seems more personal," Kemp said. "I know that some people may not feel it's the 'Harding experience,' but I don't think it's going to make much of a difference." Long also said that if this system is implemented, it will benefit the students and the university as a whole.

"What we're doing is working on a short-term problem, with a long-term vision," he said. "Once we've done this, theoretically, Harding can grow to almost double the size it is now."
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BRE WOOD

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Professional artist and college professor Kevin Muente, whose work is exhibited in the Stevens Art Gallery, will discuss his latest work at 1 p.m. today in the gallery.

Currently an assistant professor of painting at Northern Kentucky University, Muente said he paints with oils on canvas he brings on trips and paints landscapes with paint. Muente said he has traveled to the northern part of California most often, but his work is currently exhibited in the Stevens Art Gallery in Cincinnati, Ohio.

"As a landscape painter, my paintings reaffirm a sense of place for the viewer," Muente said. "My role as an artist is to experience places in a more in-depth manner and to communicate those experiences to the viewer."

When Muente creates a landscape painting, he either does on-site studies where he brings along canvas and paints on location, or he does photo-reference paintings where he photographs a particular scene, brings it back to his studio to develop, then recreates the photograph on a canvas.

Muente said he has been driven by his artistic nature ever since he was a little boy. Throughout high school he said he thought he would eventually become a graphic designer or architect.

It was not until Muente attended the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee that he discovered his true passion in drawing and painting.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in 1994, Muente participated in the Fine Arts Summer Study Abroad program in Paris and Florence. He went on to earn his Master of Fine Arts degree in painting from the University of Cincinnati in 1999.

Throughout his higher-education experience, Muente received several awards for his artwork, including the Outstanding Fine Arts Graduate Student Award from the University of Cincinnati in 1999.

Although his work is currently displayed and sold in Closson's Gallery in Cincinnati, Ohio, Muente said he hopes to one day have his work displayed in a gallery in Chicago or New York.

"My paintings convey nature as it appears and the unusual moments—such as capturing the spirit of a place," Muente said. "These pivotal and temporal situations can reveal a sense of the grand mythic qualities that mother-nature rarely reveals.

Muente encourages students, faculty and community members who are interested in art and art-scapes to view an assortment of his work as he shares the evolution of his art and discusses some of his current projects. Because his work has been displayed since August, students have already had the opportunity to view Muente's paintings.

Senior Kiley Mahy, who has already viewed the exhibition, said he was most impressed with Muente's brush strokes and how "a little went a long way.

Mahy said he is looking forward to Muente's presentation.

"[I am most interested] in finding out the technique and what it took to get him to where he is now," Mahy said. "He's shown us that he deserves our respect—that he knows what he is doing."

Savoring the sunshine

Taking some time to enjoy the outdoors, freshman Jamie Brown sprawled out on the front lawn with her books to study. Despite the hot afternoons this week, students often found time to study in the shade or take a break outside between classes.

Alumni group brews new fund-raiser

MARANDA ABERCROMBIE

student reporter

The Associated Women for Harding introduced its own brand of privately labeled coffee blends this August as its latest fund-raising effort.

The coffee is sold in the bookstore and online for around $9 per bag. About $1.50 from each bag is designated for a scholarship fund, one of the AWA's main contributions to the university, according to Liz Howell, director of alumni relations and the organization's liaison.

"We feel like anything we can do to help more people get to Harding is great," Howell said. "This coffee is really helping provide more scholarships."

The idea to sell coffee has its roots deep in the soil of Jinja, Uganda, where Harding sent a mission team of about 15-20 graduates about 10 years ago. Upon arriving in Jinja, they realized the value of coffee in the country. They started a coffee shop, At the Source Café, and created their own coffee brands, using the income to support their ministry work.

After returning home to Tyler, Texas, Brent Ramond, one of the missionaries, created a new business called Coffee Around the World to continue selling coffee and returning part of the proceeds to charity.

"People all over the world order and ship this coffee," Ramond said. "It's a good gift for a friend or just for yourself."

Harding's homebrewed coffee is far more than a favorite among students; it is a mission of the Homecoming Association.

