Little Rock hosts big celebration of Clinton's past

BRIAN HALL

The William J. Clinton Presidential Center opened Nov. 16 in Little Rock to a crowd of celebrities, politicians, dignitaries and a few of Harding University's faculty and students.

Capping off a week of festivities, the cold, rain-soaked event drew an estimated crowd of more than 28,000. It featured four of the five living presidents together in Arkansas for the first time in state history. President George W. Bush and former presidents Jimmy Carter and George H. Bush all took the stage to salute the Clinton legacy. President Gerald Ford, 91, was not able to attend the event.

Barbara Streisand and Oprah were a few faces in the crowd, in addition to President David Burks and Dr. Jeff Hopper, dean of the Honors College. The event also featured Dr. Jack Shack, associate professor of communication, who served during Clinton's presidency, and received a master's degree in public service.

"For me personally, the highlight was reuniting with old friends from my days in Washington," Shack said. "My entire White House of White House staff was in Little Rock for the dedication, and we had a great time catching up with each other." Putting past differences aside, unity was a common thread among each president’s speech.

"It was great to see the presidents be in partisans," Burks said. "They tend to talk about unity and a love for country more than partisanship. It was good because we need to be united.

The center’s design was also based on unity and Clinton’s commitment to build a "bridge to the 21st Century.

"I do hope that the theme of the bridge will be used to bring people together from around the world," Hopper said. "Anti-American sentiment is very high and not the world right now. It was much better during Clinton’s presidency.”

Visitors to the library can benefit from the center’s more than 18 million pages of records and documents, 75,000 gifts and artifacts, and 80 million e-mail messages. The center will also house the Clinton School of Public Service, the first school in the nation to offer a master’s degree in public service.

Sophomore Alex Cone, who heard Clinton speak at an event the day before the library’s dedication, said students will be inspired after visiting the center.

"I think young people interested in civil service who visit the library will be more inclined to pursue careers in politics when they see what Clinton was able to achieve in his past," Cone said.

Much of the 2nd Battalion of the 153rd Infantry Regiment returned from Iraq Nov. 13 as the first of Arkansas’ 39th Brigade. Among those who arrived in Scaveny on the bus was Staff Sgt. Wayne Westerholm, a Harding graduate student who works with campus security.

Westerholm had been in Iraq for seven months, first going active in October 2003, and then shipping out to Iraq in April 2004. Westerholm’s unit was the first to come back because they had previously worked in Egypt on a peace-keeping mission, fulfilling 11 months of the 24-month limit a reservist can be ordered to be on active duty.

"It’s really funny around here because a lot of people know that I’ve been gone, and they’re just now seeing me and it’s not clicking with them," Westerholm said. "All of a sudden they realize, ‘You’re not supposed to be here. Oh, you just got back.’"

Wayne Westerholm/Courtesy photo

"People say, ‘I’m glad to see you back in one piece’ and I’m thinking, ‘Yeah, I’m glad to be back in one piece.’"

Westerholm said a lot of people were concerned about him.

"They were probably about 250 to 300 meters away. However, later in the deployment when we started engaging the enemy and being engaged, I found the hardest thing was getting back out there knowing that they’d probably be shooting at me.

"Unlike most of the reserves, Westerholm had experience in taking fire.

"I was in Kuwait, the week before that I was in Iraq. There, I was time to think about what it was going to be like when I get home," Westerholm said.

Westerholm said he has been declassified a few months of Andrew’s life, and now that Andrew has him back after a year deployment, Andrew gets upset about what’s happening over there because I have no control over it.

"I can give my wife some moral support from overseas, but it’s not quite the same thing as being here and giving her a hug when she needs it."
OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE

Two former Searcy residents murdered

Two former Searcy High School students were killed early Nov. 21 following an altercation at an intersection in Heber Springs.

An 18-year-old male and a 20-year-old male were arrested in connection with the deaths of 21-year-old Chad Watson and 22-year-old Shan Collins. Heber Springs police told the Daily Citizen.

The suspects were transferred to Batesville for arraignment.

School improvements to cost $2.8 billion

A report released Tuesday revealed that an immediate $2.8 billion dollars may be needed to start improving Arkansas school buildings.

