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## Impact leaders plan committee, theme for 2005

JENNIFER ALLEN  
student reporter

The office of First Year Experience announced the theme and introduced the leaders of next year's Student Impact, the university's new student orientation program, in chapel Feb. 7.

Butch Gardner, director of First Year Experience, selected juniors Randi Tribble and Nathan Copeland as co-directors of the four-day event, which will begin Aug. 18.

After putting together a steering committee to assist them with the program's organization, Tribble and Copeland chose "Who Am I?" as the 2005 Student Impact theme.

Tribble said the theme, which is based on a song by the Christian group Casting Crowns, made perfect sense.

"It's appropriate for the freshmen, who are beginning a new stage in life, and it is a good topic for the speakers," Tribble said.

The directors said they plan to keep most of the program's traditions, including the hypnotist performance and luau in President David Burks' backyard. However, Tribble said they hope to do something different with the speakers this year, and that the entertainment will be more extensive.

The basic concept of Impact has stayed the same since the program's inception in 1986, according to Gardner. He said the volunteers are what keep it going from year to year, Gardner said.

"Impact wouldn't be Impact without the volunteer spirit that comes from the student body," Gardner said. "I call it the 'Harding Spirit' — the service and giving back that the students do."

That volunteer service apparently makes a difference. According to the office of First Year Experience, 81 percent of students who participate in Student Impact return the next year, whereas only 59 percent of students who do not attend the orientation program return.

"I feel like Impact is the most successful program on campus," Gardner said.

Tribble said she is looking forward to serving next year's freshmen, transfers and new students.

"[I am excited about] seeing all the freshmen coming and seeing how this group will impact them," Tribble said. ■



ASHLEY INGRAM/Petit Jean

Junior Nathan Copeland writes a message in sidewalk chalk during Student Impact Aug. 18, 2004. Copeland and junior Randi Tribble will serve as co-directors for Impact 2005.



STEVEN PROFAIZER/The Bison

Senior Jonathan Dean tosses a flying disc into a disc golf basket Feb. 17. The basket is part of Searcy's new 18-hole disc golf course in the industrial park. The game is played similarly to standard golf, and players keep track of how many "puts" it takes them to land the disc in an elevated basket.

## Disc golf arrives New course lands in Searcy park

BRIDGET CLARK  
student reporter

The Searcy Parks and Recreation Department opened a free Frisbee golf course over Christmas break in the sports complex at the city's industrial park.

Frisbee golf, also known as disc golf, consists of a player throwing a specially designed disc into a goal, which is an elevated basket. The game is similar to golf, as the object is to continue until each "hole" is completed.

Parks and Recreation director Brian Smith said the idea to build the 18-hole course came partly as a result of his growing fascination with the sport in recent years.

"Just the fact that, growing up, I threw Frisbees, and then when I heard about disc golf, I related the two and thought, 'That sounds like a fun game and experience,'" Smith said.

In addition, Alan Holloway, parks and Recreation official, said children in the community also piqued the interest of the Parks and Recreation department to pursue the disc golf course idea.

"We try to look for new avenues to provide to the community on a regular basis," Holloway said.

Designers Bill Trousdale and Robbie Shaw laid the plans for the course Aug. 8, and in September, the goals and greens were set. The course,

which sits on about 8 acres of land, is not completed, but it is playable, Smith said.

Smith said the Parks and Recreation department could leave the course in the condition it is in now, but they would rather increase the aesthetic appearance.

"We envision adding some berms, landscape work and also probably planting some trees," Smith said. "We will try to upgrade the whole course through those measures."

Junior Michael Harvey said he was interested in the new course because he has played Frisbee and golf separately, as well as the combination game of disc golf.

"It's easier than golf, but different from Frisbee," Harvey said.

Junior Whit Jordan, Ultimate Frisbee team member, said the disc golf course will provide him with another way to enjoy the game he loves.

"In Ultimate Frisbee, you are always running around; with disc golf, it is not as athletic, but it does require more skill, especially with the disc placement," Jordan said.

Smith and Holloway said they are eager to see how much play the course receives.

Smith said he has two goals for the disc golf course: to provide local citizens with another sporting activity and to attract some competitive national golf disc tournaments to Searcy. ■

## Defining freedom of speech

Colorado professor's paper compares 9/11 victims to Nazis; campus questions state universities' role

DENNIS McCARTY  
student reporter

Increasing scandal at the University of Colorado at Boulder in recent weeks over an Ethnic Studies professor's controversial statements has caused members of the Harding community to question the boundaries of the constitutional right to freedom of speech.

Professor Ward Churchill has come under fire for opinions expressed in his 2001 essay, "Some People Push Back — On the Justice of Roosting Chickens."

In the essay, Churchill says America deserved the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon and compares the victims to Adolph Eichmann, an important architect of Hitler's Germany.

According to MSNBC News, offended readers of Churchill's essay have posed security threats at his speeches and the governor of Colorado has called for his dismissal from UCB.

In a statement published by Boulder's Daily Camera Feb. 1, Churchill accused the media of inaccurately covering his work, saying that defamation of his character and threats against his life occurred as a result.

"The gross distortions of what I actually said can only be viewed as an attempt to distract the public from the real issues at hand and to further stifle freedom of speech and academic debate in this country," Churchill said.

Senior Orges Furxhi said he worries that Churchill's remarks may be publicly dangerous.

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T.J. MICHAEL,  
SOPHOMORE

their own propaganda using the school's resources is wrong."

Sophomore T.J. Michael said accountability is key when leaders speak out on subjects in which they believe.

"Every American is allowed their freedom of speech, but most fail to realize that that freedom comes with responsibility," Michael said.

Senior Taylor Plott said he thinks that as an American citizen, Churchill should not be censored.

"As a teacher and authority figure in a controlling role over other people, if he is going to be censored for derogatory remarks against the government, then in fairness, any teacher could be censored for positive or affirming remarks," Plott said. ■



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## OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE

### Survey advises med school hopefuls

A new Kaplan survey, administered to 130 premed advisors at the National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions conference, focused on various issues such as medical school admissions factors, the application process, candidates' qualifications and school evaluation criteria.

When choosing a school, 81 percent of the counselors suggested that academics should be first priority followed by financial aid consideration and the rankings of prospective medical schools.

While work experience is considered important, 96 percent of the advisors said clinical experience should be the most significant priority for premed students.

Writing skills, charisma and presentation skills were considered the least important traits on the list.

In addition, 84 percent called the interview a "very important" part of the process and suggested that applying for medical school could achieve optimum success by taking the MCAT in April.

Advisors said dedication and drive are the factors most critical to medical school success.

### Zondervan launches new translation

Zondervan and the International Bible Society announced Feb. 4 the release of a new Bible translation, Today's New International Version, aimed at 18- to 34-year-olds. The TNIV is the largest Bible launch in history, with nine different TNIV Bibles available.

Zondervan and the IBS are bringing the TNIV to market after 10 years of rigorous translation by the Committee on Bible Translation — the same independent committee that translated the most popular English Bible translation, the New International Version.

### Harding graduate gains recognition

Due to the newspaper work of 1982 Harding graduate Jerry Mitchell, Edgar Ray Killen, a 79-year-old preacher, has finally been charged with the June 1964 Philadelphia, Miss., murders of three civil-rights workers.

Mitchell, a reporter for The Clarion-Ledger in Jackson, Miss., has researched civil rights cases such as the Killen case for 16 years.

Mitchell received a transcript in 1998 of a secret interview Sam Bowers, former imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, gave to the Mississippi state archivist in the 1980s. The tapes, which were supposed to be sealed until after Bowers' death, included information on Bowers' obstruction of justice.

Investigators reopened the case because of Mitchell's reporting. In January, Killen was charged with the murders of Michael Schwerner, 24, Andrew Goodman, 20, and James Chaney, 21.

Mitchell also shares some of the responsibility for the 1989 reopening of an investigation surrounding the murder of NAACP official Medger Evers. Former Klansman Byron De La Beckwith was convicted in 1994. De La Beckwith has since died. Mitchell also helped with the convictions of two other Klansmen.

## WEEKLY WINDOW



Sophomore Jessie Ellis glances over the cards and Valentine's Day gifts on display at the front desk of Stephens while sophomore Amanda Raibley beams over her bouquet of flowers Feb. 14. Students were delighted to find flowers delivered directly to their dorms and campus mailboxes on the sweet holiday.

CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

## FACES IN THE CROWD

### Chenoa Hames, sophomore



**Hometown:** North Bend, Wash.

**Major:** Psychology

**Favorite color:** Baby blue

**Dog or cat?** Cat

**Elevator or stairs?** Stairs

If you could change the mascot for Harding, what would you pick? "The cougar, because of its strength and independence."

