Club process altered, reactions vary

RENEE LEWIS
student reporter

The social club process is on the verge of significant changes, including the elimination of Induction Week and the Induction Review Team, said an Inter-Club Council meeting April 26.

Although not named yet, Oct. 2-5 will replace Induction Week, serving as an orientation-type process. When students who are trying to join a club receive a bid Oct. 2 from the clubs that voted them in, they will automatically become class I members instead of class II members, meaning they will have all the rights and privileges of fully active members.

As a result, clubs will need to plant activities to include old and new members, focusing on unity and team building, David Collins, assistant dean of students, said.

Collins said the main reason for the change is to highlight the positive aspects of the club process... "Most clubs do a tremendous job in their activities," Collins said. "But we all know there are times when things move in a direction that just doesn't make sense with what we're about here at Harding, what we're about as Christians. That's the small part we want to try to remove and replace with something even better."

Although the mixer system will undergo minor changes, students will notice major changes beginning Oct. 2, Bid Day, Dustin Vyers, said.

"This system is going to require creativity on the clubs' parts," Vyers said. "It can still be a big week for the club to bring new members in and give them their bids, jerseys, and still do unity activities, play sports, keep all of their traditions. The only difference is new members are class I." Junior Nick Prosser, vice president-elect of TNT, said there is a potential for under-appreciation from new members.

"The biggest thing that we're worried about is that some clubs may not like the new process, but they will all be motivated to drive, no want to do anything that week," Prosser said. "They're getting their jerseys, and they're done, so therefore that's going to take away the bonding."

Junior Emily Dell, Delta Gamma Rho president-elect, said the challenge new members faced in previous weeks may not exist anymore.

"I think they're missing the bonding that takes place when there's a goal you need to reach," Dell said. "I don't know where the appreciation for the club experience will be because the process is gone. The bonding comes with the process." More than anything, Vyers said the new process is designed to push respect and unity.

"In the mindset of freshmen, the fact that they have been working so hard to gain the trust and friendships of all the people in the club (combined with the fact that you picked them is huge)," Vyers said. "You've earned their respect, and they've earned yours. Respect is the bigger picture." Junior Jason Fowler, TNT president-elect, said tradition is another issue for many clubs.

"I think a lot of clubs are very worried about tradition," Fowler said. "That is something we're looking into. We know that things will work out. We're looking at how we can adapt those traditions." Collins and Vyers said they are willing to work with social clubs to ensure traditions do not fade.

"I see most of the traditional activities that clubs have had during Induction Week continuing; I think the approach to some of those long-standing traditions will change," Collins said. "Along with the elimination of Induction Week and the IRT, a club fair will replace the OPEN HOUSE, which will be responsible for representing themselves at the Welcome Center the day before fall classes begin.*

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student reporter

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OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE

Iraq official assassinated in Baghdad

A member of Iraq's National Assembly was assassinated April 27 at her home in Baghdad. Baghdad authorities said Lameh Abid Khaled, al-Sabri, was shot to death when she answered the door to her house, and no one has claimed responsibility for the assassination. This follows two other assassination attempts on her life, one when parking in a garage, and another attack as she was driving to the capital. Iraq's prime minister designate, Iyad al-Allawi, said that at least seven of the new government positions will be going to women in order to reflect the country's diversity.

Presently, there is no set procedure for filling a vacant National Assembly seat.

Airbus built bigger to rival Boeing

Europe's jetliner maker, Airbus, is hoping to give the American airplane giant, Boeing, some competition with the most spacious civil jetliner ever built.

The Airbus A-380 "superjumbo" made its four-hour maiden flight April 27.

The 808-ton jet is designed to seat 555 passengers and will have regular flight sections such as economy, business and first class. The A-380 will have larger seats, aisles and galleys for passengers to stretch their legs. It is rumored that spa and gym may be added to this double-decker jet.

Only about 60 airports are currently equipped to handle incoming and outgoing A-380 flights.

Deals for purchase of A-380 jets have already been made with major companies, including UPS, Federal Express and Virgin Atlantic Airways.

Texas public school offers Bible class

An Odyssey, Texas, school board voted unanimously April 26 to add a Bible class to the elective list in its public schools.

Students enrolled in the class will learn the geography of the Middle East and the influence of the Bible and religion on culture.

Some residents fear a national constitutional fight, and People for the American Way and the American Civil Liberties Union have criticized the council.

Mike Johnson, a representative of the Greensboro, North Carolina-based National Council on Bible Curriculum in Public Schools, said the material is not about proselytizing or preaching.