The report was the result of a study conducted to estimate the cost of making the physical improvements the Arkansas Supreme Court ordered in 2005.

The cost of the improvements may balloon to $4.5 billion over the next five years, according to the report.

The report considered four priorities in making the improvements, including critical health and safety needs, less critical heating, ventilation, mechanical, and air condition problems, items less immediately necessary and general aesthetic improvements.

The $2.8 billion also includes $665 million to meet space requirements. The $4.5 billion takes into account increases that would occur as the buildings age and costs rise, space requirements and enrollment growth.

Anchorman Brokaw retires after 22 years

NBC anchorman Tom Brokaw retired Wednesday from his almost 23-year career in broadcast journalism.

The 64-year-old announced in 2002 he would be retiring in order to pursue other interests, including spending time on his ranch in Montana. However, he told the Associated Press he will continue to air three documentaries a year for NBC and would be willing to "report for duty" when a big story breaks.


Brian Williams will fill Brokaw's position on the "Nightly News."

Law prohibits owning both a cat and a dog

A city in Utah has agreed to reconsider an ordinance that prohibited pet owners from having both a dog and a cat.

A family in Provo, Utah, discovered the ordinance when they tried to purchase a kitten at an animal shelter. People at the animal shelter told the family they could not have the kitten when the family said they already had a cat and a dog.

The ordinance allows residents to have two cats or two dogs, but not a cat and a dog together.

The city council agreed to change the law next month after receiving complaints from various residents.

FACES IN THE CROWD

B Kay Standifer, freshman

Hometown: Monroe, La. Major: Accounting

Janiel Hendrix or Bob Marley: Bob Marley

Taco Bell order: Chicken fajita burrito

Longest road trip ever: From Texas to Jacksonville, Miss., it lasted about a day

Who do you most admire? "Jesus, because He is my everything."

Christmas wish: 2002 black Lincoln Navigator

What do you want to be when you grow up? A high school teacher, a voice actor, a cartoonist or an actor.

What cartoon are you most like? "Vegeta from Dragon Ball Z" because he appears to be aggressive with his enemies, he doesn't back down from a fight.

CAMPUS IN BRIEF

World's oldest man dies at 113

Fred Hals, who appeared in the Nov. 12 issue of the Bios in recognition of his status as the world's oldest man, died Nov. 19 at the age of 113.

Hals, the great-grandfather of Cassie Goode, adjunct teacher in the College of Education, died in his sleep at a nursing home in New York, 12 days short of his 114th birthday.

Video game testers needed

Seniors in the computer science department are looking for 200 volunteers who are willing to test video games.

The testing lasts one hour and can be done through Dec. 11. Testers will spend 30 minutes per game playing each of the three versions of "Creepin," a student-created game, and then testers will rank their favorite versions.

The rules for Creeper will be explained when testers arrive or can be found online at www.csb-games.com/creeper/rules.html.

All games can be played against a computer player, a friend at the same computer or a friend at another computer, so testers are encouraged to bring a friend or family member. Testers must be at least 9 years old. Those interested can sign up for a time at www.harding.edu/delis/schedule.

Last day to choose meal plan

Students should select their meal and DCP plans for the spring semester through Campus Pipeline by today.

Students can choose a plan by clicking on Student Services and Financial Aid then Registration under the My HU Info link.

After Dec. 6, meal plans will be assigned if a selection has not been made.

Foundation honors Harding

Young America's Foundation recently named Harding as one of the top 10 conservative colleges in the United States.

The foundation recognized the best colleges in the country that strive to maintain and strengthen conservative values in students through the college's mission and program.

Contest deadline approaches

Entries for the Jo Cleveland Creative Writing Contest must be submitted by Monday, Dec. 6.

Contest rules are available in American Studies 300 and online at the English department's Web site.

COMING UP

12.03 Lady Bison basketball v. Lyon College, home, 6 p.m.

12.03 "The Ugly Duckling," Little Theatre, 7 p.m.

12.03 "The Boone Supremacy," Benson, 8 p.m. $2 or free with the Pass

12.04 Lady Bison basketball v. St. Edwards University, home, 2 p.m.

12.04 "The Ugly Duckling," Little Theatre, 7 p.m.

