Students announce candidacy for top SA positions

REBECCA KING
student reporter

Student Association officials announced the candidates for 2005-2006 SA positions today, presenting students with the opportunity to gather information about the candidates before logging their votes in the SA election Wednesday. The 13 students running for 10 SA offices will begin official campaigning at 7 a.m. Monday.

As current SA President Jimmy Huff’s term draws to a close, two students are vying for the opportunity to lead the SA next year. Senior Josh Bundy and junior Julie McCall each said they believe they have the experience needed to best fulfill the position. Both presidential candidates will present their platforms in chapel Monday.

A Bible and religion major from DuBois, Pa., Bundy is part of the SA Spiritual Life Committee and served as the student director of 2005 spring break campaigns.

Bundy, who has been part of the SA for three years, said he has the public leadership experience required of the job, having held the position of assistant director and director for Chi Sigma Alpha and of secretary for Youth Corps, a youth ministry organization. Bundy said he plans on using his experience to improve upon the relationships made by this year’s SA.

“I want to take the community and relationships built this year and do things for the city and school,” Bundy said. “I think we can do a lot of good next year with the progress the SA has made. I’ve got some ideas and excitement; I think it’ll be a fun year.”

McCall, the other candidate for the top SA spot, is a psychology major from New Hope, Pa. She has been a SA women’s representative for three years and is part of the Arkansas State Leadership Forum. McCall said she believes that being a co-chair of SA committees for three years and attending meetings with the Board of Trustees has provided her with the experience and dedication needed as a president.

“I think I can do a good job in effectively leading and representing the student body and in getting much accomplished next year,” McCall said. “I want to better the communication between the SA and students, as well as between students and faculty. I also want better ties with the Scarey community. Jimmy did a great job of unifying the campus, and I’d like to go beyond campus next year.”

Other contested positions include Laura Kaiser and Amanda Bailey for treasurer; Kristin Barnes and Sarah Picks for senior women’s representative; and Carrie Cantrell, Cassidy Garner and Jan Mon- holland for junior women’s representative.

All the children of the world
Olivia Ballinger, Anna Carr and Alisha Edmanson, all Harding Academy second- graders, sing during chapel April 15 in the Baron Auditorium. The elementary students entertained the university with their performance, which centered on the song, “Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World.”

KATHRYN CHERRY
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OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE

Abilene social club breaks softball record

An Abilene Christian University men's social club broke the record for the world's longest softball game April 17 to raise more money for the Abilene chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Thirty-six members of Gamma Sigma Phi played for 60 hours, breaking a previous record of 56 hours, 11 minutes. Forty players were on the teams, and each player raised at least $650 to play. Each player played at least every three hours to limit the amount of time they slept. The 321-inning game, which gave team members the chance to live in an off-campus ultramodern dormitory, will be recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records. The marathon game began at 10 a.m. April 14 and ended around 10 a.m. April 17. Although hoping to raise $68,000, the club raised $22,000.

Arkansas fire claims six lives

Six people, including five children, died in a mobile home fire Wednesday evening in Humphrey, Ark., a small town 40 miles southeast of Little Rock.

Wesley Whiteside, 3, Steven Whiteside, 23 months, Dakota Clemmons, 4, Edison Ray Clemmons, 3, and Aiden Joe Richter, 8 months, died in the blaze. Amanda Clemmons, the 23-year-old mother of Dakota, Edison Ray and Aiden Joe, also died.

Rachel Whiteside just dropped off her sons, Wesley and Steven, for a play date 10 minutes before the fire began. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Arkansas, Missouri border delineated

Only recently have efforts been made to figure out exactly where the 300-mile border between Arkansas and Missouri runs in some places. Last week, a surveyor finished retracing a 15-mile stretch of the border along the northern edge of Marion and Baxter counties that crosses part of Bull Shoals Lake. Within the past year, surveyors completed another larger section along the northern edge of Benton County.

The retracements came after private landowners and county surveyors asked the land survey departments of Arkansas and Missouri to establish a more accurate border, said Cotton Green, the Arkansas state land surveyor.

"Surveyors need to know where the state line is," Green said. "The Missouri highway department made a request on [the Benton County] project when they were expanding Highway 71."

Congress OKs prison for movie pirates

People who secretly videotape movies shown in theaters could go to prison for up to three years under a bill that cleared the U.S. Congress April 19. The bill also toughens penalties for hackers and industry insiders who distribute movies, music or other copyrighted works before their release dates.

