Covenant vows

Marriage act holds couples' commitments to higher standard

ANDREA STEELE
student reporter

Gov. Mike Huckabee and his wife, Janet, renewed their marriage vows before a crowd of more than 6,400 people at Alltel Arena Feb. 14 during the Arkansas Celebration of Marriage.

The first couple of Arkansas arranged the event to promote Covenant Marriage, a marital option that holds spouses to a higher level of commitment. The state's Covenant Marriage Act was passed in 2001 and was created to help curb Arkansas' divorce rate, which is the third highest in the nation. Arizona and Louisiana are the only other states that offer the Covenant Marriage option.

Covenant-married couples will be granted divorces only after a period of separation and marital counseling, according to the law. This option legally binds them to a limited number of exceptions for divorce without counseling including adultery and physical or sexual abuse in the marriage.

Dr. Howard Norton, executive director of the Institute for Church and Family, said Covenant Marriages will help couples create greater bonds.

"I think Covenant Marriage is a move in the right direction and will strengthen marriage," Norton said. "It incorporates some concepts that will help people not rush into marriage or into divorce when something goes a little bit wrong."

Norton said there are couples that believe by creating a second level of marriage the government is undermining their traditional marriage.

"Some are concerned that when people have Covenant Marriages and others have what we might call regular marriages, the Covenant Marriages will devalue the significance of regular marriages," he said. "I can understand their viewpoint, but I don't agree with their conclusion. Covenant Marriage is an affirmation that committing to a husband-wife relationship is serious business."

Junior Becky Tankersley said the Covenant choice is odd.

"Covenant Marriage seems strange," Tankersley said. "You must choose if you want a simple marriage or do you want the harder marriage."

While the Huckabees promoted Covenant Marriage inside the arena, near by 100 protesters assembled outside in support of gay rights. Many of the protesters said the state was using taxpayer money to support a "religion."" 

In a news conference after the event, the governor said the $85,000 affair was paid for entirely by private donations.

"It's amazing how much we spend on broken marriages; they're begging us to spend more to keep them together," Huckabee said.

Andrea Steele

Reports suggest Red Bull may 'clip your wings'

SOPHIE BOWLES
student reporter

Health concerns in Europe regarding the popular performance-enhancing drink, Red Bull, suggest Harding students are risking their health by over-consuming the caffeinated beverage. Until now boost energy and concentration, the drink has been linked to several deaths and prompted some European nations to ban sales.

According to the BBC News Web site, the Canadian government stipulated that Red Bull can only be sold if health warnings are printed on the can, while sales of the drink are prohibited in France, Norway and Denmark.

In 2001, the Swedish National Food Administration issued a warning not to drink Red Bull with alcohol or when planning to exercise. The health problems are thought to be caused by one of the drink's main ingredients: caffeine.

An 8.45-ounce can of Red Bull, which can be purchased in the Harding University Mini-Marts for $1.99, contains 30 milligrams of caffeine per can, more than twice that found in a 13-ounce can of Coca Cola, according to the drinks' nutritional information label.

That's enough caffeine to dehydrate the drinker more than the drink replenishes, as Red Bull is not a sports drink and does not claim to hydrate the body.

In another BBC report, Rose Connery, an 18-year-old in Limerick, Ireland, drank four cans of Red Bull before collapsing during a basketball game and dying on Feb. 22. The cause of death was listed as sudden arrhythmia death syndrome.

Two additional people died after mixing Red Bull with alcohol, a popular alcoholic drink in nightclubs, and another person died after drinking several cans following an intense workout.

Junior Joel Stephen said he believes the nutritional supplements in the drink aid him more than the caffeine, and that the caffeine does not have a real effect on his health.

"I literally drink eight to 10 cups of coffee a day," Stephen said. "So one Red Bull is better than downing two cups of coffee to get the same effect."

Freshman Vincent Ching, a clerk in the HUMM, said the energy drink is a popular seller among Harding students.

"We probably sell one for every two [cups]," Ching said. "People are trying to stay up [to study at night], and it certainly isn't for the taste."

According to the Red Bull Web site, if the supplements and caffeine do not help improve mood and mental performance, the equivalent of six teaspoons of sugar that are in the drink will perform those functions, at least temporarily. The Web site recommends drinking the Web site about 30 minutes before athletic competitions or events requiring high concentration.

The Web site said the sugar breaks down and causes a release of brain chemicals that dilate feelings of happiness, increased energy and alertness.

Despite the high amounts of sugar in the beverage, everyone who drinks it does not become a fan. Junior Alethia Hazelton said the drink definitely gives her an energy boost, but she doesn't like its flavor.

"Red Bull has a very strong taste that's revolting. It's worse than Echinacea. The shock (from the caffeine) wakes me up, but I don't think I can drink a whole can," Hazelton said.

ALETHIA HAZELTON,
JUNIOR
OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE

Counter-culture author commits suicide

Hunter S. Thompson, journalist and author of "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," killed himself at his Colorado home Feb. 20. He was 67.

