**Students unite to supply tsunami aid**

Harding finds different ways to join in massive relief effort for victims of Dec. 26 tsunami

ERIN COOK

student reporter

After hearing the news of the Dec. 26 Indian Ocean tsunami, junior Brock Williams dropped his spring semester schedule and made plans to assist missionaries in Indonesia.

Williams said he felt compelled to do more than donate money as he heard of the devastating tsunami.

In its wake, the massive wave left an estimated 280,000 dead or missing, millions more homeless, thousands of children orphaned and 11 nations ravaged.

Williams said he knows several missionaries in the area, and he could best serve those in need by going and working along side them.

“When I talked to my dad about wanting to go, he told me that if this was something I seriously wanted to do then I needed to drop everything and go for it,” Williams said.

He said he plans to leave for the Indonesian area as soon as he raises the funds.

“I don’t know when I’ll actually get to go over there, but I know that is what I need to do and will do,” Williams said.

After hearing reports of the devastation, Student Association President Jimmy Huff realized Harding students needed to help.

Students have joined in the relief effort by donating more than $5,000 through various SA activities since the beginning of the spring semester.

“The SA didn’t even talk about it in a meeting — we just knew,” Huff said. “We felt that the students had an opportunity to respond, and it needed to be an immediate response.”

The SA took action the first week of school by providing several opportunities to support the tsunami relief efforts.

For two days, students made donations as they left Benson Auditorium after chapel. During halftime of the spring semester’s first home basketball game, the Rhodes Rowdies collected money from the crowd. And at the Jan. 14 Campus Activity Board showing of “Napoleon Dynamite,” all $2 ticket sales for the 7 p.m. show went directly to the relief efforts.

Working with Partners in Progress, headed by the Windsong Church of Christ in North Little Rock, the SA was able to donate 100 percent of the raised funds directly to churches in the nations affected by the tsunami.

Huff said he is proud of the way the students related to the opportunity to help.

“The need is so very great, and we could never raise enough to do all that we want to do,” Huff said. “However, it’s always great to see the generosity of students who don’t have much for themselves dig deep and somehow find something to give.”

Senior Linnea Reed, SA vice president, said she wants students to know that they still have the opportunity to give even though the SA’s fund-raisers have ended.

“We still encourage students to donate all that they can to the local churches of Beavry who are still involved in the relief efforts,” Reed said.

News editor Brian Hall contributed to this story.

**Carson announces retirement**

EMILY BURROWS

student reporter

After 11 years of service to Harding University, Dr. Dee Carson, assistant vice president for Student Services, is resigning her position effective June 30.

“I have been in the school business almost 35 years,” Carson said. “My husband just retired, and so we talked about it and decided that it was time to start doing things like traveling, playing golf and visiting our grandchildren.”

Dr. James Carr, executive vice president, announced Carson’s resignation Jan. 18.

“Dee [Carson] is a great personal friend, and she has been an outstanding servant, administrator and teacher on Harding’s campus,” Carr said in an e-mail to faculty and staff.

Carson was the associate dean of the College of Education for five years until she was appointed to her current position in the Student Services office in 1999.

“When she [Carson] accepted this position in 1999, she approached it with the same vigor and enthusiasm as she approached her classroom responsibilities,” Carr said in the e-mail.

“She has excelled in this very important administrative role, and both students and faculty alike will definitely miss her.”

Carson said she accepted the administrative role for various reasons, but mostly because of her love of the students.

“I love teaching, but this is a little different because I am able to meet all the students, and I have an opportunity to make a difference in all of their lives,” Carson said.

Carson said although the job was difficult, it was a rewarding experience.

“It is just fun being a part of the university,” Carson said. “I truly believe we have the greatest student body and faculty of any place in the world.”

Carson said she sees her time spent at Harding as a blessing.

“Just to be in education so long and to be able to come and finish my career here at a place like this, it is the greatest blessing,” she said.

Carr said in the e-mail that Carson has been a leader to students and faculty.

“Carson has been an outstanding example of a Christian servant and role model for the entire Harding community,” Carr said. *
OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE

Aramark sued for paralyzing accident
A New Jersey jury awarded $35.5 million in punitive and compensatory damages to the family of Antonia Verni, 7, who was paralyzed in a 1999 automobile accident caused by a drunken football fan on his way home from a New York Giants game.
Both the fan, David Laussano, and the Giants Stadium concessionaire who sold him beer, Aramark Corp., had compensatory damages assessed against them.
Jill Pepper of Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management said that concession workers should know that their job is more than handing out beer. Aramark officials said the corporation will appeal.
Jennifer Shannon of Jury Verdict Research said this was the largest alcohol liability award in the United States in 25 years. The NFL currently forbids beer sales after the third quarter.