The House of Representatives passed the bill unanimously by voice vote. The bill has already passed the Senate, and President Bush is expected to sign it into law.

FACES IN THE CROWD

Ashley Miner, sophomore

Hometown: Tecumseh, Ind.
Major: Education
Flip-flops or Chacos? Flip-flops
Favorite restaurant: Chili’s
Favorite quote: "Do or do not. There is no try." — Yoda (in Star Wars, Episode I)

What do you want to accomplish before you die? "I want to show as many children as possible the love of God."

Favorite book: Any of the Harry Potter series

What have you learned at Harding? "Your friends will teach you so much at this school because of what kind of school it is."

What is an interesting fact about you? "I'm almost 21, but I have 10 nieces and nephews."

WEEKLY WINDOW

Campus in Brief

OEGB sponsors blood drive

OEGB social club will sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive from 3 to 8 p.m. April 25 and from noon to 6 p.m. April 27 in the Hammon Student Center.

The drive will open again from 3 to 8 p.m. April 28 in Room 100 at the College Church of Christ.

To encourage participation, the social club that achieves the highest percentage of member participation will receive $50 to donate to the charity of its choice.

For more information, contact Stephanie Ringold at 4955.

Marriage counseling offered

Dr. Sherry Pollarid and Dr. Joe Brunfield, associate professors of marriage and family therapy, will sponsor a weekend seminar for newlyweds and engaged couples May 6-7.

The seminar, which costs $25 for those who register by April 27 and $30 for later registration, will qualify as premarital counseling for license documents.

Flyers will be available in the McIneer Rotunda and in the student center.

To register or get more information, call the counseling center at 4347 or go by McIneer 313.

Economics team wins honors

The Economics Team was named a national finalist in the Business Ethics Competition and first runner-up of the Mid-South Regional Students in Free Enterprise Competition April 16 in Memphis.

The entry, "Free Enterprise — Supporting the System that Supports America," was created by seniors Justin Beams, Brian Ford and Courtney His, and junior Matt Summitt and Lana Gilbert. Dr. Don Dif­ fer, professor of economics, sponsors the organization.

Band features guest trumpeter

Chicago trumpeter Doug Schratter and the jazz band will perform a free concert of big band tunes and popular songs April 28 at 7 p.m. in the Reynolds Center Recital Hall.

Schratter, who will also conduct a free master class in trumpet performance April 29 from 9 a.m. to noon in the recital hall, will help students at Harding University, University of the Ozarks, Ouachita Baptist University and Sezosta High School create a concert, "In the Mood." The event is sponsored by the Student Activities Board.

Come up

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4.24 Open house for Habitat, Allen, Core and ESMA, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
4.24 Harding University, Harding Academy and Sessa High School choir concert, Administration Auditorium, 7 p.m.
4.25 National Zucchini Bread Day
4.26 National Pretzel Day
4.27 Passover begins
4.29 SA elections
4.30 Administrative Professionals Day
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MADD Dash set to raise money, support
Social clubs may enter relay teams in event

EMILY BURROWS
staff reporter

Every 30 minutes someone dies in an alcohol-related traffic accident, according to the Mothers Against Drunk Driving. In hearing her story, it kind of hit home, and faculty members participate in the MADD Dash because they have felt the personal effects of drinking or driving. Philip Yingling, J.D. Yingling’s brother, died when he was 9 years old. A drunken driver hit Philip Yingling while he was riding his bicycle.

Sophomore Tyler Stafford said he decided to participate in the Dash because he has some of his professors were offering extra credit. However, he said hearing a personal story inspired him to run for a different reason. "My business law teacher’s husband was killed by a drunk driver," Stafford said. "After hearing her story, it kind of hit home and made it all the more important to run.

Dr. Paul Pollard, professor of Bible and publicity coordinator for the Dash, said the money raised from the event will help educate against the problem. He said the money supports the local chapter’s operating costs. The money also funds equipment for local law enforcement agencies. “We buy video cameras for the local law enforcement,” Pollard said. “So when someone is arrested, the (video) evidence can be used against them.” Registration continues through the day of the event. Pre-registration for the 5K and 10K runs is $15, on-site registration is $20. Families with three or more runners will pay $12 per runner. Registration for social club relay is $45 per four-person team. Sponsored runners who raise at least $25 may run without a registration fee; sponsored runners are also eligible for prizes. Students and faculty may register on Campus Pipeline or in McWitser 239.