Although their project is unlike anything else the organization has sold, and it will be something it can continue for years to come, Howell said this project is a mission of the Homecoming Association.

"Coffee is a consumable, so people will continue to buy it," Howell said.

Currently, the coffee is available in five blends: Belltower Blend, Bison Blend, Hazelnut Cream, Southern Pecan and Colombian Supremo.

Every flavor comes in whole bean or ground and regular or decaffeinated.

Graduate student Derek Seawell, a student in the bookshop, was one of the first students to try the coffee.

"I really like Harding Coffee; my favorite so far is Bison Blend," she said. "I have had a few cups a day for the past week, and it is really good."

Kelli Bickenstaff, who purchases merchandise for the bookshop, said she thinks selling the coffee will be a successful fundraiser.

"It's a good idea for today because so many people enjoy coffee," Bickenstaff said.

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Scuba diving class offers Florida dive trip

DEANN THOMAS/STAFF Writer

As the scuba divers open their bags of fish food, hundreds of fish swim to them, leaving paths of bubbles that cause the divers to lose sight of each other.

Despite the magnified echoes of the divers' breathing and the sound of the fish nibbling on food or coral, the tranquility of the depths remains unbroken.

From the top of one of the underwater caverns at dive-training center Vortex Springs near Destin, Fla., Jim Busby, the owner of Searcy Dive Center, said he could still see clearly to the surface of the water, a distance of about 65 feet.

"The best part about scuba diving is the re-trascription," Busby said. "I can go underwater for an hour and feel like I've been on a week's vacation. Everything is in slow motion. It's like a Sunday afternoon drive. You just mosey along and see the scenery that's there."

Busby teaches a scuba diving class in Searcy that Harding students can take for their one-hour recreational activity in the general education requirements.

The class has included classroom presentations, a written test, two weekend sessions with five classes apiece and four open-water dives in two days, traditionally at Greers Ferry Lake.

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Research conducted in Discover Magazine showed that there are 2.5 billion Koreans. This number has been growing ever since. The number of people who own a vehicle has grown from 200 in 1900 to 2.5 million by 1990. People often lived in small villages until the advent of the automobile.

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Comparing Cultures
HUA explores Korea, Sydney

Editor's note: The following article is the personal account of senior Dennis McCoy, a student attending Harding University in Arkansas this fall.

It seems like it started so long ago, but it's only been about 15 years. In the distance of jet lag, the HUA group arrived in Korea (Aug. 27).

With staggering steps, we set out on our Asian adventure, eager to witness the culture of a very foreign nation - and buy lots and lots of souvenirs.

Korean food assaulted our senses and stomachs wherever we went (steer clear of the kimchi, which the HUA group has taken to Sydney with faces pressed against the airplane's windows).

The Sydney lifestyle proved very different from that of Seoul: People were still busy, but there were many more homeless and teenagers on the streets.

Huge shopping centers jutted out of the ground and ubiquitous white taxis invaded every avenue.

People seemed to move and shop all day, every day in this bustling metropolis.

But the city offered more than just modern vanity. Tours of impressive sights educated our group in Australia's intriguing colonial history. Their records and monuments attest to the cunning, cowardly, brave and humanity of soldiers, settlers and convicts alike.

Our visits to the harbor have been the highlight of this trip so far. Beautiful sailboats and yachts grace the surface of the smooth, dark blue water, which in turn splash against picturesque rocky points and coves.

The Sydney Harbor Bridge, called "the Coathanger" by Aussies, plays the part of a huge, welcoming flag. And if the bridge is a flag, the Opera House is a magnificent coat of arms. In every angle of light, grandeur erupts from this building - of which the HUA group has taken at least 1,000 pictures.

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(501) 225-7100 or www.collegeincome.com
Liu Shichang fills his plate in the cafeteria during lunchtime Monday. Although the food is not what he is used to, he said it is nice to have access to it during the day.

Before Liu became the president’s assistant at Changsha University, he was the vice president of China’s largest private university and worked for the Hunan provincial government. When Liu returns to China, he will use what he has learned from American schools to teach about administrative work and English. He would like to get his Ph.D., which would qualify him for higher administrative work.