TPC Communications revamps Web site
TPC Communications, a provider of products, services and money for college to the student market, launched a revamped version of its Web site Jan. 18. The site offers a free cyberspace scavenger hunt that will benefit tsunami victims and provide college money for children who have lost parents serving in Iraq.
The deadline to sign up for the online scavenger hunt is March 6, and the hunt begins March 12.
Bob Lakin, general manager of TPC Communications, said more than 80,000 entrants (individuals or teams) must complete the hunt to donate money for the efforts.

AETN shares ways to pay for college
The Arkansas Education Television Network will air "Money for College" Thursday, Feb. 3, at 8 p.m.
It will be a live, one-hour call-in show, with guests from the Department of Higher Education and the Internal Revenue Service.
The program is sponsored by the Arkansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Reality TV show promotes Burger King
After Donald Trump's reality TV show, "The Apprentice," featured Burger King in its season premiere Jan. 21, the fast-food restaurant launched a market for the burger that contestants on the show created.
Contestants were presented with the task of creating, marketing and selling a new menu item at Burger King restaurants. The Western Angus Steak Burger won the contest and is now sold in 7,800 restaurants nationwide.
Burger King restaurants nationwide began selling the product the day after its victory on the reality show.
"At Burger King, our 'have it your way' philosophy puts our customers in charge. It's all about empowerment and getting what you want, when you want it," Russ Klein, Burger King's chief marketing officer, said. "That's why we couldn't wait even a day to take this burger from the boardroom to the lunchroom."

FACES IN THE CROWD
Joshua Fair, freshman
Hometown: Houston, Texas
Major: Business
First date restaurant order: Bean and cheese burrito
HOP or Waffle House? HOP

If Harding could have a different mascot, what should it be?
The Heifer
Three swings and a ring true or false?
"False. I've tried."
What's your favorite day of the week?
"Thursday, because it's the day before Friday."
Spring break plans: "I'm going to Rhode Island to visit my girlfriend."
What was the best vacation you've ever taken?
"Visitng Alaska."

WEEKLY WINDOW

SATURDAY 1.29
46/38
SUNDAY 1.30
51/43
MONDAY 1.31
52/39
TUESDAY 2.01
51/36
WEDNESDAY 2.02
53/37
THURSDAY 2.03
49/34
FRIDAY 2.04
51/34
SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL, WEB SITE

WEIGHTY WINDOW

Day of Service sign-up online
Students wanting to participate in the Day of Service Feb. 23 can sign up electronically by clicking on the event's link on the front page of Campus Pipeline.
Participants can choose to work with a social club, organization, group of friends or by themselves, according to Student Association officials.
Groups of friends planning to par­ticipate in the Day of Service should pick up a group registration form from the SA office.
For more information call 4253 or e-mail dayofservice@harding.edu.

Online streaming audio airs
The Department of Communication has established a streaming audio Web site that allows anyone in the world to listen to university events in real time.
The link can be found at www.harding.edu/communication/stream. The department's first stream aired Jan. 10, featuring the Harding vs. UAM basketball game.
Dr. Mike James, chairman of the communication department, said the department hopes to broadcast most basketball and football games, daily chapel services, TV 16's live nightly newscasts and portions of KIGA radio.
There will also be opportunities to transmit special speakers, meetings and lectures, he said.

Sears accepts assignment
Dr. Marty Spears, associate pro­fessor of math, has accepted the re­sponsibilities of teaching, institutional research and outcomes assessment for the university.
Sears will oversee teacher evaluations, senior exit surveys, CLEP and other testing programs, and institutional data reports. He will report to the Office of Academic Affairs.
Dr. Bob Kelly, professor of busi­ness, directed the testing office until he retired last year.
Dr. Flavil Yeakley, professor of business, managed much of the assess­ment process prior to the Higher Learning Commission's visit in November, including collecting, evaluating and analyzing assessment data.
With the HLC visit complete, Yeakley asked to be relieved of his duties, according to Dr. Larry Long, vice president for Academic Affairs.
"Dr. Yeakley has been invaluable in the successful movement of our assessment program from a plan to a fully functioning, effective, univer­sity-wide process," Long said.
Freshmen Blake Barnett, Daniel Chalenburg and Jonathan Lindsey sit at one of the new tables in the lower section of the student center during lunchtime. The renovations have provided more seating areas for eating and a better social atmosphere for students, Dustin Vyers, student life coordinator, said.