RENEE LEWIS
staff reporter

American financial life is tight today, according to an April 15 USA Today article. "Americans are financially undressed," the article said. "Consumer debt is at a record high. The savings rate is at a 25-year low. And personal bankruptcies hit a record in 2004." Finances may be just as tough for May graduates if they don’t watch their spending carefully, officials say.

Dr. Jon Roberts, Student Financial Services director, said about 65 percent of all students borrow money from lenders; each student will have an average debt of $22,000 by graduation. Even with consolidation, a student with $22,000 in loan debt can expect to pay at least $200 a month for 10 years at an interest rate of 2.975 percent, according to Federal Consolidation.org. Senior Alex Hoffman graduates in May. He said while facing that many financial burdens such as loan repayments, car payments, rent payments, utilities and food. Many are not used to this pay-as-you-go lifestyle, Roberts said.

Budgeting while in college teaches good financial habits for the future, Roberts said. "Budgeting while you’re in school, when life is pretty controlled, (is beneficial)," he said. "You don’t have a lot of money, but you don’t have a lot of expenses, other than tuition and housing. If you can be strategic about that little money you have from whatever source, you (can) take those same skills and translate [them] to life after Harding.

Seniors Ryan and Amy Garner said while they do not have school loans, they are planning their financial futures by budgeting and contributing to a Roth IRA, a 401K-like retirement plan. Ryan Garner said, for him and his wife, large purchases such as a house or car are not options until they have a stable income and a substantial savings account. "Save up. Build up enough money, ... [Contribute] around $100 a month to a IRA to build up for retirement..." RYAN GARNER, SENIOR

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Forms available in the Bible office
City park goes wireless

IT majors, city officials develop Internet access at Berryhill Park

BRIAN HALL
news editor

Scarry's Berryhill Park will include wireless Internet capabilities beginning May 6 because of a brainchild that stemmed from two Harding students in the fall. Senior Justin Shubert, who worked with the Dallas Parks and Recreation department last summer, said installing wireless Internet in Scarry parks originated from a similar system in Dallas. Shubert and junior Chris Perry presented the idea to city officials in October.

"It's all about Justin and Chris," Jonathan Pickleletter, associate professor of business, said. "They sold the idea to city officials. [They] are really doing an outstanding job." Shubert and Perry said they gained valuable experience as they conducted research, marketing and fund raising for the project.

That been overcome because of the technological challenge, the business challenge of having to raise about $40,000, and the fact that this is rapidly coming out in the market," Perry said.

Shubert said fund raising was not what he anticipated.

"We thought it would be easier to convince businesses to appear [the project]," Shubert said. "It wasn't easy getting these guys on board." Tammy Gowen, city clerk and director of the city's technology program, said she thinks wireless Internet will offer residents and students a better park atmosphere. She also hopes the park accessory will attract more businesses to the area.

"I believe this gives another advantage to the city's residents to be able to use the Internet during their leisure time," Gowen said. "This will put us on the map in terms of economic development by attracting new businesses. None of the other cities in Arkansas are doing this."

Gowen said the wireless Internet addition at Berryhill Park is part of phase one of a technology campaign in the city, "Scarry. Unplugged." Phase one also adds a new Web site to the city's credentials.

Senior Thomas Ritchie, information technology major, created the Web site for the city and updated its networking capabilities.

The reason these projects are going forward is because of the city's commitment toward progress, and to not just stay a rural city in Arkansas," he said.

Phase two of the campaign will include adding wireless Internet access to the sports complex, Gowen said.

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"The completion of the project has been a joint effort between city officials and Harding students," Gowen said.

"It has been a great opportunity for the city and students of Harding to work together," she said. "Applications were received to see how well the students have done the business and marketing skills they have."

Scarry residents and students can attend the Berryhill Park "wire-cutting" ceremony May 6 at 11 a.m.

Report reveals above-average graduation rates for HU athletes

BARCLY TERRY
student reporter

Harding athletes are reaching graduation at a rate 9 percent higher than the national average of Division II schools, according to the 2004 National Collegiate Athletic Association Graduation Rates Report published on NCAA.org.

Nearly 62 percent of all student athletes complete their college educations at Harding compared to a Division II average of 53 percent.

Some faculty and students said they expected that Harding's student athletes' academic performances were better than students at other Division II schools.