12.04 Lady Bison basketball v. University of Alabama-Huntsville, home, 8 p.m.

12.04 "The Notebook," Benson, 8 p.m. $2 or free with the Pass

12.05 Men's open house, 6:30 - 8:30

12.05 Dead Week begins

12.06 Bison basketball v. Montevallo, home, 6 p.m.

12.09 Lady Bison basketball v. University of North Alabama, home, 6 p.m.

12.10 Lady Bison basketball v. University of Alabama Huntsville, home, 8 p.m.

12.10 "EI," Benson, 8 p.m., $2 or free w/ the Pass

12.11 "EI," Benson, 8 p.m., $2 or free w/ the Pass

12.11 Finals Week begins

12.18 Graduation
A lady in waiting

A ladybug sits on a dangling leaf on a tree outside the Benson Auditorium. The change of seasons on campus provided a new look and scenery for the students to enjoy before Thanksgiving break.

Seniors present double feature

BRE WOOD student reporter

Two one-act student plays, "The Ugly Duckling" and "The Mad Breakfast," will continue showing in the Little Theatre at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets cost $4 or are free with the Pass.

Junior Katy Vancil is directing "The Ugly Duckling," based on A.A. Milne's fairy-tale adaptation of "The Ugly Child." She described the play as a comedic love story set in a fairy-tale land described as a "charming world" by Vancil.

"It is very Disney," Vancil said.

"If you're looking for a cute laugh and a good love story, this is definitely a good show." In the play, everyone in Princess Camilla's kingdom thinks she is ugly until Prince Simon shows up and sees her true beauty. They fall in love and, of course, live happily ever after.

"The Ugly Duckling" stars junior Caleb Lowry as the King, senior Heather Stringfellow as the Queen, freshman Morgan Clyde as Princess Camilla, freshman Alex Blair as Prince Simon, freshman Jodi Pittard as Dulcibella, freshman Jess Hines as Carlo and junior Jeremy Painter as the Chancellor.

"It's definitely one of the funniest shows I've seen in a long time," sophomore lighting designer Elissa Dykes said. "It's a good break from the monotonous constant flow of homework we are subjected to."

Immediately following "The Ugly Duckling," senior Christa Abernathy will direct the performance of "The Mad Breakfast." The play is a comedy set in the 1930s that tells about a practical joker named Mr. Jones who lives in a boarding house in England.

Mr. Jones, who is played by freshman Jerry Lafave, answers an ad in the newspaper from someone wanting to do a study on an insane asylum and invites Mr. Long, played by senior Brant Roberts, to conduct the study in the boarding house under the assumption that only the occupants are insane. Mr. Jones tells the tenants different stories of Mr. Long's identity, labeling him as a long-lost prince, a madman, an actor, a pattern inspector of boarding houses, a reincarnation of Napoleon and other lies to help build on his enormous joke.

"It is a really fun show," Abernathy said. "I have been working with the script since February, and I still laugh at every rehearsal. The way the script is written is absolutely hilarious." Abernathy said the character that I have, I think everyone can relate to at least one of the characters."

Quarter seekers coin new options

REBECCA KING student reporter

Students may be at Harding on a quest for knowledge and truth, but sometimes campus life can lead to hunting for quarters needed for washing laundry. Although the campus has a quarter machine in each of the two main residence halls, students occasionally have to search for quarters when the machines do not work or are unavailable.

"I can do laundry over the weekend. The business office lets students get as many quarters as they might need," said Freshman Rachel Cole. "We don't have a limit, but people usually don't get more than one roll," Lashley said. "That's a lot of laundry."

Other students go to the Heritage Inn front desk in hopes of getting change. John Boone, Heritage Inn front desk worker, said it is unusual to help 10 students during an eight-hour shift when he works on weekends.

"We want to service students as best we can," Boone said. "Serv­ ing students is the main thing. We sometimes limit the amount to $3 to have enough of a supply to last them the week. We want to be fair."

Freshman Rosa Cohen said she was in favor of eliminating the need for quarters by following the example of some universities, like Abilene Christian University, and having card-operated laundry.