**Official revamp ‘Passion Pit’**

**Stacey Condolora**

The offices of Student Services and Student Life initiated an effort last semester to redesign the north end of the student center, which included replacing the couches and carpet with tables, chairs and tile flooring during Christmas break.

“Last year’s Student Association had talked about changing that area of the student center,” SA President Jimmy Huff said. “One [reason] was obvious in that the couches invited what many students viewed as inappropriate public displays of affection. The second reason was that the furniture, as well as the carpet, was old.”

Dustin Vyers, student activities coordinator, said the goal was to make that part of the student center more like a cafe, where students would feel welcomed.

“Couches and chairs were in our original plan, but we decided more seating would be better,” Vyers said. “Our fear was that if we kept the couches then the same behavior would occur.”

Dr. Dee Carson, assistant vice president for Student Services, said having chairs was a practical solution to the problem, and solved the need for additional seating in the Student Center.

“Many students said that they needed more places to sit and just be able to talk or do their homework,” Carson said.

Carson said he already seen the positive results of the renovation, with the area being “packed” during lunchtime. Carson is not the only one who believes the renovation was a good decision; students have been echoing those feelings as well.

“I think it is a big improvement,” sophomore Angela Johnson said. “Most people just sat there and hung out or napped.”

Senior Christa Abernathy said she does not like the new design, which she believes does not look comfortable. Abernathy also said she feels students would have preferred the couches.

“Some students, however, said they did not like the renovations. I miss the comfortable chairs and couches; however, I know that they had problems with people making out,” sophomore Angela Johnson said. “Most people just sit there and hang out or napped.”

Senior Christa Abernathy said she does not like the new design, which she believes does not resemble a cafe.

“The floor gives me a headache,” Abernathy said. “They said they were going for a coffeehouse appeal, but coffeehouses have couches.”

Huff said he believes most of the campus is pleased with the changes that have been made.

“We talked to all the deans, and they were very much in favor of them,” Huff said. “The renovation was a solution to the problem, and solved the need for additional seating in the Student Center.”

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**Web sites offer alternatives to buying books on campus**

**Austin Light**

It is the third week of classes and some students are still waiting on their books.

These students are not, however, in line at the Harding University Bookstore. Instead, they are waiting with yellow slip in hand at the post office. They, with a vast majority of college students nationwide, have chosen to buy their books online to save money.

Half.com, an internet auction site created by eBay that specializes in auctioning new and used textbooks, has been rising in popularity among college students the last two or three years. A study conducted in December 2004 by Survey.com showed that among 500 college students, more than 50 percent of them had shopped, bought or sold textbooks on Half.com.

Some students prefer other online auction sites such as Amazon.com or Harding’s own HUBuy.com. Freshmen Trevor Sudbury said he had purchased some of his textbooks from Amazon.com and spent 25 percent less than he would at the bookstore.

Although cheaper prices may be tempting, Sudbury said online book buying has drawbacks.

“Is it risky?” Sudbury said. “You don’t always know the condition of the books, plus it takes a while [for the books] to get here.”

While the online book-buying trend may be growing larger by the semester, most Harding students still buy their books from the HUB.

Many students prefer to buy from the school because they can charge it to their student accounts and pay it off with their loans.

The bookstore also offers cash at the end of the semester when students sell their books back.

Some are unsatisfied with how much they get for their books, but still prefer the cash from school rather than to attempt to auction them online where they could possibly not sell at all.

“I haven’t noticed any significant decrease in business,” Williams Bridges, manager of the bookstore, said. “Things are not as different from last semester.”

December graduate and bookstore employee Logan Light said, “We try to make buying books easy for students and convenient as possible. We buy the books in bulk and sell them at the lowest price we can.”

**December graduate Logan Light stacks math books on a shelf in the Harding University bookstore Jan. 17. The beginning of the semester is one of the busiest times for the store since the majority of the students buy their books at the HUB.**

**Totally Free Checking**

**Chelsea Robertson**

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Wireless campus

Network access available in six university buildings

ANDREA STEELE student reporter

Internet access is now available wirelessly in six buildings around campus for students with wireless-enabled laptop computers.

Keith Cronk, vice president for Information Technology Services, said the wireless access is in the library, the ground floor of the student center, the Heritage lobby, the Pryor-England Center for Science and Engineering, the Honors House and the Mabee Business building.

Wireless access is also going to be added to the Thornton Education Center, Cronk said.

"One of the places we've put wireless Internet is the second floor of the library so students can go in and group work there," Cronk said.

"On the second floor of the library we have taken some of the study carrels away and put tables and chairs out so you can go and do group work there," Cronk said. "Internet access is now available on the second floor."