Scott Goode, director of sports information, said Harding athletes information, said Harding athletes are some of the best in the conference.

"Harding's student athletes consistently lead the Gulf South Conference in academic honors," Goode said. "That success in athletics and in the classroom testifies to the quality of student athletes that Harding's coaches were able to recruit."

Senior Jacob Thies, Bison basketball team member, said coach Jeff Morgan, stresses the importance of education.

"Coach Morgan put a huge emphasis on (education)," Thies said. "Coach says we're here to get an education first and play basketball second."

Thies said it is easy to fall behind in classes when trying to focus on the season.

"I spend more time on the court," Thies said. "When we're in season we can be on the road three out of five (school) days per week. You have to get with your teachers beforehand so you don't get knee-deep behind in school work."

The NCAA report said the graduation rate of the Biann basketball team is 50 percent, which is higher than the Division II average of 44 percent.

The average of Division I schools was even lower, 43 percent, with some schools such as Louisiana State University reporting a zero percent graduation rate among its major basketball players.

Thies said he's not surprised about the low graduation rate in Division I basketball.

"Many of these guys are focused on playing in the pros," Thies said. "If I had the chance to leave college and play for millions of dollars, I would too."

The NCAA report also said Harding student athletes graduate at an even higher rate in sports such as baseball and tennis.

The men's track team posted a 100 percent graduation rate with the women's team graduating at a rate of 80 percent.

The Bison baseball team graduated an average of 78 percent of its student athletes.

Head baseball coach Shane Pullerton said he is happy with the quality of Harding athletes.

"I am very proud of the types of student athletes that come through the baseball program," Pullerton said. "We strive to be better Christians, students and athletes every day."

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Murder mystery mini-series added to TV 16's fall lineup

BONNIE BOWLES
student reporter

The normally news-oriented TV 16 will step out of the news genre this fall by airing an eight-part murder mystery mini-series produced, written and directed by electronic media production seniors Casey Cochran and David Condolora for class credit.

Cochran said the plot has four friends getting together to make a student film. The project seems to be going well — until murder steals the show.

The mini-series will air over eight weeks and is an independent study project that replaced the broadcast programming class.

The class focuses on the administrative acts required to program a television station, but Condolora said he and Cochran wanted to be more creative. They said they expressed this desire to the course's instructor, Dr. Lou Butterfield, professor of communication, who allowed them to replace the course with their own mini-series.

"It was done by students for students," Condolora said. "We're making this completely on our own — we wrote it; we funded it (with the help of a generous grant from my parents); we cast it; we shot it; we edited it; and we're releasing it."

Cochran and Condolora said they had to come up with a feasible independent study on their own. Before they could begin filming both Butterfield and Dr. Mike James, chairman of the communication department, had to agree to the idea.

According to Cochran, the original plan was to shoot a movie, but they had yet to decide on a plot, a setting or running times. Ultimately, the idea of a mini-series was most appealing because of its flexibility and unfamiliarity.

"I'm excited by the storytelling opportunities that episodic television offers," Condolora said. "You can take a lot more time to develop the characters and get to know them better. Also, a multi-dramatic production is something we'd never done before, and it would certainly be a great learning experience."

Cochran said the show's thriller aspect was brought about by his affinity for the style. "I've always liked the tension and suspense in a murder mystery story," Cochran said. "We thought it would be cool to take this genre and adapt it to our needs."

Condolora, who works on the editing and Cochran, who acts in it as one of the leading roles, said scheduling shooting with their class and crew was hectic.

Freshman Daniel Challenburg and Kelly Glaeapel, and sophomore Daniel Ockay also act in the production. Even though the characters are not meant to be Harding students, most scenes are filmed on campus. Condolora said he thinks most students will appreciate the characters' similarities to real people.

"Maybe people won't like the fact that it's a murder mystery show," Condolora said. "In general, though, we're hoping that its appeal will be broad enough that most people will like it... I think students appreciate things more when they're done by people they know — people they can relate to."

Senior Grady Lewis said he is supportive of the series because he likes the creativity of friends and students in small, original productions.

"If you've got some guys who make movies and just seeing people I know in some kind of small production is just kind of neat," Lewis said.

Freshman Dustin Johnson said the time the show airs will affect if he watches it or not. "I would probably watch it," Johnson said. "I like murder mysteries and things like that."

Condolora said his main desire is that they get an audience.