**Favorite celebrity:** Anthony Hopkins

**Favorite piece of jewelry:** Rings

**Favorite vacation spot:** Kauai, Hawaii

**Favorite day of the week:** Friday

**Italian or Mexican?** Italian

**Soda or pop?** Pop

## CAMPUS IN BRIEF

### Professor plans Chicago trip

Kelly Elander, assistant professor of communication, is planning a domestic missions survey trip to Chicago during spring break, March 5-12.

The cost for the trip is \$315, covering food, housing and travel. The group will tour museums, landmarks, college campuses and churches.

"Our plan is to help all those who are open to going to Chicago upon graduation to get a chance to see and experience the Chicago area and get a glimpse of what it might be like to live, work and help build up the church there," Elander said.

For more information, contact Elander at 4447 or kelander@harding.edu.

### AMA markets pizza for causes

The American Marketing Association will join forces with Educating For Life to help raise funds at Charley's Pizza Feb. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tips and 10 percent of sales go to children in Guatemala.

In addition, AMA will also host "Pizza Wars" Feb. 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Rhodes Field House before the Bison basketball game against Ouachita Baptist.

Tickets will cost \$7 at door. Proceeds go to Arkansas Muscular Dystrophy Association.

### Nurse to retire after 23 years

Pat Rice, director of Student Health Services, announced last week her intent to retire July 31. Rice has worked for Harding since 1982. She said she plans to spend more time with her grandchildren.

### Center to host education fair

The Career Center is hosting an education fair Feb. 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

More than 50 schools from across the country will be attending. A list of schools is available at [www.harding.edu/career/event.htm](http://www.harding.edu/career/event.htm).

Christian schools will be in the McInteer Rotunda and public schools in student center 236. For more information, call 4454 or visit student center 239.

### HUD Cup victors pick flicks

The winners of the Harding University Dorm Cup men's and women's dorms quiz bowl competition, Allen and Cathcart respectively, chose the movies to be shown this weekend as part of the Campus Activities Board's "You Pick the Movie Weekend."

Cathcart Hall chose "My Fair Lady" to show Friday and Allen Hall chose "Minority Report" for Saturday. Both movies will begin a 8 p.m. in the Benson.

## COMING UP

- 2.18 "My Fair Lady," Benson, 8 p.m., \$2 or free with the Pass.
- 2.19 Bison baseball vs. William Baptist, home, noon.
- 2.19 "Minority Report," Benson, 8 p.m., \$2 or free with the Pass.
- 2.19 Chocolate Mint Day
- 2.20 Open House for Armstrong, Grad and Keller, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- 2.20 Daytona 500 Race
- 2.21 President's Day
- 2.21 Lady Bison basketball vs. Ouachita Baptist, home, 6 p.m.
- 2.21 Bison basketball vs. Ouachita Baptist, home, 8 p.m.
- 2.22 Washington's birthday
- 2.22 Bison baseball vs. Crichton, home, 1 p.m.
- 2.22 Education Fair, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Christian Schools in Rotunda, Public Schools in S.C. 236.
- 2.23 Day of Service
- 2.23 Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day
- 2.24 ASI speaker, J.C. Watts, Benson, 7:30 p.m.
- 2.24 "The Dark Lady of the Sonnets," Little Theatre, 7 p.m.



# Students plan for service day

ERIN COOK  
student reporter

Approximately 1,300 students, faculty and staff are signed up for the Student Association's fourth-annual Day of Service, which will take place in the afternoon of Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Day of Service organizers expect more than 1,500 people to participate in the event, which, according to SA officials, is an effort to unite the Harding community in service to the city of Searcy.

Unlike last year, classes on Feb. 23 will be shortened to fit into the morning before the Day of Service begins shortly after noon. Students can access the shortened schedule at [www.harding.edu/dayofservice](http://www.harding.edu/dayofservice).

At 12:35 p.m., students, faculty and staff will meet in Benson Auditorium for chapel before participating in more than 100 service projects throughout the city during the rest of the day.

Senior Nicole Williamson, director of public relations for the Day of Service, said participants will work at schools, visit nursing homes and clean up highways among other projects.

"We have received a lot of calls from the community, from the elderly and disabled to have their gutters cleaned, yard work done, carpet laid and houses painted, she said.

Senior Brad McCormick, chairman of the Day of Service, said he desired for this year's event to be more about the people of the community.

"This year is more about the city of Searcy instead of just Harding," McCormick said. "We are making an effort to reach out to the congregations in the area. We are not just asking for ideas from them, but we are also asking that the members work along side us."

In addition, student planners have made several changes to the organization of this year's event in order to include more people and more projects.

"This year is a year of beginnings," Williamson said. "Discounts will be offered at many businesses in Searcy for those participating, and this is the first year for [extensive] community involvement in the Day of Service."

McCormick said that having the half-day schedule of classes proves Harding's commitment to service.

"By the faculty giving up that classroom time, they are demonstrating their commitment to a greater cause," McCormick said. "That commitment is something unique to Harding, and I'm thankful that the faculty sees this as an important day."

Senior Jessica Sloan, coordinator of the business cooperation for the Day of Service, said the following businesses will be offering discounts: Lenny's - a free bag of chips and drink with purchase of a sandwich; Pizza Pro - 25 percent off; Grandpa's Bar-B-Que - 10 percent off; Dairy Queen - 1/2 price Blizzards and free medium drinks from noon to 6 p.m.; Trail Dust - lunch price all day (\$4.99); and Sonic - 10 percent off regular price single items.

Sloan said project leaders of each group will hand out Day of Service cards to those participating in the activities. Businesses will give the appropriate discounts to students who present a Day of Service card at the time of purchase.

The SA said it hopes to bridge the gap between Harding students and the Searcy community through the Day of Service activities, as it help support the SA's theme, "Building Bridges."

SA President Jimmy Huff said the Day of Service committee has been diligent in working on this project.

"They've been working so hard," Huff said. "There's a group of 15 on the committee who have volunteered to make sure that everyone - the students, faculty and community - knows what's going on with this year's Day of Service."

Williamson said she thinks the Day of Service is an opportunity for Harding students to collectively participate in something that is worthwhile.

"The Day of Service brings to attention the needs of the community that would normally be overlooked," Williamson said. "By working together, we can do something on a wide scale that couldn't normally be accomplished." ■

## Some wonder how others interpret event

STACEY CONDOLORA  
student reporter

The goal of the Feb. 23 Day of Service, according to organizers, is to show Christ to the Searcy community through service projects.

While most students agree the campus-wide service event accomplishes this goal, others believe that some people at the university and in the community may perceive the day differently.

Junior Nik Prosser said he participated in the Day of Service the last two years and thought it had a positive effect.

"We went into the elementary schools to read to the kids," Prosser said. "I think it helps for the kids to see college students come, spend time with them and represent Christ to them."

Prosser said though Harding students are participating with the intent to serve others, there are some people who may not view it so positively.

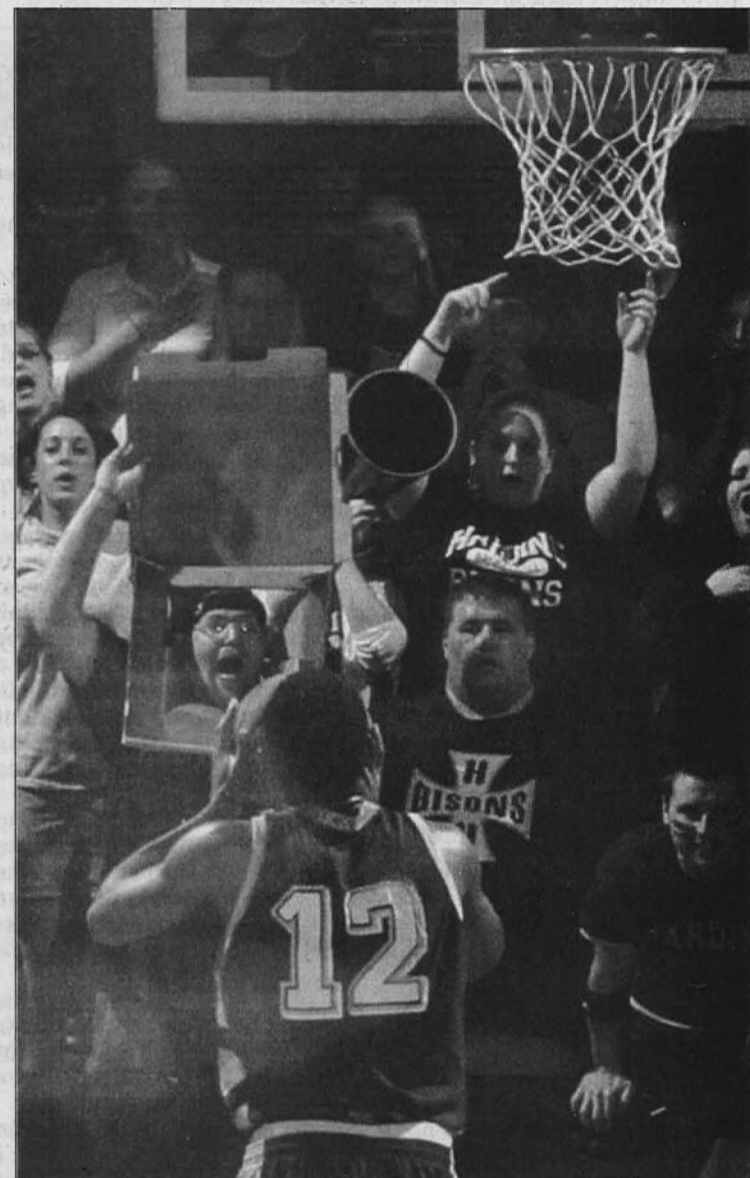
"People are going to look at this project in two different ways," Prosser said. "Some will see it and think that we're doing the Day of Service to try to make ourselves look better to the community, but others will see what we are all doing and hopefully see the heart behind it."