Card-operated laundry services are provided in many on-campus dorms, but when a machine runs out of quarters, students can use the resources available in the men's Laundromat to create new options.

"We work on Fridays and Saturdays, the 1930s. . . .”, Lashley said. "It's a lot of times the machine isn't full, and students are provided with a laundry card from their residence hall staff upon check-in and completion of a laundry agreement."

"The Sears dorm girls were discussing it," Lashley said. "You should be able to just slide a card or something."

Campus security is responsible for emptying and refilling the quarter machines in the Laun-dromats, but when a machine malfunctions, it is the responsibility of an outside company to come and make repairs.

However, Capt. Kevin Davis, assistant director of campus security, said security is sometimes able to fix small problems without calling the company. "A lot of times the machine is just jammed," Davis said. "We fix it, and it works again."

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Afterhours clinic benefits students

ALEXIS OLIVER
student reporter

Around the time Thanksgiving break ends and the Christmas season begins, many students begin to become overly stressed, have much less sleep and adjust to the change of weather, all of which sometimes lead to sickness. For students who get sick during the evenings or weekends and are not able to make an appointment with their regular doctor, the Prime Care Medical Clinic on the corner of Main St. and Race St. is a convenient option for walk-in medical care when the illnesses or injuries aren’t worthy of emergency-room treatment.

Open since Sept. 18, 2003, Prime Care Medical Clinic is operated by Dr. J.P. Warnock, a Harding alumnus. Warnock said the clinic began after several Harding health care management majors gave surveys to their health care management classes under the supervision of assistant professor of Business Administration, Belinda Rice. Seventy-four percent of the students surveyed responded that there was a need for an afterhours/weekend clinic in Searcy, Warnock said. "It was a way to assist the community by providing a needed service," Warnock said.

Warnock said Harding nurses often refer students to the clinic when their office closes. Pat Rice, RN and director of student health services at Harding, said having an afterhours clinic has been a non-option for students who come to the nurse's station at the end of the day.

"We once had a very sick, young man come in around 4:15 p.m., the time we usually close," Rice said. "We were able to refer him to Dr. Wornock, which was a very good option for him, because he ended up having to go to the hospital.

Wornock said because he understands the financial burdens that students often face, he will often give medication samples to help students with expenses, will work with most types of insurance and can make arrangements to send students' bills directly to their parents. Senior Rebecca Stowe, employee at Prime Care, said their goal is to get students seen as quickly as possible.

"This clinic is great for Harding students and caters to their needs," Stowe said. "We are seeing more and more Harding students everyday."

Although sophomore Chenoa Hames has never needed to go to the clinic, she said she liked the fact that making an appointment wasn't necessary.

"It's always nice to have a walk-in clinic to go to when the other medical centers are closed," Hames said. "It's not like you plan on being sick, you know? You need an option if it's not an ER-type emergency."

Wornock said he wanted to add to the clinic and hire two more doctors so the clinic’s hours can expand. The doctors will trade off working at the clinic since he is currently the only doctor at the clinic. However, he said most of his patients have another regular doctor they use most of the time.

"We're nobody's full-time doctor, but everybody's part-time doctor," Wornock said.

The clinic provides many services offered by a family clinic and the ER. Some services provided include: allergy shots, minor fractures, drug refills, physicals, skin procedures and on-site X-rays.

Prime Care is open every day except Wednesdays from 3 to 8 p.m., on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Call 501-279-9000 or go to www.primecare-assury.com.
Mini Pizzas

**Ingredients:**
- 1 package of 6 English muffins
- 1 small jar pizza sauce
- 8 ounce package shredded Mozzarella cheese
- 48 slices pepperoni (or meat of your choice)
- Pour sauce on to open face muffins. Place 4 slices of pepperoni on each muffin. Top each muffin with a generous amount of cheese. Bake in microwave for 2 minutes or until cheese is melted.

White Chocolate Popcorn

**Ingredients:**
- 3 squares almond bark or white chocolate
- 2 bags microwave popcorn

Melt the almond bark or white chocolate in the microwave and drizzle over popcorn while stirring constantly.