"Our plan is to have a research assistant stationed on the second floor to help people search for material they're looking for," Cronk said.

Cronk said the library research assistants will most likely be available on weekdays from 7 to 10:30 p.m.

"(Assistant at the information desk on the second floor of the library) will be able to help students during other times," Cronk said.

When browsing the Internet wirelessly, students will be prompted to log in with their usernames and passwords, the same as in the computer labs and dorms.

"Cronk said wireless Internet access will not affect the computer labs' operating hours."

"The labs will remain open for students during the same times.

The group work areas in the library that have wireless access offer students more places to work on group projects with the ability to use the World Wide Web and to talk without watching their voice levels as much," Cronk said.

Although wireless access is being provided primarily for academic purposes, Cronk said "the reality is the wireless [Internet access] will also be used a lot for social purposes."

Increased wireless access on campus is not the only step ITS is taking to keep up with classes designed around group projects, Cronk said.

"We have another plan we're going to put in place as soon as we can," Cronk said. "Cronk's study/conference rooms."

"We plan to put a projector in them so that you can plug a laptop in and practice presentation work."

Senior Pam Adell said she thinks the projectors are going to be helpful.

"Having projectors in the library will allow groups of students to rehearse presentations using power point," Adell said. "It's definitely a useful tool." The online undergraduate Bible tradition is planning to offer online courses in the future, but the Master of Business Administration will be ready for the fall term.

"The College of Business Administration would like to offer online courses in compliance with accreditation standards," Cronk said. "Over the last six years, all Master of Business Administration classes have been taught online. However, each student has been allowed to take 49 percent of his or her Master of Business Administration courses online, in compliance with accreditation standards."

Students took the remaining 51 percent of their courses in a traditional classroom setting.

"As part of the Higher Learning Commission's visit in November, the program requested approval to allow a student to take all master's level coursework online."

"The visit report of the HLC team recommended approval of this request," Cronk said.

"After consultation with the program, the school approved this shift in order to better serve the school's broad market of 50 states and 60 countries, making learning more accessible to full-time workers and students of all ages," Cronk said.

Harding will be the first church of Christ-affiliated institution to offer the Master of Business Administration entirely online.

"This is an excellent way to expand our mission into this program and reach more students," BRYAN BURKS, dean of COBA, said.

"The idea for an online Master of Ministry degree came in response to inquiries from Bible students around the world seeking a convenient way to further their education," Dr. Bill Richardson, director of the Master of Ministry program, said.

Richardson said the program would also correspond with students using mailed lessons on DVD and streaming video.

"We hope to reach people that are interested in a faith-based, Christian view of business," Richardson said.

The Master of Business Administration will be composed of 12 six-week courses, which will take about two years to complete.

"A Master of Business Administration with concentration on international business, healthcare management or leadership, and organizational management will include 14 courses," Richardson said.

Allen Figley, director of graduate studies for COBA, is supervising the program, and applications are available at www.harding.edu/mba.

"I think the online courses will free up my time to work outside of class," Draper said. "I know I could get a lot more done by reading on my own time and then posting my thoughts to the Internet."
Students’ choices of transit reveal personalities

BONNIE BOWLES

Students find ways daily to express individuality. They choose clothes, food and décor to suit unique needs and wants.

When it comes to choosing a car, style, function and practicality are factors in the decision.

Sophomore Brandon Khanna said he chose his 1995 Plymouth Voyager, the oldest of the family cars, over a jeep and a car with lower gas mileage.

Khanna and his parents offered to trade cars with him so that he would not have to make the 18-hour drive from North Carolina in an old vehicle, but he turned down the proposal. Khanna said he did not want to give up his “baby.”

“It’s something about being able to pack all my friends into one car and just get where we’re going,” Khanna said. “It’s just a fun car. It’s ghetto and it’s rigged, but it’s reliable. So that makes me happy.”

While Khanna said he appreciates his car based on seating, other students said they value a vehicle’s durability.

Junior Scott Cook said his car, a 1989 Chevrolet Celebrity, was a “trooper.” Cook said the car had been through extreme weather conditions.

“Other people think my car is awesome because it’s old school and beat up,” Cook said. “It has a lot of character. The paint’s all chipped and he has cancer spots all over the car.”

Cook said his car does not easily slip into second gear when it’s cold out, but that everything else is fine and the car runs well when it has had time to heat up. He also said despite, or maybe because of, the car’s peculiarities, he loves it.

“I have a feel with my car that I can’t really get with any others,” Cook said. “I love my car, because it is what it is.”

Sophomore Tim Baugh, owner of a 2003 Hyundai Tiburon, said his parents bought him the car when planning to move to Germany.