Sophomore Adrienne Brenon said she thinks the Day of Service helps others view Harding in a more positive light, but in order to keep the public opinion from becoming negative, projects of this nature should occur more often.

"I think we should be serving the community like this all of the time," Brenon said. "One day is not going to alter the opinion of a community; it takes continuous effort by the student body."

Prosser said one way to overcome possible negative community opinion is to keep the intentions and the image portrayed true to the day's name.

"The way people view the Day of Service will depend largely on the people participating in it and how they portray themselves and their motivations behind it," he said. ■



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

## Breaking concentration

Rhodes Rowdies attempt to distract a University of Central Arkansas player during the Bisons Feb. 14 game. The Bisons lost by a score of 71-68.

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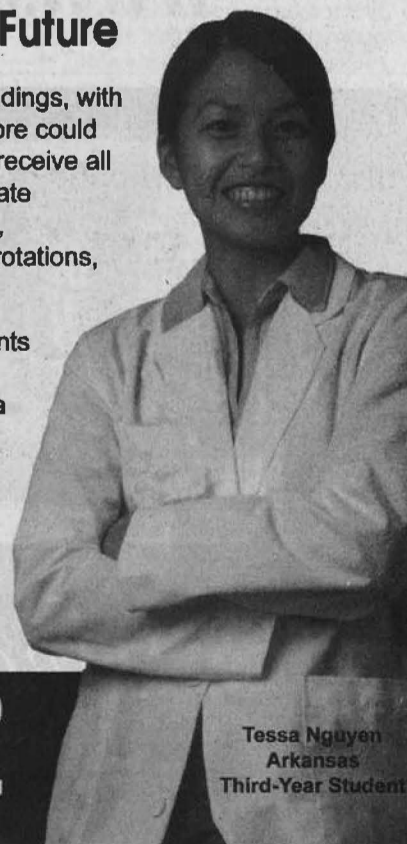
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## SA reworks open house schedule

EMILY BURROWS  
student reporter

After the Student Association voted in December to change the resident halls' open house format, the new schedule is getting mostly favorable reviews along with suggestions for additional improvements.

Freshman Molly Brooke Threadgill, women's SA representative, said last semester open houses were normally on the first and third Sundays of the month, and students were given two-and-a-half hours per month to spend with friends of the opposite sex in their dorm rooms.

Threadgill said this semester the men's and women's open houses alternate, so students are able to visit three dorms each Sunday of a month. For example, the first Sunday of February was open house for the men's dorms, Harbin, Allen, Cone and East Married Apartments. Feb. 20 is designated for the rest of the men's dorms, Armstrong, Graduate and Keller.

"It is still the same amount of time, minutes-wise," Threadgill said. "But now you have more time with each individual dorm."

Threadgill said a lot of people were unsatisfied with having only two-and-a-half hours in the women's or men's dorms each month.

Threadgill said she has already enjoyed the benefits of the new open house.

"Personally, I like it a lot better,"

Threadgill said. "Because now, I can even go to my girlfriends' dorms during open house without being concerned with people also coming to visit me. It just works out better."

Freshman Ike Peters said he agrees with the SA's decision.

"It gives you more time to hang out in one place, because you may have made promises to visit certain people," Peters said. "If open house was just a free-for-all, we'd all just be running around wasting time."

Junior Lindsey Walker said she thinks the change is a step in the right direction.

"It gives people more opportunities to visit their friends without having to split the time between them," Walker said. "But I think an even better change would be to a totally different day, like a Friday night where friends can rent a movie and just hang out in the dorms instead of going out and spending money."

Sophomore Dan Breeden said he sees the benefits of the new open house format, but thinks there is still room for improvement.

Breeden said it is good that students are able to see more people, but he thinks the overall amount of time should be lengthened.

"I understand the whole reason behind it," Breeden said. "But I think we should just get rid of it all and let guys in girls' dorms and girls in guys' dorms all the time. If not, they will just go off campus to hang out, and that could be worse than being in a dorm room."

The SA said it hopes, regardless of individual interests, that the students are benefited.

"It is progression," Threadgill said. "Hopefully, that is better for the majority of the students." ■

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**MOLLY BROOKE THREADGILL,**  
FRESHMAN SA REPRESENTATIVE

## A security improvement Keyless-entry systems to be in all women's dorms by fall

BRIDGET CLARK  
student writer

In an effort to increase security in the women's residence halls, the Student Services office is planning to install keyless-entry systems in all eight women's dorms by next fall.

The system, which has been used in Pryor Hall since it opened in 2002, will allow women access to their residence halls by swiping their student ID cards through a special door handle and then punching in a personalized code.

"The purpose is to provide the highest level of security that we can for our women's dorms," Peggy Huckeba, assistant dean of students, said. "Most students have the idea that we lock the doors so they can't get out, but the reason is that we are locking out the outside world so they can't get in when they are not supposed to."

Officials are in the process of installing the system in several women's halls, Huckeba said. The keyless-entry systems in the residence halls will work like Pryor's system.

However, unlike Pryor, only the front doors of the other dorms, excluding Shores, will have keyless-entry access.

Shores Hall, like Pryor, will have keyless access on side doors as well.

The card-swiping procedure will be most effective in the residence halls during the morning hours after 5:30, when the front desk is not monitored, but women are allowed to leave the dorm, Huckeba said.

The carded system is not effective after special event hours.

Huckeba said the keyless-entry systems will be convenient for some women, but most students will rarely use the systems.

She said the main benefit of keyless entry will be improved security in the women's residence halls.

Junior Ashley Smith, who lives in Pryor Hall, said she uses the keyless-entry system several times a day because she lives at the back of the dorm, and the side entrance, which requires card access, is most useful.

"I think it is better for the mornings especially," Smith said. "If there is not a desk worker, then the dorm is free reign if the system was not there and the doors were unlocked."

Sophomore Amy Jones, a resident of Pattie Cobb Hall who leaves the dorm to work out at 6:15 a.m. three days a week and returns at 7:30 a.m., said she thinks the keyless-entry system will be beneficial to the dorm's security.

However, there is a possibly negative aspect to the card-swipe procedure, Jones said.

The downfall that might occur is the hassle of forgetting the pin number after swiping the card, she said.

"It's always nice to have that added security, even though I've felt that I have never needed it," Jones said.



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Keyless-entry systems, like the one in Pryor Hall, will be installed in all the women's residence halls by next fall.

"It feels nice to know that no one can get into the dorm unless they live here. It could be a problem if you forget your code and you would have to call security to get back into the dorm."

Huckeba said that with all new technological advances comes a time of learning and adapting. Huckeba said it may seem like a waiting period now, but the entry restriction will be worth it in the end.