"How can students understand Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper," or Handle's "Messiah" if they don't understand the reference from which they came?" Johnson said.

Pepperdine to host 62nd lectureship

More than 5,000 people from throughout the United States and abroad are expected to attend Pepperdine's 62nd-annual Bible Lectures May 3-6 on the University's Malibu, Calif., campus.

The theme of this year's lectures is "Lifted Up: Great Themes from John 13-21."

This year's program will include more than 240 classes, 12 music and drama groups, five major dinners, and numerous breakfast and luncheon programs.

Faces in the Crowd

Evan Bacon, freshman

Hometown: Bakersfield, Calif.

Major: Political science

Height: 6 feet 7 inches

Favorite place to shop: Goodwill

Toothpaste: "My roommate's."

Why did you choose your major? "It's a chance to change the world."

Summer job: Legal intern in Los Angeles.

Blonde, brunette or redhead? "Redhead, for the passion."

Favorite T-shirt: New Zealand All-Blacks Rugby shirt.

Who has influenced you the most? "Noam Chomsky. He's a political writer. He let me look at things from a completely different point of view."

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Thursday 10 a.m.: Monday

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UPCOMING

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5.1 Arbor Day.

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5.1 Dead Week.

5.3 Teacher Day (United States)

5.5 Cinco de Mayo.

5.6 Inflatable Friday — Rockwell, obstacle course, bungee run, front lawn, 24 p.m.

5.7 CAB presents The Elephant Man, talent show — The Showdown, Benson, 8 p.m., $3 or free with the Pass.

5.9 World Language Day.

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5.17 CAB presents Al Rogers, singer/songwriter, Benson, 8 p.m., $2 or free with the Pass.

5.18 Mother's Day.

5.19 Finals week begins.

5.19 Midnight breakfast, cafeteria, 10 p.m.

5.13 Frog Jumping Day.

5.14 Graduation, Campus Athletic Center, 10 a.m.
Popular downtown Searcy diner goes smoke free

STACEY CONDOLORA  student reporter

A Searcy restaurant joined a growing number of eating establishments April 11 when it prohibited smoking in all areas of its diner.

Bobby Quattlebaum, owner of Bobby's Family Restaurant, said he decided to make his restaurant smoke free because it was only a matter of time before the state legislature would have made the decision for him.

"The issue of banning smoking in restaurants has been talked about in the whole town for a long time. It has only been a matter of time before the state legislature would have made the decision for him. We have made the decision for him," said Quattlebaum.

Quattlebaum said he believes banning cigarettes will also allow him to serve more customers and increase business.

"I don't want them here all day long. It's a restaurant, not a lounge," Quattlebaum said.

Senior Melissa Ferguson said although she has never eaten at Bobby's, she now tries the restaurant for the first time.

"One of the reasons I have not gotten around to eating at Bobby's is because I'm allergic to cigarette smoke, and I heard [Bobby's] had a tendency to be smoky," Ferguson said. "I know I would be wheezing within five minutes if I went. Now that it is smoke free, I will probably go try it."

Junior Jonathan Whit said after living in a city where all restaurants are smokeless, he got used to enjoying the smoke-free atmosphere. As a result, he is excited that Bobby's has become a smoke-free establishment.

"I think it's really great because smoking is nasty," Whit said. "After spending the summer in New York, which has a statewide no-smoking policy, I got used to not having to specify smoking or non-smoking.

"I'm glad Bobby's has taken the initiative to institute their own no-smoking policy in a city and state where it is not a law,"* Ferguson said.

Quattlebaum said the size of his establishment also played a part in the decision of banning smoking.

"Because of how small the place is, I can't offer a non-smoking area," he said. "It was causing me to lose customers.

Quattlebaum said he believes banning cigarettes will also allow him to serve more customers and increase business.

"If you ban smoking, then you will be turning over tables faster, getting in more customers," Quattlebaum said.

"It's not that I don't want people visiting, it's just that I don't want them here all day long. It's a restaurant, not a lounge," Quattlebaum said.

Freshman Jonathan Smith, a native of Searcy, said he will miss some of the customers who would gather at Bobby's to visit and laugh with each other while they smoked.

"Every time I'd go there, there'd be a group of old men sitting near the front, telling lots of stories and smoking together," Smith said.

"While smoke does bother me, getting to hear their stories about times past made it all worthwhile."