The students in the Chinese Scholars Program will earn master’s degrees, normally two-year degrees, by taking full, spring and summer semesters. After his summer 2005 graduation, Liu said he plans to spend one month traveling in the United States so he can research Harvard, Yale and Stanford, as well as community colleges.

Editor’s Note: This is the first of a series profiling Chinese scholars.

SARAH BROWN
student reporter

Chinese scholar seeks American university experience

Liu Shichang listens during one of his daily classes Tuesday. He attends special classes during the day that are organized specifically for the Chinese exchange students.

DISTANCE LEARNING

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Liu Shichang, called Peter in America, is the president’s assistant at Changsha University in the Hunan Province in southern China. Liu came to Harding to get a Master of Science in education and, in the process, to examine the difference between American and Chinese universities.

When Liu returns, he will be able to suggest changes to the university system in Changsha based on what he has seen in the United States.

"We don’t want to copy the U.S. system," Liu said. "We want to bring some changes to our system."

Liu is one of 16 students who came from the Hunan Province to pursue a graduate degree this year at Harding as part of the Sino-American Studies Institute, a subdivision of Harding’s American Studies Institute.

The students, who range in age from 22 to 43, are mostly English teachers at Chinese universities.

Milo Hardin, adjunct Bible professor who began working on the Chinese Scholars Program two years ago, said the year-long program will allow the teachers to return to China with improved language skills and a highly valued degree from an American university.

"Their teachers will be better trained, and [the scholars] will be able to do a better job of educating their people," Hardin said.

Most of the students have never been to the United States before, but Liu lived in Washington, D.C., for two years as a diplomat at the Chinese Embassy.

Liu has visited Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, New York and parts of Wisconsin.

Because Liu is the oldest of the group and has the most experience with native English speakers, he has assumed a leadership role. He helps the university communicate with the group and keeps in touch with the scholars.

Hardin said Liu is laid back and easy to get along with.

"He is a very pleasant person," he said. "Quite articulate. Has English is excellent."

Liu’s wife, Shiqiong, and 15-year-old daughter, Liu Lanchen, live in Changsha, where Shiqiong is a physician at a disease prevention center. Liu said his family has a car, which is unusual in China.

Liu said he keeps in touch with his family and updates the president of Changsha University about what the American university experience is like.

Liu said that his classes at Harding have been more student-oriented than classes in China.

Courses are more interactive, and professors take a personal interest in the students.

Liu also said he noticed that Harding seems to have a minimal bureaucracy, which allows the school to pay more attention to academics.

"There is great potential for the development of China’s higher education program," Liu said.

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Liu said the workload at Harding has also been difficult for him since most Chinese students are not accustomed to writing research papers, Liu said.

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Students explore the newest ways to get from point A to point B

JENN BONZAGHI, student reporter

A
fter weaving her way through a maze of hundreds of stu-
dents, down three flights of stairs and around those people
who must stop in the middle of the hall and talk to everyone
along the way, senior Emily Lloyd breathes a sigh of relief.

She breaks free from the
noise and shuffle that has taken
up about three of her precious 10
minutes.

Lloyd finally reaches the cool
pavement and sees the bright sky as
her new clear path looms ahead of her. She leaves her bag
onto her shoulder and keeps pressing ahead
on her trek from the McTeer building to
the Gannon Athletic Center.

Lloyd is one of
thousands of stu-
dents who decide
what mode of trans-
portation to use every
day. Lloyd chooses to
use the old fashioned
method: walking.

"It's no nice to just get out and
see people around campus and stop
and talk to friends you might not
spend much time with," Lloyd said.
"I especially prefer walking at this
time of year because of the beauti-
ful changes of the season.

Lloyd said she didn't have a car
during her freshman and sopho-
more years, so walking was her
only option at that time.

Students and faculty are al-
ways discovering alternative
ways to reach their destinations.
The sidewalks are not treed upon
seriously by sneakers and high heels
but tires and engines as well.

On a walk from the administra-
tion building to the student center,
students are likely to encounter
not only fellow walkers but also
drivers and runners and the oc-
casional peddler. With schedules
filled from before chapel until after
curfew, students are finding new
ways to save a few minutes.