"We are anxious to see the system work," Huckeba said. "It's a big undertaking for the university." ■

**"The purpose is to provide the highest level of security that we can for our women's dorms."**

**PEGGY HUCKEBA,**  
DEAN OF STUDENTS

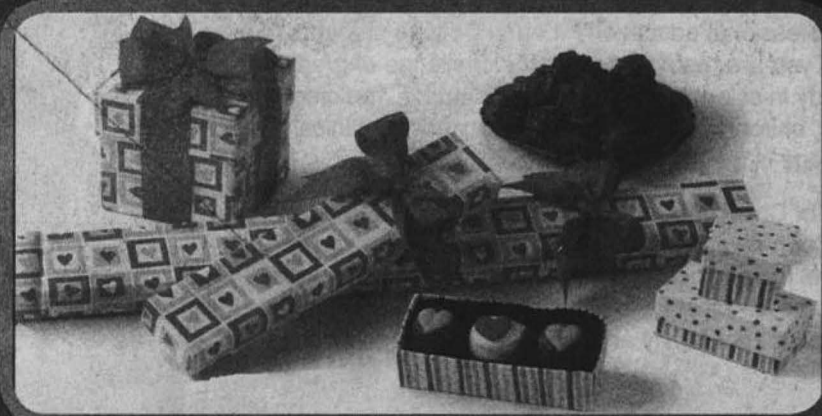
### OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

- Feb. 20 - Armstrong, Graduate, Keller
- Feb. 27 - Cathcart, Kendall, Pattie Cobb, Stephens
- March 20 - Harbin, Allen, Cone, ESMA
- April 3 - Sears, Pryor, Shores, Searcy, WSMA
- April 10 - Armstrong, Graduate, Keller
- April 17 - Cathcart, Kendall, Pattie Cobb, Sepsens
- April 24 - Harbin, Allen, Cone, ESMA
- May 1 - Sears, Pryor, Shores, Searcy, WSMA



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## INVENTING FORMS OF AMUSEMENT WITHOUT LOSING GREENBACKS

**JULIE PYE**  
student reporter

**T**o get away from common weekend activities such as movies, fast food and trips to Little Rock, students often create different entertainment activities in Searcy to spend the hours without spending the dough. Days can be filled with fun and cheap events if students know where to look.

Arkansas, being the Natural State, offers outdoor recreation options like Heber Springs, Riverside Park or Berry Hill Park.

Junior Tyler Hendrix said camping trips provide time away from campus, and could create lasting memories.

"We all crammed into one tent because it was pouring rain," Hendrix said. "It rained all night but in the morning, after a breakfast of leftover weenies and Oreos, we jumped off the cliffs and ended up having a really great time."

Other options are unlikely service projects. Sophomore John Beauchamp said service projects like walking dogs at the Humane Society can be fulfilling and invigorating.

"I walk dogs at the pound sometimes, and it's a lot of fun," Beauchamp said. "I don't like

doing the same stuff all the time, and I get a chance to help a good cause."

When alone, it can be challenging to find things to do. Sophomore Drew McCanless said he has no trouble amusing himself.

"I went to the mall and rode down the elevator 25 times and went to Abercrombie and Fitch," McCanless said. "I tried on everything I wanted to and didn't buy anything."

Because \$5 for a meal can quickly deplete the bank account, students turn to their apartments and dorm rooms for a home-cooked meal.

"Instead of going out for dinner, I like to cook a big meal for everyone," Crosby said. "My friends come over and we'll try out new recipes."

On the other hand, students like junior Lindsey Walker go out looking for more adventurous activities.

"One time I went with some friends spot-lighting," Walker said. "We didn't expect to catch anyone, but a man actually got out of his car and chased us. It was pretty scary, and we haven't been since then."

Students can stay on campus for less-expensive options.

"Four of us played 'Marco Polo' in the lily pond," sophomore Emily Wells said. "It had about an inch of water in it. We closed our eyes and stayed close to the edge so we wouldn't hit the rock in the middle."

Junior Drew Fralick said he finds humor in playing jokes on people around campus.

"Do you like taxidermy?" Fralick said. "One time I walked around with a [mounted] deer head. I ran around and went to [the windows of] the first floors of the girls' dorms, and they thought it was a campus deer nibbling on leaves outside

their window. They were pretty freaked out."

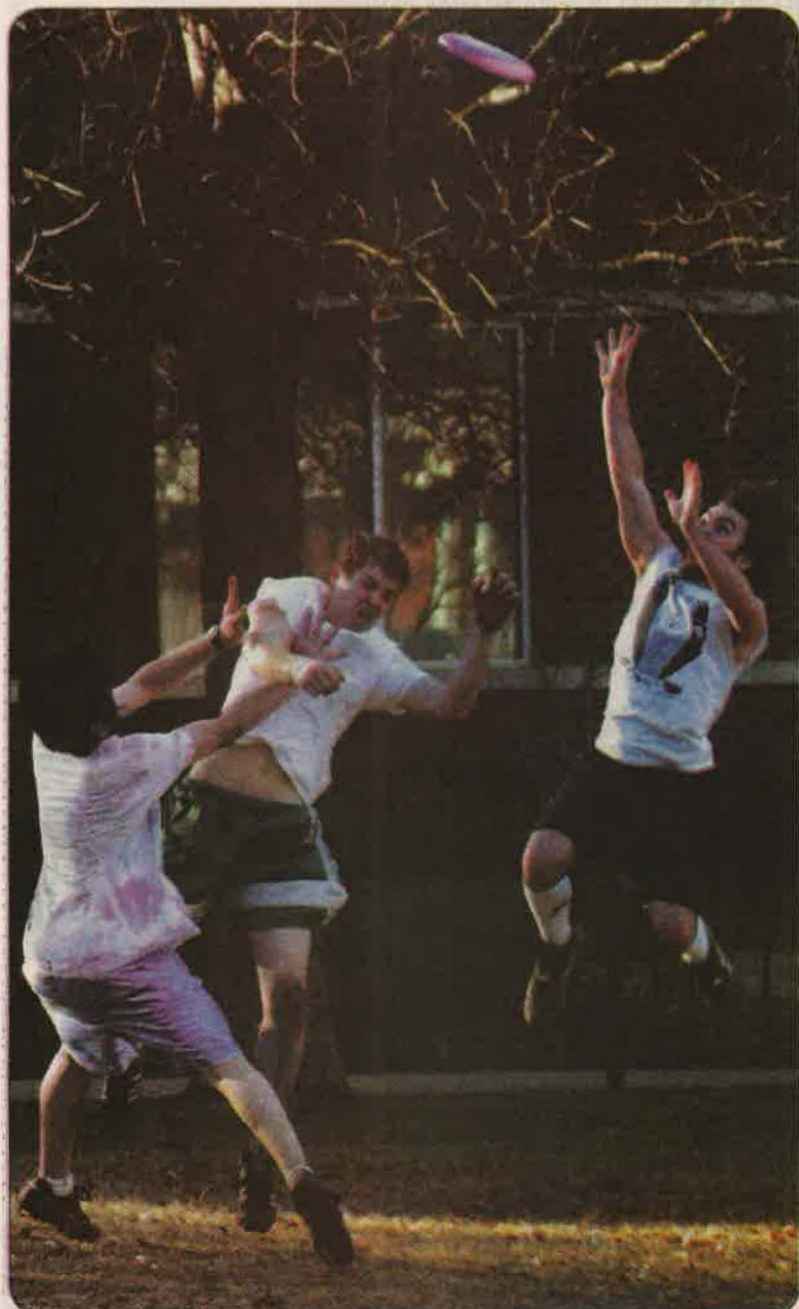
To finish up the night, students head for their dorm rooms, but entertainment doesn't stop there. Junior Mike Beck said when he's back in his room, he likes to get out his guitar and jam.

"I like to make up songs and learn new chords," Beck said. "There are a few guys who play in my dorm, too, and we just hang out and we have a good time playing our guitars." ■



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Sophomore Alan Meeks, junior Andrew Covington and freshman Joanna Laman take an afternoon break from studying Feb. 14 to compete in a game of spades on the front lawn.



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Freshman Michael Wright and Sophomore Josh Scruggs strum a few Jack Johnson hits on guitar and mandolin on the front lawn Feb. 15. Living in a small town, being college students and having little money force students to use their creativity genes when it comes to entertainment.

Freshman Steve Gorder jumps for the disk as sophomores Sean Parazzelli and Tony Haas collide during an Ultimate Frisbee game on the front lawn Feb. 15. The front lawn serves as the field of choice for many Frisbee players.





# ...Until I Look Perfect

Students face the physical effects of a distorted self-image

SUSANNA SMITH  
features editor

Skip breakfast, work through lunch and push food around the plate at dinner.

This is what freshman Rachel Mosby said she experienced every day last summer as she struggled with anorexia nervosa.

"It originally started with an eating disorder caused by stress," Mosby said. "It was perfectly innocent; I wasn't hungry. I had stopped eating, and I had stopped sleeping. When I got better, I gained back two pounds and I freaked out about it. So, I stopped eating. Enough people asked at the beginning when [my eating habits were] related to stress, that later, they thought it was like before."

"For all people knew, they thought it was stress," Mosby said.

Mosby's struggle with starving herself represents many young people's struggle nationwide. According to the National Eating Disorder Association, approximately 10 million females and one million males struggle with anorexia or bulimia; as many as 25 million deal with the binge eating disorder.