**2-Minute Miracle Microwave Fudge**

**Ingredients:**
- 1 lb. confectioners sugar
- 1/2 cup cocoa
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1/4 cup milk

In a microwaveable bowl, blend sugar and cocoa. Add butter and milk on top of mixture. Cook on high for two minutes. Remove and add vanilla. Stir well with wooden spoon. Pour into square baking pan. Sprinkle with chopped pecans.

Southwest Nachos

**Recipe:**

Top each nacho with beans, jalapenos. Sprinkle Nacho Cheese of 18 nachos, microwave on High 1 to 2 minutes or until cheese is melted. Serve immediately.

CHELSEA ROBERSON

**Photographer**

Although the students are in search of nourishment for the majority of the student body, there are always days when one does not want to venture into the crowded masses of hungry students just to push and shove for a plate of food.

With the semester coming to a close, quite a few students are running dangerously low on their number of meals left, and alternate paths to fulfill the stomach have to be explored.

Many students are turning to their microwaves, George Foreman grills and toaster ovens in order to make a quick meal, to have available a bigger variety of meal options and to save a few swipes of their meal card.

The microwave is often the most popular kitchen appliance among students because of its pure simplicity and inexpensiveness. "You can do almost anything with the microwave," freshman Mary Greer said. "My favorite thing to cook is pop corn." Microwavable meals are even available for students at the Harding University Mini-Mart.

"I love to cook the rice dishes from the mini-mart," freshman Chelsea Morgan said. "It's very filling.

In addition to the many microwavable food products that can be found at easy grocery stores, recipes for microwave cooking are available to make it an enjoyable edible experience.

Some local bookstores may carry cookbooks dedicated to microwave cooking, and some regular cookbooks have a section or chapter on the subject as well. Recipes can also be found online by using a search engine, such as Google, to help students make something quick and easy.

Along with some very extravagant recipes for dishes, such as panned salmon with dill sauce or mushroom-stuffed chicken breasts, are some simple, inexpensive, dorm-friendly recipes that anyone can make and are available as well.

With a click of the mouse, a microwave recipe for just about anything imaginable can be found. Scrambled eggs, chocolate cake, sticky buns and mini quiches are just a few of the endless amounts of recipes that can be found on the Internet. All of them can be fixed in the comfort of a dorm room with the press of a button.

Though sometimes very simple, microwave recipes can be elaborated on and modified to result in the perfect culinary creation. For example, some of the dessert recipes can be improved with marshmallows, nuts or frosting. Main dishes can be spiced up with store-bought sauces or vegetables of some sort to complete the meal.

The most important part of cooking with a microwave is keeping a close eye on the food to make sure it does not overcook. When overcooked in a microwave, food can easily catch fire, but more importantly, the smell of the burnt food will last for days.

**Rating:**

- Difficulty: Easy
- Medium

**Editor's Comments:**

This recipe is wonderful, but be careful not to burn the chocolate. Try microwaving in Low for 30 second increments. Also, buy your popcorn unbuttered and unsalted.

**Rating:**

- Difficulty: Medium

**Editor's Comments:**

The texture is a little grainy, but it tastes great. Having a helper will help tremendously when stirring.
During midterm exams, senior Clarice Campbell's desk was not only covered with textbooks and notebooks, it was also used for wedding invitations and envelopes. Now, as the semester comes to end, Campbell is balancing schoolwork, a job at Ryan's restaurant and final preparations for her Dec. 27 wedding.

Planning weddings for Christmas break may mean extra time management for couples, but it is becoming more common among Harding students. Campbell said she and her fiancé senior Jeremy Brazas, are getting married in December because they got engaged in March.

"The summer would have been too soon," Campbell said. "But we didn't want to wait for the next summer, so we opted for December." And so, the Alexander's and the Collins teach at College church.

At the same time, planning a wedding while working and attending school did get overwhelming at times, Warren said. "I had to take it one day at a time," she said. "It meant putting priorities where they need to be from day to day. Every day was different." Senior Kyle Vath, who is marrying senior Melissa Ward Jan. 1, said he predicts the biggest adjustment involved in getting married over the Christmas break will be about time.