"We hope that people will like it," Condolora said. "Actually, we hope that people will simply watch it. The characters are easy to relate to, and I think that the story will hold people's interest. Also, I think students will like having more student-produced dramatic content on TV 16, which is primarily a news station."
Graphic design teacher shares story of faith through health trials

BY JULIE PYE
student reporter

S crouched behind the plate, Junior Ivy Crosby, graphic design major and student reporter, observed a 11-year-old boy from Fairfax, Va., crouched behind the plate in his shin guards, waiting for the pitch. Like dozens of times before, he got up to bat and ran the bases, but as he ran, his parents noticed something unusual about his leg—an observation that would change his life.

"I grew up playing baseball," said Tim Cox, adjunct art instructor and husband. "As I was running around the bases, my parents noticed I threw my left leg out funny to the side."

The doctors said he would be caused by tight shin guards. Cox said the doctors said he would recover with the aid of a shunt at the top of his spine and behind the ear; the ink mixes with the spinal fluid and shows up on X-rays, Cox said.

The results showed Cox had a cancerous tumor. On Oct. 26, 1983, the seventh-grader had his first spinal surgery, where they formed. During this time, doctors reached the tumor from the skull and behind the ear, the ink shoots downward and wherever the ink stops, blockage is then determined. The ink mixes with the spinal fluid and shows up on X-rays, Cox said.

The doctors found scar tissue on the nerves of Cox's leg, thought to be caused by tight shin guards. Cox said the doctors said he would be alright after scraping the nerves in his leg. Instead of recovery, Cox's leg continued to weaken and eventually, when he was required to wear a brace, the doctors decided to take X-rays.

"As the X-ray went down, the base of my spine got wide—like something was inside my spinal column pushing its way out," Cox said. "So they decided to do another test called a myelogram."

Cox said the procedure requires a spinal tap ink injection from the base of the spine and behind the ear, the ink shoots downward and wherever the ink stops, blockage is then determined. The ink mixes with the spinal fluid and shows up on X-rays, Cox said.

"It was a unique form of scoliosis where the spine was not ready for the fusion to shatter. Cox said he was then sent home in his parent's complete care to remain in bed in his body cast for six months."

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The fusion healed after six months, in time for a holiday surprise. "Christmas day was the first time I sat up in six months," Cox said. "After that, they said it would take a truck to break my back." Then, in May 1992, Cox said the doctors discovered he had blood poisoning from medical complications, which ultimately required in the amputation of his left leg. Cox said the next 10 years of medical treatment he experienced changed his life, because the difficult times were followed by good ones. "I don't really know what a normal childhood was," Cox said. "I thought I had a normal childhood."

"Three years later, complications occurred and more tests were performed. During this time, doctors found that the remaining 30 percent of the tumor had grown from his neck down to his tail bone."

The type of tumor found in Cox was a unique form of slow-growing cancer, called gangliogliomas. It thrived from his radiation treatments and had metastasized in Cox, possibly since birth, making him the 13th person in the world to have it.

On what should have been Cox's first day of his sophomore year of high school, Cox underwent a 21-hour emergency surgery. Days later, another 13-hour surgery involved a placement of a shunt at the top of Cox's spine in order to prevent the tumor from forming again. In 1996, the small remaining tumor in the knee spine crushed Cox's nerves, leaving his legs paralized.

"I'm a band of metal that goes around your head and where four screws are screwed into your head," Cox said. "Then they put that into a body cast."

The day after surgery, though Cox's body was not ready for the pressure, the medical staff removed him from his bed, causing the vertebrae on either side of the fusion to shatter. Cox said he was then sent home in his parents' complete care to remain in bed in his body cast for six months.

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"On the other hand, those were the times I really learned about my faith, my family," Cox said. "I think it was good for me to have the health trials that I had."

"I tell people, 'You respect him right off for going through what he did,' Johnson said. '

You respect him for putting himself out there. You feel closer to him because he's told you this stuff. He makes you feel comfortable, and he's a good listener.'"

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The movie "Hotel Rwanda," recently released to DVD, captures the tragic story of Rwanda, an event occurred eleven years ago in the country of Rwanda, an event that so horrendous the whole world should have stopped and taken notice.

The story takes place in 1994. The United Nations made a peace agreement to supposedly end all fighting between the Tutsi rebels (otherwise known as cockroaches) and the Hutus. When this goes bad, the slaughter begins.