Thompson's son, Juan, released a statement Feb. 21 saying his father died as the result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

Along with contemporaries Tom Wolfe and Gay Talese, Thompson, with his drug and alcohol-fueled diatribes against authority, was at the vanguard of a group of journalists in the 1960s. These journalists ignored the usual rules of objectivity in favor of first-person accounts in which they injected themselves into their own stories as central characters to get at the truth.

Judge strikes down faith-based grant

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services cut off public funds to Arizona-based MentorKids USA in December after a judge blocked the monetary support because of evidence that the group used public money to sponsor religious activities.

The ruling is the first time a judge has struck down a grant through President George W. Bush's faith-based initiative, which seeks to give religious groups equal footing in seeking federal grants to provide social services.

eBay aids in brain tumor treatment

The mother who launched an eBay auction to help pay for her cancer-stricken 9-year-old son's medical bills announced Jan. 15 that he is now cancer-free.

David Dingman-Grover, from Sterling, Va., was diagnosed in May 2005 with a grapefruit-sized malignant brain tumor called a rhabdomyosarcoma. The boy nicknamed the tumor "Frank" after Frankenstein.

To help pay for surgery to remove the tumor, Dingman-Grover's mother auctioned bumper stickers on eBay that read, "Frank Must Die." Donations from across the world totaled around $40,000. However, after hearing about the family's financial struggle, the surgeon offered to perform the surgery for free.

Reality TV contestant found dead in car

Investigators are still searching for reasons why Najai Turpin, a 23-year-old boxer and a contestant on NBC's upcoming reality series, "The Contender," shot himself Feb. 14 in a car parked outside a Philadelphia gym where he trained.

The series' producers are sure there is no correlation between the suicide and the show.

"This unfortunate occurrence seems to have nothing to do with boxing but other personal issues that we really don't know much about," said Salvador Stallone, who produces and co-hosts "The Contender." Executive producer Mark Burnett said the series, which debuts March 7, won't be re-edited because of Turpin's death.

Like Stallone's own fictional Rocky Balboa, Turpin came from a rough neighborhood in Philadelphia. According to the biography posted on the show's Web site, Turpin supported his siblings and his toddler daughter by working multiple jobs in boxing, and especially "The Contender," as the best way to support his family.

FACES IN THE CROWD

Aaron Sullivan, junior

Hometown: Tallahassee, Fla.

Major: Information technology

Favorite sports team: St. Louis Cardinals

Shoe size: 11

Biggest goal in life: "Own my own business."

Is Harding a marriage factory? No

Plans after college: "Find a job around here until my fiancée finishes school."

What serious injuries have you had? "Broken collar bone, broken wrist, stitches in my leg and stitches in my lip."

If you need money, do you ask your mom or dad? Dad

What do you drive? Isuzu Rodeo

CAMPUS IN BRIEF

Signup for shuttle ends today

Students who plan to fly during spring break and wish to sign up for the Little Rock Airport shuttle must bring their flight information and $15 for each way to the Student Services office by 5 p.m. Friday.

The shuttle will transport students March 4, 5, 12 and 14.

Freshmen light up post-game

The Freshman Action Committee will host a bonfire for freshmen at the intramural fields Saturday night after the men's basketball game.

Botch Gardner, director of First Year Experience, said the event, which will provide hot chocolate and a devotional, targets freshmen who are not involved in social clubs. However, Gardner said all freshmen are invited.

Deans to assume new roles

Peggy Huschka and Tillie Kottmann, assistant dean of students, announced Feb. 17 that they will resign their Student Services positions at the end of June.

Huschka will take on a new role as the academic director of the new physician assistant graduate program, which begins in June.

Mote plans to fill the roles of athletic director and head football coach at Augusta High School.

Jazz Band, guest to perform

The Harding University Jazz Band will give a free performance in the Reynolds Recital Hall at 7 p.m., March 5.

The performance will feature guest artist Kathy Kosina, a Detroit native and Chicago-area vocalist.

In addition to the performance, Kosina will give a free lecture in the recital hall at 3 p.m. the same day.

The topic will be "Lyrically Speaking: Vocal Interpretation on Jazz Standards."

Carson replacement chosen

David Collins, assistant dean of students, has been chosen to succeed Dr. Dee Carson as assistant vice president and dean of students.

His responsibilities will begin July 1.

"Student Services is such an important area on our campus, and I'm glad we have an individual like [Collins] who has the character and ability to lead this administrative office," Dr. James Carr, executive vice president, said in a Feb. 23 e-mail to faculty and staff.

Carson will retire at the end of June after 11 years of service to Harding.

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2.25 Bison baseball vs. Henderson, home, noon

2.26 Lady Bison basketball vs. Henderson, home, 6 p.m.

2.26 Bison basketball vs. Henderson, home, 8 p.m.

2.26 "The Dark Lady of the Sonnets," Little Theatre, 7 p.m.