Riding a bicycle is an old
mode of transportation as well
as a physically beneficial one.
With gas prices rising, bicycling
is a quick way to get somewhere
for free while providing exercise.

Bicycle racks outside of the build-
ings and dorms enable students to
pack their bicycles during classes
and activities.

Junior Steve McCubbin brought
his bicycle to school when he was
a freshman and has ridden it for
three years. He still
uses it to get around,
even though he now
has a car.

"I prefer to ride
my bike around cam-
pus," McCubbin said.
"Short trips are not
good for the car, so
I ride and walk as
much as I can."

The rumble of a
motor has become an
increasingly common
noise to hear when
students walk through
campus.

Golf carts are some
of the machines that have progres-
sively become a more popular way
to get around campus.

Junior Josh Gann said he uses
one when working in the media
center.

"I set up computer projectors and
use the golf cart to transport the
equipment," Gann said. "It is much
easier to get around in and helps
to get to places a lot faster."

Senior Jason Godfrey, owner
of a green golf cart, said he uses his
for a different purpose.

"I wouldn't say we use it for
the most conventional things," Godfrey
said. "Most people use theirs to
get to class, but we usually just
drive it around at night. It has
let us experience a different side
of Harding."

Godfrey has also used the golf
cart off campus.

"One night, we drove it to Won-
dy's, and the lady wouldn't take
our order until we pulled up to the
window," Godfrey said.

Godfrey said although his cart
has not been running for a while,
the greatest benefit of the cart was
its sound.

"It [made] a fairly loud noise so we
used it to aggravate people we
didn't like," Godfrey said.

A third form of transporta-
tion is motorized scooters. They
look similar to a skateboard with
a large handle and a motor the
driver controls, enabling them to
weave around people and provid-
ing an effective and efficient way
to travel.

Senior Jay Weaver said he uses
his scooter mainly to get to and
from his classes.

"On Tuesdays and Thursdays,
I have a class in the Reynolds
Center that gets out at 12:35 p.m.
and another at 1 p.m.," Weaver said.

"There is no way I would be able
to eat lunch and get to my 1 o'clock
class in time without it. I now have
plenty of time and am able to beat
the crowd."

Weaver said he enjoys riding
the scooter, which he has had on

campus for the past two years.

"I was afraid to bring it at first
because I thought people would
think I'm a dork," Weaver said.

"But I visited some friends at Free-
land and one person there
riding them, so I decided to bring
mine. I hadn't noticed anyone else
driving a gas-powered one until
recently." He said he attributes
their increased popularity to the fact
that the prices significantly de-
creased.

Over the years, many transpor-
tation fads have come and gone,
the most notable ones being
the "Bison Bikes" and campus Taxi
service.

It is evident that students are
trying to find different ways to
get around.

Whether the mode of choice
is motors, tires or a good pair of
sneakers, new ways are continu-
ously evolving. *

Senior Jay Weaver rides his gas-powered scooter to class Tuesday afternoon. Weaver said having the scooter allows him to get more
done between classes.
Witherspoon carries movie to production

KATE COZZENS
student reporter

Although beautiful scenery, costumes and music are part of the movie, "Vanity Fair," these gimmicks are not all that director Julian Day chose to offer.

Based on the classic novel by William Thackeray, the film is set in early 19th century London and stars Reese Witherspoon ("Sweet Home Alabama") and "Legally Blonde") as Becky Sharp, a shrewd young woman of low social status who will do whatever it takes to get to the top.

This, however, is only the dominant thread in an intricately woven plot. Throughout the movie, scenes of war and death, love and sorrow, and friendship and betrayal are interspersed as the Napoleonic Wars rage and fortunes are won and lost.

For all of its richness of story, setting and theme, only Witherspoon is able to truly master her character. This could be because every other character seems pale and bland in comparison to Becky Sharp, whose sense of domination, personality and seductive beauty to the fullest.