To heighten awareness about anorexia, bulimia and binge eating, the National Eating Disorder Association named February National Eating Disorder Awareness Month focusing on the theme "Get Real: Unmask the Problem."

To honor the month on campus, the art gallery is exhibiting eight paintings created by 16-year-old Kristen Baker, a junior at Searcy High School, who is recovering from an eating disorder. Baker painted as part of her therapy.

In the description of her painting, "As If I Were Stuck in a Crowd and the Only One Sticking Out," Baker writes, "How can someone so included and involved feel so secluded?"

Sharon Pitt, assistant professor of communication, said all of her students are required to come into her office for a 10-minute interview.

"I probably get an average of three people a semester who deal with anorexia," Pitt said.

Dottie Frye, director of Pied Pipers and Spring Sing, said she had similar experiences in the classroom.

"When we talk about self-worth [in speech class], eating disorders come out," Frye said. "During prayer requests, it comes up about friends. I've had a few boys with it as well. It's not just a female affliction."

Whether male or female, the three symptoms of eating disorders identified by the American Psychiatric Association are:

- A person who refuses to maintain body weight that is at or above the normal weight for the age and height of the individual.

- The person shows an intense fear of gaining weight or becoming fat, even if the person is underweight.

- The person has a distorted outlook of his or her body image.

Mosby said that throughout her struggle with anorexia she identified strongly with the last symptom.

"It was a very severe [attitude of], I'm starving myself until I look perfect," she said.

Junior Dan Elmore said he is concerned about others' attitudes toward those who struggle with eating disorders.

"More people need to know how devastating eating disorders really are," Elmore said. "Maybe then people will think twice about what they say to people about having a thin figure."

Mosby said she needed accountability from people who noticed her eating habits.

"I needed someone to confront me," Mosby said. "The first time I realized I had lost my period [I thought], 'If I lose my period and I can never have kids because I'm starving myself, I will never be able to forgive myself.'"

"I realized what I was doing, so I stopped. And I constantly relapsed. During those

times I stopped praying. I knew that what I was doing with my body was sinful, because it is the temple of God."

Mosby said her turning point came when she heard Wiley Lowe speak at Uplift, a summer camp for teenagers on campus.

"He told this story," Mosby said. "This girl was living with this guy who was abusing her. Her parents offered to fly down to get her. Everything was perfect for her to come back to a new life. She still decided to go back to the [abusive] guy. [Lowe] said that even when we're offered something new, we choose to go back to our old beat-up pick-up truck. 'That's what I'm doing,' I thought. 'Every time I go back to this sin, that's my old pick-up trip.'"

Frye said she thinks the root problem is how people see themselves in relation with God.

"We haven't bought into the idea that we are made by the creator of the universe," Frye said. "It's going to take more than me talking about [self-worth] in class to change anyone. There is such a rationalization that it's normal."

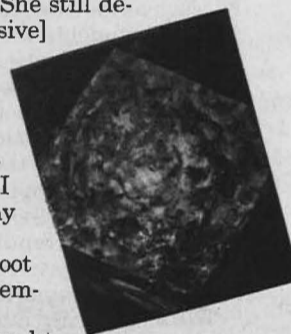
Mosby said she now sees others struggling and realizes what they are going through.

"I saw a girl today and thought, 'She's anorexic, I want to tell her she's beautiful,'" Mosby said. "What anorexics need to hear and understand most is that they're beautiful. They're the way God created them. Even if everyone thinks I'm a loser and obese, God loves me and accepts me, and that's all that matters."

Reflecting Mosby's conclusion, Baker's oil painting, "Crossfaith," shows a stream of colorful light coming out of a cross.

The student wrote in reference to the painting, "The faith that comes from the cross allows the darkness to fade away and the colors of life to appear - I can see that."

For more information on National Eating Disorder Awareness month, contact the National Eating Disorders Association at [info@Nationaleatingdisorders.org](mailto:info@Nationaleatingdisorders.org) or visit <http://nationaleatingdisorders.org>.



"Bulimia," created by Kristen Baker, a Searcy High School student as part of her therapy for an eating disorder.

Freshmen Rachel Mosby and Chris Vendetti visit in the cafeteria Feb. 16. Mosby, who struggled with anorexia nervosa last summer, said, "It was a very severe [attitude of], 'I'm starving myself until I look perfect.'"



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Admission is \$5.

### THEATER

#### Little Shop of Horrors

One of the longest running Off-Broadway shows of all time, this stage adaptation of the Roger Corman film of the same name is being performed at the Orpheum in Memphis this weekend.

The musical tells the story of a floral assistant who discovers a plant with a craving for blood.

Performance times are Friday and Saturday night at 8 p.m. with a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. There is also a Sunday matinee at 1:30 p.m.

Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$75.

For ticket information, call the Orpheum box of-

face at 901-525-3000 or go to www.ticketmaster.com.

### SPORTS

#### Arkansas Rimrockers

Arkansas's own American Basketball Association team will take on the St. Louis Flight 7 p.m. Saturday at Alltel Arena in North Little Rock.

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## Arcade Fire is the band for 2005

MISHA KALHIN  
student reporter

The year 2004 was a great one for music, and 2005 is looking just as bright. The past year produced a melting-pot of styles, creating monsters like the Killers (the "Las Vegas Strokes"), the new and politically improved Green Day, and Maroon 5 (the self-described spawn of Stevie Wonder and Led Zeppelin).

Despite last year's music, only one album made me put away my Velvet Underground records. It was an album titled, "Funeral," by the Canadian band, Arcade Fire.

I know some of you might be having a Nathanael moment right now. "Canada!" you might say, "Can anything good come from there?" Indeed. I fell in love with the band after watching them play on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" recently. Their sound and unique performance was remarkable. I bought their CD that weekend and have probably listened to it 20 times since.

Several of the band members'

loved ones passed away in a very short period of time in 2003-2004, hence the title, "Funeral."

"Neighborhood #1 (Tunnels)," sets the stage, introducing the listener to the hometown, and deals with trying to maintain relationships while suffering from the pain of having dying loved ones.

"Neighborhood #2 (Laika)" is my personal fave, partially because Laika is the name of the first dog launched into space by the Soviets in the late '50s. I guess it is a metaphor for a departing friend. The climax is the inevitability anthem, "Wake up."

Despite the tragic context of the album and overall theme of a "family tree losing leaves," it has some optimistic undertones in saying that the same time that kills people close to us, also raises our children.

The album also features a couple of emotional love songs such as "Crown of Love," that, unlike most love songs, do not disgust listeners with overwhelming whining.

I'm going to label the album

"emo," only because I used the word "emotional" a few times to describe it.

The existential conclusion is that life is a journey that has a lot of things in store for us. We will go from being in control to complete desperation, and there is not much we can do but accept it as a learning experience. ■



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"Funeral" by Arcade Fire

## Viewers should 'Hide' from this thriller

Latest horror/thriller offering is more of the same old trend

STEWART DEERE  
entertainment editor

Remember a time before "The Sixth Sense" was released? A time when horror films didn't always rely on one big surprise or twist for their entire storyline? Well those days seem to be gone, and "Hide and Seek" is just another example of this fad.

"Hide and Seek" is the story of David Callaway (Robert De Niro), a widower who is left to take care of his 9-year-old daughter, Emily (Dakota Fanning). Emily has never been the same since the loss of her mother and has begun to speak to an imaginary friend named "Charlie." The problem is that "Charlie" has a twisted side that begins to appear in David and Emily's daily lives.



TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX/ Courtesy photo

So the basic mystery of the story comes down to one question: "Who or what is 'Charlie'?" The viewer is then forced to ask a follow-up question: "Do I care?"

The problem with this, and most other post-"Sixth Sense" films is that the existence of a surprise is a given and the audience is left to wait on it. Therefore, a good surprise equals a good film, and a bad one equals ... you get the idea.

It is truly a shame that this film isn't better, especially since Fanning and De Niro are attached to the project.

Fanning proves yet again that she is the best child actor working in films today. Cold distance, agonized terror and even sadistic playfulness are all sides Fanning shows in her portrayal of Emily.

De Niro doesn't seem to deliver great performances anymore and in most films, seems content to play roles with a generic "De Niro"-ness. He avoids that trap with this film, however, and while he isn't spectacular, he makes a convincing and caring father and avoids overplaying the character.

So what's missing? The old adage of, "If it's not on the page, it's not on the screen," holds true here. All problems with this film could have been remedied by a rewrite or by scrapping the script altogether. ■



- Robert De Niro, Dakota Fanning
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A LITTLE OUT OF TOUCH...