2.27 Open house for Calhoun, Kendal, Pattie Cobb and Stephens, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

2.27 "The Dark Lady of the Sonnets," Little Theatre, 7 p.m.

3.01 All Campaigners' spring break campaign meeting, Founder's room, 6:30 p.m.

3.02 Bison baseball vs. Arkansas - Pine Bluff, home, 2 p.m.

3.05 Bison baseball vs. Henderson State, home, noon

3.06 Bison baseball vs. Henderson State, home, 1:30 p.m.

3.17 St. Patrick's Day

3.18 CAB Spades Tournament, student center, 7 p.m.

3.19 Bison baseball vs. Lyon College, home, noon

3.20 First day of spring

3.22 Bison baseball vs. Dana, home, 1 p.m.
Building career resumes
Internships provide experiences classrooms cannot

ERIN COOK
student reporter

Students who complete an internship in order to learn more about their intended profession, or even just to fulfill their degree requirements, may find their experience to be more beneficial than ever, according to Deb Bashaw, director of Career Counseling and Placement.

Bashaw said that though she does not believe internships are a necessity for everyone, they certainly give a student entering the workforce a higher advantage. "It all comes down to marketability," Bashaw said. "There are a lot of reasons to go to college, but on the bottom line, you go to college so you can get a job. Internships are on the college path to getting a job."

Some majors at Harding such as graphic design, public relations and fashion merchandising, require students to participate in an internship prior to graduation. Even students whose majors do not require an internship, however, can benefit from the experience.

Bashaw said she thinks gaining work experience is one of the most important elements of an internship. "Internships give you the work experience you need in your field," Bashaw said. "Any work experience is better than none at all. Work experience helps you clarify exactly what you want to do with your major and what you like to do in the workplace."

Daniel Adams, an interior merchandising major, said internships are about skills a professor cannot teach in a classroom. "We can only teach so much in the classroom," Adams said. "We can't replicate the work experience, which is what a student needs in addition to their education."

Adams said that gaining workplace experience changes a student in many ways. "Students who have internships return to school with a greater appreciation for why we push them so hard," Adams said. "They learn the importance of good preparation, and they find out that everything in the career world is expected to be perfect. It really gives a student thicker skin."

Senior Bethany James, a fashion and interior merchandising major, said her internship experience, which consisted of working for Nordstrom department store this past summer, helped her understand the career world she will enter after graduation. "Working at my internship really reassured me that I'm in the right field of work."

BETHANY JAMES, senior

"I think internships give you the work experience is one of the most important elements of an internship. Internships help you clarify what you want to do with your major and what you like to do in the workplace."

"I think the internships have become a symbol of a group of very diverse people coming together and standing together for one, or sometimes more than one, specific purpose," Parrish said. According to Livestrong.org, Armstrong's yellow wristbands represent more than just the color of the leader's jersey in the Tour de France. The wristbands also stand for the hope, courage and perseverance cancer survivors portray throughout their struggles.

"I think wristbands have become a symbol of a group of very diverse people coming together and standing together," Parrish said. "I think the idea of raising money for our programs has also provided a lifeline to people of very diverse backgrounds, other foundations have started producing their own versions."

EMILY BURROWS
student reporter


Junior Josh Hollis said he thinks the initial wristband started out as a good idea, but now people have lost sight of what it is really supposed to be about. "It is turning into a fad that is run into the ground, and it is over-commercialized," Hollis said. "Wearing a bracelet and actually believing what it says are two totally different things."

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Social Security debate important, students say

DENNIS M'CCARTY student reporter

The privatization of Social Security is an issue on high on President George W. Bush’s agenda, and this may soon drastically affect the lives of Harding students entering the workforce. Because of foreseen problems with Social Security’s funding, Bush has proposed that part of payroll taxes for workers under 55 be allowed to be divested into personal investment accounts.

According to a Feb. 14 ABC News report, Republican congressional officials said private accounts might cause future benefits for the under-55 age group to be cut. Many students believe the Social Security issue is important because it will affect them when they plan to retire.

Senior Bridget Girton said she is in favor of private accounts in order to establish security. "Even though there would be a possible cut in benefits, I would support establishing a private account." Girton said she thinks the advent of private Social Security accounts may cause college students to think more readily about their financial futures and what must be done now to ensure security.

"If this plan goes through, students should start investing in their private accounts as soon as they can," said John Holman, a Harding alumna. He said students should be concerned and realize that Social Security was always meant to be supplemental, not a primary source of income after retirement.

"Students should make a plan for it, make the sacrifices early in life to be able to apply for a 401K or some other type of retirement planning," Holman said.

"We're looking to most of Harding's student body, and doubt whether up-and-coming workers will be prepared to manage their own financial security. People will be taking a big gamble if privatization goes through because a lot of people don't necessarily know what stock to buy or how to use a private account," Brown said.