You may wonder how a movie such as this can be so touching. The answer is found in the soft-spoken lead character, Paul Ruse Sebegine (Don Cheadle). He is the manager of a well-to-do hotel, and through the course of the movie he house more than 1,000 Hutu refugees — in addition to his wife and their four children. His extraordinary courage and calmness in the face of danger molds him into a hero worth watching — a hero that is real. The movie stirred anger within me, which I did not anticipate. I read many testimonies of others who felt similarly.

Many times, however, we open the newspaper and see that thousands were killed, and then lay the paper down and forget it.

Why is that? Perhaps it is because events like that seem to be worthy of being put in a Hollywood movie, but then we open the newspaper and see that thousands were killed, and then lay the paper down and forget it.

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One of the film's most compelling scenes features a Red Cross nurse recalling seeing two orphans killed. She said the older sister had the younger one on her back, and right before they were chopped down by machetes, the girl pleaded to the nurse, "Don't let them kill me; I promise I won't be Tutsi anymore."

No amount of script writing and creativity can produce anything as powerful as this film's true story.

It isn't a pleasant experience, but the story of Rwanda needs to be told.

A true fan of Ashanti would be rather pleased with this album, especially if said fan fears the music she is singing. My suspicion is that someone feels that for the sake of the story, they need to fatten it up a bit. The world outside of Rwanda did nothing to assist; many who could have been saved were left behind.

The album additionally features contributions from producer 7 Aurelius, who has recently been providing beats for hip-hop artists such as LL Cool J and the previously mentioned de Ruth. Aurelius is no stranger to pop and RB, however, having recently worked with Britney Spears and Jennifer Lopez.

Ashanti definitely has smooth vocals that are neither too hard nor too feathery, but it takes too long to get to that luxurious voice after listening to all the talking. Many of the songs feature good bass lines, however, which seem to make the songs flow better.

I was caught off-guard with one track's rock sound, but that was the only variation between this newest release and the sound of her previous albums.

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Opinion

By: BARKLEY TERRY
Guest Columnist

On life's pitches

Many years from now, I will look on this column and wish I could rewrite it. I will have learned life lessons from which I could have some points of reference.

What is most difficult for me to fathom is that I thought I knew everything there was to know about life three years ago when I first set foot on Harding's campus.

I knew how to talk to girls. I knew that I had to study because it was a bad grade; and I knew that I had the whole world at my feet just waiting to be conquered.

I'm not so sure if it was just ignorance or teenage arrogance. I have learned many life lessons through trial and error, and I know how learning and continuing my education further than I ever thought possible.

It is amazing how many life lessons can be learned through failure. The harder you fail, the more you have felt due to being down, and grades have not only made me a better student; they've made me a better person as well, but also a better man.

As a senior, I feel the chance for me to leave a positive influence on Harding is growing slimmer by the day.

So I believe it is important for me to share the knowledge that has been thrown my way by the array of pitches that are known as life.

Man, have I been blessed. I have been blessed because I am not speaking to any direct individual. I have some words of wisdom that will help you on your way. Girls are interested in more than just a nice car and how much money you have in the bank—and at least the ones I should know.

Girls at Harding will give any guy a chance, and since it may only be one shot, you better make the most of it. Most importantly, you have to be willing to throw yourself out there and risk it all to receive any type of return. Also, nice guys do have a tendency to come in last place, but when they finally do come in first place, the viewers’ sympathy is much sweeter.

College is a place of higher learning and must be taken seriously, but you will meet more people outside of that world literature book than in it. College, for me, has been about making the most out of every opportunity to meet a new person. Although my grades have fallen behind at times, I know that the relationships I have made will be more cherished and live on longer than any "A."

I have been blessed, and I thank God for every friendship I have. I hope I am as good of a friend as those friends have been to me.

Finally, I still have the whole world at my feet waiting to be conquered. It just seems a little bigger than I imagined. Everyone is out there. Everyone has a chance to make something great of myself in there, asking me to walk down that path. I can only hope the ones I pick is the one that will bring me happiness and fortune, both emotionally and financially.

The road is so close to being a reality. In mere months, I will leave behind my childhood innocence, college buddies and now these few words of wisdom that were thankfully learned the hard way.

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Letters to the Editor

Mission work is an act of gratitude

I guess that Greg Russell's letter from last week [April 15], "Missions Can Be Overemphasized," would have some good points in it if it weren't the gospel that we are talking about.