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Leadership development
Honors minor combines curriculum

EMILY BURROWS  student reporter

In an effort to place greater emphasis on leadership development, the Honors College will offer a new leadership studies minor beginning in the fall.

Dr. Jeffrey Hopper, dean of the Honors College, said the new minor combines various areas of study and will require students to choose 18 hours from an integrated course curriculum.

"I don't believe that there is any one academic discipline with a corner on truth or truth seeking," Hopper said. "I am not sure how successful the [leadership studies minor] will be, or how many students will be interested, because there are so many leadership opportunities here at Harding. It's inside the minor," Allen said.

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Audience members could judge, which made it difficult to Senior Andy Robinson is in Talent show offers benefits. The Campus Activities Board will give away an iPod mini and five iTunes gift certificates to audience members in a random drawing at Saturday night's talent show. The show begins at 8 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium. Dustin Vyers, a senior activities coordinator, said this year's talent show is unique because the audience voted who advanced to the actual talent show from more than 25 acts that auditioned April 16 for the CAB's "You Pick the Talent" talent show. Vyers said an unexpected crowd of 600 people came to judge, which made it difficult for some students. "We had no idea there would be so many people [at the audition]," Vyers said. "The voting was done by audience ballots, and I did not anticipate having to count that many. We have decided to do the voting for the actual talent show differently." Vyers said Saturday's show will feature a panel of 10 judges consisting of faculty, staff and students. Vyers said he thinks panel judging is easier to manage and will produce immediate results, which will be needed for Saturday's show. Vyers said Saturday's 12-act lineup includes a cappella singers, soloists, pianists and break-dancers. Although some participants will perform the same act at the show as they did while auditioning, Vyers said he is encouraging participating to do something different. "I encourage [the performers] to present a different act so that it will be a new show to the people who attended the auditions," Vyers said. Senior Andy Robinson is in three acts, including an a cappella performance. In his audition for his solo, Robinson sang "Because of You," a song he wrote. Robinson said he chose that song because it is a reflection on his life. "I had to pick a song that was a little bit up tempo and that told a story," Robinson said. "I kind of prefaced the song saying that there are a lot of mistakes that I have made here at Harding, and this is one of them. The main reason I like it is because it tells a story," Robinson said. He plans to perform a different song that he wrote for Saturday's show. Choosing the song or act is not the only issue with which the performers must contend. Another problem can be the issue of performing in front of hundreds of people. Junior Marshall Saxon said he has found a way to deal with being on stage in front of a large audience. "I haven't sung in front of people since I was in the fifth grade," Saxon said. "The way I stay calm up on stage, it is singing. I don't think about the audience, I just focus on the song, which is usually one that has a personal meaning to me." Vyers said audience members picked for the iPod Mini and iTunes gift certificates must be present to win. In addition, the first-place winner chosen from the 12 acts will receive $500 and second-place contestants will receive $50. 

University to hit FM airways

KATHRYN CHERRY reporter

For 22 years, KHCA TV 16 has served as a venue of communication between Harding and the greater Searcy community. By fall 2005, Harding will expand its communication offerings by launching a new FM radio station that will reach more than 120,000 people.

Dr. Mike James, chairman of the communication department, said the station will offer a different style of programming to the local communities.

Gray sky morning

Students stand and gaze at the cloud formations before chapel April 26. Warmer temperatures are expected for the weekend, instead of the unseasonably cooler temperatures felt this week.

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Life Experiences Posted Worldwide

**Friday, April 29, 2005**

Senior Chris Morton knows her favorite music, who she went to her last function with and that she just got the flu last night. He’s never officially met her, but he has read her Xanga.

"Xanga changes the way people interact," Morton said. "I met two people last week face to face that I already knew who they were. It makes Harding an even smaller place than it already is.

Morton is one of more than 400 members of Harding’s blogging on Xanga.

Xanga.com is a blog host among others such as livejournal.com and blogger.com. It is defined as “a web site that provides users with weblogs or ‘blogs’. Xanga.com, Inc., based in New York City, operates the popular site. Xanga currently hosts the largest number of weblogs on the Internet.

"The web definition of a blog is ‘information that is instantly published to a Web site.’ Blog scripting allows someone to automatically post information to a Web site. The information first goes to a blogger Web site, then it is automatically inserted into a template tailored for the individual’s Xanga site. ‘Bloggers’ can become part of an online group with people interested in similar things called ‘blogrings.’"

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Senior Adam Dickson said that it surprises him how much personal information is put on the World Wide Web in the online journal form.