Senior Stephen Kearby said he thinks privatization is a brilliant plan that will never work with his generation because of its irresponsibility.

"Because of its enormity, Frye said Spring Sing falls during the same date as spring break for Seavy schools. To balance the loss of this performance, there will be a 'kid's night' show on Thursday night. Parents who bring their children to this show will pay only $2 for their child's ticket. Spring Sing '05 has more than five other events featuring almost all of Harding's social clubs. Club directors said they have been working since the end of last year's Spring Sing to ensure their shows are as good as they can be.

If this year's show is expected to contain some diverse acts, show producers said. Everything from flight attendants to circus jugglers are represented, and all seem to fit into the theme of 'Lighten Up.'

"The show this year is very fun and light-hearted and whimsical," Shackleford said. "I think people better prepare for it; it's going to be a lot of fun." Ticket prices for the Thursday show are $9 or $7 with a student ID and $12 or $10 with an ID for Friday and Saturday performances.

"The most important thing is the relationships made, that's what Spring Sing is all about."
Music, ministry mesh

STACEY CONDOLORA
student reporter

More than just a name — or three names for that matter — is the impression band Till We Have Faces wants to leave on its audience.

Joe Maneiro, a 2003 alumns, and juniors Kasey Jones, Kory Olson and Jesse Carr said they are now, more than ever, dedicated to their music and the ministry they are striving to establish through it.

Students may remember Till We Have Faces under the names Where's Kasey? or Palterstei or In Nomine Patrie. Jones said they have changed their name almost every time a member of the band left or was added.

"Joe and I are really the only original members of the band," Jones said.

Jones, who is the lead singer of the band and also plays guitar and piano, said the current foursome came together in the spring of 2004. This time, however, they changed their name from In Nomine Patrie (Latin for "in the name of the Father") for clarity purposes, Maneiro said.

"We knew it was time to change the name again when at a show our marquis read 'In Nomine Partridge,'" Maneiro said.

Their current name, Till We Have Faces, was inspired by the US Pavilion book of the same name; Olson said, "It's about not being able to fully see God until we meet him in heaven."

"Until we have heavenly bodies and faces, we can't see him like we would die," Olson said.

Jones said the name should open doors for them to talk about their faith with those who attend their shows.

"It's like it is still has a good Christian meaning behind it, like Nomine Patrie did," Olson said. "Someone asks us about it, it gives us an opening to talk about our faith." Olson said.

Carr, one of the band's guitarists, said even though some of the current members are not the founding members, all play a part in the song-writing process.

"Kasey and I usually write the spine of the music, and from there we'll flesh it out with everyone during practice," Carr said. "It's a collaborative effort." As the drummer, Maneiro said his place in the band is to establish the rhythm for the group.

"The other guys mainly write the songs, but Kory and I will take the basic outline of the song and try to create beats people can 'nod their heads to if you will," Maneiro said.

Jones, who writes all the lyrics, said he thinks the band falls somewhere in the melodic rock category.

Freshman Jason Cornett, a fan of the band, said, "I went to Thanksgiving A Latte and Blank Generation to see them play. I really like their sound. They don't try to copy anyone." Through the changes in names and members, the band members said their purpose has been refined.

"Originally, we got together and our goal was to win others to Christ from the stage," Olson said. "Since then, we've become more open to being used however God wants us to be used." Olson said they would get frustrated when no one would ask them about their Christianity after the shows, but now their perspective on ministering to others has grown.

"Now we realize that ministering to people is sometimes just them hearing there's someone who cares about them, that there's a different worship at our shows," Olson said. "We're tools for God." Cornett said he can see how the band ministers in more ways than singing and having theological discussions.

"They definitely stand out around all the other bands," Cornett said. "The other bands would all be smoking and using foul language, but these guys are really nice. You can tell they're having fun, and it's clean fun. They're happy to stay and talk and give everyone the after party, even when most bands would just pack up and run." Jones said the audience they are hoping to reach with their music is not limited just to locals and non-Christians, but to Harding students as well.

There are students at Harding that need to be reached as well, either through their example or talking to them after shows," Jones said.

There are still difficulties to overcome in order to achieve the goals of their ministry, Jones said.

"If our purpose is to evangelize and talk to people about our faith, we can't do that as a band if we're not playing shows," Jones said.

Even with the experiences they have accumulated and a purpose set before them, the band members said the future is still precarious.

"A lot of the future of the band rides on this semester and if we can build a small fan base," Maneiro said. "We've been offered shows in Fayetteville and Dallas and have played in Kansas City." Olson said that for the sake of survival, the band needs to start putting ideas into practice.

"It's easy to talk about all the things you're going to do, but it's harder to actually do it," he said. "We just have tons of stuff we're planning to do live — tricks and gimmicks to add to the whole show. It's past the point of just talk, we're more serious now.

With the heightened tension of an uncertain future, Jones said the band is working on keeping their spirits high.