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### LETTER POLICY Iraq argument was correct but flawed

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Jonathan Reinhardt makes a strong but convoluted argument when he raises the question "What freedom are we dying for?" in the Feb. 4 issue of the *Bison*. While I agree that this war has little to do with enhancing "freedom" in the United States or the Middle East, I take exception to the path that he uses to reach this conclusion.

Mr. Reinhardt asserts that "there is no natural law that says humans live best when they have the right to life, a vote and a pursuit of happiness, or to health, privacy and the pursuit of wealth." He goes on to state that these are claims made by the U.S. Constitution. Apart from the fact that these principles are not established in our Constituion but rather in the Declaration of Independence, it is considerably high-minded to dismiss 300 years of Western political tradition in one sentence.

What Thomas Jefferson stated in the Declaration was that there are certain rights that all humans are entitled to no matter where they are born. Unfortunately, Jefferson never told us what to do when nations refuse to recognize the existence of these rights. As a result, the United States has been left to pick and choose when to intervene and when to abstain from intervention.

I believe that the point Mr. Reinhardt was trying to make in his essay was that it is a mistake to think of the American invasion of Iraq as being part of an effort to extend liberty and democracy around the world.

I agree wholeheartedly. This war was initiated to make the United States and our oil supply more secure. To argue otherwise is to suggest that the process of intervention can never end until the last dictator in the last totalitarian state is removed from power.

Dr. Mark Elrod, associate professor of political science

### Fans need to behave

Why are the Rhodes Rowdies being lauded for their school spirit? Is being angry, booing and insulting the refs and opposing team members the kind of "spirit" we want our school to embody?

If booing, catcalling, name-calling, insulting, standing at the boundary line, and psychologically and physically acting in a deliberately aggressive and intimidating way is Harding University's current idea of "school spirit," then I am led to wonder where the Holy Spirit is in this Bible university.

This is in no way meant to reflect the students who are simply there to support and encourage their team in a positive way — I think that the emphasis here should be on the word "positive" — no matter how loud or rowdy that is. I like rowdy. That's why I wanted to sit in the middle of them. And there were many of those loud, rowdy, positive students. I liked it.

But to attend a game on a Christ-centered campus and see the world reflected in the behavior of so many other students — and there were quite a few — in the name of "school spirit," that I didn't like. I would never want my children to treat others the way the opposing team and referees were treated, so I will not be exposing them to that behavior again.

Wenoka Young, former student

### Rowdies not that great

I'm sorry to you Rowdies, but the From the Bleachers column in the Feb. 4 issue of the *Bison*, "Rhodes Field House not on ESPN's radar," was ridiculous.

Though I'm not much of a Harding basketball fan, I have no problem with cheering on the team and showing school pride. I find fault in the attitude that many of these people have, as well as this article which likens the Rhodes Rowdies and the atmosphere during a game to a Division 1A-ranked basketball team that seats more than 16,000. I call into question the intelligence of anyone who would believe that any Harding basketball game could rival that.

Well, you say, "But our fans really care about the game." I wonder what the attendance of a basketball game would look like if Harding started charging \$2, \$3 or \$5 for admittance. I am not exactly sure how much a Kansas University basketball ticket costs, but I know I can't buy them online and that every season they are sold out.

According to a hardcore Rhodes Rowdie, they are some of the best fans in all of sports (minus, of course, the Greenbay Packers, because man, it's cold up there, and Chicago Cubs fans, because how many times can you see Sammy cork his bat?). I have even heard a Rhodes Rowdie compare himself to fans such as the Cameron Craziess (the ultra-crazy Duke fans who camp out in front of the stadium, among other insane things). Be fans, cheer your team on, but be realistic, people.

Ronny Rozzell, junior

AARON RUSHTON

## Big Guy, Big Mouth



# The HU personals:

Happy belated Valentine's Day!

As I was sitting in my dorm room by myself reading comics this Valentine's Day, I thought to myself how good and pleasant it is to be in the company of people who care about you. Many of us at Harding are blessed with close friends, and several are fortunate enough to have a significant man or woman in our lives to help pass the time and share the load.

But did you know that there are still single people at Harding? Don't you wish there were something that could be done to help stamp out all this mindless solitude?

I bring you the Harding University Personals.

For legal reasons, we can't list names, but don't worry, we've made sure there's some way to contact your potential significant other.

—HARDING MAN seeking HARDING WOMAN for just a fun relationship, nothing serious, nothing long-term. Twelve-carat engagement ring included. E-mail [kicksandgiggles@date.com](mailto:kicksandgiggles@date.com)

—DEMOCRAT seeking DEMOCRAT. Nothing romantic, just making sure I'm not the only one. E-mail [lonelyliberal@harding.edu](mailto:lonelyliberal@harding.edu).

—EMO\_BOY\_182 seeking BREAK-UP.

I'm trying to write my sad whiny emo songs but my life is actually going pretty good, so I need a girl to be really mean to me and then break up with me. I'm the kinda-long-haired guy in the faded T-shirt with the badly tuned acoustic guitar; I'll be on the front lawn moping under a tree.

Don't you wish there was something that could be done to help stamp out all this mindless solitude?

—LONELY GIRL seeking PERFECT GUY. I'm an internationally renowned supermodel who just happens to be a fully trained chef; you're a big, burly comic book collector with a passion for James Bond movies.

I'm irresistibly attracted to Hawaiian shirts and three-day stubble; you're an avid Cartoon Network fan who can quote "Monty Python" skits to no end. I love a man who drives a beat-up Suburban almost as old as I am; you're convinced that Spring Sing would be better if it featured Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd. Where are you, my perfect man? E-mail me at [keepondreamingfatboy@yeahright.com](mailto:keepondreamingfatboy@yeahright.com)

I've got to write an e-mail really quick. See you next time!

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# Four more years of Bush

## Bush is committed to a strong nation

### FROM THE RIGHT

Bush will remain strong in advocating Social Security reform, supporting Iraqi freedom and upholding moral values.

Confident and strong are the words used by President Bush in his Feb. 2 address to describe the state of the union. He could just as easily have been talking about himself. Throughout the 53-minute speech, Bush dealt with issues in a firm and straightforward manner, leaving little doubt as to his plans for the next four years.

After a few necessary remarks regarding progress and the economy, the substance of the speech began with a demand for restraint in federal spending. Bush appealed to fiscal conservatives with his statement, "taxpayer dollars should be spent wisely, or not at all."

This commitment to fiscal responsibility was just one of many conservative positions Bush advocated throughout the night. His proposal to reform Social Security was another.

Since its inception Social Security has been an institution lauded by Democrats both in and out of office; their unwavering commitment to it is the best hope they have of maintaining control of the vote of an entire demographic. But as Bush clearly illustrated, the current system is in jeopardy and will fail unless action is taken in the near future to prevent its financial instability.

Many students seem to believe that this is an issue better suited for debate in retirement homes than on college campuses. They must realize that today's college students are the very group that stands to benefit the most from the new plan, and likewise, the very group that will suffer the most if the current system is not reformed.

Without reform, Social Security will ultimately

end up in the red. At that point, Congress will be left with only two options: they will either drastically cut benefits or pass a huge tax increase. Bush's reform plan is an attempt to ensure that this will not happen.

With numerous references to "the young worker," Bush made it clear whose interests he had considered when creating the plan. For current and soon-to-be retirees, he made promises that their system would not change, that his concern is for their children and for their grandchildren currently in their 20s. Social Security reform is a delicate issue, but one that Bush is ultimately able to handle with understanding and determination.

As his speech continued, Bush spoke of his intention to uphold moral values. He spoke of the great responsibility faced by families today to raise moral children, he promised to protect the sanctity of marriage and he called for high ethical standards in medical research.

Finally, Bush spoke of the success in Iraq and the perseverance of freedom. His renewed commitment to ending tyranny and oppression was both powerful and comforting. He promised to stand with Iraq as they fight for their freedom inspired hope.

"The state of our union is confident and strong," he said. At the conclusion of his speech, America knew it would remain that way for many years to come.

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## Good for Palestine, bad for the elderly

### FROM THE LEFT

Bush's support of an independent Palestinian state is a bold and commendable move, but his Social Security plans are unnecessary.

Four more years of President Bush, and like last term, he has some plans that range from "not a bad idea" to "I'm moving to Canada."

First, the good news: Bush requested that Congress approve \$350 million to help the Palestinians build an independent state. That was a pretty gutsy move.

Supporting the Palestinians has become as associated with anti-Semitism as wearing a small, centrally-placed mustache. I'm one-eighth Jewish and I fear being accused of racism for supporting a Palestinian state.

But for our own president not only to endorse but also offer financial support to the Palestinians, well that is chutzpah. Then again, he might just be trying to smooth things over with the militant, Islamic, age 18 to 29 crowd. This might be the first time that they can say, "George Bush," without following it with "jihad."