"You don’t even have to know who the person is, and you can read some of the most intimate details about them," Dickson said. "No one would stand on a pedestal and shout, ‘I made out with Tim last weekend,’ but they’ll put it on their Xanga site.

Despite the lack of privacy, Xangas are used for communication worldwide.

Sophomore Cara McCormick said she began writing on her Xanga site more regularly when she spent a fall semester in Italy. "When I went to Italy, I started posting a lot more," McCormick said. "With the time zone issue, it was a lot easier to communicate."

She said she still enjoys keeping updated with family and friends through Xanga but thinks that many people should be careful about the things they write.

"You can say things that your friends would understand, but to others they come across wrong," McCormick said.

Just as with chat rooms and instant messenger, McCormick said that sarcasm and other entries could be misinterpreted in online journals. She said she thinks that without knowing the person outside of Xanga, it would be difficult to have a true understanding of their personality.

Dickson said, as a form of communication, the fact that Xangas are less personal aids people in revealing more about themselves.

"People are getting things out that they otherwise have not been able to," Dickson said. "So it’s good and bad. They’re able to talk about it, but it could get into the wrong hands."

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**Friday, April 28, 2005**

Xangas factoids:

- As of 2003 there are 1,631,535 active blogs.
- 10,000 domains listed in the who’s registry have “blog” in their names.
- On average, blogs are updated every three days, according to a brief informal study reported at BlogCount.
- About 4 percent of Americans online report that they have gone to blogs for information and opinions related to the war in Iraq.

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Name: Rachel Bashaw

Country: United States

State: Arkansas

Regarding Xangas: "My suitemate made a site and said, ‘Hey this is your Xanga site – you’re using it.’ It’s a fun and easy way to see what people are up to and express yourself."

Year: Freshman
Weather guru turns tornado chaser

TV 16 weatherman informs Arkansans of severe weather conditions

BROOKLYN CLARK
LAURA KAYE
STUDENT REPORTERS

Sophomore Andrew Leeper drives to Fort Smith to see the storm, but not to get caught in it. Leeper said he knew there was a tornado, but he could not see where because of the torrents of rain. Then he turned up the radio and heard that the twister was traveling 60 mph, directly behind him.

"I had to drive pretty fast through blinding rain to get away from that tornado," Leeper said.

Leeper, the weather anchor for TV 16, said he is also an avowed storm chaser and tornado chaser for the National Weather Service in Little Rock.

Leeper said he is a member of Skywarn, a service provided by the NWS. When weather conditions are severe in White County, Leeper serves as the "eyes of the NWS." If conditions are dangerous and a warning for the county needs to be issued, Leeper informs the Little Rock NWS which weather patterns are occurring so they can properly determine what the storm is producing, Leeper said.

"The National Weather Service can't see everything on radar, so they rely on storm chasers to provide information," Leeper said.

Freshman Derek Glover, sports anchor for TV 16, said he occasionally fills in for Leeper as the weatherman and plans to become a member of Skywarn with Leeper.

Glover said he can see that Leeper gains fulfillment from his hobby.

"He in a full well of knowledge about weather. He is always talking about it, always there, ready and prepared, never complaining." DEREK GLOVER, FRESHMAN

Sophomore Andrew Leeper checks the weather forecast before TV 16's "Live at Five" newscast April 25. Leeper arrives at the TV 16 studio at 3 p.m. everyday to prepare for the forecast.

"I call him the weather nerd. He is a well full of knowledge about weather. He is always talking about it, always there, ready and prepared, never complaining." DEREK GLOVER, FRESHMAN

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"He in a full well of knowledge about weather. He is always talking about it, always there, ready and prepared, never complaining." Leeper said each weekday at 3 p.m. he arrives at the TV 16 studio in the Reynolds Center to prepare for the 5 p.m. "Live at Five" newscast. He said that being involved every day in the broadcast is a lot of work, but it is worth it because weather is his hobby.

"When you watch [weather forecasting] all much and you like it, you want to know how and then just do it," Leeper said.

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"He makes the weather easier to understand and goes into an explanation of why the weather conditions are what they are for any particular day," Blackman said. "I always come away from that portion of the newscast not only knowing what's going on in the weather, but why."

"The welfare of other people is what she notices most about Leeper's love for weather, Blackman said. "He is always trying to be helpful, that is the reason why he loves following severe weather."

Blackman said, "He gets so concerned about the welfare of others."