Baugh said they thought he needed a reliable vehicle if he was to remain in the United States.

Baugh said he views cars as his hobby. He said he attends car shows and enjoys customizing cars. However, Baugh said he hasn’t changed his car as much as he had planned.

“I’ve done minor modifications to this particular vehicle,” Baugh said. “I haven’t completely made it the way I want to just because I’m in school and not able to work.”

Junior Matt Reed liked his car because of its many quirks. Reed said his 1993 Volvo station wagon is named “William,” because it reminded Reed of a stubborn old man.

Reed said on a trip to Missouri, “William’s” wires misconnected and he shut down, leaving Reed and his friends stranded in the middle of nowhere.

“I was going to Missouri and the radio cut out,” Reed said. “I replaced the eight amp fuse with a 10 amp fuse. That’s not a good idea. Don’t ever do that. We’re going on this old country road, and all of a sudden our car dies.”

After waving down cars, getting a ride to a small restaurant to make calls, and finding out that they were definitely stranded for the night, Reed said the group resorted to car camping.

“We decided to sleep in the car,” Reed said. “The window was stuck because it was not the last trip that it was left like that.”

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Junior Matt Reed’s car “William,” a 1982 Volvo station wagon, has left Reed and his friends stranded during a road trip. However, Reed said he and most of his friends still love the car.

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Class of ’97

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The cinematic treats of 2004

Critic's disclaimer: The past year in cinema has been bated as the year of Michael and Mel. Political pundists and cultural commentators felt that nowhere was the division in our nation more evident than in the financial success and considerable controversy that accompanied the release of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" and Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11.

Gibson's film is an almost overpowering experience rarely achieved in cinema, while Moore's film is an artful and entertaining propaganda piece. The presence of these two films in any cinematic survey of 2004 goes without saying; therefore, they are not mentioned on this list. Here, in no particular order, are my choices for the best films of 2004.

"The Aviator" — The Martin Scorsese-directed biopic of aviation pioneer and Hollywood icon Howard Hughes has Leon Aronoff's greatest performance thus far. Actor and director successfully capture the glamorous side of Hughes's life as well as his psychological torment. On the supporting level, Cate Blanchett's portrayal of Katherine Hepburn is immediately convincing, but she manages to sell the role over the couple of hours it takes.

"Mill Bill: Vol. 2." — The second half of Quentin Tarantino's revenge story sees the return of his juicy dialogue as well as the wit and occasionally dark politics. Denzel Washington is excellent as usual, but Meryl Streep is not as impressive as one would hope that it is.

"Friday Night Lights" — A sports drama and ruthless hit action to please sports fans and enough dramatic firepower to keep film fans happy, "Friday Night Lights" is a near-immaculate Tim McGraw. The stern detective and the school's coach is a stark contrast to McGraw's abusive, beer-swilling redneck. Together, they make an excellent team.

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"The Manchurian Candidate" — Jonathan Demme's reworking of the Cold War thriller successfully updates the original with contemporary fears of corporate influence on politics. Denzel Washington is excellent as usual, but Meryl Streep steals the film with her performance as a sinister and domineering senator.

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A secure success for Bush

KELLY MAHONY

Guest Room

Despite security, protes tors still made their way onto the grounds. Four young women vocalized their dislike for the president during his speech before they were escorted out.

Other protestors lined the streets blocks away holding signs and screaming about world peace, calling it a shame for Americans to voice their opinion to the world. I think President Bush’s re-election by such a large margin shows how the masses of Americans feel.

The ceremony began with a band playing and introductions of distinguished guests. The president’s daughters, Jenna and Barbara Bush, entered following their father’s Vice President Richard Cheney and his wife, Lynne, and President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush.

Alling Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist swore in President Bush. At the conclusion the president gave his inaugural address outlining the importance of liberty in all of the world.

“We are led, by events and common sense, to one conclusion: The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of its other endeavors,” Bush said. “The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in all the world.”

He delivered this speech with more eloquence than any before. Cheers were heard and tears were shed as the president stressed his duty to protect the United States from terrorism and attack. His courage and consistency give me confidence in his ability to lead our country and also the wisdom of his leaders.

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Bring on the voices

Students should use Opinion page to responsibly speak their minds

Our View

Problem: Readers waiting for other to represent their opinions.

Suggestion: Students should step up and voice their opinions through the Bison.

What a sucker-punch 2004 was. From serious issues like an election and American involvement in Iraq to mindless pop culture driven such as “wardrobe malfunctions” and lip-syncing, it was never boring.