There's a slight sense of urgency because it feels like we're coming to the end of the road," Jones said. "Joe is getting married this summer. We're going to be graduating soon. We're just trying to stay positive."
Cheryl Boyd, a 1974 graduate, and Robin Stripling, a current graduate student in the College of Education, two teachers, a Harding alumna and a Harding graduate student, were recently distinguished among Arkansas teachers.

Cheryl Boyd, a 1974 graduate, and Robin Stripling, a current graduate student in the College of Education, were presented with award certificates Dec. 28 naming them finalists of the Arkansas Department of Education's 2005 Arkansas Teacher of the Year award.

Gov. Mike Huckabee presented the certificates and gave each finalist a check for $1,000. The ceremony, held in the Governor's Reception Room at the State Capitol in Little Rock, honored 12 regional finalists and the Arkansas Teacher of the Year, Pamela England.

Boyd said she was elated when she heard the news. Only one thing stopped her from meeting Huckabee and receiving the certificate for the honor: she had scheduled knee surgery on the day of the event.

Boyd said she does not regret missing the presentation ceremony, however; in her place she sent Charlie Wright, a former student.

"I would not have had it any other way," Boyd said. "Sending a student made me feel better than if I had been there myself. I have a picture of Charlie with Governor Huckabee framed and hanging in my classroom."

Boyd has taught English and writing to fourth-graders for four years at White County Central Elementary School in Judsonia. She said she taught for 28 years in the White County Central, McRae Public and Augusta School Districts; 22 of those years were spent teaching kindergarten and one year teaching first grade.

Boyd said she gains her strength and energy from her students and gives much credit to them. She also said having par­ents, grandparents and faculty that are involved has helped to make her job in the classroom easier.

After many years of experience, Boyd said she has the chance to take other Harding students under her wing in the classroom.

Senior Beth Runions, who is assigned to student teach in Boyd's classroom later this semester, said she had mixed emotions when she found out that Boyd was a finalist.

"I got really excited," Runions said. "I thought, 'I could learn so much from this opportunity.' Then it intimidated me a little bit, too. I started thinking, 'Wait a minute, that means she's really, really good, and I'm just starting out.'"

Runions said since she met Boyd, Boyd has gone out of her way to make Runions feel welcome in the classroom. Runions said she looks forward to working with her.

As Runions gets started, Stripling is attending graduate school and plans to finish her master's degree in reading in June.

Stripling, who did her undergraduate work at the University of Arkansas in Fay­etteville, works as a literacy teacher and coach at Ruth Doyle Intermediate School in Conway.

"Ruth Doyle Intermediate is a new school, so this is my first year there," Stripling said. "I have also taught English, math, science and special education."

Stripling said her time at Harding has changed the way she teaches and that the Christian atmosphere has helped her show Christian compassion to all of her students.

"I have gone from being a stuffy old grammar teacher to being a facilitator in a reading/writing workshop," Stripling said. "Students seem to actually enjoy my class instead of dreading it."

Stripling said that winning the award means she must work harder each day to be the best teacher she can be for both her students and her co-teachers. She said she loves her work, even though it can be difficult.

"I can't count the weekends that have been spent grading papers and essays," Stripling said. "However, after more than 20 years in the profession, I love it when I see someone who was in my class many years ago. If I get a smile or, better yet, a hug, I know I am in the right profession."
This document contains text about a variety of topics, including a sports section, entertainment news, and a real estate advertisement. There are references to a movie, "The Notebook," and a band, "Straylight Run," among other things. The layout includes sections for music, movies, and sports, with headlines and descriptive text. The text appears to be from a newspaper or magazine and includes advertisements for fitness centers and real estate.
In defense of the Rowdies

The Rowdies received quite a beating via letters to the editor last week. While junior Ronny Rozzell was well intentioned, he was also ill informed. His arguments, and those of other Rowdies detractors, only prove their ignorance on the subject.

Rozzell said a game at Harding is nothing like a game at the University of Kansas or Texas A&M because fans are不多 than 300 seats away. At the same time, Rozzell claims the rowdiness at Harding games is almost exactly the same. This is remarkable considering our small campus, our small city and our lack of a nativity following.

In saying the atmosphere in the Rhodes Field House is sub-par because of the crowd size, Rozzell forces us to come to one conclusion — he must not have attended many Division I basketball games. It is the game on the court, plus the relationship between players and fans, that really matters. Acolous of 16,000 people can be just as dull as an empty gym when the game itself is ignored and the fans do not have a connection with the players. Fans at Harding care greatly about the game of basketball and the players recognize their support by coming back on the court afterward, something that doesn’t happen at Duke or UCLA.

So, while at all Harding basketball fans, I have just one suggestion to those who base their criticism on unfounded assumptions — be realistic.