"I think it will be better," Vath said. "We won't have to make time to go and be together; we will just be together a lot more. We will have to make quality time, though, and not take being together for granted." Warner said having a new name and adjusting to another person's schedule will be the biggest adjustments for her.

"We will have to work around each other's schedule and figure out when we will both be home and have dinner on the table," she said. In order to make the transition easier, Vath said she and Eastridge have been going through premarital counseling with Dr. Randy Willingham, associate professor of Bible. The counseling has been one of the best parts of planning for the wedding, she said.

"We sit and talk about our personalities and laugh about how we know each other's personality so well," Warren said. "It's fun to share with another person."

"Vath said he enjoys the couple's Bible class that the Alexanders and the Collins teach at College church.

As the final preparations fall into place, Campbell said she is glad the wedding is almost here. "I'm getting more excited now that it's getting closer," she said. "Since I have been so busy with work and school, I haven't had much time to get excited about it."
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Class of '97
COLUMNIST STRUGGLES TO FIND ELUSIVE IDEAS

On a completely related subject, I like Hawaiian shirts. I've tried rather impressive collection of Hawaiian shirts. I think it's numbered into the mid 20s now. I know it's big enough that I can wear a different Hawaiian shirt every day for three weeks straight without repeating (or doing laundry). I'm still stumped as to what I could write about. I'm just staring at the screen, beating my head against the keyboard, coming up with things like: yksnkehifly788
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't allow clubs jerseys to dot the campus

I don't even know how to begin this letter other than to say that I [was] hurt by the actions of some clubs at the All-Club Devo Friday, Nov. 7.

I sat in the All-Club Devo with my group of girls Friday and wept because of the bitter venom being spread all over the Benson Auditorium.

I don't care who did what. I don't care how obnoxious or how unorganized or whatever notion someone had to start a social club. But now he has some money.

What I love about Jenings was how he unknowingly restored the nerd. Now the Screeches of the world can sleep at night because they will wake up in the morning and be the winners of the world. Only the nerds can get 2,700 right answers on "Jeopardy," and make more money in 74 games than all five members of NKOTB currently have in their bank accounts.

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GAY MARRIAGE RIGHTS DEERVE A SECOND LOOK

In this recent presidential election, I think it's fairly accurate to say that Bush won on "moral values." One of the very influential issues is gay marriage.

We as a Christian community were told and were led to be-"Civil unions" or "domestic partnerships" are a reality for people who are not able to marry. Does preventing homosexual marriage destroy "the sanctity of marriage," as opposed to "divorce," "premarital sex," or "living together"? Do churches have the right to be Representation of the opinions of the student community that has gathered inside Harding University's residence halls.

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Out of control
Athletes, fans need to adjust behavior

Professional athletes surprised their fans yet again over the Thanksgiving holiday. The game was fairly uneven until Ron Artest of the Indiana Pacers fouled Detroit's Ben Wallace. In response to the foul, Wallace shoved Artest and members of both teams scrambled to separate the two. Artest quickly stepped back and laid down on the scorerkeeper's table to cool off, his peaceful surrender soon erupted into one of the largest NBA fights in history. A Detroit fan decided to express his frustration by throwing a cup at Artest, and Artest retaliated with a vengeance.

The Nov. 19 brawl between Pacers and the Pistons and the fans at Detroit's Palace Arena provided fans with a different kind of entertainment, and now people are looking at spending time behind bars rather than behind the basketball goal.

While many questions linger about the incident, one question sticks out more than the others: "Who's to blame?" Sports analysts blamed the players, saying that they have no place in the stands. Others were blaming the man who threw the cup at Ben Artest and the fans who then proceeded to fight with the players and anyone else around them. Some went as far as to blame the NBA itself, saying that its players "are the victims of their own self-perceptions."

Scott Pollard, a forward for the Indiana Pacers, was interviewed shortly after security had given the press permission to go into the locker rooms. His opinion of the fight went against what many expected to hear from the stereotypical NBA basketball player. He talked about how the entire incident was a complete embarrassment to both teams and to the league. He said the members of the NBA were paid a lot of money to entertain and receive harassment from the fans, that the fans were the reason the players got paid, and that no matter what happens, a player should not be in the stands, let alone fighting with a fan.