For example, her best friend, Amelia (played by Romola Garai), is in all of her naivete and drolliness, downright boring for most of the movie, even though other characters accept her choices and actions. Another flaw is the choppy editing. A scene that should have been more than 600 pages long, it comes as no surprise that much action had to be taken out in the screenplay. Unfortunately, this makes the film difficult to follow at times, as it was when it skipped ahead several years with no explanation.

Moviegoers seeking a simple, predictable plot in which the good guys always win would be disappointed with this movie.

The characters' dialogue does not disguise the blatant materialism of the time period. Wealth is often associated with happiness, especially by the women, who at that point in history were virtually powerless.

However, Witherspoon's superb acting combined with a story that resonates full of emotions makes this a movie worth seeing. •

Mandolin melodies fill 'Indian Summer'

Carbon Leaf's new album an engaging experience

REBECCA STEFFAN
student reporter

Carbon Leaf mixes rock with mandolin melodies on their latest album, "Indian Summer," released June 13. Forming up with independent music label Vanguard Records to produce a mature and thoroughly entertaining mix of music styles, "Indian Summer" doesn't disappoint fans.

Though a small step away from the traditional heavy Cletic influence of former albums, "Indian Summer" boasts clean compositions, bluegrass tones, and twangy guitar strands blended with the traditional penny whistle and mandolin that make the unique sound of which Carbon Leaf fans are so fond. "Indian Summer" was lauded as a strong composition of 11 songs that are rolicking and pensive, with the touch of "psychedelia" and "Americana," reported the Washington Post.

Lead vocalist Barry Privett's baritone is a powerful presence throughout the album and Jordan Mede's bass adds depth continuity in "Raise the Roof," a song of awaying rhythms that may lead to spontaneous dancing.

In the introspective "When I'm Alone," Carbon Leaf finds a new way to communicate with a worldliness that leaves the listener understanding exactly and relating perfectly. To Privett, the album is "relationship-oriented, straightforward, from the heart, on the sleeve, with no pretensions.

The Virginia-based quintet has been playing since 1993 at venues throughout the country. In 2002, Carbon Leaf won the first Coca-Cola New Music Award for best-unsigned act. They were also the first unsigned artists to perform at the American Music Awards.

The critically acclaimed "Echo, Echo," the band's fourth album, launched a successful tour and earned the single, "The Boxer," radio time on independent stations. "Desperation Song," a medley of concerts, can move entire audiences to dancing with just one opening mandolin melody.

Carbon Leaf has played side-stage for John Mayer and Dave Matthews and opened for Counting Crows. Though they've been compared to bands such as R.E.M. and O.A.R., it's their ability to connect to their audience that sets Carbon Leaf apart.

Their concerts can last for hours, and the band members will sometimes interact with their audience after a set. Devoted fans below the Mason-Dixon line will be sad to hear that Carbon Leaf's concert tour will be traveling in the northern states for the next few months. "Indian Summer" is available online at www.amazon.com, www.walmart.com and www.carbonleaf.com. •

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GUEST ROOM

In this post-modern age of political correctness and the questioning of absolutes, our very name and heritage as Americans is currently being smeared.

World Trade Center Towers came down. Even Canada, our ally and neighbor to the north, conducted a recent poll and found that 40 percent of its youth between the ages of 14 and 18 describe the United States as "evil."

The sad thing is that even citizens in our own country have begun to read feverish pitch in their criticism. In his latest book, Michael Moore actually contends that our government wants to "dominate the rest of the planet."

To the people who call us oppressors, I ask, who exactly are we oppressing? It seems to me that the only people who can legitimately make that claim are Saddam Hussein, Al-Qaeda, the ousted Taliban regime and every other evil dictator or empire we have defeated.

The fact is, our mission has always been quite the opposite: freedom. I believe this mission comes from our Christian ideals of liberty for all. This will continue to guide our actions at home and abroad as long as we elect leaders who know as much about the minds of patriots across our nation.

This does not mean that I am proud of every decision we have made in our nation's history. We've made mistakes in the past, and we'll make them again.

However, our goal is freedom and liberty for all. This will continue to guide our actions at home and abroad as long as we elect leaders who know the greatness of America and who will not be swayed in trying times.

Let us come together and be proud of our heritage.