If there are legalistic forces at all embedded in the Harding community, letters to the editor from students, faculty, administrators and the Searcy community are encouraged.

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

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Letters to the editor are published weekly except during breaks, test weeks and holidays. The editor reserves the right to refuse or edit any letter.

Liz Howell, director of Alumni and Parent Relations

University understands financial responsibility

We understand the concerns Steven Baird is raising, that Harding should not promote credit cards," April 15) regarding the financial responsibility of Harding University and college students with credit cards. A new program began in the fall in conjunction with Dr. Don Roberts, director of financial aid, called "Life After Harding." Dr. Roberts addresses debt, credit cards, student loans, budgeting and other money matters. This program is now offered each semester, and the financial aid office has workbooks and other materials available on the subject.

Personal Finance (Room 322) is the most popular elective in the College of Business Administration, according to Bryan Burke, dean of COBA. There are many classes on campus that discuss the responsibilities of Christians regarding giving, living within your means and promoting the ethic of thrift. After Harding, Dr. Roberts addresses debt, credit cards, student loans, budgeting and other money matters. This program is now offered each semester, and the financial aid office has workbooks and other materials available on the subject.

The goal of University Advancement is to be fair for donors and revenue streams to help subsidize the actual costs for an education at Harding. Every year thousands of donors give to Scholarship Fund, and the monies received from the affinity programs and donors help several thousand Harding students.

We will always value our partnership with MBNA and maintain strong guidelines and standards for our participation. We do not market to current students because we understand the bombardment of credit cards and the importance of financial responsibility. In the graduation packet, a Harding credit card application is included. The use of credit cards is a personal decision. We respect those who choose not to participate in the credit card program and thank those who help the University with their credit card purchases.

Brian Harrison, senior
The importance of the new pope

Benedict XVI is Christianity's face for many in the world

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o we got the point. Pope John Paul II was a great man. When he died, home overwhelmed with grieving Catholics and even church of Christ Harding lowered its flags. Then, in one of the shortest conclaves in history, the cardinals elected the new representative of Christ on earth. White smoke rose from the Sistine Chapel. The bells of St. Peter's chimed. The crowds cheered as Benedict XVI emerged overlooking St. Peter's Square. The Italians cried. The Germans gloated. In the States, liberal commentators condemned him as the new pope for being a conservative, and conservative commentators tried not to deride him too much for being Catholic.

And we non-Catholics wondered why the heck we should care about the slightly unfortunate-looking man in white.

The Catholic Church claims about 1.1 billion followers worldwide, more than half of all 2.14 billion people who call themselves Christian. Whatever Benedict XVI says or does will reflect on how the rest of the world sees Christianity as a whole.

The Vatican has opposed abortion and scientists who want to play God. It has warned against the destruction of sexual immorality and accepting homosexuality as normal for a society. Recent Pope has spoken to big ag, for the rights of the oppressed and have never ceased to affirm the value of human life as made in the image of God.

Benedict has not yet stepped down on those issues. For him, it seems to want to use the Catholic Church's substantial influence to combat what he has called the dictatorship of relativism. "Having a clear faith based on the creed of the church is often labeled as fundamentalism," he preached to his fellow cardinals before the conclave. "Meanwhile, relativism, which is treating oneself to absurdity and swept away by every wind of teaching, does not recognize acceptable to modern standards.

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Intramural jackets reward athletes
Students participate in athletics for health, fun

ERIN COOK
student reporter

Students who enjoy participating in intramural sports can gain a chance to receive an intramural jacket as a reward for their dedication to sports competition.

Jim Gowen, director of men's intramurals, said an intramural letter jacket acts like the high-school version of the varsity letter jacket, and the jacket is a way to honor those who participate in intramural sports throughout the year.

"The jacket is a way to give recognition to the [students] who are immersed in sports and who want to compete on many different levels," Gowen said. A male student can receive a jacket by earning points while participating in intramural sports offered on campus.

According to the men's intramural sports handbook, to earn a letter jacket a student must regularly participate in all major sports, all singles and doubles, complete an event in swimming, and participate in cross-country and the intramural pursuit race. The "jacket must also enter all three "Up" contests: sit-ups, push-ups and chin-ups, enter at least 50 percent of the sport skills events offered, and accumulate a minimum of 10 intramural points for the year.

Female students can earn an intramural jacket as well, but their qualifications for doing so differ from men's qualifications.