Two weeks after the event, fingers are still being pointed in every direction, but now the law is becoming more involved and fans and players alike are facing the possibility of jail time for their actions. Two fans who were involved have been banned from the Palace. Artest and eight other players have been handed the longest suspension period in NBA history, totaling more than 140 games, and they'll do it without pay.

Despite the punishments, people are still talking about what needs to be done. Maybe the distance between the fans and the court should become greater. Maybe athletic venues need to stop selling alcohol earlier in the games. Maybe fans need to know when players have had enough harassment.

While all these concerns are valid, it is Artest and the other involved members of the NBA who must answer for this incident. No matter what provokes them, NBA players should be as accountable for their actions as any other American citizens.

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TALK BACK
How do you get into the Christmas spirit?

"I once cut down a bush to use as a Christmas tree, so that kind of puts me in the mood for Christmas."

"I wear festive socks and listen to Christmas music."

"As soon as Thanksgiving is over it just automatically feels like Christmas to me."

"I like to listen to 'Alvin and the Chipmunks Christmas' CD, drink hot cocoa, walk around Berryhill Park and watch 'A Christmas Story.'"

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STEVEN PROFIZER

Yada, Yada Yada

December brings best and worst year has to offer

A
h, December — truly the most wonderful time of the year. All this love and joy... and wassail.

I mean, you've got your holiday greetings, your gay happy meetings when friends come to call, and the bulk of your Christmas break to boot.

Like most things in life, however, we must pay for it dearly — hence the wasteland of classes between Thanksgiving break and Christmas. This is the part of the semester we all hate — faculty and students alike.

Faculty are starting to realize we will never make it to the elusive last page of the textbook. (In all my years of classes in U.S. History, no teacher has ever made it past WWI. About the only things I know about the 70s and 80s are that there was "a gas shortage and A Flock of Seagulls.") Meanwhile, students are beginning to panic for graduation college by a constant barrage of tests, quizzes and projects. (Which yes, we have known about all semester, but if we were ready to do the projects in August then the class wouldn't have been necessary.)

Consider the Popisicle: delicious right up until the last few bites but leaves that nasty wooden-tongue-depressor taste in your mouth at the end. To tie this little analogy together, this proverbial Popisicle is the semester, and that nasty wooden-tongue-depressor taste currently in your mouth is from this stretch of classes we're gnawing our way through.

I believe a true celebration of Dead Week would go a long way toward helping students handle the extreme workloads they inevitably face this time of year. If having a true Dead Week is not an option, I think we should at least stop calling it something it's not. It's kind of like breaking up the fall semester with a weeklong Fall Break where we all go to classes, do homework and take tests.

And if, however, we absolutely must name "Dead Week" something, maybe we could rename it something a little more appropriate to the occasion, like Normal Week.

Next week, the Bison will be conducting its annual self-evaluation survey. Keep checking your campus mailbox to see if you've been randomly selected to participate. If you are, fortunately, I ask you take a few minutes to fill out the survey. Your feedback is crucial to the continuing growth of the Bison.

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The Lady Bison volleyball team lost 3-1 to Washburn during the team's first game. Veitenheimer, an outside hitter, had a three-point shot from half court with three seconds left in the game. "I wasn't supposed to shoot the ball," Sumpkins said. "I was supposed to get the ball at half court and hit it down the court, but everyone was being guarded so I just launched it. I was really surprised that it went that far, but it was awesome," she said. This was Hatcher's second consecutive year of playing. "We just take time on the road to relax and have fun," she said. "I feel good about the way we have been playing so far this year as well." Hancock said, "It's stressful having to travel and have games so close together, but we've done a great job and I'm excited about what's to come."
Bisons win two games in a row

By Sarah Crist

Sports Editor

After a disappointing first-game loss in the Harding Classic, the Bison basketball team is looking to continue its current two-game winning streak Saturday at 6 p.m. against the University of Alabama – Huntsville in the Rhodes Field House.

Indiana Tech, the No. 8 team in NAIA Division II, defeated the Bisons in the Harding Classic Nov. 26 by a score of 98-88. The game came down to the final 23 seconds with the lead changing three times and ending in the Warriors' victory.