Let us humbly show the world that prosperity can be a reality for all, and freedom is the only way to achieve it.

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Month promotes abuse awareness

Cheryi Calhoun
Guest Room
Contrary to what most people believe, abuse is not solely a problem for the lower-income population.

Cheryl Calhoun is a psychology major and volunteer at Hope Cottage. She may be contacted at cachelous@harding.edu.

Third, Harding provides free counseling services to students. Even if the abuse is something that happened a long time ago, talking to a counselor may be beneficial. The counseling center can be reached at 501-278-7400.

In order for abused women to receive support, people must be willing to provide help, such as volunteering their time at Hope Cottage or donating items such as clothing and appliances.

If you personally know someone who is in an abusive relationship, you can help by supporting her emotionally and repeatedly telling her that love is not supposed to hurt mentally or physically.

Phyllis Goodin, director of Hope cottage, said domestic violence is very confusing to its victim.

"The hand that hits the victim can also gently caress her," Goodin said.

"The mouth that curses her or lies to her can also spout words of love and caring. The victim wants to believe the best about her boyfriend or husband, so she keeps searching for the good and looking at the bad."

Please, use the month of October to remember the women who have been victimized by domestic violence. Use the rest of the year to make a difference.

N Bunyan’s 17th century classic “Pilgrim’s Progress,” a character named Mr. By-end explained the difference between himself and Christians of the more radical sort: "They are for holding their notions, though all other men be against them; but I am for religion in what, and so far as the times and my safety can bear it. They are for religion when in rags and contempt; but I am for him when he walks in his silver slippers, in the sunshine, and with applause."

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Prosperity not always a blessing to believers

Duane Warden
Guest Room
Perhaps all of us are victims of prosperity. Meditation, introspection, consolation and repentance don’t coordinate with silver slippers.

When Jesus said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God," in Matthew 19:23, he meant at least this: Prosperity can be a spiritual liability.

The lesson is hard one. Personal integrity, kindness, justice, generosity, the fruits of the spirit—all of it, any one part of it, is of infinitely more worth than silver slippers.

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Baseball memories for money

Bucky Bonds hit his 700th home run into the left-center field fence of the San Francisco Giants' SBC Park Sept. 17, and a battle ensued. Dozens of fans scrambled to capture a piece of history and a souvenir from a day at the ballpark, or rather, a possession that could bring in hundreds of thousands, possibly even millions of dollars.

The days of having baseball memorabilia for the sake of nostalgia are gone. My dad has an old wooden trunk in our basement filled with newspapers from when baseball greats broke records, retired or died. One of my favorites is the front page of the New York Times he kept from the day after the famous 1951 World Series game between the Giants and the Yankees. The picture on the front shows a big slab of red clay and a baseball. My dad adds to his baseball collection each time we go to a Cardinals game; he keeps the ticket stubs from every major league game he attends. My dad adds to his baseball collection each time we go to a Cardinals game; he keeps the ticket stub from every major league game he attends.

Two hours before the game and we can take home a miniature bat and the smell of freshly cut grass. Today, two men are fighting over a Cardinals game; he keeps the ticket stub from every major league game he attends. They watch games to cheer on their favorite player. They will keep their ticket stubs and memories with the ball keep it? They are die-hard fans who love the game for what it was, what it is and what it will remain—America's pastime.

Our friends, the Veitenheimer brothers, take an opportunity to hold the all-time record book for most career kills. Sarah Crist, Sports editor for the Bisons, said "I'm excited to have been part of this historic year for our team." Sarah Crist is a sports editor for the Bisons, can be reached at 501-279-4696 or scrist@harding.edu. She is a graduate of the University of Arkansas, where she majored in journalism. She has covered high school sports, college sports, and professional sports. She has won several awards for her coverage of sports and has been published in several national and international publications. She is a member of the Society of American Sports Editors and the National Association of Sportswomen's Organizations.

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MCAT is a legal trademark of the Association of American Medical Colleges. *Must enroll in an MCAT Kaplan Classroom Course, Online Course or Private Tutoring program in October and October to receive this offer. Other Bisons that hold a place in the record books include Veitenheimer, senior Leanne Lackey and Ashley Kolden and freshman Chelsea Gian. 