Last semester, the Bison Opinion page ran columns and letters to the editor which took stands on hot-button, nationwide issues such as those previously mentioned, as well as others commenting on Harding-specific issues such as the role of social clubs and senior housing policies.

The day a Bison was released, people could be heard commenting on the day’s paper. “Somebody ought to write a letter.” “I’d write a letter but they probably wouldn’t publish it.”

Whoever “somebody” was supposed to be, he or she rarely wrote letters. And what of this mysterious “they” that refused to publish student letters? Is there a conspiracy at work? Hardly.

The “they” that students spoke of was actually fellow students, working hard to deliver a quality paper to the students of Harding.

That is the identity of “they” to this day, and the idea of the Bison staff not running letters is a totally unfounded misconception.

It is disheartening to hear students with misconceptions of sinister censorship at work in the Opinions section of their school paper. Many of these students, however, when asked if they had read the section last semester had to grudgingly answer, “No.”

What they missed out on was fine work by fellow students who had written letters which could rile, humor or alleviate boredom if nothing else.

Many students went out on a limb and articulated their opinions, some of which could be considered dissenting or unpopular views when viewed in the overall context of our campus.

It does a disservice to them to say they were censored.

However, the Bison has a letter policy that requires letters be no more than 300 words long (you can find this and other information in a small column on the left side of this section).

The editorial staff also reserves the right to edit for space, clarity and general content. Dissenting views are welcome; irresponsible accusations are not.

Aside from those practical limitations, feel free to tell us what’s on your mind.

We will print you.

Renovation returns life to the ‘Pit’

I love checking my mail these days. It’s not that I ever actually have anything in there, but I get great joy from looking down on the Passionless Pit.

Apparently, somewhere burned under those couches (which I can only hope they cremated after removing) lies a place where people could sit and talk.

Who knew?

The Pit has been used as a nap-on-each-other zone for so long that I think most students simply forgot there was an inhabitable area down there.

Since I’ve been coming to Harding, the only thing most of us used the Pit for was waiting in the pizza line while trying not to make eye contact with those not in the Pit for business reasons and the students trying to get on the Internet before realizing all the computers are fake.

The couches were originally a great idea. Ideally we would have some type of a cool couch lounge zone on campus.

But that is not what the Pit grew into; it wasn’t known as the Cool Couch Lounge Pit anymore. It had grown beyond our control, and it had to be destroyed.

I’m glad the university is listening to student opinion and creating a more usable feature for the student center.

It will be nice to have one less awkward experience to deal with on a regular basis. Without the Pit’s daily assistance, my life is basically just a long string of awkward experiences.

Revamping the Pit was a great way of making daily life at Harding a less uncomfortable experience.

And since we’re in campus improvement mode right now, I’d like to make another suggestion to the SA, MSAC, HUF or whatever the acronymed organization is responsible for the elimination of awkward experiences at Harding.

Let’s see if we can space out the rows in the Benson so students aren’t forced to get quite as close of a look at the guy who is late to chapel every day as he slowly waddles by in front of them.

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Our View

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Suggestion: Students should try to better themselves instead of just having one resolution.

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Brothers continue careers as Bisons

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student reporter

Seniors Edward White and Emmanuel White have played basketball together their entire lives. They have played on youth teams in their hometown of Houston, Texas, and began playing organized ball as seventh-graders.

Now, they call Harding University home.

After high school, the White twins said they decided to go to Wyoming and play for North West Community College. After a two-year run in Wyoming, they said they were unsure of what to do next.

In September 2002, Edward and Emmanuel talked to coach Tim Kirby, assistant men’s basketball coach, about possible recruitment. That call led to a visit on the Harding campus.

“We came to Midnight Madness, and just fell in love with the fans. We just had to come here,” Emmanuel said. “I always dreamed of playing ball somewhere with screaming fans and an exciting atmosphere.”

With the team in need of a point guard, a position that both of the twins play, the coaches were hopeful that the Whites would soon call Harding home.

“They were just so quick,” Morgan said. “You could see they really had a love for the game.”

The Christian atmosphere really helped the brothers as well. Edward and Emmanuel said they grew up with a Christian background, so when Harding showed an interest, their mom was excited.

“Our mom was so happy when Harding started recruiting us,” Edward said. “She liked the idea of us being in a Christian place.”

In their first season on the team, Edward and Emmanuel said they tried to give the fans a reason to keep screaming, and they hope to help keep the fans excited and involved in the game. They also said they believed their game has improved while at Harding.

In Division II play we can rely more on skill and reading the defense,” Emmanuel said. “With coach Morgan and Kirby, we have learned the strategy of the game.”