Now the bad news: Bush wants to change Social Security. The Social Security system has prevented poverty among older Americans for nearly 70 years. And now Bush claims the system is headed toward bankruptcy. But this claim is misleading and aimed at gradually deteriorating Social Security.

When Social Security was first implemented, Americans were eligible for benefits at age 65. The life expectancy at this time was roughly 62. The system has been so successful that one is still eligible for benefits at age 65, while life expectancy has risen to 77.

Unfortunately, there is a small problem: the

baby boomers. There is a large concentration of aging Americans and an inadequate number of young people to support them through retirement. These are extraordinary circumstances calling for a short term solution.

Bush has proposed diverting some funds paid into Social Security to personal retirement accounts. Theoretically, these investment accounts will produce additional funds that will supplement reduced benefits paid out in the future.

Assuming these funds wouldn't be lost in market fluctuations and will be profitable enough to supplement reduced benefits throughout the duration of one's retirement, this still leaves us with the problem of paying for current retirees while diverting Social Security taxes into private accounts. This cost is estimated at \$1 trillion.

Bush's plan leaves the United States with two options: reduce benefits to current retirees, or resort to deficit spending that would make John Maynard Keynes loosen his collar.

The alternative is to leave Social Security the way it is, making only minor adjustments to deal with a temporary problem. The other option is to raise the retirement age, which might cause those AARP uprisings that we are trying to avoid.

Neither action is appealing, but Bush's plan is risky and unwarranted. Let's take an action that solves a temporary problem, not one that jeopardizes a successful program.

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STEVEN PROFAIZER

## Yada, Yada Yada



## Bed, Bath and boring

Valentine's Day; Singles Awareness Day; Monday – whatever you want to call it, it's over.

And besides a few girls walking around with melted Russell Stover mustaches, things are back to normal here in Searcy.

Chocolates and flowers may have been the most common gifts, but there were a lot of guys who relied on the near-universal girly gift – anything from Bath and Body Works.

Don't get me wrong, Bath and Body Works products smell really good, and I am awfully thankful girls shop there.

Shopping there with them, however, is another story. It is quite possibly my least favorite place to be in all of the world.

Now in general, I can shop with the best of them. Sometimes, I even like a good mall trip. Unfortunately, the fun stops about 1/2 mile from the store entrance when the smell equal to that of 1,000 body-sprayed girls hits my nose.

It's pretty much down hill from there. When a girl I'm at the mall with catches that first scent, it's straight to the source.

Once I get there, I am always greeted with the same sad sight. Women of all ages are lined up systematically opening and smelling every bottle in the store along the way. Once they find one they like, they must then

take it to face off in sudden death against every other scent in the store.

I consider myself a team player, but there is nothing, absolutely nothing, for guys to look at in there. At least Old Navy has that token guy's section with five shirts.

I appreciate the gesture. I don't mean to over-dramatize the situation. There is always a small part of me that is thankful to be in there; after all, there are worse places.

Enter the Semi-Annual Sale. Ladies, Victoria's Secret is not a fun stop for most guys. There are few more uncomfortable situations you could put us in.

Semi-Annual time means there are millions of sale-crazed women shoppers in any given Victoria's Secret at any given time – millions of girls and about three nice guys.

As soon as you walk us in there, things get complicated.

Men don't want to appear creepy to the other women in the store. So, we need to be close enough to you at all times to make it clear we are not using the Semi-Annual Sale as a spectator event. At the same time, we don't really want to be involved in the process, so we try to keep a reasonable distance that tells any onlookers, "Well hey there! Just waiting on this girl and not stalking you."

Trust me; if you ever find your guy standing by you and awkwardly looking at the ceiling during a Semi-Annual sale, it is true love.

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## TALKBACK

Q: What is the best meal in Searcy?



"The deep fried pickles at Dixie Café."

DEBBIE McCLAIN,  
junior



"Back Yard Burger's veggie burger because it is the best fake meat in Searcy."

JOEL SHELBY,  
sophomore



"The vegetarian plate number three at Mi Pueblitos."

MARY PATTESON,  
freshman



"The straight up fish and chips at Huckleberry Catfish."

TROY MARRS,  
freshman



# Young tennis teams start off strong

SARAH CRIST  
sports editor

After completing the fall season with winning records, the women's and men's tennis teams began the spring season with wins against Hendrix College.

Coach David Elliot said he was happy with the way both teams have competed so far this year.

"The season has started off really well," Elliot said. "The guys are 7-1 so far, and the girls are 6-2."

The men's loss came against the University of Arkansas — Little Rock and the women's losses have come from UALR and Northeastern State. Elliot said all of the teams' losses have been to great opponents, and that the teams played well in all of the matches.

Both teams have a strong core of returning players as well as newcomers. For the men, seniors Derek

Bullington and David Ferreira are leading the team. Senior Andrew Giron has been red-shirted due to an ankle injury over Christmas break, but will continue to practice with the team in order to regain strength. Sophomore Ethan Bryant and freshman Enrique Mendoza are new members of the team who will be contributors during the season as well, Elliot said.

"I'm really looking forward to the season. I just want to have fun and play my heart out."

BRIANA LUTES,  
SENIOR

The women return with one senior, Briana Lutes, as well as junior Catherine Carui and sophomore Milena Chisaca. Elliot said freshmen Karina Gomes and Maria Hernandez will bring strong competition to the team as well.

"I'm really looking forward to the season," Lutes said. "I just want to have fun and play my heart out."

Elliot said both teams would like to reach the National tournament May 12-15.

"We'll have to get to the conference tournament first," Elliot said. "We've always been able to do that and hopefully will do it again."

Elliot said the Gulf South Conference is one of the most difficult in the nation. Last year's National Champion and the runner-up were from the GSC. This year's challenges include Delta State for the men and Ouachita Baptist for the women.

"Delta State is always our big match for the guys," Elliot said. "They're always good, but we've always had success when we play them. That match usually determines if we end up second or third in the conference, but as long as we're in the top four, we're happy."

The Lady Bisons continue their season Feb. 18 at Henderson State University and the Bisons continue their season Feb. 24 at Ouachita Baptist University. ■



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Freshman Carina Gomez lunges to return a tennis ball during practice Feb. 14. The Bison and Lady Bison tennis teams have started their seasons off strong with records of 7-1 and 6-2 records respectively.

## Unexpected Campus Health Threat

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## Steroids help set records

What constitutes a record? With the recent uproar surrounding steroids and athletes, I've begun to wonder what records are all that notable.

The use of steroids in Major League Baseball has been a big issue the last few weeks, especially after Jose Canseco's Feb. 13 appearance on "60 Minutes." Canseco's new book, "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits and How Baseball Got Big," was the catalyst for the interview.

Canseco claims he introduced steroids to baseball in 1985 and that their use took off from there. He adds that in the near future, the majority of professional athletes will be using steroids. In other words, they're here to stay.

The fact that steroids can, will and already do make athletic events more exciting is a given. Sure, it's interesting to see what effects a drug can have on a person's athletic skills, but I don't think that athletes should be able to break records while "under the

SARAH CRIST

### From the Bleachers



influence" of drugs.

I'll be the first to admit, I don't know much about steroids. In fact, beyond knowing that they can help an athlete gain strength, I really don't know anything about them. What I do know is that I question the true abilities of today's professional athletes.

Granted, lots of other factors have attributed to the number of sports records being broken. Baseball fields have gotten smaller, the number of games in a season has increased, and people cork their bats, but that's another issue. Again, I don't know much about steroids so if I've missed something, I'm sorry; I just miss watching athletes exhibit pure God-given talent. ■

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## Tickets a must for game

**SARAH CRIST**  
sports editor

Students planning to attend the last home Bison basketball game Feb. 26 will need tickets in order to be admitted into the Rhodes Field House.

Greg Harnden, athletic director, said the decision to ticket the game came because the demand and interest in the last game of the season has grown in the past few years.

Ticket distribution for the game will begin Feb. 22 in the Ganus Athletic Center gymnasium. Students can pick up a ticket with their student ID card from 4 - 6 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Students will not be allowed to pick tickets up for friends, even if they are in possession of the friend's ID card. Reservations will not be taken for tickets.

The athletic department recognized the potential crowd problem for this year's final game when the reserved section of the Rhodes Field House sold out several weeks ago.

"We've never sold out of reserved seats before," Harnden said. "When we did, we realized that we would

need to ticket the game so that we didn't have to turn people away at the door. We are making sure that students get first priority, followed by faculty, staff and Booster [club] members."

Harnden said that no tickets will be sold at the door so people who are traveling to see the game will need tickets as well.