Jeff Hunter, senior, and Logan Light, December graduate

Tired of Iraq debate

I’m tired of the debate over the war in Iraq. Whether or not we agree on whether we should be there or not, the facts remain that we are there. We can no longer view this as a moral and ideological debate for the invasion of Iraq than we can for the invasion of Europe after the bombing of Pearl Harbor by Japan on Dec. 7, 1941. There is no need for an account for President Bush or the 77 senators and 296 representatives from the House that voted to invade Iraq.

I’m just a Christian who is taught to be submissive to higher powers, “fear to whom fear, and honor to whom honor” (Romans 13). I’m very grateful that my government gives me the freedom to worship God and to serve him as he sees fit. I support our leaders, and I support our men and women who are serving not only our country but the Iraqi people also. Whether they are a part of our armed services or helping in a civilian manner, I applaud their efforts.

If we have questions about our involvement in this struggle, we should ask the leaders who have the answer to these questions and have seen the look of hope and optimism on the faces of Iraqi men, women and children who now enjoy the freedom we so often take for granted. I’m just a proud son of a dad who serves his nation and a grateful child of a Father who sacrificed his Son.

Wayne Scrimsher, junior

A few questions about the rules

I am greatly appreciative of Harding and the standards the students are held to. I believe the atmosphere and feelings that flow through this campus are almost unrivaled. At the same time, I have a few questions that I believe many students have often asked.

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My questions lie not with these practices themselves, but with the rule enforcement. I ask that these issues be addressed. I believe many have wondered at the seeming lack of consistency.

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Brandon Khanna, sophomore

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Bison welcomes your views on issues of interest to the Harding community. Letters to the editor from students, faculty, administration and the community are encouraged.

Letters must be signed. Include a phone number for verification and be no more than 300 words in length. The Bison reserves the right to edit letters for clarity and brevity.

Letters to the editor may be submitted to Hu 111120 or thebison@harding.edu

Let’s stop this war.

Paul L.。 Towards an end to war, there is much talk of how the war has failed and the billions spent are wasted. However, I must believe that even those with the demographics of this nation who have no experience of war must feel some of the pain this war has caused. Not only have we cost billions of dollars, but we have also cost the lives of hundreds of Americans and countless innocent civilians.

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Guest Room

As this basketball season comes to an end at Harding, as do many other things, the basketball season is over, but the memories of this year will never die. As we look back on the season, we can see why people say the Rowdies are the best in the south. Our talented players such as Nick Young, Tyrel Harris, and Troy Helton, are only a few of our skilled players. As the season winds down, we have seen a lot of success, and it seems to me that we have been given some of the best moments in school history.

One of the biggest moments this year was the win over Vandy. After a very close game, the Rowdies pulled ahead, and the fans at theDoc were not disappointed. The Rowdies have done a lot of things this year, and it seems that every single one was a success.

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Iraq decides

Electoral results show democracy in action

The people of Iraq came, they saw, and they voted. Lives were lost, but a sufficient number of people stood and survived in defiance of violence to elect a new government.

The results were in and were not what many in our government would have hoped. The United Iraqi Alliance won the election with 48 percent of the vote. This vote will name the country's new prime minister.

This conservative Islamic alliance is a far cry from the secular government that would have been offered by the Iraqi List, the group of U.S. and U.N.-backed Prime Minister Ayad Allawi.

Ibrahim al-Jaafari, who is likely to assume the post of prime minister, made clear to the Associated Press what kind of government his victorious slate would put in place. He spoke of a government where Islam would be the official religion and "one of the main sources for legislation."

It is likely that some of the same oppressive religious laws in many Islamic countries—the laws the United States would have loved to have scrapped—will be alive and well in Iraq.

So how should we respond to something that could be considered by some as a slap in the face? Something that flies in the face of stories of America-loving Iraqis holding up cardboard signs?

We should thank the Iraqis for their decision and support their efforts. It makes the people of Iraq (those who voted at least) choose what they wanted.

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As Americans, we should wish the people of Iraq well and keep their government in our prayers.

When rock stars say God

Popular musicians play the religion card despite worldly content on their albums

As a Christian, I've come to pay attention when popular artists will sing about their God. Song titles like "Jesus, I Need You" or "Thank You Jesus" can make you wonder about the person singing the song. Will they really be thankful to God for the good things in their life or is it the popular thing to do among celebrities? When a singer says, "I'd like to thank God," in regard to their undisguised songs, is this OK?

The medley of religion-related songs was concluded when angelic wings were placed on West and he was lifted above the audience, his hands raised as if praising him. I wasn't sure what to think. Was this a phenomenon, or a blasphemous attempt to bring the message of salvation from his songs?

When I heard the song, West gives somewhat of a testimony of his life with lyrics like, "I'm still trying to be a damn right. I've been out of the world too long. I've been beating myself to death. It's like the Devil is trying to break me down, try to tear down my own Jesus walks with me."

The lyric sounds innocent, but his reputation and other song lyrics aren't as appropriate. Later in the program, West accepted the award for Best Rap Album by thanking God first and then by saying, "When I had my accident (a car incident in which West broke his jaw), I found out that nothing in life is promised except death. Appreciate the moment."