The Bisons came back from the loss Nov. 27 when they defeated the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma 95-88 in the Classic. The team had six players score in double digits during the game and accumulated 66 points from downtown.

"I was really proud of the way that our guys recovered," coach Jeff Morgan said. "After our loss to Indiana Tech, our team came out with a strong win.

In the Nov. 29 game against the University of Alabama – Huntsville, Junior Matt Hall returned to the line-up after fracturing his wrist during the season opener Nov. 14 against Arkansas Baptist. After wearing a cast for approximately 10 days, doctors X-rayed Hall's wrist and found that the hairline fracture had healed enough for Hall to return to the court.

"My wrist is better," Hall said. "It hasn't completely healed yet, but it's good enough for me to play with.

For the second game in a row, six Bisons recorded double-digit scoring and accounted for 80 of the team's 90 points. Junior Lonnie Heath led the team, scoring 24 points followed by freshman Ceso Sprewell with 13.

The team shot 62 percent in the second half and shot more than 50 percent overall for the fourth game in a row.

"The guys really took care of the ball Monday night," Morgan said. "Their defense was stronger and we played as a team.

Hall is happy with the start of the season so far. "We have a lot of work left to do, but we're happy and we're doing well."

Junior Matt Hall

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KATIE COZZENS

student reporter

Harding's Ultimate Frisbee club team competed in the Gol­bler Get-Down tournament Nov. 13-14 and walked away with a second place finish.

The tournament, held at Burns Park in Little Rock, Ark., drew 11 teams and lasted two days. On the first day, club and university teams played in their own divisions, and on the second day, they played each other.

"The teams participated in pool play on the first day of the tournament to determine seeds for the next day," senior Justin Bland said. "The tournament actually started on the second day."

For the first time in the club's sports history two women compet­ed with the men for the tournament.

"It was a lot of fun playing with the team," senior Caroline Freder­rick said. "It was kind of nerve­wrecking for them because they had never had girls play with them, and I think they were nervous that one of us would get hurt. I was worried that I was going to mess up and make the guys mad, but they were all really great."

The men on the team were proud to have women participate in the tournament with them.

"The girls did an amazing job," Bland said. "They had never played in a tournament and the style of play is a lot different than our practices. They handled the play very well and we were all proud to have them on our team.

Although the weekend ended in a 15-13 loss to a club team for Har­ding, Bland said he was proud of how the team played throughout the tournament.

"We struggled a little bit towards the end of the tournament but I thought we played well together. We had a blast."

Senior Justin Bland

Congratulations to last issue's winner, senior Grant Taylor! We're adding NCAA Basketball to pick this week so have fun pick­ing your favorites. Our tie-breaker this week is tonight's game between the Lady Bisons and Lyon. Same thing as usual, pick your favorite teams, 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, Dec. 3. Good luck!

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- Auburn @ Tennessee
- Colorado @ Oklahoma
- Army @ Navy
- USC @ UCLA

NCAA Basketball

- Memphis @ Purdue
- Indiana @ Connecticut
- Kentucky @ North Carolina
- Pacific @ Kansas
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The top five will receive gift certificates via campus mail from local restaurants. Thank you to the sponsors and to all those who sent in entries.

This contest will be back. Be watching for a second round of Students’ Best next semester. But for now, just keep shooting. A good picture is worth a thousand words. A thousand words, however, can never compare with a good picture.

**#2**

**Photographer:** Senior Taylor Williams

**Major:** Computer engineering

**Picture Details:** Williams took this photo in Prague, Czech Republic while on a Harding program Nov. 24, 2003.

**#3**

**Photographer:** Freshman Mallory Schmidt

**Major:** Graphic design

**Picture Details:** Schmidt took this picture of a Walleye Tournament in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., during the summer.

**#4**

**Photographer:** Freshman Daniel Bontrager

**Major:** Broadcast media production

**Picture Details:** Bontrager Ryan Sheffler, this snapshot was taken in an abandoned school in Lubbock, Texas.

**#5**

**Photographer:** Junior Beth Flowers

**Major:** Social work

**Picture Details:** Flowers snapped this photo at Camp Como in Camas, Wash.

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