Volleyball team serves 10-game winning streak

Sarah Crist
Sports editor

The Bison volleyball team rolled past Central Arkansas Sept. 23, extending its winning streak to 10 games and improving its conference record to 3-0. The win put Harding on top of the Gulf South Conference West Division ahead of Henderson State. The Bisons look to continue their winning streak againstArkansas Tech tomorrow in Russellville, Ark. In the Sept. 28 game, senior Kate Kennedy and junior Sydna Veitenheimer contributed 12 and 11 kills respectively while freshman Mary Finch added nine. With 14 digs, Veitenheimer led the team defensively followed by Futch with 13 and senior Annie Morrison with 12. The Bisons served seven aces and made only two errors, while UCA had only two aces and made eight errors. We were pretty conservative with our serves and tried to rely more on strong defense, and our defense really helped us in the second game," coach Keith Giboney said. "UCA was more aggressive, and that caused their team to make some key service errors."

Kennedy's 12 kills moved her into second place in the Bisons record book for most career kills. With 1,547 career kills under her belt, Kennedy now has the opportunity to hold the all-time record of 1,648 held by Veronica Pisch.

Kennedy already holds the school records for kills per game, attack percentage, career points and points per game, and has her name within the top 10 of 12 other record lists. "Kate is having a great senior season and getting that record was a major accomplishment—the overall record is definitely within her reach if she stays consistent," Giboney said.

Morrison's digs brought her record-holding number for most career digs to 2,089. She holds the records for digs per game and serve percentage as well. Other Bisons that hold a place in the record books include Veitenheimer, senior Leanne Lackey and Ashley Kolden and freshman Chelsea Gian. 

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Senior Leanne Lackey and freshman Chelsea Gian cover an attack by junior Synda Veitenheimer during the Sept. 23 game against Southern Arkansas. The Bisons went on to win in three games.

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Titans, Ju Go Ju win A-team championships

DANIEL RAMBERGER
student reporter

Students present at the Intramural softball fields Sept. 23 saw a number of club championship games in a matter of only a few hours. Various men's and women's social clubs went head to head to determine which team would take the championship titles. The Titans and Pi Kappa Epsilon went head to head in the A, B and C team championship games, causing the stands to fill up with fans from both teams. The Titans' B-team loss to Pi Kappa Epsilon forced a playoff game Sept. 29 where Pi Kappa Epsilon captured the championship with a score of 19-16. The C-teams were forced into a playoff game as well, resulting in a Titans victory.

The final contestants of the D-team championship were Pi Kappa Epsilon and Knights. Pi Kappa Epsilon forfeited because team members were not present at game time.

In the small club A-team championship, Gamma Sigma Phi and Delta Chi Delta stretched their game into 10 innings. Gamma Sigma Phi eventually won, 28-27. "[Senior] John Sullivan hit a grand slam in the ninth inning that put us ahead and set up the win," senior Lauren Moody, a Gamma Sigma Phi queen said.

Gamma Sigma Phi also won the B-team championship due to a forfeit by Kappa Sigma Kappa. In the women's games, Ju Go Ju beat Zeta Rho in the A-team large club championship. Tri-Omega Pi lost the B and C-team championships to Kappa Gamma Epsilon and Ko Jo Kai, respectively.

SPORTS

Bisons defeat #14 UNA Lions

SARAH CRIST
sports editor

Sophomore Boone place kicker, Ben Davis nailed a 32-yard field goal as time expired in Saturday's game, propelling the Bisons to a 30-27 victory over the nation's 14th-ranked team, the North Alabama Lions.

"He was always in the huddle [before the play]," junior wide receiver David Saylor said. "I may have been a little nervous, but I knew he was going to make it."

The Bisons continue conference play tomorrow night at 6 when they take on Henderson State at First Security Stadium.

The Bisons seemed to dominate the first quarter of the game, scoring 30 points and taking advantage of an interception of a UNA fumble before the Lions scored on a 96-yard kickoff return.

"Things really went our way in the first quarter," coach Randy Tribble said. "We made it a point to focus on starting off strong rather than come from behind in the second half, and we did."