Edward and Emmanuel have different styles when playing basketball. Emmanuel drives with his right hand, while Edward thinks he handles better with his left. Both players shoot left-handed.

Despite a close relationship, Edward and Emmanuel admit they do not always see eye to eye.

“Sometimes we get mad at each other, but it never lasts very long,” Emmanuel said.

Scoring, big plays and winning are some of the Whites’ favorite parts of playing basketball, but one thing stands out among them all.

“The fans,” Edward said. “Getting the fans involved in the game, it’s great.”

The White brothers and the Bison basketball team will continue playing Saturday when the team travels toArkadelphia, Ark., to take on Henderson State University at 8 p.m.

Final score: 5-2

When it comes to sports, nothing gets me into the game more than when the score is close and the winner is determined in the final seconds. At that point in time, you can usually find me pacing my living room floor in anticipation.

I thought I had heard it all when it came to tight games. I remember hearing about a high school game where the home team was down by one point with seconds left on the clock.

A timeout had been called, and the home team came up with a plan. The home team had possession of the ball on the opposite side of the court and had to get the ball in play and score without having it stolen. Their plan was simple, but unheard of.

The teams returned to the court, and just after the referee blew the whistle, one of the players from the home team dropped to his hands and knees on the court and started barking like a dog. Needless to say, the visiting team turned to see what was going on while the home team passed the ball in, got it down the court and scored the game-winning shot.

Over Christmas, I found a story that has become my new favorite “close game” — that is, if you can even call it that.

At a high school game in Milton, Vt., the game-winning shot came in the second quarter of the game. Each team had two points and then the visiting team sank a three-pointer to win the game by a score of 5-2.

Apparently no shot clock exists for high school basketball in Vermont, so as a part of their game strategy, both teams had stalled. With the visiting team boasting an 8-2 record and the home team only 2-8, the coach of the home team decided to stall in hopes of keeping the scoring down.

Little did he know that his tactics would cause a record low score and that his plan would fail short of success.

On one hand, it would be neat to be able to say that I was at the game, but I think I would have fallen asleep before I ever enjoyed the game. All I know is that I would have been on the edge of my seat like I usually am.
The Bison and Lady Bison track teams began their indoor track season with a bang Jan. 15 during the Arkansas Invitational.

During the meet, sophomore Kalina Szetynek shattered the 16-year-old school record for the 5,000-meter race with a time of 16:45.56, nearly 10 seconds faster than the National qualifying time.

"I was surprised when I broke the record," she said. "I wasn't expecting it, but it was really exciting.

While Szetynek hopes to continue breaking records, she does not want to set any expectations this early in the season.

"It's hard to say what my expectations are for this season because it's only the beginning," Szetynek said. "I just hope to do well and make it to the Nationals and from there we will see."

Szetynek has already received the Cross-Country Freshman of the Year honor at the Gulf South Conference Championship and was named an All-American during the season. She hopes to obtain an All-American award during the indoor and outdoor track seasons as well.

"I was honored to get the awards," Szetynek said. "Hopefully I'll continue to do well and be able to add to the awards, but you never know what could happen. I'm going to do my best and hope to compete."

Coach Steve Guymon said he is pleased with what he sees in Szetynek.

"I don't have any lofty goals for Kalina for this season, outside of her own goals," Guymon said. "Kalina is a tough competitor and pushes herself. I am glad to have her around for the next three years."

Steve Reed Fisher became the first Bison to provisionally qualify for the Division II National meet as he ran a 4:12.00, almost three seconds under the required qualifying time.

"It was a relief to hit a qualifying time in the first meet," Fisher said. "Now I don't have to worry about running a qualifying time, and I can just go out and have fun when I race."

Fisher said he has one specific goal for the rest of the season now that he has qualified for the National meet.

"I want to break a 4:10 mile," Fisher said. "I'd like to break that time by Nationals, and by the end of the season I'd like to be able to run the mile in 4:08."

Since the Arkansas Invitational, the Bisons and Lady Bisons have provisionally qualified five more athletes for Nationals.

Szetynek and seniors Janet Kogo and Helen Simpoei qualified in the 5,000-meter race.

Kogo finished the race with a time of 16:45.56, nearly 10 seconds faster than the National qualifying time.

Freshman Julius Kosgi qualified in the mile, finishing in 14th place with a time of 4:13.85. Freshman Artur Korn Szetynek in 16th place and missed the qualifying time by less than a second.

The men's distance medley consisting of senior Korn, senior James Massoit and sophomore Przemyslaw Bobrowski, also reserved a spot for the Nationals.

Guymon said he is looking forward to adding to the list of athletes who qualify for the National meet and a strong overall track season this year from both the men and the women.