Blackman said Leeper lives up to the purpose stated on Skywarn's Web site: "The focus of Skywarn (and of the NWS) is simple...to save lives and property."
One man's top 10 jams

This week my column will be devoted to a few albums that are undisputed classics and some that are personal favorites, but all of which hold a place of honor in my collection. Let's get to rockin'.

U2, "Achtung Baby"—As great an album as "Joshua Tree" is, this 1991 release from U2 is a lot more fun. Looser, grittier and funkier, U2 sound less pious and more than a little cynical, but the music is their best.

Curtis Mayfield, "Superfly"—This is one of the "baddest" albums ever and can make anyone feel like putting the smack down on any jive turkey who would disrespect him.

The Beastie Boys, "Paul's Boutique"—"Paul's Boutique" has since been recognized as one of the last albums to show the art that can result from creative sampling. There was a time when DJs would create musical collages unlike anything heard. This album samples from the previously mentioned "Superfly" soundtrack, the Eagles and even (gasp!) the Beatles, while the Beasties throw hilarious rhymes about drive-by executions and Jack Kerouac.

Nas, "Illmatic"—Jazz meets hip-hop. Perhaps one of the greatest instrumental albums ever to grace a record store. For pure rhymes, this disc beats any other rap album of the '90s.

The Beaches, "Revolver"—All Beaches albums are essential, but this one strikes the perfect balance between the stylistic explorations of the second half of the band's career and the pop-rock love songs of the first half. From the snatching opening track, "Taxman," to the far Eastern sounds of "Tomorrow Never Knows," not a second is wasted.

The Flying Burrito Brothers, "Sin City: The Very Best of the Flying Burrito Brothers"—This disc contains the first two albums from this groundbreaking band that combined country and rock sounds in the late 1960s and '70s. The late Gram Parsons has become posthumously known as the "Prince of Country Rock," but his bandmates are forgotten, which is a shame.

Neil Young, "Harvest"—This early '70s band synthesized punk and country sounds on their debut album, "Harvest," the title of which comes from the A.P. Carter classic they covet. While singer and songwriter Neil Young has since moved on to greater fame with Wilco, it is the world-weary voice of Jay Farrar, the band's other leader, that impresses.

Nirvana, "MTV Unplugged in New York"—The pinnacle of Nirvana's recorded output. The acoustic versions of the band's songs outsing the originals and the covers are masterful. Nirvana never recorded anything more haunting than the version of "Polly" performed here.

The Rolling Stones, "Exile on Main St."—The Stones were dirtier and more bluey than their British Invasion peers, and they never captured these elements more successfully than they did on this 1972 album. One of the grittiest records ever.

Guns N' Roses, "Appetite for Destruction"—While people sometimes lump these guys in with some of their contem­poraries such as Egan, the spirit of Guns N' Roses was closer to the Stones of Aero­smith. The ob­noxious popular­ity of "Welcome to the Jungle" at sporting events can't obscure that it is a fierce hard rock anthem. And Sheryl Crow's odious version of "Sweet Child O' Mine" almost did the song in, but thank­fully, didn't tarnish the memory of the original.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Cutting Corners

Dr. Seuss once said, "The more you read, the more you learn. The more you learn, the more智能 you grow. And the more智能 you grow, the more people of the world may be surprised to find themselves." This is how we apply this saying to the world of news and current events.

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The Bison staff
Trust the badge

Incident makes it difficult for cops to receive respect

**Our View**

Problem: Negative attitudes toward police officers started at an early age.

Solution: Incidents which cast a negative light on the actions of law enforcement officers in our country.

So, a five-year-old got handcuffed last month. Almost sounds like the beginning of a joke doesn’t it? It’s not.

On March 14, in St. Petersburg, Fla., three police officers entered a kindergarten class and handcuffed a girl who had been tearing papers off the classroom’s bulletin board and additionally punched the assistant principal. It was all caught on a recently released tape.

And we wonder why people, children in particular, don’t trust police. It’s easy to see why in this situation and think of all the ways it could have been handled differently.

First, the school could have decided not to call the police. Although officials claimed they tried to reach the child’s mother first and were unable to contact her, there are other ways of handling a situation than calling the police. Second, the police could have simply not handcuffed her. The video shows the child calming down at the point of her being handcuffed; what purpose did throwing metal restraints on her wrists serve?

Every once in a while, an incident like this comes along that reinforces the negative stereotypes of our country’s law enforcement officers.

As sad as it is that parents inadvertently teach their young children to have negative attitudes toward police when they complain about speedings tickets or suddenly slow down when passing a cop radar ing, it’s difficult not to understand their attitudes very something like this cutting is caught on tape. If there is some corrupt police officers in this country, the majority are good people trying to uphold the law. Therefore, police should be regarded as such.