"People who have traveled extended distances just to watch the game have been turned away before, and that's what we're trying to avoid this year," Harnden said.

Harden also said the final game has drawn such large crowds the last two years that Searcy Fire Marshalls have come to enforce fire codes.

The game against Henderson State University has drawn a larger crowd than usual in the past due to several factors, Harden said.

First, it's the last game of the season, so more people come to watch, he said. Secondly, the game is against Henderson, a team that provides strong competition. Thirdly, Bison Daze generally falls on the same weekend as the last home game, so there are more people on campus who want to attend the game.

Sophomore Bree Terry said she thinks the ticketing of the last home game is understandable.

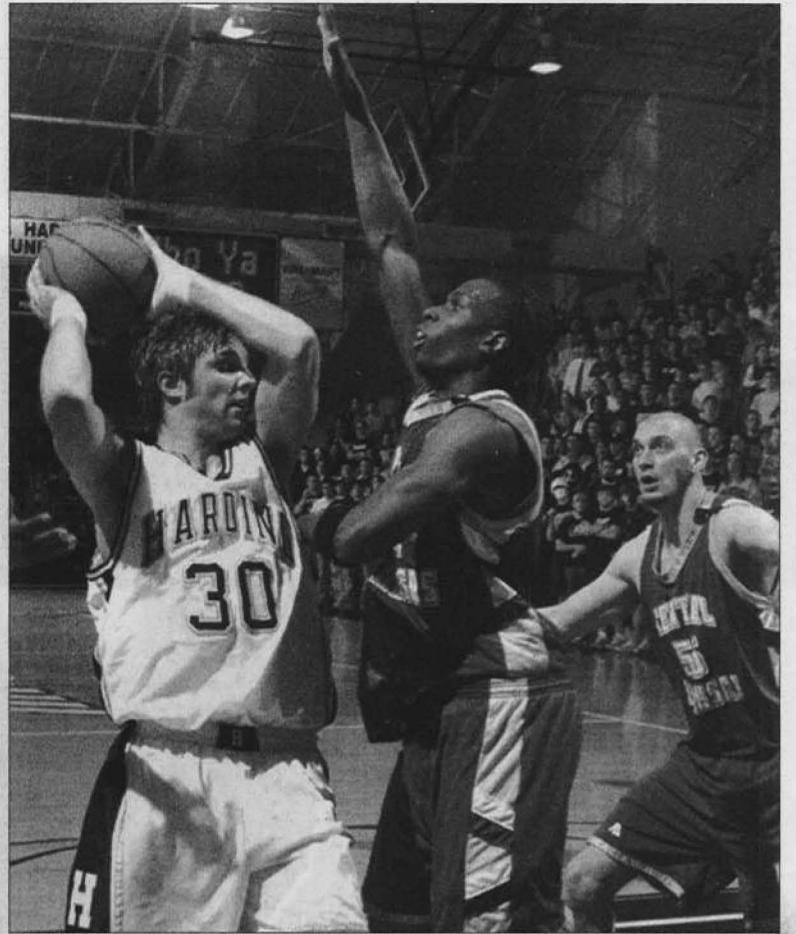
"I think the biggest problem is that students have friends and family coming to town who want to see the game but probably won't be able to do so now," Terry said. "I have friends visiting that I want to bring to the game, but the odds of them being able to get in aren't good now."

Sophomore David Mainprize said he has heard students suggest that the game be moved to the GAC.

"I've heard people say the game should have been moved to the GAC so more people could come," Mainprize said. "But that would completely change the atmosphere of the game."

People who already possess tickets in the reserved section will not need a general admission ticket in order to get into the game.

The tickets are required to enter the Lady Bisons' game as well, and no one will be admitted without a ticket, regardless of whether or not they have their ID, Harden said. Students will not be required to have both a ticket and their ID when entering the game. ■



JEFF MONTGOMERY/Public Relations  
Sophomore Matt Hall protects the ball during the Feb. 14 game against the University of Central Arkansas. The Bisons lost the game by a score of 71-68.

## Pushed by the nation's best Track team competes against top universities, Olympians

**AMY IRELAND**  
student reporter

The track team made its mark on the Tyson Invitational Feb. 11-12, as members of the team ran against 55 of the nation's top track teams, premier professional athletes and Olympians.

Coach Steve Guymon said the Tyson Invitational, held in Fayetteville, Ark., is one of the biggest indoor track meets in the nation.

"This meet was a very competitive meet where we faced teams such as Stanford, Kentucky, Florida, Texas, Arizona and more," Guymon said.

Guymon said he was proud of the Harding track team and the fact that each student who participated either boasted a personal best, set a school record or qualified for nationals.

One major accomplishment at the meet was that the men's medley relay team set a school record Guymon said. The 9 minute and 50.45 second time also moved the team into the number two med-

ley team in the nation. The team, made up of seniors James Mason and Reed Fisher, sophomore Przemyslaw Bobrowski and freshman Artur Kern, qualified for the Indoor National meet.

"The atmosphere at the meet was amazing," Mason said. "The entire time you are rubbing shoulders with some of the best athletes in the world, and it pushes me because the level of competition is so high."

The medley relay team was not the only accomplishment for Harding at the invitational, Guymon said. The women walked away with several school records and personal bests of their own.

Sophomore Kalina Szetyn ran her personal best in the 5K, finishing in fifth place with a time of 16 minutes, 52.27 seconds. Senior Janet Kogo broke Szetyn's school record in the 300-meter race with a time of 9:49.12 and finished 12th overall. Senior Helen Singoei set

a personal best in the mile with a time of 5:06.10, and freshman Gosia Draskowska qualified for nationals as she finished the 800-meter in 2:13.93.

"This was Gosia's first individual race, and she qualified for nationals," Guymon said. "This was a big accomplishment for her."

Freshman Julius Kosgei placed second in the 5,000-meter race, running his personal best and qualifying for nationals with a time of 14:19.57.

"Julius ran the mile race and halfway through it, he lost his shoe," Guymon said. "He went on to run the race with one shoe and was just a few seconds off from qualifying for nationals. We were a small school among big giants, but we performed well."

The track team has high hopes for the future with nationals quickly approaching. Guymon has made it clear that the team will not slow down.

"We have a young group on both the men's and women's teams, but they are very good," Guymon said. "We will be taking five men and five women to the indoor nationals, and my goal is to come back with 10 All-Americans." ■

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**STEVE GUYMON,**  
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## SPORTS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to last week's Sports Challenge winner, senior Richey Kimberly. Kimberly wins two pizza buffets from Pizza Pro for the second week in a row. This week's tie breaker is Saturday's Harding baseball game versus Williams Baptist College. 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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 \_\_\_ Pittsburgh @ Villanova \_\_\_

**NBA Basketball**  
 \_\_\_ Indiana @ Orlando \_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Boston @ Los Angeles \_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ New York @ Detroit \_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Seattle @ Houston \_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Miami @ Chicago \_\_\_

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## Take time to sniff a bee up your nose

Someone once warned me if I always take time to stop and smell the roses, sooner or later, I'll inhale a bee. Though extremely true, but not too likely, I'd like to believe that it's worth the risk.

Sure, I might end up picking bug guts out of my nose as well as possibly being emotionally scarred for life, but surely there will be the times when I actually do get a good hearty whiff of a rosé.

In reality, the philosophy of the well-known quote is what should be emphasized, not the literal act of smelling roses (though I'm all for it).

Just in case anyone has any questions about what that actually entails, I've made up a handy list of a few things you can do to slow your life down and metaphorically "smell the roses."

- Leave five minutes early for class and saunter along the sidewalk instead of sprinting across campus without even glancing around at your surroundings.

- Take the long route wherever you're going and use that time to stop thinking, and let your brain relax.

- Cut out the "Through The Lens" page and take it for a walk or drive through downtown Searcy and find the answers to the "I Spy" photos.

- Or just make a paper airplane out of the "Through the Lens" page, and see how far you can throw it.

For those of you who missed it last semester, I have brought back the old game "I Spy" in a version all my own.

This semester's prizes consist of gift certificates from Midnight Oil, Lenny's

CHELSEA ROBERSON



### To See and Be Seen

Sub Shop, Pizza Pro and Dairy Queen.

The object of the game is to figure out what places, or things, the photos represent. They are all located in downtown Searcy and within a few miles of campus for those of you without transportation.

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

I will draw 10 random names from all of the correct answers sent to me by Wednesday, Feb. 23.

In the Feb. 25 issue of the *Bison*, I will print the answers for all of the photos along with the winners of the contest.

So hey, even if you can't find a rose to go sniff, you can at least go figure out where I pointed my zoom lens and win some free food. At least this way you won't inhale a bee.

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