"We have a talented group this year, and I think more could really come forward," Guymon said. "My expectations are for us to have a good season."

For the Lady Bisons, Coach Brad Francis said with an outdoor track season which is this same time next year as they are provisionally qualifying for Nationals."

Glover tore her ACL last January and has had three surgeries to repair the damage. Glover said she felt her knee pop when she stopped to shoot, and immediate pain followed.

"I would love to get back and able to play 100 percent without pain," Glover said. "It is frustrating sometimes because it is a nagging injury."

Glover said she is still recovering from the injury and receives treatment every day for her ACL injury.

Fisher said he can identify with Glover, as he tore his ACL in October 2003. Fisher said he knew that Thanksgiving break and was medically red-shirted until he was ready to play the next season.

"It has been very discouraging at times," Simpson said. "Especially when I spent a whole season in the training room, but there was never a doubt in my mind that I would continue to play."

Simpson said that having another ACL injury is always at the back of my mind. She strained her hamstring Jan. 15 when the Lady Bisons played Southern Arkansas University and was worried that she had done something much worse.

"I broke out when it happened because I had already seen what it was like to battle injuries," Simpson said. "I wasn't sure what I would do, but I decided to stick with it," Simpkins said. "It still hurts, but it is better right now than it has ever been."

Coach Brad Francis said having injuries is difficult on the team, as well as the individuals. Francis said as a team, the Lady Bisons are handling the injuries well.

"Because of injuries, we have had to have a lot of people step up and play, and because of this they got a lot of game experience," Francis said. "Now we have injured players returning and I think this will help us compete in conference because everyone contributes."

Simpson said she was glad she had escaped another injury and is receiving treatment with plans to continue playing.

Simpkins said she has struggled with her shoulder since her sophomore year when it began dislocating almost every game. Two surgeries, one after her sophomore year and another after her junior year, have helped remedy the problem and get her back on the court.

"There was a time when I was thinking, 'forget this,' but I decided to stick with it," Simpkins said. "It still hurts, but it is better right now than it has ever been."

Congratulations to last issue's winner, junior Thomas Hansen. Hansen had the most correct picks for the Bowl and NCAA games over the break. The Sports Challenge competition will work the same way this semester. Fill out the information below and check off your picks for the games (including the exact score of the tie breaker), then rip this form out of the paper and drop it in the Sports Challenge box on the ledge next to the Post Office windows. Good luck!

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"SPORTS CHALLENGE"

Tie Breaker: NCAA Basketball
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The phrase "golden years" is a universal term used when talking about the latter part of a person's life. I had never thought about, or understood, why these years of someone's life would be referred to as "golden." Even if I had taken the time to mull it over, I doubt I would have understood it.

That is, until now.

It may have been the influence of my friends, society or maybe just my adolescent ignorance, but before now, growing old didn't seem like the area I now hold the opinion that no words other than "golden years" could possibly do their justice.

One morning last week, I got up at the crack of dawn to see the water aerobics class in the Granus Athletic Center. Walking into the steamy indoor pool area, I couldn't help but smile upon seeing the ladies giggle and grin as they stretched and paddled around the pool without missing a beat of their conversations.

The next day I headed over to Harding Place to meet some ladies during craft time where they were making dolls. I don't know if the ladies were more delighted about painting their porcelain dolls or the fact that I was there grinning ear-to-ear and snapping photos of them while listening to their stories.

At one point in time, a delightful woman named Marguerite Moon turned toward me with a mischievous twinkle in her eye, holding a featureless doll head up in her hand and said, "You know, I'm pretty sure these dolls are supposed to be cute, but I think mine looks kind of evil." I've always known that it's the simple things that really make life worthwhile, but seeing such joy in the women's faces really made the truth in that statement apparent to me.

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He talked to me for a long time about his past and his photographs and how hand-tinting photos had become his favorite hobby. We sat at his table, which was cluttered with oil paints and colored pencils, and he flipped through some beautiful finished photos and ideas that were on his list to work on.

While I was sitting there talking to him, it occurred to me just how much he and all the other people I had met were treasured every detail of their days. Robertson also shared with me that his best friend at Harding Place was a friend he has known since sixth grade.

The Lens met with Glenda Moore and Genevea Ganus, residents at Harding Place, to learn about their stories.

Estelle Smith and Sheila Jennings, activities directors for Harding Place, spend their golden years at the center.

Dr. Frank Robertson works at his Harding Place apartment table hand-tinting black and white photos that he took. Although planned activities are provided, many residents choose to keep up with their own hobbies and even discover new ones.

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