While parents can reinforce this by being aware of what they say around their children, police officers could make it easier by trying to prevent incidents like this from happening.

The image of a screaming little girl in handcuffs is difficult to erase.

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**Library smells a little ‘Teen Spirit’**

Semital ‘grunge’ album preserved for cultural importance

Earlier this month, the Library of Congress’s National Recording Preservation Board selected several audio recordings for addition to the National Recording Registry. One recording that stood out in the group was Nirvana’s 1991 album, “Nevermind.”

The choice of “Nevermind” surprised me when I first heard about it because of the company it was kept. Classics like the Penguins’ “Earth Angel,” Glenn Miller’s “In the Mood,” and Jerry Prolücke’s “Peter and the Wolf” were marked for preservation alongside it. Among these masterpieces, “Smells Like Teen Spirit” seemed really out of place.

Like much of my demographic — white, middle-class men in their early 30s — I have an appreciation for Nirvana. I recognize them as the epitome of ‘grunge’s’ unrefined bashing of their guitars and singing depressing songs. They popularized uncomplicated guitar riffs that even a lesser like me can play. My favorite song of theirs is “Breed.” incidentally from “Nevermind.” But is their music really good enough to stand among the likes of Dylan, R&B, and orchestral music?

According to the National Recording Preservation Board’s website, the board selects recordings that are “culturally, historically, or aesthetically important, and/or inform or reflect audiences, is a recurring cycle. First, new music is created and enhances its listeners’ tastes as well as whatever past musical styles it derives its sound from.

Second, it makes the former generation’s identifying music obsolete or “out of style.” Third, it retrieves the youthful sense of rebellion against the old musical authority — elders are unable to understand and judge the new youthful identity. Finally, the new music eventually reverses into “out of style.” As it is recycled and remixed into oblivion.

Contemporary popular music is more commercialized than ever, and music producers have grown unwilling to take risks with artists that defy the genre of “grunge” into oblivion.

Nirvana’s place in the time capsule of the National Recording Registry is justified by its cultural importance, as it instigated an American rock revival, seated with the handy, press-made label of “grunge.”

The history of musical revolution, it applies to music itself and its audiences, is a recurring cycle. First, new music is created and enhances its listeners’ tastes as well as whatever past musical styles it derives its sound from.

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Nirvana’s influence has been long-lasting, but it has definitely passed into the fourth stage of the cycle. Dozens of rock groups have recycled the elements of “grunge” into oblivion.

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“Nevermind’s” new status as an official historical icon makes me realize my musical identity’s mortality — my children and theirs will probably react to “Breed” with the familiar indifference of youth — but I’m glad. I don’t want children of the future to still be locked in the old elements of rock evident today. I want them to have new music, new ideas and new identities, just as long as they can be healthy and confident with them.

I gladly accept the coming day of my music’s death.

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**Bison’s end leaves columnist long ing for more space**

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Throughout that time, whatever I thought of something I felt like sharing with a few thousand people, that option. It’s going to be weird to lose that outlet.

Just this year alone, we have talked about funny stuff (The Treasure of the Dutchman’s Pass­ ion Pit), scary stuff (Botulism and other irrational fears), pro­found thoughts (the insignificance of coun­ try on campus that definitely longed to be shared) and even occasionally the se­ rious stuff (the death of my mother).

Over the last few weeks, I started to realize now that it was to be able to make a joke or take a stand and have people listen to it (at least, the few people who chose to put page nine of this paper on their regular reading list).

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**Table Talk**

Q: If you could be anywhere this summer, where would you be?

ANDREW CALDWELL

"I would be in Little Rock hanging out with my brother, and I am, so it’s awesome."

ANDREW HALL

"I’ll be happy where I’m at, which is home. I know I’m boring, but it’s true."

REBECCA DAVIS

"I’d be in Jamaica, lying on the beach."

CHELSEA WILSON

"I’d be home in Kansas, working on my garden."

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Bison memories

As the school year comes to an end, do my career at Harding. Along with that comes the end of being able to use Harding sporting events as an excuse to avoid doing homework. I thought I'd use this last column to reminisce about some of my favorite sporting moments during my time at Harding.

Last year's Homecoming football game was one of the most exciting games I've ever seen. It's not very often that a team blocks three field goal attempts in the last two minutes of the game. The atmosphere was electric, and I was proud to be there.