There is no minimum for points earned, so the 10 women who accumulate the most points throughout the year receive jackets. The woman with the most points receives a plaque along with her jacket.

Though many qualifying factors are involved in earning an intramural jacket, the key to winning a jacket is participation.

Being the best athlete isn't a requirement, winners of the jacket earn it through participation in various activities throughout the year.

Points are given to those who participate in a sport. Those voted on to the All-Star team in a sport and those who set a new record in an event.

Senior Cade Smith, a third-year qualifier for the intramural jacket, said he began trying for an intramural jacket because he wanted to work for the campus intramural department.

"I was at [almost every] event anyway," Smith said. "I figured that adding a few more to my list wouldn't make much of a difference, and I like to compete." For students like Smith who earn the 2,000 points needed in consecutives years, prizes other than a jacket are awarded. Second-year qualifiers earn an intramural blanket and third-year qualifiers earn an intramural sweater.

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Bisons Track

The men's distance medley relay placed second during the Sea Ray Relays April 16.

The team, consisting of seniors James Mason and Reed Fisher, sopho­more Franzek Bobrowski and freshman Attar Kern, finished the race in 9 minutes and 53.46 seconds, shattering Harding's oldest school track record set in 1986. The previous record time was 10:01.84.

Kern also had a personal best in the 1,500-meter race, running the race in 3:55.86. The Bisons continue their season this weekend at the Kansas Relays.

Bisons Baseball

The Bison baseball team dropped three games to the University of Arkan­sas-Monticello April 16-17. The team continues its season April 23 at home against Ouachita Baptist in a doubleheader starting at noon.
As ridiculous as it sounds, I can’t help but compare this situation, or any other time an athlete is faced with the decision of retirement, to contestants on “Wheel of Fortune.”

It’s always obvious when a person knows the answer to the puzzle, yet they continue to spin the wheel for more money. When they do, they land on Bankrupt and lose all of the money they have, and usually a chance at winning the round. It’s times like those that would have been better off solving the puzzle with the money they had and going out on top, just like an athlete who falls apart in his final season would have been better off quitting when he was ahead.

I’m not saying that Armstrong doesn’t have the potential to win the Tour as well as anyone ever dreamed of, and they’ll all be disappointed to see him retire. The good news is that Armstrong is already planning to become our voice as a cancer survivor. Do I see another column out of the future? Armstrong readily admitted that he wasn’t sure if he had the ability to win again, but that he was more than ready to try. I have to give him credit for that.

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Tie Breaker: Harding Baseball (Saturday’s first game)

Harding vs. Ouachita Baptist

*Editors picks are in bold

From the Bleachers

Senior Briana Lutes swings at a ball during practice April 12. The tennis teams completed regular season play April 16 at the Gulf South Conference and will find out April 25 if they advance to the NCAA Division I tournament.

Still swinging strong

Tennis teams may advance to national tournament

JENNIFER ALLEN

reporter

The tennis teams finished their regular season with winning records April 16 in Pensacola, Fla., as the Gulf South Conference tournament came to an end.

Despite each team’s 2-0 tournament record, coach David Elliot said the teams may have earned the chance to advance to the NCAA Division II tournament May 4-5.

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Sports Challenge

This week’s winner of the sports challenge in freshman Matt Hoffman. Matt Hoffman is in full swing now and with the NBA season over, sports challenges will be all baseball for the next two weeks of this year’s Bison. Same thing as usual this week. Fill out the information below and check your picks for the games (including the exact score of the tiebreaker), 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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The second Students' Best Photo Submission Contest drew in more than 100 entries. Photos ranged from shots taken around campus to photos from around the world.

Bison photographer Chelsea Roberson had her work cut out for her this week when the submissions started pouring in. With so many shots to choose from, Roberson chose the top five with help from the Bison staff.

The top five will receive gift certificates via campus mail from local restaurants. Thanks to the sponsors and to those who sent in entries.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Chelsea Roberson
PICTURE DETAILS: A summer sunset in Heber Springs.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Taylor Williams

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PHOTOGRAPHER: Michael Wright
PICTURE DETAILS: A different angle at a cemetery in Searcy. Wright said, "I was overwhelmed with college life, and going to the cemetery helped me put my problems in perspective."

PHOTOGRAPHER: Michael Means
PICTURE DETAILS: A Harding manhole reflects the clouds.