Award recipients usually thank their moms and dads, and a lot of times, God is often subtly mentioned. But are these winners really thankful to God or is it the popular thing to do among celebrities?

When a singer says, "I'd like to thank God," in regard to their undisguised songs, is this OK? Is God really the reason singers are successful, or is that what they're supposed to say? Instead of allowing feel-good expressions of admiration to God from musicians to continue, we should raise our challenge to their decision and support their right to make it. The people of Iraq (those who voted at least) chose what they wanted.

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Pocket-sized predicament

Getting home from work at 7 a.m. on a regular basis really does change your priorities.

I think I'll do a much better job with pocket management on my next trip and deal with a 40-hour workweek. I'm definitely ready to move on to the next stage of life. Even more than being ready for new opportunities, I think I'm just ready to retire.

My college career has consisted of so much work. And between classes, working for the Daily Citizen and now serving as editor of the Bison, I don't think too many people could argue that I should quit it and start living off my social security checks in May.

Assuming that none of you want to take me in, however, I know retirement won't be an option for a few more years.

So until that time comes, I'm searching for a more enjoyable lifestyle than jumping straight into more professional responsibilities. Right now, I think that life is going to entail moving around the world for a few years and working where I can. I've got a steadily growing list of places to visit, and I also have a steadily shrinking amount of time with which to see them.

While I think living and working in exactly the same way as our experience I'm searching for right now, I think I probably settle for anything where I at least have the time for daily pana pocket management.

I just hope to be able to get my Book of Life and be at peace a few years from now!
Morgan wins 200th game as Bisons coach

SARAH CRIST

Bison basketball coach Jeff Morgan won his 200th game as Harding's head coach Feb. 17 when the Bisons defeated Christian Brothers University 82-69.

Morgan, who has served as Harding's head coach since 1993, said the 200th win came as a surprise.

"I wasn't expecting it, but it's a nice milestone," Morgan said. "The school gave me a plaque last year for my career 200th win, and after the game, they asked me on the radio what it was like to win the 200th time ... and I was surprised."

Morgan said he attributes his success to the talent of his teams.

"We've had some great guys on the team," Morgan said. "In the end, you have to give it all back to them because they're the ones that put up with the coaches and really do the work."

Morgan said his favorite part about coaching at Harding is the relationships.

"You form relationships here that you might not form anywhere else," Morgan said. "We try and know the guys on and off the court. We build relationships with the fans and everyone around. It's a great experience."

Morgan said that while there are many favorite moments in his career at Harding, games in the Rhodes Field House will always stand out in his mind.

"It's really the little things that make it special," Morgan said. "Off the court, seeing the players grow and mature, and seeing some of them come to Christ in the best part."

Assistant coach Tim Kirby has been working with Morgan for 12 years. Kirby said Morgan makes his job fun and easy.

"He's the easiest person I could ever imagine working with," Kirby said. "He lets everyone do what they do best while working hard himself the entire time. I think that's why we've all been so successful."

Kirby said that while there are many great memories, one that really stands out is two years ago when the team went to Nationals. "Making it to Nationals was a great feeling," Kirby said. "It's also great to see our guys graduate, to see their smiles and to know that they've accomplished what they're really here to do."

Bison team members said they agree that Morgan is fun and easy to work with on and off the court.

"He just makes the game fun," sophomore Matt Hall said.

"He's a pleasure to work for," senior Jacob Thies said.

"Morgan's passion was contagious," Kirby said. "He has a love for the game that we all feed off of." Thies said. "He motivates us to do better, and he makes it fun. He's a pleasure to play for."

Morgan will lead the Bisons in the final home game of the season against Henderson State University at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Harding signs local soccer players

BARKELEY TERRY student reporter

Three local high school students signed NCAA letters of intent Feb. 18 to play soccer for the Bisons next season.

Searcy High School seniors Joe Ireland and Colby Wilson, and Harding Academy senior Seth Coleman were joined by their families, parents and friends, Harding coach Greg Harris, their high school coaches and local media for the signing ceremony at the Carmichael Community Center.

The future Bisons have played soccer together since they were 7 years old, and all said they played better together than as individuals.

"We have been best friends for a long time so it has always been a dream of ours to go play college soccer together," said Seth Coleman, Harding Academy senior.

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Joe Ireland, who had been home schooled by his mother, Meg Ireland, said he began attending Searcy High School after coach Jeff Davis expressed an interest in having him play for the Lions.

"Joe Ireland, who plays center-mid and sweeper, said he is excited about playing for Harding and is anxious to live up to his family's reputation as strong soccer players.

"My brother Jeff has the only individual men's soccer plaque in the trophy case, so I feel like I have something to prove," he said.

Searcy's Dave and Melody Wilson also signed his letter of intent to play on the team for Harding.