Anything dealing with the Bison basketball team and the Rhodes Rowdies will always be entertaining to me. My roommate and I looked forward to the season so we could trek across campus to the Rhodes Field House and escape any worries we had. You can barely bear yourself think in the Rhodes, but that's what makes it cool. After all, how many young people are interested in the best basketball fans in Arkansas?

The baseball season brought a great excuse to the end of being able to use my favorite sporting moments during my time at Harding. Last year's Homecoming football game was one of the most exciting games I've ever seen. It's not very often that a team blocks three field goal attempts in the last two minutes of the game. The atmosphere was electric, and I was proud to be there.

Hearing about the amazing feats of our track and cross-country teams, like that of senior Janet Kogo laying the competition twice during her 10,000-meter race April 15 at the Sea Ray Relays in Tennessee, was amazing. I gained a new appreciation for the term "long-distance running" because of Harding track.

The list goes on and on, and if I sat down with all of my friends, I'm sure I could come up with a list a lot longer; these are just some of the highlights.

So to all of the coaches and athletes, past, present, and future, thanks for all of your hard work and dedication, and thanks for giving us all something to cheer about.

A higher level of play

Lacrosse team may advance to national tournament

The lacrosse team defeated Cornell and Northwestern universities during a multiple-division tournament April 23-24. With the win, the team earned a bye in the first round of national playoff games.

"It was a huge one-up on the tournament," senior John Tomasoni said.

The playoff tournament will host 14 teams April 29 - May 1 in St. Louis. If the lacrosse team finishes in first place, it will advance to the National Tournament in Minneapolis April 12-15.

Although the national tournament is still a week away, sophomore JP Allen, team captain, said he is confident the team will make it to nationals.

"We're on top of our division right now," Allen said. "This weekend is going to be a blow-out."

Senior Mark Bates said he is excited about the weeks to come.

"I feel pretty confident in our ability to get to nationals," Bates said. "It's just a matter of putting it all together once we do."

Despite being on top of the division, the team members are preparing for the competition that lies ahead of them.

Senior Corbin Wilhelmi said although he hasn't seen a lot of teams around the nation, he is confident about the team's upcoming success.

"I think we'll be alright," Wilhelmi said. "I believe we'll hold our own."

Allen said if the team does make it to nationals, the players will have to move their class finals at Harding so they can leave for the national tournament.

"The exam change is going to make training for nationals a chore, but our teachers have been pretty cool about it," Bates said. "The bright side is that our seniors will end a little bit earlier than everyone else."

In addition to the exam schedule change, the seniors on the team will be missing graduation if they make it to nationals.

"It's every guy's dream to play in nationals," Wilhelmi said. "So when it comes to playing lacrosse or missing graduation, there's no decision."

Bates said making it to nationals would be a huge accomplishment for the relatively young lacrosse team. Most of the seniors have been a part of the team before it was even competing.

"We started off playing with hockey goals on the front lawn," Bates said. "I never thought we would become a team."

Bates and the team have grown and diversified in its time at Harding, so much so that people are coming to Harding just to play lacrosse.

"There are things happening that I couldn't even consider last year," Bates said. "It's possible that we could go to nationals this year, and who knows maybe one day we could be Division A or NCAA. Every year gets easier. We get more support and every year our ambitions grow. You never know what's possible."
**Track teams perform well at Kansas Relays**

EMILY BURROWS  
student reporter

The track teams continued their season April 24, qualifying two more team members for the National meet in Athens, Texas, May 26-28.

Freshman Julius Koelpi won the 5,000-meter race at the Kansas Relays in a time of 14 minutes and 50.84 seconds. Two other Bisons added their names to the school's list of NCAA National provisional qualifiers at the John McDonnell Invitational at the University of Arkansas the same day. The Kansas Relays feature more than 600 teams and 5,000 high school, college and Olympic-level athletes from around the nation.

"We took Julius up to the Kansas Relays and he won by about 20 seconds," Guymon said. "We sent about five people up to Arkansas, trying to improve times and get them qualified for Nationals. We had two girls run personal bests and [sophomore] Reed Fisher and [sophomore] Prezmek Bobrowski both qualified for Nationals, so they did very well."

Koelpi won three of his four races during this year’s indoor season and is already qualified for the NCAA Division II Nationals May 26-28.

At the John McDonnell Invitational, Fisher placed fourth in the 1,500-meter race and ran a provisional qualifying time of 3:56.78, which was also a personal best. Fisher placed 13th in the 1,500-meter race at outdoor nationals in 2003 and said he is looking forward to returning to the meet.