Both teams struggled to move the ball at the start of the second quarter, but UNA closed the gap to 30-14 before heading into the locker room at halftime.

"We really focused on the positive during halftime," Tribble said. "Our defense and offense had been strong, we just wanted them to keep scratching and drawing to the end of the game and give it their all."

Junior defensive back Travis DeSimo intercepted a pass by Lions quarterback Vinny Saylor within the first two minutes of the second half and returned the ball to the UNA 25-yard line, putting the Bisons offense in scoring position. Two plays later, Lybrand's 18-yard pass to Feliciano gave the Bisons a 27-14 lead. UNA continued by fighting back, driving the ball 69 yards down the field to score on a 37-yard field goal by place-kicker Beau Tanner. The Lions then forced the Bisons to punt and took over on the Harding 44-yard line.

Hawkins left clinging to a 27-24 lead after Saylor completed a 14-yard touchdown pass to UNA wide receiver Chip Long with just under five minutes left in the third quarter.

A pass from Lybrand to junior wide receiver Aaron Mitchell was intercepted by UNA in the fourth quarter and left the Lions in possession of the ball at their own 32-yard line.

An untimely 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against the Bisons moved UNA up to the 47-yard line. The Bisons defense held their ground and forced the Lions to settle for a 41-yard field goal, tying the game at 27 with 6:30 left in the game.

After a time-consuming drive down the field, the Bisons were at the UNA 15-yard line when the Lions called timeout to an attempt to distract Davis.

"I know I had to make it," Davis said. "That was all there was to it."

The timeout proved ineffective as Davis split the uprights as time expired and First Security Stadium erupted in cheers.

"I was amazed when everyone ran onto the field and lifted me up on their shoulders," Davis said. "I have never done anything like that before, it was an awesome feeling."

Student reporter Alan Adisman contributed to this story.
Sitting that I have been stress- 
string over this week's "Through 
the Lens" page would be the 
understatement of the year. There 
have been so many opportuni- 
ties for great photos this week, but I 
couldn't think of anything to tie them 
at all together for the page.

I don't think I realized how diff- 
cult coming up with an entire page 
of photos with a common theme could be. You might not agree, but think 
about it for a second.

Dig deep into your brain for a mo- 
moment and see if you can come up with 
a real quality idea. If you actually 
did, then please write it on a notecard 
made out to yours truly, and send it 
to box 11109.

Seriously though, of all the great 
photos that I've been able to capture here 
at Harding, you'd think I could find 
common theme to put them all to- 
gether, but the more I thought about it, 
the more difficult it seemed to get.

I came up with some of the most 
ridiculous and absurd ideas that 
had me seriously doubting the inner 
workings of my mind.

At last I employed everyone I 
know, and didn't know for that mat­ 
ter, to help me come up with any 
semi-acceptable theme for this week's 
page.

Although all these wonderful 
people came up with many fantastic 
ideas, none had the spark that I was 
as fervently awaiting. Some of the 
ideas were too unreasonable to even 
consider using. Others just weren't 
possible in the allotted time, but hold 
sincere promise for future pages.

So, in mild, but urgent despera­ 
tion, I decided to use the top five of 
the best, and strangest ideas giv- 
en to me to form one very random 
"Through the Lens" page.

The top five ideas presented to 
me by a few willing brainstormers 
are Harding musicians, school spirit, 
random people around the campus, 
theses that make me ask "why?" 
and squirrels.

To my astonishment, squirrels 
seemed to be the most popular choice. 
Though there were quite a few differ­ 
ent adaptations of this theme, it was 
by far the number one idea proposed 
by the people I spoke with about my 
page.

Regardless of the squirrels' popu­ 
larity, I had my doubts as to whether 
anyone would ever bother looking at 
my page again if I actually pursued 
a photo spread with them as the only 
subject.

First I had to get the musician 
photo. I realize there are countless 
musicians on campus including the 
ones in the band, but I thought the 
band should get a little credit because 
they really put in a lot of time and 
practise to perform at the football 
games.

For school spirit, there were an 
array options and angles I could get.