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Francis has led the Lady Bison’s women’s basketball team for 13 years. During that time, the Lady Bisons have earned three NCAA Division II South Region titles and advanced to the NCAA Division II National Tournament four times.

Francis holds a record of 129-104 at Harding. His 1988-89 team finished 20-12, with a 6-8 record in the South Region.

In 2010, Francis became the 30th member of the Hardin-Simmons Athletic Hall of Fame.

Simpson receives ESPN honors

Chelsea Simpson, a junior on the football team, was recently named to the ESPN Magazine’s Academic All-District IV College Division Women’s Basketball Team.

Simpson, a native of Byng, Okla., averages 5.5 points and 5.6 rebounds per game. She is second on the team in service percentage.

ESPN named its Academic All-District teams to honor undergraduate student-athletes who have achieved both academic excellence and athletic success.

Lacrosse springs into action

The Lady Bisons are back in action Saturday against Rhodes College in Conway, Ark.

Congratulations to last week’s Sports Challenge winner, freshman Scott Kimberly. This week’s Sports Challenge winner is Senior John Tomassoni.

In a recent lacrosse game against the Oklahoma Baptist University, despite poor weather and field conditions, the team remained competitive. The team’s preparation paid off as they kept a good intensity level up, so we’re going to be able to dominate most teams,” senior Joey Tenison said.

Several underclassmen who have stepped up to make major contributions early in the season include freshmen Brandon Riley and Josh Jaros.

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True senior J.J. Altenator said Sunday’s game was good because the team never gave up or let down.

“It was a big win for us and really got our confidence up for next weekend’s games,” Kuepker said.

The team travels to Stillwater, Okla., this weekend to take on the University of Texas at Arlington and Oklahoma State University.

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In 1995, Francis joined the Lady Bison staff as an assistant coach under Hansen while also serving as the university’s NCAA compliance coordinator. Francis has continued to serve as the school’s compliance coordinator since he took over as the Lady Bisons’ head coach in 1997. During his second year as coach, Francis earned recognition as Coach of the Year in the Lone Star Conference North Division.

As Harding’s head coach, Francis holds a 99-114 record. The team is 11-15 overall this season and 4-10 in the Gulf South Conference. The Lady Bisons have one game remaining this season against Henderson State University Saturday at 5 p.m.

Fraction was unable to be reached for comment. The school said Sunday it is beginning a national search for Francis’ replacement.

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The Lady Bisons won five of six singles matches and two of three doubles matches Feb. 17 as they defeated Arkansas Tech University 7-2 in Russellville, Ark.

Harding, 7-2 on the season, improved to 2-0 in South Region matches and 3-1 on the road.

Sophomore Makenzie Michna received her team-high eighth win of the season at the No. 2 spot and junior Catherine Carui won at the No. 3 spot.

The Lady Bison singles are prepared to go up to the high expectations placed upon them.

"As far as physical ability goes, we’re ready to take on these teams," Tomassoni said. "If we’re organized and are able to stay strong mentally through all of the games, I know we can do it."

Team members are confident they will perform well throughout the season.

"We have a really hard schedule this season, and we are playing several teams in the A division, but we are starting to work together as a team and bring the intensity level up, so we’re going to be able to dominate most teams,” senior Joey Tenison said.

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Day of Service inspires new attitude

Wednesday, I had the opportunity to run around Searcy, taking photographs of all the service projects happening. Throughout the day, an event that I first looked upon as an unwanted obligation and waste of time turned into an eye-opening and self-convicting experience.

Harding did a wonderful thing by taking the initiative to provide us with specific service projects, all the supplies we'd need and even half a day of classes so we could go out and serve others.

I'll admit, I was quite disappointed Wednesday morning when I woke up and saw the rainy mess of a day outside. I checked The Weather Channel Web site only to find it was also frigidly cold (hey, I'm a Floridian, what can I say). But Student Association President Jimmy Huff's words of encouragement in chapel provided just the boost that I needed to remind me of why the day was dedicated to service.

Whether it's because of not knowing what to do or simply a lack of motivation to do it, many of us tend to shirk our duties as servants to God and to others in God's honor.

We shouldn't wait for a good opportunity to serve others. Granted, the right conditions can make any situation better, but it's our duty to look past that and persevere in our quest to fulfill what we were put on earth for, regardless of a little rain (and almost freezing temperatures).

I, like many people here, have many areas of my life that need improvement. Serving others is a huge one. Wednesday reminded me how important that is and should be to me.

Life, obviously, is not about following others by fulfilling our own selfish needs. However, it is all too easy to get caught up in the negative attitude that the rest of the world holds.

So, hold yourself accountable for what you should be doing instead of disregarding your role as a Christian in this temporary world. Step out of the worldly box to which we all too often conform.

I know it will take a lot more than just one day to change and become what I know I need to be, but it has definitely given me a great starting point and a fine example.

I think we should strive to not only have a day, but a lifetime of continual service.

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