"I'm glad to have been able to qualify for the National meet again," Fisher said. "I hope that this year, I'll be able to build on the experience from the past."

Bobrowski placed sixth in the 800-meter race with a time of 1:55.21. Bobrowski has already qualified for nationals in the 1,500-meter, and with his time at the meet, he is now provisionally qualified for his second event.

Freshman Brian Jones finished in fifth place in the pole vault, clearing 14 feet and 3.25 inches. Lady Bison sophomore Jessica Pingrey and Savita Chelimo both improved their personal best times at the McDonnell Invitational.

"I'm glad to have been able to qualify for the National meet again. I hope that this year I'll be able to build on the experience from the past."

"It's the last Bison of the school year and the last sports challenge. Last week's sports challenge winner was freshman Matt Hall. This was the second week in a row that Hoffman won the sports challenge. One last try for everyone, it's the same thing as usual this week. Fill out the information below and check your picks for the games (including the exact score of the tie breaker), then rip this form out of the paper and drop it in the Sports Challenge box on the ledge next to the Post Office windows. Good luck!"

**Golf season ends**

CARL JACOBSEN  
student reporter

The golf team ended its season at the Golf South Conference Tournament April 19 in Hot Springs, Ark., with a 12th-place finish.

Coach Nicky Boyd said although this year's team was younger, they played well.

"I felt good about the season. We played well and never gave up," Boyd said. "We finished 18th out of 15 at the tournament."

Sophomore Jay Paul Wade was the top finisher during the tournament, placing 45th with 246 strokes.

Junior Matt Hall, sophomore Bryan Applegate and freshman Andrew Reynolds also participated in the tournament. Hall and Applegate tied for 66th place with 340 strokes and Reynolds finished in 66th place with 249 strokes.

"Jay Paul Wade shot two 78s in the conference tournament, and Matt Hall came in and contributed off of the basketball team," Boyd said.

Freshman Chad Carstensen said overall, the team was happy with how the season went.

"I felt pretty good about the season," Carstensen said. "We improved as a young team."

Hall said the team has work to do, although the players were pleased with the way they played.

"We did alright this year, but we could have done better," Hall said.

"We try to do as good as possible for our standards and don't really worry about what anyone else shoots," Boyd said. "I'm pretty optimistic about next season. We have a couple of freshmen prospects."

Carstensen said the team is optimistic about the experience and leadership the team will have next season.

"I hope to finish in the top half of the conference as a team," Carstensen said. "We just need to be more consistent and avoid the big numbers."
For my last column, I wanted to write something that would convey how much fun this year has been. This has brought me so much joy, but most of all, I am honored that I could share that joy with you on a regular basis. I partook in such an amazing opportunity as the Bison, specifically the "Through the Lens" page. Because I've been able to share so much with you, I wanted to take the time to recap a few of my favorite photos that couldn't be printed.

The majority of my time this past year was spent taking photos, and I experienced many sleepless nights in the process. I also spent countless hours in the office working through writer's block, cropping and editing photos and wondering why I got myself into this. I realize now, though, that one thing has remained the same: It was worth it.

From having people turn and run at the sight of my camera, to having people search me out, begging for me to take a photo of them, I've had a blast. I had no idea what I was getting myself into when I accepted the photographer's position and agreed to do the new photo page. It's cost me many nights of sleep trying to keep up with all of it, but the memories that have come from these past two semesters will last a lifetime and keep me smiling for years to come.

When I put my camera to my face, the whole world disappears around me, and at that moment, the only thing I see is what is in my viewfinder. Being able to share my experiences that have come through taking photos has been a blessing far beyond my wildest dreams.

I've done a lot of ridiculous things (all in the name of photography, of course), and it's been incredible. From waking up at 6:30 a.m. to meet President David Burks on his morning jog, to falling into the frozen lily pond after slipping on a patch of ice to get that perfect angle, I've gotten some great memories out of my willingness to go to any length for a photo. I've surpassed all of my previous records of no-sleep marathons (82 hours ... beat that.), consumed enough caffeine to kill a horse (thank you, Jolt gum), and still barely managed to squeak by in my classes; but it has been, without a doubt in my mind, one of the best experiences of my life.

If you have received even a fraction of the thrill I experienced while compiling photos that reflect life as a Harding student, then you have made my job complete. Until next year ... Good luck and God bless.

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To See and Be Seen

Force of photography surpasses sleepless nights